

TCU DAILY SKIFF

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Weather

Today's weather will be cloudy and warm with the low in the lower 60s and the high in the lower 70s.

TCU student present at hotel shootout

By MARY GRACE HUNTER
Staff Writer

The shooting had stopped. The smell of gunpowder still lingered in the hall. Police had captured two persons—one suspected of murder—within a few feet of my hotel room.

When we arrived at Park Cities Inn early Monday evening, the lobby was deserted except for a receptionist. I learned her name later, but for now she quietly directed us to the third floor room where my mother would stay.

When we stepped off the elevator, we turned left and walked a short way down a hall that branched to the left and right. Our room was about three doors down, on the left side of the right branch.

What we didn't know was that minutes before, in a room to the right of the elevator, a man and woman had been identified as suspected bank robbers.

My mom, a girlfriend of mine and I casually entered our room about 5:25 p.m. I remember the time because my friend and I had night classes, and we had planned to leave by 6 p.m. to get back to Fort Worth in plenty of time.

"The hotel walls were pretty thin. We could hear the police yelling to the person who was cornered. 'We have you surrounded. Come out with your hands up.'"

After hugs and goodbyes, Lynn and I walked out the door; 15 feet away, just off the main hall, stood two police officers. One held a shotgun in his hand. I was so aware of the officer with the gun, I did not notice what the other was doing. We were quickly told to return to our room and stay put.

Curiosity and excitement were our first reactions, until we realized the situation might be more dangerous than we had first thought. At first we were not sure where the suspects were—in the room next door or down the hall.

My mind raced as I imagined why the police wanted them. I thought they might be drunk, or maybe pushers, or something. I also thought that really dangerous people were only apprehended like this on TV, or in "bad" places, not in an average hotel.

My reaction turned to fear when I realized there were more than just the

two officers. The reality of the situation set in.

The hotel walls were pretty thin. We could hear the police yelling to the person who was cornered. "We have you surrounded. Come out with your hands up."

Then I knew I was in the middle of a bad situation.

We turned out the lights and crossed to the far side of the room, just in case they planned on having a real shoot-out, we joked.

After what seemed like many minutes of repeated warnings from the police to whoever was in the room, I began to tire of our cage. A knock at

the door, however, made me wish we were more secure. We had only one lock—a flimsy one on the door knob. We called out and learned that the knock had come from a policeman. I peeked through the curtain to double check, then opened the door.

I'm not quite sure what he asked because at that moment gun shots began echoing through the hall. I slammed the door, and we all hid behind the bed.

When the shooting ceased, I heard the policemen yelling to one another to see if anyone had been hit and to make sure everyone had enough ammunition.

At the same time I heard an officer yell to someone he called "Johnson" to surrender, drop his guns, back out and keep his hands on his head. I heard a man reply, but I could not make out his words. An officer with a deep, commanding voice said things like, "Come on out, boy, with a jury you might have a chance, but this way you're sure to die." A muffled reply from the man, and the same officer answered, "I don't want to die either. I have a wife and children at home." With that the three of us said a prayer for ourselves, but mostly for the men who were protecting us.

After many minutes of yelling between the authorities and the man, they reassured him that they had fired only after his initial shot. They would not kill him if he surrendered, they said.

The man came out.

The procedure had started about 5:40 p.m. and was over at 6:10 p.m.

When we left the room, the hall smelled of gunpowder, officers were looking for slugs, the coke machine was lying on its side (apparently it was used for protection), the window to Room 311 was shattered, and officials were discussing the case.

I learned from Sherri Baker, the receptionist, that the couple had checked into Room 311 at about 5 p.m. The woman registered and paid cash for one night while the man drove the car to the back of the lot, Baker said.

Frank Murray, the hotel's manager, said he first learned the couple was suspected of robbery when a policeman asked him about the red and white Cutlass Supreme the man drove. The police had acted very responsibly, Murray said. They had secured all exits and had checked to make sure most of the guests were out of the rooms. Murray said he had tried to call the rooms to find out if the guests were in, but that there had not been time to call all of the rooms.

The couple is suspected of robbing First Texas Savings in North Dallas, and the man is suspected of killing the loan officer shot during that robbery.

No one was injured during the Park Cities Inn arrest.

Employee murdered during Dallas robbery

DALLAS (AP)—A 26-year-old loan officer was slain with a single shot to the face during a robbery at a North Dallas savings and loan, police said.

The officer was shot "for no apparent reason" by a bandit brandishing two guns in Tuesday's robbery, they said.

A man and a woman were taken into custody at an area hotel after the man exchanged gunfire with police officers and FBI agents outside his third-floor room, according to police Sgt. K.W. Lybrand.

The woman had already surrendered without resistance, he said.

Mark Frazier, shot in the left side of the face, was pronounced dead at the scene by a field agent for the Dallas County medical examiner's office.

Frazier apparently was standing by a teller's window at First Texas Savings Association when the robber entered the bank, said Homicide Sgt.

Bill Parker.

The loan officer apparently started back toward his desk during the robbery, attracting the gunman's attention, Parker said.

"He was shot for no apparent reason," Parker said.

He said the bandit matched the description of a man who had held up two other savings and loans in North Dallas Tuesday afternoon—stealing an undisclosed amount from Metropolitan Savings and \$4,000 from Heritage Savings Association.

The man and the woman were being held in the Dallas City Jail Tuesday night, but no charges had been filed, Lybrand said.

Authorities traced the couple to a hotel after the pair was spotted driving in the area of First Texas Savings, he said.

First Texas officials did not disclose how much money was taken, or if the money was recovered.

Cause of fatal explosion cited

SPENCER, Okla. (AP)—It had been repaired only a few hours earlier, but evidently it wasn't fixed.

A water heater at the Star Elementary School cafeteria malfunctioned, built up a head of steam and exploded Tuesday, killing five children and a teacher.

The heater had been repaired that morning, officials said.

Thirty-five other students and adults, in the cafeteria for lunch, were hurt.

Oklahoma City schools superintendent Tom Payzant said many children playing in the schoolyard were saved by the unseasonal 65-degree weather. In severe cold, he said, children often huddled against the wall of the one-story brick cafeteria building.

A cook in the elementary school kitchen turned on a tap around lunchtime, but the faucet only coughed steam, Oklahoma City fire department spokesman Phil Cooksey said.

The cook went to report the problem, he said, and minutes later an explosion ripped through the kitchen wall, blowing off part of the roof and raining glass, metal and concrete blocks on children in the cafeteria.

Officials estimated the blast did \$100,000 worth of damage.

"I don't think there was any question as to the cause," Cooksey said. "The 75-gallon water heater experienced an internal steam explosion. The safety mechanism failed."

The blasted heater was found 200 feet from the building, Cooksey said.

Cooksey said state fire marshals and investigators from Spencer, the northeastern Oklahoma City suburb where the school is located, were trying to find out why the heater's safety mechanism failed.

Payzant said at a news conference that a school maintenance worker was called to fix the water heater before classes began Tuesday. He said the gas flame under the heater had gone out.

The worker was not interviewed by school officials, and Payzant said he would leave inquiries to fire officials.

Kitchen employee Florence Hardy, who was knocked to the floor by the blast, said one of two water heaters located against the northwest wall of the kitchen had been heating water too hot earlier in the morning.

"It had been running the dish-washing water way up above 200 degrees and that's way too hot,"

Hardy said. "They took it (the hot water heater) out and brought it back a little later, and it was supposed to have been fixed."

Parents rushed to the school after hearing of the blast, although officials pleaded via radio and television for parents to go instead to a community center to pick up their children.

One woman, Susan Brown, ran three miles to the school after hearing of the explosion. Her 8-year-old child, Holly Chase, said she had finished eating and was waiting for her table to be recessed to the playground when the blast knocked apart the kitchen wall.

"I ducked my head like they told me to during a tornado and it missed me... the glass," she said.

"Somebody told me they saw a brick fall on a little girl's head and a table fall on top of her. A teacher came by and helped me and the other kids out. There were kids running and screaming," she said, adding that students were led outside to wait for their parents.

Although one corner of the cafeteria was blown away, lunch tables on the other side of the room stood covered with undisturbed lunchpails.

Ed Forman of the nearby Midwest City Police Department identified the dead children as Paul C. Motes, 7; Latasha M. Brown, 8; Marlow T. Wallace, 9; Gira M. Hiter, 10; and Kareem R. Manora, 8. The teacher was identified as Dinah Manroe, 34.

Dr. Fred Jordan, a state medical examiner who performed the autopsies, said all of them died almost instantaneously of broken necks. It was believed all the victims had been seated at one table waiting to go out to recess.

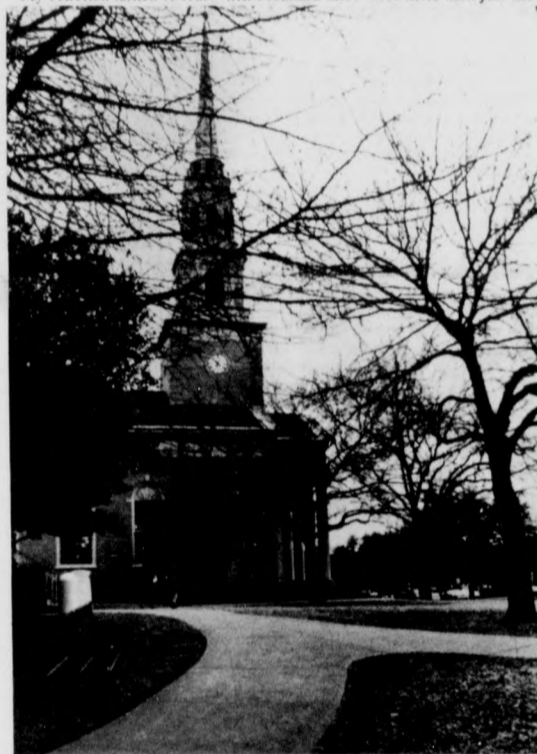
Forman said the 28 injured children ranged from kindergartners to fourth graders.

Midwest City Police Sgt. Paul Long, the first officer on the scene, suffered a heart attack after resuscitating some of the injured children. He was reported in good condition at a hospital.

Police accounted for all 270 children enrolled at the school, easing fears that more bodies were beneath the rubble.

Victims were flown away by helicopter from a shopping center parking lot across the street from the school.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute issued a plea for blood, and donors reportedly crowded into its branches.



AH! MORNING—Robert Carr Chapel looks serene and undisturbed as two students stroll toward the building during a brief late-morning silence.

Photo by Mike Sessums

Progress continues in search for dean

By SUSIE BRIDGES
Staff Writer

The search for a new School of Education dean will take one step toward completion today, but the chairman of the search committee would not say whether any TCU personnel are being considered.

Committee chairman Bob Frye said he felt it was inappropriate at this time to indicate if anyone from TCU had applied for the position.

The 10-member search committee, seeking a replacement for Dean Herbert LaGrone, will meet today to finish screening the more than 100 applications received for the position. LaGrone will retire in June.

The committee began work on the national search early last fall. Initial screening, which will be complete today, began in early January.

References of some two dozen semi-finalists will be checked in the next stage of the search, and the list of candidates will be narrowed to "less than 10," Frye said.

These finalists will be invited to campus for further screening. A preferential list of two or three candidates will then be submitted to

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Bill Koehler, Frye said.

Search committee work is taking an "incredible amount of time," Frye said, adding that the group has met five times, including one session during the Christmas vacation.

Notification of the opening position was advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education in November and December. Educational institutions suggested by the School of Education were also invited to submit nominations for the position.

Criteria for consideration for the position include an earned doctorate in an appropriate field from an accredited university, administrative experience in higher education at the level of department chairperson or above, and a distinguished record of scholarship at a college-level institution.

Experience or expertise in elementary or secondary education and a record of continuing contact at those levels was also suggested.

A committee to search for a dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences is also underway.

The committee, headed by Faculty Senate Vice Chairman Glen Routt, has just recently been constituted, Frye said.

around the world

Compiled from The Associated Press

Reagan swaps Medicaid for welfare. President Reagan is preparing to recommend complete federal takeover of the giant Medicaid program in exchange for turning welfare and food stamps over to the 50 states, sources say.

They said the swap of the enormous, multibillion-dollar programs would be in addition to a plan to provide states a greater portion of federal tax money in exchange for taking over as many as 40 social programs in health, education and other areas.

This shift would be financed at least in part through an increase in federal excise taxes, according to the sources, who asked not to be identified.

Poles to face price hikes. Some Poles are afraid, some are resigned and some say they don't care about the big increases in food prices that the Polish government plans to put into effect Feb. 1.

"We've been through so many things that we are not threatened or afraid; there is no other way but to adjust," said one middle-aged woman in a line outside a hardware store.

"I'm too scared to think more than two weeks ahead now," said another elderly housewife. "I used to be able to make ends meet with difficulty. But this is not going to continue since my earnings hardly take me through the month now."

Coffee OK for pregnant women. Pregnant women can drink coffee without harm to their unborn babies, even though the government has warned them to avoid caffeine, Harvard researchers say.

Although the three-year study found that women who drink a lot of coffee are more likely to give birth prematurely and to deliver small babies, the researchers said these problems were caused by smoking, a habit common among heavy coffee drinkers.

In September 1980, the Food and Drug Administration advised pregnant women to avoid caffeine because the stimulant causes birth defects in rats.

The agency had noted the effect of caffeine on infants was unknown, but advised expectant mothers to be cautious.

CBS on top. CBS won the networks' prime-time ratings race for the eighth consecutive week, with the season's two most-watched shows, "Dallas" and "60 Minutes," leading the field, figures from the A.C. Nielsen Co. showed.

CBS had seven of the 10 top-rated programs in the week ending Jan. 17, including a made-for-TV movie, "Help Wanted: Male," in third place, and a "Walt Disney" film, "Tales of the Apple Dumpling Gang," 10th.

CBS' average rating for the period was 21.5 to 19.3 for ABC and 14.8 for NBC. The networks say that means in an average prime-time minute, 21.5 percent of the country's TV-equipped homes were tuned to CBS.

"Dallas" was first in the race for the seventh time in the 15 weeks of the TV season that began in October, and "60 Minutes"—No. 1 four times in the period—was second.

The rating for "Dallas" was 31.1. Nielsen says that means of the homes in the nation with television, 31.1 percent saw at least part of the show.

ABC's top-rated program for the week was a made-for-television movie called "Victims." That show starred Suzanne Pleshette, as did CBS' "Help Wanted: Male," and finished fourth.

CBS' "Falcon Crest" was the highest-rated of the season's new series, in 23rd place, with ABC's "Fall Guy" 24th, "Maverick" on NBC was 30th, with NBC's "Fame," introduced two weeks ago, 44th.

NBC had four of the week's five lowest-rated shows, with "NBC Magazine" 66th followed by "Darkroom" on ABC and three NBC shows, "The Electric Grandmother," "Alice at the Palace" and "Live from Studio 8H: Caruso Remembered."

Here are the week's 10 highest-rated programs: "Dallas," with a rating of 31.1 representing 25.5 million homes, "60 Minutes," 29.2 or 23.9 million, and Movie: "Help Wanted: Male," 28.8 or 23.6 million, all CBS; Movie: "Victims," 27.2 or 23.3 million, ABC; "Magnum, P.I.," 26.7 or 21.9 million, and "Dukes of Hazzard," 25.5 or 20.9 million, both CBS; "Three's Company," 25.3 or 20.7 million, ABC; "Too Close for Comfort," ABC, and "M-A-S-H," CBS, both 24.2 or 19.8 million, and "Walt Disney: Tales of the Apple Dumpling Gang," 23.6 or 19.3 million, CBS.

OPINION

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Equal rights battle goes on

By Katti Gray
Staff writer

The Equal Rights Amendment—first introduced in 1923 and approved by Congress in 1972, is rapidly nearing its June 30, 1982, deadline for ratification.

The amendment, to date, has passed in only 35 states. Ratification in those states occurred between March 22, 1972, and Jan. 22, 1977. Three more states must approve the measure before the ERA is the law of the land.

While some contend that the outlook for the bill's passage is dismal, ERA supporters are holding fast to their goal of equal application of the basic precepts of economic and political well-being for all.

The question now is why this nation—a nation that has presupposed that we have already initiated a doctrine of equal rights—still refuses to view women as a viable, productive, intelligent faction capable of directing the courses of their own lives.

We have tended, however, to allow ourselves to be subjugated by a mentality that endorses an overall oppression of women. Some of us have passively accepted the role of the submissive, subservient *rib of Adam*, and have failed to sensitize and educate ourselves to the needs of women who have chosen not to assume that role.

The results and implications of discrimination against women are atrocious. What is even more abominable is that some women have argued as vehemently against the measure as their male counterparts.

That may seem hard to digest. After all, the corporate structure, dominated largely by males (white males) can, at least, argue that the flow of women into the economic mainstream decreases their own profit. That manipulative structure has managed to maintain an abhorrent wage gap—employed women are paid 59 cents to every dollar a man earns. This means that women must work for a longer period of time to earn the same amount as men.

Women also tend to be tracked into the low-paying jobs. It is easy to assume then that equal employment safeguards that grew, mainly, out of the social consciousness of the '60s has failed to rectify the problem. Moreover, we may question whether the laws have had any real impact; since 1955, the wage gap has actually widened.

Social Security is another area in which women have suffered from blatant injustices. The system was designed to determine a level of retirement or disability compensation for persons with work records. But the system has, unequivocally, excluded women from the benefits of the program.

Only 28 percent of all women over 65 lived on incomes above \$5,000 in 1979. The other 72 percent barely subsisted.

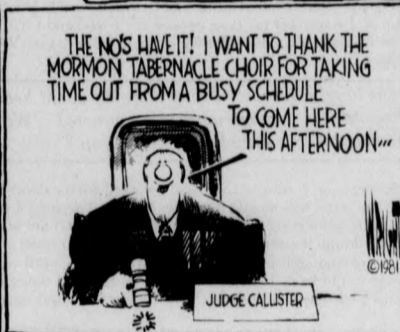
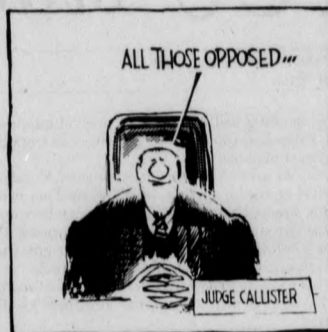
Monthly benefits for women who retired at 65 was \$256 in 1979. Men retiring at the same age received \$326—a difference of about 27 percent.

If we could only live up to the concept of diplomacy upon which this nation was founded, we, as a society, might well envision the potential and desire of women to make vital contributions.

We have wasted so very much of our precious time and energy denying individuals the right to participate.

If the amendment fails, proponents of equal rights will no doubt regroup and develop new strategy.

The hierarchy of this nation is conspiring to facilitate its own downfall. History tells us that people will take only so much abuse. And when they have endured enough suffering, the people will retaliate.



Capsuled news: a time saver

By Skipper Shook

The other Saturday afternoon I started reading through the local paper. In the back of section A, right across from Ann Landers, I found the capsule news summary of the past week.

There were the usual rape-murder-burglary pieces. There were the special tragedy pieces about air plane crashes and dead celebrities. There were the national pieces, local pieces, world pieces, sports pieces, opinion pieces, people pieces.

A person need never read any other section of the newspaper or, in fact, buy it on any other day. The weekly summary page provides every piece of news necessary to remain abreast of current events, all served up in small, easily read, uncomplicated bits.

I marveled at the skill and sense of social responsibility the newspaper staff displayed at meeting the needs of people.

Citizens had, at their fingertips, complex stories distilled down to their essences with all excess words, facts, descriptions and background

eliminated. So much time and effort on the citizen's part is saved by the dedicated newspaper staff. No more reading long tedious articles or searching through, seemingly, endless pages to find the continuation of stories.

Such are the conveniences of modern society, that news can be disseminated quickly, cheaply and with minimum exertion. With all this in mind, I read through the pieces that were arranged so carefully and neatly on the page. Between the tales of a test-tube baby and another of a woman who had been given the wrong child at the hospital, when, in fact, her child had been stillborn.

I found an emotion-filled story deftly told in 38 words—a white woman who had a child fathered by a black man lost custody of her three-year-old white son—a judge declared that Millen, Ga., was not prepared for "that form of integration." The woman is planning to appeal. Those two brief sentences in the

paper give a person all the facts they need about that story, don't they? They elicit a common reaction of outrage and anger—the audacity of that judge to interfere in the private life of a free citizen. It is a terrible denial of rights.

But what about the other facts of the case? Aren't they needed to form an educated and reasoned opinion? Of course not. In this case, no one needs to know who filed to remove that child from the mother's custody. No one needs to know whether the mother had provided adequate care for her son or mistreated him in any way.

No one needs to know those superfluous facts about health care, feeding, clothing, loving. No one needs to know about those aspects of the environment. They would merely take up space. Who wants to waste time and space on facts?

The entire summary page has been structured that way. Neat, crisp uncluttered descriptions, the capsule summaries stand out in stark com-

parison to the four column articles on the other pages. Those pages are used by people who have nothing better to do than to read and fill their heads with silly facts. In fact, by wanting to know more than the summaries provide, one displays a marked lack of faith in the ability and wisdom of those who write the news. They (reporters) are trained to know what we need to know. Anything they omit certainly must not be important for us to know. We should trust them completely and never doubt what they say. They are right all the time. Right?

Let others—the professionals—decide what you need to know. Never question. Never probe. Take the headlines and summaries and form opinions. It doesn't matter that there may be more to a story than appears in a handful of sentences.

We need the time saved by not asking questions to spend on other things, like Atari Missile Command.

Besides, something else will only be summarized next week.

Briefly, I hope.
Skipper Shook is a junior political science major.

Section 1.
Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex.

Section 2.
The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3.
This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification. — The Equal Rights Amendment.

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Nuclear proliferation a misplaced priority

By Terry Colgren
Last in a three-part series on rearmament.

The world arms race is moving us, inexorably, toward the use of nuclear weapons. The atomic age and space flight demonstrate the awesome power of science and technology. These developments have also brought humankind to a bifurcation—one road of unlimited opportunity for improving the quality of life, the other of unmitigated misery, devastation and death. The road we follow will determine whether modern society has a future.

The destructive power stored in world arsenals now exceeds, by a factor of more than a million, the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. The multiplication of nuclear weapons is intended to promote a nation's security, but the cost is that of increasing world insecurity.

History provides scant comfort for the view that peace is promoted by the preparation for war. The arms race cannot be a process without end; its terminus is inevitable nuclear confrontation.

The world arms race is imposing enormous economic, psychological and moral costs. In the 1970's, world military expenditures exceeded \$4 trillion, which is greater than the total goods and services created by mankind in one year. Forty percent of research budgets are devoted to the military. Last year, more than \$500 billion was spent by the world's military establishment. This is equivalent to \$1.4 billion per day, or \$1 million per minute.

This massive diversion of scarce resources diminishes development of knowledge, technology and manpower that could address global ecological and overpopulation problems. A small fraction of these expenditures for the military could

provide the world with adequate food and a sanitary water supply, housing, education and modern health care.

Slightly more than a decade ago, smallpox was epidemic in 33 countries with a total population of 1.2 billion, with 10 to 15 million cases and losses of 2 million lives annually. The World Health Organization campaign for smallpox eradication was successfully completed in a decade. This achievement required an investment of \$300 million, or approximately five hours of the cost of military budgets.

With a diversion of funds consumed by three weeks of the arms race, the world could obtain a sanitary water supply for all of its inhabitants. The lack of clean water now accounts for 80 percent of all the world's illness and eliminate the misery and degradation of half the world's population.

Little is said of the moral degradation that results from

preparation for nuclear war. Bertrand Russell called attention to this aspect some 30 years ago: "Our world has sprouted a weird conception of security and a warped sense of morality—weapons are sheltered like treasures, while children are exposed to incineration."

We, as citizens of the world, must recognize the one fundamental reality of this damned nuclear age—that the future, the very fate, of the United States, Europe, Asia and Soviet Union is indissolubly linked.

We shall either live together or die together. We are but transient passengers on this planet Earth. It does not belong to us. We are not free to doom generations yet unborn. We are not at liberty to erase humanity's past or dim its future. Social systems do not endure for an eternity. Only life can lay claim to uninterrupted continuity. This continuity is sacred. Terry Colgren is a junior political science, history and speech major.

Calendar

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Autism program gets funding

AUSTIN (AP)—Joe Bradley's son would not talk and hated leaving the house. When his mother would take him to the store, the boy would slap, hit and scratch himself. Strangers seeing bruises on his face would think his parents had beaten him. The Bradleys bribed their son to be good with the thing he liked most in the world, toy cars.

The Bradleys' son, now almost 13, is autistic.

"Take the most spoiled child you can imagine, handicap him, and that's what you're dealing with in an autistic child," said Bradley, of San Antonio, who is president of the Texas Society for Autistic Citizens.

For years in the state mental health and public education system, autistic children have been lumped together with retarded, emotionally disturbed and psychotic children.

In February, for the first time, state money that has been appropriated by the legislature specifically for autism will be used to pay for treatment programs, probably in three or four residential settings and at one institution.

"In reality, in the mental health-mental retardation system, there has been no specific program for autism," said Michael Twombly, the society's executive director. "This \$17,000 appropriation is extremely significant."

Autism is a chronic, life-long affliction that occurs throughout the world in families of all ethnic and social backgrounds.

What causes the affliction is not known. "Something in the brain has gone wrong," said Bradley, adding

that some of its symptoms seem incredible, and it has never been cured.

The affliction is marked by a disregard for external realities.

Drugs don't help, according to the parents of most autistic children. "They recommend Valium (a tranquilizer) for the parents and leave the child alone," said Bradley.

Although 70 percent of autistics are mentally retarded, some hold more than one college degree and speak several languages. One 9-year-old autistic child could do calculus but was not toilet trained.

Bradley said half of autistic children choose not to talk, yet some are so effective at using their minds to block pain that they can walk on a broken leg.

Autism occurs in almost five of every 10,000 births, making the affliction more common than congenital blindness. A 1979 study reported as many as 20 people out of every 10,000 may be autistic.

Parents, however, say some doctors are hesitant to diagnose autism because the demands of autistic children often wreck marriages.

Raising an autistic child is similar to a "state of siege," researchers say.

"Everything is take, they have nothing to give," Bradley said in a telephone interview. "There never has been a successful marriage of autistics. They remain children, honestly and truly children."

The first formal effort to improve services for autistics was the formation in 1977 of the Interagency Task Force on Autism. From three

chapters in Houston, Dallas and Lubbock, the Society for Autistic Citizens has grown to 14 chapters, with headquarters in Austin, and 450 members.

Bradley said Texas has 60 autistic children in residential treatment facilities, more than any other state, and also has autistic centers in Houston, San Antonio and Richardson, "but we're still not finding those (autistics) in the impoverished areas."

Teachers, to successfully deal with autistic children, almost have to work one-on-one with them.

The 1981 Texas Legislature approved a bill establishing an "early intervention program for severely disabled children" up to the age of 3, but a report by the autistic society said with cuts in federal spending the net effect of the program is "very much in doubt."

Legislators, however, also provided \$100,000 to train teachers who work with autistics, and society members place much importance on the creation of a 10-member committee to study the needs of autistic citizens.

The committee, which includes four legislators and two parents who have autistic children, will make recommendations to the 1983 legislature.

The society's 1981 report and the committee's proposals will constitute the autism state plan through 1985.

A major recommendation in the report is the development of "teaching homes" in which surrogate parents who have completed a professional course in behavior management would serve a small

number of autistic children and adults in a homelike environment, 24 hours a day, five days a week.

The report also says that medical schools should include autism information in their curricula, personnel at public health clinics should be allowed to sharpen their skills in detecting autism, and colleges should offer courses to prepare teachers for autistic persons.

"Now you get 12 hours of special education and you're sent out as an expert, and the kids eat 'em alive," said Bradley.

With the best possible circumstances, the report said, "autistic children are no longer destined to live out their lives in a custodial environment. Hundreds of adolescents and young adults with autism have achieved levels of survival skills heretofore thought rare."

"Each year special education programs are graduating autistic students for whom state school placement is not only inappropriate but a violation of their fundamental rights of liberty and freedom from harm."

Estimates of the number of autistics between the ages of 3 and 21 range as high as 5,000, and each could cost taxpayers \$1.5 million over a lifetime.

The choice, said Twombly, is between spending money now or later in a lifetime of custodial care, "and that would be money down the toilet."

"We've got to keep the battle going," said Bradley. "We have sat on the time bomb much too long."

Road condition factor in school closing

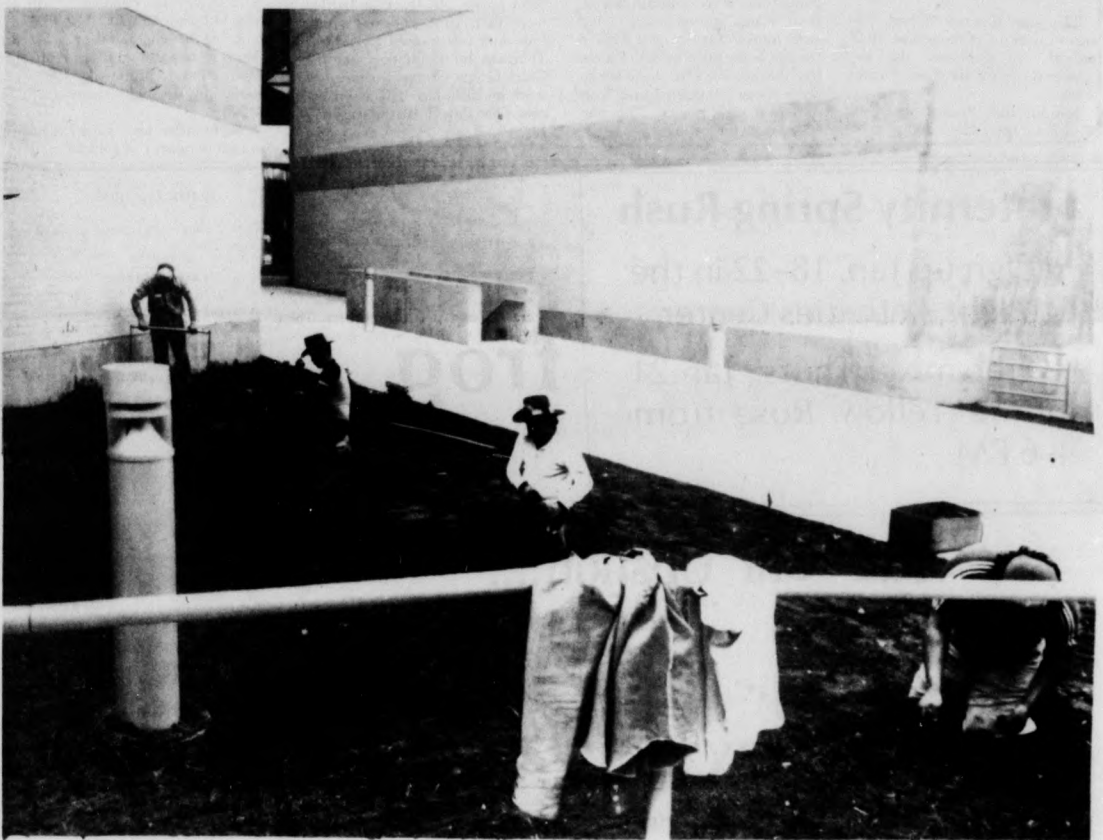
TCU began the spring semester with an unexpected holiday last week when icy streets delayed registration and the first day of classes.

Anyone looking forward to the next unscheduled holiday, however, may be disappointed to learn that forced closings are rare. Jan. 14 was the first academic day lost to weather in three years.

The closing of the mixmaster, the central exchange for Fort Worth's freeways, was a prime factor in last Tuesday's cancellation of registration, according to Dr. Clyde Foltz, assistant to the chancellor. Although hazardous driving conditions may not be a problem for students living on campus, Foltz said most faculty and staff members must drive to the university.

Any decision to close the school is made jointly by Chancellor Bill Tucker and the four vice chancellors, with advice from Foltz. Decisions are usually made by 6 a.m. for day classes and 3 p.m. for evening classes. Foltz said closings are avoided "if at all possible" because they are "very disruptive."

When the weather is severe, students may find out whether classes will be held by checking the local media for announcements. Such announcements are carried by radio stations KRLD, KXOL, KPLX, WBAP, WFAA, KNOK, KFJZ, KMEZ, KVIL, and KTCU; by television stations KXAS, WBAP, KTVT and KDFW; and by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times-Herald.



CAN YOU DIG IT?—Workers outside the Moudy Building are carefully planting grass and shrubbery to beautify the dirt mounds that have

decorated the building since the fall semester. The shrubbery is one of the finishing touches to the new building.

Photo by Mike Sessums

Campus Digest

TCU Bach Series opens Tuesday at Kimbell

TCU's first Bach III Series concert for the new year will be staged Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Kimbell Museum.

The program opens with Sonata in A Major for Flute and Harpsichord, performed by Cynthia Folio and William Tinker. Tinker, who organizes and arranges the Bach presentations, also has reconstructed the lost portion of the Sonata's First Movement for this presentation.

Eric Halen will perform the Sonata in A Minor for Unaccompanied Violin, and Arden Hopkin will be soloist for Cantata 56, *Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen*. Other performers for the Cantata will be Noah Knepper, George Del Gobbo, Sheila Madden, Harriet Risk Woldt and Robert McLain.

Mamet's 'Sexual Perversity' staged in town

Stage West is presenting David Mamet's play "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Perversity" presents an acerbic and humorous view of the struggle for meaningful relationships in contemporary singles lifestyle. Mamet is the author of Obie award-winning "American Buffalo."

The play features Cheryl Jones, Suzi McLaughlin, Jeff Jones and Mike Ferruzza. Performances begin at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Reservations may be made at 332-6238.

Deadline approaches for accepting aid

All pre-registered students who receive financial aid must sign for it this week. Financial aid is not transferred to a student's account until the student signs his aid form. Students can sign their forms in Sadler Hall, Room 108.

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SPORTS

TCU golfer dies

By T.J. DIAMOND
Staff Writer

Brion Carlson, TCU's top golfer, died Dec. 31 of a congenital heart disease at his home in Saginaw, Mich.



Brion Carlson

Carlson was a senior All-America candidate who had planned a career as a professional golfer.

"Brion lived life to the fullest," Leo Carlson, Brion's father, said to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

"He had great regard for life, for which we are thankful. He had such tremendous potential."

Carlson won the Michigan Golf Association's Player of the Year award in 1980 and 1981, as well as winning the Michigan Amateur Championship both years.

"Brion could best be described by the word dedication," David Davis, TCU's assistant golf coach and a former teammate and roommate of Carlson's, said at the service.

"He was dedicated to everything, whether it was golf, academics or his teammates. Whatever he did, he gave 110 percent," Davis said.

Carlson, an accounting major, carried a 3.3 grade point average at

TCU. He was a member of the National Honor Society while in high school and was on the dean's list at TCU several times.

He achieved all-Southwest Conference status in 1980 and was the medalist at last year's North Texas State University Invitational.

A prayer, expressed during the memorial service held for Carlson Tuesday night in Robert Carr Chapel, thanked God for two things: for the life God had given him, and for the life he now has with Jesus Christ.

Carlson was also an anchorman for Delta Gamma sorority.

"He cared about and related to us all so well," said Kathy Finlen of Delta Gamma.

"He was a terrific guy who had a lot going for him—friends, credentials and all. But even Brion knew that he needed Jesus."



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT—TCU swimmer

Becky Brill, winner of this year's TAIW Outstanding Swimmer award.

Photo by Lesley Hillis

Sherrill starts over at A&M

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Jackie Sherrill is starting over as athletic director and football coach at Texas A&M, with a big challenge and a rich contract that doubles his income.

Serafino "Foge" Fazio is the new football coach at Pitt, with a big grin and 18 starters back from the team Sherrill coached to the No. 4 ranking last season.

Tom Wilson is out of work, finally fired as coach at Texas A&M after holding on while the Aggies wooed his successor.

And Dr. Frank Vandiver is still president of Texas A&M, although he said he gave thought to quitting his job during the school's hiring-firing throes.

That is how it stands in Pittsburgh and College Station, Texas, following fast-paced developments Tuesday in the big money world of major college football.

"People know how hard I've worked here. Now, I don't get to relax. I've got to start all over," Sherrill said

with grim determination Tuesday at his farewell Pitt press conference.

Sherrill, 38, led Pitt to three consecutive 11-1 seasons over the past three years. Texas A&M was 7-5 last season, and 21-19 over three years under Wilson.

Sherrill said only that his base salary will be \$95,000 per year, but the deal is reportedly worth at least double that per year when fringes are included, such as television show revenues.

Reportedly, Sherrill asked for more than the \$2.25-million, 10-year pact the Aggies unsuccessfully offered Michigan's Bo Schembechler.

At Pitt, Sherrill made a base pay of \$60,000 per year, plus another \$40,000 in extras. He admitted the A&M money—and the security it will bring his family—was the key.

Sherrill was succeeded immediately at Pitt by Fazio, 42, who had been the Panthers' defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

Asbury Jukes win three-man crown

The Asbury Jukes, behind a 20-point scoring effort by Marty Marion, defeated Phi Gamma Delta, 34-28, to win the intramural three-man basketball championship, Wednesday.

The Jukes breezed through the season with an unblemished 10-0 record and captured the intramural title for the third year in a row.

Marion and teammates Gus Thurman, Dave Daus and reserve

Matt Gohlke took a 14-10 halftime lead as Marion scored 12 points in the first 10-minute half.

The Jukes took the lead, 5-4, after a Marion lay-up early in the game, and never relinquished it. Both teams started slowly, but early fouls by the Fijis put them in trouble as the Jukes hit six of seven free throws. The Fijis were led by Dave Kiene (10 points) and Scott Anderson (eight points). Thurman added eight for the Jukes.

In the second half, the Jukes never allowed the Fijis to score more than four straight points, continually keeping the pressure on.

Three times the Jukes led by eight points, but the Fijis battled back each time, closing within four with one minute to go. But Thurman hit a jumper and the Greek League champions failed to score on their last trip down the court. The Fijis finish the season 7-1.

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