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West Beirut falls to Moslem militiamen

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Rebel Moslem militiamen took charge of west Beirut Tuesday and called a "final cease-fire" with the beleaguered Lebanese army. A Christian militia commander summoned his fighters for a showdown with the Moslems.

Off Beirut, the U.S. battleship New Jersey opened fire to halt a shelling attack on the U.S. Marines.

One Marine was reported wounded by mortar fire. Another had been wounded Monday, the fiercest day of fighting since the latest outbreak in Lebanon's civil war began last Thursday.

Victorious Moslem militiamen, some riding in armored personnel carriers, took up positions throughout west Beirut. The army, weakened by defections, held on to key government buildings—with the approval of the militias.

Marine spokesman Maj. Dennis Brooks said the New Jersey fired its

five-inch guns at 12:17 p.m. (4:17 a.m. CST) after the Marine base at Beirut airport came under rocket and mortar fire.

"The ship fired at a position south of Beirut airport," said Brooks. He did not specify the target of the bombardment.

Shiite Moslem and Druse militiamen clashed with government troops on the main crossroads linking east and west Beirut early in the day, and shells rained on the Christian and Moslem sectors of the Lebanese capital. But by midday fighting subsided to scattered outbursts in the capital.

Leaders of the Shiite Moslem militia and their Druse allies continued to press for the resignation of President Amin Gemayel, a Christian whose U.S.-backed government was close to collapse Tuesday, 16 months after he took power.

Shiite leader Nabih Berri, Druse chief Walid Jumblatt and the

Lebanese army command all issued statements calling for a cease-fire as of 2:15 p.m.

Berri instructed his fighters to protect foreign residents, and to "avoid harassing foreign ambassadors or the multinational force" of Marines and French, Italian and British troops.

But as the cease-fire orders went out, the commander of Lebanon's largest Christian militia called for a virtual general mobilization in east Beirut and all other Christian-controlled areas.

"The enemies... want a decisive battle in the war waged to eliminate free and sovereign Lebanon from the world map," said Fadi Frem, commander of the Lebanese Forces militia of the Phalangist Party, which is led by the president's father, Pierre Gemayel.

"We shall not sit waiting in shelters for weeks or months until the enemies erode our steadfastness. We shall rush

to meet them on the battlefield," Frem said in a statement broadcast by Phalangist radio stations.

In the United States on Monday, President Reagan renewed a "firm and unwavering" U.S. commitment to Lebanon, and called on Syria to end its support for "terroristic activities."

State-run Beirut radio said U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld and Assistant Secretary of State Robert Murphy planned to travel to Syria Tuesday for talks on Lebanon.

Marine spokesman Brooks said the 1,350 Marines serving with the multinational force went on maximum alert when their base came under fire early Tuesday.

Brooks said one Marine was wounded in a second mortar attack that occurred about an hour after the New Jersey shelled rebel positions in retaliation for an earlier bombardment of the airport base. The Marine was

evacuated by helicopter for treatment aboard the amphibious assault ship Guam.

"We took one direct hit. Four or five rounds hit east of the airport," Brooks said of the first attack. "They sent us all into the bunkers. We have not returned fire. We are calling them stray rounds."

In central Beirut, shelling attacks tapered off at 9:30 a.m., and firefights began dying down soon afterwards at three main intersections on the "green line" that divides the capital into Moslem and Christian halves.

In Moslem west Beirut, army sentries stood guard at the entrances of main government buildings, including the Prime Ministry, the Central Bank and radio and television stations. Militiamen of Amal, the nation's largest Shiite paramilitary force, stood next to the sentries.

Irregulars posted men in west Beirut's main hospital, taking charge of ambulance services and admissions into emergency wards, and Amal and Druse militiamen were seen driving armored personnel carriers through the Hamra and Manara districts. Militiamen manned sandbagged checkpoints previously held by the army all along a coastal road from west Beirut to the Shiite-populated southern suburbs of the capital.

A Lebanese army source conceded the loss of mostly Moslem west Beirut to the rebels and said the 37,000-man Lebanese army was split along sectarian lines.

The source, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said most army units in west Beirut had refused to fight or defected to the Moslem side, whose militiamen seized the city's Moslem half in fierce street battles Monday.

Proclamation begins month of awareness

By Quantalane Henry
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

President Reagan's budget cuts in educational grants have caused some to forecast doom.

However, college students shouldn't sit around and wait for the funeral, says Erma Johnson, vice chancellor for human resources at Tarrant County Junior College.

Johnson gave the proclamation address in observance of Black Awareness Month in February at TCU recently.

Speaking to an audience of more than 50 students, faculty and administrators on "Equal Opportunities—What Do They Mean in the '80s?" Johnson said blacks are "in for some trials in '84, but it's time for college students to make a special effort to try to finance their own educational expenses rather than succumb to economic moves of the Reagan administration."

"Many grants have disappeared and many more will too, but I'm in a position to see many students come out of college without a sense of responsibility to do their very best and know what it means to sacrifice for things they really want," Johnson said.

"I do know that there are some very definite things that should be done, but President Reagan and his administration has been very good to black folks."

Johnson explained. She said her point is that "federalism of the Reagan administration has everyone talking about what is going to happen to our higher educational system, but people should stop forecasting doom and stand up and fight back."

"White people who are making \$20,000 a year now say they're in poverty, but some blacks would say they were rich if they were making that much," Johnson said. "I know some black people who don't make \$9,000 a year, but they don't consider themselves poor."

Johnson said Reagan's educational budget cuts have caused students to stop and think how they can finance their education with little or no federal funds. She said that is a move in the right direction.

"When I went to college, there were not many grants available. . . I had to work," she said. "Many of us achieved in spite of our financial conditions, and you (current college students) can do the same thing instead of sitting around painting a bleak picture."

"When you walk out of here with your degree, don't forget to give something back to black colleges—we need to keep something that is still ours."

—ERMA JOHNSON, TCJC vice chancellor

Johnson spoke of how blacks had progressed historically in America in spite of major stumbling blocks such as slavery and racial discrimination. The same strength blacks used to overcome obstacles in the past must now be put to use to progress, she said.

"I'm not discounting the road paved before us. . . Many black people have been hired due to internal or external pressures, but nevertheless, we chose not to just sit there and do nothing," Johnson said.

"I don't think we should expect others to pave the way for us. . . It's only fair that we should take on more responsibility with enthusiasm, knowing we will overcome."

"It's okay to work and earn your way through college. . . I worked hard and it made me a better person," Johnson said. "Students must dig deeper into their own pockets."

Blacks who are already in "strategic positions" should not be satisfied with just maintaining the status quo, earning a check and going home, she said. Johnson referred to those who were "satisfied" as the "real enemy" to black progress and called them "liability blacks."

Johnson, the only black and first woman on the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Board, encouraged those present to support black colleges.

"When you walk out of here with your degree, don't forget to give something to black colleges—we need to keep something that is still ours," Johnson said. "TCU is here to help you give more, not less."

Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen was present to officially proclaim February 1984 as Black Awareness Month at TCU.

Chancellor Tucker was on hand to accept the official proclamation from Bolen.

Johnson, who received a standing ovation, has been the recipient of many honors and awards, including Outstanding Black Educator in 1972 and the Fort Worth Black Achiever Award in 1977.



TOP PROF: Joseph W. Helmick, professor of speech communication at TCU, is the recipient of Mortar Board's biannual award for the best professor. Julie Miller/TCU Daily Skiff

Mortar Board honor awarded to Helmick

By Denise Gonzalez
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Joseph W. Helmick has been selected as the recipient of the Top Professor Award by the National Senior Honor Society, known as Mortar Board. Helmick is a professor of speech communication with a specialization in neurogenic and structural bases of speech and language disorders.

Helmick's selection for the biannual award is based on Mortar Board's standards of excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Dean of Students Carol Adcock, the administrative liaison for TCU's Mortar Board Chapter, stressed the distinction of the Top Professor Award. "It is a very high honor for a student to be selected as a member of Mortar Board, and it is equally commendable for a professor to be chosen as Top Professor by these outstanding students," she said.

Helmick, who has been at TCU since 1977, has not only become chairman of the department of speech communication, but is also president-elect of the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association for which he currently serves as chairman of the Committee on Quality Assurance. Helmick is also a member of a regional group called The Dallas Association of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists.

He is involved with the Fort Worth Sertoma Club and Fort Worth Breakfast Sertoma Club, which is devoted to service for speech and hearing.

Helmick's contributions to TCU include his involvement in many university committees such as the University Courses Study Committee, the University's Study on Feasibility of a College of Communication, for which he served as co-chairman, and the Standards II Committee, for which he was chairman.

A specialist who deals with many patients with speech disorders—Helmick said that even though his days are busy, he tries to fit time in for research. The rest of his spare time he tries to spend with his family, he said.

One contribution Helmick is noted for is his work in the speech pathology section of the department. Helmick wrote a grant for the graduate sequence in bilingual communication disorders.

Helmick said that all of his goals and aspirations have not yet been met and that he wants to continue to contribute to TCU and the surrounding community through his teaching and research.

U.S. evacuates 41 from embassy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Tuesday ordered the evacuation of 41 non-essential American embassy personnel and dependents in Beirut as President Reagan ordered Vice President Bush to cancel a European trip to coordinate the U.S. response to developments in Lebanon.

Secretary of State George Shultz, meanwhile, hinted that duties of the multinational peacekeeping force in war-torn Lebanon may be changed.

Alan Rombers, a State Department spokesman, said 24 embassy workers and 17 dependents were taken out of the capital by helicopter. Officials said the evacuees were being taken to Larnaca, Cyprus.

The evacuation leaves 34 assigned employees, one dependent and 14 Marine guards at the embassy. But department officials said there could

be more people at the embassy because the roster of those on temporary duty was not immediately available.

The Reagan administration was conducting an urgent reappraisal of its policy in Lebanon as fighting threatened the government of President Amin Gemayel. Anti-government Druse and Shiite militiamen took charge of west Beirut.

Larry Speakes, Reagan's spokesman, said the president had told Bush to postpone his planned departure Wednesday to Europe in order to coordinate U.S. response to developments in Lebanon.

Bush, who presided over a two-hour meeting of national security advisers at the White House Tuesday, had planned to visit European allies in Bonn and London, among other places.

Speakes, who was traveling with

Reagan in Las Vegas, said the president intended to proceed to his ranch outside Santa Barbara, Calif., where he was to remain until Sunday.

"The president can do whatever is necessary from any location where he may be," Speakes said. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., had criticized Reagan for traveling while tension mounts in Lebanon.

"I understand the president is in Las Vegas Tuesday and then is going on to California," O'Neill said. "He just blissfully goes along while the nation shakes and worries about his foreign policy."

O'Neill commented to reporters after issuing a statement saying, "The time is long past for the administration to face facts and recognize that there is no role for the Marines in Lebanon and that they should be withdrawn."

But Democrats on the House Foreign Affairs Committee decided unanimously to delay consideration of a resolution calling for the prompt withdrawal of the Marines.

Shultz, who was on the last day of an official trip to South America and the Caribbean, said he had a long conversation on the situation in Lebanon on Monday night with Reagan, who was also traveling. Shultz said he did not believe it was the time for the administration to turn its back on Lebanon.

Rombers, the State Department's deputy spokesman, said 24 embassy employees and 17 dependents were evacuated from the U.S. embassy facilities in Beirut to American ships offshore and then transferred to Cyprus in "a prudent response" to the fighting.

At home and around the World

National

Earthquakes, eruption rock Mount St. Helens

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Small earthquakes rattled Mount St. Helens Tuesday after a potentially explosive eruption. The eruption that could last for days apparently began with little more than a puff of ash and a small avalanche, scientists say.

A slight rockslide from the east side of a massive lava dome in the crater Monday night sent debris into the eastern rim, melting some snow but causing no mudflow, said Thom Corcoran of the U.S. Forest Service.

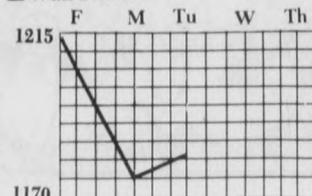
"Scientists flying over with infra-red equipment saw it," Corcoran told a news conference late Monday. "This probably marks the onset of the expected eruptive pulse. Further activities could include rock avalanches, slow lava extrusion and small explosions over the next few days."

Mount St. Helens also sent up "a baby plume" containing a bit of volcanic ash which drifted to the east, he added.

The plume rose to about 13,000 feet above sea level, about 5,000 feet above the crater rim.

Weather permitting, scientists will try to enter the volcano Tuesday to inspect the rockslide, said Julie Shemeta, a spokesperson for the University of Washington geophysics center in Seattle. She said Tuesday that the series of slight quakes that began over the weekend was continuing.

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National

Bill links El Salvador aid to human rights

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House, rebuffing President Reagan, approved a bill Tuesday that would link continued U.S. aid to El Salvador with improvements in that government's human rights policies and eliminating right-wing death squads.

It would require the Reagan administration to certify every six months that the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government was making a "concerted and significant effort" to guarantee the human rights of its citizens and was putting reins on its military forces to end "indiscriminate torture and murder of civilians."

Rep. Michael D. Barnes, D-Md., chairman of a House subcommittee on Central America, said the bill would require progress by the Salvadoran government and not "ultimate Jeffersonian democracy."

Weather

Today's weather is expected to be partly cloudy with a high in the mid 50s and winds of 10-15 mph.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

We shall not sit waiting in shelters for weeks or months until the enemies erode our steadfastness. We shall rush to meet them on the battlefield. -Fadi Frem, commander of the Lebanese Forces militia of the Phalange Party.

OPINION

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

For souls in growth, great quarrels are great emancipations. -L.P. Smith

CAMPUS



By Tassie Kalas

Jane's laughter pushes woman to exercise

I saw Jane Fonda at the Five and Ten last week. She was sitting by the cash register wearing little but a teasing laugh; a crowd gathered around her. I watched as a round man with a sagging, pouting belly and a leering grin tried to pick her up. His wife, insulted, cursed and predicted it would only ruin their marriage.

I took Jane home with me, but I knew we wouldn't work out.

I wasn't the best hostess, and for days she sat alone at the kitchen table wearing the same taunting, self-righteous smile on her perfect lips. I relished ignoring her. She sat at the table at breakfast and laughed as a glob of raspberry preserves glided down my chin. I threw my napkin at her.

I forgot about my guest until later that night when Dave jogged over. Dave is a competitive runner and a fitness fiend. He helped himself to cranberry juice, sat with an exhausted plop at the table, then wiped the red from his lips with the crumpled napkin I had thrown.

"Hey, what's this?" he asked. "What's what?" I asked suspiciously.

"This cassette under the napkin. This is great! You bought Jane Fonda's Workout Tape. Have you tried it yet?"

"No, and I'm not going to try it, either. I didn't buy it. I... don't know how it got there," I explained nervously.

Jane laughed.

"Look," he explained knowingly, "exercise is good for you." He flexed his knee and a river of supple muscles rippled.

"Don't you tell me to exercise!" I screamed at his sweat-stained warm-up. "You know I don't exercise!"

"I still think you should exercise," he said. "It would do wonders for your, uh, cardiovascular." He jogged to the door and looked appreciatively at Jane's cardiovascular before he left.

The next day, I bought a purple leotard, purple-striped tights and a lime-green headband, then tried to sell myself on my new image as I sucked in my stomach and looked in the full length mirror in my bedroom.

"You look good," I said to my purple reflection. "You look good and you are athletic and you want to do this," I convinced myself. I exhaled and my stomach returned to its resting place somewhere above my knees.

I sighed as I viewed the round purpleness of my body and the green ring around my head. "You look like a grape."

Jane laughed.

I was unhappy and defeated and I cringed as I put the tape into the recorder and turned it up loud. Instantly, Jane's voice filled the room and a disco beat played seductively in the background.

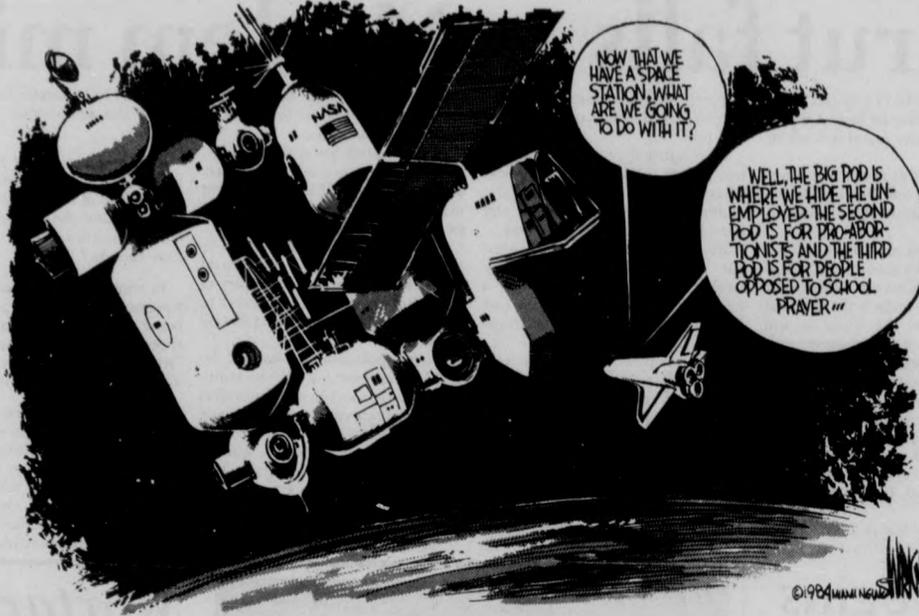
I struggled in vain to decipher Jane's directions. "Stand with your feet apart, stomach pulled in, buttocks tight and breathe," the voice demanded. Only the last command could I perform without difficulty. I did neck bends, arm twirls, leg stretches and buttock tucks. Standing, sitting, stretching, sprawling, I obeyed the sadistic commands of the cassette until I was certain my body could stand no more.

"Standing on your right leg," she instructed, "arch your back, bend your right arm and wrap your left leg around your straight neck. Now pull." This wasn't working out.

After a half hour with Jane, parts of my body I had never used were stiff and aching; I was physically exhausted and my muscles throbbled from head to cardiovascular. Streams of purple sweat ran from my shoulders. I rolled my eyes as I rewound the tape to prepare it for the next day.

Jane laughed.

Kalas is a junior speech communication major



EDITORIAL

Work program for prisoners is a positive step

The United States incarcerates more people than any other modern industrialized nation in the world.

Our prisons have 200,000 more criminals than the system was designed for. The irony is that crime has actually declined in the past three years. However, stricter laws have required convicted criminals to serve prison sentences when before they would have been put on probation. Longer minimum prison sentences are also required, and only one-third of all prisoners were convicted of violent crimes. The annual cost of keeping someone in prison is about twice the cost of keeping a student at Harvard University.

The overpopulation of prisons in most states has led to a practice called "warehousing," where hundreds of prisoners are housed in gymnasiums and other large areas because there is no room for them in "single occupancy cells," which are often occupied by two people. The overcrowded conditions and idleness of prisoners leads to frustration and hostility.

Some states are letting non-violent criminals work in factories in the community. Not only does this cut down on taxes, but it also alleviates boredom. Prisoners involved in these programs earn at least minimum

wage, paid by the private industries. The prisoners are required to pay rent for room and board. Any money they have left over after paying the rent to the prison can be given to their families or saved for when they are released.

If a prisoner is allowed to help in supporting his family, he will feel as though he is a part of his family and his family's dependence on him will help build his self-esteem. In many cases, when the head of the household is imprisoned, his family cannot earn enough money and they seek aid in the form of welfare. In allowing prisoners to support their families, the taxpayer is not responsible for giving economic aid to these families.

Rather than using our limited prison space to educate criminals to become better criminals some prisons are giving them aptitude tests and then matching the prisoners with a vocation. Of the 22 participants in such a program in New York, 20 succeeded on parole.

These vocational programs, which have been used in other states as well, give the prisoner something to do with his idle time, provide him with a skill that he can use after his release, and perhaps most importantly, help him learn to follow a regular routine.

LETTERS

Worthy of praise

Last Friday night the lives of more than 150 men living in Pete Wright Hall were in jeopardy.

Around 2 a.m. the fire alarm sounded. Another fire drill? Maybe so.

I crawled out of bed and threw on some jeans, opened the door and was met with a frightening shock. I stared in disbelief as a smoke-filled hallway became a chamber of death for those who might not escape.

The fire was in a 50-gallon plastic trash can that was at the end of the hall. My neighbor and I began to pound on the doors of the residents in my wing. These guys were my friends and they had to get out. After alerting them, I ran upstairs to the third floor and met resident assistant Steve Pelham, informing him that the fire was on the east wing of the second floor. He immediately sprang into action, carrying out his responsibilities in seeing that his residents were evacuated.

Back down on the second floor, hall director Robert Clough and resident assistant David Stutts were busy putting out the blaze with fire extinguishers. Three

men were still trapped at the end of the hall as the fire had blocked their escape routes. Pete Wright has no fire escapes. Within a few minutes, the fire was put out and the danger was over. But how dangerous was it?

There are several things to be considered. First, if smoke alarms had not been installed in our wing, serious injuries or even death could have resulted from the toxic smoke that spread from the burning plastic. Second, the residents throughout the hall cooperated together in seeing that everyone was out of the building safely. Safety cannot be over-emphasized. Finally and most importantly, our hall director and resident assistants handled the situation with poise and precision. Each of them carried out his responsibility with the highest efficiency. These men are to be commended for their actions in dealing with the emergency.

-Craig Taylor

Freshman, Political Science

Column fuels fire

It was certainly unfortunate that some "yahoo" decided to steal some 4,000 coins of the Skiff, but I think you should get your facts straight before you start slinging mud.

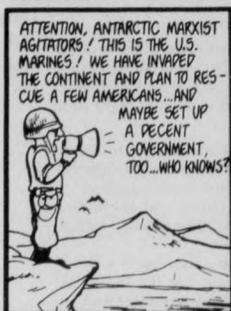
I am referring to the February 1 Skiff in which Susan Shields called the act of the disappearing Skiff a fraternity or sorority prank. I will admit that the crime did negate dozens of hours put in by the Skiff staff, and it did deprive thousands of students of a few moments of reading pleasure. But for Shields to blame the Greek organizations without concrete evidence is going a little too far.

It seems that any time something happens on campus the Skiff heads straight for Worth Hills looking for a scapegoat. The Greek's relationship with main campus is shaky as it is, so why throw fuel on the fire?

-Biff Bann

Sophomore, Radio/TV/Film

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

CAMPUS



By David Alan Hall

Binge isn't an answer

Everyone goes through a time in their life when they're hopelessly confused, depressed and disoriented-not necessarily in that order. This recently happened to me. I'm not sure what caused it, but I think it had something to do with a woman. Yeah, that was it.

The other night, when I was feeling the heights of this depression, I suddenly found myself determined to get drunk. Even though I had many times tried to intoxicate myself, I had never been drunk before. My stomach always rejects the alcohol before it can have any effect on my poor, unsuspecting nervous system.

At any rate, I mentally pressed the "override" button on my stomach and opened the first can of beer. (Like all "sins," one has to develop a liking for beer, because the stuff tastes like motor oil.) The first twelve ounces went down without any problem. On to the second can. It wasn't too bad, but I realized that if I intended to consume both six packs, I had better get something to snack on along the way. I searched the house for a bag of chips. I found some old ones, but they tasted almost as bad as the beer. Despite their flavor, they got me thirsty enough to get through the second can and on to the third.

Then the phone interrupted my drinking spree. It was my mother. She was calling to tell me that there was a special on Channel 13 about how they made the Star Wars movies. I thanked her for calling, and then I popped a video tape in my trusty VCR. I'd watch the bloody thing later. Right now I was too busy doing nothing.

The third and fourth beers went down rather quickly, but I started experiencing difficulties with the fifth can. The phone rang again. Saved by the bell. I only hoped it wasn't my mother this time. I picked up the receiver, and between belches said, "Hello."

"Is Rebecca there?" a lady asked. I had been through this routine before. Ever since I'd gotten a new number, people had been calling for this mysterious Rebecca. Tonight they would finally get her. "Yeah, she's here," I said, "but I'm kind of busy with her right now. Call back later."

"Who is this?" the woman demanded. "This is Luke Skywalker. Who's this?" The woman sounded angry. "This is Rebecca's mother."

I decided to hang up. The concerned parent immediately called back. As I picked up the phone, I said, "Rebecca, put your shirt back on."

The infuriated lady lost her temper. "Listen, Luke, or whatever your name is, if my daughter's really there, I want to talk to her."

"Okay, I'll get her. It'll be a minute though. She's in the bathtub." I put the phone under the pillow and went outside to finish my drink.

Let's just say I was thankful for being outside. My stomach felt much better, but I was beginning to experience a buzz from the alcohol, and decided to retire for the evening. The next morning I felt like a sick flea and slept for as long as my eyes would stay closed. The following afternoon, I got up, ate breakfast, and then Jones and I watched that Star Wars thing. So much for my fling as an alcoholic.

While I was writing an earlier draft of this column, I thought about using my "creative license" to spice up the ending a little (you know--add some sex), but that's another story. Oh well, there are still seven beers left in the icebox. Maybe next time I will spice up the ending a little. Hopefully, next time I won't have to.

Hall is a freshman English/RTVF major

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor and guest editorials. Letters should not exceed 300 words, should be typewritten and must include the writer's signature, classification, major and telephone number. Handwritten letters or editorials will not be accepted. Any submission may be edited for length, style, accuracy or taste requirements.

Program takes TCU off campus

By Megan O'Neill
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

"We bring our campus to them," said Audrey Abron, assistant director of TCU admissions. "It's our way of bringing a little of TCU to that community."

Abron is referring to "TCU Today," a traveling recruiting program sponsored by the TCU Admissions Office.

The program, begun in 1965, provides information about TCU to prospective students and their parents in their own home area. This year, the program will travel to 27 cities in 12 states during February. Two cities in California were visited in January.

The format of the program includes a dinner and reception, as well as a slide show featuring scenes of the campus. A currently enrolled TCU student and a faculty member each give short speeches about TCU. The program ends with a question and answer session for students and parents.

Most of the programs are held in hotels, although some are held in Disciples of Christ churches. Abron said that occasionally an alumnus or a parent of a TCU student holds the reception at his home.

Twelve of the 29 cities hosting programs this year are in Texas. Some states, such as Montana and Minnesota, were not covered by the program this year because of low student interest.

"We dropped Minnesota this year because the interest wasn't there... and it's just not cost-efficient to go

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-AUDREY ABRON, TCU admissions

to say, a city in Montana," Abron said.

Abron, as coordinator of the program, sends letters of confirmation to hotels, information packets to schools and Disciples of Christ ministers and invitations to students.

Abron said all TCU applicants receive invitations, as well as high school seniors in the area who would be admissible to TCU.

"We won't send an invitation to someone who is in the bottom quarter of his class," said Abron.

Besides Abron and the admissions office staff, people involved in the program include faculty, students and alumni, who volunteer to serve as contact persons in an area covered by the program. Abron said parents of currently enrolled TCU students also offer to attend programs and speak to prospective parents.

Faculty and students selected for the program attend a brief orientation, where they receive a pamphlet containing facts about TCU. The speakers may choose whether or not to include some of these facts in their speeches. Students are also given tips on giving speeches.

One student who has participated in the program is Cheryl Suter, a senior elementary special-education

major from Fairfax, Va. Suter spoke to prospective students in New York and Maryland last spring and will be traveling with the program again this year.

"It (the program) gave me an opportunity to go home and tell other people about the school who might be interested in TCU. I think it's a good idea to send students who enjoy it here to talk to students and parents about TCU," Suter said. "It's more effective to have us go home and tell them about what it's like down here."

Abron said students are chosen to participate in the program according to the admissions office staff's knowledge of students.

"If the students are involved on campus, then they'll probably be vocal and outgoing," Abron said. "Some students are selected because they come from a particular area. Others volunteer, especially members of Student Foundation."

TCU was not the first school to develop this type of recruiting program, said Abron.

"We didn't originate the idea," said Abron, "but I think our concept is a model for other school's programs now."

In regard to the efficiency of the program in terms of recruiting students, Charleen Hayes McGilvray, director of freshman admissions, said it is difficult to measure the program's effect statistically.

"Unlike the 'Monday at TCU' statistics, where the student actually visits the school, you wonder with our program how many would have come any-

way," said McGilvray. "The majority who attend a program come. It's just hard to know."

Abron added that statistics cannot be used to decide if the program actually "sold" the student on TCU, rather than other factors, such as cost. However, the number of freshmen who attend a program can be calculated.

Robin Heidt, a junior radio-TV-film major from Jefferson, N.Y., attended the program before deciding on TCU.

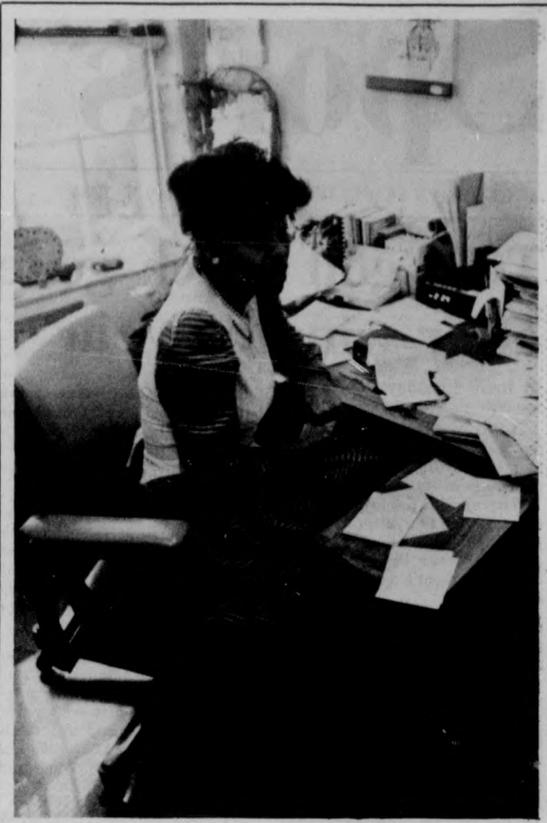
"It was a choice between here or another school, and the people at the 'TCU Today' program made me feel as if they were seeking me and not vice-versa. It not only impressed me, but my parents were equally impressed," Heidt said. "It really made me decide to come here."

Edward G. Boehm, dean of admissions, said the program aids parents who have not seen the campus.

"The program solidifies the decision with parents who can't get to campus," said Boehm. "It takes more of the university to the parents, and that's the crucial thing."

Abron said that although unforeseen problems can occur, such as scheduling a program on Super Bowl Sunday in Anaheim, Calif., last January, the program is successful.

"The program is well-received by students and parents. The guests are enthusiastic and thankful they came. It takes lots of planning and lots of time, but it pays off," Abron said. "The success lies in the program itself. It does work!"



UP TO DATE: Audrey Abron prepares materials for the "TCU Today" program in her office in Sadler Hall. Mike Sessums/TCU Daily Skiff

Around Campus

State representative to speak

Texas Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, chairperson for the House Committee for Higher Education, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free, and the speech will be followed by a reception in the Student Center Woodson Room. Delco is speaking in conjunction with TCU's Black Awareness Month, sponsored by the Black Student Caucus.

TCU to play Houston

The TCU men's basketball team will face the University of Houston Thursday, Feb. 9, in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6, free with TCU ID.

Theatre TCU to present musical

Theatre TCU, along with the University Symphony, will present "Brigadoon" Feb. 9 through Feb. 11 nightly at 8 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. General admission is \$4, \$2 with TCU ID.

Fraternity to sponsor voter registration drive

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will sponsor a voter registration drive in the Student Center Thursday, Feb. 9, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. The drive is being held in conjunction with Black Awareness Month.

Radio-TV-Film department to sponsor film festival

The Spring 1984 Film Festival, sponsored by TCU's radio-TV-film department and Alpha Epsilon Rho, will begin today at 5 p.m. in the Moody Building Room 164S. About 10 student-produced films will be shown.

Astronauts use jet packs to float freely in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Astronauts Bruce McCandless and Robert Stewart unhooked lifelines Tuesday and became the first humans to fly free in space, using a gas-powered jet-pack to propel themselves more than 300 feet away from the shuttle Challenger.

"We sure have a nice flying machine," said McCandless as he went first, in a scene reminiscent of Buck Rogers, maneuvering out of the cargo bay strapped into the \$10 million backpack, called a Manned Maneuvering Unit.

"That may have been one small step for Neil, but it's a heck of a big leap for me," McCandless said. The reference was to Neil Armstrong's words upon becoming the first man to land on the moon on July 20, 1969.

McCandless moved out 320 feet from the ship by firing bursts of nitrogen gas from the backpack. He enjoyed himself all the while, calling out a series of superlatives: "Beautiful, superb, super."

Pictures beamed down and shown live on national television were fantastic—right out of science fiction. McCandless was a human satellite hanging out against the blackness of space with the blue curvature of the Earth to the right of the picture.

After 90 flawless minutes, he returned to the cargo bay and turned the backpack over to Stewart, with the good wishes: "Go enjoy it, have a ball."

Stewart got hung up momentarily in a wrist tether as he moved out. But he quickly freed himself and began maneuvering away from the spacecraft, with the comment: "It's a piece of cake." He reached a distance of 303 feet from the shuttle before turning back.

McCandless, a 46-year-old ex-Navy aviator, was 165 miles over Hawaii when he began his historic walk about 8:10 a.m. EST. Stewart's walk began about two hours later.

Both men and shuttle were streaking along at 17,400 mph, but in this

airless, boundless arena there is no sensation of such speed.

"McCandless and his Manned Maneuvering Unit comprise a manned spacecraft of their own," capsule communicator Jerry Ross commented.

A successful test of the jet-pack would ease some of NASA's pain over the loss of two satellites and a balloon on this 10th shuttle flight. The cause of the failures was not immediately known, but they could scramble the future launch schedule.

The tests are to demonstrate the ability of an untethered astronaut to retrieve and repair satellites in flight. On the next mission in April, an astronaut is to use the jet-pack to move over to the defective Solar Maximum Satellite and secure it so it can be brought into the cargo bay for replacement of a faulty electronics box.

McCandless maneuvered cautiously at first, carefully testing the new machine, pulsing its jets, moving back and forth, up and down, making cer-

tain all was right. He proceeded at a deliberate speed of about 2 mph—equal to a slow walk.

"I'm going to head out, with your permission," he said. Mission Control gave him permission to move out 150 feet, saying "There are some jealous folks down here. Looks like you're really having fun."

Stewart watched, ready to help if needed. Their colleagues in the shuttle, Commander Vance Brand, Robert Gibson and Ronald McNair, also were observing, alert to fly the ship to a rescue should things go wrong during one of the free flights.

The TV pictures showed McCandless heading out, with first the Earth in the background and then the eerie blackness of space. He seemed to be suspended, rolling slowly as he adjusted his jets.

He was surrounded by a grand vista of Earth, moon, sun and stars. At one point he took time to look down at the globe: "I'm over the Florida Keys."

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Sports

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TCU golf coach gone after winning year

By Brent Chesney
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

TCU has made a change. Fred Warren, golf coach for TCU for the last four years resigned recently, reportedly to go back to school.

Warren, who coached the TCU women's team to a national title last year, resigned in December, leaving Athletic Director Frank Windegger and TCU without a coach.

Windegger said that he has no problems with the resignation. He said he understands Warren's decision and that it is time to move on.

"Warren feels he has accomplished many of his goals and now he wants to work on his master's and maybe eventually his Ph.D.," Windegger said.

Melvin Thomas, associate athletic director, who Windegger described as his "jack-of-all-trades" coach, is coaching the men's team and has done so before. In fact, it was Thomas who was greatly responsible for the recruitment of the men's team that placed fourth nationally in 1980.

Carolyn Dixon, also an associate athletic director, is coaching the women's team as she too has done before.

David Abel, member of the TCU men's golf team, said, "A good oppor-

tunity arose for Coach (Warren), and he felt he should take it." Abel went on to say that he looked forward to a new program and a new coach.

Kristen Tschetter, of the TCU women's golf team, stated she is worried about the recruiting for next year. With All-American Jenny Lidback transferring, and Rae Rothfelder and Kristen Hanson graduating, that would leave only herself and Rita Moore if some solid recruits are not signed.

Windegger said he sees no problem with recruiting, even though a national champion coach has left the program. "Whoever we hire will have his own recruiting list, and we'll touch bases with the kids that Coach Warren has already contacted," Windegger said.

The only problem with the signing of the new coach is that he or she may not be hired until after the national letter of intent day which is the day that all athletes pick their college. If a player signs a letter of intent, then changes his mind, eligibility is lost.

Windegger said that it won't be a problem. "The kids don't really sign that early," he said. "They do in basketball, but all the rest is pushed back because of the high school seasons."

Tennis team loses opener

TCU freshman Scott Meyers was the lone bright spot in the singles lineup as the Horned Frogs dropped a 6-3 decision to Wichita State Saturday in the first dual tennis match of the season at TCU.

Meyers, playing at the sixth position, took a three-set match from Wichita State's Mike Scherer, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 for the Horned Frogs' only singles victory. Four of TCU's losses in singles went three sets before the

Frogs fell.

In doubles, TCU claimed wins from its number two and three teams. Tony Macken and Jose Marques-Neto won the second doubles flight for the Frogs, defeating John Thorpe and Mike Scherer, 6-2, 6-2.

Meyers teamed with freshman John Baker for the win at the number three doubles, downing Andrew Castle and Simon Norman, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

TCU runners compete in Dallas



LEADING THE PACK: TCU runner James Maness heads out in front of Rice and Lamar runners in the mile relay Saturday. RODNEY FURR/TCU Daily Skiff

By Rodney Furr
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Preparing for its Southwest Conference finals in two weeks, the TCU men's track team competed at the Dallas Times Herald Invitational meet Feb. 4 at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

All but four members of the team ran in an afternoon practice meet. Those four were members of the mile relay team, which competed during the much-publicized night session of the meet.

Running in the meet that saw world, American and meet records approached and sometimes broken, TCU's first-string mile relay team placed second in their heat. Joel Willis, Keith Burnett, J. R. Richards and Michael Cannon combined to run a 3:13.8 mile.

In the afternoon session of the meet, several Frogs placed in the preliminary heats of their events. In the 60-yard dash, sophomore Egypt Allen won his heat, with a clocking of 6.49. He advanced to the semifinals and placed fifth with the same time as his earlier heat.

Freshman Randall Davis also advanced to the semifinals of the 60-yard dash. After taking second with a 6.50 time in his first heat, he placed fifth in the semifinals, clocking in at 6.51. One other Frog competed in the 60-yard dash. Junior James Maness ran a 6.53, which was good enough for third place in the opening heat. However, Maness advanced no further.

TCU's lone entry for the 440-yard dash was sophomore Norman Stafford. He ran a strong, come-from-behind time of 52.20, placing second in his heat, but failing to qualify for the finals.

Willis did have some afternoon competition. He competed in the 600-yard dash, winning his heat with a time of 1:12.45.

Sophomore Carl Creer, former Texas School Boy state champion in the 800-yard run, pushed himself to third place in that same event with a time of 1:59.6.

A mile relay team composed of Maness, senior Festus Ogunfeyimi, sophomore Wilber Lee Hoffman and freshman Gerald Alexander, won its heat with a time of 3:18.75.

Two members of the TCU women's team competed during the night session. Both are currently red-shirted and were entered unattached. Senior Ella Smith placed third in the 440-yard dash, clocking in at 56.35. Teammate Donna Thomas, a junior, captured fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 11 inches.

The men's team travels to Oklahoma City Saturday for the Sooner Indoor Invitational.

Frogmen triumph over TWC

By Erika Matulich
Special to the TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's swimming team defeated Texas Wesleyan College 57-36 Friday night at TWC. The Frogs finished first in 10 out of 11 events.

The win raises the men's record to 6-3 on the season. The women, who did not compete Friday, are 3-5 overall.

Chip Kelsey placed first in the 1,000-yard freestyle in 9:58.98, followed by team co-captain Mike Ruchman at 10:00.91. Kurt McCloud won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:47.64.

TCU swept the 50-yard freestyle event. Jeff Winter, John Watson and Scott Carpenter placed first, second and third, respectively.

Phillip Vaughn swam the 200-yard individual medley for the first time in two years and placed first with a time of 2:03.67.

Sprinter Jeff Frey and butterflyer Mark Spindler competed in the 500-yard freestyle. Spindler raced to a first-place finish in 4:52.60, barely edging Frey at 4:52.88.

Other first place wins included Winter in the 100-yard freestyle in 49.60, Stan Kroder in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:04.44 and Todd Zum-Mallen in the 200-yard breast stroke in 2:13.89.

TCU entered five four-man 200-yard freestyle relay teams, which

placed first, second, third, fourth and sixth.

TCU Coach Richard Sybesma said he was pleased with the meet. "This was a very enjoyable meet," Sybesma said. "The guys had fun. They needed something like this after the last couple of tough weeks."

Both the men's and women's swim teams face Rice University Friday at the Rickel Center at noon for the last regular meet of the season before the Southwest Conference championships in Austin.

The women begin SWC championship competition on Wednesday Feb. 22 and the men travel to Austin for their meet the following Thursday.

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