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## Mexico, U.S. must recognize past to save future, Fuentes says

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The U.S. and Latin America must reaffirm their multicultural pasts if they wish to grow stronger, Mexican author and political figure, Carlos Fuentes, told a crowd of more than 300 people in Ed Landreth Auditorium Sunday night.

"There are no pure cultures in the world," Fuentes said. "We are made of encounters. The more we include, the richer we will be."

Wearing a conservative navy suit and delivering his hour-long English speech with only a trace of a Spanish accent, Fuentes also endorsed the North American Free Trade Agreement and talked optimistically about improved United States-Latin American relations.

To be truly modern, Fuentes said, the Latin American society must provide opportunities to all people including women, blacks, Indi-

ans and immigrants. Previously these people have been excluded, Fuentes said.

Latin America is a mixture of many cultures and ethnic histories, Fuentes said. It has been influenced by Indians who originally inhabited the land, Africans who from an "experience of suffering and injustice drew a culture of beauty" and the Spaniards who colonized the continent, he said.

The Spaniards were also influenced by Jews, Muslims, the Roman Catholic Church and the Roman Empire.

"Our past is very much alive," Fuentes said, but colonization suppressed some of the ethnic groups. "The culture memory of the American continent hibernated," he said.

The U.S., too, excluded people who were not white, male and Protestant.

"It was comfortable to be the United States of amnesia," Fuentes said, but many of today's domestic problems relate to discrimination of the past.

Fuentes also said that NAFTA, which will eliminate tariffs on trade between the U.S., Mexico and Canada, will help nations of the Western hemisphere compete with Japanese and European businesses.

Some United States jobs will go to Mexico, where labor costs are less, Fuentes said, but these jobs would leave the country even without NAFTA.

"These labor-intensive jobs are doomed anyway," Fuentes said. "If these jobs do not go to Mexico, they will go to Malaysia, in which case they will strengthen the Japanese block."

American jobs going to Mexicans should not be feared because Mexico is not one of the United States' competitors, like Japan and Europe are, he said. Fuentes also noted that Latin America is the only region in the world where the U.S. maintains a trade surplus.

"We are constantly told that NAFTA is

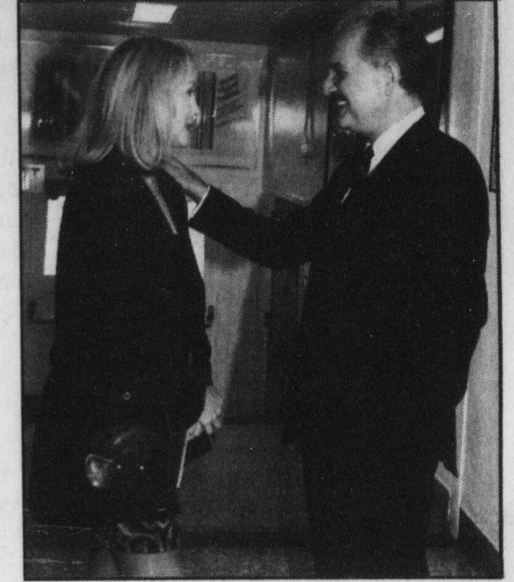
only a trade agreement," he said, but added that he thinks it means the beginning of better political relations as well.

During the Cold War, United States-Latin American relations were strained. Americans were paranoid about communism, Fuentes said.

"We shut down our civilized nature and let only the nightmare of suspicion slip though," he said. "This policy reached the climax under the Reagan-Bush administration."

Fuentes criticized U.S. military intervention in Nicaragua and Panama. "The U.S. cannot impose solutions on Latin America anymore than we can on you," he said. "All we can do is share experiences."

The end of the Cold War means Latin Americans now can petition their governments for better working conditions, higher wages and human rights without being



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jennifer Biggins  
see Fuentes, page 2 Carlos Fuentes visits with his wife.

## Festival promotes healthy choices

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Students climbed an artificial three-story-high 'rock' wall and became entangled in a Velcro 'flytrap' as part of many activities offered at the Collegiate Health and Fitness Tour on Monday and Tuesday in front of the Student Center.

BACCHUS, Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, is presenting the nationwide tour to promote responsible, healthful choices by college students and to raise awareness about the organization, said A.J. Grove, a junior neuroscience major.

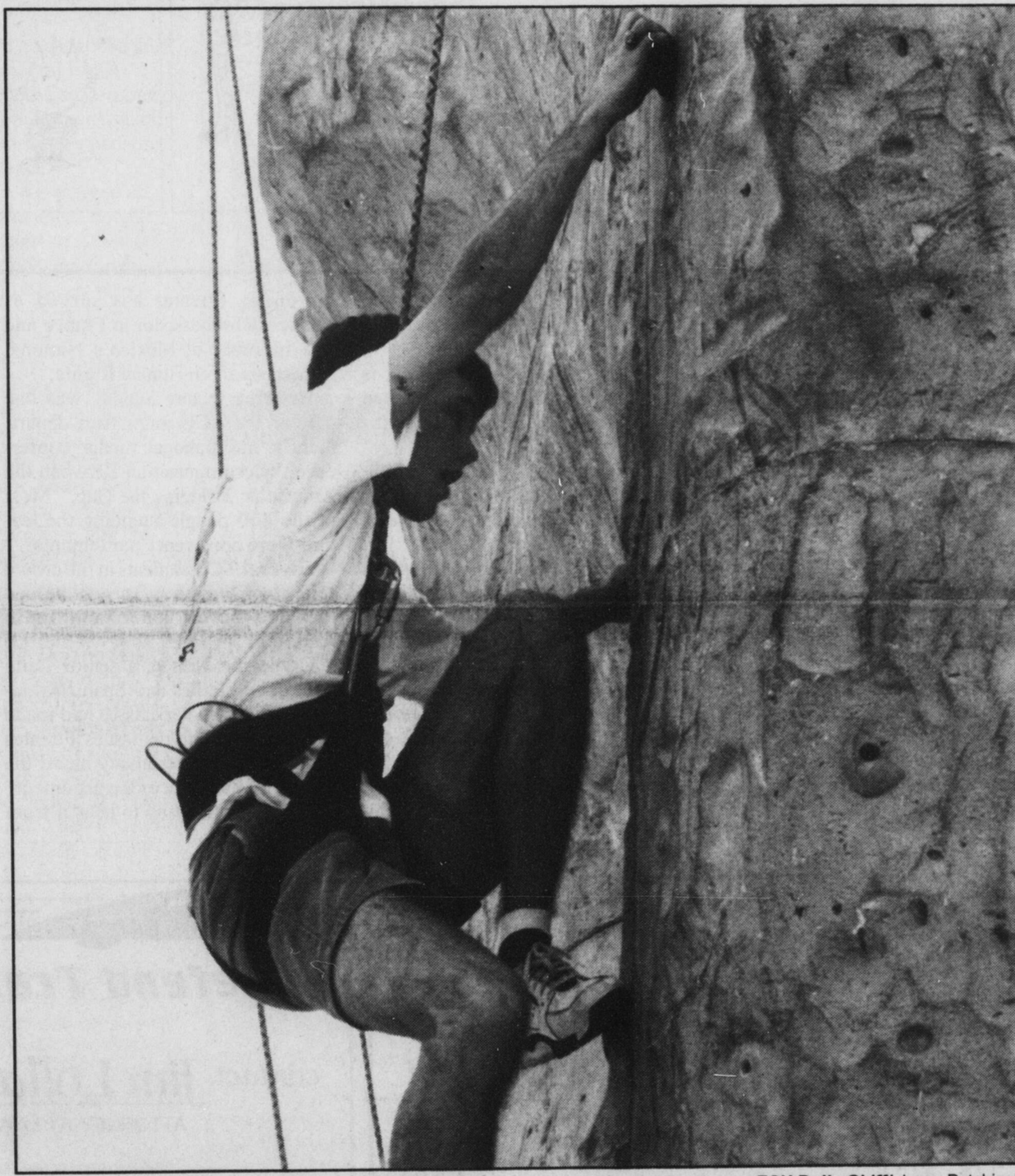
The tour's activities show students that they can have fun without including alcohol and drugs, said Grove, who is president of Responsibility of Alcohol and Drugs (R.O.A.D.) Workers, the local BACCHUS chapter.

"Most college students think they can only have fun if they drink," Grove said.

"BACCHUS doesn't condemn drinking, but it condemns the bad decisions that often follow drinking," Grove said.

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski  
Justin McDonough, a freshman criminal justice major, attempts to scale a "rock" wall Monday at the Jeep Eagle College Tour held at Frog Fountain.

## Fire destroys Waco complex

### Nine survivors reported after cult compound inferno

By LAURA TOLLEY  
Associated Press

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WACO, Texas (AP) — Doomsday cult leader David Koresh's apocalyptic prediction for his followers came true Monday when a raging fire destroyed the compound where he had held federal agents at bay for 51 days.

The fiery end to the standoff surprised the FBI, which said Koresh had repeatedly promised there would be no mass suicide.

"I can't tell you the shock and the horror that all of us felt when we saw those flames coming out," FBI special agent Bob Ricks said late Monday. "We thought, 'Oh my God, they are killing themselves.'"

"We can only assume that there was a massive loss of life," Ricks said. "It was truly an inferno of flames. It would be very surprising if any of the names not read survived," he said after reading a list of nine people that did not include Koresh. The youngest survivor was 16 years old, Ricks said.

The FBI previously had said two of the women in the compound were pregnant, one of whom was due to deliver in May. They apparently were not among the survivors.

Four of the survivors were hospitalized with burns and broken bones; five others were in custody in the McLennan County Jail where they were being held as material wit-

nesses, said sheriff's Lt. Johnny Mynar.

Bonnie Haldeman, Koresh's mother, blamed the FBI for the tragic end.

"I don't know what David did," Haldeman said by telephone. "I can't answer for the people in there or for what they did. I don't know what they were thinking. I just know it's a tragic situation that shouldn't have happened from the very beginning."

"There were law-abiding, God-fearing people in there. They didn't hurt anybody. It's ridiculous. They're gonna pay," she said in a quivering voice.

Texas Department of Safety spokesman Laureen Chernow said the Texas Rangers will investigate the compound site in conjunction with federal agencies. She said she wasn't able to discuss details of what they might be looking for.

The blaze erupted about 12:05 p.m., just over six hours after FBI agents began using armored vehicles to pound holes in the sprawling building and spraying it with tear gas in a bid to force an end to the standoff.

Justice Department spokeswoman

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## NYU studies women in news

By KRISTI WRIGHT  
TCU Daily Skiff

The media underrepresents women as subjects and reporters of the news, according to a study by the Women, Men and Media project at New York University.

The study examined the three television network nightly news programs, the front page stories of 10 large metropolitan daily newspapers and 10 mid-sized city daily newspapers for a month in 1992.

The study determined that women have made gains in coverage and reporting since the mid-1980s, a *Newsday* article said. Newspapers in smaller cities covered women's issues more and have more women reporting the news, the article said.

The study showed men reported 86 percent of the stories on ABC, NBC and CBS. This represents the second consecutive year that the number of lead stories reported by women decreased, *Newsday* said.

Men were written about or quoted in 85 percent of the top stories in the newspapers surveyed. Men wrote 66 percent of the front page stories and 74 percent of the opinion or commentary pieces in the newspapers and surveyed by the project, the article said.

Overall, the study found that

women's bylines increased from 24 percent in 1991 to 34 percent in 1992.

However, women are still not as influential in the news process as men, said Maggie Thomas, assistant professor of journalism.

Women are not in decision-making or leadership positions within newsrooms, Thomas said.

There are no female executive news producers at the national news networks, Thomas said. Americans have almost become conditioned to think that women do not belong in decision-making roles, she said.

Women are not involved in the decision-making process that determines what stories make the news and how the stories are covered, said Thomas, who recently wrote a paper on women in the media.

Thomas, who used the results of the Women, Men and Media project's study in her research, said 1992 marked the first time the project found one front page newspaper that had more female bylines, references and photos than men.

However, Arnot Walker, a spokesman for ABC's "World News Tonight," said that looking at the number of women involved in a news report does not indicate whether or not women are adequately represented in the media, according to *Newsday*.

"You must look at the content of the broadcast to determine whether issues concerning women are well-covered," Walker told *Newsday*.

The issues of specific groups do not have to be covered by a member of that group, but if the reporter is a member of that group it is inevitable that he or she will relate to the issue, Thomas said.

The media should represent and include the whole population proportionately, Thomas said. Men have more influence in what news reaches the public and are overrepresented in the news, Thomas said.

Studies that point out these disparities are important because they show what images are reaching the public, Thomas said.

The public assumes the news brought to them by the media, especially television, represents reality, she said. But when the media overlooks over half the population as subjects, sources and contributors for stories, it is not presenting the public with accurate images, Thomas said.

The public must demand that the media represent diverse views, and the media is responsible to portray the news as it really is, she said.

"People gain a much better understanding of the issues and reality if different points of view are represented and expressed," Thomas said.

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### METROPLEX

Today will be sunny with a high temperature of 68 degrees. Wednesday will be sunny with a high temperature in the lower 60s.



## Sect leaders feed on control, cult experts say

### Waco, Jonestown compared

By NICOLE FOY  
TCU Daily Skiff

It was 1978 when 405 men, women and children were found dead from cyanide poisoning in Jonestown, the Guyanese cult community led by Jim Jones.

Almost 15 years later, flames consumed cult leader David Koresh's Mount Carmel outside of Waco, ending a 51-day siege and leaving only nine survivors.

Authorities said the fiery blaze was apparently set by members of the Branch Davidian cult Monday after FBI agents used armored vehicles to pound holes in the compound to spray tear gas inside. Authorities had not released the total number of dead Monday night.

Included in the death count, authorities said, were the lives of many women and children. Accord-

ing to federal officials, the dead are most likely the result of a mass suicide order given by Koresh.

Experts say such mass sacrifice is not uncommon for religious cults led by charismatic leaders like Koresh and Jones.

Marcia Rudin, director of the International Cult Education Program in New York, said religious cult leaders often establish themselves as the "final authority" through manipulation and guilt of members.

"It's a power trip," she said. "And members will do anything for their leader — even take part of the ultimate sacrifice of death."

Koresh and his followers were advocates of the belief that "the ends justify the means," Rudin said.

"It turns into a we-versus-them syndrome," she said, "and the com-

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# News

## Skiff, Image win awards during professional journalism meeting

By JENNIFER SCOTT  
TCU Daily Skiff

The Image magazine and reporters from the TCU Daily Skiff received a number of "Mark of Excellence Awards" this weekend at the Society of Professional Journalists Regional Conference at the Worthington Hotel in downtown Fort Worth.

A series of stories on gender bias won first place for in-depth reporting.

The authors of the winning series were members of the spring 1992 reporting class, which included TCU

graduates Kristi Swan, Ashley Edwards, Juliet Yates and Coty Long; and current students Meredith Cawthron, Jennifer Willingham, Sarah Yoest and John Gaetz.

The same series recently won first place honors for Best Newspaper Series at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Awards in Corpus Christi this month.

Other awards included •Michelle Smith, a senior English major, won a first place award for column writing.

•Image magazine won second place for Best All-Around Student

Magazine.

•Yoest, a junior news-editorial journalism major, won third place in feature writing for her profile of Lynn Johnstone, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip "For Better or for Worse."

The annual competition is held for all student SPJ members in Region 8, which includes schools in Oklahoma and Texas, excluding the El Paso area. The regional winners will be able to enter their work in the national Mark of Excellence competition that will be held in Miami later this year.

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ination is a recipe for disaster."

The siege began Feb. 28 with a raid of the Branch Davidian compound. Four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and several cultists died in the initial shootout.

Ron Flowers, professor of religion, said Koresh's power over his followers was overestimated.

"I don't believe in brainwashing," he said. "Koresh was just able to convince them (the cult members) the world is evil, and the government confirmed that for them."

The fire that destroyed the compound Monday represented a statement to the world by the cult, he said.

"I'm confident those people thought of themselves as defenders of the faith, who would ultimately tri-

umph in death," Flowers said.

Most members of manipulative cults are in the lower- to lower-middle classes, according to a study on Jonestown titled, "Salvation in Suicide," Flowers said.

Such people don't have the skills to function independently in the world, he said. P 1 so they turn to cults' promises of security.

Koresh capitalized on the vulnerability of such people, Flowers said.

"Here's a guy who comes along and says, 'You're special, you're one of God's people, and you can prove your love by sacrifice,'" he said.

Rudin agreed that Koresh is a master of manipulation.

"He doesn't have to read the manual, because he's naturally gifted in that area," she said.

And like Jones, Koresh's charisma stemmed partly from his sexual domination of the women and children of his cult.

"Both Koresh and Jones used sexual relations as a means of controlling people," she said.

According to reports, Koresh banned sex, alcohol and meat for his flock, but not the shepherd. He claimed to have many wives, and former cultists said he sexually abused young girls.

Rudin said while most cult leaders have the ability to capitalize on the weaknesses of others, the Branch Davidian leader had an advantage during the 51-day siege.

"He had an edge with the isolation factor," she said. "And it seems now he took it to the limit."

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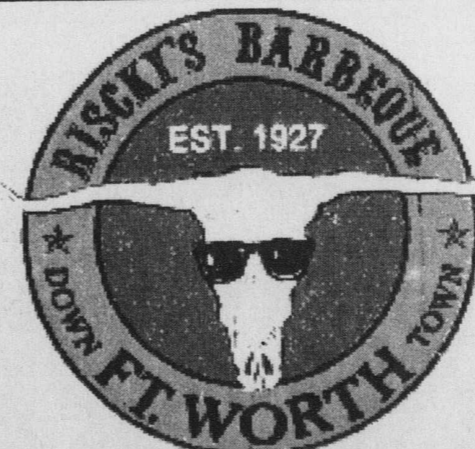
## MAIN STREET ARTS FESTIVAL



Right: Sand sculpture was one form of interactive art offered at this weekend's Main St. Arts Festival.

Below: Face-painting entertains a young festival-goer.

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