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## Mayor's race runs by TCU

### 'Gas' too much for incumbent Overcash

A big problem for Fort Worth is the need to keep utility rates down for the people while keeping prices reasonable for the utility company, Fort Worth Mayor Clif Overcash said.

Running for re-election in the April 2 race against City Councilman Hugh Parmer, Overcash talked with about 15 people in the Student Center lounge Monday night about major issues in the campaign.

"The gas problem is an emotional issue in the city of Fort Worth," as well as "in every city in the United States," he said.

The two biggest problems facing gas producers are lower incentives for exploration and avid environmentalists, said Mayor Overcash.

The incumbent noted that, while some Texas cities are paying \$2 per million cubic feet for natural gas, states outside Texas are paying 52 cents.

This outside price is so low, he added, the people who produce and ship it would be losing money by sending the gas outside Texas.

"They (the gas suppliers) are not going to put money into it (exploration and development) unless they can make a profit," he said.

The other aspect "in which the tail seems to be wagging the dog," is the conservation issue.

The mayor said oil spills affecting "about a hundred birds" on a West Coast beach, caused drilling in both oceans to be terminated.

The Alaskan pipeline has also run into many hassles from environmentalists who complain the pipeline would disturb the trail of the Caribou.

"This seems to be foolish," he said. "I'm interested in animals. But I'm more interested in human beings than animals."

Reiterating his stand on the Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike, Overcash expressed a desire to remove the toll.

"I wanted it (the toll) taken off two years ago," he said. "I'll guarantee you the toll will be taken off."

He said that when the bonds to fund the highway were sold, a decision was made that the highway would be free to ride on once the bonds were paid off.

TCU students themselves are affected by all the issues in the race "if they are voters here in Fort Worth," Overcash said when contacted later.



CLIF OVERCASH



HUGH PARMER

### Parmer vexed over new TCU building

Mayoral candidate Hugh Parmer revealed Tuesday night that his attitude toward zoning changes led him to vote against the change to clear way for the new J.M. Moudy Communications Building.

Speaking with approximately 20 students in the Student Center lounge Parmer said that in 35 zoning disputes, he has been for "maintaining the state of the neighborhood."

One of those zoning change disputes was the proposed TCU structure. Parmer voted against the site.

"TCU's got lots of empty land," he said, and the school's administration "approached the city council in an arrogant and overhanded manner."

"Anytime you build a facility around campus, you create parking problems," he noted. The people living in the surrounding area had "a fear of lots of parking up and down the street."

"If I had lived in that neighborhood, I would feel threatened, too," he said.

The "overriding problem" in the campaign centers on the financial disclosure issue, according to Parmer.

"I have made public a complete financial statement, a corporate balance sheet, a list of all business we've done with utilities and my most current federal income tax returns," Parmer said. "The mayor released a one-page summary of his assets."

Parmer said the mayor "may not have done a darn thing wrong," but he still won't submit a more detailed report.

Utility rate increases is a major area of disagreement between the two, Parmer said.

Southwestern Bell's rate hike, water and sewer rate increases were all voted against by Parmer, while the mayor approved all, he said.

The current city councilman said he has a 60 percent voting record against the gas company's rate increases while the mayor has a 100 percent voting record in favor of the utility increases.

"They (the gas companies) have the right to make a decent profit," Parmer noted. "They are not always wrong, but they're darn sure not always right."

### Woman Postmaster

## Publisher pushed into 'man's world'

By Cindy Rugeley

For the 1963 American woman, women's lib was "the impossible dream." Her world rotated around her children, her husband and her dirty dishes. The world of Katherine Graham, present publisher of the Washington Post, was not much different.

Mrs. Graham once commented she felt "I was put on Earth to take care of Phil Graham and to be perfectly happy to clean after him. I did all the scutwork: paid the bills, ran the houses, drove the children. I was always the butt of family jokes. You know, good old Mom, plodding along. And I accepted it. That's the way I viewed myself." And I accepted it. That's the way I viewed myself."

Then on one summer afternoon in 1963 she abruptly discovered she was not put on earth solely for that reason. Husband Phil, after a year-long mental illness, committed suicide.

The Post company, publishers of the Washington Post and Newsweek, for years run by the Graham family, was now transferred into her hands. As if placed into some machine in a science fiction thriller, Katherine Graham was transformed from good old plodding mom to a cor-

porate executive.

Graham has handled the transformation remarkably, converting a loosely run family business into an efficiently operating professional organization. The corporation revenues have grown from \$85.5 million in 1963 to more than \$309 million under her leadership.

Her success in business and shrewd mind led her to Fort Worth Tuesday, and to a press conference at TCU. "I get an awfully lot of offers to speak at various places daily and accept very few. The ones I do accept, I accept for business interests. I had never been to Fort Worth before and this area is a source of business revenue."

In spite of her professionalism, the 59-year old Graham still exhibits many tendencies not to be expected of a corporate executive. Throughout the press conference she appeared edgy, commenting at one time she feels "embarrassed" during public presentations.

However due to her position in communications she does feel she is in "half a public position." "I feel like we are here to inform."

She believes as communicators reporters should be offstage. "A journalist's duty is to report the headlines,

not be in them."

Almost 14 years of publishing one of the nation's most controversial publications doesn't seem to have aged Graham one day. Dressed in what appeared to be a size 8, fashionable-length dress, her shoulder-length hair pageboyed, the graying grandmother doesn't look her 59 years.

The Washington Post under Graham's leadership can take credit for challenging a president over suppression of the Pentagon Papers and later unseating him.

"Those were rough times, but they were well worth it. Washington is now a much healthier climate. The press throughout the United States sees itself in a much healthier role.

"The public views the press now a little higher, but some think their investigative reporting is going too far. I think of an investigative reporter as nothing more than a good thorough reporter who tries to get the facts rather than just accepting a hand out."

Graham admits had she known in advance the dramas she would be cast in as publisher of the Post she might

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Opinion

# Election code falls flat

This semester the Student House of Representatives has moved forward at a rapid pace. At least twenty bills or amendments have entered the House floor, with over 15 being successful, often after heated debate and re-amendment.

Instead of failing a bill or amendment not totally agreeable, House members continue to reword or revise it until they are satisfied with the results. They are certainly to be commended for their perseverance.

However, this week's passage of an amendment to the existing election code fell short of its intended purpose. Hoping to clarify and permit medial actions to be taken on election code violation, the amendment produced an even broader code.

When last semester's discrepancy arose over handling

a violation, only two courses of action existed: to disqualify the candidate or let the candidate continue to run for office.

The article passed offers three other alternatives. They can opt to invalidate the election or call a new one. Secondly, a violator may be fined, not more than \$10 per violation, payable to the House. Or thirdly, a violator may be prohibited from campaigning for a given amount of time.

The article also states, however, that the Elections Board may instead take "any action it deems necessary." Not only does this addition obviate the listed actions, but such a statement gives unlimited power to the people of the Election Board—power giving the Board control with no restraints.

If the Board "deems it necessary," to fine the violator

\$100, it is so entitled. If the Board "deems it necessary," it can prohibit the violator from ever again running for a University office.

Not only may the Elections Board impose any action on violators of the code, but it may do the same to any person who is ruled to have a valid appeal to a prior case. If a violator's appeal is found valid, the Board may take any action of the five mentioned actions, including allowing the candidate to participate in the election. However, if it "deems it necessary" to fine the violator \$1,000, under the existing code it could do so.

Certainly such actions weren't intended. However, without careful study of every amendment submitted, the House will fall prey to such wordiness. Care must be taken if students here are to be adequately represented, and recently passed amendments should be restudied to assure stability.

The aforementioned election amendment needs to be re-examined and clarified so as to avoid such unreasonable inconsistency.

GWEN BAUMAMN

## Reader feedback

### Hockey story disappointing

Editor:

I would like to comment on the article about ice hockey which appeared in the Weekender on Friday, March 11. I resent the author's implications that hockey fans are more interested in seeing two players beat each other to death than they are in watching hockey. Yes, hockey is violent, and yes, there is fighting. But there is much more to the game of hockey.

It was disappointing, for me, to see that not one word was said about the playing of both teams. The author described nothing more about the game itself than the last one and one half minutes of the game—and not much was said about this. Incidentally, I would like to inform him that the crowd was not booing Fort Worth as they left the ice—they were booing Dallas just as they always do.

I had hoped for some mention of: the type of game, the checking, the playmaking, the excellent skating, the good stickhandling, Fort Worth's penalty killing and power play, and the great third period played by the Dallas goaltender (unfortunately for all us faithful Fort Worth fans). I feel that these are

the things that are important in a hockey game, not the fights or the fans booing the referee and yelling at the players. Loyal fans, in my experience, indulge in these antics no matter what sport they are watching.

Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but I couldn't help cringing at hearing the complex and often beautiful sport of hockey described as a glorified prize-fight on ice. By the way, if Sheldon Kannegiesser (pictured twice in the article) is supposed to represent a typical hockey "badman," someone needs to go back and check some records. If Mr. Badder really perceives the sport in the light in which he wrote, I hope that next time he attends a hockey game, he concentrates more on the playing than on the fights. He might even be surprised to find that it is an interesting sport.

Laurie Racenet  
Sophomore

### Name change

Editor:

I have been kicking around the idea of what might happen if TCU changed its school mascot. I kept the idea within, but finally started talking it over with several friends and former students. All of the responses I've been getting have favored maybe changing from the Frogs to something more vicious.

An article in the "Student Handbook" said the athletes were called Horned Frogs since the 1890's. One story on how TCU got the nickname, according to the handbook, is from the football field in Waco, where the university was located between 1895 and 1910. The field was inhabited by innumerable little horned frogs, so the fans challenged the players to be as tough and quick as the frogs were.

Another story was that the annual staff was trying to pick a name for the animal. They sought the two most typical Texas subjects, which were cactus and horned frogs.

First, since the name was originated for the Waco campus, a change shouldn't be that hard to make. Second, a mascot or nickname is a characteristic of the school. I personally think a mascot should be something mean, aggressive, and strong. So many spirit songs contain the words "Fight, fight, fight." How many little toads have you seen fighting?

Of course, this is only a psychological advantage or disadvantage. I could compete much better knowing I'm a Cougar or a Raider, instead of a Froggie. Not that I'd want to go to Tech or Houston, but their mascot is stronger, bigger, even smarter than a Frog.

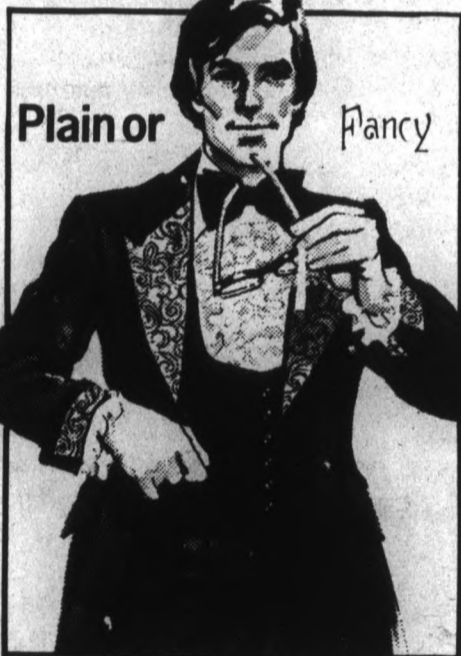
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# Job harder than expected

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 have thought a little harder on accepting the responsibility.

"I had no idea the situations I would find myself or the company in. I accepted the position because I wanted it then. I don't feel like I made a mistake, but the experience has been different from what I expected."

Her role, as she sees it, is one of a publisher, not as a controller. She attends all the editorial meetings, but said she has never kept anything from going into print.

"I place the trust in my editors to see that everything is accurate and fair. I do accept the responsibility if anything goes wrong."

Graham, because of a turn of events, was placed in a situation of authority she admits most women will not have a chance to gain for quite some time.

"I think women can accomplish goals, but they must work for them. It is necessary for women to work at educating themselves. The ERA (equal rights amendment) is necessary for progress."

Graham ranged widely during the hour-long news conference touching such points as:

- "College students should major in something other than journalism if they intend to be successful in the field. A liberal arts degree provides good background.

- "It disturbs me to hear complaints of racism leveled against the Washington Post. I take offense to it because it is simply not true. We cater to a large minority audience in Washington. Anytime we print anything against someone,

charges of racism are going to crop up.

- "The first amendment gives journalists the right to be adversaries of the government . . . adversary means you are not part of it.

- "Broadcast journalists deserve the same rights as the print media. I don't believe many of the restraints put upon them are justified.

- "Broadcast journalists have to perform, be actors, to some extent. I do think they go too far when they start cracking jokes about serious matters.

- "Presidential press conferences are not the place to go for a story. A reporter must look beyond these."

Katherine Graham has managed to accomplish what businessmen dream of, transforming her company into a financial success. She has accomplished the goal journalists dream of, bringing respectability to journalism. And she has accomplished the goal every person dreams of, managing to overcome a slow start and accelerate herself from a housewife and mother to one of the most successful business people in the country.



KATHERINE GRAHAM

## News Digest

By Associated Press

**BALTIMORE**—A University of Maryland student linked to an alleged Ku Klux Klan plot to sabotage military and private facilities has been indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of threatening to kill the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

William Marx Aitchison, 23, of Clarksville, Md., was accused in a one-court indictment issued Tuesday with mailing a letter containing a threat against the life of Coretta Scott King, widow of the civil rights leader.

**SALISBURY, Rhodesia**—Roman Catholic Bishop Donal Lamont, an outspoken critic of the white minority government in Rhodesia, has been stripped of his citizenship and is to be deported in the next few days, legal sources said Wednesday.

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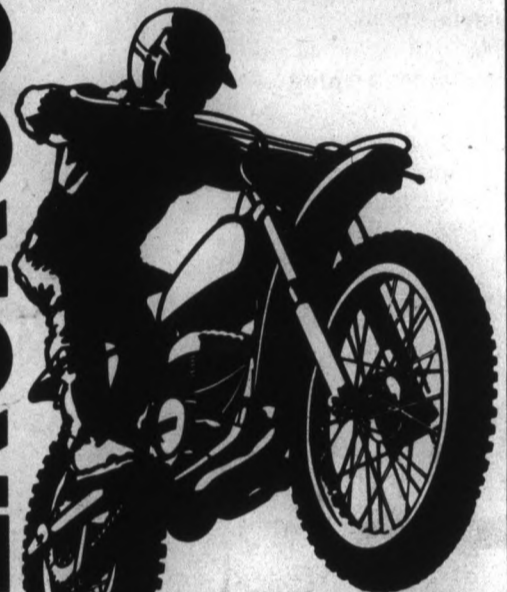
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# Purple Sportscope

TCU's No. 1 singles player in tennis, Randy Crawford, with impressive victories during the Frogs' swing through the West Coast last week, has been named the Southwest Conference's Athlete of the Week.

Crawford whipped six foes during the trek, including a straight sets victory over UCLA's Van Winicki, the No. 1 singles player on the nation's top-ranked team.

Crawford won the honor over track and baseball candidates.

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TCU's women's tennis team downed Oklahoma 6-3 Tuesday to up their dual record to 3-2. The Frogs travel to Oklahoma City University Thursday for its next match.

The results: Janie Bowen, TCU, d. Cheryl Ryan 6-2, 6-2; Ann Clark, TCU, d. Suzie Brodsky 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Karen Kiker, OU, d. Jackie Burrow 6-0, 6-2; Mary Walker, OU, d. Michelle Herzig 6-0, 6-1; Diane Davidson, OU, d. Sue Langston 6-0, 6-1; Elizabeth

Farris, TCU, d. Deborah Inman 6-3, 6-3.

Bowen-Graham, TCU, d. Ryan-Brodsky 6-0, 6-0; Clark-Burrow, TCU, d. Kiker-Walker 6-2, 7-5; Herzig-Farris, TCU, d. David-son-Inman 6-3, 6-4.

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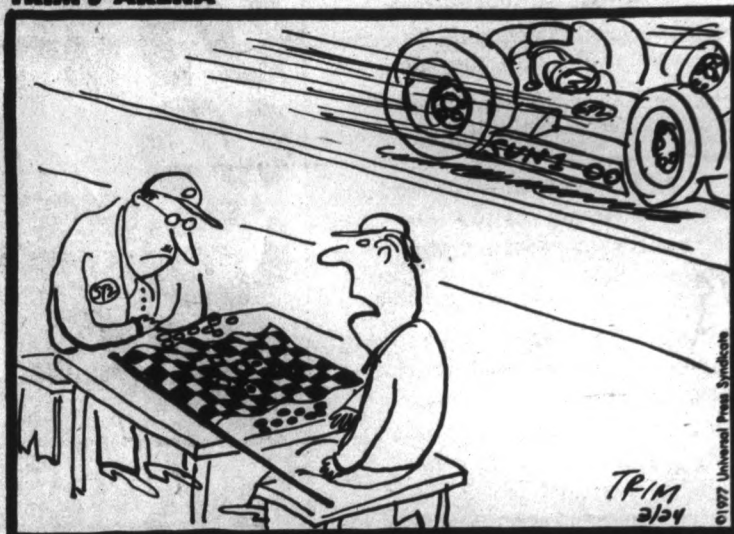
Coach Mel Thomas takes his golf team to Austin this weekend to compete in the Morris Williams tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The three-

day, 54-hole affair will be played on the course of the same name in the capital city.

The Horned Frog golfers were to hold qualifying early in the week for five of the six spots. The only individual already qualified is freshman Brad Ritter of Conroe.

The other five will come from seniors Bill Murchison, Kevin Grunewald, Nick Giachino and Bill Bishop plus freshman Bobby Baugh, Mackey Bozarth and Mark McCrary.

## TRIM'S ARENA



"HURRY UP... THEY ONLY HAVE 2 LAPS TO GO!"

# Relief

## Frogs score 29 runs against Bradley

Baseball Coach Willie Maxwell says he slept better Tuesday night.

The simple reason being that his Horned Frog squad woke up Tuesday and scored 29 runs in a doubleheader against Bradley University, winning the first game 17-4 and the second 12-10.

"We've been in a tailspin lately and these victories, even though they aren't conference games, really help our morale," Maxwell said yesterday morning.

Power at the plate turned the tide for the Frogs, who have lost their last six straight SWC encounters. The highlight of the Bradley twin-bill came in the fourth inning of the first game when the Purples tallied 15 runs on ten hits.

The Frogs travel to Houston Friday for a three-game series with the Houston Cougars. Maxwell says he plans to pitch Reuben Tomlin, Randy Owens and Ken Benedict.

The Frogs are now 15-15 on the season and 5-7 in conference play. Since spring break they have dropped from second to seventh place.

Third baseman Chuck LaMar paces TCU at the plate in SWC action with a .405 average. In team batting, the Frogs rank eighth in the conference with a .233 average. Biff LeFevre is leading the conference in home runs with three.

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