

Arrest made in Polish priest kidnapping

WARSAW, Poland (AP)— Poland's Communist authorities have arrested an employee of the Interior Ministry, which controls the nation's police and internal security, in connection with the abduction of a pro-Solidarity priest six days ago.

The official PAP news agency said Wednesday authorities had detained five people who were thought to be driving cars similar to the one used by

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abductors of the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko. It said four of them were released after they explained where they had been.

The man authorities were holding was identified only as "Grzegorz P. from Warsaw, an Interior Ministry functionary."

The news agency also reported that two militiamen from the Baltic port of Gdansk were arrested for providing

"information on Poland's security" to "underground structures."

The report did not indicate whether the underground was affiliated with Solidarity, the banned free trade union, whether the arrests were connected to the investigation into Popieluszko's kidnapping, or if some other organization was involved.

Arrest of the Interior Ministry employee came as Solidarity leader Lech

Walesa and Solidarity's underground leadership issued a statement condemning the activities of the Polish police.

"A state in which law and order is commonly broken, in which security forces serve only the interests of the authorities and are not submitted to any social control" may lead to "unpredictable results," the statement said.

"Victims of martial law, killed or repressed by alleged defenders of righteousness in strikes, peaceful manifestations in churches, are now joined by a priest kidnapped by 'unknown' perpetrators," it added.

The Solidarity statement said Communist authorities bear responsibility for the abduction of the Warsaw priest.

"This kidnapping is not an isolated event," it said. "The responsibility for the results of the existing situation will lie with the authorities."

There still was no word Wednesday on the whereabouts of the 37-year-old Popieluszko, one of the most outspoken priests in Poland who frequently defended the ideals of Solidarity in his sermons.

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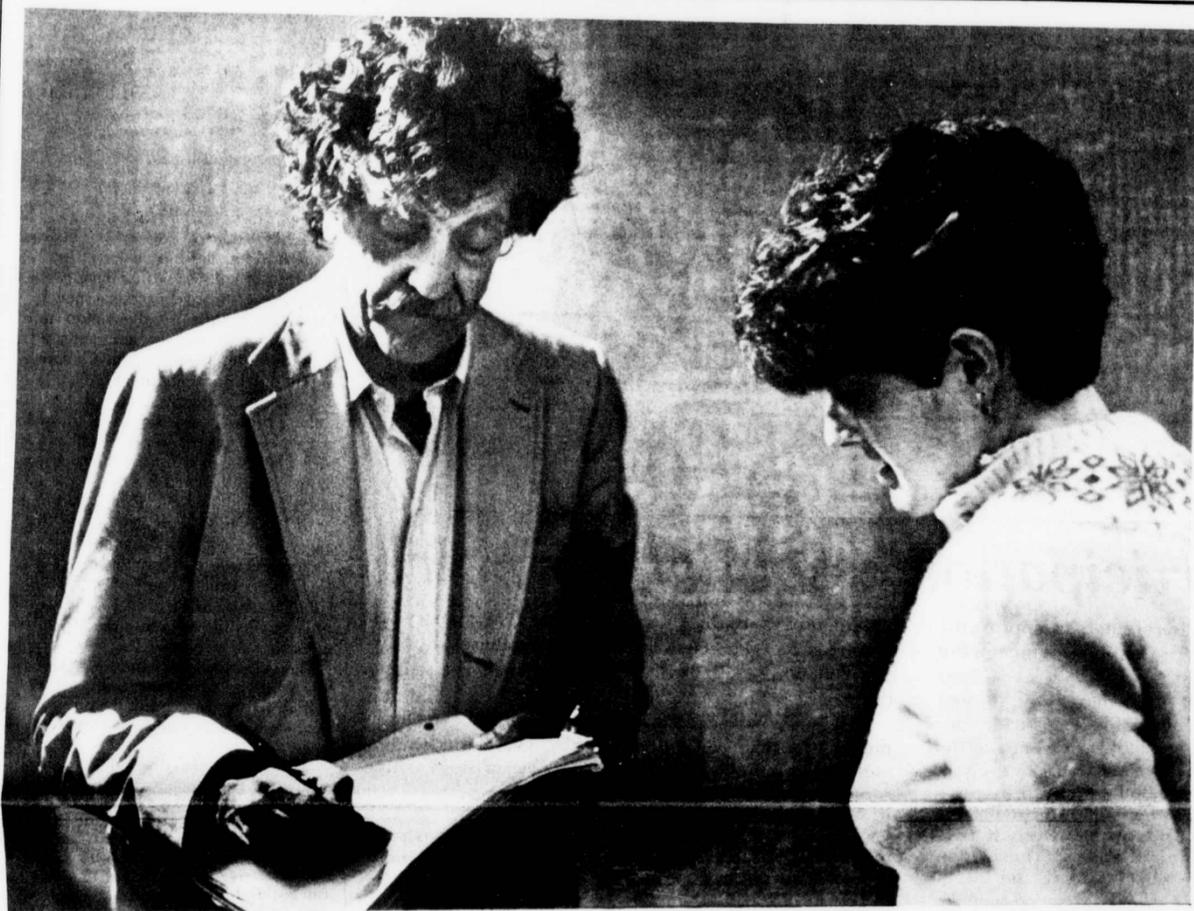
People profession

Radio personality Andy Barber says his occupation involves much more than talent. See Page 7.



Back in action

After a year's absence, defensive tackle Darron Turner has returned. See Page 8.



WRITING AGAIN: Novelist Kurt Vonnegut signs an autograph for Sara Braden, a senior radio-TV-film major, following a press conference

Wednesday, Vonnegut spoke to about 1,000 people Wednesday evening in Ed Landreth Auditorium. ALLEN CROWLEY/TCU Daily Skiff

Writer exposes secrets of trade, personal stories

By Lynn Gentry
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Distinguished American author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. Wednesday told about 1,000 people that a good writer is a good storyteller.

Vonnegut related several personal stories during his talk at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, mentioning working with Ronald Reagan at General Electric during the Depression. He also poked fun at Walter Mondale, Catholics and college students.

Vonnegut's speech, entitled, "How to Get a Job like Mine," covered some of the important points he felt a person pursuing a writing career would need to know. For one thing, he said, a person needs to be literate.

"All people who are literate tend to dream about writing, and that's quite realistic. You can't ever tell from what walk of life a writer can come. They most assuredly don't come from the English department," Vonnegut said. "English professors quite unintentionally stifle young writers with grammar and 'good' literature."

One observation he made was that people spend a lot of their early years learning to read and write.

"If we concentrated that effort to playing an instrument, we'd all be virtuosos," Vonnegut said.

He mentioned that some state colleges still admit students who can barely read or write and who don't seem interested in learning to do either.

Vonnegut said he finds it amazing that the human mind can take a few perfectly arbitrary symbols and get images from them. Good writing, he said, makes that process easier.

Another piece of advice Vonnegut offered was that writers must be passionately concerned with some issue. As an example, he pointed out the Soviet dissidents, who write of their sufferings.

"One other thing that's important if you plan to embark on a writing career—marry rich or be rich," Vonnegut said. "It's a dangerous thing to ask a family to follow you down the road as a writer today. Mark Twain was smart; he married a wealthy banker's daughter."

Vonnegut said, "A writer today cannot live and work as the short story writer of the magazine era of the 1930s did. Today a writer needs to write plays—that's where new things are happening."

Vonnegut said good writing involves good storytelling of a good issue. He mentioned one issue with

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Braniff reduces fleet, eliminates routes to save company

DALLAS (AP)— Braniff Inc. officials say huge losses are forcing them to impose drastic austerity measures that include eliminating service to 10 major cities and reducing the fleet from 30 to 10 planes.

"We really have no alternative at this point but to implement these changes," Chairman Jay Pritzker and Vice Chairman Patrick Foley told Braniff employees Wednesday night.

They also said Braniff President William D. Slattery has resigned to take the helm of a new airline, Air Via, based in San Jose, Calif.

All but two of Braniff's gates at its home base, Dallas/Fort Worth Re-

gional Airport, are being turned over to rival American Airlines, officials said.

The gate transfer, which Braniff officials described as a "key element" in the plan to save the troubled airline, raises \$20.5 million in cash for "ongoing operations," and frees the carrier from major financial obligations, officials said.

Foley and Pritzker made the announcements at a hastily called meeting of Braniff employees, many of them veterans of the 1982 bankruptcy of Braniff's predecessor.

The meeting at Dallas Love Field was closed to news media and the

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—PATRICK FOLEY, vice chairman of Braniff Inc.

public, but copies of an announcement and a joint letter from Pritzker and Foley were obtained by The Associated Press.

The executives said Braniff has lost more than \$80 million since resuming service in March. They said the austerity measures are designed to prevent additional losses of between \$4 million and \$7 million a month.

"Obviously, that level of loss cannot be sustained indefinitely by anyone, no matter how committed," Foley and Pritzker said in the letter.

Effective Nov. 5, Braniff will suspend service to Austin; Detroit; Houston; Kansas City, Mo.; Miami; Newark, N.J.; New Orleans; Oklahoma City; Philadelphia; and San Antonio, said the statement, prepared for

release to the general public Thursday.

"We are hopeful our actions will enable Braniff to survive and succeed," the announcement said.

Braniff will reduce its winter schedule operating fleet from 30 to 10 airplanes and reduce the work force "consistent with the overall reduction in our operations," the statement said.

An agreement with American will let Braniff passengers who bought tickets on or before Wednesday fly on American without paying additional charges, officials said.

Pritzker and Foley described the

measures as a "redeployment and consolidation plan to attain financial health."

Financial health has proved elusive for Braniff. Its predecessor, Braniff International, folded May 12, 1982, under a \$1 billion debt.

At that time the airline grounded its fleet, laid off its 7,000 employees and filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

A \$70 million stake by the Hyatt Hotel chain enabled a resurrected Braniff to inaugurate service out of

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At home and around the World

■Texas

Convicted girl sentenced to commission's custody

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)— A 12-year-old girl who admitted killing her young friend with a shotgun blast was committed Thursday to the custody of the Texas Youth Commission.

Juvenile Court Judge Scott Moore handed down the ruling against Patricia Dempsey in the Sept. 8 shooting death of Kerry Thomas, 11.

According to state law, the TYC, which operates the state's juvenile detention facilities, will decide how long the girl will remain in custody. She could be held until her 18th birthday.

Defense attorneys immediately filed notice of appeal. A jury ruled Oct. 12 that Patricia did not intentionally kill her best friend, but that she did "recklessly" cause the schoolgirl's death with a shotgun blast to the face—a verdict roughly equivalent to involuntary manslaughter.

Patricia had insisted the shooting was accidental, and that she allowed the body to remain hidden for four days only because she was afraid "I might get put in jail."

Moore had the choice of putting the girl on probation, into a children's home or under the TYC's authority.

He told The Associated Press Thursday that he felt placing Patricia on probation, as defense lawyers had requested, would not be proper.

After delaying a decision on her fate Oct. 15, the judge said he "submitted her to a psychiatric examination and decided psychiatric placement would not be appropriate" either.

"Because of the limitations on the length of probation of one year, and because of the nature of the offense, and her actions subsequent to the offense, I felt placement with the youth commission was the appropriate one," Moore said.

■Texas

Women nearly gives birth during traffic jam

HOUSTON (AP)— Susan LaCraze was in labor when she was caught in a massive traffic jam north of Houston.

But thanks to truck drivers with citizens band radios and a police officer, she made it to Houston Northwest Medical Center Wednesday morning with two minutes to spare.

Ronald Tracy LaCraze was born at 11:11 a.m., four hours and 31 minutes after a truck carrying heavy oilfield equipment blew a tire in a northbound lane of Interstate Highway 45.

The truck swerved into a tractor-trailer rig and both vehicles turned on their sides, skidded over a grassy median and collided with a car going the opposite direction, officers said.

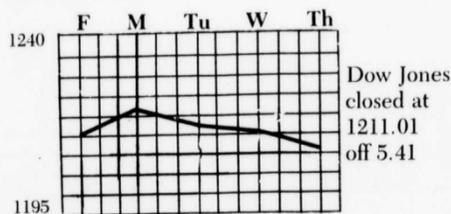
Lt. Larry Shiflet of a Harris County constable's office said there were no injuries.

LaCraze, 20, said she was at her home in Spring about 10:15 a.m. when "Mother Nature said it was time." She and a friend set off for Jefferson Davis Hospital, about 25 miles to the south near downtown Houston.

She said she prayed "Lord please help" when her car was stopped by the traffic jam.

Shiflet said an officer directing traffic called an ambulance, which sped the wrong way up a feeder road to reach the woman.

■Wall Street



■Texas

Residents petition for new street name

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)— Saying they are tired of being giggled at for living on "Gaywood Street," some Arlington residents are asking that the name of their street be changed.

They are particularly upset since it is near the site of a publicized police crackdown on homosexual activity.

Every resident of the one-block street near Randol Mill Park has signed a petition asking the city for a new street name.

"People laughed at us when we gave them our address," one homeowner complained.

Pauline Shelton said, "There's been quite a lot of fun made about the name."

Even though Gaywood Street borders the park, residents say there is no connection between the name and a recent crackdown on gay activities in the park.

Police have started routinely combing the park's nature trail section and have arrested scores of homosexuals engaging in sexual activity.

James Osborne, who helped organize the petition drive, said, "One of the parents said their teen-ager had been hassled about the name. And I've received hassles, too."

The petition drive came after the Arlington City Council approved \$110,000 to set up a daily police patrol in the park, which will require four new officers.

■Weather

Today's weather calls for a 30 percent chance of rain and a high in the low 70s.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

One is never satisfied with the portrait of a person one knows.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

OPINION

QUOTE OF THE DAY

This will not make us waver in our struggle for peace; we are going to continue fighting, searching for peace.

—President Jose Napoleon Duarte

CAMPUS

Hard facts show Reagan uninformed



By John Marx

Are you being fooled? Or do you really know what is going on in the United States?

I voted for Reagan in 1980. I even contributed money to his campaign. I consider myself a Republican, but there are some political issues that I feel we all need to examine before Nov. 6. These issues have been discussed in the Oct. 15 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, and in recent *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* articles. I am using these two sources for the information herein.

I spent the last four years feeling like America was coming back. I felt better off than before President Reagan took office. But as the election neared, I started asking myself why I felt this way. I deduced that my reasons were not rational. I was not well-informed. Rather, I was responding to the charismatic actor who is presently leading our country. I am angry now because I feel he has told me a lie.

Reagan brags about America's strength, but today the Soviets have 2,000 more missiles pointed at us than four years ago. Reagan boasts that our military is improved, but the Defense Department is paying \$5,000 for \$5 wrenches. Military spending and the arms race are out of hand.

Reagan seems honest and supports school prayer, but he doesn't go to church or invite a minister to the White House. He is anti-abortion and seems to value the traditional family, but he has a radical son who isn't even voting for him.

Reagan says the economy is bouncing back, but it's not. Statistics show that there are 16.9 percent more people living in poverty today than in 1980. There were 92.9 people out of 100 working in 1980, but now only 92.6 people in 100 who have jobs. That's a .3 percent reduction in employment. He boasts of creating six million jobs. Big deal. The Carter-Mondale administration created 10 million.

Consumer debt is up 34.1 percent. The federal debt is up 66 percent. That is hardly a balanced budget. The reduction in the real cost of gasoline and food is about the same, but the cost of a new house is up 22.7 percent. These statistics hardly justify Reagan saying that we are bouncing back.

Reagan says that he hasn't hurt the poor. Well, a Harvard University study this year on hunger in America says that in 1977 there was no hunger crisis in America. Today there is a problem. There are hungry people in Texas and abroad.

The Texas Senate did a similar study and found that the Reagan administration has increased the red tape necessary to order food stamps by 400 percent. Now 32 percent of those who apply are denied food stamps. The Department of Human Resources says that of the 32 percent, only 7 percent are really ineligible. In other words, 25 percent—one-fourth—of all those who apply for and are denied food stamps are really eligible.

There are 15 million to 18 million people living below poverty level today. There were 139 deaths due to malnutrition in Texas last year. Hunger is said to have contributed to many other deaths, but statistics can't be verified because the primary cause of death was not declared malnutrition.

Reagan claims a strong foreign policy but more than 200 men were killed in Lebanon because of his refusal to pull them out of the Embassy after three warnings. Even Jimmy Carter didn't let the U.S. hostages in Iran die.

I am sorry folks. In light of all of this, I can't vote for Reagan. Furthermore, if I don't vote against him, I may as well be voting for him. I really liked the guy, but I have to vote for Mondale now. I don't know if Reagan is a liar or just uninformed, but what he's saying to the American people is not true. Don't fall for the lie. Be informed and vote for the right candidate on Nov. 6.

Marx is a senior liberal studies major



EDITORIAL

Active participation essential for spirit

TCU's House of Student Representatives approved a resolution promoting school spirit for Homecoming weekend Oct. 23.

The resolution stated in part that "whereas the student body has experienced a rebirth of pride and spirit of our traditions while at the same time looking forward to the promise of a successful future as an institution in growth, quality, and prestige . . . be it finally resolved by presidential proclamation that as students and future alumni of this university the student body wholeheartedly support and take pride in our 'Horned Frog Heritage.'"

While the words might have been stilted, the intent remained clear: that as students at TCU, we need to make an effort to promote school spirit—something that has been lacking for the most part in the past few years.

For the first time in many seasons TCU had a top-notch football team. With a 5-1 record, the team could very well tie or win the Southwest Conference championship and go on to one of the bowl games.

Football fever is running high—even among faculty and

staff members. In the University Store, for instance, customers get a 20 percent discount on purchases on Mondays following football victories if they know the score of the game.

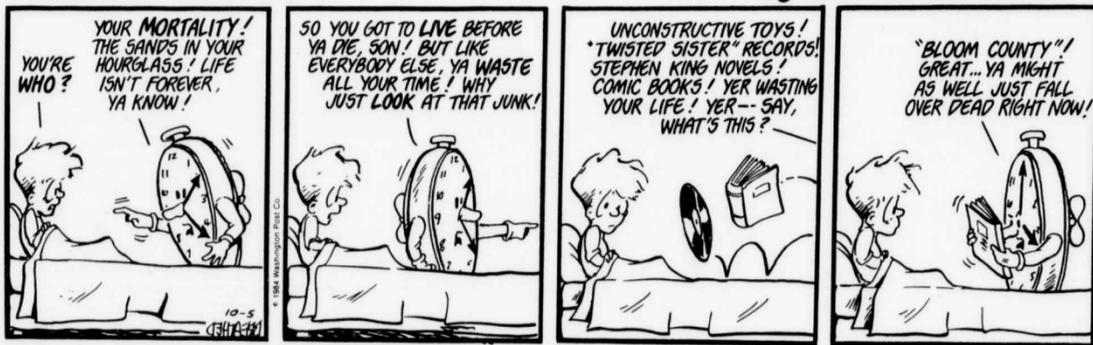
TCU's football success has not escaped the eyes of the media. The team has been ranked by several publications and has been mentioned on the front page of the *Washington Post's* sports section. In November, it will be featured in a *Texas Monthly* story.

While all this national attention surely boosts the morale of the team, local support is equally, if not more, crucial. Therefore, it is the duty of TCU students to keep the spirit alive.

Attend the parade. Participate in the "wave" at the football game. Show support for the team's victory—or loss—at the all-campus party Saturday night. All of these displays of spirit, as well as smaller details like posters, Frog buttons and cheering during the game, could very well mean the difference between seasonal victory and defeat.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



LETTERS

■ More debates would finally end 'brain drain' issue

I am writing to correct an inaccurate statement in the *Skiff's* editorial of Oct. 24 about the age factor in the presidential campaign. The editorial mentions a politician older than Mr. Reagan who is "competent and sharp-witted."—Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. This claim is based solely on his being the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and president pro tempore of the U.S. Senate. In fact, these positions are attained exclusively on the basis of seniority on the committee and in the Senate, respectively. Mental acuity is not part of the selection criteria, since Senate staff often provide backup assistance. Actually, president pro tempores are not noted for their alertness, as demonstrated by a former president pro tempore who was seen on television falling asleep during a president's State of the Union Address.

But isn't mental acuity what this issue is all about: the ability of the president to be alert, knowledgeable and in control? The so-called "age issue" is really only relevant to the presidency of the United States, since only the president has the authority to launch a nuclear attack. A senator is only one of 100 and a Supreme Court justice is only

one of nine, but the president of the United States is the single most powerful person in the Free World.

With the increasing use and manipulation of the media to stage campaign appearances to place candidates in the best possible light (even to the point of scheduling and positioning outdoor appearances so that the lighting from the sun is perfect for the television cameras), the electorate can't get close enough to the candidates to judge their mental abilities. Reading from a teleprompter is one thing, but taking a historic "walk in the woods" alone with your Soviet counterpart to speak frankly about arms control is something else.

To really lay the "age issue" to rest (actually, I would call it the "brain drain" issue, since it is not really age that worries people, but the mental faculties of the president), the voters need to see the candidates as they really are. Mondale supporters say the American people don't know the real Fritz and Reagan's advisers say his public image is indeed the "real thing." Unfortunately, the issue lingers because many will still have their doubts about a president who has had an "off night." Should any candidate who

would be president be allowed by the voters to have any "off nights," since the major issue of this campaign is the "who's in charge" question of presidential leadership? Suppose a president has an "off night" and forgets to order increased security around American embassies?

My response is to call for more debates. Mondale challenged Reagan to six debates and the president agreed to meet only twice with his opponent. If the *Skiff* and others really want to lay this issue to rest, the most practical way would be to have every media organization and influential citizens call for at least one more debate before the election. Why not? Isn't it the only way we have to determine whether this is a viable issue or not? Don't the American people deserve to know whether they should worry about whether the next president, who may be the oldest person ever to be elected, will likely have an "off night," after being "brutalized" by statistics and staff briefings, when the nation's and the world's future may depend upon it?

—Eugene J. Alpert
Political science department

CAMPUS

Grier's life satisfying with God



By Brett Hoffman

It appeared to be a glorious night when Robert F. Kennedy entered the ballroom of the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel. The crowd cheered as the young candidate came on to give a victory speech. He had just won an impressive victory in the 1968 California primary, and hopes were high of gaining the presidential nomination of the Democratic party.

Suddenly, the scene changed dramatically as the explosive sounds of gunshots alarmed the crowd. Kennedy fell as Sirhan Sirhan shot him to death. An ex-football star slammed Sirhan on the table, forcing the gun free, and then laid on top of the assassin to protect him from an angry mob. When the people were cleared off, the ex-football star came up from the bottom of the pile with tears running down his face over the death of his friend, still protecting the life of the assassin.

The ex-football star, Roosevelt Grier, was Kennedy's bodyguard. His act of mercy for Sirhan proved that deep inside of his 6-foot-5, 280-pound frame was a loving heart.

Grier had been admired as a sports celebrity. Unlike many athletes who took football too seriously, Grier played the game for fun with laughter and enthusiasm. Many of his opponents didn't take it jokingly when he cut a swath through the defensive line and came crashing into the backfield to pulverize a running back.

Although he was a television celebrity and a hero among children, Grier felt inner frustrations and faced one problem too big to tackle—his own marriage was in shambles. In 1978 he divorced his second wife Margie and became somewhat disillusioned with life. What those who admired him did not realize was that Grier's life was a search for the deep meaning of love.

One afternoon, while studying in my room, my father brought me a *Newsweek* article about Grier. It not only reported his past achievements and failures, but stated that he had experienced positive transformation, remarried his ex-wife Margie and set new goals for his life. As a journalist, it became my heart's desire to do a personal interview with him. I was fortunate to receive a press pass to a convention where he was speaking and interviewed him late one night after a meeting. I learned several principles that he now follows.

First, be admired as a person of strong convictions. (Grier no longer accepts offers to make commercials or take acting roles that he feels portray moral corruption.) "I want to do things that provide nourishment for the spirit because I am in a new family now—the family of God," he said. "If I'm doing the same things as the world, then people won't see a clear difference. I intend to represent a clear difference."

Second, be an example for the younger generation and help steer them in the right direction. (Grier works with deprived children in Southern California and travels to U.S. college campuses to give his personal testimony.) "I love kids because they're innocent," he said. "I see them as a tremendous responsibility. If you plant the right seeds in them from the beginning, they don't have to unlearn the negative things of life and they can easily flow into the purposes that God has for them."

Third, while human love offers conditional acceptance, God's love is unconditional. (Grier makes the distinction between "human love" that limited his capacity and the power of "agape love" that enables him to function above his normal capacity.) "The love that I was talking about was the human love where we place conditions on each other to receive our love, but I realized the kids I worked with needed God's love," he explained. "After I invited Jesus Christ to become Lord of my life, I went back and now the kids understand the power of agape love."

Hoffman is a junior Brite Divinity student

Around Campus

Any organization that would like to have information appear in the "Around Campus" column, please call the Skiff office at 921-7428.

"Frog Follies" to feature two shows

Talent skit presentations by those chosen as the top six finalists in this year's "Frog Follies" competition will be presented at two separate shows today. The shows will begin at 6 and 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$1 at the door.

Homecoming parade slated for Saturday morning

The 1984 Homecoming parade will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at 9:15 a.m. Any organization that would like to march in the parade and has not contacted the Student Activities Office should do so immediately.

Alpha Epsilon Delta to host alumni reception

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the fraternity of pre-med and pre-dent students, will host an alumni reception in conjunction with Homecoming weekend Saturday, Oct. 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the Alpha Delta Epsilon office located in Sid W. Richardson Room M16.

Horned Frogs to host Baylor Bears in Homecoming contest

The TCU Horned Frogs will play the Baylor Bears in the 1984 Homecoming contest. The game between the 2-4 Bears and the 5-1 Frogs will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in Amon Carter Stadium.

Homecoming all-campus party slated for Saturday

The 1984 Homecoming all-campus party will be held in the fifth-floor atrium of the Tandy Center. The party will begin at 9 p.m. Free transportation will be provided from the Student Center. Admission is \$3 and tickets may be purchased at the Student Center information desk or at the door.

Team Racquetball TCU to host dual match Sunday

Team Racquetball TCU will face North Texas State University in the first extramural racquetball match in the history of TCU. The match will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. in the Ricket Building. Spectators are welcome.

Hymn Festival scheduled for Sunday

A hymn festival based on the people of the Old and New Testaments will be presented Sunday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel. Included will be hymns for congregation, choir, organ and instruments.

Concert Hour to feature harpsichord recital

The TCU Concert Hour will feature a one-hour harpsichord recital by William Tinker Monday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Alpha Epsilon Delta to present speaker

Alpha Epsilon Delta, TCU's fraternity for pre-med and pre-dent majors, will present a guest speaker Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 5:15 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. Dr. H. Frank Newman, of the Department of Health and Human Services, will discuss "Medical Devices or Building the Bionic Man." Anyone may attend this free lecture.

Jarvis Christian College Choir to perform

The Jarvis Christian College Choir will perform in concert Sunday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church in downtown Fort Worth. Jarvis Christian College is affiliated with the Disciples of Christ Church. Admission is free, and anyone may attend.

Films committee to present "Psycho" and "Psycho II"

TCU Films Committee will present a double-feature Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 and 8 p.m. "Psycho" and "Psycho II" will be shown. Both movies are rated "R" and admission is \$1 with TCU ID.

Standard time begins Sunday at 2:00 a.m.

Standard time begins Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2 a.m. Clocks should be set back one hour.

Mondale hunts for votes

President Reagan is pausing from the campaign as Walter F. Mondale appeals for votes in the industrial Midwest after telling the region's farmers "these last four years have been the worst in the history of the American family farm."

Twelve points down in one new poll with as many days to go, and even further down in another poll, Mondale was invoking the name of the patron saint of political underdogs, Harry S. Truman, at every stop Wednesday.

In emotional appeals, the Democratic presidential nominee said he expects to repeat Truman's surprise victory of 1948 on Nov. 6.

"I am asking you to trust me, to believe me," Mondale said.

Reagan was back in the White House Thursday after returning Wednesday from a four-day campaign trip to attend a ceremony commemorating the first anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Reagan heads back out on the cam-

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-WALTER F. MONDALE, democratic presidential candidate

paign trail Friday when he will venture into New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Mondale was starting the day in Milwaukee and appearing before audiences later in Cleveland; Toledo, Ohio; and Flint, Mich.

A new "ABC News"-Washington Post poll said Reagan is still leading Mondale by 12 percentage points—54 percent to 42 percent—the same margin as last week before the second presidential debate.

A recent Harris Survey showed Reagan leading 56 percent to 42 percent. Last week, the margin in the Harris Survey was nine points.

"I'm announcing a new plan

tonight," Mondale said. "I'm not going to comment on any polls between now and the election. The question is not polls, the question is ideas, the question is of the future and of who can best lead us forward."

Mondale pollster Peter D. Hart said his polling results were similar to the "ABC News"-Post numbers. He said what "amazes me is the remarkable consistency in Reagan's numbers over the last five months. Our challenge remains to convert some of those weak Reagan voters, and we have less time."

Mondale campaigned in the farmland from before sunup to sundown Wednesday, saying the Reagan admi-

nistration has brought the worst of times to agriculture.

"If rural America rises up and throws Mr. Reagan out and elects me, the message will be out: Don't mess with these farmers. They are dangerous. Don't mess with them," Mondale said.

He also tried hard to repair the damage he apparently has suffered from the 1980 grain embargo imposed by President Carter, when Mondale served as vice president.

"I did everything I could to oppose it. The president made his choice. It was a mistake," said Mondale.

Vice President George Bush was heading back out on a two-day trip to New York, Kentucky and Ohio after offering his explanation for the harsh heckling that has cropped up this week at the president's campaign stops.

"Left-wing kids—an entirely out-of-it group of people," Bush said of the hecklers.

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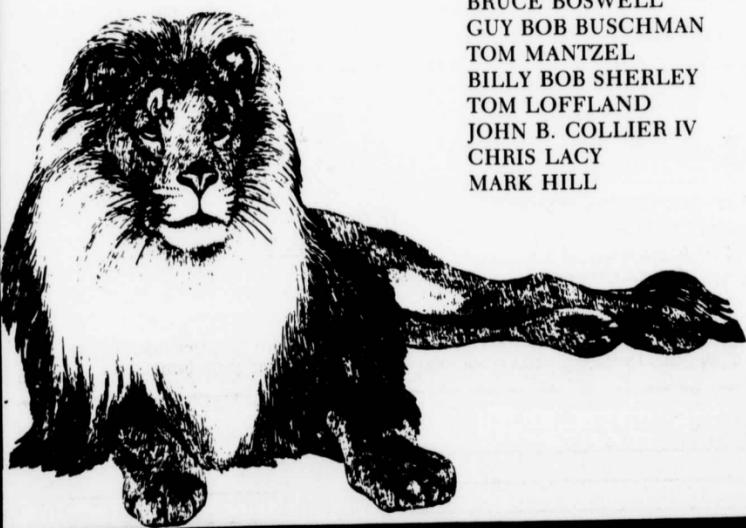
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Go Frogs!

Professor analyzes meteorite collection

By Angie Pugh
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Arthur Ehlmann, TCU geology department chairman, may not be able to tell Chicken Little what hit it on the head, but he is studying why "the sky is falling."

Ehlmann has spent much of the last year studying one of the largest meteorite collections in the world—housed at TCU.

In order to learn current methods of meteorite study, Ehlmann took a six-month sabbatical at the Institute of

Meteorics, University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

"I've always found it rewarding," he said, "to work with the material in meteorites in terms of where it comes from."

Meteorites are small rock fragments that usually come from the asteroid belt, a ring of rock fragments between Mars and Jupiter. These rocks travel in orbits that aren't perfect circles. They deflect from the belt when their orbits crisscross.

Ehlmann said that thousands of

meteors may enter our atmosphere every day. "However," he added, "most meteorites burn up in the atmosphere before they ever reach us."

If meteorites do enter the earth's atmosphere they usually fall through the sky in a blaze of light. Ehlmann said less than 2 percent make it to earth.

The TCU meteorite collection, formerly owned by Oscar Monnig of Monnig department stores, was donated to TCU over a 20-year period.

Monnig has spent most of the last fifty years collecting meteorites. Ehlmann first met him when he came to the TCU geology department in 1958.

"The awesome thing about studying these meteorites," Ehlmann said, "is that they are as old as the solar system and are made of the same materials the planets are."

Ehlmann said that once on the earth's surface, meteorites are often difficult to distinguish from terrestrial rocks unless one knows what he or she is looking for.

There are, Ehlmann said, two basic types of meteorites: irons and stones. Iron meteorites are alloyed with nickel. In cross section, iron meteorites have an unmistakable crisscrossed design of silver.

Stone meteorites are not very distinctive from other stones except under the microscope, where they are identified by tiny circular patterns or chondrules, which are rounded granular minerals.

Meteorites are heavier than terrestrial rocks and are usually fist-

sized. The largest meteorite ever found weighed 100 tons.

Ehlmann said much superstition has been associated with meteorites over the centuries. Primitive people believed meteorites were evil signs directed to sinners. Only in the past 200-300 years have scientists understood their origin.

More than 3,000 specimens make up the TCU collection. One specimen is a unique mineral occurrence in the scientific world.

Congressional candidates release finance reports

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans have been pouring money into Texas congressional races this year, outspending Democratic incumbents in four districts.

GOP candidates also were outspending Democrats in races for two of the state's three open seats, according to campaign finance reports to the Federal Election Commission.

But an incumbent Republican was the biggest spender this year as of Sept. 30, according to the reports.

Jack Fields of Humble reported spending \$555,731.70 from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30. He also led in donations from special-interest political action committees for the period.

Fields reported raising \$579,659.81, with \$218,088.13 coming from PACs.

Fields' opponent, Houston businessman and former Jim Mattox aide Don Buford, reported spending \$230,482.35 this year.

Second-highest spender as of Sept. 30 was former Bexar County Judge

Albert Bustamante, who spent \$472,126.85 to defeat long-time incumbent Abraham Kazen of Laredo in the Democratic primary. Bustamante has no general election opponent.

Lulkin Democrat Charles Wilson was second highest in PAC money, taking in \$208,700 as of Sept. 30. That accounted for more than half of Wilson's expenditures for the period—\$397,539.05.

Wilson faces former Orange County District Attorney Louis Dugas Jr. in the general election. Dugas' report showed he had spent \$10,955.80.

Next to Fields, the GOP's biggest spender was Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, who reported spending \$377,445.22 in his bid to win the seat being vacated by Republican Ron Paul.

The report for Doug Williams, the Democrat in that race, was not yet available at the FEC as of Saturday, but he had reported expenditures of only \$27,581 on his last report, which covered the period up to June 30.

'I think the Republican Party sees him as an extremely weak candidate and unlikely winner in this district'

—CARRIN PATMAN, wife of Congressman Bill Patman

GOP Challenger Mac Sweeney of Victoria, who is hoping to take two-term Ganado Congressman Bill Patman's seat away, was outspending the incumbent by a whopping 10-1.

Sweeney reported nine-month expenditures of \$312,234.08, and Patman reported \$32,464.30.

"I think the Republican Party sees him as an extremely weak candidate and unlikely winner in this district, so they think the only thing to do is to throw wads and wads of money at us," said Carrin Patman, who is running her husband's campaign.

Republicans were also outspending incumbents in other targeted races like the one between El Paso fresh-

man Democrat Ron Coleman and banker Jack Hammond.

However, Coleman reported more contributions than Hammond and more cash on hand.

Coleman reported that since the first of the year, he had raised \$166,980.94 and spent \$102,935.67. Hammond reported contributions since the first of the year of \$125,522.40 and expenditures of \$126,284.38.

GOP challenger Dick Arney was outspending freshman Congressman Tom Vandergriff in the district between Dallas and Fort Worth, which was expected to go Republican when like the one between El Paso fresh-

man Democrat Ron Coleman and banker Jack Hammond.

Arney reported that he had spent \$186,764.63 this year, through Sept. 30. He reported raising \$198,206.15.

Vandergriff, who is still carrying a \$797,545.55 campaign debt, mostly his own money, reported spending \$78,159.04 and raising \$75,951.68. Vandergriff, the popular former long-time mayor of Arlington, won in 1982 by only 344 votes after spending almost \$1 million.

Republican Beau Boulter of Amarillo was still outspending incumbent Democrat Jack Hightower of Vernon in a race that heated up considerably during the three-month reporting period itemized in the most recent FEC reports.

Hightower reported spending \$134,910.22 from July 1 to Sept. 30. His total for the year was \$157,970.13. Boulter reported expenditures of \$107,608.36 during the three-month period and \$234,123.15 so far this year.

But Boulter said he had \$5,999.68 on hand as of Sept. 30, with a cam-

campaign debt of \$43,990.44. Hightower had \$62,963.24 left over, with no campaign debt.

Republican Larry Combest's recent spending outstripped Democrat Don Richards' by more than 4-1 in another GOP-targeted race, this one for the open seat being left by Kent Hance of Lubbock, who ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate this year.

Combest and Richards each won their nominations after runoffs.

Combest reported three-month spending of \$129,604.35, and nine-month spending of \$217,406.34.

For the three-month reporting period, Richards said he had spent \$30,881.61. He reported nine-month spending of \$103,831.50.

Both candidates had about the same amount of cash on hand at the end of the reporting period. Richards with \$22,921.18 and a debt of \$1,247.18 and Combest reporting \$23,305.98 in the coffers with no debts.

Vonnegut: relates stories

Continued from Page 1

which he is passionately concerned—the nuclear freeze.

Vonnegut said during the Depression era parents planned and dreamed about better tomorrows for their grandchildren.

"Today, this year, we have the opportunity to decide responsibility to clean up our tomorrow," he said. "The roles have reversed."

Vonnegut compared French chemist Louis Pasteur's discovery of tiny organisms that had been making people ill to the fact that he needs no microscope to detect what is making the people of today's world sick. Guns are creating the sickness, he said.

"Today those people have us all fearing those weapons for which they have a passion. What people are really afraid of," Vonnegut said, "is just plain and simple death."

Vonnegut said there is no form of death, except maybe crucifixion, worse than death from nuclear war. There have been few people in the world who, regardless of circumstances, have not preferred life over death, he said.

He said one person, Jesus Christ, endured even crucifixion rather than use his power to destroy the world. Vonnegut urged everyone to prefer life under unfavorable circumstances over death.

"Vonnegut said he owed his endurance and success as a writer to the fact that he is a social scientist (an anthropologist by degree) who is therefore able to examine society and culture and study them apart from people. He said he also owes a great deal to his mother, who, during the Depression, took night classes to learn to write stories for extra family income. He said she taught him all she learned.

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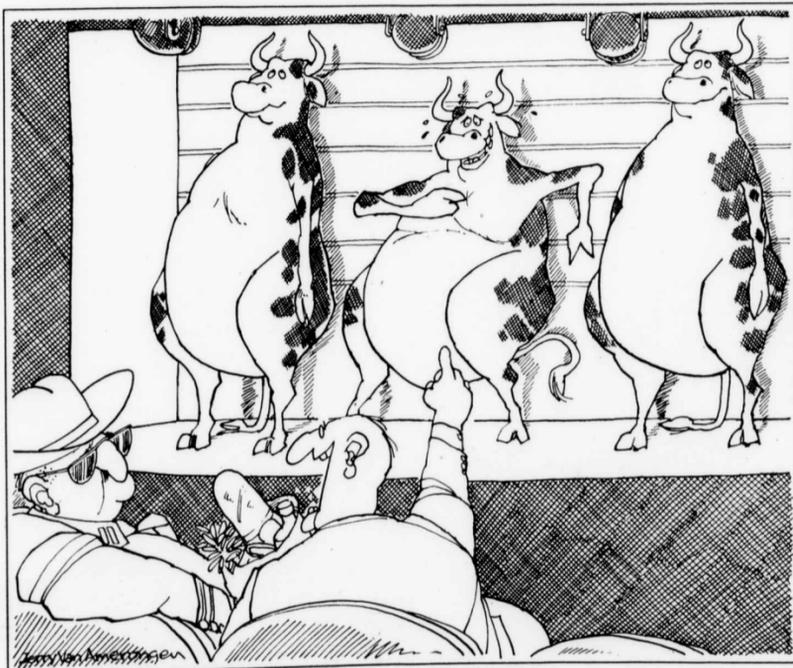
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Barber tells tales of radio business, market rivalries

By Bill Hanna

Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff
Members of Alpha Epsilon Rho, TCU's broadcasting organization, got a glimpse of what the real world is like Wednesday when radio personality Andy Barber of KAFM 92.5 talked at length about his job.

Barber, who mans the morning shift on what he calls an "adult contemporary radio station," says the competition is fierce in the radio market.

"This is the toughest market in the United States. I went to No. 1 in L.A. in six months, but I still haven't made it to No. 1 here," he said.

Barber said he is popular with 12-30 year-olds, but he is having trouble appealing to people over 30. His main barrier, he said, is station KVIL's morning disc jockey Ron Chapman, who has been an institution in this market for years.

This is a crucial ratings period for Barber, he said. He added that if he doesn't make it to No. 1 during this ratings period he will never make it.

Radio is a people-oriented business, Barber said.

"You have to be good on the air and off. You have to be talented but you also have to be able to relate to people."

Barber makes personal appearances constantly. "This is my third appearance today and I've got four tomorrow, and Friday I've got five but that's just part of the business."

Barber tries to be accessible to his listeners. He has given out his phone number and his address over the air. By doing this, Barber feels he gains the trust of the listeners.

Surprisingly, he's received only a few prank phone calls. He jokingly remarked that most of his calls come from women in their late 20s and early 30s.

Barber calls himself a troubleshooter who goes into stations to try and bolster ratings and then may or may not stay. One of his attention-getting pranks in Houston was to roller skate on the roof of the Astrodome. He currently runs a matchmaker club that's been so popular that the television program *P.M. Magazine* is doing a feature on the show. He also has had some interest from *People* magazine.

Barber doesn't seem overwhelmed by the attention. "I get all of this attention for simply talking to people."

Sometimes Barber's pranks get him into trouble. Over the summer he started making jokes about Nick Rhodes, a member of the rock group Duran Duran. When Barber saw the negative reaction he kept it up. The negative letters kept coming, which upset the station management. This did not worry Barber, but management took him off the air when the negative letters totaled 20,000.

During the six days he was off the air, the station received over 40,000 letters supporting him. Barber said he was moved by the support. He said he wasn't really concerned about offending the Duran Duran fans.

"All of the Duran Duran fans are 14 years old and about this tall (putting his hand at his waist) and they all have boogers in their noses," he said.

Barber totally improvises when he's on the air; he never knows what he's going to say. He said he enjoys the spontaneity of live radio but there are two things he doesn't like: backstabbing and management. The backstabbing, he said, comes from the intense competition in major markets like this one and isn't much fun.

Members of the management can be a pain, he said, because they are always analyzing.

"We have a corporate shrink coming in this Saturday to see if we can handle the pressure of competition," he said. "There's a lot of seminars and meetings that aren't much fun but that's part of it."

Barber grew up in California and became interested in performing when he was in junior high school. He attended acting and broadcasting classes in high school and then went to the University of Southern California.

Barber majored in mass communications and minored in psychology.

"I got a job in Palmdale, Calif., where I made \$100 a week," Barber said. "I did everything, it was great and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

Barber has worked at over 20 stations during his career and has won the "Top On-The-Air Personality" award twice nationally.



THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE: Gene Swink (right), a junior radio-TV-film/marketing major, talks with radio personality Andy Barber in the Moudy Communication Building Wednesday. JULIEANNE MILLER/TCU Daily Skiff

RHA examines future at TCU

By Cathy Chapman

Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's Residence Hall Association and the House of Student Representatives are discovering that this school just might not be big enough for the both of them.

Emma Baker, faculty adviser to the RHA, said several options are being examined for the restructuring of the organization.

"Because TCU has a very effective House of Representatives and a small RHA, a lot of duplicated effort starts to take place," Baker said. She explained that the House is doing a good job of addressing issues that are important to residence hall students, which was in the past the purpose of RHA.

RHA, which operates on a much smaller budget than the House, has not had a meeting this semester.

"RHA still exists, but it is inactive," said sophomore member Robert Hanna. "Several options are being tossed around."

One of the options that is being considered would make the RHA a subcommittee of the Student Concerns Committee in the House of Student Representatives.

"The organization would no longer exist, but the ideas, functions and goals would be carried out through

the group," Baker said. "I see it as a very positive transition. We are acknowledging the efficiency of the House while still recognizing the special needs of residence hall students."

Last year the RHA helped sponsor both of the campus blood drives and Hunger Week, but it was unable to initiate programs that would compete with those of larger organizations like the House and the Programming Council.

"We couldn't even finance buying new vacuums for the dorms," Hanna said.

From his association with the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Hanna has learned that all schools either have a strong student government and a weak RHA, or a weak student government and a strong RHA.

"They can't both be strong," he said. "Here the dominant force is the student government."

In past years each residence hall has had two or three representatives to the RHA. As of yet it is unknown how a change in the organization would affect representation.

"We don't know how many of the representatives would still want to be involved, but we want as many as possible," Baker said.

French plant explosives to test British

LONDON (AP)—Scotland Yard says one of French President Francois Mitterrand's bodyguards planted explosives Tuesday at the French ambassador's residence to test British security measures. One outraged British legislator called the incident "the most sick thing to happen for years."

Police with trained sniffer dogs found the "inert, unarmed" explosives Tuesday night at the ambassador's residence shortly before a reception hosted by Mitterrand. He had arrived earlier Tuesday to begin a four-day state visit.

The discovery of the explosives came 12 days after the Irish Republican Army tried to kill Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and most of her Cabinet by blowing up their hotel

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—GEORGE FOULKES, Parliament member

during the annual conference of her Conservative Party at Brighton. The Oct. 12 blast at the Grand Hotel killed four people and injured 32.

The British Broadcasting Co. said discovery of the explosives has "marred what had been seen as a successful and statesmanlike visit" by the French leader.

There has been no comment about the incident from the French, but

British legislators were quick to lodge criticism.

George Foulkes, a Parliament member who speaks on European affairs for the Socialist opposition Labor Party, said, "It is one of the most idiotic and disgraceful episodes I have ever heard. In the light of the tragic events in Brighton, it must rate as the most sick thing to happen for years."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, a Conservative lawmaker, called the incident "possibly the most insensitive act ever perpetrated by a so-called ally. French diplomatic baggage should now be searched."

Said Labor Party lawmaker Robin Corbett, "We want to know how these people got the explosives into this country."

Tory legislator Eldon Griffiths said, "This kind of charade is not very adult. It's too close to the Brighton bomb to be indulging in this kind of farce."

A British Foreign Office spokesman, who spoke on condition he not be identified, tried to play down the affair Wednesday night, saying, "There is no reason why this incident should mar President Mitterrand's highly successful state visit."

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Frog comes home, TCU regains tackle

By Jim McGee
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Darron Turner quit the Horned Frog football team last year.

During the second half of the 1982 season, Turner seemed to be a promising freshman lineman, moving up to a starting position on defense. But when the new season began, things changed.

"I played well my freshman year, but I think I let the exposure go to my head—then not working out over the summer prompted everything," Turner said.

Turner said he was neither physically nor mentally ready to play last year, and he left the squad before the second game. He worked hard to get back in shape, however, and he rejoined the squad last spring. The junior has since regained his starting spot at defensive tackle.

"It gave me time to really think about what I needed to accomplish if I wanted to come back to football," Turner said of his departure. "I matured a lot. I thought about some of the decisions I made."

He said his decision to leave was furthered by a lack of adjustment to the coaching change last year. "I was frightened at first, because both my coach in high school and F.A. Dry were quiet types—(Wacker's) hollering I didn't really understand," Turner

said. "But I learned that all he was worried about was that we play to our capabilities. We didn't have to get excited like he does."

The 6-foot-2-inch, 265-pounder was a basketball player in high school, and did not take up football until his senior year. "Between my 11th and 12th grade year I added 35 pounds, and at that time, weighing about 255, I decided that maybe football would be the correct way to go," he said with a smile.

Turner was forced to learn the game quickly, then make the adjustment to college ball. "In high school we would just line up and go," he said, "but in college we had to learn which holes to take. When I came it seemed like I was leap-years behind—my first year I had to do a lot of reading up on what kind of schemes we were doing."

Turner has now become one of the veterans of the youthful but rapidly improving Horned Frog defense.

"Early in the season everybody was saying 'they're young on defense,' but I feel they're seeing that that is no longer really a factor," he said.

Turner and the rest of the Horned Frog defense will get the chance to prove that once again 11:30 a.m. this Saturday against the Baylor Bears. The Frogs hope the Homecoming game will serve as revenge for last year's 56-21 loss to the Bears.



QUIT GIVING ME A HARD TIME: Freshman walk-on Duane Hahn attempts to shake off junior Tom Mortimer in practice Tuesday. W. ROBERT PADGETT/TCU Daily Skiff

Swimmers drown NTSU

By Grant McGinnis
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

It's no secret that Frogs like water, even Horned Frogs. The TCU swimming team proved it by defeating North Texas State in both the men's and women's divisions of a dual meet Wednesday night in Denton.

The Frogs won all 20 events, with the men winning by a score of 75-39 and the women victorious by a count of 76-38. Top swimmers for the men were Todd Cook, Scott Carpenter and Kurt McCloud.

Cook finished first in the 200-meter butterfly while Carpenter was victorious in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly. McCloud won in the 100-meter freestyle event.

Gayle Christianson, Tracy Kasal and Mary Noll led the way for the women. Christianson was victorious in the 50-meter freestyle, Kasal won the 100-meter backstroke and Noll led the way in the 100-meter butterfly.

The meet served as a warm-up for the Frogs for the Southwest Conference Relays coming up next week in Lubbock. Coach Richard Sybesma

"We knew they were weak and because of it we didn't put in our best lineup."

—RICHARD SYBESMA, TCU swimming Coach

ected to leave eight TCU swimmers at home to practice instead of taking his entire team to Denton.

"We knew they (NTSU) were weak and because of it we didn't put in our best lineup," he said. Sybesma said the swimming program has come a long way at North Texas in the last three years though.

The Frogs really begin their season in Lubbock. Because of the relay format, Sybesma said the meet will be a test of depth. He said that the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University had the best shot at winning, but he didn't rule out the possibility of an upset.

"We should be able to compete depth-wise," he said. "Our men have a good shot at fifth and the women could finish third," Sybesma said.

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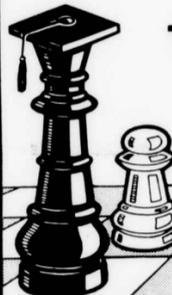
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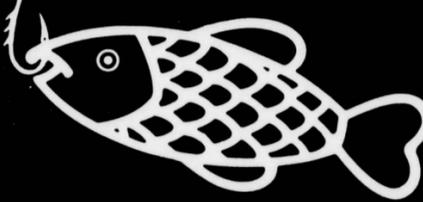
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Wacker gets new contract, Frogs ready

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

TCU Head Coach Jim Wacker signed a new seven-year contract Thursday in a surprise move by Athletic Director Frank Windegger and Chancellor William Tucker. The contract nullified the last two years of Wacker's four-year contract that brought him here from Southwest Texas State in 1982. The terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Tucker extended Wacker's contract on the basis of the Frogs performance thus far this season and the rise in alumni support. At press time, Wacker could not be reached for comment.

When a team wins five of its first six games, the squad is usually well on its way to a bowl game. For the Frogs, the season is just beginning.

The long road to the Cotton Bowl or any other bowl game should have begun six weeks ago, but Wacker says the journey has just started. "Whether we go to a bowl or not depends on the way we perform these last few games," Wacker said.

First stop on the way to success for the Frogs is the Baylor Bears, who visit TCU this Homecoming weekend. The game time has been

moved up to 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the Southwest Conference television network.

TCU is on a three-game winning streak coming from behind to defeat Arkansas and running away with victories over Rice and North Texas State. The Bears lost a heartbreaker to Southern Methodist last week 24-20 and are 2-2 in the SWC.

With Texas hosting SMU and Arkansas traveling to Houston, this Saturday's game could be very important in the race to the Cotton Bowl. As of this weekend, Houston and Texas

are leading the conference with TCU and SMU in second place.

"The game should prove to be every bit as critical to us as did our game with Arkansas three weeks ago. Of course, they are all big the rest of the way," Wacker said.

"The joy ride is over and we don't have anything but a long, winding road ahead of us, one tough conference game after another. We certainly can't afford any wrong turns or detours the rest of the way because we have worked too hard to get as far as we have."

Kickers give hidden support to Frog offense, defense

By Fred Haberstick
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Many think that a football game is won on the basis of how the offense and defense perform. But, according to coaches, there are three important aspects of the game, with the third being the play of specialty teams.

Coaches feel that if the team can play well in all three areas, victory will follow.

Although people think of the kicker when you say specialty team, a lot of other people play an important role. This year at TCU, the Horned Frogs seem to have the right people playing in the right spots. Their record of five wins and one loss is a visual indication of the work being done by the Frogs on specialty teams.

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specialty teams this year," said TCU coach Scott Brown.

One of the biggest improvements made on specialty teams has been that of team speed.

"This year we solidified our specialty teams with fast personnel," Brown said.

With quicker, faster players returning and covering kicks and punts, the Horned Frog punters and kickers can concentrate more on what they do best, which is kick the ball.

TCU has a trio of kickers. Ken Ozee handles field goals and point-after touchdown attempts, James Gargus does all the punting and John Denton kicks-off for the Frogs and is the backup for the other two.

"The coaches have worked very hard this year in improving the play of the specialty teams, and so far things are working out pretty good," Denton said.

Denton is one who should know. During the off-season a new rule was passed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association stating that if any ball travels out of the end zone in flight, the opposing team will take possession on their 30-yard line. Before this, the ball was brought out to only the 20-yard line.

With this new ruling, Denton has had to change his style. Instead of

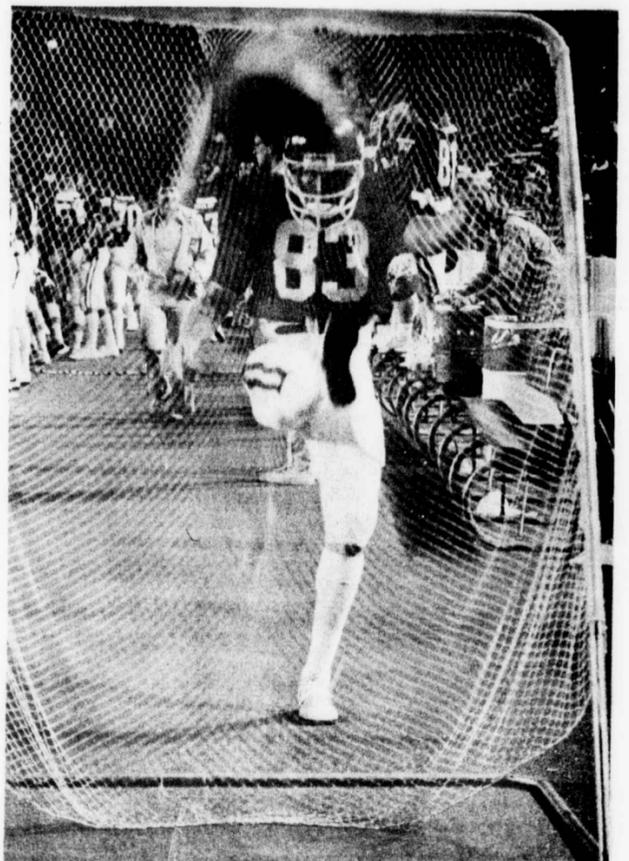
kicking straight away, he now kicks across the field with more hang time in order to prevent the ball from being brought out to the 30.

"I feel like I'm kicking harder and more accurate," Denton said. "This year I have to be more consistent in placing the ball."

In the other two fields, Ozee and Gargus are having just as much success as they have in the past.

Ozee has already kicked as many extra points as he did last year and the season is barely half over. This shows how productive the offense has been compared to last year.

Gargus worked very hard this season on his hang time. He has been working all year at getting a long kick off with a long hang time by punting the ball into the upper deck of the stadium.



A PURPLE BULLET: TCU punter James Gargus practices his kicks in preparation for Saturday's Homecoming game against Baylor. JULIANNE MILLER/TCU Daily Skiff

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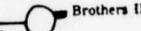
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