

Skiff

Science fiction

What gives science fiction a bad name? One writer says "God from the Machine" does. See Page 2.



Player ready

After sitting out a year, TCU sophomore Greg Grissom is ready to play basketball. See Page 4.



Campus beautification to cost \$75,000

By Steve Welch
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

This year TCU is spending the "biggest hunk" of money it has ever spent to improve the campus' appearance, according to Howard Wible, vice chancellor for student and administrative services.

Operation Spruce-Up, as the project is called, will cost the university \$75,000 this year, three times the amount spent on beautification last year, Wible said.

"It's something that several of us in administration have wanted for a long time," he said. "It's been the aim of the chancellor each year to continue to beautify the campus."

The money for the project was appropriated near the end of the

fiscal year ending in June, said E. Leigh Secrest, vice chancellor for finance and planning.

Chancellor Tucker and the board of trustees budgeted the money from the current unrestricted fund, Secrest said. The fund consists of the university's yearly income from tuition, fees and unrestricted endowments.

The project began this year with the installation of the new sprinkler system around Ed Landreth Hall, according to Jack Cobb, TCU grounds superintendent.

Extensive landscaping has also been done at Ed Landreth, Cobb said. Sod was laid where crews dug up the ground to install the sprinklers, and shrubs were planted.

Crews are now planting an ivy-like ground cover on the north side of the building.

This phase of the work, including the sprinklers, cost \$9,708, Cobb said.

The most expensive improvement at Ed Landreth was the decorative brick pavement laid between the sidewalk and the curb on West Cantey Street, north of the building. The bricks were laid at a cost of nearly \$25,000, Wible said.

Work will soon begin where Lowden Street ends, north of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, he said. The wall of planks which now marks the end of the street will be replaced with shrubs, and sprinklers will be installed later.

When the football season ends, workers will begin improving the drainage around Milton Daniel Hall, Wible said. A drain will be installed in the area west of the hall adjacent to Stadium Drive. A culvert will run from the drain to the street culvert, he said.

This improved drainage will stop the soil erosion and flooding which are common in that area after a heavy rainfall, Cobb said. Right now "the water washes down and floats the cars," he said.

In the spring, new sprinklers will be installed in that area, as well as the area between Milton Daniel and the Rickel Building, Cobb said.

Other plans for outside renovation include planting shrubbery or flower

beds on the south side of the library, and painting the remaining metal buildings on campus, which are "pretty pale looking," Wible said.

Also in the works is a plan to clearly label all university buildings facing major streets with signs of a uniform design. The signs will be similar to those in front of the Moody and Rickel buildings - brown metallic signs with white lettering.

Wible stressed the diversity of Operation Spruce-Up. "It's not just shrubbery," he said. "It is a total picture of walkways and lights and shrubs and irrigation."

Most of the work will be done by employees of the TCU Physical Plant. "This takes longer," Wible said, "but saves us money," by

eliminating the need to hire contractors.

Operation Spruce-Up will not end this year, Wible said. "Next year we'll look at other things that we can do."

At the end of this year the board of trustees will decide what needs to be done most and what the university can afford, Wible said, and money will be budgeted for it.

One possibility for next year's work might be the installation of sprinklers in the university's "front yard," the area along the west side of University Drive, he said.

Presently, the lawn is watered manually with roll-out sprinklers. "You just can't keep a lawn looking good that way," he said.



HOUSECLEANING: Perry Walden, co-owner of The Clean Sweeps, sweeps a chimney in a White Settlement neighborhood. He said September through February is fireplace cleaning season, and that they

should be swept every five years. He said the costumes of chimney sweepers still reflect the European custom of undertakers giving their castoffs to the sweeps. DAN TRIBBLE / TCU Daily Skiff

TCU readies for reaccreditation

By Mia Grigsby
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

TCU is preparing for re-evaluation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' accreditation committee. The last reaccreditation was awarded in 1970, said director of the TCU self-study, chemistry professor Manfred Reinecke.

He said that Walter D. Smith, the chairman of the accreditation committee and the immediate past president of Francis Marion College in South Carolina, toured TCU last Thursday "to see that we're ready to be visited" by the entire committee Oct. 31 through Nov. 2.

A member of the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation, the Southern Association accredits colleges and schools in 10 states and has accredited TCU since 1960. Accreditation is important, Reinecke said, because accredited schools will not accept transferred credits from non-accredited schools.

"That's the whole point of accreditation," he said. "If you lose your accreditation, the students' credits aren't worth anything."

Smith's one-day visit included a tour of the campus and visits with Chancellor Bill Tucker and Vice Chancellors E. Leigh Secrest, Howard Wible, and Paul Hartman. Reinecke said that, in general, Smith "made sure that things were going to run smoothly" for the committee's visit.

The Southern Association re-evaluates colleges approximately every 10 years. To keep its accreditation, TCU must adhere to the association's standards. To prepare for reaccreditation, the university must perform a self-study - a project which Reinecke said he and his committees have been working on for at least a year.

The self-study will cost the university close to \$100,000, Reinecke said. Of that amount, \$52,000 is covered by a grant by the Frost Foundation, said Hartman. The Frost Foundation has funded other programs at TCU, such as Creative Writing Week and an RN program for the Harris College of Nursing.

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Department accreditation makes a difference in attracting students



By Mia Grigsby
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Accreditation - or being certified by an evaluative organization - can mean the difference between attracting quality students to a university department and just taking what you can get. It can also be virtually inconsequential.

While TCU as a whole is accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, various specialized agencies also accredit

some departments and colleges within the university.

In addition, programs within departments, such as the sociology department's social work program, are accredited. For example, that program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Dean of AddRan College Michael McCracken said most accrediting agencies are designed to certify specialized or "applied" programs, such as the social work program, Harris School of Nursing, the home economics department's interior design and dietetics programs and the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

But most liberal arts programs, McCracken said, are not specialized enough to have their own accrediting agencies. These departments, including history, English and biology, follow the standards set by the association that accredits the entire university.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Bill Koehler said one

drawback to accreditation is the added cost of a higher quality program.

Edward Johnson, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, which has accredited TCU's business school since 1963, accredits only 20 percent of the business schools in the United States.

"If you're going to pay premium dollars to go to a business school, your strategy would be to go to an accredited school," Johnson said. Accreditation also helps to attract faculty, which, he said, "is a tough job" due to the shortage of well-trained business faculty.

"If I had to be a dean of a school that is not accredited, I'm not sure how successful I could be in filling... positions with high quality faculty," Johnson said.

Koehler said a degree from an accredited program helps particularly when there is a surplus of

those degrees.

"When the hiring crunch comes, when business (for example) recognizes that there is a surplus of MBAs, I think they will preferentially hire the students from accredited programs," he said.

TCU's home economics department is accredited by three organizations. One, the American Dietetic Association, is especially important to dietetics students, said Margaret McWhorter, chairman of the home economics department.

"If you don't have an accredited program, you can still teach dietetics, but the students would have to take a traditional four-year program and then, after they've graduated, go to a hospital and get an internship," she said.

McWhorter said that with an accredited program, the internship is incorporated into the students' classroom experience.

Another organization, the Foundation for Interior Design

Education Research, accredits the department's interior design program. McWhorter said many times "prospective students tell us that they know somebody in interior design professionally who's told them to only go to schools with... accreditation."

In assessing a program, she said, associations "designate how many students per faculty you would have; how many courses a professor can teach. They designate which courses they think a student should have and what types of skills students should learn."

A department or program is accredited only for a specified amount of time - usually five to seven years - at the end of which the accrediting agency re-evaluates the program.

The sociology department's social work program is currently undergoing re-evaluation, said program director Art Berliner. The Council on Social Work Education has

accredited the program since 1975.

To prepare for re-evaluation, Berliner said, the program's faculty conducts a self-study. The self-study is then written in reports sent to the accrediting council, which, if "sufficiently impressed," conducts what is called a site visit. Two approved faculty members from other colleges then visit the campus and study the program.

Berliner said they will talk to faculty, university administration, field instructors, agencies who have employed graduates of the program, alumni of the program and social work majors.

When the visit ends, Berliner said, the inspectors do not express any judgments about the program; instead, they tell the faculty only "what they've found."

Then, he said, based on the self-study report and the site visit report, the council decides whether or not to reaccredit the program.

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At home and around the World

National

Spy with Soviet 'shopping list' is arrested

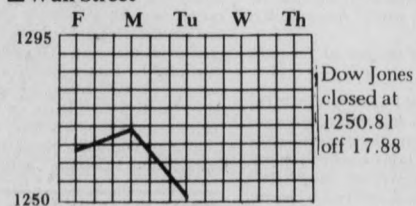
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A "loner" who sold vital defense secrets for \$250,000 began his odyssey into the world of espionage after being presented with a Soviet "shopping list" for information by two spies, officials said.

James Durward Harper, a computer consultant, was held without bail Tuesday after a brief appearance Monday before U.S. Magistrate Owen Woodruff on a charge of espionage involving information allegedly passed to Polish spies and routed to the Soviet Union, the Justice Department said.

Harper is alleged to have obtained photocopies of sensitive defense research through his late wife, Ruby Louise Schuler, who worked for Systems Control Inc. of Palo Alto, a computer company.

An FBI affidavit filed in federal court alleges about 100 "extremely sensitive" classified documents - some with Harper's fingerprints - were passed in a series of 14 meetings over a 4 1/2-year period. They included details about the Minuteman missile and materials aimed at helping the United States survive a first-strike nuclear attack.

Wall Street



McFarlane defines national security adviser role

WASHINGTON (AP) - Robert C. McFarlane is taking over the White House national security adviser's job made famous by Henry A. Kissinger, but McFarlane says he won't use it as a pulpit for promoting his own views with President Reagan.

"My role now is not to be an advocate, but to be a coordinator," McFarlane said Monday after he was appointed to succeed William P. Clark, who is leaving to head the Interior Department. "I intend to do that, and I don't expect any difficulty."

The appointment of McFarlane, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel and foreign policy professional who worked in the Nixon and Ford administrations, disappointed hard-liners and left in doubt the plans of U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, who was passed over for the national security adviser's post.

Conservatives had argued that the blunt-spoken Kirkpatrick carried more clout than McFarlane and would do a better job in presenting the case for higher defense spending, being tough with the Soviet Union and taking a hard-line approach in Central America.

Texas
\$910 million rate increase recommended for Bell

AUSTIN (AP) - The Public Utility Commission's staff has recommended that Southwestern Bell be awarded a rate increase of nearly \$910 million next year when the telephone company must break away from its parent corporation, AT&T.

It was by far the largest recommendation the commission staff has ever proposed, but it was just over half what the telephone company had originally asked for.

The PUC staff, which released its figures after 5 p.m. Monday, has not yet figured what its proposal would mean to individual phone rates. Commission spokesman

Rick Hainline said those figures would be available in early December.

A Southwestern Bell official called the staff proposal "more realistic" than recommendations made by others involved in the case, but said it still "falls short."

The telephone company had asked for a \$1.7 billion rate increase in June, citing losses in long distance revenue it now gets from AT&T.

Weather

The weather for today is expected to be mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain and a high in the upper 70s.



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UCAM rally:

Political activity beneficial

Since it was announced that Vice President George Bush will be the guest speaker at the TCU fall convocation, Chancellor Bill Tucker has consistently given assurances that the visit will not be a political one.

Even Bush's office has said that while the visit will be "official," it will not be "political." What they mean is that his speech will not be a campaign speech.

Since that announcement, members of the House of Student Representatives' Academic Affairs Committee have voiced opposition to groups on campus that seem to be taking advantage of the vice president's visit to make political statements. They say that convocation should be strictly academic, and many agree with that.

But just because convocation itself is an academic ceremony, and should be treated as such, groups and individuals on campus should not turn themselves off to the political nature of our guest.

Too often and for too long, the TCU community has been dormant in expressing its beliefs. Even in the '60s, when those generally silent on issues were being roused into sound, TCU students remained tame.

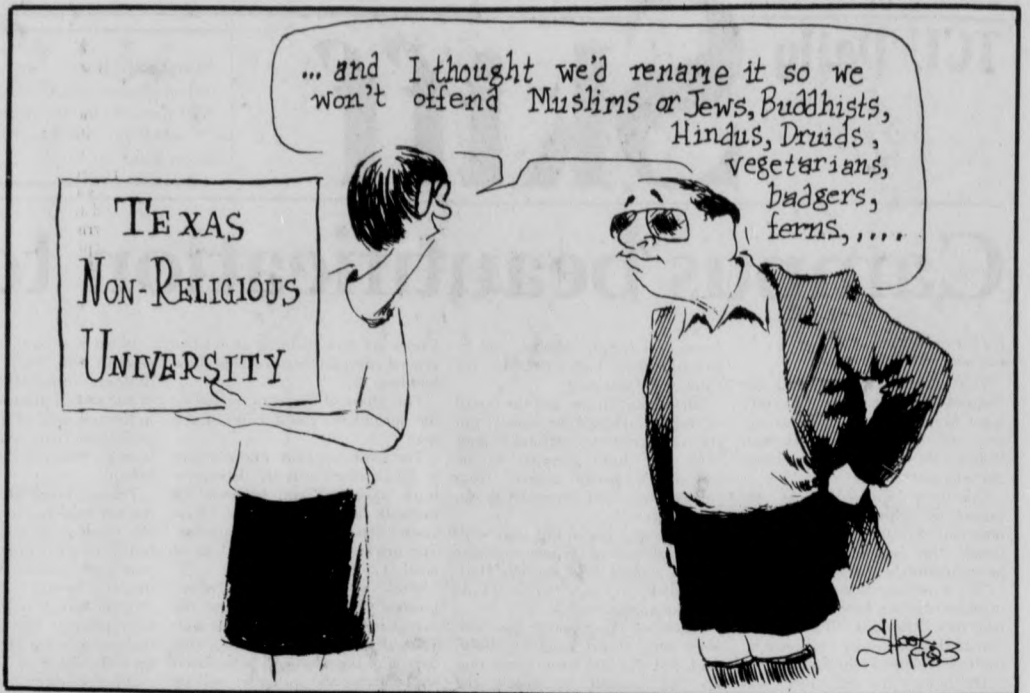
The right to that voice, however, is the advantage we are given in a democracy. Not to exercise that right is perhaps a greater threat to our government than to speak out against it.

The promise of a high government official's attention is what it took to stir that voice at TCU. Finally, some have realized that being political is an option—that being political means being a citizen.

The vice president is political. He stands for certain sides of issues, and his visit to TCU is a sure way for those on campus to have their opinions heard.

We applaud UCAM members who are planning to take advantage of Bush's visit to make a peaceable statement of their beliefs. While we don't necessarily support their viewpoint, we respect the fact that by beginning to communicate politically, they are making possible a healthy exchange.

It's about time that TCU students recognize that their opinions do matter, especially politically. For many of us, the upcoming presidential election will be our first major election. One can't vote without an opinion.



All censorship inhibits exchange of ideas

By Stan Wonn

When I first read about the religion professors' objections to the singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at convocation, I wondered how they could be serious.

They claimed the song was "sexist." I suppose it would be sexist, if you wanted the song to read, "His or her truth is marching on." Do you suppose these professors would also have us change "human" to "huperson" because "human" has the suffix "man" in it? I wouldn't be surprised.

Also, the professors saw the song as being militaristic. No kidding? I guess that means we won't be hearing it sung in any "peace"

demonstrations.

Finally, they called the song offensive to Moslems and Jews because it mentions the name of Christ. I'm surprised they didn't object to "America the Beautiful" because it has a verse referring to God: "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." After all, we certainly wouldn't want to offend the atheists, would we? With statements like this from religion professors, it's small wonder we have jokes at TCU like, "Christian is just our middle name."

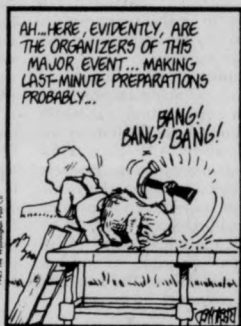
What these professors have failed to realize is that whenever a person takes a stand on something, he or she will offend someone out there. Benjamin Franklin once

said, "If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed." By these professors' logic, one should never express an opinion.

The issue here is not whether the song is "offensive"; that is a subjective judgement. Rather, the issue is one of freedom of expression. Just because an idea contradicts one's own ideology doesn't give that person the right of censorship. Censorship, whether from the left or right, is never acceptable and it has no place in an institution of higher learning, where the exchange of ideas is important.

Wonn is a sophomore journalism major.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

New party adds variety to dull, boring presidential campaign

By Kevin Downey and Richard Taylor

The 1984 presidential campaign has been underway for almost three years now and, if you're like us, you've just about had it with the whole thing. The Republican Party is full of would-be candidates, but they are effectively held back by the continued indecision of Ronald Reagan. Reagan appears ready to run, but Baker, Bush, Dole and Kemp are still hopeful.

Meanwhile, the Democratic race is rapidly developing into one of the most inane ever. Askew, Cranston, Glenn, Hart, Hollings, McGovern and Mondale appear to be competing to see who is the least charismatic Democrat of all. And it doesn't look like it's going to get any better, either.

In fact, it seems to be getting worse. The day doesn't pass without some dull piece of campaign "news" being played up into an event of national importance. "Currency misalignment issue Mondale campaign mainstay," read one headline. What is "currency misalignment," and why in the world is Walter Mondale talking about it? Who knows? Who cares? (Note: A recent Gallup poll reveals the interesting fact that, of 1263 people surveyed, 42 percent admitted that they believed "currency misalignment" to be the most pressing problem facing America.) This campaign is just plain boring!

The trouble with these campaigns is, in our opinion, quite evident: Too many candidates are attempting to stake out positions in the middle of the road. Everyone is trying to appeal to the moderate, and nobody is attempting to appease the extremist. If this campaign is to become interesting, somebody has to go out and campaign among those people who inhabit the lunatic fringe.

After careful consideration, we decided that we're just the people to do it. To that end, we would like to announce the formation of the American Extremist Party.

At this point, you may well ask, "How can a party of nuts and cranks hope to compete in a national election? After all, don't major parties have to appeal to a broad coalition of people in the center?" True enough—a party cannot succeed without a coalition. And that's where we split from the nuts and cranks of the past. Throughout history, extremists have attempted to appeal to only one end of the ideological spectrum. The American Extremist Party, by contrast, will find its supporters on both sides of the spectrum. We will appeal to right-wing cranks and left-wing nuts. With this

coalition, we plan to go all the way next November.

Our platform is simple, and carefully calculated to appeal to fringe elements everywhere. For example, the AEP believes that the proper way to deal with the Soviet threat is to launch a full-scale first strike upon those nasty Commies. The AEP is a strong supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment; we also demand immediate research into the question of genetically altering the human body. What do we need with two sexes? This plank will satisfy the more militant feminists. Both groups will flock to the AEP.

That only covers two fringe elements, however. There are many more that must be satisfied. Here, then, are a few of our other positions on major issues of the day:

We support the establishment of a state religion. We believe that Zen Buddhism should be taught in all schools, public and private.

We oppose all offshore oil drilling, and support the concept of solar-powered tax cuts.

We believe that capital punishment should be the mandatory penalty for convicted pornographers.

We believe in the concept of self-defense. If you want an MX missile, build it yourself!

We believe in mandatory national service. Every young person should be forced to spend two years doing one of the following: (a) digging foxholes in the army; (b) building federally funded housing projects for inhibited homosexuals; or (c) teaching graffiti skills to underprivileged TCU students.

Get the idea? There's something here for everybody!

A final note: The AEP, being a new party, does not qualify to receive federal campaign funds. If we are to hold our 1984 convention (which has been awarded to Waukegan, Wisconsin, in order not to offend any of the major cities), we need your money. If you believe that the American Extremist Party will represent your views, or if you just want to see a little excitement thrown into the campaign, please send your cash, check or money order to: American Extremist Party, P.O. Box 32070, Fort Worth, TX 76129. (Expensive jewelry is also gratefully accepted.)

Remember: We're out to form a broad coalition of nuts and cranks. We can't do it without your help.

Downey and Taylor are sophomore political science majors.

Spock gives science fiction another chance

By David Alan Hall

A bullet struck the wall next to Conrad's skull. He turned and discovered the assassin had found him. For so long, Conrad had eluded his pursuer, but he could see no escape this time. Conrad had saved the planet from total destruction and now he was going to die. He wished he could kiss Jenny one last time.

The assassin aimed his gun at Conrad's skull and fired.

With a jolt, Conrad sat up in bed. He was suddenly awake, alive and well in his plush penthouse apartment.

"Damn," thought Conrad, "that was a weird dream!"

Pretend that was the ending of a 250-page novel you'd been reading. How would you feel? Would you feel good? Would you be glad the entire novel had been a dream and that Conrad was safe? Would you put the book on the shelf with a satisfied feeling?

Or would you feel cheated?

I wrote the thing, and even I felt cheated. The ending is silly; nothing more than a literary ripoff. But that's my whole point.

This morning, I finished reading a science fiction novel with a similar ending. The protagonist was cornered by this incredible force of killer aliens. I was totally enthralled at this point, because the hero was quite a resourceful fellow, and I just knew he would do something ingenious to get out of the scrape he was in. The aliens were breaking down his defenses. He had only moments to live, and then...

He warped himself safely to another galaxy.

Don't laugh. It happens all the time. And it gives science fiction a bad name.

I'll admit I'm biased. I love science fiction. I love to write science fiction stories. But I hate endings like that. Of course, let's be fair. It happens in mainstream fiction, too. "God from the machine" I believe it's called, and it takes on many forms. I'm going to limit my discussion here to science fiction because it's the realm I know best.

Dying is another big thing. Some writers love to get their characters into these incredible situations and then kill them. Sometimes they kill them for no reason at all. True, it's the writer's story, and I guess he can kill whomever he pleases. I just wish that when someone died, they'd stay dead.

Spock was my hero (laugh if you want to, but I grew up with this pointed-eared Vulcan), and when he died saving the Enterprise, I cried (I wasn't the only one). Spock was more than just a well-known science fiction archetype, he was one of the most developed, and yet most misunderstood of any characters I've ever seen.

Too many times we see them miraculously reborn. It's getting to the point where I can't take death seriously anymore, and I've developed a considerable dislike for writers with no respect for dying. If they want their characters alive, they shouldn't kill them in the first place.

Mr. Spock is dead. "The Wrath of Khan" left him six feet under, so to speak. But now there's "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock." It's scheduled to premiere next summer, and with its anticipated release there came a flood of rumors that Spock with return from the dead.

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But he's dead! And this is science fiction's big chance to prove itself. As much as I loved him, he must stay dead. That's what dying is all about—being dead. And if science fiction ever wants to be taken seriously, it's got to present things realistically. Sure, there can still be robots and spaceships and ray guns, but there also has to be a point where reality takes over.

I'll admit if Spock returns, I'll be as relieved as the next Star Trek fan. (Please don't call me a Trekkie; I hate that. Trekkies are people that dress up like Kirk and do all sorts of weird stuff. I just like the show, OK?)

But if Spock is resurrected, I'll never take Star Trek seriously again. I won't care when a Klingon blows Spock's ears off because I'll know that, no matter what happens to him, he can always be magically reborn. That's cheap storytelling and kids know it.

Personally, I think Spock will return. I may be right. I hope I'm wrong.

But I could ramble on forever about Star Trek and Spock. My point is: science fiction is not a second rate side show. It's these few cheap little writers who don't know the craft of storytelling that give it a bad name. Maybe someday science fiction will be respected for what it really is: mainstream drama that takes place in a different time or setting.

But enough talk. I have a reputation to maintain, and damned if I'm going to cheat my readers, so let's get back to Conrad...

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With a jolt, Conrad leaped forward. The bullet knicked his shoulder, but he managed to wrench the gun from the assassin before his attacker was able to fire again. Spinning, Conrad skillfully emptied two rounds into the belly of his foe, and, as his dead enemy fell, Conrad realized that his fight was finally over.

As he was catching his breath and seeing to his wound a woman approached. It was Jenny. She threw her arms around Conrad, and when their lips met, the pain in his shoulder seemed to disappear. They kissed passionately, then turned and walked off into the twin sunset. Conrad's battle might be over, but his night was just beginning.

I just love a happy ending, don't you? Hall is a freshman Radio/TV/Film major.



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Around Campus

■ LOTAS to hold meeting

LOTAS, Little Older Than Average Students, will hold a brown bag lunch meeting today at noon in Student Center Room 202.

Karen Baurle of the English department will speak on "Tips for Writing a Research Paper."

■ Flying Club to hold first meeting

TCU's Flying Club will be holding its first meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. in Student Center Room 215.

Study: assists committee

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Reinecke described the self-study as "studying the university from every possible angle with an eye towards demonstrating that the university meets the criteria of the accrediting agency."

Smith read the study report Thursday, Reinecke said, "but not in detail." He added that the committee would go over the self-study carefully, in addition to getting a first-hand look at the university when it visits the campus.

The committee, Reinecke said, will be comprised of 18 faculty and staff members of various colleges outside Texas that belong to the Southern Association. Each member will study a part of the university that is "in his area of expertise."

A fiscal officer from another

university, for example, would study TCU's finances.

Reinecke said that it is very rare for a university of TCU's reputation to be denied reaccreditation.

He also said reaccreditation would not be TCU's only benefit from performing the self-study.

"It's like going through psychoanalysis; find out your own strengths and weaknesses and try to use the former to overcome the latter," he said.

The committee will probably want to interview some students, Reinecke said, but he wasn't sure how they would choose students.

"One of them might just walk into the Student Center, see some guy reading a paper and say, 'Hey, come talk to us.'"

Accident kills 1 at the state fair

DALLAS (AP)—A car on a popular spinning midway ride broke loose, hung precariously for five or six revolutions and plummeted more than 50 feet into a crowd of people at the State Fair of Texas, killing one man and seriously injuring two others.

Bob Halford, assistant general manager of the fair, said the dead man and the two seriously injured men were in the five-passenger car when it separated from the ride, flew about 50 feet and fell between another ride and a root beer stand about 8:05 p.m. Monday.

Robert Breckenridge, of the Dallas County medical examiner's office, said a 19-year-old man was pronounced dead at 9:14 p.m. at Parkland Hospital. He was identified as William Phillips of Allen, Texas.

Marion T. Phillips, 23, a brother of the deceased, and a companion, Michael Olivarri, 15, were reported in serious condition at Parkland.

Five other people were sent to Dallas hospitals with lesser injuries and fair officials said nine other people were treated at first aid stations.

Departments: important

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"They will either send us a wire saying, 'Congratulations, you've been reaccredited until 1991,' or they will send us a letter saying, 'Whoops, you missed it.'" Berliner said.

The Harris School of Nursing has had no problems getting reaccredited since its first accreditation by the National League for Nursing in 1946, said Dean of Nursing Patricia Scarse. "You have to be aware of the standards," she said.

Scarse said the school's accreditation is important because many of the students who come for a bachelor's degree also want to get into a master's program. Nursing students cannot enter a master's program unless they've graduated from an accredited baccalaureate program, she said.

She added that "your better teachers simply are not going to teach for a non-accredited program."

Harry Opperman, ex-chairman of TCU's English department, said he has "no feel for any movement afoot in the world to accredit English departments as a separate entity from the rest of the university." In general, he said, those departments

that are accredited are those that have "strictly professional programs."

Kurt Schember, chairman of the computer science department, said, "Computer science is a young enough area that there is no accrediting agency," but predicted that a computer science accrediting agency will probably be formed within five or six years.

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design, which accredits art schools and departments, does not accredit TCU's art department. Chairman Ronald Watson said "it would be very rare" for an art department such as TCU's to seek the NASAD's accreditation, which is usually given to professional art schools.

He said he feels his department's requirements are more stringent than those set by the NASAD.

"We require the student to also fulfill the general university requirements," he said, while most professional schools require only that the students take art courses.

Neither Schember nor Watson said they feel that the fact that their departments are not accredited affects their ability to attract faculty.

Dean of Admissions Edward Boehm described accreditation as "another bench mark." He explained that when prospective students look at departments, they look for quick bench marks of comparison, such as the number of faculty.

Koehler said some accrediting agencies act "like lobbyists" designed to protect faculty positions.

"They'll come in and say 'Well, we don't care how many students you have. We don't care what size your university is; if you don't have, say, five faculty members in this unit, we're not going to accredit you,'" Koehler said. "To go in and artificially create a need for a certain type of a faculty is to me an abuse of the accreditation process."

He said TCU has declined accreditation from such agencies.

Boehm said accreditation becomes more important if a prospective student is looking at other universities with similar accredited programs.

"If they like TCU they want to make sure that we also are accredited," he said. "It's like SAT scores; it's something people use because it's easy to identify."

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Sports

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SWC unbeatens square off

DALLAS (AP)— Southern Methodist Coach Bobby Collins said Monday he wasn't surprised the Texas Longhorns had been installed as 9-point favorites for Saturday's clash of Southwest Conference unbeatens in Texas Stadium.

"It (SMU in an underdog role) is something we've had to handle since we've been here," said Collins, who has never lost a game as SMU coach. SMU has a 21-game unbeaten string. Texas was the last team to beat the Mustangs on Oct. 24, 1981. Texas prevailed 9-7 in Texas Stadium.

The game will be televised by CBS with a 2:47 p.m. kickoff scheduled.

Killer Frog is ready to play hoops

By Earnest L. Perry
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

With about a month left until basketball season begins, the TCU Killer Frogs are working hard getting into shape. Among them is Greg Grissom, a 6-foot-11-inch, 240-pound center who transferred a year ago from North Texas State University.

Grissom, a sophomore, came to TCU last year, but could not play because of the NCAA rule that a player who transfers from another school has to sit out a year in order to be eligible.

Grissom said he feels that the year he sat out helped him. "It gave me a year to get acquainted with the system and build myself up. It also

made me a little more hungry to play, since I didn't get to play last year. It just made me want to go after it a little bit more this season," he said.

Grissom said the reason he transferred to TCU was because he didn't agree with the offensive philosophy at NTSU. "They practice too much offense and not enough defense.

"I like the system and the fact they are building a successful program here," Grissom said. "I also like the school and what they have down here."

This year is a rebuilding year for TCU. Since all five starting players from last year's team have graduated, this year's team is young. Grissom said he hopes that factor

will enable him to get a chance to play or even start this year.

"For the first part of the season we'll be learning a new offense. Everybody will work hard and will get a chance to play.

"With only a few sophomores and two juniors on the team, the fighting for positions will be real competitive. It will help everybody to play better," he said.

Grissom said the biggest problem he faced when he first came to TCU was the running he had to do. "At North Texas State we didn't do nearly as much running and off-season conditioning as we do here. We just lifted weights and played basketball."

During pre-season, the Killer

Frogs lift weights three days a week and participate in a running program the rest of the time.

Grissom said he feels that Head Coach Jim Killingsworth is a hard coach, but a good coach who knows what he's doing. "When he's out on the court his word is law and everybody knows it.

"He's a really good coach. His system is a proven winner, and he helps build up a team. He's hard on you, but that's what you'd expect from a good coach," Grissom said.

This season will begin a new chapter in basketball at TCU, and Grissom said he hopes to be a part of it. "I've been working pretty hard, and I think it will help when the season starts."

AP Top 20

1. Nebraska 7-0-0	11. Illinois 5-1-0
2. Texas 5-0-0	12. Iowa 5-1-0
3. North Carolina 7-0-0	13. Arizona State 4-0-1
4. West Virginia 5-0-0	14. Washington 5-1-0
5. Auburn 5-1-0	15. Maryland 5-1-0
6. Florida 5-0-1	16. Oklahoma 4-2-0
7. Georgia 5-0-1	17. Ohio State 4-2-0
8. Miami 6-1-0	18. Brigham Young 5-1-0
9. SMU 5-0-0	19. Arizona 5-1-1
10. Michigan 5-1-0	20. Alabama 4-2-0

Kick looks good

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)— Texas A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said Monday films of Alan Smith's 55-yard field goal attempt in Saturday's 13-13 tie with Baylor showed that the kick was good.

Officials ruled the second quarter kick no good, saying it fell under the crossbar.

"It looked good from watching the game film," Sherrill said.

Sherrill said the Aggies should have passed more against Baylor.

"They were lining up with eight men on the line and blitzing a lot, creating a lot of man-to-man coverage in the secondary," he said.

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