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## Government sues Teamster boss

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department yesterday sued Teamsters President Frank E. Fitzsimmons and 16 other trustees of a scandal-ridden union pension fund to recover millions of dollars in allegedly imprudent loans.

The former trustees of the Teamsters' \$1.65 billion Central States Pension Fund were accused of breaching their fiduciary responsibilities through what the government alleged was a series of questionable loan transactions involving gambling casinos, race tracks and risky real estate ventures. Some of the loans went to persons with reported ties to organized crime.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall told a news conference that the suit seeks

reimbursement "for all losses stemming from the failure of these trustees and officials to carry out their fiduciary obligations in managing the fund."

Marshall said no specific dollar amount was specified in the complaint, in part because of the nature of the real estate market, but he said the government asked the court to hold the defendants liable for all present and future losses. Officials acknowledged that this could involve tens of millions of dollars.

The defendants thus could be held personally liable for the losses if they are found guilty.

The civil suit was filed under the 1974 federal pension reform law in U.S. District Court in Chicago, where

the Central States Fund is headquartered.

Also named as defendants in addition to the former trustees were Daniel Shannon, the fund's administrator, and Alvin Baron, the fund's former assets manager, who is under criminal indictment for alleged kickbacks.

Of the former trustees, eight are union officials and eight are trucking industry executives. They had jointly managed the fund.

Named as defendants along with Fitzsimmons were Teamsters officials Roy Williams of Chicago, Robert Holmes of Detroit, Joseph W. Morgan of Atlanta, Donald Peters, Frank H. Ranney and William Presser and his

son Jackie, both of Cleveland. Both Williams and Jackie Presser are among those frequently mentioned to succeed the 69-year-old Fitzsimmons as head of the Teamsters, the nation's largest union with 2.2 million members.

Trucking industry executives named were Walter W. Teague, Albert D. Matheson, Thomas J. Duffey, John Spickerman, Herman A. Lueking, Jack A. Sheetz, William J. Kennedy, Bernard S. Goldfarb and Andrew G.

Massa. No hometowns were available.

There was no immediate comment from the defendants or the Central States Fund.

In its complaint, the Labor Department cited numerous loans involving millions of dollars in which it said the trustees "engaged in the pattern of violations of the fiduciary obligations imposed on them" by the federal pension law.

Among the complaints was that the ex-trustees failed to safeguard the

investments by getting adequate information on which to make loans and to take proper measures to protect the loans once they had been granted.

In one case involving a \$25 million loan to the Argent Corp. which was secured by the Stardust and Fremont hotels in Las Vegas, the government charged that the defendants permitted the diversion of a large sum of money for purposes other than which the loan was made. It was not explained what the money was used for.

## Gallup, profs agree

# U.S. losing prestige

By CECILIA WONG  
Staff Writer

Has U.S. prestige suffered in the last few years? A recent Gallup poll indicates "few Americans now believe that the power and prestige of the U.S. will grow," and three professors from the University's Political Science department agree.

Dr. Wendell G. Schaeffer, a professor in Public Administration and a specialist in international affairs, feels the Watergate incident leading to the final resignation of President R. Nixon in 1972 has largely impaired the U.S. prestige abroad.

Schaeffer pointed out that "Congress has passed certain laws to restrict the special power of the president to act in international emergencies," which means that the power of the American forces abroad will be limited. This new restriction passed by the Congress raises the question as to who is the ruler of international affairs, Schaeffer says, "the Congress or the president?"

Schaeffer says he is pessimistic about the prospect for world peace because of President Carter's attempts to solve the Middle East, Korean and Taiwan problems with an idealistic solution.

Prof. Charles B. Lockhart compares the present U.S. power and influence over other nations relative to its position thirty years ago. He explains that thirty years ago, "The U.S. had an unusual position," because it had not suffered the consequences of a very destructive war.

"What's happened now," he says, "is that other nations have recovered from the consequences of the WWII and have taken advantage of the humble developments that have oc-

curred since then." He noted that "increasingly, a variety of other nations have been challenging the U.S. leadership; years ago they were not in a position to do so."

Lockhart points out that any leader of America today faces far more difficulty in trying to exert influence over other nations because there are some new factors which change the position of America in its relation to the rest of the world than it was thirty years ago. Today, he says, America no longer has the ability to compete with the exported goods and services from Japan. Also, the U.S. is no longer the major producer of some basic in-

dustrial products like steel.

"I think we find ourselves trying to learn to become someday like the regional power again," adds Lockhart.

Dr. Donald Jackson, chairman of the Political Science department, feels that America should cast out its old prejudice against Communism and adjust itself to a vision of "new reality" for a better understanding relationship with the rest of the world. Jackson says, America in the past has made the mistake of applying its idealism of civilization and Christianity selectively against Communism.

## Students pitch in to battle hunger

By MONICA ANNE KRAUSS  
Staff Writer

Students can contribute to conservation efforts and fight world hunger just by throwing their newspapers and cans into boxes provided by ECO, the Environmental Conservation Organization at TCU.

The group presently collects recyclable materials from about half of TCU's residence halls, a third of the office buildings and several off-campus sources, according to Stuart Guinn, ECO president.

The purpose of ECO, as stated in its constitution is "to create and maintain a voluntary, university-wide conservation program, primarily emphasizing recycling of paper and beverage cans." All profits are divided equally between furthering

conservation efforts and fighting world hunger.

Recycling is made as easy as possible for TCU students—boxes are provided near the large trash cans in each hall the organization works with.

Off-campus students can bring material to the group by taking it to the Coliseum between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month, Guinn said.

Beverage cans, any type of paper and aluminum can be recycled by the ECO, he added, but the 29-member organization does not make a full-scale effort. Guinn said ECO would like to cover the entire University but it will not include a dormitory for pickups if no member lives there.

Guinn estimates that between \$20 and \$25 is earned by each pickup. ECO members periodically decide on specific projects and donations to use this money. The organization is also investigating legislation, with the aim of publicizing and influencing issues concerned with conservation.

Recycling at TCU goes back several years, when Environmental Science majors ran a program in Sadler Hall, and Tom Brown-Jarvis recycled within those two dorms. In February of 1977, Dr. Jim Rurak, now ECO's faculty advisor, suggested a merger of the two and expansion to include all TCU.

With the help of Dr. Ed Curran of the University of Dallas, who helped start a similar organization in Richardson, ECO was recognized by the Committee on Student Organizations in April. It then began a four-week experimental collection from 15 TCU buildings. With 12-15 people participating, about 7,800 pounds of paper and 360 pounds of beverage cans were collected during this period.

Since September, 1977, 19,600 pounds of paper and 847 pounds of cans have been collected from nine dorms, one sorority, eight other TCU buildings, two nearby apartment complexes, and a local record shop, according to Guinn.

## New award based on TCU activities

The TCU Student Foundation announced this week that it will present an award to a graduating senior and faculty-staff person later this semester for exemplary service to the University.

Students nominated for the award will be judged by a four person faculty committee and it will look for criteria which emphasizes a student's well-rounded list of activities. The faculty-staff award will be determined by a committee of the Student Foundation.



IT'S ALL RELATIVE—"Right You Are If You Think You Are" opens at Scott Theatre on Feb. 9. The play examines the relativity of truth within the confines of a provincial society. The cast includes, from left to right, Mimi Bessette, Virginia Dalton, Lynne Kuhlrow and Harry Parker.

## Israel, Egypt still split

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Anwar Sadat and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton talked for more than an hour yesterday amid reports that Egypt strongly objects to Israeli proposals the American conveyed at the meeting.

And in Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan denied reports that Israel had promised President Carter there would be no more Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Atherton also talked with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel and Vice President Hosni Mubarak. After the meeting one Egyptian source said that "at this stage, and after seeing the written ideas from Israel brought by Atherton we can still say the gap is quite wide."

"There is a lack of logic on some points. While Israel agrees to the non-acquisition of land by force as in U.N. Resolution 242 and thus admits that

withdrawal from Arab territories is a primary issue they still insist on keeping the settlements and their air bases," the spokesman said.

Kamel told reporters the talks with Atherton were mainly about Sadat's visit to the United States this weekend.

Atherton said Kamel "gave me some of the Egyptian government's ideas on the draft declaration and we will be reflecting on this to see where we go from here."

Negotiations have centered on a declaration of principles to guide an overall peace agreement. Sadat has said he does not expect to announce agreement on a declaration after meeting with Carter.

Egypt has insisted the Israelis dismantle settlements in the occupied Sinai desert, but the Israelis demand that Jewish settlers be allowed to remain, along with air bases to protect them.

The Arabs also have demanded Israeli withdrawal from all land

captured in the Six-Day War of 1967. Israel has said it needs some of the land to protect its borders.

One Egyptian source said the situation "in a nutshell" is that "the Israelis are giving with their right hand and taking the same things back with their left hand."

Dayan's comments in the Israeli Parliament came as Israel went ahead with plans for three new settlements. He said Carter was told Israel "would proceed with settlements at military base camps" on the West Bank and that reports to the contrary were wrong.

Cairo sources said Egypt is close to asking the United States to formulate proposals similar to those outlined by Carter when he met with Sadat at Aswan last month. Carter said then that a Mideast settlement would have to be based on normal relations between the Arabs and Israelis, Israeli withdrawal to 1967 frontiers and secure and recognized borders for the nations concerned.

## News briefs

### Two plead innocent

WASHINGTON (AP) — An employee of the U.S. Information Agency and a Vietnamese student pleaded innocent yesterday to spying charges that they had passed U.S. defense secrets to communist Vietnam.

One defense attorney asserted that the indictment "blows the charges out of all proportion." He said the documents alleged to have been stolen and delivered to representatives of Hanoi do not contain U.S. defense secrets in the usual sense of the term but rather "confidential cables that are leaked by ambassadors all the time."

### CIA opens doors

HOUSTON (AP)—The director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said Wednesday it was time the public "knows as much about

our operations as possible and understand we are not in the business of surveillance of the American people."

Adm. Stanfield Turner told a Houston news conference that the CIA will attempt to be more open with the public and let the people know we will operate within certain guidelines."

### Police lower boom

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Following a trail marked by 10 law officers who posed as purchasers, authorities continued a hunt yesterday for more than 100 persons who allegedly make their livings by dealing in stolen goods ranging from CB radios to a Rolls Royce.

A task force of Fort Worth police and FBI agents fanned out Tuesday night, acting on secret felony indictments naming those sought.

### Carter examined

Does Jimmy Carter make a difference?

That will be the question asked by the North Texas Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration in its regional conference coordinated by the TCU Political Science Department, Feb. 24.

The conference involves government officials, college professors and interested people from eight states, according to Dr. Edward Loucks, who is in charge of TCU's participation in the event. "Just about everyone in the Political Science Department is involved in some way."

Drs. Wendell Schaeffer, Gordon Smith and Ambassador Robert Dean will head the panels on different aspects of Public Administration.

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## Editorial

### Ground Hog Day

On this date falls Ground Hog Day. This morning, the hairy critter known as the ground hog stuck its head out of its hole to forecast the weather for the next six weeks.

Legend—brought to America by German immigrants—has it that if the ground hog, or woodchuck, (how many chucks can a woodchuck chuck...?) comes out of his winter quarters on this day and sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

However, if the little animal comes out and the day is cloudy, he will not return to his winter home for a longer snooze, as the winter weather will soon give way to a balmy spring.

Ground Hog Day is really a religious holiday known as Candlemas, or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Candlemas celebrates the virgin Mary's visit to the temple in Jerusalem for purification, 40 days after the birth of Christ.

Let's just hope that the groundhog is an accurate indicator, and that one of the coldest Januaries in recent memory is just one last fling for Old Man Winter before spring brings its warm relief.

### Planned planthood

By CLAY NILES  
Skiff Columnist

With environmental awareness and all the hoopla that came with it, growing plants at home and in the dorm rooms became a popular pastime several years ago.

Planters and hanging baskets became the chic all-occasion gift. No one dared leave an empty place on her dresser. And if someone couldn't speak intelligently about the disgusting conditions caused by spider mites, she could hardly show her face in polite society.

Times have changed, however, and the plant craze has caught up with many of us. Dorm students are especially aware of the problem. When there's no longer a place to set down textbooks, and the ivy begins to cover the punk rock posters on the walls, the time has come to re-evaluate the need for so much greenery.

The problem has become so serious in the dormitories that students have begun to consider ways of retarding their plants' growth instead of encouraging the flowing vines.

I overheard one such conversation the other day in the Snack Bar:

"You know," said a red-headed girl, "I've tried everything, and my plants are still taking over the room."

Another girl sympathized with her: "I know what you mean. Have you tried overwatering them?"

"Of course!" exclaimed the red-head. "And overfeeding, too. Still, the little wretches won't quit growing. I measured an ivy the other day, and I know its vines were full seven inches longer than last week."

"Have you tried gasoline?" asked a helpful young man at the next table.

"Indeed I have," the red-head answered. "The zebra plant grew two inches the first day I tried it."

"Did you try having a plant sale?"

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someone else wanted to know.

"Yes, but when I put out my sign, people stopped to try to sell me their plants instead. They all said they had too many plants themselves."

"I tell you something that worked for me," volunteered a busboy who happened by. "I took all my plants and transplanted each one into a three-inch pot. That way, the root systems become so crowded and entangled that they choked to death."

"But what about my air ferns and water-rooted stock?" the red-head asked.

The busboy agreed that the air fern and water-rooted stock might be more of a problem, and went back to clearing tables.

I couldn't help leaning toward the red-head and asking, "What about plucking off all the leaves?"

"You obviously don't know much about pruning," she said, staring at me with icy eyes. "Plucking the leaves makes plants grow taller." Sensing that my suggestion wasn't well received, I turned back to my cheeseburger. Besides, the red-head was beginning to cry.

"What is left to try?" she said between sobs. "I've tried ignoring my plants, not speaking to them for weeks and weeks. I've even tried telling the leather-leaf fern it is a prayer plant, hoping to confuse it."

We all looked on in sympathy, but no one knew what to say. Finally someone at her table helped her to her feet. He gathered up the remains of her lunch and tossed them into the planter of artificial foliage. Immediately, the plastic green leaves wilted.

The red-head looked up, then a smile came to stretch across her face. "Wait a minute," she said. "I think we may be onto something here."

By WILLIAM SAFIRE  
N.Y. Times Columnist

Chinese leaders in Peking have long been concerned about conflicts between Vietnam and Cambodia flaring into all-out war.

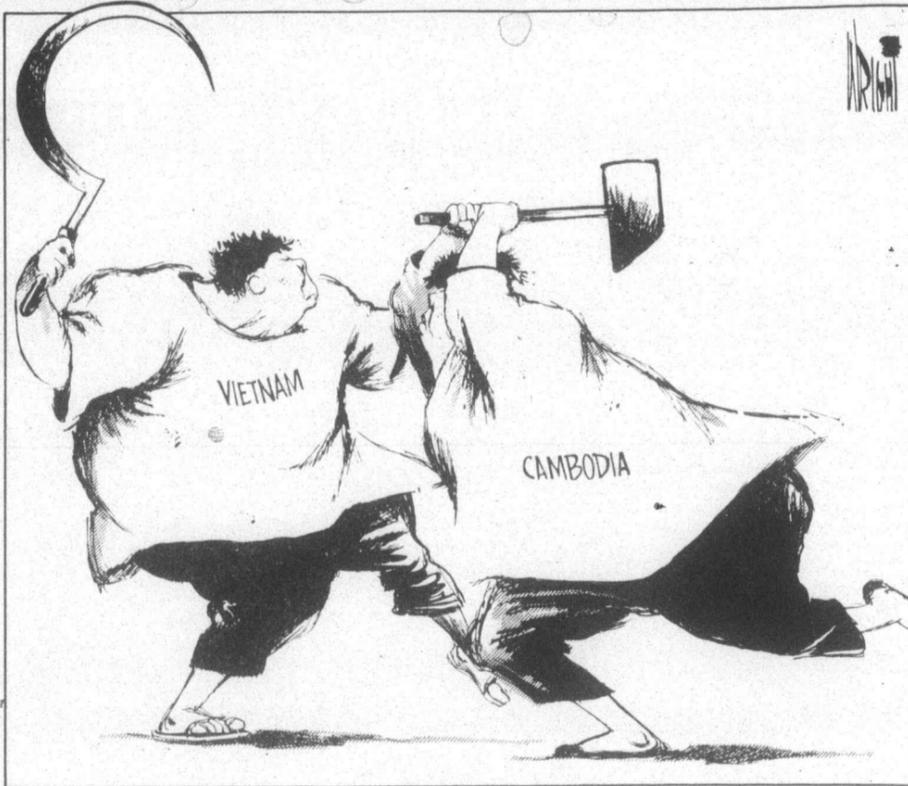
The Cambodians claim their country has been invaded; the Vietnamese say they retaliated against Cambodian atrocities by sending troops into "Parrot's Beak" (made famous by the Nixon-ordered incursion in 1970). Sixty-thousand well-equipped Vietnamese troops are said to be blazing away at 20,000 ill-equipped but fierce Cambodian troops in the former "sanctuaries."

In light of that, let us take a longer look at the speech made by Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua July 30, 1977, to party cadres, recorded and smuggled out of China by intelligence sources directed from Taiwan.

What is the underlying cause of the war? "The root of trouble," said Huang, "can be traced to the demarcation of borders when France occupied Indochina. When the three states were making concerted efforts against U.S. imperialism, they did not have the time to consider this problem. Now that the war is ended, they have become seriously concerned about this problem again."

What started the fighting? (Remember, Vietnam is a Soviet client state, Cambodia the Chinese client.) "Self-conceited, Vietnam deemed that without its help Cambodia could not have been liberated. Consequently, it assumed the airs of a Big Brother demanding obeisance from Cambodia in everything. After the liberation, Cambodia had to ask repeatedly for Vietnam to withdraw its troops. Although Vietnam eventually acceded to the request, its troops remained deployed along the border... Naturally, it is difficult for Cambodia to swallow this situation."

The foreign minister, speaking last July when the shooting began to escalate, said his nation was ready to act as mediator. He called for a return to the negotiating table, disclaimed any intent to take sides or provide



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arms, and then put in the zinger:

"We support the stand of Cambodia and her people against Soviet revisionist social imperialism, and will not watch indifferently any intervention in Cambodian sovereignty or coveting of Cambodian territory by social imperialism. We will support Cambodia and her people in their struggle."

We do not know if Huang Hua still talks that way to cadres, or if he is on the dominant side of the Hua-vs-Teng competition, or even if that generation gap in Chinese leadership slops over to foreign affairs. But we do have good

reason to believe, from the sound of shooting going on today, that the report of his July speech is authentic.

The natural first reaction of the United States, which lost 42,000 lives and part of our national will in Southeast Asia, is to take perverse satisfaction in watching the fighting among the Communist victors over the spoils.

But just as the Mideast could have been the scene for a confrontation between the Soviet Union and the U.S., Southeast Asia could be the arena for a long and ever-bloodier contest between Russia and China. Neither power

may want such conflict, but client states sometimes have minds of their own; great powers can be drawn in despite their wishes.

The world is too small for a proxy war between Communist giants; in terms of a threat to world peace, a second Indochinese war could become more dangerous than the first. We have less-strained relations with Russia and China than either has with the other. We should make clear to both that sending war supplies to troops in "Parrot's Beak" is a no-win proposition.

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### 'Deep and ancient parts' function still?

By NANCY REYNOLDS  
Skiff Columnist

"The earth is very old, and human beings are very young." The earth marks the passage of time by stratifications of archaeological, paleontological and geological events. Time stretches back at least 15 billion years to the Big Bang—an explosion involving all matter and energy in the universe today.

Humans, on the other hand, mark the passage of time "in their personal lives in years or less, their lifetimes in decades and their genealogies in centuries." It is humbling for the human mind and ego to think there really is no comparison in the passage of time between the development of the earth and the development of man. Human history is but a few hours in the year of cosmic development.

But it is not incomprehensible. Joseph Conrad, in *Heart of Darkness*, wrote, "The mind of man is capable of anything—because everything is in it, all the past as well as the future." Carl Sagan, in his recent book *The Dragons of Eden* (Random House, 263 pp., \$8.95), expands on Conrad's statement, exploring its theoretical possibilities and scientific ramifications as they relate to human evolution, past and future.

In this book, which Sagan admits is well outside his own field of exobiology (the seeking of extraterrestrial life), he postulates from experimental work done on the brain, that the human brain is a kind of evolutionary blackboard, where things are erased but never really gone. And "the deep and ancient parts are functioning still."

Throughout the book Sagan maintains the brain contains a reptilian component, the "R-complex," which accounts for aggressive and ritualistic behavior, and a limbic system which houses most of our emotions, such as altruism and love. These characteristically attributed human traits are, says Sagan, "an invention of the mammals." It is the frontal lobes of the recently evolved neocortex (recently evolved in the past few thousand years) which harbor uniquely human capacities of worrying and planning for the future. Sagan thus finds "civilization... a product of the frontal lobes."



Book Review

Described as a lucid, sometimes lyrical explicator of scientific principles, Sagan has a gift for conveying the sense of wonder he feels about the universe. For him, science is the "joy of knowing," even if it is only the verge of knowing. He is a public-maverick in his field, who spends time on *The Tonight Show* plugging his recent literary achievements and paying for it in professional credibility.

An earlier work of Sagan's, *The Cosmic Connection*, captivated readers with bold speculations on otherworldly life and irritated some colleagues. *The Dragons of Eden* has done much of the same. Despite its best-seller listing, specialists and researchers in the field of brain anatomy and related occupations find the book to be flawed by technical errors, to contain a few fundamental misinterpretations, and to be "vastly oversimplified."

But Sagan maintains this is not for the scientific community at large. It is a book for the interested layman—emphasis on interested. The layman which Sagan has in mind needs a fundamental understanding of general biology, anatomy, classical literature and philosophy to intelligently follow Sagan's theories and prose. *The Dragons of Eden* is not a book for the uninitiated.

As stated, Sagan is trained as an

exobiologist and functions as a scientist in a "not quite science that operates on the misty terrain somewhere between the hard disciplines of the laboratory and the airy leaps of science fiction." It is a field that is best described as part scientific theory, part romance. And that summarizes *The Dragons of Eden* also—part scientific theory, part romance.

Sprinkled liberally throughout the terminology and theories are quotes from Plato, Shakespeare and other literary masters, which Sagan ably uses to add romance, the literary touch to his scientific prose.

Throughout the book, Sagan periodically conducts excursions into "myths," ancient and modern. As Sagan carefully explains in his introduction, these are not myths in the popular sense of something being widely believed and contrary to fact, but rather in an earlier sense of being a metaphor of some subtlety on a subject difficult to describe in any other way. Sagan finds, as did Thoreau, "in (no) literature, whether ancient or modern, any adequate account of that nature with which I am acquainted. Mythology comes nearest to it of any."

Sagan admits the book is speculative at best. But he hopes his remarks will stimulate others to look closer at the evolution of human intelligence. And perhaps the speculative nature of the book is the best thing about it; it certainly is the most romantic. It is doubtful if a specialist in the field Sagan trespasses into would dare write such a free-

ranging, speculative book. Sagan wrote it, believing the "recent rapid evolution of human intelligence is not only the cause of but also the only conceivable solution to the many serious problems that beset us.... Part of the enjoyment and indeed delight of this subject is its contact with all areas of human endeavor, particularly with... insights obtained from brain physiology and insights obtained from human introspection."

Closer to home—his home—Sagan believes that understanding messages sent to us, either now or in the future, from civilizations on unimaginably distant and exotic worlds, depend on the universality of the process of evolution of intelligence on earth.

"The silent hours steal on..." for both Shakespeare and Sagan. Whatever Sagan's reasons for writing the book, whatever his speculations and theories mean to the scientific community, Sagan's conclusions are in keeping with many contemporary literary writers. Man is alienated emotionally, spiritually and intellectually from himself and from society. And man is not likely to survive if he doesn't make "full and creative use of (his) human intelligence." This involves a coordinated functioning of the R-complex and the neocortex. We need knowledge, self-knowledge, to survive.

"We are a scientific civilization," writes Jacob Bronowski. "That means a civilization in which knowledge and its integrity are crucial. Science is only a Latin word for knowledge... Knowledge is our destiny."

### Watching winter

By LIBBY PROFFER  
Skiff Columnist

When TCU was trying to recruit John Scovil, a native of Ohio who was working at Oakland University in Michigan, to come to TCU as director of Career Development and Placement, we assured him that the winters here would be mild and that his family could throw away their overcoats and long handles.

With the weather we've had thus far this year, I tried to forget those rash promises—until John mentioned that his home near Cleveland, Ohio, was suffering from a chill factor of 105 degrees below zero and was covered by some 65 inches of snow.

By comparison, Texas still looks pretty good to this yankee.

Speaking of yankees, almost half of our freshmen are from out of state, with a great many from the north and east. Those who have never seen a

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rodeo really ought to take advantage of the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Rodeo which ends this weekend.

The rodeo is an important part of the tradition of the Southwest and an even newcomers to this area really ought not to miss. Tickets are available at Will Rogers Coliseum and there are matinee and evening performances on both Saturday and Sunday.

If you eat in one of the University cafeterias, watch out for a new food code starting this weekend. Food Service will begin designating salads, vegetables and entrees that are low in calories. A small red "C" will indicate such items.

The designations should be of help to those who really want to watch their weight by restricting their calories intake.

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# Tall person tries to fit in

By NANCY REYNOLDS  
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The Snack Bar check-out line winds around the sandwich counter two, maybe even three times, barring students from the ice container and soft drink dispensers. The usually clean-scrubbed and smiling faces of the TCU student body begin to sour and darken as they watch their hamburgers turn cold(er), their ice melt, and the tuna fish fall out of their sandwiches while the line inches forward, student by student.

Other than a splash of green in someone's coat or the platinum blonde in someone else's hair, nothing distinguishes one person from another. A passer-by glancing over the crowd would see no individual per se—only the cumulative face of the mass. Pausing a second to debate with himself if he is hungry enough, desperate enough, to brave an equally hungry crowd of his peers, he might notice one or two people—the standouts in every crowd. And chances are, if I am standing in that slowly, unwinding line, I am one of those people he notices.

Why? Not because of the green in my coat, or the platinum in my hair, nor because I am a great physical beauty. He would notice me simply because I would stand a head taller, at least a forehead above the mass. I am tall, no matter how the word is defined, no matter who measures me. And worse yet (worse to some people, that is) I am female, and tall.

How tall am I? Let me put it this way: Time magazine reported recently the average height of women in America is just under 5-4. The average height of men in America is 5-9. If these figures are accurate, and give or take an inch or two for individuality, the average height of that Snack Bar lunch crowd is 5-6½. And me? I'm 5-11. Yes, I'm that tall. (Actually, I'm only 5-10½, but who's going to notice?) And in answer to the next questions, no I don't play basketball and I don't have, nor have I ever had, any aspirations to be a model.

Even so, my walking pace is most people's jog—making my jog the norm's dead run—making me appear to be always in a hurry, whether I am

or not. I can look straight into my post office box, which is conveniently placed on the top row. (Convenient for me and for this story.) My boxmate has to drag a chair out of the corner and stand on it tippy-toed to see if she has any mail.

I can reach machine-offered parking permits without opening my car door. To save on bruised knees and headaches, I have adopted a policy of not riding in cars smaller than Cameros or with drivers shorter than 5-8—unless they have a back seat I can crawl into.

It is one of the simple pleasures in my life when I buy my clothes in a department store, and don't have to rehem them. And I get a perverse satisfaction out of knowing I cast an imposing shadow over receptionists, secretaries and average height professors—each with the power to ridicule, to intimidate with a look, a word, or a mark.

It hasn't always been so. As with most tall adolescent girls, the adjectives sky, skinny and awkward also apply. There is no grace, no statuesque beauty that goes with being 13 and a head-taller than your peers. The stereotypic, somewhat pathetic image of a too-tall girl wearing either too-long or too-short pants and flat-soled shoes, and walking like a gorilla-humped shoulder accentuating already long "monkey" arms—is not too far wrong.

Like all tall people, I have dutifully survived comments referring to the Jolly Green Giant and answered the question, "How's the weather up there?" But not without wondering if there wasn't something wrong with me.

Maybe I was just too tall—a quirk of nature really meant to be a giant redwood. (At this point, I conveniently forgot I was not as tall as either one of my parents—and I'm still not—and that I got my first job, selling clothes in a department store, just because I was tall. To quote the manager, "I had presence.")

Thank goodness that image—that being—didn't last forever. Somewhere in high school, along about the time I started dating a six-foot-fiver, who indeed played basketball, I realized being tall is not something to hide, or be ashamed of. Trying to do so only makes the excess height more apparent. One looks not only deformed and unproportioned, but out of step with the rest of the world as well.

High-heeled shoes—that is, shoes with a heel an inch or more—were dragged out of the back of my closet and worn. I started standing up straight, much to my mother's delight, and discovered not only could I still not look her in the eye (which was one of my childhood fears) but that there are many people in the world as tall as me, if not taller. Especially guys. Much to my delight, they grow up—up past six feet. Take Mr. 6-5, for example. I've known him since he was 5-6 and I was 5-8. And many male athletes, although not taller than myself, outweigh me by plus or minus 100 lbs., which at least makes me feel not quite as imposing.

Being tall is a way of life. For me, it is a fact of life. I'll always insist on the aisle seat at the theater. I'll always sit in the back of classes so as not to block the view of those who would otherwise have to sit behind me. And I will always be referred to by some joker who thinks he's funny or original as the Jolly Green Giant, or asked about the weather and if I play basketball. But despite it all height gives me a birds eye view of my fellow human beings which, as a would-be writer, is a nice vantage point to have. I enjoy being tall. And I enjoy "standing" out and being noticed, even if it is in the Snack Bar line.



**JUMPIN' JACK FLASH—IT'S A GAS**—Leon Russell will be in Dallas on Feb. 3 at the Dallas Convention Center. Leon will co-star with his wife, Mary. Elvin Bishop will make a special guest appearance.

## Weary trucker found after 6 days in snow

CLEVELAND (AP) — For six bitterly cold days, trucker James Truly shivered, slept and ate snow. He was entombed in a snowdrift that had buried his rig, and no one knew he was there.

On Tuesday, he heard footsteps in the snow above his cab.

"I started beating on the roof with a piece of pipe. They heard the noise and hurried and dug down," he said.

"I opened the window, and there was my brother...I said to myself if anybody'd find me, my brother would find me, and he did," said Truly, 42.

Truly was caught in a blizzard on state Route 13 last Thursday while hauling two coils of steel to a Mansfield, Ohio, auto plant.

"I couldn't see nowhere...I just couldn't see the road, so I had to stop," Truly recalled after being released from a hospital Tuesday night.

"When it got done snowing I was covered up. I couldn't even get the door open."

His world was not one of silence. "I could hear the snowmobiles running over top of me. I could hear the airplanes," he said.

He could also hear chatter on his CB radio but could not transmit. During the ordeal, he said he would wake up periodically, turn on the cab light, listen to the radio, eat a little snow, then lie down again.

"I sat there and prayed and prayed, hoped and waited."

Truly said his brother Donald of Parma, Ohio, "knew the way I was

going. He checked all the way to the snowdrift, and there was nothing. He checked all the way from the snowdrift to where I was going, and there was nothing, so he knew I had to be in that snowdrift."

Truly said if he had stopped his truck 2,000 feet earlier or later, "I'd never been in it (the drift)."

The snowdrift was near an airport, "and the snow blows right straight across the road." Only in that "one little patch" the drift built up, burying his truck, he said.

The trucker said he had one blanket and a window drape which he wrapped around his feet.

"It was pretty cold," he said. "It was all frosted up inside."

Truly was last heard from Thursday when a Mansfield CB operator, Michelle Huntley, reported she had talked briefly with a trucker with the CB handle "Part-time." That is Truly's CB name.

Miss Huntley said she sent a friend with a four-wheel-drive vehicle but he couldn't find the missing truck.

Donald said he and his brother's nephew, Eugene Jasper, had been searching "along Route 13 every day since Saturday."

"We knew he had helped push a pickup truck out of the snow Thursday morning in that area," Donald said.

A few hours after Truly walked into Mansfield General Hospital, joking with emergency room personnel, he was back home here with his wife and two children, Susan, 17, and James Jr., 12.

## Teachers educate terminally ill pupils

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NEW YORK—Before he begins his teaching job each morning, Joseph Kerest checks to see if any of his young students died during the night.

Kerest teaches hospitalized and terminally ill children at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan.

Even when all medical hope of recovery has been abandoned, Kerest and the two other teachers at the hospital go through the routines of textbooks and tests.

One of Kerest's students is Michele Iavarone, who is 14 years old and has been in the hospital since March 1976 with Ewing's sarcoma, a form of bone cancer.

"I look forward to school," the bed-ridden teen-ager said. "School" for Michele consists of 45-minute sessions each day with Kerest at her bedside, in a learning process that is often accelerated. "We did a month's work in algebra today," Michele said.

"She is a very eager student," said Kerest. "She's very much into studying exactly what her classmates on Long Island are studying."

"It is so important for her morale," said Michele's mother, Grace Iavarone. "The studying is one of the major factors that keeps her going. She thinks, 'Why would they bother with a teacher if I'm not getting well?'"

"As long as the child is there and is able to learn," said Thea S. Klein, the coordinating principal of the city's schools for the hospital-bound, "we keep teaching." With advances in cancer research in recent years, doctors and educators are now underscoring the importance of continuing education for hospitalized children.

Mrs. Klein, the coordinating principal of the hospital-instruction program, said that teaching at the cancer hospital was the most difficult assignment in the entire city. "The teachers come with so much enthusiasm and hope, and then have to watch so many of their students die."

"We see very few of the children here surviving more than a few years," said Kerest.

"Out of 17 students that first month, only three are still alive," he said.

# Rock star Russell performs in Dallas

The long overdue appearance of Leon Russell has been announced for Friday, Feb. 3. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and will co-star Leon and Mary Russell with a very special guest appearance by Elvin Bishop.

Tickets for this event are \$7.50 and \$6.50; all seats are reserved. The concert will be held in Dallas at the Convention Center.

In Fort Worth, tickets can be obtained at the Central Ticket Office and Amusement Ticket Service.

Leon Russell has long been one of contemporary rock's more commanding figures. A triple or even quadruple threat, he has repeatedly demonstrated his abilities—writing songs, arranging and producing, performing as an accomplished session musician—on some of the best records in the history of pop.

Russell had a spectacular solo career from the start. Leon Russell sold, spawned a hit single in "Roll Away the Stone," and served as the hook to get new audiences interested in the performing side of 'the Master of Space and Time.'

Russell's professionally executed, thoroughly exciting stage shows, coupled with his subsequent guest appearances on Cocker's Mad Dogs and Englishmen tour album and at George Harrison's Benefit for Bangladesh introduced rock audiences to one of the most compelling concert performers since the Stones. Russell's high energy versions of "Jumpin' Jack Flash" and "Young Blood" literally stole the show on Bangladesh.

Concurrent with the emergence of the in-concert Russell, the songwriting Russell prospered as never before. Among his many compositions recorded by major artists during the period are "Superstar," "Song For You," "Hummingbird" and "Delta Lady." By the time albums like Carney, the triple set Leon Live and The Shelter People (all on his own prospering Shelter label) appeared, there was little dispute about the fact that Leon Russell had not only 'arrived' in the conventional sense, but had also managed, in a relatively short time, to exert a considerable influence over the entire international music community.

As busy as he continues to be Russell still finds the time to guest on other artists' records and maintain a standard of excellent musicianship as well. He surprised even his staunchest fans with an unexpected country album, Hank Wilson's Back, and managed a king-sized country hit off the album's "Rollin' in My Sweet Baby's Arms."

1975's Will 'O the Wisp spawned the smash "Lady Blue" and by the time spring of '76 dawned, Russell had found a new record label, married and began raising a family and released one of his most inspired collections to date: The Wedding Album, by Leon and Mary Russell which included the single "Rainbow In Your Eyes."

★★★  
Randy Newman of "Short People" fame will appear Saturday, Feb. 4, at 8

p.m. in Dallas' McFarlin Auditorium, a first appearance in the area for one of the most important songwriters in popular music.

Commercially, Newman is best known as the writer of hit songs such as "Mama Told Me Not To Come," recorded by Three Dog Night, and "I Think It's Going to Rain Today," recorded by Judy Collins and Dave von Ronk, among others.

Over the last five years, Randy Newman songs have appeared on albums by interpreters as diverse as Art Garfunkel, Ringo Starr, Barbra Streisand, Etta James, Joe Cocker, Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt and Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee. Newman also received a great deal of attention for his work on the soundtrack of Mick Jagger's "Performance," in which he conducted, sang and accompanied himself on the piano on "Gone Dead Train."

But it is his current hit, "Short People," from his most recent album, "Little Criminals," which is making his name into a household word.

All seats for the concert are reserved, and ticket prices are \$6.25 and \$7.25. The tickets are available at Amusement Ticket Service, Fort Worth and Dallas, all Sound Warehouses, Preston Tickets and Preston Records in Dallas, and Fantasia in Arlington.

Mail orders should be sent to Amusement Ticket Service, P.O. Box 938, Fort Worth, TX 76101. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included with the order.

★★★

Balladeer Gordon Lightfoot will appear at the Tarrant County Convention Center Theatre on Friday, Feb. 24, it has been announced by Artists Consultants.

Lightfoot will do two shows, one at 7 p.m. and one at 9:45 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 and \$7.50, plus a 25 cent service charge. Tickets can be purchased at all Sound Warehouses, Preston Tickets and at Amusement Ticket Service in Fort Worth or Dallas.

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### Thursday

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Management in Action seminar on "Releasing Human Potential for Profit" by Dr. Quinn G. McKay of Salt Lake City, senior vice-president for Skaggs Company. It will be held in the Student Center.

11:00 a.m.—Dr. Robert H. Neilson of Duke University will speak on Silicon Nitrogen-Phosphorus (V) Compounds in SWR lecture hall 4. Free Admission.

8:00 p.m.—Dr. S.B. Sells, research professor and IBR director, will present a symposium entitled "The Interactional Paradigm in Psychological Theory and Practice." This is the first in a series of lectures included in a "Seminar on Interactional Psychology." It will be in SWR Lecture hall 4. Admission is free.

### Friday

Students participating in Admission's program "Fridays at TCU" will be on campus.

4:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Programming presents the film "The Eagle Has Landed." The film stars Michael Caine, Donald Sutherland and Robert Duval. It will be shown in the Student Center ballroom. Admission is \$ .75.

### Saturday

7 p.m.—Awards dinner-dance of Arnold Air Society five-state conclave with Maj. Gen. George J. Keegan Jr., USAF (ret.) former chief of Air Force intelligence. Keegan will speak on "The Strategic Balance—Myths and Realities." It will be held in the Sheraton grand ballroom. Cost is \$8.

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Frogs lose, 93-55

# Arkansas decks Texas, 75-71

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Marvin Delph collected a career-high 30 points and freshman Ulysses Reed added eight clutch points late in the game Wednesday night to rally second-ranked Arkansas to a key 75-71 Southwest Conference basketball victory over 12th-ranked Texas.

The Razorbacks, who avenged their lone loss of the season, had trailed the surprising Longhorns by 11 points early in the second half.

Texas dropped to 9-1 in the SWC, while Arkansas moved to 8-1.

John Moore hit five of seven field goals and had 11 points in the first half as Texas took a 41-38 margin at halftime.

The Longhorns, playing their fifth game in 10 days, then leaped to a 53-42 lead in the first two minutes of the second half after eight consecutive points on baskets by Moore, Ron Baxter, Jim Krivacs and Gary Goodner.

Reed, a seldom-used 6-2 freshman from Pine Bluff, came off the bench and hit a layup with 7:14 to play before canning a corner jump shot at 6:27 to tie the score at 65-65.

With the score tied 67-67, Reed then sneaked behind the Texas zone for a layup and scored off a steal to give the Hogs a 71-67 lead with 4:45 remaining.

HOUSTON 93, TCU 55

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Schultz led a parade of Houston scorers with 15 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Cougars to an easy 93-55

Southwest Conference basketball victory over Texas Christian Wednesday night.

Six other Houston players hit in double figures as the Cougars hiked their conference mark to 6-4 and their season record to 16-6. TCU fell to 1-9 in league play and 3-16 for the year.

Houston never trailed in the game and the contest was close only in the opening moments. Leading 9-4, the Cougars ran off 14 straight points to take a 23-4 edge and the Horned Frogs were never in the game again.

The Frogs shot 15 percent for the first ten minutes. Houston moved to a 42-27 halftime lead and Ken Williams gave the Cougars a 20-point margin at 55-35 with his jumper with 12:16 left. Houston reserves gradually added to the margin.

Charles Thompson and Williams each had 12 points for Houston. Steve Scales led TCU with 16 points.

SMU 71, TEXAS A&M 70

DALLAS (AP) — Phil Hale hit a jump shot with five seconds remaining in regulation and then pumped in the game winner in overtime Wednesday night to give Southern Methodist a tense 71-70 Southwest Conference victory over Texas A&M.

Hale's nine-foot jumper in regulation tied the score at 65-65. The Mustangs, with Joe Swedlund hitting two baskets in the final minute, had rallied from a 63-59 deficit with one minute remaining.

Hale then hit a 12-foot jumper with

46 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Mustangs a 71-70 lead. The Aggies held the ball for the final shot, but Willie Foreman missed from the corner and SMU got possession of the ball.

The Aggies led most of the game, taking a 34-33 lead at halftime.

Jeff Swanson paced SMU with 23 points, while Hale finished with 10. Vernon Smith scored 20 for the Aggies and Foreman had 17.

The victory raised SMU's SWC mark to 5-5 and its season record to 8-12. Texas A&M dropped to 3-7 in the SWC and 10-10 overall.

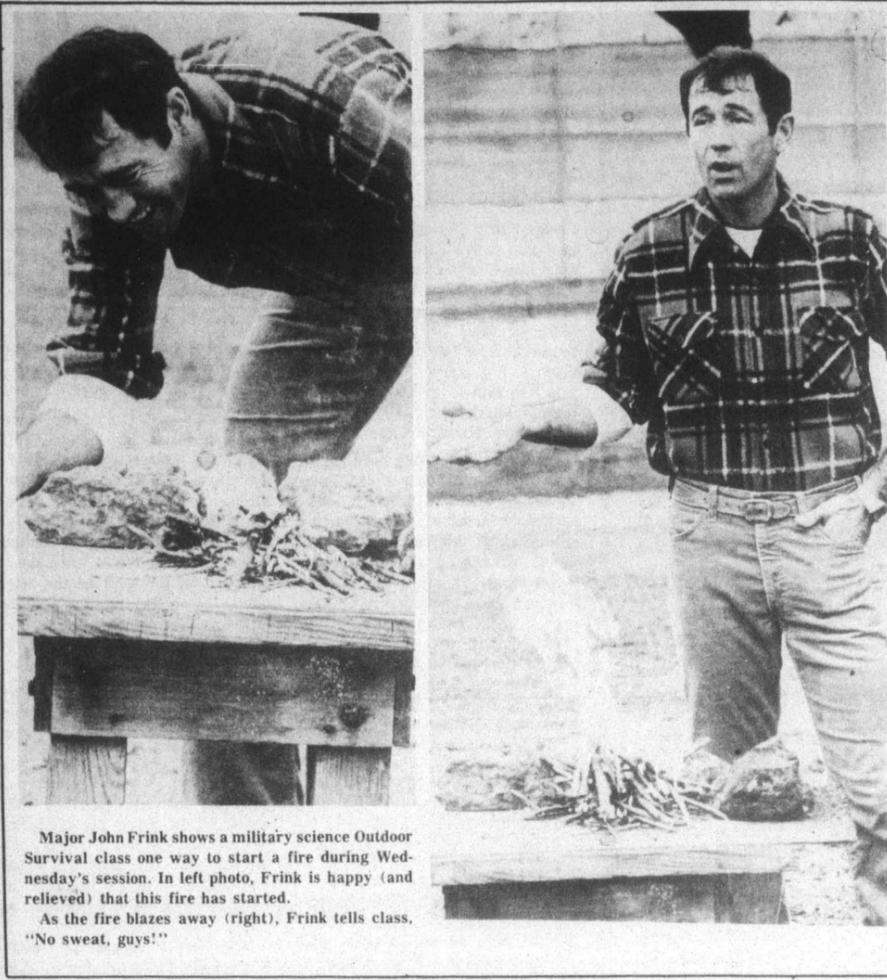
TEXAS TECH 81, RICE 77

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Mike Russell fired in 21 points and Texas Tech fought off Rice's blistering 68 percent shooting in the second half Wednesday night to post an 81-77 Southwest Conference victory over the Owls.

The Red Raiders capitalized on 17 first-half turnovers by Rice and 13 first-half points by Kent Williams to seize a commanding 40-25 lead at intermission.

But the Owls roared back, blistering Texas Tech for 52 second-half points. Elbert Darden paced Rice with 16 points for the game, while Alan Reynolds added 14.

Williams finished with 17 points for the Red Raiders, now 15-6 for the season and 7-3 in the SWC. Geoff Huston added 13 and Thad Sanders had 11.



Major John Frink shows a military science Outdoor Survival class one way to start a fire during Wednesday's session. In left photo, Frink is happy (and relieved) that this fire has started. As the fire blazes away (right), Frink tells class, "No sweat, guys!"

Mother pitched batting practice

## Newest Hall of Famer remembers his baseball career

NEW YORK—When Eddie Mathews checked into the Waldorf Towers there was a bit of flap at the desk because his brother-in-law had made the reservation in his own name, August Busch.

No, Mathews kept explaining, he wasn't August Busch, he was the brother-in-law and the reservation was meant for him.

They went over the ground a few times before he was allowed to register and go upstairs, where he was joined by his wife Liz, up from her farm in Virginia.

They had just gotten to sleep when the phone rang. The room's previous occupant, a voice said, had left behind a valuable package of diamonds and a security officer was coming up to search for it.

"It's midnight," Mathews said, but soon three men in plainclothes showed up. They went through the motions of searching dresser drawers and closets without convincing Ed or Liz that they were looking for diamonds.

"They figured we were in under false names," Eddie said the other day, "to rob the joint, I guess."



Red Smith

Such was the reception given baseball's newest, shiniest immortal on his election to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Charles Cornwallis got a warmer welcome to New York.

The climate was cozier after breakfast when Mathews met with some of the baseball writers whose votes had ushered him into the company of Babe Ruth, Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb and the other demigods in the pantheon beside Lake Otsego.

Five years after retiring with 512 home runs, Eddie became eligible for the Hall of Fame in 1974. Each year since then, he received more votes than he had drawn the year before, but not until this winter, was he named on 75 percent of the ballots cast, the minimum for election.

"Two or three years I hoped and dreamed and was disappointed," he said, "so this year I played different. I said the hell with it, I don't care if I make it or not, but I didn't mean it.

Now that it's happened, it hasn't really sunk in yet."

Relaxing with friends, he spoke of many things, including some of the managers he played under.

Charley Dressen? "He'd rather catch you out after curfew than eat a steak when he was hungry."

Tommy Holmes managed the Boston Braves when Mathews arrived in the majors.

"Vern Bickford was pitching, and when Tommy came out of the dugout I moved over to the mound. 'I'm going to take you out,' Tommy told Bickford. 'No you're not,' Bickford said. 'I want to take you out,' Tommy said. 'No,' Bickford said. Tommy went back to the bench and the next guy hit a home run. Tommy came out again. 'This time I mean it,' he said. A few weeks later, Tommy was gone."

In his second big-league season, the Braves' first in Milwaukee, the 21-

year-old Mathews hit 47 home runs. He was chosen by acclamation as the kid most likely to break Babe Ruth's lifetime record, but the next year a rookie outfielder named Henry Aaron joined the Braves.

"Hank was a tremendous hitter for a kid," Eddie said, "but not the home run hitter he became later. I'd been up two years when he arrived and we both were walking around sort of starry-eyed. When he started pulling the ball and hitting home runs, it became a friendly rivalry between us."

"Having Eddie playing in the majors was his father's dream," Liz said.

"Dad played a little semipro ball and really loved it," Eddie said. "He was the Western Union bureau chief in Santa Barbara, Calif., and he would send the pitch-by-pitch account—Paragraph One, Western Union called it—to a radio station so they could recreate the game on the air. The announcers loved him because he would throw in ad libs along with the balls and strikes.

"When I was about six, the three of us would go to a junior high school grounds four or five times a week. At first Mother would lob the ball to me underhanded, I'd bat and Dad would shag. When I got a little bigger and started hitting them through the box, Mother went to shagging and Dad pitched."

A third baseman from the beginning, Eddie signed with the Braves the day he graduated from high school in 1949, packed his duffle in a brown paper bag and reported to the parent club in Chicago.

Bob Elliott, the incumbent at third base, eyed the paper sack. "You don't have to carry your lunch in this league," he told the rookie.

"That day Eddie Stanky called a disension meeting," Mathews said. "While the players met in the clubhouse, I had to sit in the dugout without the coaches and manager. They gave me a uniform three sizes too big, and Red Barrett, pitching batting practice, knocked me down."

After a few days he went to Thomasville, N.C., where he batted

.363. "I was sure than I could play major league ball," he said. "Then after a year in Atlanta I went in the Navy. I was in only six months because my dad got tuberculosis and I had to support my mother."

"But while I was in, I went to a game in San Diego. I saw 'Sad' Sam Jones pitching that great big curve of his, and then I was sure I couldn't play in the majors."

"Funny thing, when I got to the majors I ate Sam Jones up."

The Daily Skiff sports section welcomes members of the TCU community to submit guest columns. Columns may be of general opinion, satire or anything you feel the campus should be aware of. Guest columns should be no longer than 600 words. The sports editor reserves the right to edit material for community standards, libel, spelling, grammar and taste, the same standards that apply to Skiff staff copy. The copy will not be edited in regards to the writer's opinion. Contributions should be typed and double-spaced.

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## TCU sprinter in world class meet

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Headlined by three world record holders, the Albuquerque Jaycee Indoor Invitational features one of the fastest 60-yard dash fields in history.

The field reads like a Who's Who in sprinting.

Houston McTear, who holds the world record in the 60-yard dash, field which includes 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist and world record holder in the 200 meter dash, Don Quarrie and 1976 U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist Steve Riddick, who ran a leg on the world's fastest sprint team.

Rounding out the field are world class sprinters Clancy Edwards and

John Garrison. Collins, who won the Sooner Relay 60-yard dash, has beaten world record 100-yard dash sprinter Ivory Crockett in the 100.

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## George Allen returns to Rams for third time

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Rams owner Carroll Rosenbloom, starved for a Super Bowl team, named George Allen head coach today.

The hiring of Allen, fired twice before as head coach of the Rams, was announced by a Rams' spokesman.

Allen flew into Los Angeles Tuesday night and the Rams reserved a banquet room at a large hotel to make the formal announcement today that the 56-year-old Allen will succeed

Chuck Knox as coach of the National Football League team.

A throng of reporters greeted Allen as he flew into Los Angeles International Airport and someone remarked, "Welcome back," to which Allen responded, "It's like coming home."

Allen, although denying at that time that he actually had the job, said taking over this Rams team would be a different sort of task for him.

## Arlington tabs Gleiber, KXAS-TV for '78 network

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The city of Arlington hired television announcer Frank Gleiber for the Texas Rangers baseball network to replace Tom Vandergriff, it said Wednesday.

Gleiber will work with Dick Risenhoover. The city also signed a four-year contract with KXAS-TV of Fort Worth

which calls for the telecasting of a minimum 25 games each season.

This year's schedule includes eight prime time games and 17 Saturday and Sunday afternoon games. Five will be against Kansas City and three with New York.

The Rangers' TV network has 18 outlets, making it the largest in the major leagues.