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Athletics receives \$1 million more in scholarships than academics

Faculty Senate investigation shows differences in funding

By BEN JOHNSON
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Athletic scholarships make up around \$1 million more of university expenditures than academic scholarships, said Gregg Franzwa of the Faculty Senate.

Franzwa, chair of the Senate's student relations committee, said a Senate investigation found that athletic scholarships at the university total \$1 million more than academic scholarships, which have more recipients.

Although 250 students on athletic scholarships receive a total \$2.8 million, the 1,045 students on academic scholarships receive \$1.8 million, he said.

The amount given to academic scholarship recipients averages to nearly \$1,800 a student, Franzwa said.

Carolyn Dixon, associate athletic director, said while some of the student athletes are on partial scholarships, 200 receive full scholarships, which are worth around \$14,000

each.

Franzwa expressed concern that the disparity in scholarships is drastically affecting the quality of academics at the university.

"We are clearly not trying to recruit people based on academic merit," he said.

If more academic scholarships worth higher monetary awards were given out, he said, it would improve the academic integrity of the university as a whole.

"You have to have a critical mass of good students, or the university can drift into mediocrity," he said.

Franzwa said he was surprised by the scholarship numbers, especially since the total amount of financial aid at the university is around \$15 million.

Financial aid that is not for athletic or academic scholarships is reserved for a number of different areas, including need-based aid and minority scholarships, he said.

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Golden Key National Honor Society members listen to their chapter adviser, Vicky Roper, during the Golden Key Awards Picnic Wednesday afternoon. The picnic was held in conjunction with Honors Week.

Plaid Pig bar opens on University; features classic rock, live bands

By CAMIE MELTON
TCU Daily Skiff

A new bar on University Drive called the Plaid Pig will officially open tonight, in order to provide TCU students with nightlife that is closer to home, its owners said.

"We hope that people won't always have to go to Dallas when they go out now," said Neil Fetting, one of the bar owners. "Our atmosphere will be similar to the Rhythm Room in Dallas."

The Plaid Pig is a '60s and '70s rock 'n' roll bar that will serve mixed drinks and beer, Fetting said. It will be open Wednesday through Saturday beginning tonight.

Although the bar is still under construction, the owners said they hope to have the last-minute decorating completed in another month. The final touches will include music posters and a painting

of the bar mascot, the plaid pig, Fetting said.

"We just wanted to open a bar, so we did," he said. "Things just came together. We're still wondering why we decided to open this place."

The Plaid Pig is only a door or two down from the Pub, a popular student bar. There may even be a possibility of the two bars sponsoring an event together, he said.

Customers must be 21 and over unless there is a mixer or another social gathering scheduled, Fetting said.

There will also be no cover charge unless a band is performing. A compact disc jukebox full of rock 'n' roll music from the '60s and '70s will always be available but they hope to have a band as often as two or three times a week, he said.

Jukebox music will include the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jim Morrison. One of the owners is a student from Southern

Methodist University, and another is a Southwest Texas State graduate.

Because the owners are about the same age as the crowd they are trying to attract, they know what college-age students like, Fetting said.

"We know where we like to go, and we're young, too, so we assume others will like the same," he said. "We like places that don't have a cover, have drink specials and a good band. That's what we hope to provide."

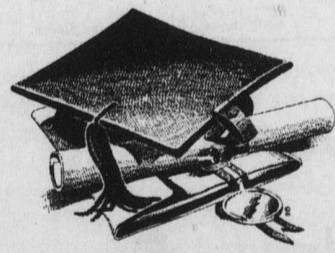
The bar has already established the house drink — the Plaid Pig. Owners hope the frozen blue drink will become their claim to fame. Bar cups and shirts will also be sold.

"This summer things should really get going, so the bar will be really strong by the time school starts up in the fall," Fetting said.

Scholarship Funding

Athletics:

\$2.8 million
for 250 students



Academics:

\$1.8 million
for 1,045 students

source: Gregg Franzwa, Faculty Senate

Honors Convocation features awards, celebrates faculty, student excellence

By ROBIN SHIRLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

All 11 a.m. classes will be dismissed today so students and faculty can attend the 31st annual honors convocation in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The convocation is a tradition that has been held longer than Honors Week, said Akum Norder, chair of the Honors Cabinet.

"Honors Convocation is an opportunity for the university to celebrate excellence in scholarship, both in the Honors Program and in the university at large," Norder said.

Freeman Dyson, a physicist from

the Institute for Advanced Study, will be the visiting scholar. He will speak on "The Scientist as Rebel."

Kevin Estes, a senior biology major, will perform the processional and postlude.

To celebrate that excellence in scholarship, faculty members will parade into Ed Landreth Hall wearing historic academic dress. The history of the dress goes back to 1895 when institutions of higher learning formed a "code of academic dress."

Gowns for collegiate degrees are made and worn differently. Gowns from different universities vary in color, but most are black.

The doctoral gowns are distin-

guished by the velvet facing on the front and the three bars of velvet across the sleeves.

The hoods are made of the same material as the gowns except they are lined with the official colors of the college where the degree was earned. The bindings of the hood are color-coded and correspond to the wearer's field of study.

Chancellor William Tucker will announce the 1993 Phi Beta Kappa electees. Also, many awards will be presented including Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society Awards, TCU Honors Scholars Awards and the Honors Faculty Award.

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with a high temperature of
68 degrees.
Friday will also be sunny
with a high temperature
near 70 degrees.

Pellet gun shootings prompt investigation, speculation by police

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU Daily Skiff

Two incidents of aggravated assault and criminal mischief with a BB or pellet gun near Milton Daniel dormitory have prompted a Campus Police investigation, said Chief Oscar Stewart.

There is a possibility that the perpetrator may be a student, he said.

"At this point we can say who it may be," Stewart said. "We think it's a student, but we haven't found any proof yet. We do, however, have some ideas."

The first incident occurred last Thursday when a waste management driver reported having the window of his truck shot out while trying to empty the waste bins behind Milton Daniel.

The driver said he believed the shot came from the third floor of the building.

The second incident occurred Saturday when a resident of Moncrief dormitory was shot in the right leg with a BB. The victim, who did not require medical attention, said the shot was probably fired from Milton Daniel.

Campus Police do believe that the gun was shot from the dorm, Stewart said.

"Judging from the trajectory of the shot, we do think it was shot from the third floor from a window facing Moncrief," he said. "The student was

standing approximately in the middle of his room with his window half way open. In order to have hit him in the lower part of his leg, the gun would have had to have been shot from an upward angle," he said.

Attempts by the Campus Police and the Office of Residential Living and Housing department to find the gun by conducting room searches have turned up negative, said Stewart.

"We're not through looking into this matter yet and we are going to do our best to catch this person. Whoever it is obviously doesn't see the danger in what they're doing."

Crime Prevention Specialist, Sgt. Connie Villela, said that the situation is serious because the weapon is powerful.

"This is a very alarming incident," Villela said.

"The BB gun must be fairly powerful to be able to break a window shield," she said. "They could easily put some ones eye out or injure someone seriously."

Although a BB gun is not considered a deadly weapon, Stewart said that the offense is very serious and will be treated in a serious manner.

"Whoever is doing this thinks it's just a big joke," he said. "They should realize that when they're caught they could be facing charges of aggravated assault."

Testing teaching

Student evaluations of faculty performance play part in salary decisions

By R. BRIAN SASSER
TCU Daily Skiff

Get out those No. 2 pencils. It's time for students to give professors a grade.

Student evaluations of professors begin April 19 and continue to the end of the semester.

A professor's evaluation plays a part in the determination of pay increases, said Michael McCracken, dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

"Faculty evaluations are completed annually, and each department chair prepares an overall

evaluation for each faculty member," McCracken said. "They are used for consideration for merit and salary increases."

All copies of evaluations are kept on file by the dean and are used when a serious issue arises or student complaints are made, McCracken said.

"We look in the student evaluations to see if there is anything there that suggests an ongoing problem, or if it is just one student having trouble," he said.

The student evaluations, which are part of a number of factors included in checking a professor's

performance, give students the chance to offer input in the process.

"Student evaluations do play an important role in the evaluation of teaching and performance," McCracken said.

They are helpful because they provide immediate feedback to the instructor, McCracken said.

"The student evaluations provide a chance for the instructor to gain a sense of the class' perception," he said.

The majority of faculty can see improvement in their teaching by comparing student evaluations over the years, McCracken said.

Although the student evaluations are important to the instructor's overall evaluation, there are always problems with apathy among the students, McCracken said.

"Some students are convinced they make a difference, others think the input will not be considered," he said. "It's all a part of human nature."

The student evaluations usually identify the extremes in instructors, McCracken said.

"The good instructor will stand out, as well as the weak instructor," he said.

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Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, is hosting a regional conference on April 17. Papers will be presented and Light Cummins from Austin College will speak at the luncheon. For more information call Emily at 921-3222.

Organ Recital Fredrick Grimes will play a guest recital April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

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.

Sculpture show Fort Worth sculptor Paul Lucke will present his Master of Fine Arts showing in the Moudy Building's Exhibition Space from April 19-23. Reception April 19 from 6-8 p.m. Showing hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Integration Bee will be held April 20 at 4 p.m. in Winton Scott Hall Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. Advance registration in Winton Scott Hall Room 112.

Film series Two films on Andean culture will be shown on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall Room 134.

Internship Applications for the Houston JC Internship are due May 1. Only graduating seniors or graduate students may apply. Send a one to two page biographic summary, statement of career goals, an official cumulative transcript and two letters of recommendation from faculty members to: Institute of International Education Southern Regional Office, 515 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 150, Houston, TX 77027-9407. For more information call James Falk at (713) 621-6300.

Opportunities for volunteers The Council for International Educational Exchange is looking for people for this summer's International Workcamp Program. Volunteers go to Europe, Africa and other places. The cost is \$135 plus transportation. For more information write CIEE, International Workcamp Department, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 661-1414, ext. 1139.

Calculus integration bee Mathematics-sponsored program to be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in Winton Scott Hall. Competition for cash prizes begins at 4 p.m.

Social Work Association Raffle for prizes including Billy Bob's concert tickets begins Monday and continues through May 1. Tickets are available in the Student Center April 27 through 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds to go to Tarrant County Women's Center and Rape Crisis program. For more information contact Kristie Walker at 346-2650 or Janie Thurman at 926-8807.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
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ARIES(Mar. 21-Apr. 19). Talking things out solves a number of troubling differences between you and intimate family over next few weeks. Call colleagues from jobs past for contacts in employment searches. Ask Taurus.

TAURUS(Apr. 20-May 20). Enjoy pleasant moments with boss; you'll hear heartwarming praise for past efforts you didn't know were appreciated. Family secrets come to light over the next few weeks, proving you right all along.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Terrific new friend helps you explore possibilities for education or career development that seemed remote before. Take up a new sport; health is easily improved through enjoyable activity.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Improved relationship with boss makes next few weeks' work a pleasure. Those standing nearby will be listening, so don't let secrets slip. Travel for business may interfere with family plans.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). True friendships come through now. Time is on your side, so be optimistic. Bring past experience to bear on new situations. Passion returns to marriage if you go along with mate's ideas.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Good news in matters that have worried you. Health concern is cleared up. Get ready for challenging work assignments.

Thoroughness and accuracy put you in front of the crowd. Take a class.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Present ideas to those who count. A love affair is about to take off in high gear; you'll be invited on a romantic getaway. Have plenty of fun with kids; they think you're tops. Yes, Aries cares.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Troublesome misunderstanding with a good friend is straightened out by straight talk. Invite folks over to party this weekend; you're full of ideas for fun. In-law relationships improve.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Strange feelings about a new person are your special intuitional gifts working overtime. Dependable family member is on the way to help. Give advice to young folks. That weekend trip is on!

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Job interviews are a chance to show your reliability. Kid around with a co-worker, and the job will progress more efficiently. Appreciate children; they need encouragement every day.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Watch for a chance to fall in love; someone is trying to get your attention. Travel plans can be made, and you'll be sure to have the time of your life. Suspicions regarding a newcomer are confirmed.

PISCES(Feb. 19-Mar. 20). Now you can safely reorganize financial matters. It's easy to be giving, but saving for the future is just as important in the long run. New job calls for much learning, but you can do it easily.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Funds/

Athletic and academic scholarships cannot be compared because there are a variety of differences in the two areas, Dixon said. "I really think it is comparing apples and oranges," she said. A large portion of athletic scholarships are used in sports that create revenue for the university, which helps finance the scholarships, she said. She said the university's nationally ranked sports, such as the men's track, golf and tennis teams, bring recognition to the campus. "In some areas, TCU is not known except by sports," she said.

The athletic department has a separate endowment fund for scholarships besides what is reserved by the university, she said. The department is working to have all athletic scholarships come out of that endowment, she said. Franzwa found out about the disparity, he said, while studying why so few National Merit Finalists come to the university. "I found we don't try to actively recruit National Merit Finalists," he said. The financial aid office told him that National Merit results, which are based on results from the PSAT test,

are not necessarily a good indication of who will succeed at the university, he said. The decision on who to recruit is also based data like SAT and ACT scores, high school class rankings and grade point averages, he said. There are currently nine National Merit Finalists currently at the university, according to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Since the athletic program loses revenue for the university, he said, the money would be better spent in other areas, such as the Honors Program and working to increase the number of faculty members. A part of the university's surplus revenue which was added to the endowment this year should be used to fund projects like increased academic scholarships. "We have the 42nd largest endowment in the nation," he said. "It's probably the only thing we're 42nd in." Increasing the number of academic scholarships might help TCU's student retention problem, Franzwa said. "One of the ways to retain people is to pick the right people to begin with," he said.

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Opinion

State-of-the-art gadgets challenge technology-resistant people

The day before Easter I was up with my dad at dawn (much earlier than my usual waking time of the crack of 10:30 a.m.) to take care of the quaint little rural task of feeding the cattle that pay for my education. We passed one of our neighbors in his brand new pickup and I noticed he was talking on a cellular phone.

Now I know this isn't out of the ordinary in Fort Worth, but it came as a shock to see a 75-year-old man in overalls with a cellular. Especially since I know he lost most of the usual dialing fingers in various farming accidents over the years.

I mentioned this to my father and he said that most of the farmers in our area were getting them now, although he would die a slow and painful death before he bought one of the stupid things. He did say, however, that he might start carrying



CLAY GAILLARD

of using this small piece of technology, he just drives up and bangs on the window until one of the walking Stridex commercials opens it to see what the noise is.

our broken cordless phone, just so he wouldn't stick out.

Typical answer from the most gadgetphobic man in America.

The man who only uses the drive-through if no one else is in line and then refuses to speak to the order speaker. Instead

"Is there a problem with your order, sir?" asks the helpless 16-year-old. "Yeah, nobody's taken it yet," he replies with more than a little annoyance.

At this point, rather than telling the kid that he doesn't talk to machines, he tells the kid to get his skinny butt in gear and get him his hamburger before he asks to speak to the manager.

He also wouldn't leave a message on an answering machine if he was returning Cindy Crawford's phone call, either.

In this age of constant technological change, he remains the one who doesn't bend to follow anything that might conceivably be considered a fad.

We have the last working non-digital microwave in captivity. Mom wants a new one that can do more than thaw meat and heat coffee, but she knows that she might

leave for a while sometime and he'd starve to death.

And he has to be the only person in last five years to order a new vehicle with the basic dial AM/AM radio.

It is beyond my grasp to see why a man who can take apart a tractor engine can't operate a powered can opener; I once came home late one evening to find him alone staring at a can of soup because he couldn't find the hand crank opener. But I wonder if his impairment is because of his simple stubbornness or because his generation and upbringing.

I'm sure he was fairly current on modern conveniences; his family had one of the first televisions in the county, but somewhere down the line he forgot to keep up. I go home and he always has something for me to put together or pro-

gram that someone has given him. And if I don't come home for six months, the new gadget will sit in its box for six months.

I give the old man a hard time now; it's an easy target, but as I look thirty years into the future, I think about my kids coming to see me and laughing because my clocks are all flashing twelve-twelve-twelve from the power outage three weeks before.

Then my dad comes over, still driving the plainest pickup on the market, and says, "What's the matter, son, can't figure out that new laser toaster?"

And then I will truly become the man that he is now and say, "Shut up, Dad, or I'll slap you in a nursing home."

Clay Gaillard is a junior English major from Texhoma, Okla.

Equal exploitation of men promises a cure for women

About two months ago, on the same day, two male friends both told me that they found actress Sarah Jessica Parker attractive. Or actually, "well-costumed" and "hot," undoubtedly based on her anatomical assets. I was horrified that two men I respect a great deal would stoop to such incredibly low levels. Was this mere machismo? A simple statement of what they



KRISTINA STARKE

thought symbolized female attractiveness? Or, was it a comment not on how they saw one woman but rather how they saw all women? Did, God forbid, these good male friends of mine objectify women?

I hated to think the latter was true, but had to belabor all the same. I equated what they said with subscribing to Playboy (or Sports Illustrated, just for the swimsuit issue), going to "gentlemen's" clubs and bikini contests and putting posters of scantily clad

women on their bedroom walls. In high school, I successfully traumatized at least one high school boyfriend into removing one such poster from his walls after a short tirade in which I expounded on my feminist ideals and, unfortunately, my two friends involved in the actress incident received varying degrees of the same. The dialogue went something like this: Me, "Men and their overactive hormones. The media just feeds your disease. . . Of course most porno is aimed at males. . . It's this type of thinking that leads to such atrocities as the Tailhook convention gone awry. . . If women are continued to be seen as sex objects, they'll never be seen as equals. . . Is Parker really your idea of an attractive woman?" They retorted, "Don't you think you're blowing this out of proportion?"

I then went and complained bitterly to a female friend, looking for empathy. She asked me if there wasn't perhaps a male actor that would be equivalent to Parker whom I could appreciate solely for his looks. We both racked our brains and came up with nothing. As mature, intelligent females we found ourselves more attracted to actors with wit, charm, or talent than cookie-cutter good looks. So, the search began for a man who was purely physically attractive. I forgave my male friends and explored the issue more.

Exploitation of women is okay, I've finally decided, as long as women in general are not seen as sex objects. After all, the woman who is exploited (as seen nude/minimally clad in movies, on posters and in night-clubs) chooses to be, and is making a living on what may be her only asset. This is no different than any other employed person who is exploited for either his/her body (manual laborer) or mind. Furthermore, the man who appreciates such exploitation is himself exploited — for his money and lust, thereby cheapening the man more so than the woman.

A solution, or placebo perhaps, would be to exploit men more, which is a more realistic option than exploiting women less. For example, there are relatively few movies that include male nudity while there are easily hundreds of movies that contain female nudity. While the addition of male nudity would make movies more uncomfortable to sit through, it would make the female nudity seem less offensive. Even the score, if you will.

Exploiting both sexes equally should, in effect, prevent females from being used as sexual props, and perhaps put an end to all the needless breast-baring scenes that add nothing to the story line of a movie and serve only to give a PG movie an R rating. Men may never understand what it feels like to be, as a gender, objectified. But, damn it, they can at least watch a movie and experience paranoia about their own attractiveness as their girlfriends stare intently at unclad males on screen.

Considering that I had possibly taken my objections to my friends remarks to absurd lengths, I have since apologized. And I continue to search for the purely attractive male figure, leading to new dialogue with my female friend: Me, "Now there's a classically good-looking guy." Her, "He's taken." Me, "Did I say I was interested? I'm not interested. I'm just commenting on his basic attractiveness."

However, I refuse to cheapen myself, so I plan to spend my upcoming 21st birthday at Denny's, The Pub, and the like, not at LaBare as some of my, well, female friends have suggested.

Kristina Starke is a junior religion major from Lexington, Mo.



EDITORIAL

City Council

Fort Worth elections must be postponed

Despite a pending U.S. Justice investigation and protests from many members of the local Hispanic community and a U.S. Justice Department investigation, Fort Worth City Council elections will continue as planned on May 1. The city's refusal to postpone these elections while city leaders wait for a decision from the federal government is a stubborn decision that ignores the city's and the citizen's best interests.

At the center of the election controversy are concerns from Hispanic leaders that the group does not have appropriate representation in council districts. Currently, Fort Worth has eight council districts, one of which is predominantly Hispanic. Leaders for Hispanic 2000, the local group spearheading the redistricting effort, seek a ten member council configuration, which would allow for the addition of a second Hispanic district.

The redistricting plan submitted by Hispanic 2000 was rejected by the city, but changes were made in the current system to alter some district boundaries, but it essentially retains its same two predominantly African American and one largely Hispanic district. Now the federal government, at the request of the Hispanic leaders, has ordered a review of the Fort Worth redistricting plan.

And despite the possibility that the Justice Department could invalidate polling results and disqualify the winners on May 1, the elections — using the disputed district boundaries — will proceed as planned. Such a decision by the city is shortsighted and might prove costly if the federal government is not satisfied with the city's plan. Yet, hardheaded leaders within the local government refuse to wait and allow the review to be completed.

If the elections are held and invalidated by the Justice Department, new elections using new boundaries will

have to take place. Such a course of events would undoubtedly cost the taxpayers money, despite assurances to the contrary from Mayor Kay Granger. Polls would have to be opened for a second time, individuals who work at the polls would have to be paid for a second time, the votes would have to be tabulated by someone for a second time, notices would have to be printed in local newspapers for a second time and even utilities at the polls would have to be charged for a second time.

While these costs may not seem too great, they are definitely unnecessary and could be easily avoided if the city would acquiesce and allow the review process to run its course before brazenly going ahead with its elections.

Officials with both the local and federal government have indicated that the review process currently in progress will not take years to complete — in fact, Mayor Granger herself said that the Justice Department's decision would most likely be available before the May 1 election. The problem comes in implementing whatever decisions are made by the federal government. Therefore, if the city postpones the elections until the review is completed, the election could be rescheduled in a matter of weeks.

The only thing that is keeping Fort Worth from waiting to hold fair and uncontested elections is the city's stubborn inability and impatience to allow a necessary review to take place. The issue of minority representation has been rightly passed on to the Justice Department. The city of Fort Worth should, at the very least, possess the fiscal responsibility and sensitivity toward minorities to postpone these elections until voters and taxpayers can be assured that all is fair and just.

Society portrays divorce as quick and easy solution

Other than the news, there is little on television that I watch. At times I start to wonder if I am missing something, so I turn the TV on for background noise. It does not take long, however, before I am reminded why I do not spend much time in front of the tube.

For example, last night while waiting for Letterman to come on, I watched a somewhat unsettling commercial. The commercial advertised that for only \$22.95 you can order a video that tells you step-by-step how to go about obtaining a divorce. Is your marriage just not working out? Are you tired of being tied down and committed? Then just dial toll free 1-800-D-I-V-O-R-C-E and in no time you can be free from that old ball and chain and back into the swinging singles scene again.

What a concept! In between working out to your Jane Fonda aerobics tape and watching Arnold Palmer's tips for improving your golf swing, just pop in this little videotape and educate yourself on the quickest and easiest way to rid yourself of that burdensome marriage.

To make matters worse, in between classes today, I happened to have the television on to some soap opera. A young male character was meeting with his lawyer and discussing his current divorce proceedings to end his marriage of less than one year. He made sure to ask his attorney when the divorce would be finalized and how long he would have to wait before he could be married again.

The message that we are receiving from these and many other sources is obvious. Marriage is just something that two people should do if and when they feel like it. Marriage is a good arrangement as long as it is convenient and everything is fine and dandy. However, once the honeymoon is over, if you cannot handle the rough times, the hard work, and the commitment, then just get a divorce. It is a quick and easy solution.

The last statistics I saw regarding divorce rates reported approximately one in every two marriages in our country ending in divorce. Though there may be numerous reasons behind this high rate of divorce, I think some of the blame goes to this portrayal of divorce as an easy solution to a situation that turned out to be harder work than you bargained for.

There are many decisions in our lives which we can and do make on a whim — changing a hair style, taking off on a weekend excursion for example. Marriage, however, does not fall into this category. Marriage is a serious commitment between two people. It should be thought through and carefully considered by both individuals. Though the fairy tale idea of falling in love and running off to be married on a whim is a nice, romantic thought, it is not very practical in reality.

I have never heard anyone say that a marriage is easy or that it is all fun and games. Many couples, my parents included, equate marriage with a full-time job. Marriage is not something that should be entered into with the notion that it is something to try for awhile, but divorce is always an option if it is not working out.

I wholeheartedly acknowledge that there are certain circumstances, especially in marriages where abuse is involved, in which divorce may be the only reasonable and practical solution. Consequently, we should never condemn any person who has chosen divorce as a solution to the problems within their marriage.

Our society, however, needs to stop this portrayal of divorce as a "quick and painless" solution. Instead of glorifying the efficiency of divorce and emphasizing the ease with which people can rid themselves of a bad (or even so-so) marriage, the focus should be on encouraging careful consideration of the commitment of marriage before the need to consider a divorce is an option.

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News

Census statistics show 10 percent will never wed

By **KIMBERLEY CHERRY**
TCU Daily Skiff

Many students probably enter TCU hoping to find the man or woman they are going to marry. However, one in four adult Americans has never married, according to a recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau.

As more adults delay first marriages, and as the divorce rate steadies or rises, the number of single adults continues to climb. In 1990, the bureau reported that approximately 10 percent of young men and women will never marry.

The idea that people must marry to be happy and productive is fading as the number of singles rises. In 1990, single people made up 39 percent of the 183.6 million U.S. adults, up from 35 percent in 1980 and 28 percent in 1970, according to the bureau. Comparatively, the number of married people has only grown 19 percent in the same time.

The growing number of singles will impact everything from housing to travel. Parents will also be affected, as more singles are living at home.

The number of younger singles who live at home has grown from 48 percent in 1980 to 54 percent in 1991, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report released in February 1993. In fact, one in four single adults still lives in his or her childhood bedroom when he or she reaches the early 30s.

Parents often pay most or all of the living expenses for their adult children staying at home, freeing singles to spend their money on clothes, travel and entertainment.

Advertisers and marketers are realizing the potential market this growing group provides. From diapers to college tuition, parents spend money on items for their children, while single people are free from the costs of parenting and free to spend money on products for themselves.

Some marketers, however, were initially unsuccessful at their marketing attempts. Campbell Soup's "Soup for One," which was a single-serving can designed for singles, was unsuccessful. Singles liked the product but hated the name, calling it "The Lonely Soup."

Campbell's later successfully produced single-serving packages of many products, but didn't label them

specifically for singles.

There is also an increasing social acceptance for remaining single.

Maria Hammond, who was married for 10 years and has been divorced for 10 years, said, "I think the numbers of single individuals now has forced people to be more tolerant of singleness."

Hammond said the only time she feels pressure about being single is when she is with a group, and she is "the only person there who is not a 'couple.'"

About 46 million Americans are between 18 and 29 years old. These are the first generation of latchkey children, and, in about 50 percent of the cases, they are the children of divorced or separated parents. Disillusioned by the example their parents set, this generation is putting off marriage, experts said.

Kim Lyday, who is 25 and single, said that she is ready to get married "in the not too far off future."

One in three Tarrant County resi-

dents over age 18 is single, according to 1990 Census figures, but the figures for the number of singles on the TCU campus are unavailable.

Kristie Williams of TCU's Human Resources Department said the university can't ask for their marital status because of Affirmative Action laws.

While almost 60 percent of this generation will enter college, these singles will be entering the work force in a time of recession.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, those 25 and younger were the only group during the 1980s to suffer a drop in income, a decline of 10 percent. This results in 75 percent of young males, aged 18 to 24 years old, still living at home, the largest number since the Depression.

Before World War II, leaving home before marriage was almost unheard of, and the age of first marriage was relatively high. Young adults often lived with their parents for as much as a decade after they finished school and contributed to the

family's resources.

After World War II, young adults began marrying at an earlier age. The average age at first marriage reached a record low in the 1950s, but the number of young adults who left home to live alone or with a non-relative also increased.

Surveys of high school seniors, conducted both in 1976 and 1986, reported that four-fifths of the young women questioned expected to marry eventually.

Still, attitudes toward the timing of marriage are changing. Between 1976 and 1986, the number of seniors who expected to postpone marriage for more than five years grew from 26 to 37 percent.

The median age of a first marriage for single men is now 26.3 years compared with 25.2 in 1985, and 24.1 years for women vs. 23.3 in 1985.

Christy and Brann Jeter were married four months ago, after dating for 10 months and knowing each other for about four years. Both are in their early 30s, and neither has been married before.

Brann had set a goal of being married at 25, then revised it to 30 and

then to 35. He was married at 32.

Brann said he felt pressure from his family to get married. He would get "the usual remarks from Mom about the future grandchildren she'd never have," Brann said.

Christy points out that while marriage offers her security, companionship and a "source of love and devotion and family," there are advantages to singlehood. Christy said she had more time alone and more free time when she was single and didn't have the "extra expectation and demands of marriage."

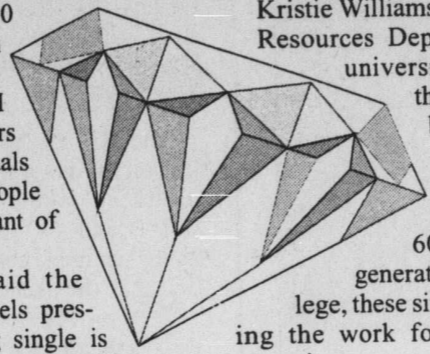
Marla Hammond said freedom is the greatest advantage of being single.

"I can go where I choose and do what I please without considering how it will be accepted by my spouse," she said.

Hammond does admit there are disadvantages to being single.

"When the dishes need to be washed, the house needs to be cleaned and the lawn needs to be mowed, I know that I'm responsible for it," she said.

If census figures are accurate in predicting the future, 10 percent of the students at TCU will never marry.



30 injured at DFW airport

Landing gear on DC-10 plane fails upon landing

By **MIKE DRAGO**
Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — At least 30 people were injured Wednesday while evacuating a crippled American Airlines DC-10 after the jumbo jet's landing gear collapsed on arrival at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

All the injuries occurred as 189 passengers and 13 crew members slid down inflatable escape slides into thick mud during a heavy thunderstorm, said American Airlines spokesman Ed Martelle.

The most serious injury was to 79-year-old Sarah Printz of Vero Beach, Fla., who suffered a broken neck. She was listed in serious condition at Irving Healthcare System, hospital officials said.

Passengers said the pilot warned about turbulent weather in the area but reported no problems with the jet during the approach.

"The landing wasn't too bad, then

he hit the brakes real hard," said passenger Hank Lindsay of Honolulu. "Then we skidded onto the mud and the plane tilted to its left."

The plane came to rest partially on a taxiway with its nose and left wing plowed into the mud. The nose gear and left under-wing landing gear had collapsed.

"We don't know what caused the problem, or why the aircraft ended up where it did," American spokesman Al Becker said.

Becker added that one of the control towers reported "smoke and flame coming from the wheel well" on the left side.

Many passengers also said they saw flames on the jet's left side.

Lindsay, who was not injured, said the fire spread over an area "four or five windows wide coming from the wing area."

"At first the people who rushed out were afraid to go off the wing on the slide. It was too steep," Lindsay said. "When we saw the fire, we said

'It's not too steep.' I'd look and run, look and run."

Thunderstorms were rolling across the area at the time of the incident, and some passengers thought the jet had been struck by lightning about 10 minutes before the landing.

"We had a bolt of something that hit us when we were airborne," said Faye Evans of Baltimore.

Airline officials said they were not sure if weather was a factor.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Alan Pollock said a team of investigators headed by agency chairman Carl Vogt was at the site.

The drenched and visibly shaken passengers were taken to an airport terminal, where they were given dry clothes, blankets and hot drinks. Several cried while describing the accident to friends and family members.

Flight 102 had originated in Honolulu and was landing at 6:59 a.m. CDT when the problem developed.

The airport, one of the nation's busiest, was closed for a short time after the incident and flights were delayed throughout the day.

Martelle said the affected runway could remain closed through Thursday while investigators comb the scene.

Martelle said 34 passengers were taken to hospitals, but added that some of those might have accompanied injured relatives. All but seven people had been released from four area hospitals by Wednesday afternoon, he said.

Hospital officials said the injuries were mostly minor, including broken bones, scrapes, bruises and shock.

Twelve people were treated at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford, while eight were taken to Baylor Hospital in Grapevine and another four to Harris Methodist H-E-B Hospital.

Six people were treated at Irving Healthcare System, including Ms. Printz, said hospital spokeswoman Verone Travis.

Piano dampened by leaky roof

By **ANGELA WRIGHT**
TCU Daily Skiff

The roof of Ed Landreth Auditorium leaked water onto at least one piano backstage during Tuesday night's rainstorm.

The pianos were shielded from the water by blanket-like covers. The covers, however, were soaked.

A specialist was called in to look at the pianos, but no damage was determined, said Buck Fielding, assistant director of building maintenance.

The incident occurred after maintenance men who have been working to replace the roof left for

the day and rain poured onto the building's surface.

Fielding said he immediately called the roofer and the plumber after he was notified of the problem.

"At this point, we think it was a roof drain that leaked water into the auditorium, but we're still not sure," he said. "The drains are supposed to be covered and sealed at the end of each day, but it looks like that wasn't done."

The leak occurred almost directly over a cage where pianos are stored. Rescue efforts by maintenance personnel were hampered because the key to the cage could

not be found.

Because the leaking occurred in only one part of the auditorium, building officials think the water may have run along one of the steel beams that supports the auditorium.

Fielding said drains are installed so that water won't collect on the roof's flat surface.

A plumber was sent to make sure that a clogged drain had not overflowed, but it hadn't.

"We're trying to pinpoint the cause of the leak and make every effort to make sure it doesn't happen again," the building official said.

Koresh promises surrender after writing religious script

By **MICHAEL HOLMES**
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — Cult leader David Koresh, who has broken past promises to end his 46-day standoff with authorities, now pledges to surrender after writing a religious manuscript, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Attorney Dick DeGuerin talked with Koresh in an hour-long phone call. He said the cult leader was writing about the seven seals from the Bible's book of Revelation, signs said to precede the end of the world.

"David has been working day and night, composing a manuscript that will be delivered to me, upon which he will then come out," DeGuerin told news reporters.

The lawyer said an aide to Koresh read him a letter the cult leader was sending to DeGuerin.

It said: "We are standing on the threshold of great events. The seven seals in written form are the most sacred information ever."

DeGuerin said Koresh wants his manuscript to be studied by two religious scholars, then "he will come out and stand before you (the news media) and the court so his story can

be told."

The lawyer said it took Koresh 14 days to write about the first of the seven seals, adding that he didn't know how quickly the manuscript would be finished.

The FBI command post in Waco declined immediate comment on DeGuerin's remarks.

Koresh and his heavily armed followers have kept hundreds of law enforcement officers at bay since a Feb. 28 shootout with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents trying to serve search and arrest warrants.

Four agents were killed and 16 wounded. Koresh claims six of his followers also died.

Wednesday is the third time during the siege that an end has been forecast.

On March 2, Koresh promised to come out of his compound if radio stations would broadcast a tape recorded religious message from him. Although a rambling, 58-minute tape was aired, Koresh stayed inside and said he was waiting on "a message from God."

Then last week, he told DeGuerin he would surrender following Passover. The cult's week-long

observance of that religious holiday ended at sundown Tuesday, but the standoff didn't.

"He's certainly strained" his credibility, FBI spokesman Richard Swensen said earlier Wednesday.

In a briefing with news reporters that took place before DeGuerin's talk with Koresh, Swensen said the cult members' nerves are growing frayed.

Swensen said negotiators report from phone talks with the cult that members are on edge, they suffer from lack of sleep and the tone of their conversations has grown more heated.

"They're clearly feeling some of that pressure," Swensen said of the 96 people remaining in the Mount Carmel compound.

He said authorities who surrounded the compound night and day have the firepower "to get this resolved almost immediately." But they don't want to endanger the 17 children inside.

"We're doing it at our own pace. . . We've got to do it in a way that we think will put the fewest number of those children in peril," he said.

However, the FBI spokesman said officials are confident the siege will end.

"That's not just pie in the sky. It will get ended and . . . we're not looking at that long. There's a limit to the patience. That's not to imply soon, but it'll end," he said. "It's going to end right here and it's not going to take forever."

Swensen also said the blow-by-blow news coverage that has continued since the Feb. 28 shootout doesn't appear to be holding a surrender. He said that Koresh, a one-time rock musician, does seem to enjoy the publicity, though.

"He is into this religious thing," Swensen said, noting that Koresh had asked negotiators for copies of national magazines that featured him. "I don't think he's doing it strictly for the publicity. I don't think he minds it by any means."

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Sports

The Suns will rise in Finals

by Rick Waters



Sports Columnist

Well, today is April 15, the big day at the IRS. Boy, I would really like to see Shaquille "the real deal" O'Neal's tax return. Or Barry Bonds' for that matter.

But mid-April also means fans are nearing the end of another long, virtually meaningless, NBA regular season. And the playoffs are just a couple of weeks away.

Every year, the same teams make the 16-team scramble for the NBA Championship, with a few exceptions here and there. But as the 82-game marathon of a season ends, a few questions still remain unanswered.

Will the Dallas Mavericks win 10 games this season?

Well, they have to win number nine first. The Mavs are currently 8-67 and only a mere 41 and a half games behind the Houston Rockets in the Midwest Division. With seven games remaining, Dallas is trying to avoid going down in NBA history as the team with the worst record ever. The 1972 Philadelphia 76'ers currently hold that dubious distinction with a dismal 9-73 mark. The Mavs have four of those remaining seven at home and against some NBA pipsqueaks: Denver, Sacramento and both Los Angeles teams. Only the Clippers (38-38) are .500 or better. So now is the time if the Mavs want to avoid being laughed at for centuries to come. Yeah, and David "Yahweh" Koresh will make a special halftime appearance at Reunion Arena.

Who's gonna pick up the last playoff spot in the East?

NBA commissioner David Stern might have to flip a coin. But it would have to be three-sided, because Orlando, Indiana and Detroit are all tied for the eighth spot. I think fans would like to see the Magic wind up facing the New York Knicks in the first round. What a dream it would be for NBC's Marv Albert and Mike "The Czar of the telestrator" Fratello to see Shaquille O'Neal and Patrick Ewing battling one another in the paint. YEEESSSS!

So what does the playoff picture look like and who will win it all?

Only the Phoenix Suns know their spot heading into the May free-for-all. They are first in the West by almost 10 games. The Suns are matched up against the L.A. Lakers. Houston will face the Clippers. Seattle and Utah will battle it out in the third and sixth spots, while San Antonio and Portland mix it up.

Write Phoenix in for the NBA Finals. And I didn't say pencil them in either. Use a marker. The Suns are a sure thing. Only Seattle will test them in the Western Conference Finals.

As for the East, things will be more wide open. The Knicks will likely face the survivor of Orlando, Detroit and Indiana. It won't matter. The Chicago Bulls will face Charlotte in a matchup of superstars, Larry John-



Senior Teri Martin will try to help the TCU women's tennis team capture the USTA Tournament Thursday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

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Crowell aiming for NCAA title

By KRISTIN KORTE
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU might soon have a national championship diver on its hands.

Senior Kelly Crowell leaves for Austin Sunday where the U.S. National Diving Championships will take place.

Crowell is a TCU record holder in the 1-meter, 3-meter and platform dives. Crowell was also named TCU's most valuable diver last season.

"I'm very excited," Crowell said. "I'm not nervous yet, but I probably will be in a couple days before I have to compete."

The U.S. National Diving Championships will take place April 20-24.

"Our national Olympic divers will be there along with some of the best divers in the country," said TCU diving coach Scott Anderson. "It's going to be a tough meet."

The competition will be extremely difficult because there will be a lot of big names there, Crowell said.

Crowell qualified for the U.S. Nationals after competing in the U.S. Diving Preliminary meet which took place April 2-4 in San Antonio.

"The competition included college divers, older divers out of

school and some high school divers," Anderson said. "She performed very well."

In order to go onto the U.S. National Championship, divers must score in the top four in each event they compete in. Crowell placed fourth in the 1-meter dive and second in the platform dive. This qualified her to compete at nationals in those two events. Crowell missed fourth place in the 3-meter dive by .15 of a point.

"I was a little frustrated about the 3-meter dive, but actually it is probably for the best," Crowell said. "Now I have more time to concentrate on my other two dives."

Three teams are picked at the national meet, Anderson said. They are for the Olympic Festival, the World Cup and the World University Games.

"Kelly's best shot is for the Olympic Festival Team," Anderson said. "She has a very good shot there."

The Olympic Festival will take place this July in San Antonio. In order to qualify for it, divers must place in the top four on the 1-meter dive, the top 10 on the 3-meter dive and the top 10 on the platform dive.

"I don't know how I will do, but I hope I qualify for the Festival," Crowell said. "That would be great."

son and some guy named Jordan. Cleveland and Atlanta will clash, and Boston and New Jersey tip it off. Knicks, Bulls, Cavaliers and Nets advance with ease. The Patrick's — Ewing and Riley — take the Nets out in four straight. And Chicago and Cleveland claw for seven grueling games. Sorry Bulls fans, MJ will be

practicing his putting early. New York will also dispose of Cleveland, who will exit a round short of the Finals yet again.

Phoenix and New York will make for an entertaining Finals, featuring two teams that haven't been there in a while. Barkley is the MVP as the Suns win it in six.

Athlete of the Week Andrew Beckman

By JENNIFER VOKOLEK
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU track team has long been known for its sprint program that has produced numerous titles in the 4x100 and 4x200-meter relays at major national relay meets.

Hence the name the Flyin' Frogs. TCU proved April 1-3 at the Texas Relays that the name was once again appropriate, but for a different reason.

The Frogs ran away with first place in the distance medley relay for the first time in school history. TCU outran the field of 20 teams that included such national powers as California and Texas.

A major contribution to the success of that quartet was senior marketing major Andrew Beckman.

"I didn't expect to win," Beckman said. "I was so excited, I was jumping up and down — all I really remember is a lot of photos."

Beckman ran the 800-meter leg on the relay after teammates Glenn Le Gros and Chris Brown had handled the 1200 and 400-meter legs respectively. Beckman got the baton in fifth place and closed the gap enough so freshman Eddie Crowe could bring home the gold for the Frogs on the anchor leg.

Beckman also performed well in the 4x1500-meter relay a day later as TCU took second place with a time of 15:36.83.

"Most runners perform at 70 percent if they're lucky," said TCU distance coach John McKenzie. "Andrew ran way over 90 percent."

Beckman finished third in the 800-meters at the Southwest Conference Indoor Championships in February

with a time of 1:53, finishing less than a second behind the champion, Daniel Fredricks of Baylor. Beck-

worried about all that. And if Coach McKenzie ever needed help I'd do that too."

"If Andrew wanted a graduate assistant coaching or assistant coaching position, I'm sure he could do it," McKenzie said. "I just see Andrew going on to his own thing."

One opportunity Beckman regrets missing is running on the same team with his younger sister, Molly, a sophomore psychology major.

"I red-shirted last year and she's hurt this year," he said.

Injuries and failures have taught Beckman lessons to live by in life, he said.

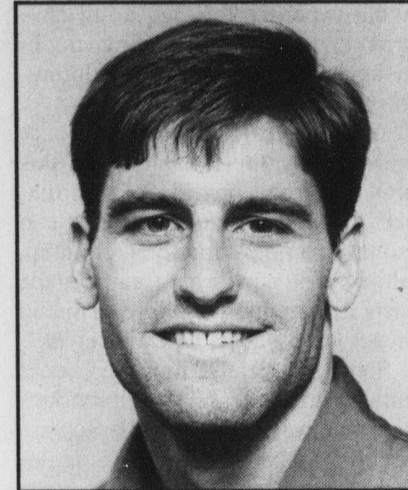
"Believing in yourself and understanding that certain things in life must be done on your own are two of the most important things you can learn in life," Beckman said.

During the 1991 indoor track season, Beckman learned one of life's hardest lessons.

Beckman was in second place in the 800-meters at the SWC Indoor Championships at the Tarrant County Convention Center, in front of the hometown fans, with less than 50 meters to go. Rounding the final turn, Beckman was bumped from behind and slipped, falling off the track. After being less than 50 meters away from a possible SWC championship, Beckman ended up empty handed.

"It made me realize how something so little could end the glory so fast," Beckman said.

As far as the rest of the season goes, Beckman will try to win that elusive first SWC title when the SWC Outdoor Championships roll around May 19-21 in Austin. Maybe this time fate will be on his side.



Andrew Beckman

man also had a very successful cross country season in the fall, finishing in the Top 20 at several meets.

McKenzie first spotted Beckman at the Elite Middle Distance Camp in Colorado during the summer before Beckman's senior year in high school.

"He got sick at the camp and had to go home," McKenzie said. "But, I saw him again later and thought he had a talent that could be further developed."

Graduation however, will take Beckman away from the track.

Beckman and a few friends are planning a month long trip to Europe, he said. Then Beckman is planning on spending time with his father and brother in Colorado.

"If I had the opportunity to run in some European competitions, I'd do it," Beckman said. "I really haven't



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