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Students, faculty voice concerns over closed meetings

By CHRISTINA BARNES
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The doors of the Board of Trustees meeting will be closed to students, faculty and staff this week as its members meet to discuss the future of the university. The *Skiff* asked people what they would ask the trustees if they were given the opportunity.

The absence of students and faculty in making university decisions and the future of the university were the main concerns among those asked.

Students generally said they did not have an opinion on the trustees. Many of them did not know what the trustees do. One student's idea was that they "talk and spend money."

Students have never been allowed into a trustee meeting.

This upset sophomore Jay Moore, who said he felt that the students were not being adequately represented.

Moore, a political science major, wanted to ask the trustees if they cared about student opinion and relating their ideas to the students.

"Without the students there would be no institution," he said. "What's (the trustees') concern with the flow of information to its public — us?"

Moore said students do not know what the trustees talk about; anything heard is by word of mouth.

"They are so concerned with keeping it to themselves," he said. "Representatives of the student body would be good to have on the

board."

There is a campus organization called Intercom, composed of the presidents and student leaders on campus, that has the opportunity to present a number of concerns to the trustees.

Akum Norder, chairwoman of the Honors Program Honors Cabinet, said that students on Intercom sat down three weeks ago to decide what they wanted to ask the trustees.

"We will present both positive and negative issues, things we like and things we want improved," she said.

Norder said the student panel will present topics such as the improvement of campus facilities and other issues the House of Representatives has been working on.

"We will also bring up the issue of opening the meetings," she said.

The board has expressed its opinion that it will not open the meetings, but the student panel will reintroduce the issue to show that it has not forgotten about it, she said.

Some of the student concerns introduced will not be issues the trustees have direct control over, but hopefully they will be things that the trustees will discuss with the administration, she said.

Jim Kelly, chemistry department chairman, said that the absence of faculty representation in the trustees meetings was his main concern.

"TCU doesn't encourage faculty input in its decision making, and one manifestation of that is the lack of any meaningful contact with the board of trustees," he said.

Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the Honors Program, said the effect of the nation's economic issues on the university was her concern.

"In today's climate, if you viewed a tuition increase as analogous to a tax increase, would you be more inclined to raise tuition or cut the fat not muscle from spending?" she said.

Bohon said that whether or not the government should cut from within or raise taxes due to fewer funds in government is at the forefront of national issues and is an issue the university may have to tackle as well.

Paul King, chairman of the faculty senate and chairman of the speech department, said his question related to the future of the uni-

versity.

"What's the vision for where TCU will be ultimately?" he said.

King said he hopes the trustees have a goal for the future of the university and that they will be interested in the visions of others.

"A vision is better realized when it's a vision shared," he said.

David Metz, the associate director/coordinator of transfer admissions, also said he was interested in the future of the university.

"How would you envision the university in both student body and physical plant in the year 2001?" he said. "Where do we want our university to be as the century dawns?"

Metz said this might illuminate the admissions staff on future admissions goals.

Trustees bar entry to board meetings

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of university newspapers across Texas often find themselves caught between the student body and the board of trustees.

Like TCU, Southern Methodist University's trustee meetings are closed to both press and student access, said Nancy Donisi, editor of the *SMU Daily Campus*. The SMU board makes decisions on items from tuition hikes to the fate of the Mustang football team, Donisi said.

"When the students can't even see how decisions are reached, it distances them from the university," she said. "I don't think (the trustees') communication with the student body is very good."

A *Daily Campus* reporter is sent to the trustees' general meeting each year, but is usually ejected, Donisi said.

"We've never been allowed in the general meeting, where they vote," she said. "We make up the school, we pay money to go to the school and we can't even be part of the decision."

According to Section 2(1)(D) of the Texas Open Records Act, boards of trustees at state schools are designated as governmental bodies and, as such, must keep the public informed of their decisions.

Open meetings at Texas A&M University benefit the student body, said Todd Stone, city editor of the *A&M Battalion*.

"If it wasn't open, there would be

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Dr. Patricia Wetzel, a Fort Worth physician who contracted the HIV virus from an infected needle while treating an HIV-infected patient, speaks at the Alpha Epsilon Delta banquet Wednesday night.

TCU Daily Skiff/Jenni Wallis

AIDS doctor learns to cope

HIV-positive doctor gains life from patients' courage

By CHARLSIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

A local physician infected with the HIV virus told a group of pre-medical students Wednesday night that the key points to effective medical service are to keep an open mind and to listen and learn from patients.

Dr. Patricia Wetzel, a physician at John Peter Smith Hospital, spoke at the induction banquet of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical/pre-dental honor society, in the Reed Hall Faculty Center.

"Patients, especially HIV-infected patients, taught me what it means to be a doctor," Dr. Wetzel said.

Her patients helped her to be more compassionate, and they taught her how to treat them as the individuals that they were, she said.

HIV patients also taught her how to cope with the reality of living with the virus, she said.

Many of her patients still lead active lives and they help to keep her going, she said.

When asked why she disclosed her HIV status to the media, Dr. Wetzel said she wanted to be an example to others of how to live with the virus.

"Health professionals have a responsibility to be role models of how to treat (HIV-) infected people," she said.

She did not want to scare anyone in the medical profession by coming forward, she said, but wanted to educate them.

"I wanted to make sure that other medical professionals know how

HIV is or is not transmitted," she said, "and how to treat people who are infected."

Any profession entered into carries its own risks, she said, but there are also certain precautions to take to minimize on-the-job hazards.

Dr. Wetzel contracted the HIV virus in September 1991 after sticking herself with a needle she had used to draw blood from an HIV-infected patient.

"My life has never been the same," she said.

Many people are isolated from the mainstream because society does not fully understand the virus, she said. Trying not to run and hide behind the political and social ramifications that come with being HIV infected has been a struggle, she said.

One piece of advice she offered to the future health care professionals was to go back to "old-fashioned" doctoring, sitting down next to patients' beds, talking to them or giving them a hug.

"A kind word and the softest touch can make the difference," she said.

There are many challenges and many wonderful experiences that are to come, she said.

"You will get more (in return) than you will ever give in the health care profession," she said.

Dr. Wetzel still works in the Out-patient Clinic at John Peter Smith hospital and continues to see her patients.

"Congratulations to all of you for making the decision (to practice medicine) and good luck," she said.

Trustees convene to discuss campus issues

Committees' agendas include tuition hike, student/faculty relations and university's future

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

Individual trustee committees will meet on campus today to discuss issues including student and faculty relations, fiscal policy and university development.

The full Board of Trustees will convene Friday in the Sid Richardson Building's fifth floor board room. The members will most likely consider a "modest" tuition hike, according to a written statement to the *Skiff* from Chairman John Roach. Tuition has risen steadily since 1979 from \$94 per semester hour to \$256 in 1992.

E. Leigh Secrest, vice chancellor for finance and planning, was unable for comment on the increase, and phone calls to the Fiscal Affairs Office were not returned.

Student Relations

The Committee on Student Relations will discuss issues including improvement of campus facilities, security, student diversity and open trustee meetings.

The committee is composed of members of Intercom, who are leaders of major campus organizations. Matt McClendon, president of the House of Student Representatives, said the goal of the meeting is interaction.

"In the past, we just gave a report and then we left," he said. "We never hear what they (trustees) have to think, but we feel they can do something about the (proposed) issues. We just have to convince them."

One of the major points on the agenda, McClendon said, is security and parking on campus. The committee report focuses on the necessity of a specific time frame for the construction of new parking measures, such as a garage.

Safety lighting is another important item to be addressed, McClendon said. A House proposal was rejected by the administration earlier this month to install additional lighting by the Moudy Building. McClendon said the House has learned that next year's proposed university budget has no provision for new security lighting.

"This concerns us, because it's way out of our (the House) budget," he said.

Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, said that information was incorrect.

"In the capacity that specific amounts to specific projects like that are allotted, the budget isn't that detailed," he said.

McClendon said the importance of diversity through recruitment and public trustee meetings will also be reemphasized. The trustees' closed conferences contribute to the lack of understanding between trustees and students, he said.

"A lot of students feel like they're getting ignored," McClendon said. "But open meetings would be helpful so we could communicate what goes on day to day."

Faculty Relations

Three main reports will be given during the Faculty Relations Committee meeting, said William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs. Koehler and Gene Alpert, director of the University

Self-Study, will brief trustees on the results of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools report completed this semester.

Koehler said the recommendations made by the team of accreditors will be discussed at the meeting. One of those recommendations deals with the evaluation of tenured versus non-tenured faculty.

"With this particular issue, we've already begun to address it," he said. "But we'll likely discuss with the trustees what exactly each recommendation means and why it was made."

Also included on the agenda are two presentations by members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Alice Gaul, a member of the Faculty Senate Committee on Teaching Effectiveness, will report on efforts to enhance the quality of teaching at the university. Paul King, chairman of the Senate, will brief trustees on recent developments and issues facing faculty.

"During the last meeting, they (trustees) were very supportive and I was real happy the way it turned out,"

King said.

Development Committee

Fund raising projects, campaign plans and the effects of possible tax law changes will be discussed during the Development Committee meeting. The university is "on target" in terms of money raised by the Annual Fund program, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for University Advancement.

A goal of 13 percent must be met, he said, and funds are currently up 10 percent.

"Given the economic situation right now, that's not bad," he said.

Trustees will receive information about fund raising efforts for a weight training and rehabilitation center and middle-income scholarships. The university received a matching grant from the Midland Hanger Foundation and must meet the first step of a 4-year challenge, Davis said.

The proposed Clinton tax plan could affect laws governing univer-

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METROPLEX

Today will be sunny and warm with a high temperature of 76 degrees. Friday will be sunny with high temperatures reaching the lower 80's.



CAMPUSlines

Babysitting Free babysitting for faculty and staff from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Rickel Building. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega. Call ahead at 926-6978.

Social Work Association will meet March 25 at 5 p.m. in Reed Hall Room 114.

McKay painting exhibition will be in Moody Building Exhibition Space until March 26. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The showing is free.

Counseling Center is accepting applications for Peer Counselor positions. Pick up applications at the Counseling Center. Deadline is March 26. For more information call Ann Marie or Rob at 921-7863.

Biology seminar "Stoichiometry and Ecological Food Webs" by Robert Sterner will be presented March 26 from noon to 1 p.m. in Sid Richardson LH4.

Handbell Concert and Potluck Dinner The First Congregational Church, UCC, will hold a handbell concert followed by a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall March 28. The dinner is at noon. Dinner is free.

National Association of Social Workers of Texas Tarrant County Unit will be holding its annual awards ceremony March 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Piano recital will be held on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Call 921-7810.

Poetry contest Send one original poem, any subject or style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-XJ, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Poems should be less than 20 lines, have the poet's name and address at the top of the page and be postmarked by March 31.

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sity philanthropy, and the committee plans to review specific options, he said.

Fiscal Affairs

The 1992-93 university operating budget was discussed last month when the Executive and Fiscal Affairs committees convened. According to Roach, chairman of the board, a "modest" tuition hike will be proposed to meet rising costs, but officials in the Fiscal Affairs office declined to comment. The current operating budget is \$105 million, with \$410 million in total assets.

Buildings and Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met in February and compiled a report for today's meetings. Vice Chancellor Bivin, who oversees the committee, declined to comment on the agenda, saying he considers it "inappropriate to comment before the report is presented."

Committee on Trusteeship

The review of which trustees will either be re-elected or receive honorary status was conducted March 8. New trustee recommendations were also considered, along with new board and university officer suggestions, Chancellor William Tucker said.

"The changes and new developments will be released after Friday's meeting when the board has had a chance to vote," he said.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Tucker, who also oversees the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, said reports will be given by Athletic Director Frank Windegger, members of the intercollegiate staff and Moe Iba, men's basketball head coach.

"The meeting will be pretty routine," he said. "I don't expect any extra business."

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON CREATOR'S SYNDICATE, INC.

ARIES(Mar.21-Apr.19). An unusually quiet child may be nursing an imagined slight; gently encourage free expression. Giving new co-workers a big welcome is an investment: in your own future.

TAURUS(Apr.20-May 20). Don't give the family too much advice; encourage independent thinking. Helping anonymously brings true satisfaction. Great time to give up sweets. Reminisce about old times with elderly relative.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Watch for barbs of sarcasm from a jealous colleague; you'll win any competitions but need to know who your competitors are. Long soak in a hot tub is better for tensions than shopping or eating too much.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Older person makes many demands, but you can politely turn them down. Promised promotion or raise may be delayed; be patient, though you feel rebellious. Be conservative when making policies.

LEO(July 23-Aug.22). Make extra effort for out-of-town guests or in-laws. New friends have expertise in fields new to you. If at a stone wall regarding employment, consider relocation, returning to school or business at home.

VIRGO(Aug.23-Sept.22). Influence is broader than you think. Skip the usual sweets. At work, a money matter can come between you and a co-worker. Be

sure of your ground before criticizing. Take up an exercise.

LIBRA(Sept.23-Oct.23). What a silly fight this is between you and a relative who really loves you. Help your spouse watch weight. Commiserate with friend who has problems at home; your wise counsel helps during stress.

SCORPIO(Oct.24-Nov.21). Legal action may be more expensive than it's worth. New friendship holds the promise of lasting value, but let it stand the test of time, as you're from different backgrounds. Show love for an Aries.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov.22-Dec.21). Skip dessert and get some exercise. Loner activities are favored. Credit problems can be an obstacle to getting your own business. Let a love affair develop slowly; the friendship is the best part.

CAPRICORN(Dec.22-Jan.19). Take a new friend a flower. It's too easy to let money worries interfere in a relationship; agree not to discuss it for a couple of days. This evening, sitting at home with the one you love is great.

AQUARIUS(Jan.20-Feb.18). Perhaps a new kind of love comes, and you fly away to live in a far-off country. Get letters written and checks taken care of. The total truth is called for between you and a loved one.

PISCES(Feb.19-Mar.20). It may not help to give a lover gifts; just let it rest for a while. You get an important visit from a bigwig at your workplace. New jobs are hard work, but hang in there. Try a friend's idea, see if it works.

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a huge gap of information we provide to our readers," Stone said. "That's important, especially the types of business (the Board of Regents) conducts."

The board approves items from appropriations to the naming of schools, he said.

Still, the Battalion receives limited information, Stone said. For instance, the paper only hears about items that have been approved, he

said. "We don't always know about issues that are developing," he said.

Board members also offer limited discussion about approved items, Stone said.

"Even though you're at the meeting, that doesn't mean you're getting (board members') opinions, points of view," he said. "We can attend and observe what they do, but they don't have to talk to us."

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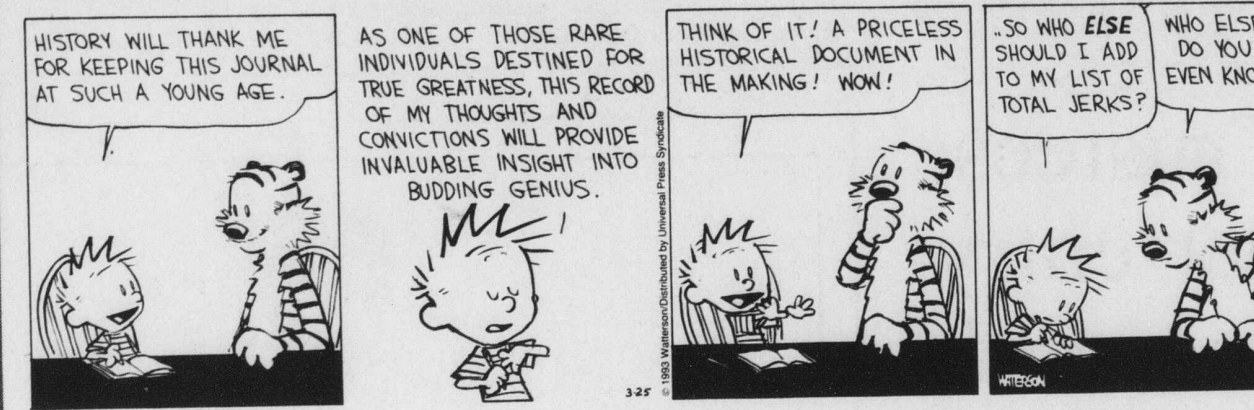
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Opinion

Failed ideas of socialism chased from the Soviet Union to America

Why did we spend billions of dollars during the Cold War to make the Soviets go belly up? Because they were communists, a strict socialist union.

Those evil Russians were brainwashing their people. They took away the essence of the human spirit. They shunned religious independence. The government sucked the ambition and dignity out of its people.

The "Evil Empire" failed. Why? Because of the points mentioned above. The Soviet Union failed because a government cannot be all things to all people. In the Soviet society, government was god.

No one citizen was better than the other. All people must have the exact same thing. The result: no desire to excel, only a desire to receive what the government rationed.

We cheered as "The Wall" fell in Germany. We patted ourselves on the back.



ROB EILERMANN

cheered him like never before.

This grand plan was centered on a very old idea. "Let's collect (TAXES) money generated by our citizens and distribute it evenly (ENTITLEMENTS)."

We in the land of the free had finally made the world safe for democracy. Let freedom reign!

In 1993, we have welcomed a new breed of leader in our country. An intelligent man. A man who has grand plans for this great nation of ours. We

If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck and walks like a duck, it is a duck. Friends, this "new plan" waddles an awful lot like socialism.

Why should any of us get a job? The government will take care of us! Never worry about having to go to work or meet a deadline. Never worry about having to buy things like condoms. The government will give them to you!

Damn those people who have become successful. Damn those individuals who have been ambitious enough to become doctors. Damn the American success story. Tax them until it hurts. Make all the successful people in this country pay for all the problems that they personally have caused. All our problems are definitely their fault.

Damn those evil, giant corporations. Tax them into the ground. Make them give

some back to all the people they have thrown into poverty. Never mind that these corporations employ millions and need to be kept strong in order to compete in a world economy. They are the reason for the problems in our country.

Damn those children in our public schools who want to pray in the classroom. Let's shut them up and put a condom on them. We need to make sure that our government makes our children learn. And if they don't? The government will either give them jobs or pay them for trying.

Absurd. Socialism does not work. You need only look at the Soviet Union. We are beginning to mimic the warped ideals of the "Evil Empire." We are snuffing out the ideals that our country was founded on. This is absolutely ludicrous!

Our forefathers came to this country for

freedom. To make it or break it in America. To do their personal best. They did not come here to be brainwashed in a socialistic society. On paper, the Soviet Union was a utopian society and theoretically no Soviet was to go to bed hungry.

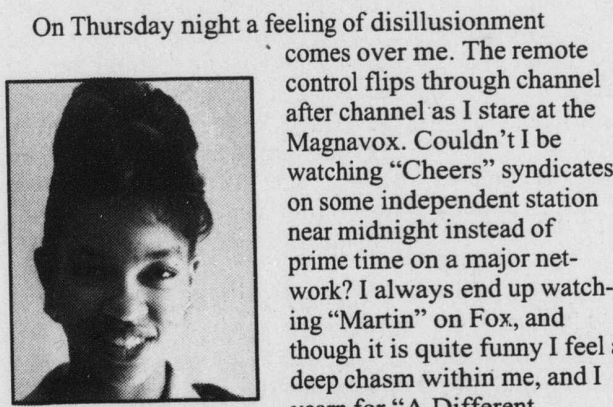
But it just does not work. We were founded as a free market society and we have prospered like no other union in history. Now we want to turn back to the paternalistic, theoretically appealing days of Lenin, when in practice it simply does not work.

Don't let our country go down in the same way. Our forefathers deserve a better legacy.

Rob Eilermann is a junior advertising/public relations major from St. Louis.

Television show leaves the airwaves, causes deep chasm within its audience

Call to action for upset viewers



MICHELLE SMITH

On Thursday night a feeling of disillusionment comes over me. The remote control flips through channel after channel as I stare at the Magnavox. Couldn't I be watching "Cheers" syndicated on some independent station near midnight instead of prime time on a major network? I always end up watching "Martin" on Fox, and though it is quite funny I feel a deep chasm within me, and I yearn for "A Different World." Dwayne Wayne, where are you?!

It hurt me enough when Cosby threw his towel in, but I realized that nothing can last forever. Suddenly I needed to find something constructive to do during Coz's prime time slot.

Fine. I could manage. At least they gave the Huxtables an appropriate farewell; like a proper burial, we were able to pay duly deserved respects to the family as anyone would like for their loved ones.

With fair warning, the Cosby cult was able to gather around the television and bid goodspeed to the dozen or so actors and actresses who would soon be out of the job that gave them fame. (Olivia has been spotted on Target commercials lip-syncing a poor remake of Deniece Williams' 1980s lone hit — bless the child's little unemployed heart)

The Cosbys were laid to rest, but I could still get my Cosby fix from its spinoff "A Different World" — until it was utterly snatched in mid-season this year. "A Different World," which in "The Cosby Show's" last days left Bill and Phylcia in the dust, was taken out without warning, assaulting my viewing pleasure.

So I called NBC; they said the show was "in hiatus," meaning "we're leaving Whitley and gang and viewers like you hanging until who knows when." Pre-empted, they told me in a sophisticated tone — until we tell you otherwise.

Until then, they are running low-budget pilots of not-funny sitcoms. And they said they were doing this to test the waters for ratings? Even "L.A. Law" is biting the dust for a while, but they assured me that it would be back in exactly a month. There is Law, but no justice for "A Different World."

They said viewers could write in — that would help, yet they said the show was in no trouble, and that the ratings were great. Fox's "Martin" wasn't threatening the college bunch at all, I was told.

So why don't they run their pilots during the summer like everyone else does? It couldn't hurt to wait until then, unless there was something NBC simply was not telling me. It makes me wonder why the show was snatched so abruptly and without any warning.

I realize that the writing for the show was going through an adjustment period, and some would argue that, since the main characters were graduated, the show should end. Maybe so, but we should be told that the network is experimenting instead of wandering aimlessly through a multitude of channels for entertainment.

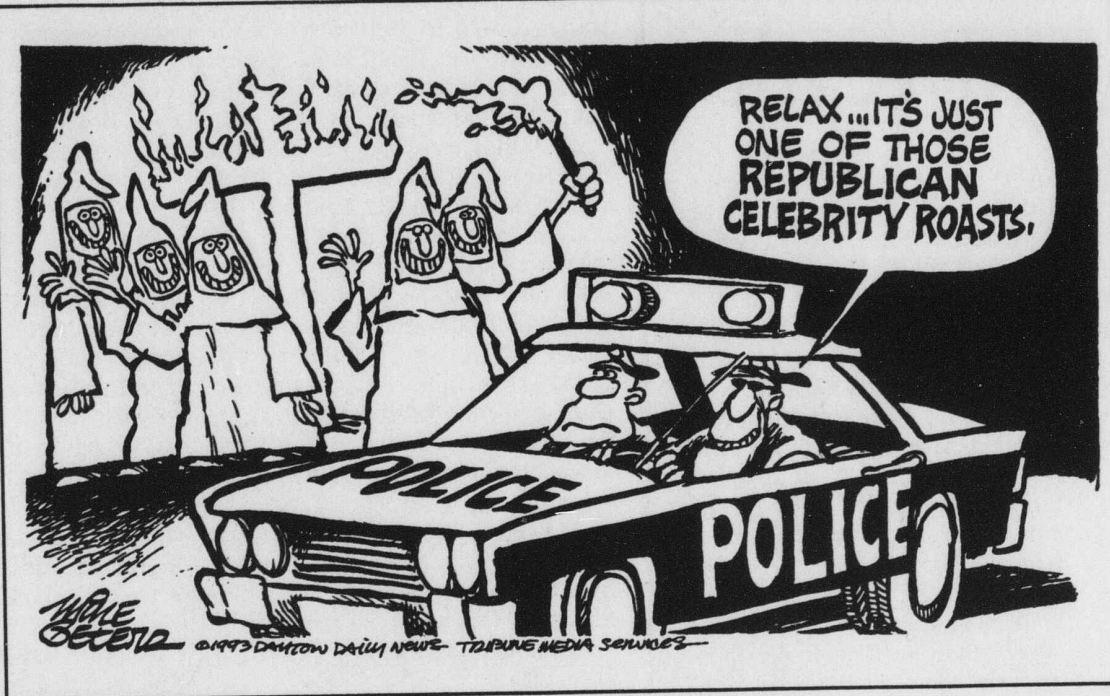
So until then, I and millions like me wait . . . and wait.

Is this show, which was the first successful, realistic portrayal of college life on a small college campus, gone for good? Is this show that showed African-Americans in school and not on parole leaving?

Is this show that familiarized America with the historically black Greek letter organizations really off the air? Is this show that everyone could relate to despite color — this show that broke down barriers between different people — forever banished into oblivion? Have Mr. Gains and his rainbow coalition meatloaf left us?!

I certainly hope not, and if you agree, I encourage you to write NBC. They need viewers for ratings, and if the viewers are "in hiatus" they will be forced to rethink their lack of concern for "A Different World" and its fans.

Michelle Smith is a senior English major from Dallas.



EDITORIAL

Overprogramming

Student concerns should be more efficiently met

We've all heard the complaints that Spring semester is always too busy, filled with every imaginable program from every campus group using every available room in the Student Center for every conceivable purpose.

Overprogramming is a problem, but a problem we are fortunate to have, because included in the wealth of programs presented every week are programs which can inspire and educate us. These exemplary programs, however, can be bypassed by students who are burnt out on attending presentations and sick to death of multicolored flyers tacked across campus inviting them to yet another special event. There's just too much going on.

The House of Student Representatives and the Programming Council do an excellent job of spending our money to present programs,

but if those programs aren't well-attended because students feel overprogrammed, that money is wasted.

A better use of our programming dollars would be to conduct a survey of university students to discover which programs they enjoyed the most, which special weeks and events need to remain on the university calendar and which events need to be replaced by events that would draw more student participation.

The House would be meeting student concerns more efficiently, and the money saved from not funding programs which have never been popular could be channeled into creating promising new programs based on the survey data. And, when the new vice chancellor for student affairs is named, that person will have fresh student input on where university students really want their money to go.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visitation

Like most college students, I consider myself an adult. I am 19 years old, I live 650 miles from my family, and I make my own decisions. These decisions include who I see, when I see them and where. I have found it very frustrating having to report to someone I do not know about who and when someone of the opposite sex is in my room.

I'm talking about visitation hours at TCU. I find them absolutely ridiculous! I see no reason why members of the opposite sex must be signed in, signed out and must be gone by a certain hour. I have never heard an explanation for visiting hours and I doubt there is a plausible one.

The administration distributed a questionnaire at the beginning of the fall semester asking for students' opinions of visiting hours. I responded, as I'm sure many other students did, by saying they were unnecessary and invaded our privacy and independence. Nothing has changed since the questionnaire was returned.

This university claims to care for its student body. However, it is not taking our opinions seriously. I, as well as many others, feel like I can responsibly decide when someone should leave my room. I do not need an RA to

tell me.

I feel very strongly about this issue. These visitation hours take away a tremendous amount of my independence. I do not want them abolished because I want to party all night with a bunch of guys in my room. I want them abolished because I am an adult and I want to be treated like one. I do not want to be treated like a junior high student at a summer camp. My parents trust me to make mature, responsible decisions about my life and I think the administration at this university should also!

Staci Lau
Freshman
Movement Science

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White heterosexual male deals with a horrible malady

One man's common sense under attack

I have just come to a terrible realization. I have denied it for quite a while now, but society keeps telling me it's true, so I guess I'll just have to live with it.

I am a sexist, racist, homophobic, disgustingly conservative jerk and I am probably a member of the Neo-Nazi party.

I don't want to be classified this way but there is really nothing I can do about it, having this terrible affliction of mine. You see, I am a white male heterosexual and I make absolutely no apologies for it. And there is no known cure.

So the rest of this suddenly politically-correct-at-all-costs society has made this predetermined set of assumptions about me.

For starters, they are convinced that I would like to reinstate slavery. That I believe all women are intellectually inferior to all others of my type, and we should keep their cute little behinds in the kitchen or out at Neiman's spending part of my hard-earned inheritance. That I think minorities are kept out of big business for good reason and should be grateful for whatever crumbs their WASP male bosses throw their way.

I am not sure about this part, but I'm sure they will inform me pretty soon that the God I worship is a member of a lily white country club and that my idea of the devil is a black lesbian.

I believe that there are many instances when sexual harassment is actually committed and should be dealt with, but I do think that Anita Hill might have overreacted a bit and perhaps wanted to cash in on somebody else's spotlight.

Affirmative action has to be one of the dumbest things anyone has ever suggested. While it is completely well intended, it reinforces racial tension and sometimes keeps the best person from getting the job. If some individual get a position instead of me, that's fine, but let it be because they were simply more qualified, not because they helped fill a quota.

We hear quite a bit these days about how the white man has held all of the real political power since the birth of this country. In the beginning, this was predetermined by the rules, but times have changed and everyone born American has the same opportunity to vote and run for office.

White males do not make up a voting majority in this country, and since somebody else besides white men have to vote for white men for them to be elected, I think these "politically oppressed" groups should look within themselves to see why more of their own people aren't getting elected.

Obviously, some of them are fudging a bit on what they say when they step into that voting booth and nobody is watching.

Homosexuality is, in my opinion, morally corrupt, and while I don't advocate the open persecution of people who participate in that kind of behavior, I also believe that it shouldn't be glorified and flaunted in the streets as an example to our children.

I am also of the school that thinks that we are absolutely crazy for considering to allow Haitians wholesale immigration to this country. We have plenty of our own problems (and AIDS cases) without taking on more of somebody else's.

Well, those are my views on a few of today's issues. If I am condemned as a hopelessly insensitive Neanderthal because of these opinions, then so be it.

But I think if you will search your soul about these things, you'll see they have what has been missing a lot lately — common sense.

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Upsets, upsets everywhere

The Prognosticator is written by Greg Riddle and Ty Benz.

A week into the NCAA Basketball Tournament it is rather apparent why they call it March Madness.

How many of you out there entered some type of betting pool only to see your hopes of some quick money disappear down the toilet when Arizona, Georgia Tech and Seton Hall lost to the terrible trio of Santa Clara, Southern and Western Kentucky respectively? You deserve to win a lottery if you can just name what conferences these three teams came out of.

In a tournament that has become famous for its upsets and surprises, teams like George Washington, Temple and California are becoming the Cinderella stories of the tournament as the clock struck midnight a little earlier than expected for New Mexico, Missouri and Duke.

Cal's freshman sensation Jason

"Just call me Billy the" Kidd has Dick Vitale foaming at the mouth with adjectives after the way he single handedly sent LSU and Duke packing with his last minute, game winning shots, that looked like shots someone might try in a game of HORSE on the playground.

"He's awesome, he's a diaper dandy, a PTPer, a creator, a penetrator, a big-time terminator, he's saying get me the rock, you can't stop me Bobby Hurlley, I'm gonna show you shots you haven't seen on the playground. It's time for Kiddergarten Bobby, time to learn your ABC's of basketball. I'm taking it to the hole and you and your Bart Simpson looking haircut better get out of the way because it's time for some slam-jam-bam action."

As usual the SWC made a quick and painless exit from the tournament. SMU put their fans to sleep with all the airballs they shot against BYU, while it was Will Flemons

against the whole St. Johns team in Texas Tech's first round loss. Anybody remember when the last time a SWC team won an NCAA Tournament game? Does anybody really care? And the SWC wonders why it gets no respect. Beat somebody and then we'll talk.

While we're waiting for a SWC victory of some importance, which could be a while, we'll give you another one of our great trivia quizzes to keep you preoccupied.

1. Quote of the NCAA Tournament.

A. "Very good." - IU coach Bobby Knight at a postgame press conference after Indiana's first round win over Wright State when asked by a reporter to elaborate on his statement that the Hoosiers played good.

B. "Cal doesn't have a chance in hell of beating Duke." - LSU coach Dale Brown after California knocked his Tigers out of the tournament in

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Skiff SPORTS	Indiana vs. Louisville	California vs. Kansas	N. Carolina vs. Arkansas	Cincinnati vs. Virginia	Florida St. vs. W. Kentucky	Kentucky vs. Wake Forest	Michigan vs. G. Washington	Vanderbilt vs. Temple
Greg Riddle last week: 2-6 overall: 43-31	Louisville	California	Arkansas	Cincinnati	Florida St.	Kentucky	Michigan	Temple
Ty Benz last week: 1-7 overall: 43-31	Louisville	Kansas	N. Carolina	Cincinnati	Florida St.	Wake Forest	Michigan	Vanderbilt
Alan Droll last week: 1-7 overall: 30-44	Indiana	California	N. Carolina	Virginia	Florida St.	Kentucky	Michigan	Vanderbilt
Rick Waters last week: 3-5 overall: 45-29	Indiana	Kansas	N. Carolina	Virginia	W. Kentucky	Kentucky	Michigan	Vanderbilt
Billy Hatfield last week: 2-6 overall: 39-35	Indiana	Kansas	N. Carolina	Cincinnati	Florida St.	Wake Forest	Michigan	Vanderbilt
GUEST BOX Lance Phillips last week: 2-5 overall: 42-24	Indiana	Kansas	N. Carolina	Virginia	W. Kentucky	Kentucky	Michigan	Vanderbilt

the first round by a score of 66-64 on a last second shot by Jason Kidd. Brown then got to sit back and watch Kidd and the Golden Bears eliminate the two-time defending NCAA Champion Blue Devils 82-77.

C. "This game is about scoring points. And we clearly didn't score enough points in the first half." Rhode Island coach Al Skinner after his team lost to North Carolina 112-67 in a game that Rhode Island trailed 50-21 at halftime. Rhode Island obviously didn't score enough in the second half either. Or in the game for that matter.

D. "You have to cut the head off the body, and Cain is the head. And when you can cut the head off, the body doesn't function well. That's what we were trying to do, cut the head off." - Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, talking about the Razorbacks' defense on St. John's point guard David Cain. Richardson also admitted he got his inspiration from the TV character Columbo. You have to wonder about these coaches sometimes.

Answer: B. Brown had better learn to keep his mouth shut and concentrate on finding another player like Shaquille O'Neal if his team ever wants to have a chance of beating a decent team.

2. Who is going to be the next Steve Fisher of the NCAA Tournament and win the whole thing after taking over as coach towards the end of the season?

A. California coach Todd Bozeman

B. Moe Iba
C. Dick Vitale
D. Jerry Tarkanian

Answer: A. That was easy. Bozeman took over for the unjustly fired Lou Campanelli and has led Cal to an 11-1 record and a spot in the Sweet 16 against Kansas. However, Vitale is talking about getting back into the coaching profession, so watch out in a year or two. One piece of advice Dick. You are the Bob Uecker of basketball. Stick to the broadcast booth.

3. Which team got snubbed the worse from the NCAA Tournament?

A. Houston
B. Oklahoma
C. UNLV
D. TCU

Answer: C. The Runnin' Rebels were ranked No. 25 in the final Top 25 poll and didn't even get invited to the 64-team NCAA field. Instead the Rebels had to settle for the NIT, where they got blown out by USC in the first round. You don't think the NCAA has held any grudges against UNLV from the days when Tarkanian was coach? Naw! That would be childish. Surely the NCAA is beyond that kind of behavior.

On to the picks:

North Carolina vs. Arkansas: The Razorbacks like to boast about how their "40-Minutes of Hell" wears down opponents. Surely they remember a year ago when it looked more like 20 minutes of hell, 10 minutes of heck and 10 minutes of choke in their upset loss to Memphis State. Carolina is the hottest team in the

tournament with blowout wins over East Carolina and Rhode Island. Carolina rolls on to the Great Eight 87-82.

California vs. Kansas: The Jayhawks are ready to wave the white and move onto a matchup with Indiana for a spot in the Final Four, but Jason Kidd and the Golden Bears have other ideas. It'll be the experience of Kansas' senior backcourt against the youthful exuberance of the Bears who feature seven sophomores and four freshmen. Nobody thought Cal could beat Duke. Nobody thinks Cal can beat Kansas. Cal beat Duke. Cal will beat Kansas. Cal advances to the Great Eight 74-70.

Florida St. vs. Western Kentucky: The Seminoles have been on the warpath with scalplings of Evansville and Tulane. The Hilltoppers surprised a few people when they beat Memphis State in the first round, then shocked the world with an upset of Seton Hall in the second round. Florida State features the best backcourt in the nation with Charlie "Just Do It" Ward, Sam "I like green eggs and ham" Cassell and Bob "I'm always" Sura "of myself." The beat goes on for the Seminoles, as they skin the Hilltoppers 80-70.

And now for the moment you've all been waiting for:

The Skiff Final Four predictions. Florida State, North Carolina, Michigan and Louisville

Frogs swing into action after disappointing break

By ERNIE MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU tennis squads look to bounce back this week after some disappointing performances over spring break.

The men's tennis team, after defeating No. 17 Minnesota at the H.E.B. Team Championships in Corpus Christi, dropped its opening match of the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., to No. 22 Miami (Fla.). The Frogs regrouped to beat UC-Santa Barbara and Drake in the consolation round, pushing their record to 11-3 on the season. The Frogs are ranked No. 15 in the latest ITA Team Rankings, up one spot from their previous ranking.

The team now plays four nationally ranked opponents in the next 11 days, beginning Thursday at

home against No. 19 New Mexico. The Frogs will try to avenge a loss at the hands of the Lobos in their first match this season.

"New Mexico has a good team that has proven it can win big matches," said TCU head coach Tut Bartzan. "We've got to play better against them than we did the first time."

Individually, freshman Paul Robinson is on a tear, having won his last 11 singles matches dating back to early February.

Senior Laurent Becouarn entered the individual rankings for the first time this season at No. 54. Freshman David Roditi fell 30 spots to No. 81.

The Lady Frogs meanwhile, must lick their wounds and try to regain their early-season form, when they won four of their first six matches, including three in a

row in the Southwest Conference. The team lost three straight over the break, all on the road, against Louisiana State, South Carolina and Mississippi.

Several members of the team complained about harassment from the fans, and said it affected their play for the rest of the trip.

"I think after the LSU match that nothing mattered," said senior Leigh Ann Smith. "We pretty much wanted to go home after that. Mentally I was not into my match (against Ole Miss, a 6-0, 6-1 loss). I did not play my best at all. Not to take anything away from my opponent, she was a good player. But I think I've had better days."

The Lady Frogs (5-6 overall, 3-1 in the SWC) rebounded to beat North Texas on Wednesday and will host Southeast Louisiana on Friday.

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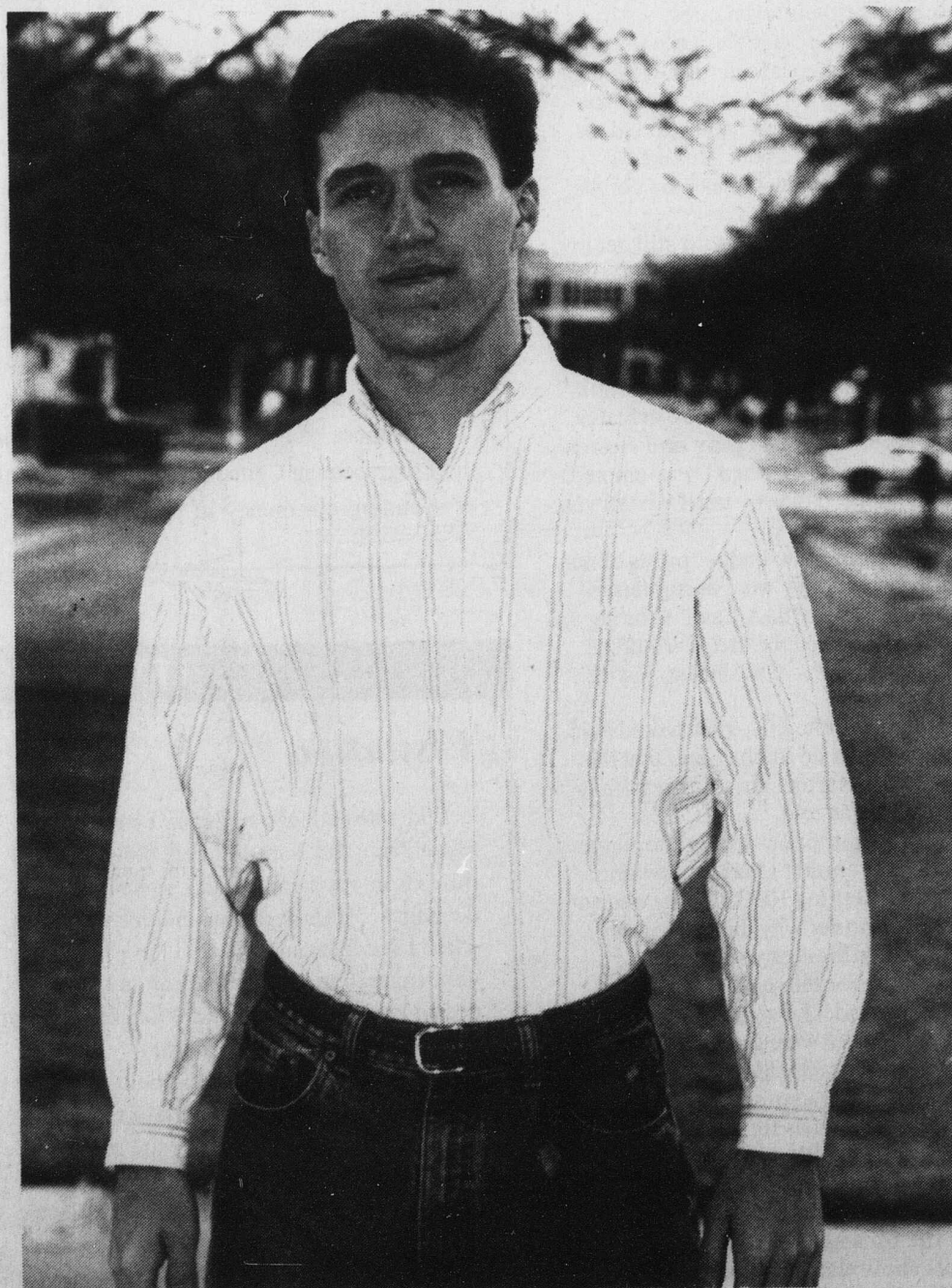
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