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Local businesses offer fast cash for students' used items

By CHRISTINA BODE
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Spring Cleaning could be a profitable experience, thanks to several area businesses that are interested in buying used goods.

Stores are paying cash for things that usually clutter closets and other small spaces such as used CDs, books, clothes, shoes, toys and furniture.

CD Warehouse, located at 2817 W. Berry, offers \$4 for any CD that plays without skipping.

"We usually give \$4 for a CD in good condition, but we will work with people if it's a box set or something unusual," said Barry Austin, a store manager. "We try to make our

customers happy."

The store usually won't buy a CD if it already owns several works by the group or artist, Austin said.

There are some CDs by popular artists that sell within the first hour it is bought by the store, he said.

"We can't get enough of The Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd or Stevie Ray Vaughn," Austin said, "But we don't buy rap because it just doesn't sell."

The store also trades CDs, usually on a two-for-one basis, he said.

Half Price Books Records and Magazines, 5264 Hulen, buys used books, magazines, tapes, records and videos.

Carl Pack, an assistant manager, said the

best offers are made on the most recent books and magazines.

"We'll make an offer on what's brought in based on what can be sold considering what's already in stock," he said.

Pack said Half Price Books Records and Magazines has regular customers who bring in magazines two or three days after they receive them at home. Such periodicals are worth the most money because they're recent publications.

Assistant Manager Susan Brents said most textbooks usually aren't worth anything, because they tend to be outdated.

"We'll make an offer on anything," Brents said, "Even if it's just a token offer."

Rob McLaughlin, a senior marketing

major, said he made some quick cash from old magazines he kept in his room.

"I took about 20 issues of Sports Illustrated, 20 issues of Business Week, 20 issues of Fortune and a paperback book," he said. "I got \$4 for all of it."

The Double Exposure, a retail and thrift store located at 3300 Camp Bowie Blvd., accepts used clothing, shoes, jewelry, toys, small working appliances and furniture.

The store, which has been run by the Junior League of Fort Worth since 1948, offers tax credits for all donations.

Chairman Lynn Dunlap said the store places an estimated value on the goods that may be used as a tax deduction. All profits made by the store are donated to the commu-

nity through various charities, she said.

The Clothes Horse Two Resale Boutique, located at 3105 Cockrell, takes merchandise on consignment.

Helen Stalkfleet, a salesperson from the boutique, said the donated clothing should be clean, pressed and on hangers.

Purses, jewelry, and maternity clothes in good condition are also accepted at the store Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The staff determines what the items will sell for and keeps them in the store for 90 days.

"When the items sell, you get half and the shop gets half," Stalkfleet said.

Items that do not sell can be picked up by the owner or are donated.

President of church to discuss new trends

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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The president and general minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada is visiting Brite Divinity School today to discuss seminary students' concerns and new trends in the church.

C. William Nichols will speak and answer questions about the duties of the church in two open forums held at 9:45 a.m. in Beasley Hall Room 201 and 11 a.m. in Beasley Hall Room 213. His visit will conclude with a luncheon at noon in Weatherly Hall.

"He has a keen interest in the direction of the church, and he's very sensitive to how people perceive that direction," said Terry Rothermich, a member of Brite's student government who coordinated the president's visit.

Don Bright, moderator of Brite's student government, said Nichols' communication with the World Council of Churches gives him insight to communicate with all religious groups.

"He can share what the new trends are in the church today, what the church endeavors to do and what we as seminary students need to do to meet those needs," said.

Nichols was selected as president in October of 1991, during the controversy within the church concerning the ordination of homosexuals.

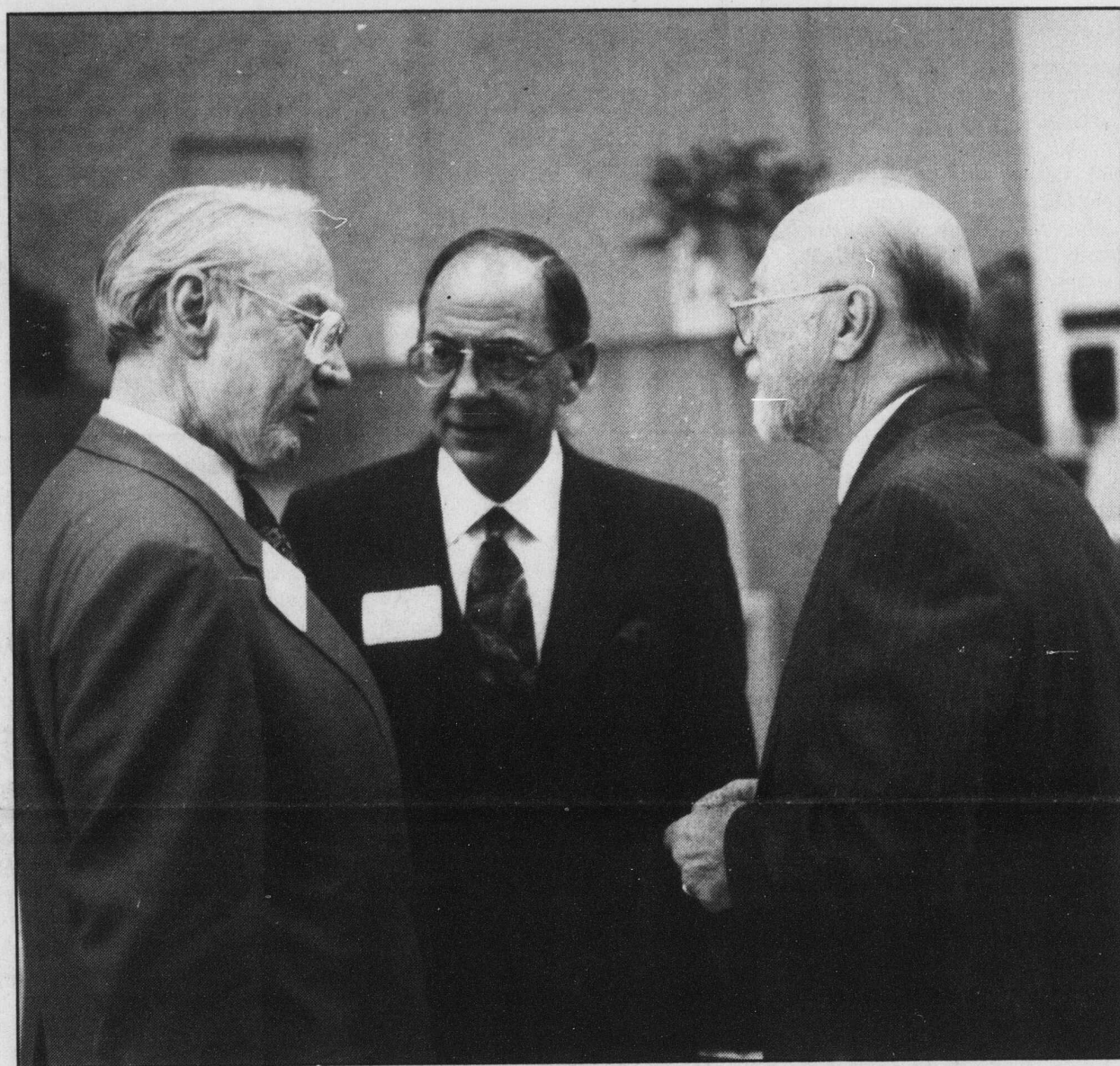
The initial nominee for the presidency was outspoken in his view that homosexuals had a right to be ordained as ministers. Nichols was appointed when that nominee failed to gain enough support from church leaders.

"I realize I am in my position because of (the controversy) but I don't dwell on it," he said.

"There are vast differences of opinions in our church over controversial topics like abortion and homosexuality, but these issues are dividing the whole country, not just the church," he said.

The media has made these issues appear to be major points of tension

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Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright visits with Chancellor William Tucker and Bill Newborn at a reception celebrating the opening of the library's Jim Wright Collection.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Catherine Fuss

Fans, friends honor Wright

Guests from around country celebrate political history

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

Over one hundred guests from Texas, Oklahoma, and Washington honored former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright and his collection of memoirs during a reception Tuesday at the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

The reception was the official dedication of the collection, which is now open to the general public since the materials came to the library in 1989.

"The university wanted to appreciate him for his gift and for helping students in their political aspirations," said Glenda Stevens, special collections archivist.

The collection, which is located on the second floor of the library, includes photos, postcards from famous politicians, a pair of bull horns, a bust of Jim Wright and many other mementos of a political career that spanned several presidencies.

"We have 20-foot lockers of a

video collection as well," said Marvin Schultz, member of the collections staff. "We have copies of radio addresses and TV footage from shows like 'Good Morning America' and 'The Today Show' that the speaker appeared on years ago."

Linda Lindsey, one of the guests on hand from Dallas, said her father Borden Seaberry swore Jim Wright in as mayor of Weatherford, the speaker's first elected political office.

"Walking through the display was like being a part of history," Lindsey said. "His office looks just like the real thing."

Wright spent most of his acceptance speech Tuesday recognizing guests who had come to honor him and expressing his thanks.

Chancellor William Tucker introduced the former speaker during the dedication.

"There are no great universities without great libraries, and there are

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METROPLEX

Today will bring scattered rain and a high temperature of 79 degrees.

Thursday will also be rainy with a high temperature of 80 degrees.

House elects committee chairpersons

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of the House of Student Representatives elected committee chairpersons for next semester at their meeting Tuesday.

The new chairpersons are: Nathan Digby, Academic Affairs; Jen Kolb, University Relations; Heather McIntyre, Elections and Regulations; Zach Tureau, Student Concerns and Scott Wheatley, Permanent Improvements.

The Academic Affairs Committee will work on increasing academic awareness, said Digby, a freshman English major and

former Elections and Regulations chair.

The awareness can be helped by bringing speakers like Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler to speak to the House and awarding athletes for academic achievement.

Kolb, a sophomore speech pathology major, said she intends to continue the University Relations Committee's Big/Little program.

"When I came to TCU, I knew no one at all," she said. "It would've been nice if someone would have called and said, 'Hey, I'm here!'"

Kolb said she would also strengthen the House's connec-

tion with Worth Hills.

"That way, everyone can participate in the activities," she said.

Tureau, a sophomore psychology major, said he would follow through on the recycling program initiated this semester. The Student Concerns Committee will also push Marriott to provide healthier meals, he said.

"Pizza and Pit sandwiches get kind of old after a while," he said.

McIntyre and Wheatley ran uncontested. Wheatley was Permanent Improvements chairman this semester, and McIntyre served on the Elections and Regulations Committee for two semesters.

New Committee Heads

- Nathan Digby Academic Affairs
- Jen Kolb University Relations
- Heather McIntyre Elections and Regulations
- Zach Tureau Student Concerns
- Scott Wheatley Permanent Improvements

'Landscape of the Body'

Murder mystery performance to portray a nightmare of the American Dream

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

Theatre TCU will present a murder mystery titled "Landscape of the Body" today through Sunday at the University Theatre.

The play, based on an off-Broadway production of a John Guare film, is a study of the American Dream that becomes a nightmare when a family moves from a small American town only to encounter the dangers and hopelessness of New York's Greenwich Village.

Themes of death appear in "Landscape" beginning when a young boy is murdered, and his mother is suspected of killing him, said Erica

Thorpe, a freshman theatre major who plays Joanne, the murdered boy's girlfriend.

"The play mostly deals with life, and how sometimes, you're dealt a bad hand," she said. "But at the same time, it looks at life and laughs because sometimes death can be better than living."

Thorpe said to comprehend the underlying meaning of "Landscape," it is important to see the whole show.

"It's a very deep play with a lot of meaning and a lot of parallelisms," she said.

To enhance the effect of the production, the entrance of the theatre will resemble a subway, and actors will move through the audience to

reach their performance areas.

Articles like guns, knives, drug paraphernalia and money will be enmeshed in netting overhead to recreate a New York subway setting.

Jennifer Bradshaw, a junior theatre major who mainly narrates the performance, said the play also comments on how people cope with living.

"The characters show that some think it's better to find someone to get them through life — someone who strengthens them," she said. "But some think it's better to travel through life alone."

Jamie Weaver, a blind TCU graduate student, plays a street singer. She works hard to attain the stage

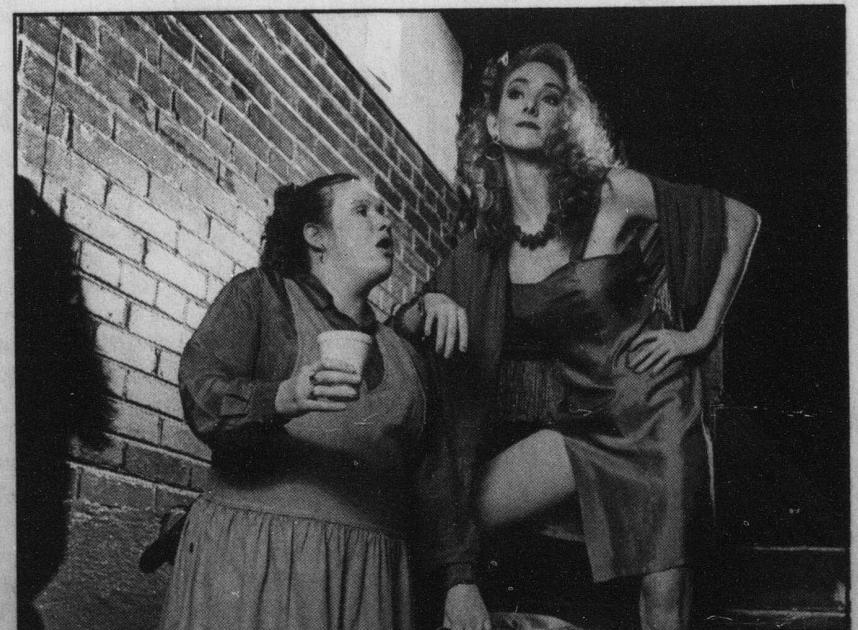
presence of a sighted person in the way she walks, stands and addresses the audience.

"I don't want to fool anyone," Weaver said, "I just don't want the fact that I'm blind to override my performance."

"Without an enormous amount of practice, I cannot flow naturally with the movement of other performers," she said.

"Landscape of the Body" will be presented at 8 p.m. April 28 through May 1 and at 2 p.m. May 2 in University Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free with TCU ID. Reservations can be made by calling 921-7626.



Jennifer Bradshaw, a junior theater major, and Jamie Weaver, a graduate vocal student, perform a scene from Theater TCU's, "Landscape of the Body". The play will run through Sunday.

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CAMPUSlines

Women in Communications will have their final meeting of the semester today at 5 p.m. in Moody Room 312S. Speaker will be Tiffany Nolan. Free food.

Photography lecture Arthur Meyerson, a noted photographer from Houston, will present a slide show/lecture April 29 at 6 p.m. in Moody Room 132 N. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Biology seminar John Burr from University of Texas at Dallas will present "Tyrosine Phosphorylation in Cells Transformed by Rous Sarcoma Viruses" April 30 from noon to 1 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Studio art show The Bachelor of Fine Arts studio show will be held until April 30. Twelve graduating seniors will display their work 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

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

Video screening Television I and II and Electronic Field Production students will be showing their video productions from 7 to 10 p.m. on April 30 in Moody Room 164S. Call 921-7630.

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. Call James Falk at (713) 621-6300.

Gay and Lesbian Student Network will have its last meeting of the semester May 2. For more information or to be contacted in the fall semester about new meeting times, call 924-7385.

Symphony concert The University Symphony will perform May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. For more information call 921-7810.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
CREATOR'S SYNDICATE

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Your factual approach to a meeting with the boss puts you on his/her good side. A longtime friend becomes amorous. Get a key back. Conversation with elderly neighbor reveals an intriguing secret.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Your verbal skills shine. Take tests and go for new jobs. A hot-headed lover is trying to create drama in your romance. A conversation or lecture speaks to your hidden needs. You have luck with numbers.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Calm throughout the office is the result of your excellent leadership ability. Ex-schoolmate or co-worker can get you involved in a winning financial venture. Call off romantic plans.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Work events are reminiscent of a past situation you handled expertly. Partner in a creative venture gets paid work for the two of you. Spouse has good idea that will get you promoted.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An infatuation blows over when you gain perspective. Office work can be improved by training a fellow employee to help. Talent blossoms under an experienced teacher. Purchase used goods.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Financial gain comes from being in the right place at the right time. Repeating an activity you thought you had forgotten brings a sense of comfort. Delays at work are

actually luck. **SCORPIO**(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The morning brings deep satisfaction in love. Others pick up on the pride shining through your work. You overcome financial hardship. At home, be prepared with logical, thought-out answers.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loosen up in a social setting. Your wit turns an uncomfortable situation around. Person from the past comments on your mature attitude. Take a successful associate's creative tips.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you believed was an "overpromise" on your sweetheart's behalf becomes a reality. New contracts for outweigh past losses. Legal matters are decided in your favor. Creativity brings money.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lofty ideals are shared by a romantic interest. Your boss is warming up to one of your concepts. A child puts your temper to the test — stay cool. Spend the evening writing letters explaining past actions.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Your modesty is commended. By focusing on the good qualities of a romantic pursuer, you realize that you are more attracted than you thought. Talk over family problems with distant relative.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). An outsider helps you out of a jam. When you bluntly describe your needs to a loved one, he/she will try to fulfill them. Increasing family demands have hit a critical mass. Make weekend plans.

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in the church, the president said, but the church as a whole doesn't focus on them.

"The general leaders of our church feel homosexuals are people and they should not be denied a right that any other person would have because of their sexual orientation," Nichols said.

"The church must be on the side of the underdog," the president said. "Whether (the underdog) means minorities, ethnic groups, or homosexuals, the church must support all members of a group who is denied the rights God gave."

"I think our country is coming out of a conservative period and a new time of spiritual renewal is coming,"

he said. "We made a lot of progress in the 60s, but it slowed down considerably."

Nichols said he looked forward to talking to the seminary students and informing them of changes going on in the church because they are the future leaders.

Rothermich said the open forums will allow all students to ask questions about Brite and the church in general. "We hope students in the religion or philosophy departments that are thinking about seminary come and get a better understanding of it," Rothermich said. "I don't think many students here at TCU know anything about Brite and seminary school."

"It is a fairly rare that students have the opportunity to have dialogue with someone of that national stature," Rothermich said.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



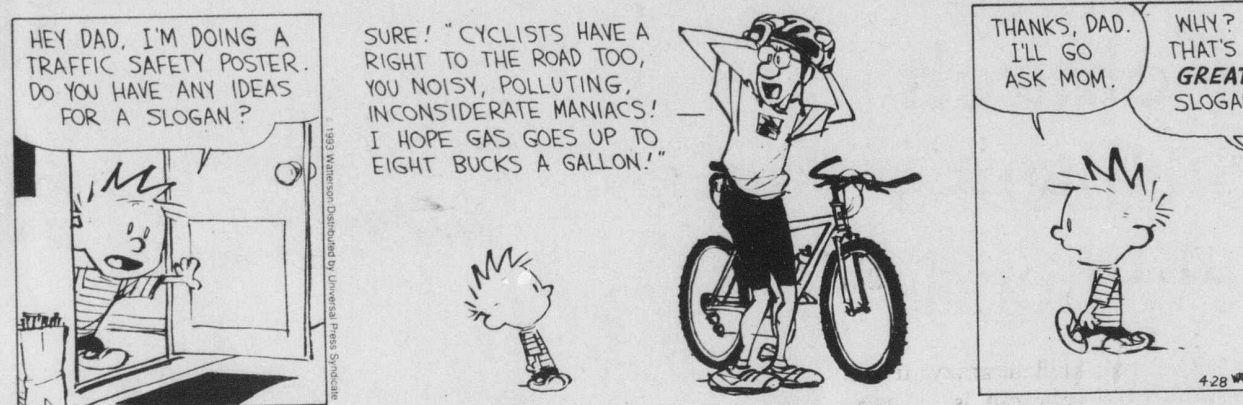
Hemlock

by Andy Gries



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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no great libraries with great special collections," Tucker said. "We have one that can't be duplicated anywhere in the world. TCU is stronger because of Jim Wright."

Most of the guests said the display was a type of remembrance. Elwanda Newbold worked for Jim Wright in the '60s and traveled from Washington D.C. to visit her family and see the collection.

"It definitely brought back memories," she said. "There are a lot of things here from way back."

Jack Tinsley, senior vice president of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, said the exhibit jogged his memory.

"I remember a lot of the events in the photos as they were happening," he said. "I want to come back when I have time and savor this."

"This display is a true testament to his involvement as a key political figure in our government," Tinsley said. "He has made great contributions to the world and this is a nice way to share it with the public."

Ora Beth McMullen, Wright's aide since 1989, said she was pleased with the exhibit.

"It's an accurate reflection in condensed form of his 34 years in office," McMullen said. "It's an intensely interesting walk through history."

Many political science students who had studied under Wright were also on hand for the reception.

Michelle Newton, a junior political science/radio-TV-film major, said she was impressed with the display and with the former politician.

"(The display) is history from a personal perspective," Newton said. "There are so many things here from other famous politicians who admired him."

"He is not the typical politician who gives a smile and a handshake," she said. "Being in his class, I know he cares about students."

Wright ended his speech thanking students and the TCU community and praising libraries as "the most civilized places on earth."

"I only hope TCU and this library have enjoyed their association with me as much as I've enjoyed my association with them," he said.

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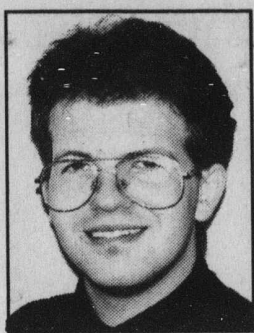
Opinion

Final season draws to a close for TCU's graduating 'players'

The park's designers provided a long bench for us to sit on, but we didn't need it that inning. Twelve guys in identical caps, some of them cocked sideways, were standing at slouching attention and directing a volley of supportive cheers toward our Mighty Casey at the bat.

He waved his mighty stick behind his head, his eyes focused, intense, determined. A howling prairie wind kicked up dirt all around him and sent it showering down the third-base line along with a motley assortment of discarded beer cups and hot dog wrappers. The pitcher flung the softball toward home plate. Mighty Casey uncoiled a mighty blow.

See ya. Two-thirds up the light standard and still rising, his home run not only left the yard but also left orbit. Borrowing from Harry Caray, Pub wins! Pub wins! Holy cow, the Pub wins!



**JEFF
BLAYLOCK**

I've been part of a few teams during my four years at TCU — the House of Reps, the Skiff, New Student Orientation, the softball team — each with its own goals, some with their own uniforms. Lasting

And we showered Mighty Casey — actually Scott, the franchise player and manager of our Pub-New Orleans Nights softball team — with high fives and forearm bashes and anything else appropriate to a ball yard. That's what teams do.

bonds formed on these teams. Lasting friendships. When each of us came up to bat, all of us were right there, cheering and hollering.

I wish that individuals within TCU formed more of a team. What we need here is an overarching idea that we all play on the same side of the field, that we're all in the same dugout together. Even if we don't wear the same hats, we could still be a team. All of us could be important members, making our contributions, whether we score the winning run, make a great catch in the outfield, or just yell from the sidelines.

Even though it's not my bat that drives in our runs or my glove that wins our games — I keep the stats, which some might argue is the most important position of all — I am a part of our team, and my teammates have made that clear from the

beginning. I give all the support I can, whether it's telling them their stats or shouting encouragements from the dugout (Can you believe that I would be vocal?) or slapping a high-five to a teammate.

I would, of course, like to play in the lineup, to drive home a run or make a good catch. I feel a strong need to contribute to the team, and though I do, there's something so appealing to being on the field. I might even cling to an occasional fantasy of taking the ball over the left-field fence, but it's tempered with the sobering reality that I'm considerably more likely to be elected president.

As it is with all teams, our season will one day end, but we will still be a team. Though the ball yard will be empty, the echoes of supportive shouts and high-fives never die. The bonds endure. For us graduating seniors, our last sea-

son is drawing to its close, and the time has come for us to go. So slap us a last high-five before we walk across the stage in our TCU uniforms, flowing black robes and mortar boards. We'll stand in our long line, in the dugout together, cheering each other on down the long road ahead.

Far from home some of us will go, up to a batter's box that's far, far away. Though many of us will go alone, none of us are ever truly alone. A new team waits for us to join them in the field. The old ones are still cheering us on.

We must come to realize that we are not individuals acting alone and that our actions and words impact everyone around us. That all of us are, and ought to be, on the same team.

Jeff Blaylock is a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.

Getting along with one another requires more understanding and responsibility

Think about all the crazy stuff that's been happening over the last year or so. Los Angeles went up in flames. So did the Branch Davidian compound near Waco. Bosnia's being "cleansed" through massacres by



**CARL
KOZLOWSKI**

human beings, with the same hopes and fears and dreams as you. Some may be better off financially or emotionally, or others worse. But inside, they're just like you.

I've had a chance to think about that a lot lately. Earlier this semester, I shot off my usually proud, politically incorrect mouth and mocked the entire body of religions from the Far East. Was I entitled to my opinion? Of course, since this is America and I can think whatever I want. But was it fair to state it publicly, where it could have hurt others? No, it wasn't. And since this is my last chance to say so, I apologize for it.

That's the point I'm driving at here. I've experienced life as part of the only white family in a Chicago ghetto, and while living on the grounds of a VA hospital where the first sight of the morning was often that of a mental patient crossing our lawn.

In the time I've lived in so-called "normal" middle-class suburbia, our next-door neighbor was stalked out and arrested by police for selling drugs as well as his wife's "favors" from out of his house. We've also had the FBI come in and bust the illegal weapons collection of a secret white supremacist three blocks away. And I'll never forget the drunk driver who planted his car in the side wall of our house the night after Christmas.

Nobody is "normal" in America, or anywhere. So where do we get our perceptions of the bold and the beautiful who are the standards of normalcy we're all expected to uphold? Through the media or our parents, for the most part. Kids aren't born with a fear of other races, belief systems or cultures. It has to be planted in them somewhere, and once it takes root, it's hard to ever grow out of it.

If we don't find a way to grow out of our prejudices and get along, we'll never climb out of a society where people have to rely on a wacko like David Koresh to find meaning in their lives, or where people stupidly think racial warfare and rioting is the only way to assert themselves as human beings.

If we don't try to understand each other, we'll keep suffering the damaging effects of an ever-growing divorce rate, and we'll keep seeing the murder rate spiral. But with true understanding must also come the knowledge that while everyone has the right to be who they are, they also have to live with the responsibility that comes with it.

Unplanned pregnancies, abortions and AIDS won't ever stop because of government programs and funding, and neither should people expect tax money alone to be the answer. It's responsibility that will help end them. Individuals have the right to sleep with whomever they want, but they shouldn't expect the whole of society to take care of the responsibility for them.

The same goes with drug use, alcohol, or any other sort of self-destructive behavior. So too goes the stupidity of hatred of any kind of people — you have the right to think what you want, but you don't have the right to throw it into the rest of society by acting on your hatred.

So if I have one last thing to say to y'all before I leave here, it's to just get along. It's as simple as Sunday school and kindergarten teachers used to say when we were young: If you can't say something nice, then don't say it at all.

Carl Kozlowski is a senior English major from North Little Rock, Ark.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality

It's evident that a lot of people have a misconception of who Jesus Christ is. Some people deceive themselves into thinking that He has one kind of personality. . . . God is love. God is forgiving. He is never angry. He is a wimp. I beg to differ.

God loves the sinner, yet hates the sin. God hates murder, lies, adultery, drunkenness and yes, HOMOSEXUALITY. Since when has God changed His stand against these and many others? Try to show me in His word where He has changed and I'll show you where time and again He destroyed nations for sins He did not tolerate. Hey folks, God is loving enough to help you to change your ways, but when you don't, He's not obligated to save you in the end.

Christians are not nerds who go around loving everything that goes on. We're commanded to stand up for righteousness. Not just any righteousness. . . . God's righteousness. And we, like God, get angry without sinning. I refuse to stand by and say that what my generation proclaims to be acceptable is OK. I'm not going to pretend that God's got His eyes covered.

The statement that Jesus Christ was a liberal can be rebutted by His own statement, "I have not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it." Hey, the rules were there from the beginning. It was people then, and us today, who are too rebellious and faithless to be shaken out of our world.

Once again, this is what I and many on this campus believe. If you disagree, I pity you.

Priscilla Shaw
Senior
Music Education

Cheerleading

I am writing in reference to the letter Amy Miller wrote concerning the co-ed cheerleader tryouts. Before I begin, there are some facts about the tryouts that were not covered.

First of all, I think it is ludicrous to make the statement, "some of the girls who did make the cut did not even fulfill the requirements." I attended the cheerleading clinic that was held before the tryouts, and I can honestly say that I saw a lot of talented girls. Since I have been a cheerleader at TCU (2 years on the co-ed squad and 2 years on the Cheer II squad) I have never seen this much talent.

Secondly, you mention about the girl who was an NCA cheerleader. There are over 100 NCA cheerleaders, but there are only seven TCU co-ed female cheerleaders. Just because the girl is a member of a large cheerleader association does not mean she is talented enough to be one of the seven girls selected for the TCU co-ed squad.

Lastly, I was appalled by the comment about the quality of the cheerleading squad. Last year at summer cheer camp, both the co-

ed and Cheer II squads came home with ALL blue ribbons. The Cheer II squad was also asked to compete in the NCA National Cheerleading competition last Christmas. When you consider the fact that most of the cheerleaders will be back next year, and combine that with the new talent on both squads, it only means one thing . . . that TCU is lucky to have two very talented and dedicated cheerleading squads.

One point that was not even discussed about the co-ed tryouts was the interview portion. This part of the tryout is very crucial. You see, COLLEGE cheerleading requires more than just talent. . . . it also requires that each squad member exemplify several qualities: Christian, responsible, dedicated, intelligent, poised, role-model and maturity. . . . just to name a few. Maybe the friend that is an NCA cheerleader did not do well on her interview, or maybe she had a bad tryout.

I am very disappointed that a TCU student would draw a conclusion and judge a situation without having all of the facts and information. To make such a conclusion or judgement under those circumstances only shows a lack of maturity and objectivity. I think that the real issue is the selection of the MOST qualified people to support TCU athletics and raise school spirit. Take a closer look at the two new TCU cheerleading squads. They each truly exemplify the qualities of a TCU cheerleader.

Candace Barry
Graduate student
Elementary Education

Band scholarships

In reference to Dennis O'Loughlin's letter in Tuesday's Skiff, I am also a junior planning to be in marching band next year. I would like to comment on O'Loughlin's letter, especially the sentence, "I tried out for a scholarship, just like many of my friends. . . ."

This sentence could probably be rephrased as, "I competed against hundreds of highly talented, proficient incoming freshmen and existing students for a very limited amount of scholarship funding, and I didn't get a scholarship." This is supply and demand. This is life. Stop whining and get used to it.

Clayton Holmes
Junior
Religion

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Knowing all life's answers leads to a boring existence

Although this is the last column I will write of the semester, I have decided to refrain from giving my interpretation of the events of this past semester and optimistic and insightful projections for the future. Rather I thought I would pose some random thoughts for people to consider to clear minds of the multitudes of information crammed into them in a frantic effort to prepare for finals.

Once a week our house manager puts up a sign which poses a general, thought-provoking, or personality-revealing question such as, "What did you want to be when you grew up?" or "What are your plans for break?" People write their answers which provide, among other things, insight and entertainment for everyone else to read.

The most recent sign posed the following question: "If you could have the honest answers to ANY three questions, what would you ask?"

The first thing I would ask would be, how come I have so much to do and only two and a half weeks left to do it all? Several people questioned some very interesting things: Who is the nude man in Reed Hall? Why do fraternity houses put their couches outside? Why does Joe Montana want to play for Kansas City?

Beyond the specifics, one question inevitably comes to mind: What is the meaning of life? How many of us ponder this question from time to time? Several of the written responses to the question on the sign seemed to focus on this basic idea: Why am I here? Is there a God? Is there a purpose to our existence? Similar responses regarded questions such as: What is my destiny? Will I get married?

Regardless of whether you are a philosophy major, have ever taken a philosophy course or even care about philosophy, these are some of the questions we frequently ask ourselves. Many events in life, the recent tragedy in Waco among them, seem so incomprehensible that we search to find answers and attribute meaning to them.

Something I have recently considered, however, is do we really want the unanswerable answered? "Yes!" many of you may say. Tell me what the point is, tell me why things happen as they do. Tell me what direction my life is taking. Tell me what I am supposed to do after graduation?

On the other hand, what would happen if we knew all of the answers? One word sums it up — boring! How much fun would the prospect of college and the dating scene be if we all knew from day one who we were going to marry and exactly what we were going to do with our lives? The fact that our lives are so unknown is what makes life so interesting.

This is not to say that we should never question things, that we should accept everything unquestionably. Quite the contrary — we should always question matters. The unknown and the pursuit of knowledge is not only exciting but absolutely necessary in order for society and the world to keep advancing. There are some things that are beyond our scope of knowledge, at least at this point; and furthermore, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

We will never escape the questioning of the ambiguities and unknowns in life. Sometimes it is easy to become discouraged by these questions because we know we will never find the answers. However, instead of becoming discouraged because we don't know who or what or why, we should take time to consider that at least we have the option of asking the questions. To never have anything which merits questioning would render all of our lives quite boring.

In the meantime, until I find the meaning of life or until I decide to stop searching for it, I would like someone to give me the answer to just one question: Why are platform shoes and bell bottoms making a fashion comeback?

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News

Personal income rebounds nationally



WASHINGTON (AP) Americans' personal income rebounded across much of the country last year, the government said Tuesday. Separate reports said workers' pay and benefits rose a bit faster than inflation in the past year and consumer confidence

strengthened this month for the first time since December. The Commerce Department said incomes per person last year grew 3.9 percent nationally to \$19,841, a clear advance over the 2.4 percent increase in 1991. It was the first time income growth improved since 1989. Incomes grew 5.3 percent in 1990, 6.5 percent in 1989 and 6.2 percent in 1988. Forty-four states and the District of Columbia shared in the improvement. Texas was one of six states with a deceleration in growth.

Conservation groups unite to save birds



HIGH ISLAND, Texas (AP) — A consortium of oil companies, public agencies and conservation groups is spending up to \$2 million over the next two years in what was announced Tuesday as an unprecedented effort to help protect neotropical songbirds along the upper Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast. The pro-

ject, dubbed the High Island and Gulf Coast Conservation Initiative, involves the Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Amoco Production Co. and Phillips Petroleum Co. The focus of the project is an area of the coast known as the Chenier Plain, where millions of songbirds rest and feed after making their annual nonstop spring journey from wintering grounds in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Republican hopeful criticizes supercollider

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican hopeful Clymer Wright proposed a list of \$100 billion in federal programs he said should be eliminated, including the superconducting super collider, the U.S. Department of Education, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, and financial and unemployment benefits for illegal aliens. Wright said the super collider project, now under construction near Waxahachie, is

an "\$11 billion pork barrel boondoggle." The ATF also drew Wright's criticism for its ill-fated raid on the Branch Davidian compound outside Waco. Wright called the agency a "group of under-trained militia men (that) has outlived its original duty to collect taxes on whiskey." Wright said the ATF is not well-suited for missions like the raid on the Waco cult compound.

Love beads

'Nomadic Notions' settles in Fort Worth with beads from around the world

By ROBIN SHIRLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

If you are into wearing beads and want the '60s look, then Nomadic Notions is the place to go.

Nomadic Notions, located on Camp Bowie, first opened its doors to the Fort Worth area about two months ago to serve people interested in bead art, said Shayna Weeden, a sales associate.

"People wear beads to have a certain look, like the retro-'60s and '70s attitude," Weeden said.

The first Nomadic Notions was opened in Austin, and now there are about seven stores nationwide, said Melinda McClain, also a sales associate.

The store has a collection of over 5,000 different types of beads from different countries around the world.

The beads are made from bone, glass, wood, metal and semiprecious stones and are all imported, McClain said.

"Customers can pick their own beads and have them custom-made into necklaces, earrings or bracelets," she said. "Or they can make their own jewelry with our in-store workbenches."

They also offer four-week classes that teach basic jewelry assembly with a focus on design and color, McClain said.

"You are not limited as to what you can do," she said. "You can do so many things with beads."

"Most of the customers range from 18 to 30 years old, but we've had them as young as 10 and as old as 75," McClain said.

The most popular style for high school and college students is the "grunge" style which originated in California and Washington. It is made with a mixture of African beads and leather straps, she said.

The most popular necklaces cost about \$4 to \$5 to make, McClain said. The beads range from two cents to as high as \$10 for the silver Bali beads, she said.

Many of their beads come from Africa. They are characterized by their small, colorful and rough appearance. They have a grainy texture and are about 25 cents a bead, McClain said.

They have more than 320 different kinds of Peruvian beads, which are ceramic, hand-painted beads in pastel colors.

They are all different shapes and range in size from 1/4 inch to 2 inches. These cost about 25 cents to 1 dollar each, she said.

Beads are only half of the unique items they sell.

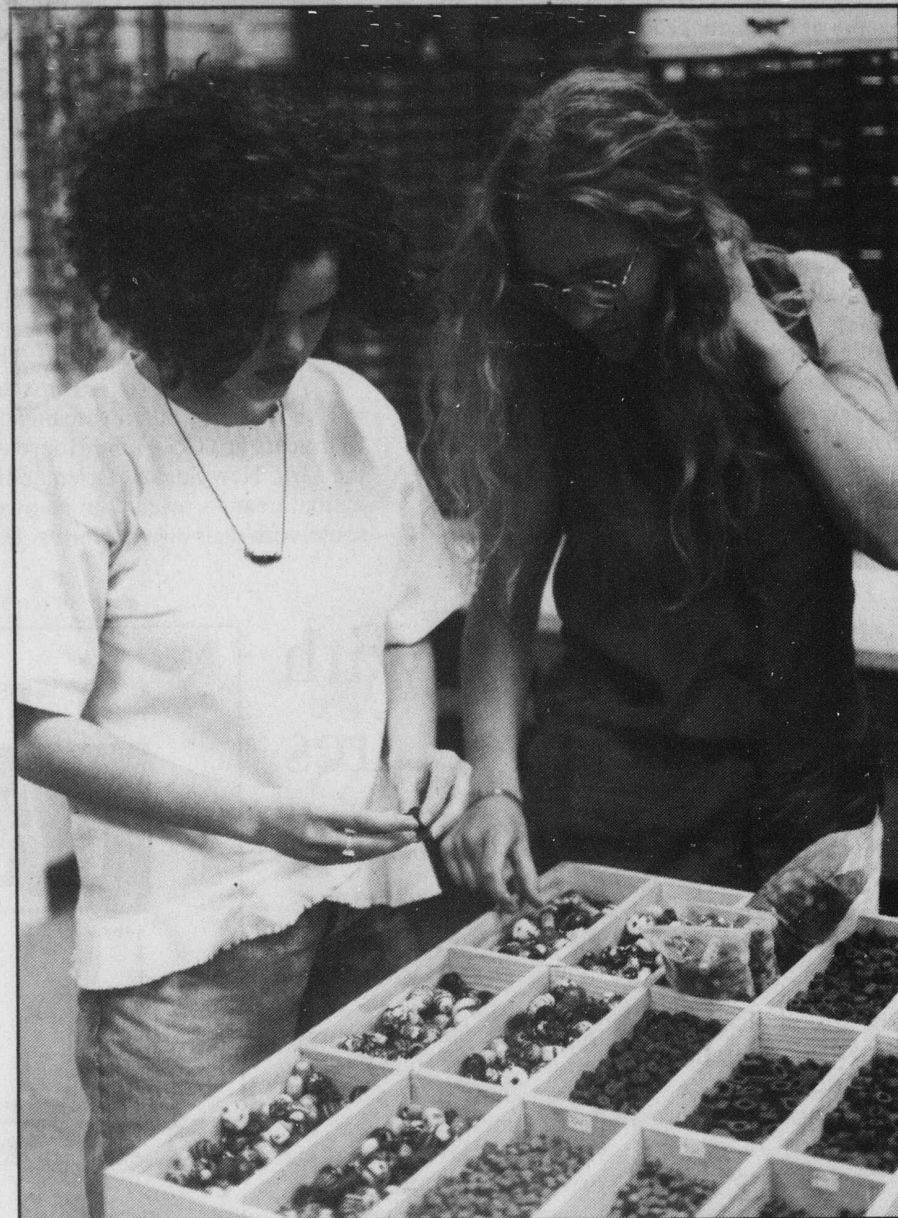
The store also sells silver jewelry from India, Bali, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico and the American Southwest. They have more than 1,500 pairs of earrings from around the world, McClain said.

They also have many other gift items such as masks from Africa, Guatemala and Indonesia, she said.

Most of the advertising is done by word-of-mouth, said Ken Burggren, also a sales associate.

"I told everybody about this place before I started working here," he said.

"We also have ads in the *Star-Telegram* and local school papers," Burggren said.



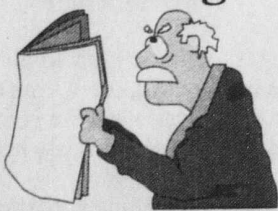
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Mindia Chambless, freshman advertising/public relations major, and Jill Breitzman, freshman English major, look through the selection of beads at Nomadic Notions Tuesday.

Even though summer is approaching and many TCU students will go home, the store expects business to increase, said McClain.

"I know that other colleges kids will come back to Fort Worth from UT and Stephen F. Austin," she said. "Plus, we also pull in a lot of business from the high school kids."

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News

The race continues . . .

Krueger, Hutchison receive state newspaper endorsements to boost campaigns for open Senate seat

Associated Press

Bob Krueger, appointed to fill a vacant U.S. Senate seat, and state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison were favorites of Texas newspapers in a sampling of editorial endorsements for Saturday's special election.

Two newspapers, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News, favored both Krueger and Hutchison following the four-month race.

"Technically, Bob Krueger is a senator, but his appointment to fill Lloyd Bentsen's unexpired Senate term has yet to be ratified by Texas voters," the Morning News said. "We

believe May 1 represents a perfect opportunity to do just that."

Krueger and Hutchison face 22 challengers on the ballot for the first such special election in 32 years.

"This year's large Senate field has produced several strong choices," the News' Sunday editorial added. "If GOP voters prefer to treat Saturday's election as a party primary, where at least one Republican could make it into a runoff, then State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison would be the best Republican choice."

Krueger and the Texas Democratic Party Monday criticized Hutchison for claiming in a television ad that she has more Texas newspaper endorsements than all of

her opponents combined.

"We feel that (Krueger and Hutchison), currently Texas' state treasurer and thus the GOP's highest-ranking state official, would give Texans a runoff choice between experienced and uniquely qualified candidates," the Star-Telegram editorial stated.

The newspaper, adding that a runoff is "virtually a certainty," said the election could be critical in influencing the Senate's political balance.

"With that partisan national effect in mind as well as the probability of a runoff, the Star-Telegram offers its endorsement not of one candidate but rather of the two — one Democrat, one Republican — it would like to

see in a runoff battle," the April 18 editorial stated.

The Houston Post endorsed Krueger, while Hutchison was backed by the Houston Chronicle.

"At 57, Krueger is in the prime of life," the Post's Sunday editorial said. "The Shakespearean scholar, a former congressman, ambassador, railroad commissioner, businessman and college professor, is well-equipped to give Texas enlightened, vigorous representation for the two full Senate terms (12 years) he hopes to serve after next year's election."

The Chronicle said on April 18 that Hutchison "personifies the common-sense conservatism of most Texans — an attitude in noticeably

short supply around Washington, D.C., these days.

"In her long career of public service, Hutchison has demonstrated both the decisiveness and the sensitivity to citizens' pocketbooks which are sadly lacking on the national scene," the newspaper said.

The Amarillo Globe-News, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Pecos Enterprise also backed Hutchison, while Krueger received support from the Austin American-Statesman, Corpus Christi Caller-Times, San Angelo Standard-Times and San Antonio Express-News.

The Caller-Times and Express-News said Krueger's service as ambassador-at-large to Mexico

could help in dealings with the North American Free Trade Agreement.

But the Marshall News Messenger, in its Sunday editorial, declined to endorse any of the two dozen candidates.

"None of the candidates currently engaged in the U.S. Senate campaign have struck us as leadership Texas just can't do without in Washington," the newspaper said.

"The field of front-runners is disappointing. To coin a phrase, they're no Lloyd Bentsen."

Bentsen left the Senate to become U.S. Treasury secretary, prompting Richards' interim appointment of Krueger in January as interim replacement.

Nursing offers stability, professor says

By CHARLSIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

Nursing is becoming a more attractive career field because it offers job security and mobility, said Freda Murray, associate professor in the Harris College of Nursing.

"There will always be a need for nurses, so individuals may choose to practice (nursing) anywhere," Murray said.

Nurses work in all different settings, she said. They are needed in the hospitals, the military, schools, large corporations and many other areas, she said.

Nurses are in greater demand because they provide the same primary care as doctors at a more rea-

sonable cost, said Richard Garfield, assistant professor of epidemiology at Columbia University.

Minority representation in the health profession is much less than the actual minority population, which makes nurses from this group especially needed, Garfield said.

"People (disadvantaged minorities) would be more willing to get medical care if the professionals look like them," he said.

According to the Wall Street Journal, there is a shortage of nurses. In 1990, 11 percent of the registered nursing jobs were unfilled, and in 1991 only 8.7 percent were left available, according to the American Hospital Association.

By the year 2000, there will still be

a shortage of almost 600,000 nurses, according to the American Nursing Association.

The large number of vacancies are expected even though there has been a significant increase in applications to nursing schools all over the country, Murray said.

"Enrollment has increased because it (nursing) is becoming a more attractive field," she said.

More people are looking into nursing because there will always be a need for nurses, she said. This need also allows individuals to take their skills to local hospitals or to an international arena, Murray said.

With a large influx of new nurses it's hard to say if overall pay will decrease, she said.

"Nurses are professionals just like doctors, so I don't think pay will decrease," she said.

Like any other profession, the more education nurses acquire the higher the pay, she said. Pay probably won't decrease but it may freeze at a certain level, she said.

To encourage hospital workers who are interested in the nursing field, many hospitals are helping pay tuition of interested workers the Wall Street Journal reported.

Locally, John Peter Smith Hospital is involved in a program which pays half of a worker's tuition to nursing school. In connection with this program, the student works at the hospital while in school and for at least a year after graduation.

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Ryan dreams about major leagues, hopes to emulate father's success

By CARRIE PATTERSON
Special to the TCU Daily Skiff

Every little boy's dream is to grow up to be like his father. That was Reid Ryan's dream. It still is.

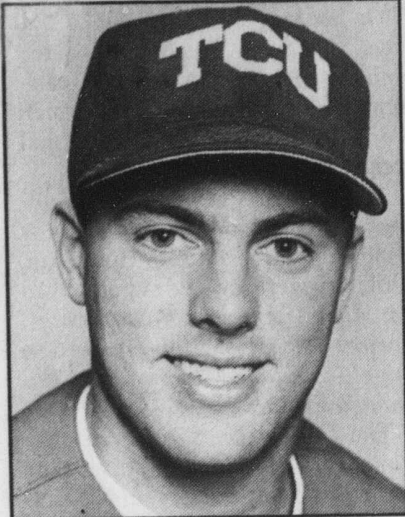
But Reid Ryan's father is the living baseball legend and future Hall of Fame player, Texas Rangers' pitcher Nolan Ryan.

"I really admire my dad," Reid said. "Look at him. He's taken a God-given talent, and combined it with great hard work and determination, enabling him to play in the big leagues for over 20 years."

Reid is a solid pitcher in his own right on the TCU baseball team. He has a 6-4 record, has struck out 60 batters and has a 4.52 ERA this year.

His father is his greatest influence, not only on the baseball field but also in all aspects of his life, Reid said.

"Life itself is a big game. If you go out and play hard and do well, you'll win," he said. "I've been taught that clean living is the best kind of living and family is what matters most."



Reid Ryan

Even though his father was on the road a lot, he always put the family as top priority even if it meant missing an important Rangers' game, Reid said.

"My dad will have more opportunities to come to my games now that he's retiring," he said. "It's hard for him to go anywhere, though, without

being recognized, so we'll find a spot for him in the press box, if they don't mind."

Even though people always compare him to his father, Reid said that there is no comparison.

"There's no comparison," he said. "Nobody will ever be as good as my dad."

Reid transferred to TCU from the University of Texas and said it was a change for the best.

"Texas was more of a machine that treats students as numbers and TCU really cares about students as individuals," he said. "I also felt like I needed to get in now and get experience on the field if I wanted to play baseball after college."

Reid hopes to get drafted by a major league baseball team after college but doesn't have a particular team in mind at the moment. He said he wants to concentrate on finishing his radio-TV-film degree before furthering his baseball career. Ryan said being a sportscaster would be a consideration if he can't play baseball.

"I'm very confident about what I do and I have a competitive nature," Ryan said. "I think these qualities are what help me to carry me through the ninth inning."

But Reid, like every other kid, calls his dad and asks for advice.

"After every game I call my dad and he gives me constructive criticism," he said. "Like most parents, my dad's advice is usually the best. The few times I haven't taken his advice, I've regretted it."

But Reid's dream is to play in the big leagues and to someday be featured on baseball cards.

"As a kid, I ate hot dogs at every major league baseball park in the U.S.," Reid said. "As an adult, I want to pitch at every major park."

Growing up in the shadow of a legend, Reid has managed to maintain his individuality. He plays baseball for himself, not for his dad and not because people expect him to.

"I've learned many valuable lessons growing up Nolan Ryan's son," he said. "The single most important lesson is to always be myself. . . Reid Ryan."

Bulls, Blazers hope for revival in playoffs

Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls and Portland Trail Blazers, who didn't have the kind of regular seasons they had last year when both made the NBA Finals, are prepared to show that they can be contenders again.

The Bulls won 57 games — a 10-game decline from a year ago when they went on to win their second consecutive NBA title.

"We haven't been the same team we were last year, but we still had a successful season," said All-Pro Bulls forward Scottie Pippen. "We still have the playoffs."

Chicago still won the Central Division and is second-seeded in the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Bulls open on Friday night at home against Atlanta.

"We're glad the regular season is over and done with so we can get down to the business of the playoffs," said All-Pro Chicago guard Michael Jordan. "Now the real fun begins. We have things we want to prove in the playoffs that we weren't able to prove in the regular season."

Thursday's games have San Antonio at Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers in the Western Conference, and Charlotte at Boston and New Jersey at Cleveland in the East.

In addition to Atlanta-Chicago, Friday's games have Indiana at New York, the Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix and Utah at Seattle.

Portland's 51-31 mark was six games worse than last season, when it owned the NBA's second-best record behind Chicago.

Buck Williams said the Blazers' performance wasn't bad considering injuries that had their opening-night lineup intact for

just 29 games and a sex scandal involving three players.

"It took awhile, but that's part of being a professional athlete," Williams said. "You have to go out there and play under different circumstances. Considering the adversity and distractions we had with the Salt Lake City situation and the injuries, I thought we had a very fine season."

All-Star Clyde Drexler missed 33 games with injuries. The Blazers' leading scorer sat out the last four games, and his status for the playoffs is still undetermined.

"Until we know anything further, the team's just going to make preparations like I'm not going to be there," he said. "That's the thought process going into this."

The Blazers were 22-12 without Drexler and 29-19 with him.

"We've had a very up and down year, and that's probably the reason people haven't talked about us much," coach Rick Adelman said. "People perceived that we couldn't win without Clyde. But in our locker room, the guys' perception is that somebody's going to have to play very well to beat us, and we have a lot left to prove."

New Jersey appeared headed for the fourth seed in the East before Drazen Petrovic, Chris Dudley and Sam Bowie joined Kenny Anderson on the sidelines with injuries. The Nets fell to sixth when they lost 10 of their last 11 games.

Cleveland also has been bothered by injuries, but won 11 of its last 12 games and secured the third seed. Brad Daugherty missed two of the last three games because of a sore knee, and Larry Nance missed the final two because of a broken left finger.

Hough still baffling hitters with knuckler

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

At age 45, Charlie Hough still has hitters shaking in the batter's box. Shaking their heads, that is.

Hough's five starts for the Florida Marlins have proven that the master of the knuckleball still has it, whatever "it" is.

"That was nasty," Cincinnati Reds leadoff hitter Bip Roberts said, after Hough's nine-strikeout performance Monday night. "He'll probably throw until he's 60 and get major-league hitters out."

Hough, who used to pitch for the Texas Rangers and has a 2-2 record this year, got nine strikeouts in 6 and 1-3 innings as the Marlins lost to the Reds 3-0. He could have gotten more, but the close score forced him out in the seventh.

His knuckleball was at its unexplainable and unexplainable best. Hough knew it was good right from the first inning, but didn't know why.

Isn't that always the case with knuckleball pitchers?

"I don't know," he said, when asked what made it tantalize and tease so well Monday. "That's the object of it."

He's been a mystery to hitters this month. Hough has had just one bad start among his five. And that was at the Astrodome.

His strikeout performance Monday was his best in two years. He hadn't fanned nine in a game since June 12, 1991 at Texas, when he was pitching for the Chicago White Sox.

A 45-year-old pitcher striking out nine in just 6 and 1-3 innings. Why, that's as good as Reds reliever Rob Dibble, who fanned eight in six innings before breaking his arm this month. And he throws 100 mph.

"I think it's amazing," Marlins

manager Rene Lachemann said. "I'm 47 and I know I sure couldn't have struck out nine guys two years ago."

"That speaks for itself," said Reds' outfielder Reggie Sanders. "It seems like he gets better and better."

"I'd better go back and practice my Whiffleball swing," said Roberts. "That knuckleball is nasty. When he throws it, it bounces about 40 times before it gets to you. You try to pick out a good bounce and hit it."

The Reds thought they could get to Hough. They've seen Pirates knuckleball specialist Tim Wakefield last Thursday in Pittsburgh and scored four runs off him in a 5-4 loss.

It became apparent right away that Hough is much farther advanced in the art.

"Charlie's moves more," Roberts said. "It's like it's in a dryer."

"Wakefield has about the same velocity on all of them," said Reds' catcher Joe Oliver. "Charlie mixes up his speeds. They said they clocked him at 56 mph. I don't know. I didn't know the radar gun went that low."

Reds reliever Jeff Reardon tried to steal a few tips from Hough in the early innings Monday.

He came on in the ninth and got his first save for the Reds, and the 358th of his career, by throwing a knuckleball for the last out.

"I threw three of them," Reardon said. "I still can't throw it as slow as him."

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