

# TCU DAILY SKIFF

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## House allocates \$470 to help finance tree-lighting ceremony

By MARICARMEN EROLES  
Staff Writer

Order of Omega, a Greek honor organization, was allocated \$470 to fund the annual Order of Omega Tree Lighting Ceremony during the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday.

The Order of Omega has four representatives from each Greek house,

and each one pays \$10. This year the organization did not have the funds to finance the lighting ceremony which opens the Christmas season at TCU, said Ann Winkler, a town student.

A bill will be presented next week to donate \$100 to Hunger Week in the House's name.

The motion could not be carried out as an executive board decision be-

cause Treasurer Eric Anderson objected.

Vice President Kristin Chambers said the bill was not presented Tuesday because "nobody thought about it until today."

Also, Liz Kasperek, chairwoman of the Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee, invited District 58 State Representative Bruce Gibson to speak to the House members about lobbying techniques

and his experiences in the state legislature.

Gibson, who graduated from TCU in 1975, is a former House president. He said his experiences in the House have helped him with problems that have arisen in the legislature.

Gibson said the biggest problem he had to face while he was president was a steaking incident that occurred on the TCU campus.

"One night, 6,000 people were on campus to see the streaking from all over the state (between Colby and Sherley halls)," he said. "The students had lost control, and many of the people running were not students anymore, and we had to stop it."

"It was the hardest thing I had to do while I was president, but we (the House) got it stopped," he said. "And when I try to put together a legislation

now, it is the exact same process as when I was trying to stop streaking on TCU campus."

He said handwritten letters make a bigger impact on legislators.

"Handwritten letters make more of an impact on me because I know what's behind a handwritten letter, and I'm more interested in the human side," he said.



Soaking up the rays - Terry Brockhausen, a returning student, makes his way to the Student Center in a downpour accompanied by sunny skies Tuesday afternoon.

## Interlock strives to unite campus

### Students stress communication

By KAREN FROST  
Staff Writer

Campus-wide communication is the main goal for Interlock, a new TCU organization.

"There was a communication breakdown on campus, and Interlock is a link for all the organizations to communicate on campus," said Felix Mira, coordinator of Greek residential living and Interlock adviser.

Interlock wants to become a stopping ground for every organization on campus, said Brooke Rose, Interlock president.

Through a master calendar and a biweekly or monthly newsletter, Interlock hopes to announce all of the all-campus activities that occur in the organizations, Rose said.

Often there will be an all-campus function on the main campus, such as a speaker or a band, and at the same time there will be an all-campus function scheduled in the Worth Hills area, and neither function will know about the other, Rose said.

Interlock can be used as a tool to announce these all-campus functions and inform all of the organizations of what others are doing, Mira said.

Interlock was originated at the fall leadership retreat in September, Rose said.

"I was the small group facilitator, and our group topic was Greek and

independent relations," Rose said. "Our group agreed that there was a lack of communication among the main campus and the Worth Hills area."

"We brainstormed in different ways and decided on Interlock - interlocking the two different segments on campus," she said.

It is not just a Greek and independent issue anymore, said Akhil Khanna, one of the founding members of Interlock.

"It is something that involves everyone on campus. We're trying to get together and meet on common ground," Khanna said.

"Whether it's in a Greek organization or independent organization, in-breeding occurs. We're trying to get a cross-cultural exchange of ideas among the various organizations, and this has to be socially achieved," Khanna said.

"About 100 people signed up (to be members of Interlock) at the retreat," Khanna said. "However, at our first meeting, only seven people came."

The next meeting is in the Student Activities Office at 10 p.m. today, Rose said.

"Interlock is 100 percent open to anyone who wants to get involved," Rose said.

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## Police give autos the boot

### Wheel-locking device to deter traffic violators

By JOHN AREND  
Staff Writer

The wheels on students' automobiles may be wearing boots this year if city parking tickets remain unpaid.

The boot, actually a wheel-locking device, will be put on cars with more than three delinquent citation notices by the Fort Worth Police, said Russell Saunders, a hearing officer of the Fort Worth Parking Violations Bureau.

Prior to disabling the automobiles, the registered owner will receive a delinquent notice and a notice of eligibility for booting or towing for each outstanding ticket, Saunders said.

"We've realized that a significant

number of delinquent citations and notices are being sent to citizens who are apparently TCU students," he said.

After three parking tickets become past due for any vehicle, the FWPD gets the registered vehicle owner's name from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Austin, and delinquent notices are mailed out, Saunders said.

"Once a vehicle is booted or towed, very few people can seriously contend that they haven't been given adequate notice," he said.

Impounded automobiles will only be released after the owner pays either a boot fee of \$25 or towing fees beginning at about \$45, plus all outstanding fines and late fees, Saunders

said.

Campus Police had a similar policy of placing boots on vehicles with more than five campus parking violations, but it was discontinued because of the difficulty in installing the boot, said Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart.

"Now, if a vehicle has received more than five citations and they are unpaid, we just call someone out to tow it," he said.

As of Oct. 28, there were about 100 vehicles on Stewart's list to be towed, he said.

"There are enough parking spaces on campus that everyone can park legally," he said. "They just might not be as convenient as some people would like."

## Student wins grant to finance new film

By ANDREA PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

See Floyd. See Floyd go to national film festivals, winning awards and the hearts of thousands of spectators.

At least that's what Floyd's creator Scott Tobin hopes audiences will see in the future.

Floyd, a metamorphic rock, is the subject of Tobin's upcoming film "Metamorphosis."

Junior radio/TV/film major Tobin is the first recipient of the Tandy Memorial Film Library grant that was awarded last week.

Tobin will receive \$2,000 over the course of the spring semester to cover the costs of production and post-production for his film.

Each applicant for the grant was required to submit a narrative, a shooting script, a budget proposal, a timetable and other tentative production plans.

Curator of the Tandy Film Library, John Freeman, with Kenneth Upchurch, whose family founded the Tandy Library, reviewed the three proposals that were submitted for the grant and chose Tobin's.

One of the most difficult aspects of the project will be perfecting the claymation technique, called pixillation, that will give life to Floyd, Tobin said.

"I want (Floyd) to have eyes blinking, smooth movement, facial expressions," Tobin said. "That's what will make it good."

Freeman, who will act as the film's executive producer, said the project will be shot in 16mm color negative for exceptionally good sharpness and color quality so the film can be submitted to film festivals and shown on television, Freeman said.

Tobin said he's thrilled with the possibility that his film may win awards but said he's too preoccupied with preproduction to dwell on the future.

When it is finished, Tobin's film will be stored in the film library, as will each future film made by grant recipients.

The film will be shown on campus sometime in late April or early May, Freeman said.

The Tandy Film Library will be awarding one grant for movie production each spring semester, he said.



## Conflicts halt Hunger Week faculty panel

By KRISTIE AYLETT  
Staff Writer

The faculty panel on hunger, scheduled for 7 p.m. today in Student Center Rooms 205-206, has been canceled, said the Hunger Week Chair Charlie Jensen Tuesday.

"Unforeseen scheduling conflicts and time conflicts" caused the professors involved to be unable to commit to participating on the panel, said Patti Pattison, Hunger Week publicity chairperson.

"I'm really disappointed," said Jensen, a senior geology major.

A panel of five professors from the fields of nursing, nutrition, radio/TV/film, social work and sociology were supposed to discuss "how their fields of study related to the hunger problem," Jensen said.

Only two of the five had committed to participating on the panel by Tuesday evening.

Pattison said, "I think there are still plenty of things for people to do and go to in order to gain awareness."

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**Outside**

Today's forecast according to the National Weather Service is mostly sunny with high temperatures in the lower 60s and lows near 40, winds from the north at 15 to 20 mph. Thursday's forecast is sunny and cool, with highs in the lower 60s.

## Politics blamed for hunger

By MARICARMEN EROLES  
Staff Writer

Jose eats four tortillas for lunch. If he is lucky, he will also get a plate of rice and beans. He then works in the fields the rest of the 14-hour workday to go back to four more tortillas that night.

Although Jose is not a real person, his situation is real. In Latin America, tortillas, beans and rice constitute the average diet of a person who works 14 hours or more each day to produce food to export to other countries.

The political problems in the region, including land tenure, are among the principal causes of hunger.

Latin America could feed itself if the political and economic systems could be reorganized, but the governments are not willing to make the political choices, said Michael Dodson, associate professor of political science.

Carlos Miranda, assistant professor of political science, said, "In Latin America there needs to be a break in the elitist system to solve the problem (hunger and poverty). The change is in the new generations of leaders, but it is something of a utopia."

There needs to be a more equitable distribution of the

wealth on the part of the government, but it is hard to make the satisfaction of the people's basic needs the objective of an elitist government, he said.

Don Coerver, chairman of the history department, said hunger in Latin America is a political issue in the sense that historically, a few people have been able to co-opt a disproportionate amount of profits and enjoy more prosperity.

"The myth of Latin America's wealth being there for easy-taking has led to a traditional quick-exploit approach not conducive to equitable distribution and has created a struggle among few people for control of limited wealth," Coerver said.

The solution to the economic problems is found not only in a more equitable redistribution of land, but also in an increase in the total amount of wealth of the country, Coerver said.

Dodson said the general proposition about Latin America is that economic growth and development have taken the form of agro-export production in a predominantly agricultural region.

Attempts to make this type of production more efficient

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## CAMPUSlines

**Psi-Chi meeting** at 5:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Room 207. Topic: career planning. Call 927-7406 for more information.

**Intramural 3-on-3 basketball deadline:** Friday. Entries should be turned in to the Rickel Room 229. Divisions include women's and men's (over 5'11" and under 5'11"). Competition will begin after Thanksgiving break. Call 921-7945 for more information.

**Lecture: "Mass Media and the World Community-Social and Cultural Perspectives"** by Dr. Kenneth Starck at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1. Free admission.

**Panhellenic's "Craziest TCU Fan" Contest** Thursday at noon in the Student Center Ballroom. First prize is \$60 and 2 tickets to the A&M game.

**TCU Latenight with Michael Numberman** needs a studio audience at 7 p.m. on Friday. Call 921-2824 to reserve seats (60 seats available).

**Frog Finder Course Description Booklets** are available at the Student Center information desk, registrar's office, pre-major advisors and residence halls.

**Juried Reed Student Art Show** will be accepting student entries through Friday. Pick up entry forms in the art department or Student Activities office. Call 921-7926 for more information.

**Films committee presenting Wall Street on Friday and Beetlejuice on Saturday.** Shows start at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50. Call 926-1929 for more information.

**AERho CD Hour presenting Sting and The Police** on KTCU 88.7 FM from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday.

**Dr. Mark K. Reid** will be on campus Sunday and Monday. Wants to meet with students of the Northwest region or those who attended Northwest Christian college. Call 921-7580 to schedule a conference or for more information.

**Theatre TCU presenting "Blithe Spirit"** through Sunday at the University Theatre. Shows begin at 8 p.m. with the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. General admission is \$5 and \$3 for senior citizens or TCU students. Call 921-7626 for tickets.

**Student Nutrition Association** meeting at 4 p.m. Monday in the Bass Building Living Room. Don Mills will speak on Time and Stress Management.

**Fall University Leadership Retreat** Participants follow-up packets are available in the Student Activities Office.

**Faculty Art Show** in the Moudy Exhibition Hall through Nov. 23. Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Works of 17 art faculty members included.

**Sophomores: Cash in on good grades (2.5 or better).** Apply now for Army ROTC 2-year scholarships worth \$16,000+. Call 926-7455 for more information.

## NEWSlines

### Soviets launch shuttle

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviets broke the U.S. monopoly on reusable spacecraft Tuesday by launching their own space shuttle on a 3 1/2-hour, unmanned orbital flight that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev hailed as a major coup for his country.

"The space plane has ushered in a new era in the history of Soviet space exploration," state-run Radio Moscow declared after the 100-ton Buran made two orbits, streaked earthward in a fireball and landed at a specially built runway in Soviet Central Asia on its maiden mission.

# False alarms cause city, campus problems

By JULIE PALM  
Staff Writer

TCU may be in danger of becoming like the little boy who cried wolf if the large number of false fire alarms continues through the rest of the year.

Between Sept. 1 and Nov. 14, there have been 57 false fire alarms in residence halls, according to Campus Police reports.

This is an unusually large number of false alarms, said Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police.

Jim Tidwell, assistant fire marshal, said the number of false alarms may affect how seriously both students and firefighters take the alarms.

"It's human nature. If I live in a certain building and know an alarm is going to go off twice a week or twice a month, I'll expect it to be a false alarm and not a fire," Tidwell said. "Firemen are affected. They're real people too."

Tidwell said the alarms are "irritating to everyone, not just firemen." The number of false alarms is a concern of both the Fort Worth Fire Department and the university.

Tidwell estimates that each false alarm costs the city thousands of dollars.

"Anytime an alarm goes in, we will roll a minimum of five pieces of equipment, with a minimum of 14 men. If you figure the call takes a half an hour, that's seven-and-a-half man-hours and two-and-a-half hours equipment time," Tidwell said.

But the lost staff and equipment hours are not the fire department's greatest concern, Tidwell said.

"When we roll five pieces (of equipment) out of a certain neighborhood, they're not available for another call," Tidwell said. "Our biggest fear is that the false alarm will affect another citizen."

"If someone's child is choking, or someone's grandmother is having a heart attack and a truck is at XYZ on a false alarm, then we have to send a truck from another station. We have a fear that something may happen to that child or that grandmother," he said.

Harry Goodman, assistant director of the physical plant, said that the physical plant has a "great desire to stop the false alarms."

"We are always looking at the systems and devices. All of us at HVAC take it very seriously," Goodman said.

An operator at the physical plant is on duty 24 hours a day to monitor any alarms. When an alarm goes off, the fire department, Campus Police and a member of the emergency response team are notified, said Assistant Director of Housing Emily Burgwyn.

The emergency response team is made up of physical plant employees, Goodman said.

"Some people are assigned out of every shop - plumbers, electricians - from all facets of the plant," Goodman said. "We have people trained to help the fire department and Campus Police. They're there to do repairs or

reset the system."

Burgwyn said the amount of money that false alarms cost the university is difficult to estimate, but that the loss of staff time is "a large part of the university's costs."

Goodman said, in an effort to cut down on the number of false alarms, "we are constantly reviewing what we should change and what we are doing. We don't want repair calls."

The fire alarm systems are frequently updated and checked for problems, Goodman said.

"All of the TCU systems are well maintained," Goodman said. "We've put new systems in to update them - Brachman has a brand new system. Clark does too."

Brachman Hall's new fire alarm system was installed this past summer, and Clark Hall's was installed two years ago, Goodman said.

Moncrief Hall, because of changes in building codes for new buildings, has a different system than other residence halls, Goodman said.

In order to comply with the new codes, a sprinkler system was installed throughout Moncrief. Other residence halls have sprinkler systems only in the basement.

"The fire suppression system (sprinkler system) is tied together with the smoke and heat detection system. They operate as a team. They provide a modern protection system," Goodman said.

Moncrief has had more false alarms than any other residence hall this year - 23. Steam from the showers has

caused most of the alarms.

Burgwyn said another difference in Moncrief's system makes shower steam a problem there, but not in other residence halls.

In Moncrief Hall, the smoke detector in each room is connected to the main alarm system. Every time a detector in a room is set off, the entire system is activated, Burgwyn said. In other residence halls, the smoke detectors are independent of the main system.

One of the reasons for the large number of false alarms in Moncrief Hall is just that it is a new building with a new system, Goodman said.

"With a new building, there are always some problems. Some don't surface right away," Goodman said.

Goodman said the physical plant has looked at several ways to deal with problems in Moncrief.

The most feasible way to deal with the steam problem was to lower the water temperature, Goodman said.

The adjustments were made Oct. 10-12 and since then, there has only been one false alarm caused by steam, Goodman said.

In the past few years, changes have been made in residence halls to correct other problems.

Burgwyn said that covers have been installed on the pull stations in some residence halls to prevent students from maliciously pulling the alarms.

The covers have separate alarms built into them. When the cover is lifted an alarm sounds, but the fire

alarm itself must still be pulled.

"The first alarm is designed to scare off anyone who's pulling the alarm as a prank," Burgwyn said.

Burgwyn said the pull-station covers were installed in three residence halls that were identified as "problem areas" - Clark, Martin-Moore and Tomlinson halls.

"Since the covers were installed, the number of pulled alarms has decreased dramatically," Burgwyn said.

Burgwyn said the number of false alarms also decreased when the university began charging students each time an alarm was pulled.

The person responsible for pulling the alarm is fined \$400. If the person is not identified, then each hall resident is charged \$5.

If students fail to leave the building during an alarm, they can be fined \$100, according to the Residential Living Handbook.

Two students have been written up by Campus Police for failure to leave the building during a fire alarm. Burgwyn said no students have been fined so far this year.

In the past, there has also been a problem with power surges causing the alarms to go off.

"We've spent a lot of time and effort correcting the power surge problem. We have that pretty much under control," Goodman said.

The fire department is also looking at ways to cut down on the number of false alarms, Tidwell said.

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The co-curricular bulletin will be updated at this meeting. This will entail calling organizations and making sure meeting times, contacts and basic information of that organization is correct.

Interlock is divided into four different committees. Each committee has a specific responsibility for the organization, Rose said.

The newsletter-calendar committee is responsible for organizing a master calendar with updated coverage of all the events happening in every organization, Rose said. The newsletter will be distributed biweekly or monthly to all the student organizations on campus.

"This is an opportunity for an organization that doesn't have the man power or the money to publicize and reach people," Rose said.

"Hopefully this will avoid overlapping and conflict of all the big events. That way we can get a large turnout to all the all-campus events that take place," she said.

"The 'trouble shooters' are a committee that work with organizations who are not cooperating. These may be organizations that may not exist anymore or that we can't find," Rose said.

The public relations committee informs the campus about Interlock and

how it works, she said.

Finally, there are representatives. Representatives are members of Interlock who are assigned a certain number of organizations, and they communicate with those organizations about their activities, Rose said.

A long-term goal Interlock has is to get a representative from every campus organization to become a member, Rose said.

"Once a month, we could have a big meeting. I mean, there's 130 organizations on campus. At this meeting, we could go through the calendar and highlight various events," Rose said.

This would allow everyone to know what everyone else is doing, she said.

Information boxes located in the Student Activities Office are labeled for every organization on campus, said Eddie Jolley, one of the founding members of Interlock.

"These had to be updated," Rose said. "We found information in some of these boxes dated back to 1986. Either these organizations don't know about the box, or the organization doesn't exist anymore."

Getting the student body aware and physically involved in the program is difficult. Talk of the program is increasing, but physical support needs to be seen, Treпка said.

"Right now it's a concept, and it's hard to be a member of a concept," Mira said. "There are no guidelines because they are creating them as they go along, from the ground up. However, the spirit is definitely there."

The group is working in a slow and organized process, said Kristin Chambers, vice president of the House of Student Representatives.

"They are making long-term and short-term goals and are defining everything they want the organization to do," Chambers said. "It's a step-by-step process and it's going slower than what some people want, but then it will last longer."

Interlock's biggest challenge is it can't let one specific group weigh too heavily and it needs to keep their momentum up, Chambers said.

TCU prides itself on being a university that is easy to get involved in, Rose said.

Interlock is just a way to allow communication to flow freely, and it won't let students use "I don't know" for an excuse for not being aware, she said.

"Hopefully everyone will cooperate because this is something that is beneficial to everyone," Rose said. "It won't work unless we all cooperate."

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have led to a concentration of land and to the predominance of the plantation-type economy, he said.

All governments, in a way, face the dilemma of sacrificing progress for hunger and choose hunger as the price to pay for making the transition into an industrial society, risking revolution, he said. Like Brazil, which made the transition through a military government.

"Hunger by itself doesn't start revolutions. When people are led to expect that they will not be hungry and they will enjoy a better life, then you have revolutions," he said.

Some countries have moved away from the agro-export economy, which produces foreign exchange to obtain manufactured goods, by producing

their own goods, he said.

What Mexico has done is move into an intermediate category of production of finished goods, Dodson said. Argentina and Brazil produce foreign exchange, import technology and develop industry of their own up to a point, but other countries rarely have that option and have to export primary products.

"An illustration is in Nicaragua, which (after the Sandinista revolution of 1979) adopted a perspective that the best bet is to de-intensify dependency (from foreign powers)," Dodson said.

The answer is to find markets for primary products inside the countries which will help to preserve political independence and permit it to progress economically, he said.

## TCU Student Publications Wants You

TCU Student Publications Committee will meet Monday, Nov. 21, 1988 to elect the editor and ad manager for the TCU Daily Skiff.

Students who meet these guidelines may apply for Editor:

1. Have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
2. Have satisfactorily completed at least three courses in journalism, including reporting, or have experience as judged appropriate by the chairman of the journalism department.

Students who meet these guidelines may apply for Ad Manager:

1. Have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.
2. Have taken ad principles or enrolled while serving.

### TO APPLY

Pick up an application from the Student Publications secretary in room 2935S, Moudy Building. Return completed forms by noon, Thursday, Nov. 17.

### COMPENSATION

Skiff editor will receive financial aid of up to \$3,120 for the semester(s) served. The Skiff ad manager will receive aid of up to \$720 per semester, plus commissions on all advertising sold and serviced after full payment is received.

### Staff positions

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# Commentary

## Our View Delays in action undercut report

Last fall a trend to create awareness about multiculturalism was started by members of the House of Student Representatives. The trend quickly gained momentum, and one of its effects was the creation of a Multicultural Affairs Subcommittee, which was to look into the topic and come up with a report.

The report was submitted to the executive board of the House after the Sept. 26 deadline was extended for a week, and the executive board has been studying it since then.

The report assesses the place and function of multiculturalism at TCU and the problem of awareness - both individual and organizational. It contains a discussion of the issue of who should bear responsibility for the financial burden of furthering multiculturalism.

It also contains the committee's recommendations for short-term and long-term action on the issue.

President Lee Behar said the executive board will not have the report back to the subcommittee until the week of Dec. 5.

That week is the week of dead days - the week before finals.

The report was a good idea, but it is only a first step toward concrete action. Because of the delays, the report has lost much of the momentum toward such action that it would have had if it had been presented to the House members and the student body at an earlier time - when everyone was not worried about finals and grades.

If the efforts of the subcommittee and other people who have tried to keep the issue of multiculturalism alive are not reinforced with a speedy and effective revision of the report, there will be no use for their efforts.

Talking alone does not solve problems if that talk is not followed by effective actions.

## Time to move along

Call the movers. Load Billy, Susie and Spot into the pickup and head for the hills.

After you've lived in good ol' Cowtown for years, thinking it was a nice little place - smaller than the metropolitan monster to the east, but large enough to have a university, two colleges, two seminaries, a junior college system and a cultural district - Zero Population Growth is here to tell you different.

Zero Population Growth is an organization that works to create support for population stabilization. It is based in Washington, D.C. The organization's statistics on population change, support for education, crime rates, economy and ecology show that Fort Worth is one of the 10 cities in the United States with the 10 least stable populations.

That leaves Fort Worth out of the competition for their annual Les Corsa Endowment Fund Award for outstanding achievement in the population field.

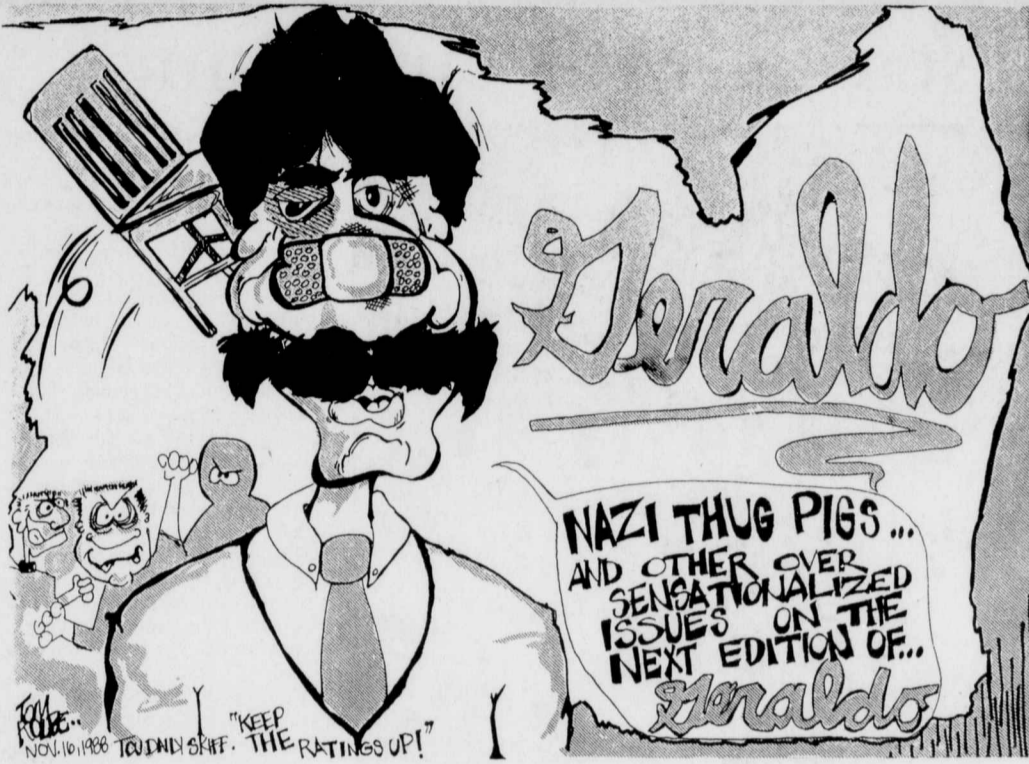
The city managers of Fort Worth must be crushed - maybe even as much as the general public.

Forget the many opportunities for higher education in Fort Worth. Forget that the *Dallas Morning News*' Texas Almanac for 1988-89 calls Fort Worth an "education center and outstanding cultural center."

How can a community, in good conscience, raise its children in a city with such population instability, even if it is a bastion of intellect and culture?

There's only one solution. We must leave.

We must gather our belongings and our children and embark on a journey to find somewhere stable - somewhere we can all move and destabilize the rest of the population.



## Obvious problems in world

By JOHN MOORE  
Columnist



Some days, a newspaper columnist has a devil of a time trying to find a good topic to write about. You search high and low, scanning every newspaper and magazine you can get your hands on, hoping that somewhere among the pages there is enough muck to rake to fill 20 plus inches of the space allotted for your column.

### Towing

I was walking to my car last Tuesday when I noticed an unmarked tow truck in the parking lot across from the science building. It seems that a student had parked in a faculty parking space, and the tow truck driver was doing his duty. But he did more than that - he damaged the student's car.

As the tow truck driver pulled out of the parking lot with his prize - a white '78 Cutlass - in tow, he cut the corner too short and dragged the car around one of the concrete-filled steel posts that stand on either side of each parking lot entrance.

By the time the driver had yanked the Cutlass free of the post, there was a three-foot gash in the passenger-side door. For a moment, the driver actually appeared to be concerned about the damage he had just inflicted. But when he saw me leaning against my own car, notebook in hand and writing down the license number of his truck, he made tracks. Tire tracks. Literally.

I stood there in shock, thankful that my own car wasn't the one "entrusted" to that inept simpleton of a tow truck driver. Then I thought, "maybe someday my car will be the one mangled by one of the incompe-

tents the university hires to do the dirty job of removing student's cars from its many 'forbidden areas.'"

At any rate, I still have the license number of a white Chevy Scottsdale tow truck. If anybody out there had a white Cutlass towed and damaged last week and would like to know the license number of the tow truck involved, let me know.

### Skiff ads

Last year, the ad manager of the *Skiff* refused to run an ad to recruit female students to pose for *Playboy* because doing so would not have been in keeping with *Skiff* policy.

Last Friday, the *Skiff* ran an ad that sported a picture of a bikini-clad Heather Locklear - some unique selling proposition. Seems to me, we at the *Skiff* are setting a double standard.

Two of my professors think so, too. Since they know I'm a *Skiff* staffer, they let me know exactly how they felt about the ad.

It's not a good feeling when your own ad department sells out to the porn industry. I'm sure we helped brighten the walls of the men's residence halls last week, but should we be helping companies that resort to selling their products and/or services with sex? There are other sources of ad income.

### Sprinklers

Monday morning, as I was walking to an 8 a.m. class, I heard the familiar sound of the infamous TCU sprinklers. I watched the sprinklers stir from a long night's rest and leap into life, sending their streams of ice-cold water grassward - but the ground was already soaked from Sunday's rain.

TCU is a college steeped in tradition, but this is ridiculous. We do everything on a fixed schedule. We even water the grass on a regular basis - and I do mean regular.

Rain or shine, shine or rain, the sprinklers come on at a set time and go off at a set time. Who cares if we kill the grass by drowning it or turning it to ice on cold mornings? Who cares if we waste water - it's paid for.

### Campaign posters

The election's over, but the memories remain - and probably will for a long time. At the close of every local, state, or national election, I wait to see how long it takes some wise city official or volunteer organization to take the initiative of having the hundreds of thousands of campaign signs, which dot our roads and clutter the front yards of homes and businesses, collected.

Who knows, maybe someday I'll start a committee myself - the Anti-Campaign Poster Alliance for the Betterment of Community Through the Elimination of Trash. After all, when an election's over and all the signs and posters have served their collective purpose - to elect politicians - they are trash (the signs, not the politicians).

### Music

I am sick and tired of the garbage that is played on most major rock radio stations now. Don't get me wrong. I live for rock music, but many of the new bands show a definite lack of style and rockability.

When I turn on the radio, either my ears are assaulted by the machine-gun riffs of some obscure heavy metal guitarist or I'm put to sleep by the forlorn voice of some modern day "crooner" lamenting the loss of an absent lover.

This is not the stuff of which great songs are made. It shouldn't be the stuff of which any songs are made.

There is at least one truly outstanding rock band that is currently on the charts - The Church. Even if you have not heard this band, I suggest you go out right now and buy a copy of their album *Starfish*.

Like I said, some days you can see a lot of the problems in the world just by looking around. I suppose there's a lot of good out there to offset the bad, but every columnist knows that behind every silver cloud there's a dark lining, or something like that.

Take a look around for yourself sometime and ask yourself if you like what you see - that's how you learn to make improvements in this old world. Then you can help others learn.

## Help keep free spaces in District

By MELISSA WEBB  
Guest Columnist



Some of the best things in Fort Worth are free.

A stroll through the Botanic Gardens on a clear fall day with a snap of coolness in the air doesn't cost a cent. Nor does an afternoon spent in a public park playing Frisbee or napping under a tree.

A more unusual free activity is a trip to the Water Gardens to sit in, or wander through, modernistic waterfalls.

Whether one's tastes run to athletic or intellectual endeavors, there is always a way to pursue these hobbies without spending money.

It doesn't cost anything to jog or bike along quiet streets, or to visit a library to read classics - or to leaf through issues of *Life* from the 1950s.

And a trip to the Cultural District is a free excursion into the artistic worlds of the past and present.

The Kimbell offers fine art of the past, the type many museums would charge people large sums of money to see.

The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth displays many types of contemporary art, from Ellsworth Kelly to Andy Warhol - the type of work not everyone has the opportunity to view, especially for free.

The Amon Carter Museum's collection of Western Art is an unusual display of works from the Southwest.

And the Museum of Science and Natural History gives the opportunity to learn about science in a fun yet informative way.

This type of activity is one of the things that makes Fort Worth an enjoyable place to live. Not every city offers its residents culture for free.

But if some members of the City Council have their way about charging for parking in the Cultural District, look for all that to change.

A proposal to charge for street parking in the cultural district was quite popular among council members earlier this fall. At the meeting where the measure was to be put to a vote, though, large numbers of citizens who came to speak out against the measure seemed to sway council members' minds.

The measure was put off and will be considered again at a meeting on Dec. 6.

Keeping the museum exhibits free is a way to make the arts accessible to all, not just to those with the extra money to spare for entertainment.

Paid parking would be a nuisance even for those with the extra cash. Searching for parking meter change could put a real damper on a spontaneous trip to a museum.

City Council should heed the people who say parking should remain free. After all, it is their city and they are the ones who may decide not to patronize the districts if the free parking is eliminated.

Citizens need to continue to speak up and let the City Council know how they feel. Perhaps the council will listen if public reaction remains strong.

Then maybe one of the best things in Fort Worth can remain free.

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# Sports

## Iba begins season with optimism

By DELL ROBINSON-HALL and REGINA ANDERSON  
Sports Writers

When TCU head basketball coach Moe Iba goes to basketball practice he likes what he sees.

"I'm satisfied with the team practice," Iba said. "They practice hard. They're not as far along as I would like them to be, but that's because of the new players. I like the work habits; they want to have a basketball team—that's encouraging."

That's a big change for Iba and the Frogs.

Last year the Frogs finished tied for eighth place with a season record of 9-19 and a SWC conference record of 3-13.

They were 2-10 on the road and 5-6 at home.

"The kids a year ago gave their best effort," he said. "They tried hard, but we were under-sized. We played a 6-5 post man. A couple players had to play 40 minutes."

This year Iba said the team has better basketball players than a year ago.

"We've got more to work with," Iba said. "It's the players' and our job to get the most we can out of the ball club. We have bigger and quicker players, but they lack experience, and that will come with time."

But despite the 9-19 record the Frogs have made no major changes in their offense or defense.

"We tried to keep it as simple as possible. We want everyone to know their responsibility," he said. "We will be a better defensive and offensive team. Our rebounding needs improving, but we are bigger than a year ago."

Iba said the Frogs will have more depth and speed offensively and defensively. They will also score more points.

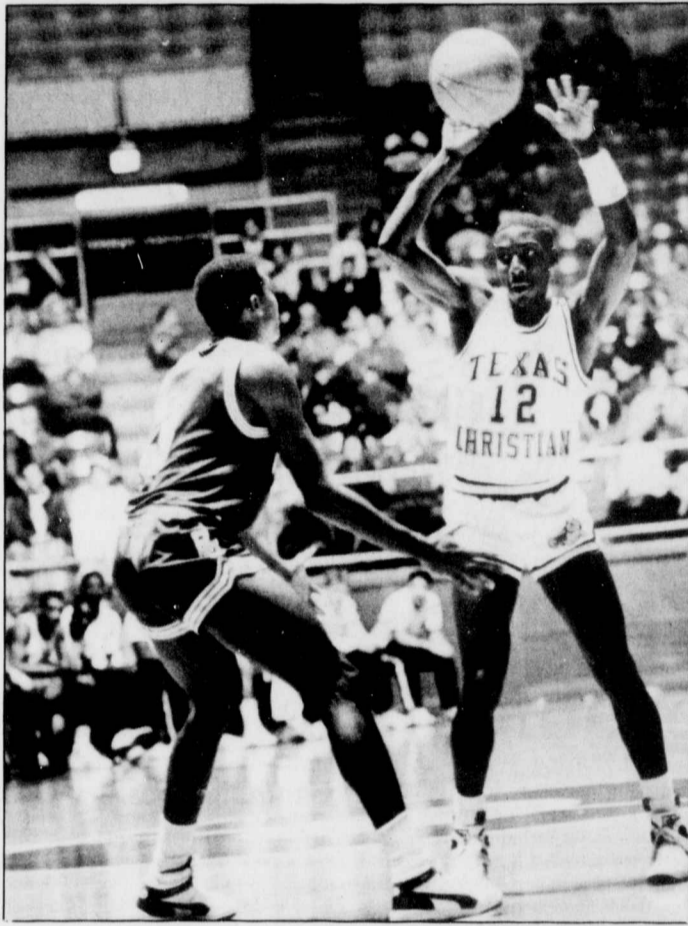
But he also stressed that inexperience will be a factor.

"They will get better as time goes on," he said. "That includes making mistakes early in year and at crucial times. Natural for coaches to worry about players with not much major college competition."

But despite the inexperience Iba said he expects a lot from the team.

"We have a chance; I don't want to limit what they can do," he said. "They have potential and can develop into a good unit depending on how much they can improve from now until Maryland on Nov. 25th."

According to critics, the Frogs are expected to finish last in the Southwest Conference. They have lost two



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Don't mess with me - Senior John Lewis will be a key player for the Frogs in the upcoming season.

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Returning Starters	Jeff Boutelle, Danny Hughes, John Lewis, Todd Willis, Edwin Fromayan
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Lost Starters	Bryan Stinchcomb, Randy Parker, Tim Chase, Chris Risenhoover, Norman Anderson, Rod Jacques
Head Coach	Moe Iba (Oklahoma State, '62)
Iba's Overall Record	153-154/11 years
Record at TCU	9-19; 3-13 SWC/ 1 year

starters, including leading rebounder Norman Anderson, and six lettermen. But that hasn't affected Iba or his players.

"We think we have a chance to have a good team in time," Iba said.

Senior guard John Lewis said the Frogs will prove the critics wrong.

"We are definitely going to prove the critics wrong this year," Lewis said. "We have all the tools necessary to have an A-1 season."

Lewis, 6-foot 174 pounds, led the Frogs last season with 26 slams and was TCU's leading scorer with 13.3 points a game and 4 rebounds. He

started 26 of the 28 games and scored in double figures 23 times.

Lewis said there is a better sense of camaraderie and togetherness on this team.

Senior guard Danny Hughes agreed.

"We are started anew this year with a different look, a lot of height and depth at each position," Hughes said. "We're getting things started."

Hughes, 6-foot 155 pounds, started all of TCU's 28 games last season. He averaged 7.8 points per game and 2.3 rebounds, and is ranked seventh among SWC full-season leaders in assists with 4.4 and 10th in SWC play at 3.8.

Hughes was TCU's top three-point man with 44.7 percent.

He said the team is a lot better this year because the attitudes are better, and the team has better athletes overall.

The Frogs returned only three starters, so a lot of the Frogs' success will depend on the new players.

They added five junior-college transfers and five freshmen to their roster along with five returning lettermen.

Junior guard Kelvin Crawford, a 6-2, 200 pound transfer from Mississippi County Junior College, is one of the top newcomers to the Frog squad.

Crawford averaged 13.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 4.1 assists last season. He led MCJC to a 26-8 record and was named Arkansas Junior College Conference MVP. Crawford was also a first-team All Region II selection.

He said that practice at TCU is a lot harder than at MCJC because there is a lot of competition at every position.

"You have to prove yourself everyday here," Crawford said. "There is a lot of talent and depth along with great leadership from the returning starters. We are a lot better than the polls indicate."

Iba said that the key to being a successful basketball team depends on the players.

"If the players can accept their roles, it's not important who starts," he said. "We have nine-to-ten players who will play. The main thing is to accept the roles on ball club. That's the key. We won't be successful without the team aspect."

Iba isn't sure how the Frogs will do in conference. He just wants them to be competitive.

"Being competitive in every game and improving within the conference," he said. "We have the people to do it if they do it the way it needs to be done."

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