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Spring into summer with the perfect athletic shoe

By CHRISTINA BARNES
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As university students dig out their old athletic shoes to take advantage of the warm spring weather, some are realizing that it's time to replace the old with the new.

In today's market, a variety of different athletic shoes fill the shelves of local stores. But without help, finding the perfect shoe can often be a hassle.

Having a good shoe to play in is important, said Tas Shore, an exercise specialist from the Well Mill, a local physical therapy clinic.

"A good shoe is good for body

mechanics," she said. "You'll get better support in a good shoe. You won't hurt yourself as easily, and you'll have more efficient activity."

Tori Cuccia, a senior nutrition/dietetics major and Frog Fit aerobics instructor, said that support is the key to a good shoe.

"You could really hurt your knees and back if you don't have support," Cuccia said. "Support in a shoe absorbs the shock from impact sports."

Michelle Allen, assistant manager of Lady Foot Locker in Hulen Mall, said that people should look for fit and comfort rather than style.

Too many times people look at

running shoes because they like how they look when instead they are buying shoes for aerobics, she said.

Shore said people should look for a shoe that fits and has support.

"A little bit of toe room is important, but not a half size too big," she said. "Also, a good arch to support the foot is necessary because otherwise you could get leg problems like shin splints."

Cuccia agreed.

"Get a shoe with a lot of cushion in the ankle and the foot," she said. "Keds-like shoes are good for everyday wear, but they don't have support for the soles of your feet."

Support for the ankle is crucial for

preventing injury, but high tops are generally not necessary, Allen said.

"A high top doesn't do anything different than an ordinary low shoe," she said. "That little piece of leather isn't going to prevent the foot from turning."

"The support for the ankle comes from the heel stabilizer," she said. "Good shoes have different types of plastic to keep the

foot upright on the shoe. This keeps the foot from slipping."

Cuccia, Shore and Allen all recommended the Nike Cross Trainers as a good all-purpose athletic shoe.

"It is a light shoe," Cuccia said. "It's got a lot of support. You can do lots of different

sports with the cross trainers."

"You need a shoe that meets your

needs," Shore said. "Nike Cross Trainers are good because overall they are very versatile."

"Personally I prefer Nikes," Allen said. "People like the air because it acts as a shock absorber and gives a lot of cushioning."

Nike is probably the most popular shoe sold at the Lady Foot Locker store at Hulen Mall, Allen said.

"One reason the shoes are so popular is the name — Nike," she said. "They hold up a lot better, they are more comfortable, and they are put together very neatly."

Bill Meeks, Nike Outlet store

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HAPPY! HAPPY! JOY! JOY!



Billy West, the "One-Man Voice Squad" of Nickelodeon's "Ren & Stimpy" cartoon, does an impression of Cecil the Seasick Sea Serpent during a Monday night performance.

TCU Daily Skiff/Jenny Putschinski

Panel focuses on war policy

Members say U.S. stance on Bosnia is ineffective

By KRISTI WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

The United States policy concerning the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina is indifferent and ineffective, said student and faculty members in a panel discussion about the war in former Yugoslavia.

On Monday, the United States and its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization began enforcing a no-fly zone over Bosnia to prevent Serbian aircraft from launching any new bombing missions over Bosnia, according to *The New York Times*.

NATO instructed planes policing the zone to shoot down Serbian aircraft that violate the zone only as a last resort, according to the article.

The policy of restraint within Bosnia contrasts with the other no-fly zone over parts of northern and southern Iraq enforced by United States, Britain and France, the *Times* said.

Allied planes can shoot down Iraqi planes violating the no-fly zones without warning, the article said.

This difference in policy and action between the Persian Gulf conflict and the war in Bosnia disturbed some panel members.

"The crimes of Saddam Hussain in the Persian Gulf war, although horrible, were minuscule compared to what the Serbs have done to the Bosnians," said Manocher Dorraj, an associate professor of political science and panel organizer.

The Serbs' campaign of ethnic cleansing, systematically killing, or

uprooting all non-Serbs from areas believed to be part of "Greater Serbia," has left 2.5 million Bosnian refugees and over 100,000 Bosnian women and children dead.

But the efforts of the United States, the world's only remaining military superpower, to help the Bosnians have been too little, too late to help relieve the Bosnians' suffering, Dorraj said.

Critics said the no-fly zone is ineffective because the Serbs have already established troops and heavy artillery within Bosnia, and the Serbs no longer need to fly bombing missions.

The Serbs now control over 70 percent of Bosnia.

Earlier plans by the United Nations and United States to contain the conflict have also worked against the Bosnians, who declared independence from Yugoslavia in February 1992, panel members said.

After Serbs from Yugoslavia joined with Bosnian Serbs and invaded eastern Bosnia in April 1992, the United Nations imposed an arms embargo against all of the nations of former Yugoslavia.

The embargo left Bosnia—Herzegovina defenseless, said Ramiza Sipilovic, an American citizen with Bosnian parents. The Bosnians gave up their interests in the Yugoslav army when they formed their own democratic nation. The new, popularly elected president of Bosnia,

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Sex education bill sparks controversy

By TARA MALONEY
TCU Daily Skiff

There's a showdown coming to Austin, and state Sen. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth is in the line of fire.

The duel was initiated by Moncrief when he filed Senate Bill 20, a "Bill for Self-Development and Life Skills." The measure would require that public schools offer a sex education program from kindergarten through grade 12.

The heart of this legislation, according to Moncrief and the bill's supporters, is teaching children self-esteem, respect for others and responsibility for their actions.

But the legislation has unleashed a firestorm of controversy. On one side are those who say this type of sex education program is an urgent need in Texas.

"This type of bill is definitely overdue," said Betty Benison, professor of health education at TCU. "Because it is a very iffy thing, I think anyone who attempts to do this sort of thing realizes they are going to have a problem with extremist groups."

Texas ranks third among the states in births to girls 14 and under and accounts for 10 percent of the national total; it is fourth in births to mothers aged 15 to 19. Fully one-

third of female school dropouts cite pregnancy and/or marriage as the reason they left school.

In 1992, Texas spent \$755 million in food stamps, Medicaid and AFDC expenditures for families begun by adolescents. In 1991, adolescent pregnancies cost Texas \$193 million.

On the other hand, the opposition says that sex education should not be taught in schools and that parents should be responsible for teaching their children about sex.

Gary Smith, pastor at Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington, said he is opposed to the bill for several reasons.

"I am for a biological education

relating to sex, but Senate Bill 20 wants to teach children to make decisions," said Smith, father of three children ages 3, 13 and 17. "This is not the role of public schools. We have adopted a non-moral teaching perspective, and if we teach children about sex from this non-moral perspective it will lead to doom."

Kathy Womack, who has worked with the Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenthood Advisory Council, said she is also opposed to Moncrief's bill.

APPAC was started in 1987 to study the problem of teenage preg-

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English professor to undergo surgery

By ANN LAWRENCE
TCU Daily Skiff

Harry Opperman, an assistant professor of English, was admitted to Fort Worth's Medical Plaza Hospital Friday after experiencing severe chest pains due to blocked arteries.

From his hospital room Monday afternoon, Opperman told the *Skiff* he will undergo triple bypass surgery today following the results of an angiogram. The test determines where the blockage is located in the arteries that lead to the heart.

"I will probably be in the hospital for about a week after my surgery, followed by a couple weeks of recovery at home," he said.

Opperman, who also suffered a stroke last spring, has been teaching at the university for 22 years.

Hospital officials declined to comment on Opperman's current condition, because of patient confi-

dentiality.

Opperman will remain in intensive care for three days following today's surgery, said English department chairman Neil Daniel.

Daniel said he would act as an emergency substitute for Opperman's classes through the end of the week. A decision regarding a substitute professor for the classes will probably be made sometime today, said Claudia Knott, English department secretary.

Opperman received his bachelor's degree at Kansas' Southwestern College in 1964 and received his master's and doctorate degrees at Kansas State in 1967 and 1971, respectively. Opperman was covering classes for another ill professor.

Daniel has requested that students and faculty refrain from visiting Opperman until later after his surgery, in order to give the patient time to recover.

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Today will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 87 degrees. Wednesday will bring morning thunderstorms and a high temperature of 70 degrees.

Lady Frog

Committee names Robinson basketball coach

By RICK WATERS
TCU Daily Skiff

First-year TCU women's basketball assistant coach Shell Robinson was named head coach Monday by a three-person advisory committee, said TCU Athletic Director and committee member Frank Windegger.

"I am thrilled beyond description," Robinson said in a statement released to the press. "For starters, it is not often that a person is entitled to two good opportunities in one year, and that is what TCU has done for me. I am tremendously appreciative of the faith and confidence that first Coach Garmon and Mr. Windegger have shown in me."

Robinson's appointment fills the head coaching vacancy, which opened when former coach Fran Garmon resigned March 30.

"We interviewed a bunch of candidates and we felt that Shell Robinson was the best of the candidates," Windegger said. "I am very, very pleased."

Robinson's success as a recruiter, assistant coach and collegiate player were important factors in the committee's decision, Windegger said.

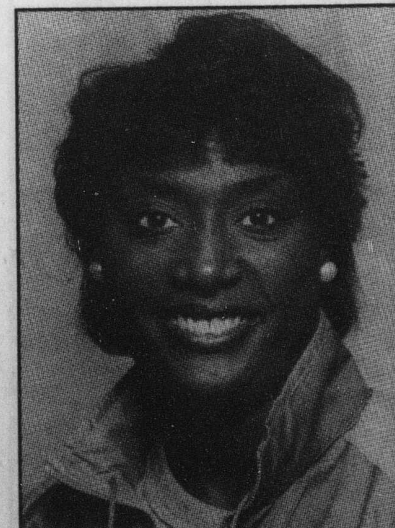
"She (Robinson) is a proven recruiter and she's demonstrated her ability as a student-athlete," he said. "Those are the kinds of things we are looking for and want to continue in the women's basketball program."

Robinson represents continuity in the program, he said.

"Shell has brought some outstanding attributes to the program," Windegger said. "The parents of the recruits have been saying she is a good ambassador to the university. I am pleased."

The 29-year-old Robinson was a standout for the University of Texas Lady Longhorns from 1981-85. She was a captain on the 1984-85 team that appeared in the NCAA Midwest regional tournament. The Lady Longhorns were 125-13 during her four seasons.

The athletic department is looking for an assistant coach, Windegger



Shell Robinson

said. "She (Robinson) will bring in her recommendations in the next 10 days to two weeks," he said.

Players refused to comment on Garmon's resignation or Robinson's appointment. No team meeting has been scheduled.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
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ARIES(Mar.21-Apr.19). Keep smiling, but try to avoid getting cornered by those who would like to hem you in with demands at home and at work. Solve repair and property problems by being thorough and careful.

TAURUS(Apr.20-May 20). Write it down to clarify thoughts. Thinking before speaking saves complications in the long run. Messages received today bring valuable information and cast light on old secrets. Listen to Aries.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Terrific connections aid your job search. An old friend who has good intentions may not be much help with problem-solving. Stick with teamwork, using your diplomatic skills to lighten the load.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Hold back opinions until later in the week, though you're itching to do it your way in family and work matters. Meet challenges from boss with poise and confidence; you're on the way up in career field.

LEO(July 23-Aug.22). What you know is what matters; past brings experience and new ideas together to make a plan for the future. Trouble-shooting at work can earn you a moment in the spotlight. Keep exercise light and attitude bright.

VIRGO(Aug.23-Sept.22). Keep your eyes open, and you'll see the reason for mate's unusual behavior. Talking it over sensibly may not work with a colleague,

but your helpful attitude will. Take Scorpio's word for it.

LIBRA(Sept.23-Oct.23). Discuss and debate with family, but don't contradict the boss. Truth is what works in public relations, though your diplomatic presentation is the real selling point. Adapt to change at work.

SCORPIO(Oct.24-Nov.21). Troublesome friend isn't going to change, but you can see the situation in a humorous light now. Creative efforts to protect a loved one are appreciated, but they have to handle it alone.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov.22-Dec.21). Co-worker relations are emphasized; your actions have far-reaching consequences; some around you have long memories. Tonight, being too self-sufficient means missing a chance for great romance.

CAPRICORN(Dec.22-Jan.19). If the family doesn't care for your new romance, you'll have to assert independence, but don't jump with both feet into sudden alliances. Let a difficult customer or co-worker talk it out.

AQUARIUS(Jan.20-Feb.18). Exciting new projects are afoot behind the scenes. Your experience is in demand at work. In interviews, give a clear picture of your needs and let the record speak for itself. Gemini has tips for you.

PISCES(Feb.19-Mar.20). Soon, a big job break adds to your security; now's the time to set up thrifty procedures. Try your best with an old friend in need, but don't go out on a limb. Tonight, spontaneous gatherings.

CAMPUSlines

The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Moudy Room 280S. Officer elections will be held. For more information call Shannon at 923-8258.

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, is hosting a regional conference on April 17. Papers will be presented and Dr. Light Cummins from Austin College will speak at the luncheon. For

more information or if interested in attending, call Emily at 921-3222.

Brite speakers. Brite Divinity School is sponsoring Charles Jackson Russell and Benjamin Franklin Russell Disciples Heritage Lectures. Dean D. Newell Williams of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, will be the speaker. The lectures are free. They will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 13 in the activities room of the University Christian Church and 11 a.m. April 14 in Weatherly Hall in Brite. For more information call 921-7580.

Sigma Delta Sigma is sponsoring a "Poetry Extravaganza" April 19 at 8 p.m. in Moudy Room 320S. Ulf Kirchdorfer is the featured poet, and live music will be played by Drama Tiki. For more information call 921-2906.

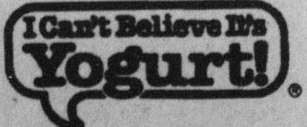
Corrections

A story in Thursday's Skiff incorrectly stated that funds were approved for a new performance hall that would include a balcony to seat 400 people. The story should have stated funds were approved to begin a plan for the facility, which would seat a total of 400 people.

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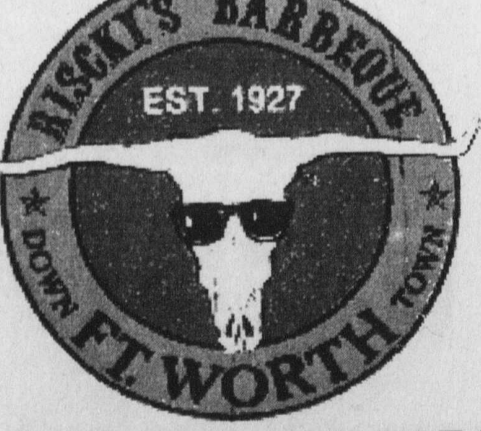
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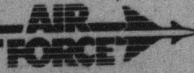


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nancy, Womack said. It is made up of several different groups, she said. "I am opposed to the bill for three reasons. One, the bill is a state mandate from kindergarten through grade 12. Two, the bill integrates sex education into the essential elements. Three, the bill is too broadly worded," Womack said. Womack was one of 1,800 delegates to go to the May 1 regional meeting of the Texas Summit and one of 100 delegates to go to the three-day October 1992 Texas Summit. Womack spoke on behalf of Senate Bill 151, which wants to abolish APPAC, and Senate Bill 996, which is a local control abstinence bill.

"Senate Bill 996 was proposed by Sen. Nelson, and it says if a school district offers sex education it must stress abstinence before marriage and fidelity in marriage," she said. Smith said that sex education should be taught at home. For those parents who don't teach their kids about sex, the schools should offer an optional sex education class, rather than making the children who are being taught at home attend the class, Smith said.

"I believe there is a strong movement in our nation for the state to create a sexual mindset rather than the home," Smith said.

"If this bill is passed, it will open the doors on a whole realm of problems," she said. "Statistics show that sex education does not prevent pregnancies and that sometimes it increases it. This bill will be more harmful than helpful."

Smith also said that there should be an abstinence-based teaching of sex education because abstinence is the only way to deal with pregnancies and AIDS.

"Senate Bill 20 has good intentions but it does not set a standard nor does it define abstinence," Womack said. "Senate Bill 20 has some good parts but has too many unanswered questions."

Benison said that Texans who opposed the bill received a "very harsh" letter. "The letter really ran (Moncrief's) bill down, saying that we were going to send the children to hell in a handbasket, but no one signed it," she said. "Whoever wrote the letter made their own incorrect interpretations of what the bill said."

Accusations being made in opposition to Moncrief's bill include saying the bill calls for teaching 4-year-olds how to masturbate or for teaching kindergarten students about abortion and homosexuality.

A recent call-in poll administered by Channel 11 had viewers in the Fort Worth/Dallas area call in to say whether they were for or against Moncrief's bill; 93 percent opposed teaching sex education in schools, and 7 percent favored a sex education program.

"I think so many people are opposing the bill because of a lack of understanding about it," Benison said.

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Hemlock



Calvin and Hobbes



"I think the people who are really against it have done their best to find some little loophole or some little picky phrase and blown it out of proportion in trying to show what an evil thing we are trying to do in public schools," he said.

"They not only have a misconception but I think it is almost a contrived misconception because they just simply don't want sex education in schools," she said. Becky Clem, a Fort Worth mother of two, said she agrees that something should be done concerning sex education, but that Moncrief's bill leaves the parents out.

"I think there should be school-sponsored courses that require parents to be there with the child for at least part of the course," said Clem, mother of Alison, 12, and Meagan, 10. "Schools need to have qualified personnel who are well equipped to answer questions."

Another Fort Worth mother, Cathy Suder, said she is 100 percent in favor of the bill.

"I think it is important for kids to be educated about their bodies and for them to know that no one can touch them, not even adults and that you must use good judgement with sex," said Suder, mother of Morgan, 6, and Jason, 4. "Some parents don't feel comfortable talking about sex to their children and their children are the ones who typically make mistakes when it comes to sex."

Some opponents of Moncrief's bill also say that teachers are not capable of teaching sex education. "The teachers that are going to teach sex education if this bill passes will be properly trained through workshops or training sessions," Benison said. "It is my feeling that they are not going to say, 'Hi, you're the newest one to our staff — that means you get to teach sex.'"

Cherrie Jones, a teacher at Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center, said she supports Moncrief's bill. "I think some sort of sex education is necessary," said Jones, who's taught in Fort Worth for seven years.

"Today, kids are talking about sex more and at a younger age.

"If I had to teach sex education to my third graders, I would teach the difference between a good touch and a bad touch. I would also teach only what is appropriate for my students to know about sex," Jones said.

The bill calls for, at the appropriate grade levels, development of problem-solving skills, self-esteem and respect for others; development of communication skills and resistance to peer pressure; abstinence from, or delaying, sexual activity; and instruction about the hazards of substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

The bill would allow parents of students at any grade level to exclude their children from participation in the program if they so choose.

"I think the bill is a good thing," Benison said. "When we leave sex education out of our educational program, we are more or less saying there is a taboo and that we should not talk about sex."

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Opinion

Private universities now demand more money, supply less security

I figure that in four years of college the average TCU student will pay about \$55,000 in tuition, books and room & board. At least.

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This brings me to question: Is the money better spent on a college education or would it make better sense to invest?

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vey of theatre in this scenario.

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After your four years of work and practical education, you would have money to invest or start your own business.

Have you heard the horror stories about college graduates who can't find a job? They end up taking jobs that are no better than an ambitious high school graduate would get. Their thousands of dollars went for a piece of paper.

Granted, the unemployed college graduate has more knowledge stored in his/her brain, but does that necessarily pay the rent?

Can you see my point? Think about it. A guaranteed \$55,000 after four years.

You could even continue to work after your four years and let the money grow in the bank. Make your own decisions and decide for your future, the security is there.

My real point here is the bang for your tuition buck.

Are the mathematics courses at TCU any different than those found at Tarrant County Junior College? No. Two and two is four no matter where you go.

Do you want to pay \$804 to learn about literature when the same stuff can be found in the library for free or at a state school for substantially less money?

Do the tuition increases directly increase the information offered to students? No.

I have been here for three years and three tuition hikes and everything is the same. The books aren't any different and the computers haven't changed.

My money went for what? A larger

endowment?

The bottom line is: Are we, as students in this university, getting our money worth?

That question cannot be answered in this column. It is up to you to decide if your money has gone to a legitimate, practical cause.

It is an important lesson to learn. Are private institutions worth the extra cash?

There will probably be a day when you will be deciding the utility of a private university for your kids.

Well, at least you will know first hand.

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

Passage of time forces graduating senior to reflect on the past and future

Time is a terrible thing. It just seems to keep moving even though I want it to stop. I sat on the Student Publications Committee meeting and watched them chose the next editor of the *Skiff*.

I watched each of the candidates walk in with the same tension and fear that I had. I saw two candidates who once worked for me give their presentations on why they wanted to be editor.

Last year at this time, I was doing that too.

God, that's scary. It's scary to think about how old I am. Relatively speaking, I'm not old. But looking at it from my perspective, I am. For the first time in my life, most of my friends are younger than me. I was

LISA YONCO

always the baby, now I'm just the shortest and the second or third oldest.

I keep wondering what it would be like if I could go back and change things. I think who I wouldn't have dated, who I wished I had.

I question some of the decisions I've made, the grades I got and the papers I blew off until the night before.

I offhandedly wish that I could just freeze time. Make it stop. Keep everything the way it is. Foolish thought isn't it?

I consider what it would be like if I never grew up. If I just stayed the way I am, what would things be like then?

How sad it is to think that things will never be the way they are right now. Not that they are all that terrific, but hey, I'm having fun.

The other day I bumped into a girl who lived across the hall from me during my freshman year. We were terrific friends then. We shared all kinds of secrets, stories and experiences.

But after my freshman year, we never really talked again. Our friendship just kind of dwindled.

It wasn't for any particular reason except that we just went in different directions.

When I saw her I thought of all the hours we spent just talking, and I realized I didn't have a single thing to tell her. Not a word to say. What would I tell her about that she would care about?

I didn't have a job yet, so I was probably moving back home. That's exciting. I still write for the *Skiff* occasionally, but I doubt she reads my stuff.

I just couldn't think of a thing to say. She ordered 40 graduation invitations, I ordered the minimum. Her whole family was coming to her ceremony. Mine weren't.

Silence. Finally she asked that dreadful question — what are your plans?

Plans? I'm supposed to have plans? For what? I said, I'm going home.

She said she's going to law school. After that, silence. We had nothing to say. That crucial time when we didn't have a single secret from each other had passed. Now she was going to law school and I was going home.

How foolish this must sound. But when it's you and it's your life, it all seems so bizarre and, yet, so very sad.

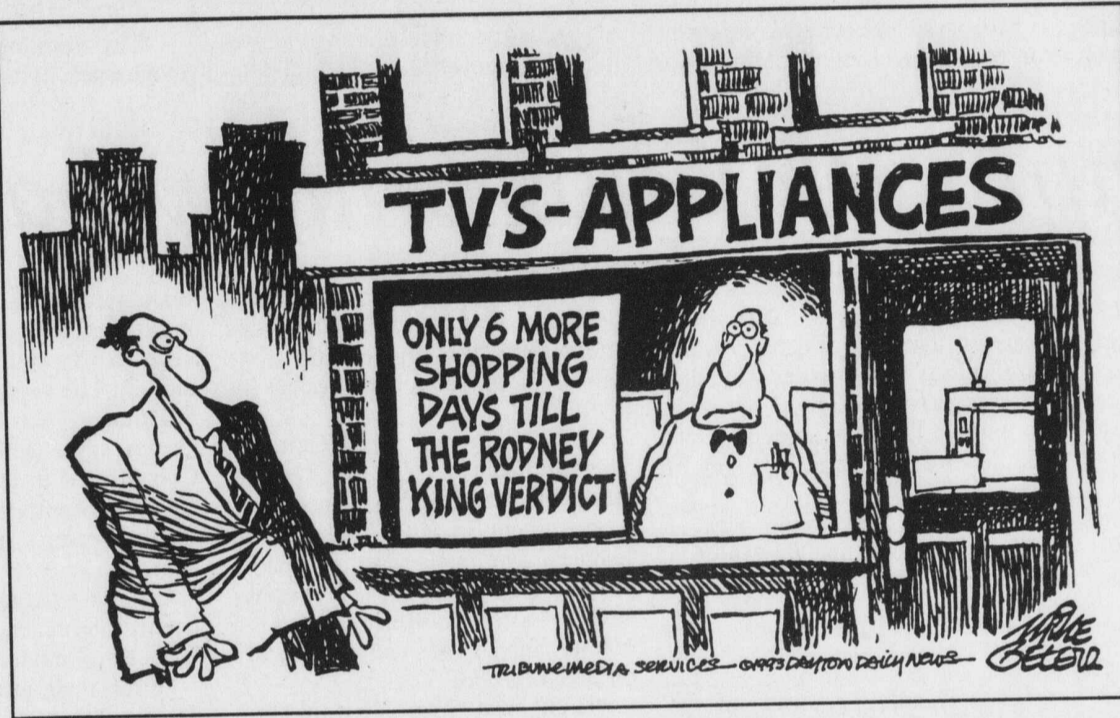
My father always told me to take the time to stop and smell the roses. I haven't had time to smell them yet. I've been busy with school, with work, with finding a job. Who has time to stop?

Only 30-something more days until I graduate and leave what's been my home for the past four years. I think of all the things I'll be leaving behind and I wish I could stay.

But then I realize, even if I stayed, they would leave. How very sad it is when you realize in less than a month your life is going to do a major flip, and nothing will ever be the same.

Is it really all that horrible not to have plans, to be going home? I can be proud of going home can't I? Financially, it is the best decision for me.

Lisa Yonco is a senior journalism major from Huntington, Conn.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feminism

In regard to Clay Gaillard's April 1st feminist-bashing column, we would like to express our deep disgust. Much offense was taken by his hasty generalizations and derogatory remarks.

Mr. Gaillard feels that women should not allow the long-overdue recognition of the "lesser" gender if they truly desire equality. His Limbaugh-esque portrayal of women as irrational "feminazis" misses the point, and implies we should not take pride in our unique achievements.

Obviously, Mr. Gaillard has never been in the minority, experienced sexual harassment, or sexual vulnerability in the presence of the opposite gender. His white-male paranoia drives him to insult anything that is pro-woman.

Remember sir, that everyone who is pro-woman is not necessarily anti-man, as the gentlemen at the Oscar Awards who honored the achievements of women demonstrated.

We don't ask for special treatment, simply to be taken seriously and respected for our capabilities. We live in a time where a female college graduate makes only slightly more than a male high-school dropout — how can anyone blame us for the feminist movement?

The simple fact is women continue to struggle. Recognition every once in a while does not hurt you at all, Mr. Gaillard.

Leigh Anne Robison
Freshman
History

Nicole Culver
Freshman
Education

Statistics

Rochael Soper, seeing that you are a political science and psychology major, you must be expecting a letter. Why else would you write an article that only a moron would conclude from your opinion and one supporting statistic which has no basis to be supporting, that the traditional two parents of the opposite persuasion family is a need for a child's well being.

This is America folks, yes indeed. Ivy League colleges, proof positive that children need two parents. Colleges that have an average of \$22,700 tuition per year, where 29 percent have families earning over \$150,000 a year, where anyone can go if you can produce the money. The students here include 86 percent who have been raised by two parents of the opposite sex, and four out of ten students who have a father or mother who has done some graduate work. Because of those 86 per-

cent in the Ivy League, my friend who is a high school dropout, who has two parents of the opposite sex that are well off financially, does not exist.

I will admit that a two-parent family (notice sex is not distinguished) is probably better off financially. Therefore, they are able to afford a better education for their children; however, I cannot say that this will induce the child to feel more loved, and/or to be more aggressive in being a success.

Each child is different, but I cannot say that there is a true need for the love of two parents of the opposite sex for every child. What of the success stories of those because they did not have one of the parental figures.

David Albright
Sophomore
Engineering

Children

I agree wholeheartedly with Rochael Soper that children raised by single parents and by gay parents have different issues to face: prejudice, bigotry and hatred.

Other children taunt them over having no daddy, or two mommies, because they haven't been taught that being different doesn't mean that one is bad or dangerous. The single mother who has been snubbed as "immoral" and the gay parents who have been ostracized are much more likely to show their children unconditional love and teach their children that all human beings are equal in the eyes of God, than those parents who have never been the victims of discrimination.

I pray that you, Ms. Soper, will not instill in your children a sense of superiority over other children. I pray that if your marriage should fail that you will not feel immoral. And I pray that when your child reveals that his sexuality is not what you'd hoped for, that you will thank God for diversity.

The issues are different, but the solution is the same: love and respect for all human beings.

Ellen J. Archambault
Graduate Student
Music

The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor if they are double-spaced typed and one page or less in length. All letters must be signed. The Skiff will not publish unsigned letters. All submissions must include the writer's classification, major and phone number. The Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject any letters to the editor. Letters may be sent to the Skiff at TCU Box 32929 or delivered to the Skiff's offices, Moudy 291S. The telephone number of the newsroom is 921-7428.

Opening military to homosexuals elicits politically correct response

"Oh no, another article slamming gays in the military," is what some of you might be thinking. I realize that there have been several articles printed on this page that condemn that proposal for homosexuals being allowed to enlist.

However, this article is different. I am going to surprise many of you by suggesting that gays should be in the military.

Why would I make such a "politically correct" statement? Well, I have finally been persuaded by the awesome logic and concrete reasons that liberals have supporting the resolution.

For example, many of those stupid, hardheaded conservatives think that there are obvious problems with homosexuals on the battlefield or in close quarters. I am sure that soldiers of both sexual preferences would get along just fine in the confinements of the trenches. After all, most soldiers are such loving, understanding people. Surely they would not ever try to harass a young man who just happened to be homosexual.

Suppose with me for just a moment that in the heat of battle, one of the homosexual soldiers was wounded and bleeding badly. Another soldier saw the man, and although he was wounded himself, went to help save the other soldier. Never mind that homosexuals are in one of the highest risk groups to have the AIDS virus. I believe that the soldier would certainly rescue him without giving the virus a second thought.

Women often show more leniency to homosexuals being in the armed services. They scoff at us males and our "homophobia." That silly notion about not showering with a homosexual is so childish.

In fact, just to show you how dumb this argument is, just imagine an open shower containing forty women and a heterosexual male. Now I am sure that there is not a woman out there who would feel embarrassed if she were in the shower. The women would probably not even notice that he was there, much less care if he was staring lustfully at them.

Of course, no guy I know would ever gawk at forty well-conditioned women that he happened to be showering with. He would be above such adolescent behavior, and probably not give his shower-mates a second thought.

I do not think that having gays in the military would bring down troop morale at all. I'm sure that everyone in the military really does love and respect President Clinton despite rumors to the contrary.

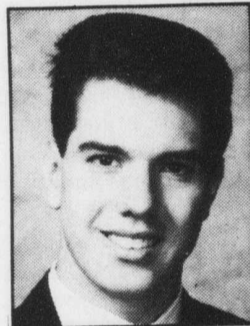
Just because he is butting heads with those crusty old army veterans about the gay issue doesn't mean that he isn't popular with them. Surely they've all forgiven him for proposing defense budget cuts that are more than double those he presented in his campaign.

Even though he dodged the draft and just recently learned how to salute, the Pentagon is probably brimming with respect and admiration for their commander-in-chief.

The Roman army, which was perhaps the greatest fighting force in the history of the world, killed any homosexual violators that they had. However, our soldiers are not barbarous at all, and do not ever treat homosexuals any different than other men.

Yes, homosexuals are American citizens and should be treated as such. How silly of some people to think that homosexuals can't do everything as well as heterosexuals, such as get married, raise children, be policemen, and join the military. It is so ridiculous of those absent-minded conservatives to ever think that there is a problem with gays in the armed services. The existence of homosexuals in a platoon will never cause any problems, right? Yeah, right.

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News

New Skiff, Image editors, advertising manager named

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

The Skiff's fall semester editor, the advertising manager, and the 1993 Image magazine editor and were named Monday by the university's Student Publications Board.

Andy Grieser, a junior news-editorial journalism major from Arlington, was chosen as Skiff editor.

The committee named Andy Zmugg, a junior advertising/public relations from Denver, advertising manager of the student-run paper.

Jennifer Scott, a senior news-editorial journalism and history major from Olney, was elected Image editor.

Grieser has held positions on the paper including managing editor, news editor, reporter, cartoonist and copy desk chief.

"Before I even came to TCU, I knew I wanted to pursue this editorship," he said.

Minority representation and involvement in the Skiff is one goal that Grieser hopes to achieve. He said he plans to enlist the help of organizations like Black Student Caucus, the National Association of Black Journalists, Organization of Latin American Students and the International Students Association.

Because the Skiff is a "student newspaper," Grieser said he will emphasize openness with the campus community.

"If anyone has problems — anyone from the chancellor to maintenance people — they can feel free to call me," he said.

Zmugg, who is currently serving his second term as Skiff assistant advertising manager, said he has

always had a passion for his field.

"I love advertising," he said. "I've always wanted to do it — I guess I'm a product of the TV age."

Zmugg has also had outside experience with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and an advertising-public relations company in Bedford.

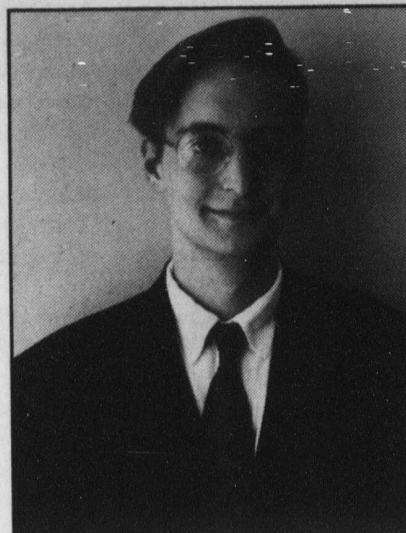
Zmugg said he wants his enthusiasm for advertising to influence the attitudes of his staffers.

"I'm highly motivated, and I hope to instill this in my staff as well," he said.

As Image editor, Scott said she will rely on more of a news angle for the magazine than has been used in the past.

"We have a lot of resources that we can delve into here on campus," she said.

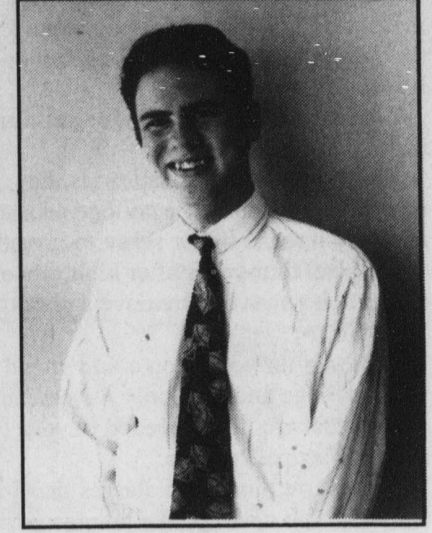
Scott, who has served as copy editor of the Skiff, said she's been interested in magazine work for some time.



Andy Grieser



Jennifer Scott



Andy Zmugg

of the Skiff, said she's been interested in magazine work for some time.

"I'm thinking about going into magazines as a career option, and

hopefully this experience will test that instinct," she said.

Writer hits homerun with Cubs fantasy baseball camp

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Autographed baseballs — one of the world's best collections — line the tops of the bookshelves in writer Jeff Guinn's study. The names belong to Major League players interviewed or written about by Guinn, a senior writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The computer desk and floor are covered with sheets of paper, bits and pieces of information for a book Guinn is writing about his stay at a Chicago Cubs fantasy baseball camp in January 1993.

The book is written on three levels, Guinn says. The first of these is a first-person account of living a boyhood dream: playing against the big-leaguers.

"There are a few triumphs and a whole lot of screw-ups," Guinn smiles. "Hopefully, the readers will identify with that."

The use of first-person isn't self-aggrandizement, Guinn says.

"It's living it for somebody else," he says. "I don't think the book would be as interesting if I were a tremendous athlete who was the best player in camp. I'm more Everyman — I went out there and did my best and sometimes it was okay and a lot of times it wasn't."

The book is also a look at the campers and at the coaching staff, who are all former Major League ballplayers.

"Each of them (the ballplayers) gets something different from the camp, just as each individual camper does," Guinn explains. "It's interesting to find some of them desperately needing the chance to be back in uniform and signing autographs and being in a baseball clubhouse again, because for them that was the highlight of their lives."

The players who made it big in the business world after leaving baseball came to relive their glory days, Guinn says.

"Most of them came because each of us has sort of a high time in our

lives, living what we wanted to do and doing it," he says. "They try to recapture that. For athletes, I think there's always a particular sense that time has passed you by. Your body can only do things at an appropriate skill level for a certain length of time."

"Then they have to go back to being ordinary — they have to sit in the stands and watch somebody else do it."

Randy Hundley, a former player for the Chicago Cubs, started the first baseball fantasy camp in 1983. In 1989, the Texas Rangers held their first fantasy camp, which was organized and run by Bobby Bragan, the Rangers' special projects assistant and a former Major League player and manager.

"When I saw that, I knew somehow I was going to make my paper send me there," Guinn says. "Any number of writers wanted that assignment. I got it."

Guinn wrote stories for the Star-Telegram about the camp, but says he knew there was more there than would fit in 15 column-inches of print.

In 1991, Bragan asked Guinn to work with him on "You Can't Hit the Ball With the Bat on Your Shoulder," a book about Bragan's life in the big leagues. The book was reasonably successfully, Guinn says, so the publisher — the Summit Group — offered him an open contract for any other sports book.

"Right away, I said, 'I want to go to a fantasy camp,'" Guinn says.

Of the 26 Major League ball clubs, 24 had fantasy camps in 1993. Guinn originally thought he'd go to the Rangers camp, but it was cut due to organizational problems.

Hundley was celebrating the tenth anniversary of holding a fantasy camp with the Cubs, which Guinn says represented a return to the genesis of the camps.

"Really, in retrospect I'm glad because I was able to go out to a

brand new place and describe it seeing it for the first time, as opposed to somebody who'd been there already," he says.

Hundley was very cooperative, Guinn says. Although the former Cub offered to let Guinn attend for free, the Summit Group paid in full for the writer's stay at the camp in Arizona.

Despite refusing special attention, Guinn's work endeared him to the former big-leaguers, he says.

"First of all, just through my other writing, I've met many former Major League players," he says. "One of the camp coaches, Fergie Jenkins, and I have been friends since 1989, when I wrote about the Texas Rangers fantasy camp, where he also coached."

Jenkins' good word to the other former players was helped by the success of the Bragan book, Guinn says. Both factors were strengthened by Guinn's honesty, he says.

"During the week, I played as hard as I could and I made my errors and I wrote about those things, just as

honestly as I wrote about anybody else's. I think they felt if I could be honest about myself, I could be honest about them."

A 7-year-old boy huddles in the darkness next to a radio sneaked into his room. It's the middle of the night in Germany, the only time when a young Jeff Guinn can hear Major League games on the Armed Forces radio station.

As each player comes up to bat, the boy shuffles through his pile of baseball cards — purchased during the occasional times when the Air Force commissary stocked them — and puts the batter's card on top of the pile.

Things changed when the family moved back to the States, says Guinn, now 41. Guinn lost baseball when he entered high school.

"There are girls, rock music," he says. "You get into college and there's things to think about, things to do. You start working for a living,

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Sports

Blackwell grabs NFL opportunity

By THERESA MEROLA
Special to the Skiff

Any college student would love to graduate from TCU and start out earning \$75,000 a year, so you would think.

But not Kelly Blackwell. He feels he is worth a lot more.

Blackwell, a rookie with the Chicago Bears, made \$75,000 last year, but is also the second lowest paid football player in the National Football League.

The reason why this bothers Blackwell is that he plays next to people making ten times as much, he said.

"It's a cause for irritation," Blackwell said. "But I'm happy to be where I am. I make more than my father makes and he's been busting butt all his life. Believe me I'm grateful, but I want to be paid for what I'm worth."

Blackwell, 23, has lived in North Richland Hills ever since he was in eighth grade and started playing football in high school.

"High school really helped me get where I'm at, that's when I first truly started loving the game. When I was little, I was a wimp," he said. "Then we moved to Texas from Arkansas when I was in junior high and I totally got into football. My high school coach Bob Cashion totally got me into it. I was a quarterback and then he moved me to tight end."

Blackwell plays tight end for the Bears and he doesn't feel he's a wimp anymore.

Blackwell is 6-foot-1 and 255 pounds and his diet consists of a lot of "seafood."

"I see it and then I eat it," he said. "I try to eat healthy during the season, maybe a beer after a game, never before. And during the off-season, anything goes."

Blackwell is a substitute teacher at

Richland High during the off-season. He tells his students to stay in school and get an education.

"On the chalk board, I would show them why they should stay in school with car payments, rent, food, electric, etc.," Blackwell said. "I feel it was important for them to know why they should go on. Get an education. You will always need it to fall back on and not a lot of people have that."

Blackwell recalls his days at TCU where he was awarded a full football scholarship.

"It helped me get to the next level," he said. "It's special to be able to use a God-given talent. I was able to go to a great university, get a degree in criminal justice and achieve another goal - going to the NFL."

It was obvious that Blackwell had a promising professional football career ahead when he was at TCU.

Blackwell finished his career with 181 receptions for 2,154 yards, most ever by a NCAA Division-I tight end.

Blackwell ranks fourth on the Southwest Conference's all-time reception list and was named first team All-American by "Football News" and Kodak.

Blackwell was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game and Hula Bowl, and grabbed 11 catches for 124 yards and two touchdowns in his senior season finale against the Houston Cougars.

"I always thought I would make it to the NFL. I always felt it in my heart that I would and I was going to do whatever I needed to," he said.

So did Blackwell's brother, Shaun, a 26-year-old flight attendant for American Airlines.

"I expected him to go to the NFL - it's what he has always wanted to do," Shaun said. "I was the last person to find out he was playing for the Bears. I got the message on my



TCU Daily Skiff/ File Photo

Former TCU star Kelly Blackwell has found a home with the NFL's Chicago Bears.

answering machine, I loved it."

Blackwell's entire family is sharing their excitement with him and they're not wearing anything that has to do with the Cowboys.

"I got my dad a Bears jacket for Christmas, the whole family is wearing Bears stuff," Blackwell said. "They're so excited for me, it's really neat."

Last year, Blackwell's high school, Richland High dedicated a Kelly Blackwell Day to him.

"You know you've made it when you've had your own day," he said. "It was the principal's idea and it was really neat to be recognized. My teachers are all proud of me, that I've done well. It's neat to go back and say I'm successful - I'm proud of what I'm doing."

Blackwell was able to play for the Bears through free agency.

"I was supposed to get drafted, but I didn't," he said. "They called me and asked me to try out, the next thing I know, I'm signing a contract for two years."

Going professional and playing for Mike Ditka, a former tight end, who is in the Hall of Fame, was a little intimidating.

"He was always watching us (tight ends)," Blackwell said. "He demanded good play. I'd rather play for him than anybody else because I idolized him when I was younger. I loved him as a coach, he was good to the players and we had a lot of respect for him."

Playing in the NFL may be a step up in talent, but it's not what Blackwell thought it would be.

"It's very stressful," he said. "There's no job security. If you mess up, you're gone."

Owls sweep Frogs, dim playoff hopes

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

On March 9, the TCU baseball team was on a hot streak.

The Frogs sported a record of 20-4, which included a club record 14-game winning streak.

TCU was in the Top 25 and the Frogs had just knocked off then No. 4 ranked Oklahoma State on a late inning home run. The offense was scoring over seven runs per game, and the pitching was better than anyone had expected.

Excitement was in the air. Bring on Texas. Bring on Texas A&M. No challenge was too great for the Frogs.

It is now April 13. TCU has a record of 27-17, which includes a current seven-game losing streak. Southwest Conference action is half over for the Frogs, and the team has a 1-8 record in SWC play. More importantly, the excitement that surrounded the team throughout the first half of the season seems to have fizzled.

In a move that may have crushed TCU's chances for making the Southwest Conference post-season tournament, the Frogs dropped all three games of a weekend series to the Rice Owls in Houston.

"Everybody is kicking themselves right now," junior pitcher Reid Ryan said. "Everyone knows that we're good. We just can't figure out why we can't seem to win."

The three game sweep puts the Frogs alone in the cellar of the SWC with only nine conference games remaining. It seems as though the Frogs will not see action in the Southwest Conference tournament after all.

"If you look at the tournament, Texas, A&M and Rice will probably be the top three," Ryan said. "If we are going to make the tournament, we probably need to win seven or eight games in the conference. But with our schedule, we've still got a shot."

TCU needed to win at least one of the games in Houston over the weekend if the team hoped to climb back

into the SWC race. But the Owls (31-9, 7-5), fighting for a spot in the tournament themselves, swept the series by winning Friday night 9-3 and then sweeping both games of Saturday's doubleheader by scores of 2-0 and 12-1.

Things started off well for the Frogs on Friday, as TCU took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by right fielder Beto Garza Gongora.

SWC STANDINGS MEN'S BASEBALL

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Texas A&M	8	1	36	4
Texas	6	3	37	8
Rice	7	5	31	9
Texas Tech	7	5	31	11
Baylor	5	4	28	13
Houston	2	10	26	17
TCU	1	8	27	17

But the Owls clawed back, eventually driving TCU starter Kelly Johns (3-3) from the game in the sixth inning. The Owls scored five runs in the sixth inning to break the game open, and Rice starter James Madrid (8-1), the SWC earned run average leader, settled down to pick up the complete game victory.

Saturday was a disaster for the Frogs, as TCU managed to score only once in sixteen innings. Rice starters Bo Johnson (6-1) and Darrell Richardson (8-3) each picked up complete game victories for the Owls.

Ryan (6-3) pitched well enough to win game one for the Frogs, but Johnson held TCU to only three hits en route to the shutout victory.

Game two of the twin bill was over almost as fast as it started, as Rice scored all 12 of their runs in the first three innings to put the game away early. TCU starter Glenn Dishman (4-3) took the loss for the Frogs.

TCU will look to snap its seven-game losing streak on Tuesday as the Frogs host Tarleton State at the TCU Diamond.

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News

Students from warring countries share common fears

Serb, a former Yugoslav soldier, mourns changes in his homeland

Boris Vukov, a Serb, once served proudly in the Yugoslav Army beside soldiers of all nationalities, he said.

"The greatest experience in my life was becoming best friends with soldiers from Croatia and Bosnia," said the 22-year-old sophomore psychology major from Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

A united Yugoslavia composed of six republics living together peacefully and sharing governmental responsibilities no longer exists. Now succession, segregation and war rage within the former Yugoslavia.

Fighting within Yugoslavia began in June of 1991 after the Republics of Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia. Serbia responded to the succession with troops and warfare.

"I was very disappointed when the fighting broke out," Vukov said. "I hoped it would stop soon. I was disappointed that people were dividing. My grandmother was Croatian," he said.

By 1992, Croatia and Serbia drew up a peace agreement and the fighting lessened. However, the war escalated after Bosnia-Herzegovina declared independence from Yugoslavia in February 1992. Bosnia became the new battlefield when Serbs from Yugoslavia joined by some Bosnian Serbs attacked the majority Bosnian Muslim population in April 1992.

"It is hard to understand why suddenly some nations were bad and some were good," Vukov said. "I always thought a person's nationality was no reason to under or overestimate a person," he said.

Vukov blames the greed of war profiteers and the fanatical leader of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, for the war — not the Serbian people, he said.

"The majority of Serbs are against the war," he said. "But they cannot do anything to change the situation."

Protests against the war are ineffective, Vukov said.

Milosevic and his followers, who want to create an "ethnically pure Greater Serbia" free of non-Serbs, will not listen to anyone, Vukov said.

Serbsians who are against the war have only words to use against Milosevic, but Milosevic listens only to armies, he said.

Milosevic's armies now control most of Bosnia. Over 100,000 Bosnian women and children have died in the fighting. More than 50,000 Bosnian women have been raped by Serbian soldiers, and 2.5 million Bosnians are homeless as a result of the war.

In Serbia, Serbs are suffering food and gas shortages as a result of the United Nations economic sanctions against Serbia for their aggression in the war, according to an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Almost 200,000 Serbs, mostly university graduates, have left Serbia since the war began, the article said.

Vukov said he does not know what



Boris Vukov



Alma Hamidovic

is going to happen in his country but believes that Milosevic and war profiteers will keep going until they have driven all of the non-Serbs out of Yugoslavia, he said.

"I do not watch television anymore about Yugoslavia," he said. "I would like to preserve my good memories about Yugoslavia."

Vukov believes that one day, peace and forgiveness will return to the Balkans, he said.

The Serbs who are against the war should never be blamed for the crimes of the pro-war Serbs, he said.

But the Serbs who promote the war should be forgiven only if they repent for their sins, Vukov said.

"If it seems that they will never repent their crimes then it will never be appropriate to forgive them," he said.

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Stories by Kristi Wright

Muslim TCU student wonders what will become of friends left behind during ethnic strife

Alma Hamidovic, a Muslim TCU student, wonders what will become of friends left behind during ethnic strife in Bosnia.

"I'm just trying to have a normal life now," Hamidovic said. She is taking a full load of classes this semester to keep her mind busy, she said.

"I use school to keep from going crazy — to keep from thinking about the war all of the time," she said.

Hamidovic's life turned upside down one morning last March when she and her family awoke to the blast of exploding grenades and shells, she said.

Hamidovic, her 16-year-old sister and her parents left all their possessions behind and sought refuge in old Sarajevo, she said.

Alma's father, an electrical engineer, joined Bosnia's civilian army, and Alma and her sister escaped to the United States.

"We left because our lives were in danger," said Ajna Hamidovic, Alma's sister. "The Serbs were raping girls and slitting peoples' throats. We risked it all to get away."

Hamidovic's voice lowers to a whisper when she talks about her parents, who remain in Sarajevo. She thinks they are still managing to survive.

"Those things are the farthest from my mind. I do not know what is going to happen," she said.

Hamidovic, a Bosnian Muslim, fled Bosnia-Herzegovina in April 1992 after Serbs in Yugoslavia and Serbian nationalists in Bosnia invaded Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital, she said. The Serbs attacked after Bosnia-Herzegovina declared independence from Yugoslavia. Eventually she escaped Bosnia to live with relatives in Benbrook, Texas, she said.

Hamidovic is struggling to put her life back together without knowing whether her country or people will survive the attacks of the Serbs, she

war. She also participates in Women for Women in Bosnia demonstrations to raise awareness about her country's plight, she said.

"I don't know what else I can do," she said. "I'm not sure it ever does any good."

Listening to shortwave radio and watching videotapes of war scenes, Hamidovic immerses herself in keeping up to date with the situation in Bosnia, she said.

The videotapes expose the war's gruesome crimes — pictures of Serbian cruelty and terror against the Muslims that American television does not show, she said.

"I am not coldhearted, but I am able to watch the tapes," she said. "I know that the scenes are real. I do not accept it, but it is real."

Dealing with the reality is not easy, she said. She misses her parents, her friends and her way of life before the war.

In Sarajevo, Hamidovic and her friends would sit at the tables along the peaceful city streets of the city, she said.

Hamidovic's eyes light up and she grins when she remembers the laughter she shared with her friends before the war.

"My friends and I were always talking to each other," she said. "Always we tried to learn more from one another."

"All different groups of people — Croats, Muslims, Serbs, Jews — lived together in Sarajevo," she said. "Bells from the churches rang along with the mosques calling the Muslims to prayer. I learned to respect other people and religions," she said.

Now Serbian bombs and grenades have destroyed the mosques and

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you get married. Life takes you away from being able to concentrate so much on baseball."

"It gets to the point where it's like an old girlfriend," he chuckles. "You're happy to see her, but the glow of romance is gone."

Then, when life steadies a bit, the old glow comes back, Guinn says.

"A certain point comes in your life... when your kids are a little older, in business you've hit a certain level and it's probably a level where you're going to stay, and all of a sudden, you get baseball back again," he says.

"Baseball isn't perfect. It's not a panacea for the world's problems, but it's a nice way (for the fantasy campers) to forget about some of their problems for a while and just have some genuine fun."

Guinn says the book should be written by the first week in May. It will be released in either September, to coincide with the end of the baseball season, or January, which a Summit Group survey shows is the biggest selling period for baseball books. After that, Guinn will go on a 3-week book release tour. In each city, one or two former Major Leaguers who take part in fantasy camps will appear with him.

What's up next? Guinn says the Dallas Cowboys have invited him to their training camp in Austin. He'll only go if the Cubs book sells well, though; that way, he says he can afford to take some bruising from the NFL World Champions.

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Professor compares his job to performing

By ANDREA McEVOY
TCU Daily Skiff

One of TCU's most recently tenured professors looks at teaching as a performance.

"In a way, teachers are performers," Manochehr Dorraj, an associate professor of political science said.

"We make a spectacle of ourselves. Every day 100 people look to you to find the next word of wisdom. To get up there, you make yourself vulnerable," he said.

Dorraj is no stranger to performing. As a 7-year-old growing up in Chaloos, a small town in northern Iran, he was seen as a "rising star." He was chosen out of 600 students at his elementary school to lead the morning prayer and sing the national anthem every day.

At 9 years old, Dorraj made his first public speech on the anniversary of the Shah's son's birth in front of 10,000 people. From that point on, he was often asked by local dignitaries to speak and was even broadcast on national radio.

When he was 13, Dorraj and his older sister moved to Tehran to attend private school. Early on, Dorraj knew he wanted to come to the West. In 1970, he was accepted to the University of Pennsylvania.

When Dorraj was a young boy, he admired doctors because they did something useful and tangible — they saved lives. As he became

more socially conscious, he thought that social scientists were more useful because they could save millions by studying the ills of society. Although Dorraj realizes that he probably won't save millions, he enjoys the impact his job has on students.

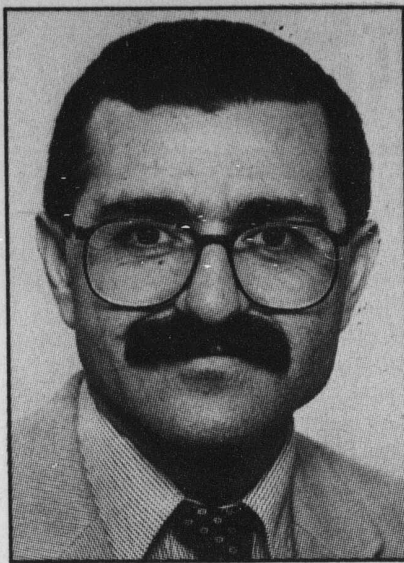
Exploring empowering and liberating ideas with new generations and seeing the changes in each group is very rewarding, Dorraj said.

He said the feeling that students learn from his ideas and from the commonality of human experience, regardless of cultural or religious backgrounds, is one of the privileges of his job.

"We are all motivated by the same fears, the need for security, love and affection and by knowing that we are finite beings on the planet for a short time. We can live that moment together either in grace and triumph or in misery and darkness," he said.

"Teaching is a moment I can take to convey my experience. When a person is enlightened or transformed, it is like an artist's experience when they create something or arouse a crowd by singing or by music," he said.

Dorraj hopes that his students will take his ideas of common human issues with them as they go into professional positions and become leaders of a society he thinks is in need of sensitive insight



Manochehr Dorraj

and careful overhaul.

By broadening students' perspectives, Dorraj hopes that the next generation of leaders will make sensitive, informed decisions that will have a positive impact on human politics, not just American viewpoints. Intellectual enrichment pays in the quality of life, living as a productive citizen and above all as a compassionate human being, he said.

"Manochehr brings to the university something positive in that his background is different from that of most students or faculty here," said Jim Riddlesperger, associate professor of political science and a colleague of Dorraj's. "He's very thoughtful and sensitive in sharing that background with others from both an academic and human perspective."

Dorraj said he plans on staying at TCU to continue making a spectacle of himself in order to enlighten students and to broaden their views.

Time to change?

Students Reaching Out looks at moving rush to spring

By KRISTIN CGRBETT
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Todd was a popular high school student. He was president of his senior class, a member of a high school fraternity and was voted "most likely to be Greek," an honor which required him to return at the end of this year to tell what Greek life is like in college.

But Todd won't be telling his high school friends about Greek life at TCU. He was cut from fraternity rush.

Todd (not his real name) believes he was cut because the fraternities judged him on first impressions alone and didn't get to know anything about him.

Currently, the fraternity and sorority selection process is held the week before classes start in August.

But many students, including Todd, believe that rush should be held in the spring semester, after new students have had a chance to make friends and assimilate to college life.

Students Reaching Out, a campus organization dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles, studied the possibility of changing to a spring rush system.

"We decided to look at ways to improve the rush system because we felt like it was something that affected a majority of freshman students, even the ones that don't go through rush," said Chris Hightower, junior history major and chair of the Freshman Concerns Committee, which did the study. Hightower is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

TCU places more than 80 percent of all rushees into sororities, one of the highest placement rates in the nation, said Amy Sturhahn, Greek affairs program adviser.

Fraternity rates are not as good, she said, but still place more than half of all rushees in fraternities.

However, many students face negative effects from both the process and its outcomes.

Kay Higgins, coordinator of New Student Orientation, said most freshmen have not formed their own identity, and an early rush can affect that process.

"The majority of 18-year-olds are at the stage of everything being black or white," she said. "Once loyalties have been identified with one group of people, it is difficult for them to establish loyalties with another group."

Higgins said the identity issue should come from within and the relationships form before students have a strong sense of their own iden-

tity. People who have a negative rush experience, such as those like Todd who are cut from the process, often feel rejected and have a low sense of self-esteem.

Last year, 493 women started out in the rush process. More than 70 were cut by all sororities or voluntarily withdrew.

There are several reasons a woman doesn't get invited back to sorority parties. She may not have good enough high school grades, the sorority may not think she would fit in, or it may be decided on the basis of looks alone, said one sorority member.

When women don't receive invitations back to any sorority house, a team of two panhellenic rush counselors goes to the rushee's room to notify her.

"They know when their (Panhellenic Rush Counselors) come to the door what it means," said Holly Luttrell, a senior math major and rush counselor.

Luttrell said the PRCs take a co-curricular bulletin which lists all organizations on campus to show the woman that there are other opportunities for social interaction on campus.

They also notify the woman's resident assistant so she can help the student get involved in other aspects of university life.

"For girls who go through rush and are not invited back, it's a real blow to their self-esteem," said Trisha Worlow, a junior social work major and resident assistant in Colby Hall.

Holding rush in January, before the spring semester starts, would affect the process in several ways.

"By January, most girls have their own circle of friends," Worlow said. "If girls got cut then, it wouldn't be as upsetting because they already have other outlets and friends."

Luttrell, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, agreed.

"Life at TCU does not hinge on Greek affairs, although during rush it sometimes does seem like it," she said. "In spring rush, if the experience does not turn out as they hoped, they already have a support group on campus."

Changing the timing of rush would also allow sororities and fraternities to look at the students' first semester grades.

Currently, Greek organizations rely on high school transcripts to measure academic standing.

However, Luttrell said that high school grades are often not a good indicator of college performance.

The traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities hold their rush in the spring semester for this reason.

"Incoming freshmen can't rush until they have nine hours," said Chris Carroll, a junior psychology major and president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. "That way they already have a GPA. They already know what college is about and how much they have to study for certain subjects."

Spring rush would also allow sororities and fraternities to find the kind of members they are looking for, Luttrell said.

"You want someone who will fit in," Luttrell said. "You don't want clones, but you want someone who will fit in with your group."

Deferring rush to the spring semester would also give rushees the chance to learn more about individual Greek organizations.

"It would give girls a chance to see what the sororities do on campus," Luttrell said. "That would be beneficial to them, because they could make a better informed decision."

However, this can also lead to the acceptance of group stereotypes, Sturhahn said.

In addition, potential rushees could be pursued through the entire semester.

"At other schools I've seen that have spring rush, the whole fall semester is one big rush process," said Ben Hall, Interfraternity Council president and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

But the thought of possible rush violations in the fall semester doesn't keep Joey Martinez, a senior psychology major and former president of Delta Tau Delta, from favoring changing the rush calendar.

"Although unfair rush practices would be common, I feel the change would allow freshmen to get off to a better start academically and also to form stronger friendship beyond their Greek organizations," Martinez said.

Sturhahn said that spring rush could also lead to huge financial expenditures by Greek organizations trying to lure members.

She said extravagant events such as weekend getaways for potential members could lead to financial debts that the groups couldn't pay for.

Several years ago, the university did a study on the rush process. No significant evidence was found to cause the university to mandate a change.

"When we talked to Don Mills (interim vice chancellor for student affairs), he told us that in order for the system to change, the proposal would have to come from the students," Hightower said.

"Our recommendation was that TCU should change something in the current system," Hightower said. "Deferred rush is still an option, but we would like for the students, especially the Greek students, to push for a change."

Since rush is essentially an activity of Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council, the administration has no jurisdiction to force the system to change.

Panhellenic and IFC would have to vote to change the system as well as structure a new one.

The National Panhellenic Conference, made up of 26 national sororities, does not recommend deferred rush, Sturhahn said.

Leslie Cotter, junior social work major and current Panhellenic rush chairwoman, said she doubted that Panhellenic would choose to change the system.

"I think there could be enough reasons to change sometime in the future, but it would be confusing to switch to a new system," she said.

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The bombs have also shattered some of Hamidovic's beliefs, she said.

Hamidovic's sister, Ajna, said Alma is basically the same person she was while in Sarajevo, but there are differences.

"We have experienced so much since the war," Ajna said. "After our experiences, we've come to hate the people who are doing such terrible things to our people and our country."

However, hope still exists, Hamidovic said. She believes that someday she can return to her country.

"I have heard that Sarajevo is in ruins, but it doesn't matter. I still want to go back when the war is over," she said.

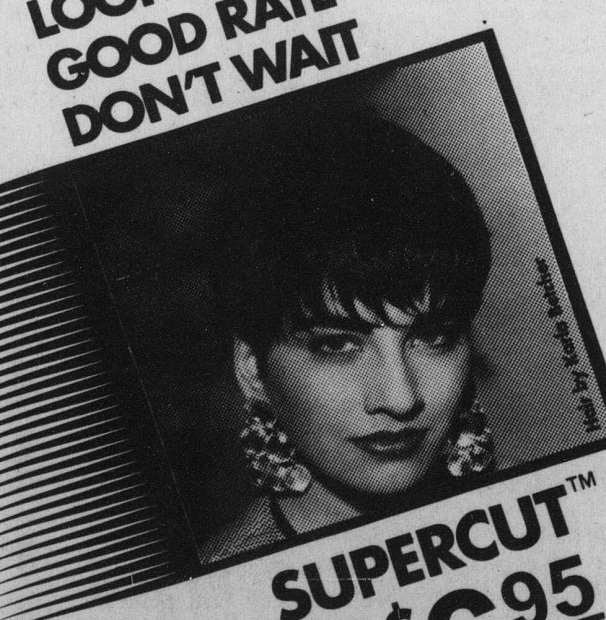
"For the future I can only pray that I find (my family and friends) alive when I return," she said.

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South Africans protest death of popular leader



JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Opposition groups called for widespread demonstrations and a one-day strike in Johannesburg over the assassination of popular black leader Chris Hani, but leaders also urged calm Monday. Police, meanwhile, said

they found a suspected "hit list" of politicians and several guns in the home of the white man suspected in the slaying. Hani, 50, was perhaps the most popular leader of the African National Congress after its president, Nelson Mandela. His killing triggered fears of an angry backlash that could threaten talks between black and white leaders on ending apartheid, but government and ANC leaders said they were determined to press ahead with talks. The ANC, the white-led government and other groups appealed for protesters to remain peaceful.

Troops prepare for verdict in King trial



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hundreds of National Guard troops reported to staging areas Monday and civil rights leaders pleaded for restraint as a federal jury deliberated the case of four policemen accused of beating Rodney King. Shielded from the public's jitters and the police buildup, the 12

jurors resumed their talks after meeting Easter Sunday afternoon. About 600 guardsmen reported to area armories by Monday morning and the Police Department put 200 extra officers on the streets at all times in case a verdict in the case triggered violence. In this federal trial, the four white officers were charged with violating the black motorist's civil rights during a beating after a highway chase on March 3, 1991. Police were heavily criticized last spring for their chaotic response to the riots that killed 54 people and caused more than \$1 billion in damage.

Ohio prison remains under siege after riots

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Part of Ohio's only maximum security prison remained under siege Monday after hundreds of prisoners rioted, killing six inmates and taking eight guards hostage. Negotiators tried to work out a deal with some of the state's most dangerous prisoners, asking them to free one hostage in exchange for a chance to outline their demands to the media. About

450 prisoners were barricaded inside one cellblock of the prison, located about 70 miles south of Columbus in south-central Ohio. Prison officials said a scuffle among a few prisoners escalated into a riot Sunday afternoon. Ten guards and eight inmates were injured. The rest of the prison's 1,819 inmates, including death-row inmates, were confined to cells away from the affected area.

Railey takes stand in his own defense



SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former Dallas minister Walker Railey took the witness stand Monday to respond to allegations that he tried to strangle his wife six years ago. Defense attorney Doug Mulder took Railey through events leading up to the savage 1987 attack at Railey's home that

left his wife with irreversible brain damage.

Also on Monday, a witness told the court that a church custodian showed up with scratches on his face shortly after the attack on Peggy Railey. Testifying earlier, the maintenance employee angrily denied any facial scratches. The conflicting testimony came as Railey's attempted murder trial entered its fourth week. The state contends Railey wanted to dispose of his wife so he could run off with his lover, Lucy Papillon, a member of Railey's congregation at First United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Car trouble?

Cellular phones give drivers security in emergency situations

By CHRISTINA BODE
TCU Daily Skiff

When Jennifer Willingham's car broke down on a remote road outside of Wichita Falls, she relied on a stranger to take her to a phone.

But the next time she has car trouble, her call will be made immediately, thanks to a car phone her father had installed after the incident.

After Willingham told her parents that she rode with a total stranger, they decided to buy phones for all the women's cars in her family.

Willingham, a senior broadcast journalism major, said she had no other choice in Wichita Falls than to depend on another person for help.

"It was getting dark and I didn't know what else to do — I didn't want to just sit in my car," she said.

Potentially dangerous car emergencies are motivating many students and their parents to have

phones installed to prevent a bad situation from getting worse.

According to car phone sales representatives, a car phone can give drivers a sense of security.

"Safety is the number one reason people purchase car phones, and then comes business needs," Candace Smith, a sales representative for Telephone Warehouse in Fort Worth.

Steve Stookesberry, an employee at Hawk Electronics, said a car phone could usually put some of the anxieties about driving at ease.

Quita Butler, a junior English major, said she and her parents feel more comfortable having the phone installed in her car in case of an emergency.

"I have a nine hour drive home," Butler said, "and my parents like to keep track of me on the road. There are a lot of truck stops but you'd never want to stop at them to call."

At Hawk electronics, Stookesberry said the best way to go about buying a car phone is through the

security purchase plan.

The plan includes a bag phone, which costs around \$150, and a two year contract with Southwestern Bell Cellular, he said.

The monthly payments are \$29.95, and calls are 60 cents per minute. Weekend calls are free, he said.

"Up front, the security purchase plan is expensive," Stookesberry said, "But if the phone is used only for emergencies, this is the most frugal plan."

Smith also said the bag phone is the best choice for the purpose of car emergencies.

"Even if your car has broken down and the battery is dead the phone will work," Smith said.

"The bag phone operates off a battery or the cigarette lighter and can be stored under the seat or in the trunk," she said.

Other car phone models use the car's battery for power. In case of a breakdown, it is possible that the phone won't work, Stookesberry said.

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Alija Izetbegovic believed giving up the military was a demonstration of the Bosnians commitment to peace, she said.

Instead of promoting peace, Dorraj said, the embargo has allowed the Serbs, who kept control of the Yugoslav army, to invade Bosnia without much resistance.

"The Bosnians for all practical purposes are fighting with hunting rifles," he said.

"The biggest tragedy of all is that all of the dictators around the world have no problem getting arms, but when a democratic nation needs arms (to defend themselves), they can't get them," Dorraj said.

Turkey and other Muslim nations have offered aid to the Bosnians, she said, but the United States and the United Nations have warned against outside intervention.

American policy that denies intervention in other countries' domestic affairs is designed to contain the war, said Spencer Tucker, history department chairman.

If Turkey sides with the Bosnians, then Greece will join in support of Serbia, and Russia will soon follow, Tucker said.

The United States and Europe fear the outbreak of another World War, he said.

But allowing Serbia to overrun Bosnia without strong penalties sends a distinct message to other European countries, Tucker said.

The United States is saying it will not prevent nations from invading clearly-defined borders of other countries in the name of nationalism, Tucker said.

The United States is also sending a moral message to other nations, panel members said.

After the Holocaust of World War II, everyone said that genocide would never again be allowed, Tucker said. But today as Bosnian Muslims continue to perish at the hands of the Serbs, the Americans are saying there is nothing we can do to prevent it, he said.

Dorraj agreed. "From a moral point of view, to display such passivity about the plight of the Bosnians is morally repulsive," he said.

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manager in Hillsboro, said that the Cross Trainer is so popular because it is made for the "jack of all trades" athlete.

"The shoe is specifically made for people who want to run, play tennis, play basketball — almost anything," he said.

Some of the shoes have a cushioning system with air in the soles, said Mark Harkins, footwear manager for the Nike store.

"An average person pounds at least one-and-a-half times his body weight when exercising," he said.

"The Nike shoe absorbs this shock."

Nike Cross Trainers are also made of a lighter leather than most shoes, he said, which makes them easier to play in.

Ed Fillmore, manager of the Foot Locker store in Hulen Mall, said that the best shoe for a person depends on the individual.

"Comfort is usually first, and looks are second," he said. "All shoes are very comparable."

Nike, Reebok and Air Jordans are the most popular at the Hulen Mall store, Fillmore said.

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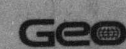
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