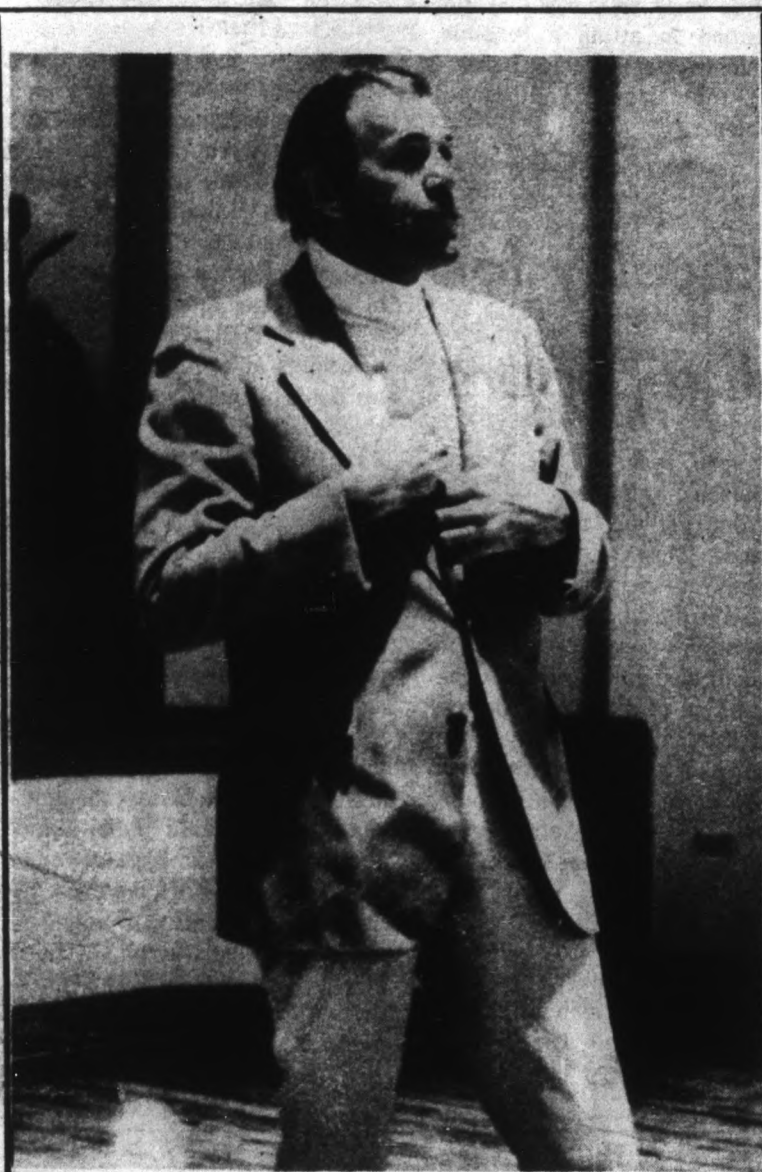


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RICHARD BACH

Bach lectures on writing methods

By Laura Egbert

"You don't have to be a hole on someone's computer punch card; trust in what you can't see and live a happy life," writer Richard Bach said.

Totally dedicated to his audience, Bach started speaking at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, and was still going at 11:00 that night.

For openers, Bach introduced the star of his new book, *Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah*. The star is a 9-16 snap on wrench.

"Things are not what they seem. No matter how real they seem they're not," said Bach. Although it seems hard and solid and permanent, it's (the wrench) not real.

As he became a person, I could not turn my back upon him. If I can turn my back on something I won't write about it. I knew I had to face it and write about it," said Bach about his *Messiah*.

So Bach wrote about a small, simple, snap-on-wrench.

Illusions basically presents the same overview of life as in *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* only in a more general way, Bach said. "It says the same things but tells how to do it."

While walking down the beach one evening in 1963 trying to figure out how he was going to make payment on his apartment, Bach heard a voice. And from that moment on, it was as if someone had turned on a cinerama and I saw Jonathan," he said.

He immediately began writing as fast as he could. But then the image stopped short. The voice said: "I have given you a taste. You are free to create the book. Please finish it."

And Bach did. Eight years later. At 5:00 one morning after waking

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Carter needs blood

Help give Center a shot in the arm

By Barry Morris

TCU's blood drive will be a real shot in the arm for the Carter Blood Center.

The drive, sponsored by the Tom Brown-Jarvis social concerns committee, will continue today and tomorrow in the Student Center Lounge. Hours will be from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

While the drive doesn't raise money, it is connected with Campus Chest Week activities, which also conclude tomorrow.

Blood that is donated by students and faculty will be stored in a special TCU account at the Carter Blood Center, Tom Brown President Frank Everts said.

"Any student or anyone in the immediate family can draw upon the account," he said. "You don't even have to donate to get the blood."

Bryan Grimsby, a committee member in charge of the drive, hopes the amount of blood donated will exceed last year's total.

"In a two-day drive last year, 500 pints were received," he noted. "Last semester, we only got 311 in a three-day drive."

"We'd like to get over 500 this year," he added.

The best time to give blood is either after the student has finished classes, or when a student has a two hour break, Everts said.

Editor's jobs

up for grabs

Applications for editor and advertising manager of the *Daily Skiff* and editor of *Image* for the fall semester are being accepted in the Journalism Department office, Dan Rogers Hall room 116. Deadline is 4 p.m., Friday, April 8.

Students selected will receive full tuition up to 16 hours. Applicants must have completed at least three courses in journalism, or have equivalent study or experience in the judgment of the chairman of the Journalism Department.

The Student Publication Committee will make the selection at 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 11.

"It takes about an hour to do it (give blood)" Everts said, with about an hour for rest afterwards.

When a donor stops by to give blood, he or she will be asked questions about their medical history, to let workers know if there is "anything out of the ordinary" that has happened to the student, such as surgery, said Grimsby. The student will then submit a blood sample for testing.

The blood will be tested to find the type and Rh factor. Workers will then run the blood through a centrifuge and check for normal clotting and iron content.

The testing will take "about five minutes," Everts added. The student will then start the actual process.

"Some people can give blood a lot faster than others," he said. "We had some people (in the fall) who took only 20 minutes."

After blood has been taken, students will be given juice and crackers and can choose from T-shirt logos or discount coupons from the Italian Inn and New

York Subway sandwich shop, Grimsby added.

The only precautions a student has to follow are those concerning weight, food and medication.

A student must weigh at least 110 pounds regardless of height, in order to donate.

Students are also urged to eat before donating, Grimsby added.

"It's a good idea, if a student is going to give blood in the afternoon, to have eaten lunch," he said, "or, if he's planning to give in the morning, to have eaten breakfast."

Donors "should take no drugs or antibodies for 24 hours" prior to giving blood, Everts said.

Grimsby added that diabetics on medication, or those who have had viral hepatitis or who have had mononucleosis within the past two or three years cannot give.

Some people get the jitters while giving blood, but "not too many," said Everts.

"Every now and then someone will get shakey," he said. "They'd get weak or nervous and just couldn't pump blood."

Baby needs blood

An average-sized man with a concerned yet calm expression saunters into the building. His week-old-daughter is at the Fort Worth Children's Hospital and, because of a birth defect, is using nearly 12 cc's of blood per day. The man's hair glistens as he asks to donate some more blood to his child.

The building, the Carter Blood Center, will receive many donors with fears as great as this man's during the week. It will also receive hundreds of pints of blood from drives being held in the city.

"We usually receive an average of 125 pints per day," Richard Wilson, director for the Center, said. "That's what we need to meet our needs."

The Center's needs include donations of blood to 51 area hospitals in the North Texas area. Each individual's donation will be shipped to any one of these hospitals, should a need arise.

Therefore, the blood a student gives during TCU's blood drive may not be the same blood that is stored in the TCU account.

"It's like a bank clearinghouse," Wilson said, with each donor receiving credit for the blood that is given.

Should the need arise for a student's family in Missouri, for example, the Blood Center will call the hospital in Missouri and transfer credit to that hospital.

At the end of each month, the Center will ship blood to the hospital to replenish its supply.

Each of the 350 accounts that are held at the Carter Center expire at the end of a year.

"If the group has credits left over at the end of the year," Wilson said, "they can release them" to leukemia victims, hemophiliacs or people with blood-related problems.

"This also motivates a person to donate blood at least once a year," he added.

The Center takes in about 30,000 pints of blood per year. The supply is rising at a rate of 10 percent per year, he said.

Reader feedback

Student hates stoplight idea

Editor:

Recently, a group of dedicated souls has undertaken a project to persuade the Fort Worth City Council of the need for a spotlight at the University Drive crosswalk. Unfortunately, the council seems to be rewarding their urgency and dedication with an unusual amount of attention and encouragement. I say unfortunately because after talking to many of those on the spotlight bandwagon, it seems to me that not a whole lot of serious study and unbiased consideration has gone into the proposal but, rather, much unthinking, hard-headed campaigning. In my opinion, a spotlight is not the answer to the problems that exist at the campaigner's alleged "death row," and would, in fact, create even more obvious problems.

To begin with, the spotlight

would create unnecessary delays in the smooth flow of traffic for both vehicles and pedestrians. As it is now, the traffic flows through at a relatively efficient rate. With a light, cars would back up enough for "The Cold Rush" to begin sidewalk service and the Music department to get people to attend their concerts and recitals simply by moving them outside.

Let's face it, students would not want to wait for a green light when they are already late for a class nor pay the jay-walking that would follow the installation of such a light by the city. Also vehicles would not want to stop for a red light when there was no pedestrian in sight (yes, even in Texas, electrical equipment screws up occasionally!). The answer to the student's complaint that they never know if the cars are going to stop or not when they are still doing 40 m.p.h. thirty feet from the crosswalk lies not in the installation of such an inefficient device as a spotlight. Instead a dire need exists for the Ft. Worth Police to ENFORCE both the speed limit and the pedestrian laws.

In theory, when a pedestrian puts a foot out into the crosswalk, all oncoming traffic is to halt and allow him to cross safely. Unfortunately our Fort Worth neighbors do not seem to be aware of the law! In addition, stopping for something as unimportant as a pedestrian when they are comfortably whipping through en route to important engagements at Spencer's Palace and Seminary South Mall seems to be quite a burden for our local friends.

I think the problems that exist are clear to everyone. All I am trying to point out to our dedicated lobbyists is that I don't think they are using their strong and seemingly successful influence to acquire for the TCU community the best solution to the problem. I urge you, friends, to consider thoroughly the multi-faceted situation you are

dealing with, and then be prepared to carry these considerations with you to the next city council meeting. You have already proved that the council will listen to you; now use that attention to attain a feasible, efficient system for "death row," not too create additional problems.

Bill Groenveld
Freshman

Equality for all reporters

An open letter to the female population at TCU:

Women, you missed your chance. Most of what I have heard from the people associated with the ideas of the women's liberation movement has included something about equal treatment of the sexes. The cry has gone out for equal pay, equal chance for a job, equal treatment when going for a loan or other types of credit and equal treatment in the newspapers.

Men has been chastized for their descriptions of the looks of a woman, no matter how complimentary, as a slap in the face to all women. They don't describe the way that a man

looks in their articles, so why should they describe the looks of a woman. Now I am not going to debate that question on either side for that is for far greater nitpickers than I.

However, I do request that equal treatment be given to reporters, both male and female. Just last week in an article written by a woman, about Katharine Graham, Mrs. Graham was described briefly as to age, dress and how she didn't look her age. Knowing that the women at TCU believe in the principles of equal treatment, I must admit that I was surprised when I found that in the two or three Skiffs since that article was published, no one had written in to complain.

Now I thought that this was quite contradictory to the essence of the women's movement. But then I realized that this movement is just another example of the hypocritical notion that the opposition is the only group that need be reformed. Alas, I thought that their ideals had such promise, but now I understand that these ideals are believed in only as a matter of convenience, and will go the way of all such beliefs.

Sincerely,
Bob James
Junior

Letter policy

All readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor on any subject. Criticisms, complaints, questions, suggestions, replies or personal views directed towards the administration, the faculty, student organizations, individuals or the Skiff may be included.

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from a dream, Bach completed Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

"There is a great cosmic land: Whatever you hold in you thoughts will be true in your experience," Bach said. "Therefore, if we allow ourselves to believe the world is no damn good, it will come true."

And for that reason, Bach has what he refers to a his "principle" which get him through even his most trying situations.

"All I have to do is trust in my "principle" and it will take me anywhere I want to go," said Bach. "There was nothing I could do (in my nutty field of my love) that wouldn't work out. No disaster could stop me.

"I have no limits," says the 'principle.' "The more you test me the more adventuresome I will be."

As the answer to all our problems, Bach said, "I submit to you, throw away all your riches, take your love of life, take your cosmic dime, and walk on."

Bach left the attentive audience with one last thought: "There is a dragon voice is all of us that says, 'No one cares about you.' "Don't believe that for a minute. The entire world cares about you if you have something which is truly from yourself and that is truly from your love."

Some comments Bach made were:

"Finding the object of our love is not easy, but once you do—go for it.

"We are in a world of total illusion and we are free to play any game in it; no life can be destroyed.

"It's more fun for me to believe that there's a reason for living.

"We create our own illusions—not realities.

"Sacrifice is putting aside something you want to accomplish; something you want less.

"Self-consciousness can strangle a writer; I learned that it isn't required— Let the idea sing through you."

"Every problem comes to us with a gift in its hands. We seek problems for the gifts they bring.

"Be honestly selfish; it radiates our inner being.

"Anytime we've learned everything from a given situation, we are free to walk away.

"Walk with your love as you see it for the moment. As one door closes, another one opens."



Campus Chest Week

Sitting on empty air was just one of the many Campus Chest Week activities. Actually this Kappa Sig cheated a little and used a trampoline.

At the faculty auction, everything from a dinner with Chancellor Moudy to laundry service by Libby Proffer was up for bids.

These and the score of other activities which took place during Campus Chest Week raised funds for the American Heart Association, The American Cancer Society, the All Church Home—and will sponsor a child in Guatemala.



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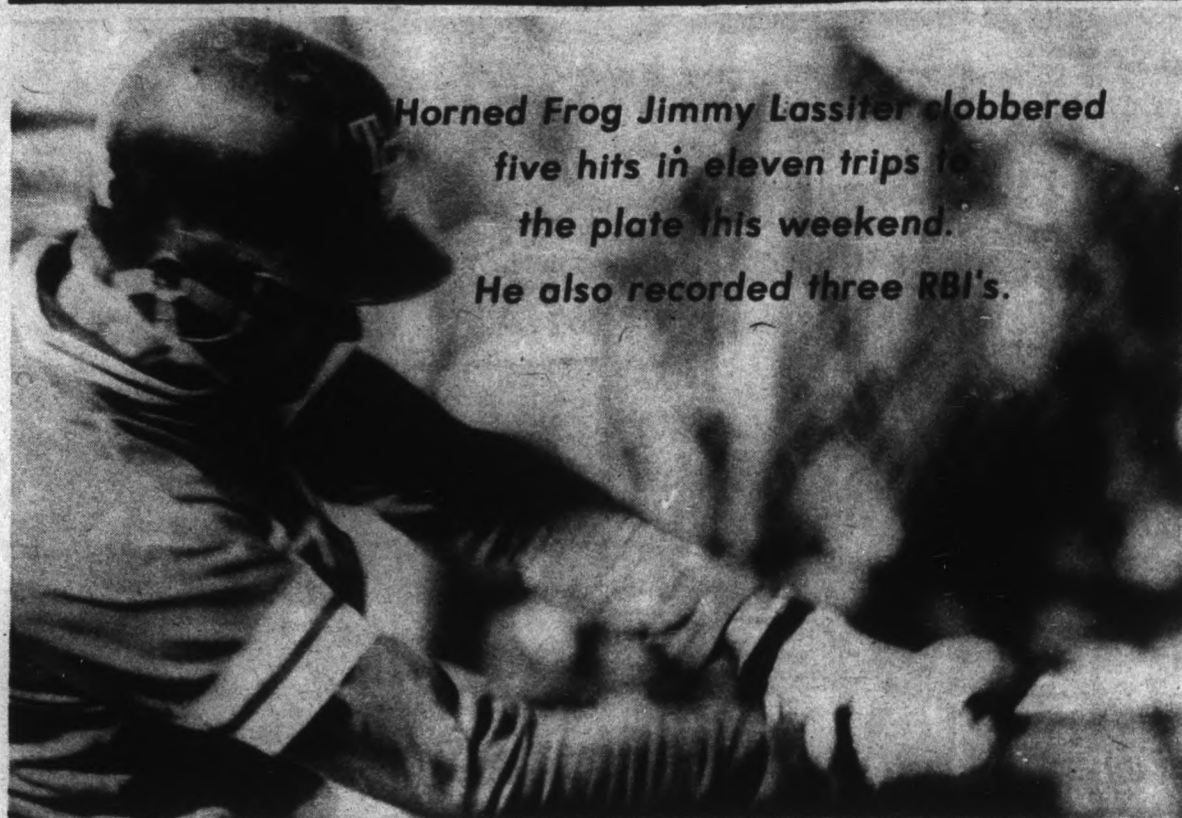
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Horned Frog Jimmy Lassister clobbered five hits in eleven trips to the plate this weekend. He also recorded three RBI's.

Porkers hog series

Jimmy Lassister drove in two of TCU's four fourth-inning runs Friday as the Horned Frogs downed Arkansas 5-2. Ken Benedict recorded his sixth victory at the mound against three losses.

Things just wouldn't happen for the Frogs Saturday.

Razorback Marc Brumble ripped two home runs and tallied four RBI's as Arkansas swept a doubleheader from the Horned Frogs 3-0 and 6-5 Saturday afternoon.

The Frogs have dropped to 16-19-1 for the year and 6-11-1 in SWC action.

Delta Gammas don't sink

Winning six of nine events, the Delta Gammas breezed to an easy win in the intramural swim meet held last week at the Rickel pool.

The DG's totaled 56 points to the Tri-Delts' 31 points, which was good for second place. Chi Omega finished third with 15 points.

Waits was the only independent team entered and they chalked up 46 points.

Individual winners:

1. 100 yd. medley relay
Tri Delts
2. 75 yd. individual medley
Lynette Nebergall, DG
3. 25 yd. freestyle
Debbie Meehan, DG
4. 50 yd. butterfly
Diana Fuller, Tri Delts
5. Diving
Lisa Schultz, DG
6. 50 yd. freestyle
Kathy Bell, DG
7. 50 yd. breaststroke
Lynette Nebergall, DG
8. 50 yd. backstroke
Jennifer Prieskorn, AGD
9. 100 yd. freestyle relay
Delta Gamma

Coach Willie Maxwell will take the team to Lubbock this weekend for a three-game series with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The Frogs lead the 20-year-old rivalry with Tech 28-10 and took two of three from the Raiders last year 3-2 and 9-5.

Conference action will be highlighted this weekend when the Aggies and Longhorns collide in College Station.

Texas, owning the best record in the nation with a 40-1 ledger, is an odds on favorite to win the SWC title, but the Longhorns have traditionally had trouble with the Aggie home field.

Texas is 11-1 in conference play with the only blemish a 4-3 loss to

Barrington, Herman and Phred, would like to wish

Susan Holm

the future, San Francisco star, a very Happy Birthday!

Rice last week. That loss snapped the longest winning streak in collegiate baseball history at 34.

A&M is 13-3 after Sunday's twin bill with Rice was cancelled due to rain.

Arkansas is third in league standings at 9-6 while Houston rounds out the first division at 8-6.

Other conference action this weekend will find Baylor at Arkansas and Rice at Houston.

Purple calendar

Tuesday, Apr. 5- Men's tennis vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Dallas Baptist College at Dallas (DH), 1 p.m.
Women's golf- 2nd round play of Judy Rauhin Invitational Midland.
Friday, Apr. 8- Baseball vs. Texas Tech at Lubbock, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Apr. 9- Baseball vs. Texas Tech (DH) at Lubbock, 1 p.m.
Men's tennis vs. Texas A&M at TCU, 2 p.m.
Men's track vs. Abilene Christian Univ. at Abilene.
Monday, Apr. 11- Men's tennis vs. Oklahoma at Norman, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 12- Baseball vs. Univ. of Dallas (DH) at TCU, 2 p.m.

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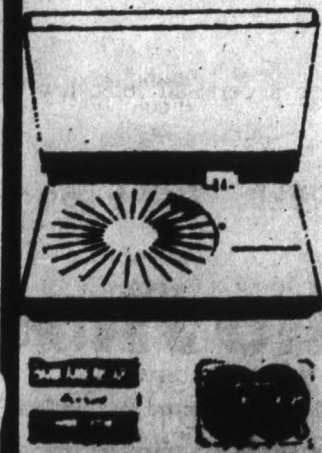
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