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## Record number of foreign students attend campus in '93

By MICHELE GRAY  
TCU Daily Skiff

There are more international students at the university than ever this year: a record 4.5 percent of the student population comes from another country.

Al Mladenka, director of international affairs, said 295 international students are currently enrolled. That's up from the 260 in Fall 1992 and 225 in Fall 1991.

Our numbers have increased considerably, Mladenka said.

Most of the international students are from Asia, Mexico and Germany, he said. Currently 36 students are from China, 25 from Japan, 17 from Mexico, and 16 from both Germany and Taiwan.

Most of the international students

hear about the university from other international students, and the International Student Affairs office also recruits students, Mladenka said.

Kenneth Bus, assistant director for International Student Affairs, travels to Southeast Asia to recruit students.

Other means for recruitment include a longtime relationship with the Carl Dusberg Society, a student exchange program in Germany. Through this program, the business school has gained many German students, Mladenka said.

Chinese students are attracted to the university because of its graduate program in chemistry, he said.

While Bus said that most of the Japanese students come to the university through a placement program to learn English.

Bus said he predicted a year ago

that Japanese enrollment would increase.

"I think the Japanese are so well-organized that they will find us," he said. "They have agents and agencies in Japan that do nothing but help students."

"Texas is a good draw for Japanese students and students across the nation."

Mladenka said most international students are attracted to the university for one reason.

"The intensive English-language program is as responsible for our increased enrollment as much as anything else," Mladenka said. "We have a high rate of matriculation from the intensive English program to the degree program."

Nineteen students are enrolled in the intensive English program. Last

summer, Bus said, 90 percent of the international students in the English-language program progressed into one of the university's academic programs.

"These students come here and study just English for perhaps a semester or two," Bus said. "When they're proficient enough they can be admitted to the university."

Texas is in the top three states in the nation for attracting students, Bus said. The University of Texas currently attracts the most international students, he said.

"We don't have the percentage or the numbers anywhere near that UT has or University of North Texas has," Bus said. "But I think we're doing well compared to other private schools."

Bus said many international stu-

dents choose to go to large public universities, but some are attracted to a smaller private university for different reasons.

"A Japanese student might say 'I don't want to be where other Japanese students go,'" he said. "I want to be alone. Or I want to have the experience of being among American students and to practice my English."

Mladenka said the university's size and programs are a strong drawing point.

"Their families may prefer universities that have a comprehensive program, and not as many students so that their not lost in the shuffle," Mladenka said.

Mladenka said ISA has been complimented on how it treats international students.

"Students say that it's a good atmosphere," he said. "We have special orientations. We do a lot of personal-centered type of activities."

But in order for the university to recruit more international students, Mladenka said, more funds are needed.

"It depends on how much the university wants to recruit and how much they want to increase the percentage of international students," he said. "So we struggle to do two trips abroad per year with a small staff and the number of students we have. That's a struggle because it takes one of us out of the office for three weeks."

"So we have to zero in on two areas of the world," he said. "If we want to really cover the seven areas of the world then yeah, we would need more staff to do that."

## Marriage leads to murder most foul at Programming Council 'wedding'

By ROBERT WOLF  
TCU Daily Skiff

Wednesday, at approximately 7:45 p.m., a horrible murder occurred in the Student Center Ballroom.

Actually, it was the Programming Council's Performing Arts Committee's presentation of "I Now Pronounce You . . . Murdered."

The production, written by Cranston Dodds and Marsha Douglass was brought to life by the Bravo! Productions National Touring Company and several TCU students.

As soon as everyone had entered the ballroom (elegantly disguised as a wedding hall), student volunteers were immediately sought. Robin Scheiffer, a Moncrief Hall resident, became the maid of honor, since the "true" maid of honor was delayed on her flight from Chicago.

"I was just honored to be chosen," said Scheiffer. "It was a little embarrassing though because guys were hooting and whistling at me as I was walking down the aisle."

The audience was then introduced to Lorraine, the bride-to-be, whose horn-rimmed glasses and mousey image both got thunderous

responses from the crowd. After her walk down the aisle, a priest with a strong Southern drawl pronounced Lorraine and Tommy as man and wife.

The crowd had another chance to be a part of the show as Myra, the high-strung wedding coordinator, proposed a toast. She then led the audience in tributes to both Tommy and Lorraine.

Myra said, "What wedding would be complete without the opening of the gifts?" and so the happy couple began opening their presents.

After receiving an egg and a gold-sequined shoe, Lorraine and Tommy found a black wreath with a farewell banner wrapped around it. This was the first clue, and it was found before the murder even took place.

Without warning, Lorraine, played by Teresa Schleith, darted out of the Student Center and a pair of students, identified only as Kim and Terry, rushed after her, only to find Lorraine dead in the bathroom. Lorraine's pacemaker had suddenly failed.

Standing up to take charge was Lorraine's ex-husband and private

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski

Wedded bliss goes amiss in "I Know Pronounce You . . . Murdered," a mystery dinner theater presentation put on Wednesday night by Programming Council.

## Student House branches clash over brick sales

### Improvements, Programming disagree about pavestone price

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
TCU Daily Skiff

A plan by the House of Student Representatives Permanent Improvements Committee to sell engraved pavestones is under fire from Programming Council members because the project will make money, something P.C. voluntarily does not do.

The House approved Improvements' plan Tuesday to sell the stones to the student body. These stones can be engraved with student's names, graduation data, Greek affiliation or other symbol. The stones are to be placed in a renovated walk between the Mary Coats Burnett Library and Winton-Scott Hall, pending approval by school administration.

The tentative price for these stones is \$25, said Scott Wheatley, Improvements chairman. The cost to the committee is \$18, he said, so \$7 per stone sold goes back to the committee.

"The difference will go to further

enhance the campus," he said. "There's no point in having peoples' names on a brick if you're just going to have their name on a brick."

What P.C. objects to is that Improvements is increasing its budget beyond the money garnered from the fee all students paid at the beginning of the year, said Grete Holt, administrative assistant of P.C.

"I just have a problem with the fact that the students already paid \$20 to go into the House fund," Holt said. "I don't think they (improvements) should be trying to fund-raise — essentially we (students) are paying double. We (P.C.) could do a lot more if we charged for programs. We don't because the student fee is supposed to pay for it."

Matt McClendon, student body president, said he didn't see a problem with the project.

"I don't think they're 'making money' off this deal," McClendon said. "All the money goes back into further improvements."

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## RTVF professor to show controversial 'NYPD' in Tuesday media class

By CRYSTAL DECKER  
TCU Daily Skiff

Tuesday night, Dallas and Fort Worth residents crowded into a lobby bar at the Sheraton Grand Hotel to watch television.

The program, "NYPD Blue," was banned from Meterplex television airwaves due to protests that some audiences might find it objectionable.

WFAA-TV (Channel 8), after being picketed by concerned viewers for three weeks, declined to air the program due to its adult themes. It was one of 50 national television affiliates to do so.

The university has obtained a copy of Tuesday's broadcast of "NYPD Blue" and is offering to screen it to any interested students in conjunction with radio-TV-film assistant professor Ginger Clark's Media Law class.

"I'm showing this program so that students can know what we, as a segment of the population, are being denied," Clark said. "My intent is to let the students form their own opinions and be able to articulate them."

John Freeman, chairman of the RTVF department, agrees with Clark's decision to screen the show in a classroom situation.

"This is a media studies department, and this is what we deal with

on a daily basis," Freeman said. "We cannot shelter our students from what is in the market. What kind of learning institution would we be?"

The program, which has already been shown to the Dramatic Writing in Broadcasting and Film class as well as Introduction to Broadcasting, has received a mostly positive response.

"I resent anyone telling me what I can and can't watch on TV," said Mark Carter, a senior RTVF major. "What the station should have done was let the public watch it first and let us make the decision."

David Whillock, associate professor and coordinator of the Media Studies program, said the Metroplex area has taken a step backwards in banning the program.

"Tell (WFAA) you intend to boycott their products, all their programming," he said. "And if enough people do it, they will have to listen, and that will be it. Period."

"As future professionals, the students will be the ones who will decide what will be put on the air," Clark said. "This (viewing) may be one of their first lessons in discerning what is acceptable."

"NYPD Blue" will be shown at 8 a.m. Tuesday in Moudy 164S. It is open to all majors.

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### METROPLEX

Friday's weather will be partly cloudy, hot and humid with a high temperature of about 95 degrees.

Saturday's weather will be warm with a chance of thunderstorms in the evening and temperatures ranging from 76 to 95 degrees.



## Investigation of Amtrak wreck focuses on tugboat

By ROBERT DVORCHAK  
Associated Press

SARALAND, Ala. — An investigation into Amtrak's deadliest wreck focused Thursday on a tugboat operator who radioed to authorities that he was having a problem with a runaway barge.

The barge had struck a railroad trestle over the foggy backwaters of a bayou just before the train carrying more than 200 people plunged off it and exploded, killing at least 44, early Wednesday.

"The fact is, he was lost," Coast Guard Capt. Michael Perkins said of the pilot of the tugboat MV Mauvilla. "While he was trying to gather up his barges, the train came along and the accident occurred."

A giant crane stabilized the Sunset Limited coaches before divers resumed their search for bodies Thursday.

The body of a 5-year-old girl was found floating about 100 feet from the submerged car of the Los Angeles to Miami train, said one of the divers, Mark Lampkin of Orange Grove, Miss. At least two people were missing.

The tugboat pilot, Andrew Stabler, has been questioned by the FBI and his vessel impounded. The barges were moored a quarter mile from the crash site 10 miles north of Mobile.

Perkins said that Stabler radioed in at 3:06 a.m. Wednesday — 12 min-

utes before the train crash — that he had struck a bridge, but mistakenly thought he had hit a span on the Mobile River. Instead, he was on Bayou Canot, one of several bayous, streams and creeks that feed into the river at its delta.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena told "CBS Morning News" that Perkins radioed only that a barge had come loose. "Unfortunately, he did not indicate it had hit the support," Pena said.

The train's speed wasn't known; the speed limit on the bridge was 70 mph. It had just left the Mobile station.

Results of mandatory drug and alcohol tests given Stabler and three crewmen were unavailable, the Coast Guard said.

The barges were lashed two aside and filled with coal, coke and wood chips. Some apparently broke loose upon impact, and Stabler was trying to corral them in the fog.

"It is clear the barge did hit the bridge," Pena said.

Stabler refused to answer questions without consulting his lawyer. "I'd like to tell my side. People get things and turn them around," Stabler told The Associated Press.

Warrior & Gulf Navigation Co., owner of the tugboat, said in a statement the vessel was pushing barges north in the fog-shrouded Mobile River. The bayou the train crashed into feeds into the river. The bayou

isn't navigable, although barges sometimes tie up there temporarily.

"The vessel found itself not in the river channel but in the Bayou Canot," said Andrew Harris, general manager for terminals for Warrior & Gulf. "Details are still unclear, but the vessel was trying to return to the river as the Amtrak train approached the bridge where the accident occurred."

When the train exploded, Stabler maneuvered his tug to fish 17 survivors out of the murky waters, his company said.

"We saved lives," Stabler told *The Birmingham News*. "We got people off who were hanging on the cars. My men put their lives on the line."

Mobile police chief Harold Johnson met with the district attorney to pursue possible criminal charges.

The 500-foot long bridge, accessible only by rail or boat and built in 1909 of wood and steel, has a clearance of 7 feet between its bed and the water.

"Barges are not allowed in that creek. Out of the six barges, I don't know any of them was short enough to go under that bridge," said FBI agent Charles W. Archer.

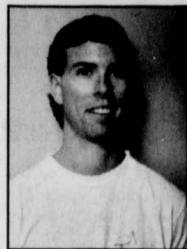
Three Amtrak locomotives, a baggage car, a dormitory car for crew and two passengers coaches plunged off the bridge into brackish waters populated by alligators and water

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# Opinion

## New keyless dormitory entrance should also increase visitation



**JOE CONNOR**

Next fall, the university will have completed installing computerized locks on the dormitories. The new system was expected to be done sometime this academic year, but it is a tedious and complex process that takes time.

While residents anxiously await, it is imperative this academic year that the hall representatives push the administration to extend visitation hours once the new system is formally in place.

In a study conducted last year by the House of Student Representatives, at least two-thirds of dormitory residents favored extending visitation hours, particularly on weekends. As I see it, there are three main reasons TCU has a visitation

policy: safety, privacy and liability.

Unless you've been visiting some distant planet, you realize TCU isn't exactly situated in "uptown." The surrounding area is prone to crime of every sort. Safety is a big issue, and understandably so. It would be different if TCU were located in an isolated rural area like the Mojave Desert, which is much less susceptible to random acts of sporadic violence.

Under the new system, a resident will simply use an identification card to open a door to a dormitory. A computer then reads the resident's social security number and logs it into the system. If a door is propped open, the computer will register how long it was open and will promptly

contact a central dispatcher, namely the Campus Police.

With the exception of a propped door, only if a resident lost an ID card could someone other than the resident enter a dormitory. And, under the new system, the resident can contact a 24-hour phone service to have an ID card invalidated within seconds.

A resident might also lend the card to another person, but hopefully good judgment would prevail. So while this is not a security system, it does enhance safety.

The whole privacy issue irks me. Having transferred from a college which has 24-hour visitation, it stables me that people are so antsy about their privacy. Dealing with

your privacy and your roommate's privacy is part of the college experience. It's part of working things out.

Most residents act responsibly and with tact. Except for one too many "Miller Times" in the well-renowned, mostly-freshman-frat-infested "Milton Hilton," most residents don't need a baby-sitter. If they do, they should go back to Mommy and Daddy and resume sucking their thumbs. Most residents do have respect for their neighbors' privacy.

In terms of liability the university basically wants to cover its big behind. If Jane Doe gets sexually assaulted in a university residence hall, no matter what time of day, the university probably gets a lawsuit,

not to mention much negative publicity. As the argument goes, if visitation hours are extended, the risk of bad incidents only increases.

I can see the university's logic that it wants to uphold the "Christian" in Texas Christian University, but extending visitation hours is not about sexual innuendoes. Rather, it's about a simple right deserved by all responsible adults. Let's not twiddle our thumbs. If we want to extend visitation hours it's time to show the administration we mean business now, not next year.

*Joe Connor is a junior broadcast journalism major from Winter Springs, Florida.*

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Watson**

In response to Dennis: My great-uncle Frank who lives on the Gulf of Mexico is homosexual. When I was growing up, I didn't really understand what that meant, except that he was never going to have a wife. When I figured out what homosexual meant, it scared me.

I accept and love my great-uncle as a person and as an individual, but I do not agree with his "lifestyle choice." That doesn't mean I love him any less, it just means I do not accept his lifestyle. Yes, my great-uncle is a human being, but I do not believe his life is "natural."

In the wild, if an animal exhibits homosexual tendencies, the other members of its species kill it. I am not saying we should kill homosexuals but that homosexuality is not natural, but a perversion of nature.

In the state of nature, sex is not really for pleasure. Its only purpose is propagation of the species. A union of two males or of two females is not going to produce any off spring. Thus the natural purpose of sex is negated.

I can love and respect homosexuals for their humanity, but I cannot accept or condone their lifestyle.

**Laura Potter**  
Sophomore, English

The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, signed and less than 500 words. The Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject any unacceptable letters.

### EDITORIAL

## Yeltsin or Rutskoi?

Imagine an America with two presidents. Both claim sovereignty. Both claim legitimacy. You, as a citizen, must choose one to follow.

Do you side with the regime that recently won a referendum and established its legitimacy, then disbanded a Congress full of opponents? Or do you side with the regime that sprang up in response to the disbanding and claimed the other violated the Constitution?

Difficult to imagine, yes, but not impossible: It is happening now in Russia. Russian President Boris Yeltsin, disappointed with the way the Congress of People's Deputies had blocked his reforms and antagonized him, dissolved the Russian legislature Tuesday.

Almost immediately, the legislature impeached him and appointed Vice President Alexander Rutskoi, an adversary of Yeltsin, as president.

Yeltsin has passed many tests in the past three years, and he will pass this one, too. When parliament challenged his legitimacy as a leader in May, he won decisively. During the coup that chased Gorbachev from power, Yeltsin emerged unscathed. More importantly, the West has promised billions of dollars — that's hard currency, folks — to help pull his debt-ravaged country out of economic misery.

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## Masculinity back in style, sideburns out



"Men Are Back"  
That's the ad campaign for that manliest of all colognes, Brut.

**ANDY GRIESER**

Apparently, the people at Brut haven't done the wufta-fufta in quite a while. But seriously, men are caught once again in a campaign that leaves us curled in fetal positions counting our chest hairs.

Not that that's news to you girls out there. Guys being confused, I mean.

Men are back, sort of. All that means is that machismo is back in style, just like in the 1970s (a sidenote: Clay Gaillard just said that while men may be "back," he never left. Make of that what you will). In fact, *men* — as in hairy chests and "Get me a beer" — keep coming into style, being condemned by women's rights movements and going back out of style.

Let's step into the Skiff-O-Matic Machine O' Time and trace the confusing history of men:

**Any year before the Middle Ages:** Men wore robes. They were sensitive, caring males. Joseph, upon hearing Mary was pregnant *before* their marriage, simply said, "I understand. I know where you're coming from." He had sideburns.

**The Middle Ages:** Men wore armor, carried swords, ate whole pigs and drank huge tankards of ale, like frat boys with attitudes. Guys were hairy, smelly and burped a lot.

**The Renaissance:** Sensitivity again. During this period, Louis "Sunny" XIV performed 14 straight hours of theater, mostly "Versailles 90210." He had sideburns and that added bonus to sensitive guys: long hair.

**The Revolutionary War (Okay, the Machine O' Time skipped a few hundred years — it's a Chevy):** Men fought for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And happiness, in this case, was pure, unadulterated wufta-fufta without those damn boring British always telling

them how.

**The pre-Civil War South:** One word: gentlemen. Sure, they kept slaves and treated women as property. And for it they got shot by gentlemen who kept slaves, treated women as property and wore blue. They all had sideburns.

**The Wild West:** Cowboys walked around bowlegged, spat on the sidewalks and carried guns. For fun, they would call each other out for showdowns. The winners got to watch women undress in smoky saloons. They either grew beards or cut off their sideburns.

**Post-World War II suburbia (Another skip in the time-stream):** Men wore tweed and plaid pants, chopped pipes and had soft, sensitive eyes. They were always there for Marsha or Greg, except on bowling night.

**The '70s:** The Age of Man. This is, apparently, where Brut men are back from. Lounge lizards. Polyester shirts open to the navel. Testosterone oozing from every pore. Sideburns, but long, evil sideburns, like when Evil Kirk and Evil Spock got thrown onto the real Enterprise.

**The '90s:** Tired of '70s men, mothers raised a generation of sensitive guys. In fact, the '90s are the Age of the Ultimate Sensitive Guys. Ponytails and sideburns abounded, and Brandon and Dylan spoke with soft voices: "I understand. I know where you're coming from."

Women, take a look at what men have become. If you want the old '70s men back, feel free. Splash Brut on 'em. Shave their sideburns. Buy them '70s clothes (another distressing fad of late). In five years, we'll be right back to Archie Bunker and ultra-testosterone. Start a new Age of Man.

I, for one, will take my Indigo Girls CDs and my roommate's "90210" tapes and wait until the next Age of Sensitivity.

*Andy Grieser is a darn sensitive senior news-editorial journalism major, even though he doesn't have sideburns.*



## Habitat for Humanity helps family refurbish old house

*Student involvement shows caring side of people*

The scene reminded me of a soft drink commercial. You know the one with the group of friends who get together and try to fix up a house. They're awkward and unskilled but hey, they've got a Coke, a paint brush and time to spare.

It was a sunny Saturday morning. About 20 college students gathered on the first floor of a two-story blue house amid paint cans and paint brushes, primer and paint scrapers.

Dressed in our oldest, most disposable clothes, we were taking time out to serve our community through Habitat for Humanity.

I have to admit that I had a bad attitude from the very beginning. I have the coordination of a rock and I just knew there wasn't going to be anything for me to do. Actually, I was hoping that there would be so many people that there would be anything for me to do. Then I could gracefully bow out and go back to bed.

The man who greeted us assured us that it was all right if we didn't have any experience or skills in home building or repair. He explained that our primary tasks for the day would be priming and painting as well as scraping.

That sounded easy. Crud, it looked as if I was going to have to stay for the duration. I volunteered to paint. My first assignment was a window frame, then I moved onto priming and painting a door. For the remainder of the day, I scraped paint.

I remember realizing that I was having fun. Images of the family that would eventually live in the house made me do extra-careful work. I tried to imagine where the Christmas tree would sit during the holiday season. Would the third step of the staircase always squeak and give away anyone sneaking in after curfew?

By the end of the day, I was feeling good about myself and I was excited about what I had accomplished.

I think the art of being selfless is hard to cultivate and once it becomes natural, hard to walk away from.

My mother always stressed to me the importance of helping others simply because they need help. I think a lot of people have a problem with clearing their schedules for community service and volunteering opportunities because there is no money in it. Maybe there will be a free T-shirt, but more times than not, the only reward will be a big smile and a heartfelt thanks.

Unfortunately, that is not enough for some of us. We have a tendency to treat things that don't involve money or material objects as if they are meaningless. However, I have come to understand that those are the very things that have the most meaning.

I think it's because money and material things come and go. But, if you smile at someone, more than likely they'll remember that for the rest of the day, maybe even the rest of the week.

I think that if the United States ever wishes to hope to restore itself to its former grandeur, then there must be a movement back to the idea of people helping people simply because they need it.

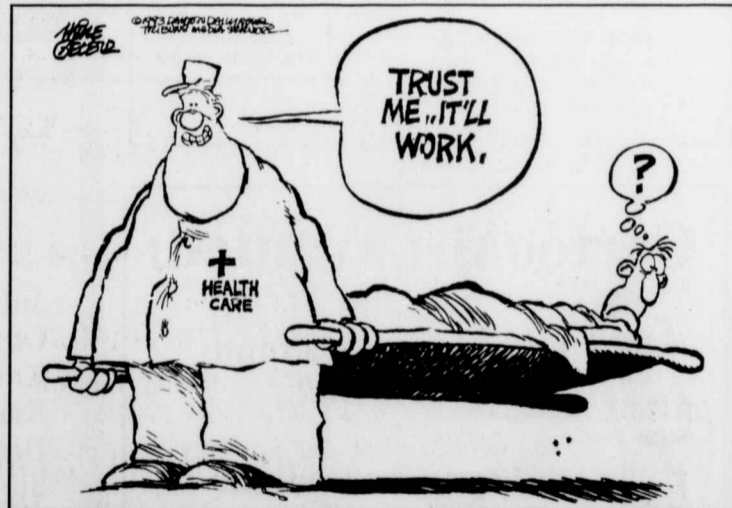
I think President Clinton's National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 is a step in the right direction. Under this bill students will be able to receive scholarships to further their education or training in exchange for service to the country. It is my hope that every student who decides to take advantage of this program get involved for the opportunity to learn and grow and mature by helping out their community and the nation as well.

I'm not stupid — I know some will become involved for the money.

However, I figure that in the end, no one will be able to walk away unchanged.

At least, that's what my experience tells me.

*Leilana McKindra is a junior advertising/public relations major from Kansas City, Kansas.*



### PURPLE POLL

**Did you watch President Clinton's address on health care Wednesday night?**

**Yes - 21 No - 79**

*100 students were polled outside the Main at dinner on Thursday.*

# News

## New student affairs assistant plans to improve Greek system

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
TCU Daily Skiff

Rick Barnes' fraternity meant a lot to him in college. It still does. Now, as the new assistant director of student affairs, Barnes says he wants students to get as much out of Greek life as he did.

"It can serve a really strong purpose if students take advantage of their opportunities," he said.

And Barnes said he sees his job as providing those opportunities, in the form of educational programs.

"I've been meeting one-on-one with chapter leaders, letting them get to know me," he said. "I'm here to help them be the best leader they can and do things for them as necessary."

Based on recommendations from Greek chapter presidents, Barnes is starting a leadership series of programs.

"The fraternity/sorority leadership series will fulfill needs as we see them," he said.

Some ideas for the series include programs on risk management,



Rick Barnes

scholarship and legal aspects of social events, he said.

Barnes' position also gives him supervision over leadership classes and the yearbook, but he doesn't expect to make any initial changes in those programs, he said.

Barnes, who started Sept. 7, replaces Scott Horton, who took a job

at Emory University in Atlanta. Barnes, 30, comes from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., where he served in a similar position.

"I anticipate I'll be here a while," he said.

While TCU is smaller than Clemson and the Greek system is the same size, this job is a step up for him because he has a larger staff and he gets to be back in Texas, he said.

"I've always watched TCU," he said. "This is home. I had the chance to come back, so I did so."

Barnes received his master's of liberal arts degree at TCU in 1988 and was hired following a national search from a pool of 80 applicants.

"He most closely fit what we were looking for in terms of experience level and knowledge of the field," said Susan Batchelor, director of student activities.

Barnes is originally from Seminole, Texas, in the Midland-Odessa area.

He attended Texas Tech and was a member of the FarmHouse fraternity.

## Alumni Association sponsors football program for children

By MICHELE GRAY  
TCU Daily Skiff

Watch out, Troy and Emmitt! They may be small, but one of these football figures may force themselves into your limelight sometime in the future.

The Alumni Association will sponsor its fifth annual "Punt, Pass, and Kick" program tomorrow at Amon Carter Stadium. The event gives children the opportunity to visit a university campus and watch the SMU-TCU game afterwards, said DeVonna Tinney, director of Alumni Relations.

"A lot of kids who don't even get to visit our campus get a chance to," she said. "Many of those children don't even get out of their neighborhoods."

The competition is free, and children will receive a free ticket to the football game afterwards, said David Nelson, associate director of

Alumni Relations. Their immediate families can also receive half-price tickets to the football game, Nelson said.

"Punt, Pass and Kick" will incorporate a skills contest based on how far a child can punt, pass and kick and how accurate they



are, Nelson said. The total points will be added, and the child with the most points will win a small plaque and a gift certificate from the university bookstore, he said.

"But the emphasis is not so much on the prizes," Nelson said. "It's just a fun event."

Children from the ages of seven to 14 are welcome to participate, he

said. Every year, the Alumni Association sends out 12,000 brochures to schools in the Fort Worth area and to boys and girls clubs, where the turnout is always high, Nelson said.

Coach Pat Sullivan spoke to the children last year, and may speak this year, Nelson said. Kent Nix, a former TCU football player who now owns TCU Florist, will speak with the children tomorrow.

"Children can get a picture with Kent Nix," Nelson said, "and it's a pretty neat experience. It's good for TCU exposure."

Everyone involved in tomorrow is a volunteer, Nelson said. About 30 students from the Student Foundation will participate, he said.

"It's an opportunity for TCU to get more people in the stands," he said. "There'll probably 200 more people than we would not have had if we didn't do this."

## Richards takes offense to accusations

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards finished testifying Thursday in a federal lawsuit, saying accusations of political patronage in the 1991 reorganization of the Texas Department of Commerce were "offensive."

Three former Commerce employees have accused Richards and her key aides of a political purge at the agency in which Republicans were fired and Democrats were hired. Richards is a Democrat.

The trial before U.S. District Judge James Nowlin is expected to last at least two more days.

On the witness stand for the second day, Richards said she ordered a reorganization of the Commerce Department shortly after taking office because "the agency was a mess."

Richards said federal and state funds were in danger of being cut off because Commerce Department officials had been accused of mismanagement and improper expenses.

Later, Derek Howard, the attorney representing the three former workers, said the problems at the Commerce Department had nothing to do with his clients.

"The reorganization was designed to get rid of Republicans," he said.

Of those former workers, Richards said, "I'm sure they are very nice people," but she added their allegations were "offensive" because as governor she represented Texans of both major political parties.

Jim Mikus, one of those suing Richards, said "What we had here was basically a dictatorship. Somebody went in and just

chopped a bunch of people's heads off. And now someone is daring to question that form of government."

The ex-employees want more than \$2 million in back pay, future lost earnings, attorneys' fees and mental anguish damages, Howard said. Other defendants in the lawsuit are Richard Moya, a top aide to Richards; Cathy Bonner, executive director of the Commerce Department; and Alan Kahn of Dallas, former chairman of the agency's board.

In her testimony, Richards said one of the problems at the Commerce Department before the reorganization was that some federal job training funds were not being spent on job training.

"If you have job training money, it ought to be used for that," she said.

But Commerce Department officials have used interest from federal job training funds to help pay private attorneys representing them in this lawsuit.

Richards said this did not conflict with her statement. "What are you going to do? The Department of Commerce has no choice about being here," she said.

Both the agency and Richards have been represented by Roy Minton, a leading defense attorney in Austin, rather than the attorney general's office, which usually represents state officials in lawsuits.

"We really have been very ably assisted by a member of the attorney general's office," Richards said. "This is a very sensitive, this is a very difficult case. I talked to (Attorney General Dan Morales), and I said, 'As far as anyone whose really experienced to deal with something like this, I've got to have the best.'"

## Blacks win place in South Africa

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI  
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Parliament voted Thursday to allow blacks a role in governing South Africa for the first time, and angry white right-wing lawmakers warned the decision could lead to civil war.

"This makes permanent peace impossible," said Ferdi Hartzenberg, leader of the white Conservative Party, who led his followers in walking out of Parliament after the vote. "We have lost a golden opportunity for peace."

The vote creates a Transitional Executive Council, comprised of representatives from the 26 black and white parties that have participated in the talks on ending apartheid.

The body will be a watchdog of the government, with some veto powers. It will help oversee the holding of the country's first multiracial election April 27.

The African National Congress hailed the vote as "a major victory for the forces of peace and democracy."

"For the first time in the history of our country, the racist Parliament has approved a bill which is responsible to the will and aspirations of the majority," the ANC said in a statement.

By giving blacks a role in government, the bill set the stage for ANC leader Nelson Mandela to

endorse the lifting of remaining international economic sanctions against South Africa.

The move was expected Friday during Mandela's visit to the United Nations in New York.

In Washington, President Clinton applauded the "historic step" and promised to provide voter education and training "to create a level playing field" for all the parties in the upcoming campaign.

The dominant white chamber of Parliament, led by President F.W. de Klerk's National Party, voted 107-36 to create a power-sharing council, agreed upon this month at talks with the ANC.

The Indian and mixed-race chambers of Parliament approved the bill with no dissent.

Several parties, including the pro-apartheid Conservative Party and the black Inkatha Freedom Party, the ANC's rival, said they would boycott the council. The black militant Pan Africanist Congress also said it would boycott the council because it said it would not have enough power to control security forces.

The council can start functioning as soon as next month, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said.

The panel will also help oversee foreign, economic and national security policy and the April elections.

It is charged with creating a new National Peace Force, combining the existing security forces with paramilitary and militia groups linked to the ANC

and other black parties. The force is intended to quell political violence raging across the country in order to permit a free and fair election.

The ANC is expected to win the April ballot and create the first black-led government in South African history.

Thirty-one Conservatives, three independents and two white Inkatha lawmakers voted against the bill.

Three days of discussions on the bill became a bitter battle among white Afrikaners over the future of the country ruled throughout its history by its white minority.

Cries of "Traitor" punctuated debate Wednesday, and scores of police ringed the Parliament building Thursday in case of right-wing disruptions. The vote passed peacefully.

Supporters said granting power to the black majority was the only way to quell the violence and economic decline in South Africa.

Hartzenberg, whose party calls for the creation of an autonomous white Afrikaner state, said the Conservatives would continue to resist with a campaign of public pressure. He refused to rule out an eventual "declaration of independence."

The government takes such threats seriously, said Meyer. He pledged further attempts in the next few weeks to satisfy the right by building in safeguards protecting whites and other minorities in the new constitution.

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# Investigation blamed on political interests, racism

By CHIP BROWN  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gary Bledsoe has taken pride in being a public official who looks out for those without a voice in society, whether they be Republican or Democrat.

So he was stunned by accusations that he abuses his position as an assistant state attorney general by doing work for his other roles as president of the Texas NAACP and Travis County Democratic Party chairman during business hours.

Bledsoe, who is black, said if he were white, there wouldn't be any question about whether he manages the three jobs without conducting political work on state time.

Republican leaders called for an

investigation of Bledsoe after a newspaper article brought attention to the fact he sometimes conducts work for the NAACP during office hours.

"This is a witch hunt driven by political and racial forces," said Bledsoe, an assistant attorney general for the past 14 years.

"To investigate someone because they have more than one role in public life is a dangerous concept. Is it improper to work in state government and be a member of the women's political caucus or a member of the police association? No."

"There are racist forces that are seeking to intimidate the NAACP and stymie the efforts to advance civil rights in Texas."

GOP leaders say Bledsoe, 41, should be the subject of an inquiry just as Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's work as state treasurer is being investigated by Democrat Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

"I think Mr. Bledsoe is attempting to hide behind allegations of racism and First Amendment rights," said state Republican Party executive director Karen Hughes.

"The issue is not whether he is white, black or green. The issue is whether he is doing political work on state time. That is a violation of the law and of taxpayers' rights," she said.

Bledsoe said he has become a target because he has been effective in recent work done for the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Recent successes, according to Bledsoe, include his efforts to have Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros and the FBI look into a volatile desegregation project in Vidor.

Bledsoe also has been vocal in trying to get to the bottom of a black man's controversial death while in police custody in Corsicana, and he has helped lead the fight for a new hearing for death row inmate Gary Graham.

"It's only after Corsicana, the issue regarding Gary Graham and Vidor that there is a force directing this racist attack," Bledsoe said. "And the whole intent is to stymie civil rights and make sure the African-Americans remain in their

place."

Bledsoe, who is the prosecutor in charge of enforcing the state's open records and open meetings laws, says he has gone out of his way to make sure he separates his duties.

He said he takes leave time from work or uses his lunch hour to conduct business for the NAACP or Democratic Party.

"The state gets a lot more than 40 hours a week out of me," Bledsoe said. "I work many evenings and weekends. The taxpayers get their money's worth."

Bledsoe said his partisan loyalties do not get in the way of his work. He points to several Republicans he has represented, including former Gov. Bill Clements and former Secretary of State George Bayoud.

Suzi Woodford, executive director of the public watchdog group Common Cause of Texas, expressed concern over Bledsoe's availability at the attorney general's office during the day.

Ms. Woodford said people frequently need help with open government disputes during business hours.

"When that person wants help and calls the attorney general, the prosecutor needs to be available right then and there to be able to pick up the phone and call the local offending body and say, 'Stop it,'" Ms. Woodford said.

Bledsoe's boss, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, who has disagreed with Bledsoe on some civil rights matters, says his employee's multiple duties cause no conflict.

## Senator says he faces resistance when combating supercollider

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The senator spearheading efforts to kill the super collider gives a bleak assessment on the chances of success in his lengthy crusade to pull the plug on the controversial program.

"I get awfully depressed beating my head against the wall on these big-ticket projects we can't afford," Sen. Dale Bumpers said Thursday.

It hasn't been a good week for the Arkansas Democrat, who watched the Senate rebuff his efforts to terminate the space station and the advanced solid rocket motor program.

Subdued by the legislative losses, Bumpers said he would "go as hard as I can to kill the super collider" but made no predictions of success.

"Right now I think we're short," he said when asked if he has the votes to kill the giant atom smasher.

Last year, Bumpers lined up 32 senators against the massive science project, which passed on a 62-32 vote. Both sides predict the margin will be much narrower this year. Sen-

ate support is critical in light of the House's vote in June to ax the collider.

Bumpers' comments came after the Senate Appropriations Committee earmarked \$640 million for the super collider for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. That's the full

**"Ann Richards has been an indefatigable lobbyist on both of these, but mostly the collider."**

DALE BUMPERS,  
Arkansas Senator

amount being sought by the Clinton administration for the project under construction near Waxahachie.

The committee's action sets the stage for the upcoming fight on the Senate floor.

Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, who like Bumpers is a member of the Appropriations Committee, wasn't accepting his colleague's comments at face value.

"I do battle with Dale so often I never know when he's trying to psyche me or shooting with real bullets," Gramm said. Asked his own assessment of the collider's chances, he replied: "It's going to be tough, but I wouldn't trade places with Dale Bumpers today."

The Bumpers-led forces will make their move when the \$21.7 billion energy and water development appropriations bill containing the collider money hits the floor. That could come as early as next week.

Bumpers identified Gov. Ann Richards as his biggest obstacle in the collider and space station battles. "Ann Richards has been an indefatigable lobbyist on both of these, but mostly the collider," he said. "She has been very effective."

Gramm, who with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has been talking up the collider among fellow Republicans, was less effusive.

Asked Richards' role in the lobbying campaign, he said: "The state office has been supportive and certainly the governor of Texas is going to be supportive of a project in Texas."

## Health care plan

Commerce secretary visits Texas to gain support for proposal

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Commerce Secretary Ron Brown came to Texas Thursday to tout President Clinton's health care overhaul proposals with a visit to Houston's Hermann Hospital.

"Every single thing we do economically in the next few years will be for naught if we don't get a handle on health care," Brown told about 150 people who gathered in a hospital atrium.

"Without this kind of fair but fundamental change, we will find ourselves in a deeper and deeper hole."

Brown was among numerous administration officials who spread out across the country to begin selling the plan the day after President Clinton delivered it in a speech to Congress.

Before his brief address, Brown met with Houston business leaders, then made a quick tour of two neonatal care units and stopped at the hospital records office to speak with staffers surrounded by tens of thousands of patient files.

Aides kept reporters away from

Brown for the most part and a scheduled news conference was scrapped so he could attend a private lunch, spokeswoman Julie Rice said. Brown was about 30 minutes late for a scheduled photo opportunity to begin his tour of the more than 900-bed hospital, which is part of the renowned Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex.

Brown reiterated the goals of Clinton health care plan, saying it would guarantee security for every American, would simplify the system and hold the line on costs.

"It is both bold and credible," he said. "President Clinton is proposing a solution to the most complex, the most daunting, the most difficult economic challenge facing our country today, making health care available to every man, every woman, every child in America."

Brown said as commerce secretary he had talked with operators of both large and small businesses and brought their concerns to the discussions that shaped the Clinton proposal.

"I've listened how their companies are being bludgeoned by health care costs," he said. "I know this plan

is good for American business, good for American consumers, good for deliverers of health care services and good for the recipients of health care services."

In a neonatal intensive care unit, Brown wandered among the high-tech equipment that kept tiny infants alive. Surgery at one end of the unit was suspended while Brown and an entourage visited.

At another stop, he talked briefly with a nurse caring for two infant brothers suffering from hydrocephalus, a condition in which they have too much fluid on their brains.

At the records office, assistant director Linda Johnson, who said the office generated 100,000 pieces of paper every 1/2 years, gave him one patient's file that contained some 200 different forms.

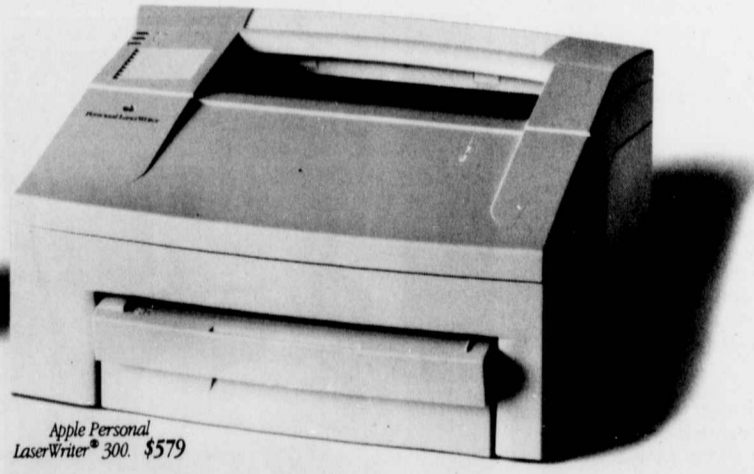
Only about 10 forms really were necessary, she said.

"Paperwork has become so much a part of health care in America today," Brown said, noting the Clinton plan would streamline the filing of forms. "We've got to do something about that."

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# MOSAIC

Arts and Entertainment

## New movie explores '70s youth culture

By JULIE RAE APPLGATH  
TCU Daily Skiff

Back then, sex probably wouldn't kill you, and the "War On Drugs" had not yet begun. Bands like Aerosmith, Kiss, Alice Cooper and Foghat played on the radio and rainbow-colored clothes were all the rage.

Between the "radical" '60s and the Reagan-era '80s were the '70s. It's the decade no one seems to want to tackle. Perhaps, among other things, we find that when we look back the bellbottoms and hair styles make us

Somewhere in Texas it's May of 1976. It's the last day of high school before summer break. For the next 94 minutes, Writer-director Richard Linklater will give you a close-up look at what a day in the life of 24 teen-agers was like.

"Dazed and Confused" is Linklater's second feature film. His debut film, "Slacker," was released in 1991. The story of several twenty-something people instantly gained a huge cult following. "Slacker" was filmed in a deliberately "random" manner, with scenes flowing into one

when all the parties are over. There is no single plot line; each of the characters has a dilemma or goal. The movie touches on each of them.

This is not your typical formulaic "good-guy, bad-guy" flick where the hero battles evil and finally prevails. There is no hero, no message and no moral to the story.

Linklater is not trying to teach his audience anything. He has simply made a very cool movie.

"You could say that the movie is based on several of my experiences from high school. As a freshman, junior, senior, whatever. It's like a composite of various times in my life during that period," Linklater said.

"However, I don't really like to attribute the movie strictly to stuff that happened to me. I think it's more universal. I've had people tell me that the hazing and whatnot that goes on in 'Dazed' is nothing compared to what they went through. On the other hand, some people have told me that they completely identify with it."

Linklater may be right. "Dazed and Confused" has a way of pulling you in. Perhaps this is because the movie is not predictable and deals with that hellish phase of life everyone has to go through. You discover that life back then may not have been so different. They partied, they got busted, they cruised around looking for something to do. There were jocks, stoners, geeks, the "popular" kids and even some who just didn't seem to want to graduate.

"Wooderson" played by Matthew McConaughey, is one of those few. Perhaps one of the most memorable characters in "Dazed and Confused," Wooderson utters some of the funniest lines in the film. In his 20s, Wooderson graduated years ago, but is curiously enough still hanging around.

For him, as McConaughey says, his high school days "were his salad days." Now Wooderson is working "for the city" and has no plans to move on in life. The high school kids think he's cool because he can buy them beer. What keeps Wooderson coming back is the fact that no matter how old he gets, "the chicks are always the same age."

"Pink," (Jason London) is the school football star. He is torn between being a jock (and "getting

chicks") or quitting football. Pink just can't make himself believe that football is such a big deal. He also realizes that if he didn't have to play ball so often he'd have more time to hang out with his stoner friends, like "Slater" (Rory Cochrane).

Slater believes America was founded on marijuana cultivation

Linklater began writing "Dazed and Confused" about two years ago. He believes the movie may be compared to others like "American Graffiti" and "Grease" in that it manages to capture the youth culture of a specific generation. When asked if he would consider doing a similar movie, but set in the '80s, Linklater

experiences he is familiar with. It seems Linklater will continue this trend as his next (tentative) project deals with two Texan construction workers.

"I am also trying to get the rights to this book about these guys working in a huge assembly-line factory



Gramercy Pictures

**DAZED AND CONFUSED** Newcomers (from left) Rory Cochrane, Jason London and Sasha Jenson portray Texan teenagers of the 1970s.

and that George Washington grew a few fields of it himself. More importantly, perhaps, George had a "good woman" in Martha Washington. Slater tells his friends that "every night Martha had a big bong waiting for George when he got home."

The high school experience as glimpsed from a freshman's point of view is offered by Wiley Wiggins. Wiggins' character, "Mitch," is initially hunted by the junior and senior guys who want to give him his "padding."

Because Mitch's older sister requested that her friends "take it easy" on him, the guys decide to give him an extra-hard time. Mitch eventually receives his hazing and spends the rest of the night with the older kids.

offers a definite no.

"It's not something I find myself familiar with. I think I zoned out during those years. A lot of it seemed terrible to me, and still does. Things like MTV, a Flock of Seagulls, all that stuff. I just don't identify with it the way I do with the kids in 'Dazed'," Linklater said.

He is, however, "kicking around the idea" of making a movie about the lives of "Dazed and Confused" characters ten years from now. "For example, I kind of see Pink as just hanging out, a little bitter and disillusioned with the system. It would probably be really interesting," Linklater said.

So far Linklater's movies have been based within Texas, events and

and how they mess with the system. But the problem is, I want to do it my way, the way I envision it," Linklater said.

"I don't want to deal with someone else's perception of the book. It just wouldn't be worth it to me. For instance, I know of one director who was offered a deal by a huge movie studio to do the movie of his dreams. The only catch was he had to cast Markie Mark in the lead role. It is sometimes a difficult situation," Linklater said.

Luckily, with "Dazed and Confused," Linklater got to have his way.

Grade: A.



TCU Daily Skiff/Jenni Wallis

Writer/director Richard Linklater discusses his new movies.

a little uncomfortable. Each of us wishes those baby pictures our parents have of us (dressed like that) would self-destruct. Or we pray no one finds out that we secretly worshipped Kiss. But what was life for young people like back then, anyhow?

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another as characters wandered around talking to each other. Set to be released this Friday, "Dazed and Confused" follows a narrative path similar to that of "Slacker."

"Dazed" begins with the kids at school, both in class and hanging out in the halls. It ends the next morning

## Fall cinema promises duds and delights

Three of this week's latest flicks range from possible classic to positive flop

By TODD JORGENSON  
TCU Daily Skiff

### The Age of Innocence (PG)

This weekend unofficially kicks off the fall movie season. The featured attraction is "The Age of Innocence," based on the Edith Wharton novel. Directed by Martin Scorsese, this film is very different from his previous works (such as "Goodfellas" and "Raging Bull"). Previous Scorsese films have been violent and profane, while "The Age of Innocence" is more tame.

The film takes place for the most part in upper-class 1870s New York. The story involves young lawyer-bachelor Newland Archer (Daniel Day Lewis), who is engaged to young socialite May Welland (Winona Ryder). Just before the announcement of their engagement Archer meets May's cousin, the Countess Ellen Olenska (Michelle Pfeiffer), who is trying to escape a marriage of her own.

While handling her divorce Archer becomes infatuated with her. The result is an intriguing mix of deceit and sly romance, which should attract an audience similar to the one that saw last year's "Howards End."

Day Lewis offers a performance worthy of a second Oscar, his first coming for 1989's "My Left Foot." In "The Age of Innocence" Day Lewis lets us see inside Newland not only through words, but also through expression.

Pfeiffer is equally impressive as the manipulative Countess, and both she and Scorsese could win well-deserved first Oscars. Many of the supporting performances are equally good, led by Miriam Margolyes as the eccentric Mrs. Mingott.

The film is beautifully photographed and in its rich detail of dress and architecture one can perceive a true sense of the period.

"The Age of Innocence" is one of the best pictures I've seen this year and should set an early standard by which most of this fall's films will be measured.

Grade: A-

### Striking Distance (R)

Last week's big opener was "Striking Distance," starring Bruce Willis and Sarah Jessica Parker.



Columbia Pictures/Bob Marshak

Bruce Willis on patrol in "Striking Distance."

Willis plays an ex-homicide detective who becomes a "river dog" (river patrolman) when he contends that a fellow police officer was responsible for several killings, including his father's. Parker joins him as his new partner, and together

they investigate the murders against the wishes of the police department.

The remainder of the plot continues to follow this tired formula.

After "Bonfire of the Vanities" and "Hudson Hawk," Bruce Willis truly gets what he deserves by taking the starring role in "Striking Distance." Both the writing and the directing are poor, and both can be attributed to Rowdy Herrington ("Road House," "Gladiator").

There is not a single performance in this movie that is worth watching, as practically every cop movie cliché is used up in the first 45 minutes. The only good scene is the long car chase sequence at the beginning, where you can count big-budget dollars going to waste.

Grade: D.

### Into the West (PG)

Two boys find a beautiful white horse and ride it across the Irish countryside to escape their drunken father (Gabriel Byrne). They end up being chased by their father, the police and a woman (Ellen Barkin) picked up along the way. The movie is well photographed. The scenes with the boys and the horse are great and sometimes even magical, but the adult characters are all boring and superficial.

Byrne is not at his best in this film, and his real-life wife Barkin's character seems out of place and unnecessary. The obligatory reunion scene at the conclusion of the film is supposed to be touching but fails.

Grade: C.

### Next Week:

"The Good Son"  
"The Program"  
"Bopha!"  
"Cool Runnings"



Columbia Pictures/Phillip Caruso

Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in "The Age of Innocence."

# News

## How much does an Aggie player eat each day?

By JIM HINEY  
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — How much meat do the athletes eat when the athletes do eat meat?

"I'd say a ton," said Myrt Davidson, dining room manager for the past 18 years at Texas A&M's Cain Hall.

Well, that comes pretty close to describing it for the past six weeks.

Since Aug. 4, when the football team returned to campus, the dining room has gone through 1,967 pounds of red meat. In particular, A&M's student athletes have eaten 129 pounds of ribeyes, 379 pounds of T-bones, 146 pounds of sirloin strips, 193 pounds of tenderloin, 750 pounds of hamburgers and 370 pounds of flank steak.

"I'd say that's down from past years," Davidson said. "The reason it's down is because we're putting more chicken breasts on the buffet line. The coaches want to cut down on the amount of fat the athletes eat."

And so, since Aug. 4, the athletes have eaten 3,272 6-ounce chicken breasts, which amounts to 1,227 pounds.

That's just fine with Lance Teichelman, A&M's 6-4, 274 pound senior noseguard.

"I like to eat chicken breasts with cheese all over them," he said. "I guess I could eat a good eight breasts at a meal."

Athletes like Teichelman have a reputation as big eaters, but is it deserved? In a word — yes.

In addition to the main courses, the dining hall has run through 1,380 pounds of French fries, 256 gallons of soft-serve yogurt, 90 watermelons, 1,340 pounds of

bananas and 354 pounds of pasta since Aug. 4.

The athletes also consumed an average of 72 quarts of strawberries and 22 gallons of orange juice each day, Davidson said.

"That doesn't include the grape juice, apple juice, cranberry juice, grapefruit juice and pineapple juice they also drink," she said.

Let's put that in perspective, using foods served at both Cain Hall and the Commons dining hall, a cafeteria for the regular student body. According to the Food Services Department, during one month the Commons will serve about 2,871 pounds of chicken breasts, 5,029 pounds of sirloin strip, 4,565 pounds of hamburger, 8,735 pounds of French fries and 1,100 pounds of bananas to 5,400 people.

That's an average of 4.3 pounds per person per month.

At Cain Hall, the 326 athletes and 75 staffers ate an average of 12.1 pounds of those foods per person per month.

Davidson admits that those numbers aren't typical for Cain Hall diners. For most of August only the football team was on campus. Now that all of the athletes are back, food consumption should double, she said.

The bill for Cain Hall's food is surprisingly small. The athletic department budgeted \$450,000 to feed its athletes and staffers for the nine months they're in school, which averages about \$4.50 per day.

"Football players are our biggest eaters, with swimmers a close second," Davidson said.

The swimmers think they can close the

gap. After all, they beat the football team in a hotdog eating contest last fall, according to several swimmers.

Actually, she's a foot shorter and 158 pounds lighter, but swimmers never duck a challenge.



"Just wait until the middle of our season," said Anna LePoris, a junior freestyler from Corsicana.

Do the swimmers actually think they can eat more than the football team, which features prodigious eaters like Teichelman?

"That's my main goal here, to out eat Teichelman," said Janet Kliem, a diminutive junior swimmer — a breaststroker — from Kingwood.

"There's no way," Teichelman said. "She probably weighs half what I weigh."

Some athletes take the phrase "all you can eat buffet" to heart. Stories abound about football players eating three or more 14-ounce steaks in one sitting or heaping mounds of fried chicken strips on their plates, and then returning for more.

"Tank Marshall could eat more fried shrimp than anybody I've ever seen," Davidson said of the Aggies' defensive end from 1973-1976.

Many athletes also put two or more 18-ounce glasses of drinks on their trays, she said.

"You and I can't eat that way," Davidson said.

But Teichelman can.

"I try to eat around 6,000 to 8,000 calories a day," Teichelman said. "I'm a slow eater anyway, so I get a lot of hell because I'm always the last one to finish."

"If it tastes good to me, I'll eat all day," Teichelman said he doesn't eat much red meat at school, but it's a different story at home in Austin.

"My dad is very much a meat and potatoes man," he said. "He cooks up a big pot of it."

How big is a big pot?

"He always buys at Sam's (Club); that answers the question right there," Teichelman said.

Not all athletes are big eaters. Tennis players watch what they eat and tracksters eat light because "they don't want to run on all that food," Davidson said.

Baseball players eat like "normal people," she said.

The favorite food at Cain Hall is peach cobbler made by head cook Laverne Idlebird.

"That's what everyone fights over," Davidson said.

The least favorite food?

"I've never gotten them to eat beets," she said.

That puts Davidson in the same company with mothers all over the nation.

Davidson said she's open to suggestions from her diners, and some of those suggestions have found a permanent place in the dining hall.

Like the one made by Ed Simonini, an All-America and All-Conference linebacker who played at A&M from 1972-1975.

"He said he wanted Heinz catsup, but at the time we didn't buy it because it was more expensive," Davidson said. "I said it would take a petition to get Heinz catsup in here. It wasn't a day later that Ed and his friends took a poster, somebody's class project, and got everybody to sign on the back."

"They even added some names, like Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford," she said. "We've had Heinz catsup ever since."

## Olympic Committee picks Sydney over Beijing

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Sydney was selected today to host the 2000 Olympics, beating out Beijing for the Summer Games in a choice of stability over the political uncertainties of China.

The decision to return the Games to Australia for the first time since the 1956 Melbourne Olympics was announced live to a worldwide television audience by International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch after secret balloting by the committee's 89 voting members.

Sydney's victory, after unsuccessful Australian bids for the 1992 and 1996 Games, resulted from steady insistence that the harbor city could provide state-of-the-art infrastructure and cater best to the needs and wants of the athletes.

## Researchers discover remedy for pain, swelling of arthritis

By PAUL RECER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A protein from chicken bones stopped the pain and swelling of rheumatoid arthritis for patients in a clinical experiment, and experts say the novel treatment holds promise for control of the crippling disease.

Dr. David Trentham, of Beth Israel Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, said that a collagen solution made from chicken cartilage and swirled into patients' morning orange juice appeared to arrest the progress of rheumatoid arthritis in a small group that was studied.

The technique, which he called "oral tolerization," seems to "teach" the body's immune system to stop inflaming the tissue around joints. Rheumatoid arthritis is thought to be an autoimmune disease caused by rogue cells of the immune system attacking membranes in joints.

Trentham said that swallowing protein that is similar to the membrane of the joints "re instructs the body to cease the attack on the body's own joints."

All 28 patients taking the collagen during the three-month trial got relief from their disease and four went into

remission, said Trentham. The disease became worse in 31 patients who received a placebo.

A report on the study is to be published Friday in the journal Science.

Dr. Arthur Grayzel, senior vice president for medical affairs of the Arthritis Foundation, said he was quite encouraged by the study and believes oral tolerization techniques have the potential of halting rheumatoid arthritis.

But he cautioned that a much larger trial of the collagen treatment should be undertaken.

"It has all of the problems of initial studies in this disease and that is that it is in a small number of people studied for a short period of time," said Grayzel. "Nevertheless, it does show promise. If you can get an effect with an oral preparation with no risk it really does stir my interest."

The study used 60 rheumatoid arthritis patients selected from a group who had not responded well to conventional treatments.

They were all taken off of their other drugs. One patient dropped out and the rest were then randomly divided into two groups, roughly matched by age and gender. A group of 28 were given daily solutions of what is called type II collagen

derived from chickens.

"It is purified from chicken simply because that is the least expensive way of making it and we can be sure it is free of viral contaminants," said Trentham.

A second group of 31 patients received a solution that resembled collagen, but was actually a placebo.

Neither the patients nor the researchers knew which patients were receiving which substances.

After three months, Trentham said, it was clear that the drug was beneficial.

"We found within the collagen-treated group there was significant improvement in a number of disease variables, such as the number of swollen or painful joints," he said.

Standard measurements used to gauge rheumatoid arthritis showed that patients on the collagen improved and most, but not all, of the patients on placebo got worse.

Trentham said that 13 percent of the patients taking the phony collagen actually improved, a "placebo effect" that he said is common when testing rheumatoid arthritis drugs.

Science, which published the study, is the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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# News

## Russian president calls for elections

By LARRY RYCKMAN  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin on Thursday called for early presidential elections for next June, amid growing signs of government impatience with hard-liners barricaded inside the parliament building.

Yeltsin ordered Interior Ministry police to "secure" public safety after accusing his opponents of distributing dozens of guns to anti-Yeltsin demonstrators.

Yeltsin ordered parliamentary elections in December after disbanding parliament Tuesday, which plunged Russia into political crisis.

Yeltsin had also said he would call presidential elections but gave no date, leading to accusations from critics that he was trying to establish a dictatorship.

In an attempt to reassure Russians that he is committed to democracy, Yeltsin announced Thursday that a

presidential election would be held six months after the new parliament is chosen. The June 12 election would come two years ahead of schedule.

It was unclear if Yeltsin, elected in 1991 for a five-year term, would run again, although it is widely believed he wants a second term. Yeltsin had said in the past he would not seek reelection, but aides said he may run again.

Thursday's announcement is unlikely to end Yeltsin's confrontation with reform opponents who want to remove him from power. The two sides have clashed for 18 months over economic reform and who should rule the country: the president or parliament.

However, Yeltsin's foes seemed increasingly isolated and desperate. The international community, the military and much of the Russian public have backed Yeltsin since he dissolved the Soviet-era parliament,

which is dominated by former Communists.

Parliamentary hard-liners said they would order presidential elections within three months, asserting Yeltsin had no authority to order an election. They said parliamentary elections could follow the election of a new president.

Lawmakers ordered the president on Thursday to "surrender to legitimate authorities or leave the country."

The political stalemate has paralyzed the government and crippled the economy. Reflecting the political turmoil, the Russian ruble plunged 18 percent Thursday to a record low, trading for 1,299 rubles to the dollar.

Anti-Yeltsin leaders remained barricaded in the parliament headquarters, known as the White House, with more than 1,000 of their supporters outside the building for a third day. Small bands formed self-defense units and about a dozen car-

ried rifles.

Yeltsin told lawmakers and their supporters that he would punish those ignoring his orders and those possessing weapons without permits.

The Defense Ministry claimed the hard-liners were preparing to attack the ministry, but the allegation appeared to be a possible excuse to crack down on the anti-Yeltsin forces.

Yeltsin expressed hope Wednesday there would be no violence.

"We would not like and do not intend to use any force," he said. "We want everything to go peacefully, without blood."

But by Thursday, Dmitry Ardamatsky, a member of Yeltsin's press service, said officials would not rule out the use of force against Yeltsin's opponents.

"The Interior Ministry may use specific methods to neutralize the danger caused by the extremists," Ardamatsky said.

## Clinton dispatches Cabinet members to promote health care reform plan

By KAREN BALL  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton dispatched Cabinet members coast to coast and opened the White House lawn to a thousand allies Thursday to get the sales campaign for his health care plan off the starting blocks.

"We have to do it right and we have to do it right now," Clinton declared.

"As much as I wish this to be a celebration . . . I remind you that our work is beginning," Clinton told the rally before heading to Florida for a nationally televised town hall meeting.

"It's going to be a long, long tortuous road," said Senate GOP leader Bob Dole, praising Clinton for his pledge to compromise but criticizing the Democrat's plan as "a little overgenerous and underfunded."

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., urged Democratic leaders to impose strict deadlines, such as a wrap-up of initial hearings by Thanksgiving, committee votes by next April, a floor vote by June and a bill to Clinton by August.

"My hope is that we can do it sooner," countered Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine. "I hope we don't have to wait until next summer to get final passage."

Vice President Al Gore went on a morning TV show, and radio talk show hosts, invited by the White House to broadcast from the front lawn, set up shop at 6 a.m.

Clinton asked for help in persuading the public that the current system is grossly inefficient. Clinton's plan to provide universal coverage is expected to cost an additional \$350 billion over five years.

"It is still sinking in on our fellow citizens," Clinton said.

"There's still a lot of people that don't think we're going to get this done," Clinton said. He also said the system has deteriorated so much that it will be possible to form a national consensus.

"We don't want to rush this thing; it's too complicated," Clinton said. "But we don't want to

delay it, using complexity as an excuse."

Clinton asked for help in persuading members of Congress to keep pledges of bipartisanship on the issue.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen crossed the state of Pennsylvania for tours of a rubber business, then an ice cream company.

Health Secretary Donna Shalala lunched in Los Angeles at a seniors center; Attorney General Janet Reno visited a neonatal unit in Buffalo, N.Y.; Kristine Gebbie, the administration's AIDS policy coordinator, told business leaders in Nashville, Tenn., the proposal "gives us the building blocks for treating this disease."

"As the president made a national call to arms and a bipartisan appeal to join together to solve this crisis, the Republicans failed to respond in the same spirit," said a memo to supporters shipped out by the White House's "War Room" on health care.

Dole said the president would have to pull together lawmakers from all sides — "otherwise, I'm not certain the bill will pass."

"It's always a mistake to take the vote of any member of Congress for granted," Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., a House liberal, and the leader of 90 backers of the government-run, Canada-style legislation.

Chief of Staff Mack McLarty said, "These are not edicts from mountain on high . . . but obviously I'm not going to start talking about the compromise, the flexibility, today. Let's see what other people have in terms of their details."

"It can be summed up in just six words: Pay more, get less, go broke," said Citizens Against Rationing Health, a conservative group fighting Clinton's plan.

The U.S. Catholic Conference praised most of Clinton's health policy goals, but said he'd taken a "tragic step backward" by including abortion coverage. The National Abortion Rights Action League launched a TV campaign trying to build support to keep that coverage in.

## Israel's parliament ratifies Mideast peace accord

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared he won "freedom of action" to pursue Mideast peace after parliament ratified the historic Israel-PLO accord on Thursday.

Rabin said the 61-50 vote allowed the government to implement the agreement on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied lands and continue attempts to reach peace with Israel's Arab neighbors.

The margin was less substantial than Rabin had hoped for, but it put a convincing end to calls for early elections or a national referendum that would have slowed down the peace momentum.

"Now we shall build a new Middle East," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said after the vote.

PLO spokesman Yasser Abed-Rabbo praised the result, telling Israel army radio from Tunis it was a "positive step" and that support for the treaty was larger in the street than in parliament.

Rabin had staked the credibility of the peace initiative as well as the future of his government on winning the vote, saying it would constitute a formal vote of confidence.

Eight legislators abstained from the vote, and one was absent in the 120-seat Knesset, or parliament. The result clearly embarrassed Likud, which

failed to enforce party discipline.

One of the three Likud members who abstained, Meir Shitreet, said his party's opposition to a peace deal backed by the majority of Israelis was "political suicide." He said on Israeli radio that seven Likud members backed the agreement privately.

"There is no need for new elections. The parliament very clearly approved the agreement. The margin is very clear," Rabin's spokesman Oded Ben-Ami told The Associated Press.

Rabin said he will now focus on the painstaking task of establishing Palestinian autonomy in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, and on pursuing peace negotiations with Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

"This gives the government freedom of action to implement what it brought to the Knesset," he said on Israeli radio.

Ben-Ami voiced hope for the resumption of Middle East peace talks in Washington next month and for detailed negotiations on what promised to be "a long and bumpy road."

Peres, speaking later on Israeli television, said Israel and the PLO hoped to formalize their current unofficial contacts within two to three weeks, with the PLO naming several delegates for face-to-face talks.

As part of the accord, Israel will free 11,000 Palestinian detainees, said Palestinian leader

Hanan Ashrawi.

Confirming a report in the Jerusalem Report magazine, Ashrawi said the release could not come immediately. Prison services spokesman Dubi Ben-Ami denied the plan but acknowledged that the detainees' fate was still unclear.

Another 2,000 maximum security detainees will be moved from the occupied territories to Israel, the magazine said.

Ashrawi also said Jan. 1 "could be a target date" for PLO chief Yasser Arafat's arrival in the areas of future autonomy.

Gonen Segev of the right-wing Tsomet Party said the hard-liners will now start "an information campaign" to force changes in the agreement.

"Our aim now is to guarantee no Palestinian state and guarantee that the settlements in Judea and Samaria will not be removed," Segev said, using the biblical names for the West Bank.

Segev said Rabin's majority was "miserable" because it relied on five Arab legislators who "define themselves as Palestinians."

The government was not required by law to get parliament's approval for the accord signed Sept. 13 in Washington.

Rabin got a large margin of approval after five members of the ultra-religious Shas Party decided to abstain. The group's sixth member was overseas.

## Computer glitch interrupts Dallas telephone service

By JOHN McFARLAND  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Telephone lines were down all over the Dallas area Thursday morning after computer software at a Dallas call-relay station malfunctioned, a Southwestern Bell spokesman said.

Residents throughout the 214 area code, which includes Dallas and much of the surrounding area, had trouble placing calls for about seven hours starting at about 3 a.m., said Bell spokesman Stephen Seewoester.

The cause of the software problem

was still under investigation.

Eighty percent of area calls were able to get through because they were rerouted to other relay or hub stations, Seewoester said. There is no way to accurately estimate how many people were affected, he said.

Seewoester said the software controls everything at the Dallas hub sta-

tions. He said the software problem is something that rarely occurs.

"It's not particularly common," he said. "Sometimes glitches like this happen, but most of the time the public isn't aware of them."

The problem was detected by equipment shortly after it occurred, and no damage was done to the company's main computer, he said.

Because the hub station handles incoming calls from local or long-

distance areas, Seewoester said both types of calls may have been affected.

"It's hard to tell. Anything that comes through the Dallas switch could be affected," he said.

Workers spent much of Thursday morning repairing trunk lines that connect the hubs to Southwestern Bell's 30 central offices in the Dallas area, Seewoester said. At 10 a.m., the hub was back to normal he said.

The Dallas area has four hub stations, two in Dallas, one in Fort Worth and one in Grand Prairie. Local and long distance calls are relayed through the hub stations.



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# Sports

## Prog celebrates lack of Cowboy game this weekend

**Question:** Why is this week the best week of the NFL season?

**Answer:** Because it is the Cowboys' off week.

Yes, Dallas fans, there will be no joy in Irving this week. The mighty Cowboys will not suit up this Sunday, leaving legions of Texas football fans stuck at home watching good football games on television. Oh, too bad.

With the Cowboys off, it gives us an opportunity to look at the rest of the Texas sports scene. So let's, shall we?

For those of you so obsessed with the state of Texas that you can't stand not to watch a team from the Lone Star State play, the Oilers will be at home this week hosting the mighty L.A. Rams. The Oilers are 1-2 this season, and the offense has looked horrible all year. It's starting to become easier and easier to realize why the Oilers perennially have one of the most talented teams in the NFL, yet never seem to win. It's called Jack Pardee.

Yes, Jack. As game after game passes, big Jack seems to look more and more like Homer Simpson, pacing the sidelines with a sort of "what's going on" look in his eye. Jack seems like a nice guy, but his coaching days seem to be coming to an end, quickly.

Which would leave you know who as the new Oiler coach. Buddy Ryan. As Atlanta head coach Jerry Glanville gets closer and closer to the unemployment line, Buddy seems primed and ready to reassume his position as the biggest jerk in the NFL. Buddy should be top dog in Houston by mid-season, which means that the Oilers should once again sneak into the playoffs and be bounced out in the first round.

Staying in Houston, what has happened to the Astros? Wasn't this the team that was primed to challenge the Braves for the NL West title this season? Well, at last glance, the Astros were a whopping 18 games out of first place. So much for the \$30 million dollar men, eh? Greg Swindell and Doug Drabek, tabbed the saviors of Houston that were supposed to lead the Astros into the promised land, have won a combined 24 games in '93. That adds up to \$1.25 million per victory, kids. Good money management, guys.

Closer to home, the Rangers have surprised us all by staying in the pennant race well into September. Admittedly, Kevin Kennedy has done an outstanding job with a team that really shouldn't be challenging for the AL West crown, particularly

with the pitching staff he has to work with. But Kennedy has also made some poor decisions, namely pitching Jose Canseco in a meaningless game in the middle of the summer. The result, of course, is that Canseco went down for the year, which isn't too big of a loss, but it still doesn't make Kennedy look too smart.

Then there's Nolan Ryan. It's tough to say anything bad about a man who has given his all on the baseball diamond for almost three decades, but let's be realistic. Ryan has contributed to the Rangers slipping out of the pennant race in September. Twice he has gone out on the hill in extremely important games and lost. It is just another sad example of an athlete staying around too long. It almost made the Prog cry to see Ryan's fantastic career come to a sad close last Thursday in Seattle. Ryan is one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history, but 1992 really should have been his last hurrah.

On a brighter note, hockey has come to the Metroplex. Yes, the brilliant minds of Texas have found a way to stop the ice from melting in the Texas sun long enough to play an entire hockey game at Reunion Arena. But here is a warning to all new hockey fans from someone who knows hockey pretty well: the Stars stink. The team did not make the playoff last year, and hockey is a sport where 16 of the 24 teams make the playoffs. So when you head to Reunion for a Stars game, have a great time and cheer your brains out, but don't expect many wins from the Stars.

Then there's the Mavericks. Oh, forget it. That's just a little too easy.

And there is also no sense in ripping on the Southwest Conference this week either. The SWC actually had a good week last week, with Baylor, Rice and Texas A&M all winning, and Texas tying a superior Syracuse team. Hopefully the SWC will be up to its old tricks this weekend so we can rock them again in next week's Prog.

Well, there are some pretty good games in the world of football this week, so let's get down to business.

**COLLEGES:**  
**SMU at TCU-** Cowboys-Redskins. Red Sox-Yankees. Celtics-Lakers. All of those sports rivalries pale in comparison to the tradition and spectacle of a TCU-SMU matchup. Doak Walker. Sammy Baugh. Davey O'Brien. The Pony Express. Matt Vogler. Wait a minute, Matt Vogler? Sorry, typo.

Face it: the last time these two teams hooked up for an important

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Ty Benz last week: 4-5-1 overall: 15-14-1	SMU	Texas Tech	Louisville	Houston	N. Carolina	Miami	Dolphins	Colts	Saints	Falcons
Rick Waters last week: 2-7-1 overall: 15-14-1	TCU	Baylor	Louisville	Michigan	N. Carolina	Miami	Bills	Browns	Saints	Steelers
Jon Mueller last week: 6-3-1 overall: 18-11-1	TCU	Baylor	Texas	Michigan	N. Carolina St.	Miami	Bills	Browns	49ers	Falcons
Matt Newtown last week: 4-5-1 overall: 16-13-1	TCU	Texas Tech	Louisville	Michigan	N. Carolina	Colorado	Bills	Browns	Saints	Steelers
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matchup Bing Crosby was a budding star climbing up the pop charts.

Until now. For the first time since World War II, this battle for the Metroplex has a little bit of importance. If the Frogs can lasso the Mustangs on Saturday, it will mark two very important milestones: the first time Pat Sullivan has had a winning record at TCU and the first time he has opened his SWC schedule with a win. Well, fear not Frog fans, for both of those wishes will come true this Saturday.

The Frogs should be rested and rarin' to go after having last week off to savor the comeback win over New Mexico and concentrate on the Mustangs. True, SMU had last week off as well, but their time off was more than likely spent wondering how in the world they blew two late leads and went from a potential 2-0 to a lowly 0-2. With the Frogs riding high and the Ponies on a low, this Saturday should be all TCU.

So here's how it will go: The Frogs suffer their usual mental lapse early, falling behind 13-0 after one. But TCU battles back, eventually tying the score at 20-20 with a TD with five seconds to go. Head coach Pat Sullivan, in a move that will change the face of college football forever, elects to go for two instead of kicking the extra point. Andre Davis leaps over the top for the score, and Sullivan and the Frogs collect a 22-20 win in their first SWC game of the year. Hooray.

**Texas Tech at Baylor-** How 'bout that Tech defense! After holding mighty Pacific to a meager seven

points in their opening game, the Raiders have gone on to give up over 100 points in their last two contests, blowout losses at Nebraska and Georgia. Speaking of the Georgia game, Bulldog QB Eric Zeier completed a mere 13 passes last week against the invisible Tech D, and still collected over 300 passing yards. Can you say secondary? Too bad Texas Tech can't. The Tech D looks like its just been at a Grateful Dead concert: really stoned and just kind of standing around.

The Bears defense is not that much better, but Baylor has to be riding high after an emotional victory against Utah State last week. Utah State? Come on, that's like playing Tulane (whoops, we play Tulane.) The Bears should hand Tech another big defeat, 39-30. By the way, don't watch the first half of this game. Just don't.

**Texas at Louisville-**How low have the Longhorns sunk? Here's how low: Texas fans almost tore down the goalposts in the end zone last week when they 'Horns tied Syracuse, 21-21. That's right, Texas went nuts after a tie. Oh, where have you gone, Earl Campbell? Wherever you are, please come back, because you could start for this offense.

This week UT travels to the Bluegrass State to take on No. 24 Louisville. You know things have gotten really bad at Texas when Louisville is ranked higher than they are... in football. And things will get worse tomorrow for the 'Horns when the Cardinals drill them, 31-6, and give UT head coach John Mack-

ovic yet another migraine. Don't those Cotton Bowl days seem like soooooo long ago?

**Houston at Michigan-** Last season, Ty Benz picked the Cougars to upset the Wolverines. Michigan won, 61-7. Well, the Prog thought it would give Ty a chance to redeem himself by putting this game on the schedule again, but Ty has gone with the Cougars once again. Some people just don't learn.

We discussed some pretty bad defenses earlier in this article (Texas Tech, Baylor) but the Cougars may be the worst defensive team in the nation. The Cougars may as well just not even put a defense out on the field, or better yet, just send the cheerleaders or the band out there.

This one will be ugly. Real, real ugly. 93-7 Michigan. No joke.

**Miami at Colorado-** The Hurricanes are a lot like the Cowboys. They're good, but we hate them. 34-13 Miami.

**AND THE PROS:**  
**Dolphins at Bills-**This is a big one. If the Dolphins win, these two teams are tied in the AFC East at 2-1. If the Bills win, they go up two games on Miami, who will drop to 1-2.

The Dolphins need to win this game. The Bills don't. Now, if this was a game that the Bills needed, like say the last three Super Bowls, we could just chalk this one up to the Dolphins. But its not, so we need to think about it.

This could honestly be one of the best games of the season. Look for Dan Marino and Co. to come up big

in Buffalo, winning 31-27.

By the way, for someone with such a big head, Jim Kelly doesn't have much hair, does he?

**Browns at Colts-** On paper, this seems like a horrible matchup. But the Browns are 3-0, and the Colts are an up and coming team as well. And Indianapolis is always a tough place to win (especially for the Colts.) If you love high scoring, fast paced football, watch another game. There may be more scoring in the Dallas Stars opener. Cleveland 6-3.

**49ers at Saints-** Another goodie. The 49ers and Saints always seem to hook up for great games, and this one should be no exception. For a team with such a boring coach and boring offense as the Saints, they sure do seem to score a lot of points. And they will need to, as the 49ers are out to prove that their early slump is just temporary. Steve Young and the Niners will find a way to win in New Orleans, as they always do, 34-31.

**Steelers at Falcons-**If the Falcons lose this one, it will be Jerry Glanville's last game as head coach. Actually, it might be even if they win. Glanville seems to be one of those guys who can take a team with a ton of talent and just turn it into crap. And he has done so with these Falcons. Good thing for Glanville the Steelers wobble into town with an injured quarterback and an overrated defense. Jerry survives another week as the Falcons beat the Steelers 27-10.

**Question:** What's the best thing about Pittsburgh?  
**Answer:** Leaving there.

## Nolan Ryan's storied career ends prematurely Wednesday night

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The end didn't turn out the way Nolan Ryan wanted. Back in April, at the start of his 27th and final season, the cool spring air was filled with hope.

"I want to stay healthy, get 30 starts and 200 innings," Ryan said. "Of course, I'd like to bring a pennant to Arlington Stadium. And I'd like to look back on this season and say, 'Yeah, I could have gone one more.'"

They seemed like modest goals for base-

ball's career leader in strikeouts and no-hitters. But his glorious career ended abruptly Wednesday night in Seattle, two starts from the end, when a ligament in his right elbow "popped like a rubber band."

Going out with a flourish seemed like a possibility in the spring. He had one of his best spring trainings after compiling a 0.99 ERA during his final four starts in 1992. At 46, he still was smoking the radar guns at 96 mph. He wanted to make at least 30 starts on his farewell tour.

"Give me those and I'll retire the happiest man," Ryan said.

But age finally caught up and his body broke down. He missed 22 days after surgery on the left knee, 72 days because of a strained hip muscle and 21 days because of a strained ribcage muscle.

"The whole year's been frustrating," he said after Texas lost to Seattle 7-4 Wednesday night. "It's been a real struggle all year physically."

Doctors say Ryan probably has a torn ligament in his right elbow and would need 12 months of rehabilitation. 12 months he won't give himself. He finished his final season with a 5-5 record in just 13 starts, a career-

high 4.88 ERA, 46 strikeouts and 40 walks.

"All I've done really is rehab," he said. "I've been real frustrated because I haven't been able to help the ballclub in the pennant race. And they certainly could have used me."

Perhaps the most memorable moment of his final season was punching Chicago's Robin Ventura, who made the monumental mistake of his career by charging the mound after Ryan hit him with a fastball. Ryan grabbed Ventura in a headlock, like a steer on his ranch, and landed six punches. Ventura landed none.

Ryan didn't finish his final act Wednesday night, walking off the mound with a 3-1 count on Dave Magadan. Steve Dreyer relieved

and completed a walk charged to Ryan.

Ryan said his elbow had been sore since a seven-inning no-decision Friday night at Anaheim, where, in the fifth inning, California's Greg Myers whiffed for Ryan's 5,714th and final strikeout.

Ryan's last road start was over while fans were still filing into the Kingdome. For only the third time in 773 career starts, he failed to retire a batter.

"Everyone has visions of things turning out different than they really do," Ryan said philosophically. "But I can't really say I ever sat around and fantasized about how I would have liked to have ended my career. But I think if I had, it certainly would have been with a strong performance in a pennant race. I guess by striking out the last hitter."

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# FOOTBALL FOCUS

## Frogs look to lasso Ponies in first SWC game

By TY BENZ  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU football team hopes to build on its comeback win against New Mexico two weeks ago Saturday when the Frogs host SMU at Amon Carter Stadium at 7 p.m.

"Winning brings more winning," TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said. "It's hard to keep up positive feelings when you are losing, but a winning is a confident team."

The Frogs (1-1) had an off week last Saturday and are still savoring their 35-34 comeback win against New Mexico. But now the Frogs must focus on an SMU team that has played well, the Ponies led in the fourth quarter in both games, but is 0-2.

"We have to put that behind us and concentrate on SMU," TCU middle linebacker Tyrone Roy said after the New Mexico game. "We also have to pay them back for last year."

Last year the SMU game was a nightmare for the Frogs. TCU couldn't get anything going offensively, the Frogs managed only 256 total yards and had two turnovers, and lost 21-9. The win for SMU broke its 25-game SWC losing streak.

But the Frogs know that paying back SMU won't be easy, and the Ponies' effort in the first two games impressed TCU head coach Pat Sullivan.

"Right now SMU is a better football team than they were at this point last year," said TCU head coach Pat Sullivan. "They are a more talented team than last year, they just don't have the same experience."

A big reason for SMU's 0-2 start is their sluggish offense. SMU has averaged only 11 points a game and has fumbled the ball five times in two



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski  
**TCU linebacker Reggie Anderson chases down a Sooner running back during the Frogs 35-3 loss. TCU is back in action Saturday night when the Frogs host SMU.**

games while alternating quarterbacks Mark Eldred and Ramon Flanigan.

Flanigan has better stats, he has completed 16-of-28 passes for 209 yards and one touchdown, while Eldred has had more playing time and more yards (221).

"Quarterback will be a key for us," SMU head coach Tom Rossley said. "Ramon and Mark both have strong

arms and give us more mobility at quarterback than we've had at SMU while I've been here."

And the up-and-down play of the quarterbacks has effected the Ponies' receivers. Only two of the four SMU receivers have more than two catches. But those two, Brian Berry and Mick Rossley, have over 10 catches each and are making the big plays for the Mustangs. Containing

these two receivers is a must for the TCU defense, Sullivan said.

"They have two excellent receivers who contrast each other well," he said. "Berry is an excellent deep threat and Rossley is a good possession guy."

Despite the slow start by SMU's offense, Sullivan and the TCU defense are gearing themselves for another game full of passes by an opponent. The reason behind this is that the TCU secondary has struggled this season, allowing a total of over 550 yards passing.

"We have to continue to improve in the secondary," Sullivan said. "The biggest thing we have to do is take of our business and not make the mental mistakes that have cost us big plays."

And while the SMU offense has struggled all season long, the Ponies' defense has played very well until they wore down in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs' defense has given up an average of 17 points a game and has been tough on opponents' quarterbacks. SMU has allowed 169 yards passing a game and has five sacks this season.

The leader of the defense for the Mustangs is defensive end Chad Patton, a consensus all-SWC player in 1992. Last year Patton had a team high eight sacks and so far this year has one sack and has caused two fumbles.

"(Patton) sets the tone for our entire defense," Rossley said. "We're looking for another big year from him."

SMU's linebackers have also played well this year. Inside backers Scott Fly and Craig Swann are 1-2 in total tackles for the SMU defense. Swann has 20 while Fly has 19.

But Patton will have his hands full with the TCU offensive line, which

hasn't allowed a sack all season in 72 pass attempts.

"I couldn't be more pleased with



Chad Patton

the offensive line's performance," Sullivan said. "They have worked so hard in practice and are competing so hard. The effort is showing."

The reason behind the offensive line's success has been better communication, TCU offensive tackle Boyd Milby said.

"We are talking out there a lot and helping each other out," Milby said. "That has been the key for us."

The offensive line's play jump-started the TCU offense against New Mexico and sophomore tailback Andre Davis did the rest himself.

Davis, The Associated Press SWC Offensive Player of the Week for Sept. 14, rushed for a career high 167 yards and scored 26 points against the Lobos.

Despite Davis's game against New Mexico, Sullivan will look to rest him more against the Mustangs to keep him fresh, he said. After

alternating only three running backs: Davis, John Oglesby and Koi Woods, against New Mexico, Sullivan will look to redshirt freshman Jeff Godley and sophomore Corey Ford to spell Davis.

"We have to get Andre some rest this week," Sullivan said. "And Jeff and Corey have earned the playing time with the way they have practiced this week."

Another Frog looking to continue his success is TCU sophomore Max Knake. Knake has thrown for 484 yards and one touchdown while completing 63 percent of his passes.

"Max made some good plays and some right decisions against New Mexico," he said. "But he is still young and we have got to work to eliminate some of his mistakes."

That will be the key for the TCU offense against SMU, if they can stay away from mental mistakes and turnovers that plagued them against Oklahoma and in the first half of the New Mexico game, then the Frogs should be able to move the ball on the Mustangs.

"If we eliminate our turnovers and mistakes then we can move the ball on anyone," TCU flanker Richard Woodley said.

The SMU game is an important one for the Frogs because it opens SWC play. Last year the Frogs got off to a slow start in the conference and never recovered. The Frogs also want to continue their success to give them momentum for the rest of the season.

"Same as New Mexico, right now this (SMU) is a biggie," Sullivan said. "It may be bigger since its a conference game. We need to get off to a good start in the conference so that we can build on it later in the season."

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