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Fort Worth, Texas

Reps join battle against raising drinking age

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Skiff Reporter

The TCU House of Student Representatives passed a resolution Tuesday night supporting the Texas Student Lobby in the organization's battle against the raising of the drinking age in the state from 19 to 21.

The resolution stated that 19-year-olds in Texas are granted certain liberties, including the liberty to marry, vote, serve on a jury and buy and sell firearms, and that buying and consuming alcohol is analogous to those liberties.

The Texas State Legislature is presently debating whether to raise the drinking age to 21.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill this summer requiring states to raise their minimum drinking ages to 21 before 1986 or lose 5 percent of their federal highway funds. The lost revenue will increase to 10 percent in 1987 if a state does not raise its drinking age, and will increase by 5 percent each year the state delays the legislation. For Texas, that means a loss of more than \$30 million for 1986 and \$60 million for 1987.

House member John Gessert, a junior political science major who submitted the resolution, said that the Texas Student Lobby informed him that the financial loss to Texas would be even greater if the drinking age was raised to 21.

Gessert said that lost excise tax on

alcohol sales and the cost of increased enforcement of the new age would rival the amount lost if the state did not raise the drinking age. In 10 years, according to Gessert, Texas would lose more than \$200 million if the drinking age was raised from 19 to 21 years.

Three bills were passed by the House Tuesday, two giving financial support to out-of-town TCU activities and the other supporting the new escort service.

House members passed a bill to give the Army ROTC drill team \$692.40 for its trip to New Orleans this weekend to participate in a Mardi Gras parade.

Cadet Todd Weiler, the drill team's commanding officer, submitted a let-

ter to the House requesting \$1,000. But when the bill went through the finance committee, the amount was dropped to \$232.40. An amendment was added to the bill on the House floor to tack on \$460 extra for two meals for each of the 23 cadets attending the parade.

"Everytime we wear this uniform, we represent TCU," Weiler said while promoting the bill on the House floor. He said it was the first time the drill team had come before the House requesting money, and that it was doing so this time, "reluctantly."

"The question was posed, 'Why can't we get out and raise money ourselves?' Well, we're busy doing altruistic events for the campus, and

that limits our time as for what we can do for ourselves," Weiler said.

This is the first year the TCU Army ROTC has been represented in a Mardi Gras parade. Weiler said the exposure would be beneficial for the TCU campus.

"We will gain from it (being in the parade) and the university will also gain from it from national television recognition and recognition around the Louisiana state area," Weiler said.

The House also passed a bill allocating \$416 to the TCU College Bowl team for a tournament at Rice University in Houston.

The bill originally stood at \$192. Program adviser Ann Trask then told

the House that \$224 should be added for food cost to the students in Houston, who would be eating on the Rice campus.

"They can't take their meal cards to Rice University," Trask said. "I feel like we're asking these students to represent TCU, and so it's really unfair to ask them to buy their own food while they're there."

The House also passed a bill giving \$65 to the newly-formed escort service to buy identification name tags.

Because of the urgency of the bills, the standing rule—which requires that bills be tabled for at least a week after being submitted—was suspended for Tuesday's meeting.



Bob Eggebrecht puts the finishing touches to a repair job of a tennis court fence behind the Rickel Building Wednesday. PHOTO BY SUELLEN WOLF

Stockman lambasts pension system, 'may be in trouble'

WASHINGTON (AP)— Budget Director David Stockman concedes he may be "in hot water" for his testimony to a Senate committee that military leaders care more about their pensions than they do about national security.

His contention that the military pension system was "a scandal . . . an outrage" was "a personal opinion," probably not shared by President Reagan, Stockman told the Senate Budget Committee on Tuesday.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, while declining to comment on Stockman's statements directly, told a reporter "there's no scandal that I know of" in the military retirement system.

"I think the military retirement provisions that are in the president's budget are proper and we have no indication that the president has in any way deviated from those," Weinberger said.

Stockman was about midway through his testimony defending Reagan's \$974 billion budget—and its proposed \$30 billion increase in defense spending—when he launched his solo charge against the military establishment.

He told the panel he was tired of hearing congressional complaints about the size of Reagan's military budget—without any specific recommendations from members of Congress on what defense programs to trim.

Then, he gave the committee an example of one area of military spending that could be pared back substantially:

"I haven't been able to get anything done on military retirement downtown. It's a scandal. It's an outrage," Stockman testified.

"The institutional forces in the military are more concerned about

protecting their retirement benefits than they are about protecting the security of the American people. When push comes to shove, they'll give up on security before they give up on retirement."

"Now that's just another true fact of life and I'll probably be in hot water for saying it, but I'm going to say it because it's about time it was said," Stockman added.

It wouldn't be the first time the outspoken budget director has been in trouble with the White House. Early in Reagan's first term, Stockman's skeptical observations on Reagan's economic policies—reported in an article published in the *Atlantic Monthly* magazine—brought a widely publicized presidential reprimand.

Stockman, in two hours of testimony before the committee, also lashed out at farm subsidies based on "unsound economics," and at congressional Democrats, whom he accused of so politicizing the Social Security issue that it couldn't be considered as part of a deficit-reduction package.

Stockman told the committee that members of Congress who thought the military budget was too large should "call the Joint Chiefs of Staff and ask them what they're going to put into the kitty by supporting a reasonable, moderate, military retirement reform plan. . . ."

The military pension plan is expected to cost nearly \$16 billion this year and is scheduled to rise in cost to \$17.8 billion under the president's new budget, according to congressional analysts.

Recent Congressional Budget Office figures show that an average lieutenant colonel, retiring after 20 years service, could expect to receive \$576,000 in pension benefits during his lifetime.

One killed, two wounded in terrorist attack in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)— Two terrorists riding a motorcycle hurled grenades at a government building in Tehran Wednesday, killing one man and wounding two as Iran celebrated the anniversary of the Islamic revolution, Iran's news agency reported.

The agency said police shot and killed one attacker, wounded the second and arrested a third man.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said only one of the grenades exploded in front of the accounting office of the Mostafazin (oppressed) foundation in Khorramshahr avenue in north Tehran at 8:45 a.m.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, identified the attackers as "U.S. mercenary agents."

There was no claim of responsibility for Wednesday's attack.

But it coincided with a warning by a spokesman of the Iranian Mujahadeen Khalq (People's Warriors) resistance group in New York that the underground movement would be launching a fresh anti-government offensive in Iran beginning Wednesday.

The news agency said the explosion was the work of enemies of the Islamic Republic who sought to overshadow 10 days of ceremonies marking the sixth anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the monarchy and the established Islamic rule under Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Khomeini returned to Iran from exile on Feb. 1, 1979.

WORLD MONITOR

World

Australian prime minister withdraws offer of support

WASHINGTON (AP)— Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke apparently caught Reagan administration officials by surprise with his government's reported decision to withdraw an offer of support facilities for MX missile tests.

Reports of the last-minute reversal surfaced Tuesday night on the eve of Hawke's scheduled talks with Secretary of State George Shultz to coordinate strategy for dealing with New Zealand's decision to deny a U.S. request for a visit by a Navy destroyer.

Reacting to the New Zealand announcement, U.S. officials said Tuesday the administration was reviewing its ties with that country and also disclosed it will not participate in planned naval exercises set for next month with the two South Pacific nations.

State

Musicians, management getting closer to agreement

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)— Striking San Antonio Symphony musicians and management are getting closer to an agreement, despite union rejection of the latest contract proposal, an orchestra leader said.

"We are not there, but we are getting closer," said Ellen McGlone, a member of the union negotiating team.

McGlone's remarks came after the union voted Tuesday 56-3 with one abstention against management's latest contract offer.

The musicians directed the negotiating team to seek another meeting with the San Antonio Symphony Association and make a counter offer. But McGlone refused to release the terms of any proposal.

The 83-member orchestra has been on strike since Jan. 5, demanding higher salaries, better benefits and a longer season.

Outside

Mostly sunny skies today. Highs from the middle 30s northeast to near 50 southwest.

U.S. Navy inspecting sites for possible homeport

PORT LAVACA, Texas (AP)— A Navy team inspected three possible sites to build a homeport for the Battleship Wisconsin and a fleet of five smaller vessels.

The four-member team, led by retired U.S. Navy Capt. James Ridge, made an aerial inspection of the sites Tuesday. Poor weather on Monday, however, limited the team to an on-site visit of a tract proposed by the Aluminum Co. of America.

Port Lavaca was not among the sites the inspection team visited late last year. But the community submitted a formal proposal by a Jan. 5 deadline and U.S. Rep. Mac Sweeney, D-Texas, convinced Navy officials to take the late look at the city, about 125 miles southwest of Houston.

The Navy port will be home for the Battleship Wisconsin, which currently is in Philadelphia, and a support fleet. The base, scheduled for completion in the 1990s, is expected to generate some \$50 million in revenues for the chosen site.

Navy officials have said they will narrow the list of sites for the homeport in the spring.

About 20 Gulf Coast cities are competing for the base, including Tampa and Pensacola, Fla.; Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans and Lake Charles, La. Texas cities under consideration include Port Arthur, Houston-Galveston, Freeport, Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

In Port Lavaca, Alcoa has proposed a set of land tracts totaling 500 acres

and valued at \$20 million. Victoria and Calhoun counties also have offered undeveloped sites at Powder Horn, southeast of Port Lavaca, and nearby Fanpoint.

Ridge said the team expected to conclude on-site inspections Tuesday, but the prolonged bad weather could force them to stay until early Wednesday to complete the evaluation.

Michael Infante, public relations director for Alcoa, said the team met briefly at Alcoa Monday afternoon to view models of the Alcoa site before going to Victoria for a slide presentation.

The Navy also met Monday with local experts on the area's economy, engineering and navigation plans, local industries and dredging activity in the port.

"We've been to so many places on the Gulf," Ridge told representatives at the presentation. "I believe this is the 16th or 18th or the 22nd city, but they've been uniform in their welcome."

Sweeney flew in from Washington Monday to meet with the team and said the Navy representatives had taken a "close look" at the area.

The congressman said the Port Lavaca area sites offer several advantages.

"The channel itself is unique in that unlike metropolitan area port sites, you don't have the congested sea lanes and bottle necks," Sweeney said.

OPINION

Interest pays off in lesson

By Cheryl Phillips

Earlier in the semester the *Skiff* ran an Associated Press story on the homeless being driven to shelters by the cold. A recent issue of *Time* also featured the plight of the homeless.

I read these stories with great interest and applauded those who helped the homeless find shelter and food. Then I met one of the faces that I had viewed with such compassion.

He asked me for a dollar. Did I give him a dollar? Did I try to get out of this uncomfortable situation? Did I react with the charity that I support?

I told him I didn't think I had any money. Why did I do this? He stood there on the curb and kept talking to me and my friend. I had no idea what to do. I dug deep in my purse and found a dollar. It was my last one until I cashed my paycheck. I thought he would leave then, but he didn't, he kept talking. I was probably standing on his bed.

So, my friend and I started to leave. I had walked maybe two steps when I turned around, I couldn't help it. I felt bad for this man. I wanted to show some interest.

"What's your name?" I asked. He was startled. I repeated the question. "James," he replied with a look of surprise in his eyes.

"Well, James, I'll be praying for you," I said. Then I turned and walked away, confident that I had done my duty and made that old man's day.

But James wouldn't let me go. He asked me for my name and for my friend's name, who was standing next to me. We told him our names, then he asked for our addresses. I began to feel a tinge of fear. There has been a lot of violence in Fort Worth lately.

I told him that we couldn't give him our addresses. "I understand," James said. "It's not as safe as it used to be." This was a statement from a man who lives on the street.

I turned to leave with my friend close behind; the encounter was over in my mind. James circled around and stood in front of us.

"You know I used to be a singer," he said. "Do you want to hear a song?" James sang us a song, an old country-western tune. He said he had written it. He offered to sing another song for us, but I said we really had to go.

"I understand," James said again. "Thank You, God bless you," he added as he hugged us and kissed our cheeks.

We walked away. The encounter was over. I wanted to tell this story, not just relay plain facts; the homeless are more than that, they are people—people who need love.

I'm glad I gave James that dollar and I hope that I see him again. Next time, however, I think I'll follow a friend's advice and buy him a good meal instead of giving him money.

I know James asked me for a dollar but I can't help thinking that the most important thing I gave this old man, who looked like the original Santa Claus, was some much-needed love.

The interest my friend and I showed in this "street-bum" was what prompted the song and the "thank you and God bless you" from James, not just the dollar I gave him.

My encounter with James reaffirmed my belief that the basic human need is love. I may not always have a dollar to give to someone, but I can always show an interest in others and give love.

Phillips is a junior journalism major



Halt in overspending needed

It has happened again, although it has occurred so often lately that it appears to have become the norm.

At a time when student grants and school lunch programs are being cut and citizens are told they will need to make some sacrifices to control the deficit, the Defense Department has again learned that they paid grossly inflated prices for military equipment.

This time the Defense Department made the dubious purchase of 54 "lavatory covers" from Lockheed Corporation. These were not just any lavatory covers. According to a recent *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article, these covers cost taxpayers \$618 apiece. As Sen. William Cohen said, "that gives new meaning to the word 'throne.'"

The \$618 covers were purchased for the Navy's P-3 patrol planes. The P-3's were built with \$6000 wrenches and contain \$14,000 refrigerators.

The reason for the high price tag, according to Lockheed spokesman Jim Ragsdale, was because the Navy only ordered a few of the covers at a time. However, several manufacturers have said they could have made the covers for less.

A more accurate reason for the high cost may be that Lockheed and other defense parts contractors have no

reason to curb their pricing. Why should they? CBS's "Nightwatch" reports said the Pentagon has shown little interest in checking the past efficiency records of manufacturers.

Because of the attention aroused by the lavatory covers purchase, Lockheed has offered the Pentagon a \$2,400 refund. The Pentagon is reportedly studying the offer. No doubt without publicity, no refund would have been offered.

So it appears the American public will have to take on the responsibility of checking each military purchase until the Defense Department takes responsibility for its spending.

This latest finding comes at a time when Congress is preparing to review the proposed 1986 budget. Secretary of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has proposed a defense budget of \$313.7 billion. This budget would allow the Pentagon to retain the style of spending to which they are accustomed plus a few billion extra.

The United States does need a capable defense in addition to responsible government spending. It is apparent that \$618 lavatory covers fail to aid either effort.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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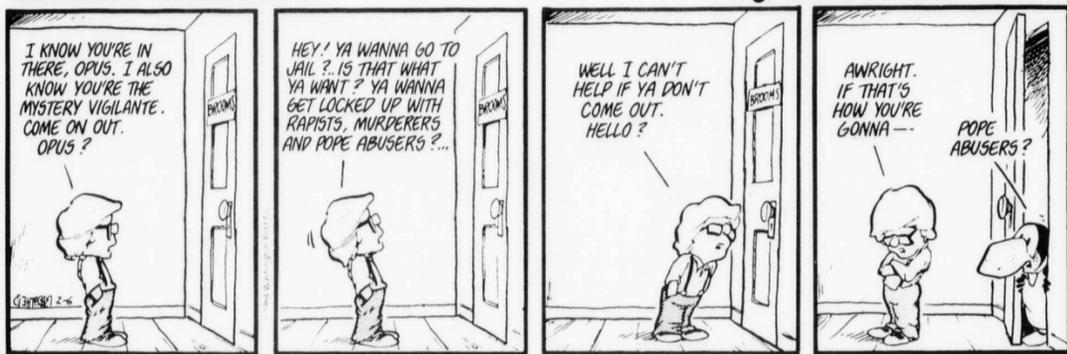
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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



YOU DECIDE

By Gary Hicks

Boxing is a brutal, injurious and totally unnecessary display of violence. Period.

The entire object of this "sport" is to allow one person to win at the expense of another person's health and well-being.

Anyone who doubts this need only look at or listen to Mohammed Ali. His slurred speech and slow movements clearly demonstrate the effects of his years in the ring.

Ali is not alone in his condition. Countless boxers are injured, sometimes permanently, every year in this country. It is time for action against this totally needless waste of human potential.

The American Medical Association has recently called for legislation making boxing illegal. This is a much needed proposal from an organization involved in the monitoring of health and safety issues.

Boxers may protest such measures, but without them these same people will be destined to lives that end along with their fighting careers—usually before age 30.

By Robert Pagett

Opponents of legalized boxing are correct in one area—boxing is a violent sport; you win by administering precision punches to the face or the upper body of your adversary. But to say that organized boxing should be banned because of its violent nature is to overlook other sports—highly popular and profitable sports—that are also quite physical.

Take, for example, football or hockey. Now, the legitimate object of these two sports is to score by

getting either the football or the hockey puck in the prescribed scoring area. There are, however, deviant goals of some football and hockey players. These include "spearing" a player, using gridiron headgear as a weapon; or wielding a hockey stick aimed at an opponent's face.

Now, the way to combat violent acts in football and hockey is to better officiate the contests. The same holds true for boxing. Irresponsible refereeing, not the concept of boxing itself, leads to death or severe injury in the ring.

It is true that boxers are exploited by ambitious managers and promo-

LITES

Fashionable Fifth frowns on fast food

NEW YORK (AP)—For the chic retailers of midtown Fifth Avenue, the orange and red sign of the Roy Rogers restaurant was about as welcome as fleas when it arrived three months ago. Genteel cries of alarm were heard at City Hall, where the possibility of banning food on the avenue is being examined.

"If one comes, you sort of grit your teeth. But when you see the second, and the third, and the fourth, you become very much concerned," said Michael B. Grosso, executive vice president of the Fifth Avenue Association.

Many New Yorkers, said architect Robert A.M. Stern, are "culturally, socially and architecturally" offended by such changes.

At the Riese Organization, which holds the Roy Rogers franchise, Murray Riese said no one has complained to him, except what he's heard from two reporters.

Roy Rogers was the last straw for Grosso, who had fretted as McDonald's moved in across from the Empire State Building at 34th Street, Burger King staked out a spot on 37th and Godfather's Pizza—another Riese project—popped up across from the New York Public Library at 42nd Street.

At 46th Street, Roy Rogers is within sight of the avenue's charge-card heaven: Saks, Gucci, Cartier, Aquascutum, Steuben, Tiffany, Bergdorf-Goodman, Bonwit-Teller.

One problem is that the city can't ban just fast food—the law makes no distinction between four-star and four-stool restaurants.

Riese doubted that he has started a stampede of franchisers.

There were yips of protest when Benjamin Altman opened his palatial department store at 34th Street in 1906, and scores of splendid houses were wrecked to make way for other stores.

Once in, the merchants defended the status quo. The Fifth Avenue Association has fought to keep out bootblacks, banks, airline ticket offices and sidewalk hawkers. Garish shops dealing in cameras, electronics, rugs, luggage and ivory elephants, many of them perpetually "going out of business" to attract tourists, remain a sore spot.

Even Saks is not what it was, said Stern, author of "New York 1900," an account of the fashionable building boom in the city before 1915. He remembers a quieter, more elegant store in his youth.

"Everyone who walked Fifth Avenue expected to see the swells there, and they dressed up to the occasion; they dressed to the architectural mood," said Stern. Now, he said, "How can you care when one part of it is a Roy Rogers?"

"I don't think the customer who walks into one feels that he has demeaned himself," Riese said. "You wouldn't believe during the Christmas season how many mink coats we had in this place."

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CAMPUS MONITOR

Catholic Community to hold meeting

The Catholic Community will hold a service committee meeting Thurs. Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the University Ministries office. All are welcome to attend.

Current affairs panel reception to be held

The U.S. Army War College Current Affairs panel reception will be held today. The reception will be in the Woodson Room of the Student Center 10 to 11 a.m., followed by a question and answer session 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Class withdrawal deadline nears

Feb. 8 is the 1st day to withdraw from class and receive a 50 percent refund.

Deadline nears for TCU Woman's Club's supper

The deadline for reservations for the TCU Woman's Club's Feb. 15 guest day supper and showing of "Lili" is Feb. 8. The supper is \$8.50 per person. For reservations contact Mrs. Howard Wible, 2508 Highview Terrace, Fort Worth 76109.

Black Awareness Month activities continue

A Black Awareness Month Minority Advisory Council rap session is scheduled for 7 p.m. today in Room 207 of the Student Center. A TCU Jazz Ensemble concert will be featured Friday at noon in the Student Center lounge.

Music star Willie Nelson suspected of tax fraud

ATLANTA (AP)—Country music star Willie Nelson has been accused of civil tax fraud by the Internal Revenue Service, which is seeking more than \$2.2 million in unpaid taxes and penalties, a published report said today.

The IRS says Nelson owes more than \$1.5 million in taxes from 1975 through 1978, a period for which he is accused of understating his taxable income through unreported earnings and improper deductions, according to a report in *The Atlanta Journal*.

The *Journal* quoted an IRS notice, sent last October to the singer and his wife, Connie, as saying all or part of the alleged underpayment "is due to fraud."

For the alleged fraud, the IRS assessed a 50 percent penalty—\$730,597, the newspaper said in a report from its Washington bureau.

The agency assessed another penalty of more than \$23,000 for 1978,

charging that part of the underpayment of tax for that year "is due to negligence or intentional disregard" of federal tax rules and regulations.

In papers Nelson filed last month in U.S. Tax Court in Washington, he denied he was guilty of fraud.

Chuck Meadows, the attorney who represents the 54-year-old Austin, Texas, singer, said: "Our position is that the matter is in the courts and we'll let it be resolved there."

Specifically, the IRS says Nelson understated his gross income for the four years by more than \$1 million in undeclared receipts from "road shows, unexplained bank deposits, deposits to client exchange accounts, fan club income and income from Frank Brothers." Meadows identified "Frank Brothers" as two brothers in Austin who sell souvenirs bearing Nelson's name.

Mars colony more than 'sci-fi'

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—A Texas A&M University scientist says the abundance of water on Mars makes the prospect of establishing a colony on the planet more than science fiction.

The Mariner and Viking spacecrafts have provided detailed information on Mars and show it to be much more hospitable than the moon, said Duwayne Anderson, associate provost for research at A&M and a long-time researcher for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"Water can be used to supply fuel needs of a colony because it can be decomposed with electricity made from solar energy and converted into hydrogen and oxygen. In this way

sunlight can be used to manufacture a clean burning, pollutant-free fuel," Anderson said Tuesday.

Mars' soil is volcanic like some of the most fertile soil on Earth. Anderson said an atmosphere and shelter for

ing life could be easier and more like that on Earth.

Besides satellite photographs, scientists have gained knowledge about Mars by comparing its icy conditions with those of Antarctica, he said.

'We have had enough experience in the Antarctic on hard frozen ground to predict reliably the behavior of the ground on Mars and to learn how to build on it.' —Duwayne Anderson

agriculture could be created with construction of a dome or other suitable structure.

In addition, the gravity on Mars is greater than that of the moon, mean-

Anderson is familiar with Earth's southernmost continent from his days as chief scientist with the National Science Foundation division of polar programs, where he served from 1976

to 1978.

The martian terrain is similar to Antarctica, while red, rocky areas on the planet look like Texas, he said.

"We have had enough experience in the Antarctic on hard frozen ground to predict reliably the behavior of the ground on Mars and to learn how to build on it," he said. "We have sufficient information now to plan for a safe colony there."

Anderson said, however, that such a colony is "too big" an undertaking for just the federal government.

"But it isn't too big for a consortium of industrial partners and the governments of several nations," he said. "Such a consortium could match the Soviet capability."

Oilman heads for bankruptcy

DALLAS (AP)—His father was a legendary wildcat oilman who laid the foundation for one of Texas' great fortunes. And Clint Murchison Jr. carried on the tradition until he fell on hard financial times and ill health.

Now hardly able to speak or sign his name, which appears on lawsuits running into the millions, Murchison has taken the first step toward bankruptcy.

The ailing tycoon's woes nearly landed on his front doorstep Tuesday as foreclosure proceedings were about to begin on the 25 wooded acres that surround his Dallas mansion. Murchison-owned Klimanorm Corp., owner of the land, filed for protection from creditors in bankruptcy court Monday.

Murchison, 61, who suffers from a degenerative physical condition, sold his beloved Dallas Cowboys football franchise a year ago because of his financial bind.

"Maybe the sale of the Cowboys was the beginning of the end," said head Murchison attorney Philip I. Palmer Jr. "When he sold the team, there were a lot of stories about his declining health. And a number of banks panicked—there was an effective run on his estate."

The Texas tycoon had planned to work out a debt repayment plan without taking refuge in bankruptcy court, Palmer said. But an El Paso bank didn't want to wait and had planned to auction off the 25 acres that surrounds Murchison's posh mansion.

"That was the triggering event," Palmer said Tuesday. "And bankruptcy law halts that foreclosure."

Few in Dallas business circles would have expected the Murchison name to be on a bankruptcy protection petition. The wheelings and dealings of his father, Clint Murchison Sr., were legendary, and the wealth of Clint Jr. and his family was well-known—he had even once been on the cover of *Time* magazine.

"Clinton Murchison Sr. was the epitome of Texas oilman wheeler-dealer," Palmer said. "He would have fit right in to the television story 'Dallas.'"

Monday's maneuvering in bankruptcy court came on the heels of last Friday's gathering of more than 30 of Murchison's biggest creditors, Palmer said.

"We made several proposals to them and invited them to investigate his assets," Palmer said. "Now I presume I'll hear from them one way or

another—either in court or some other way."

Palmer said Murchison's net worth is about \$250 million, and at one time he had controlling interest in more than a hundred corporations ranging from real estate to silver mines in Mexico and an Oklahoma company that recycled cattle manure.

Forbes magazine even rated him as one of the nation's richest men in 1984.

But now, more than 50 creditors are trying to wrest about \$200 million from his estate on scores of business deals that went awry, Palmer said.

Last year alone, he was sued for more than \$100 million by creditors who claimed he defaulted on loans in connection with real estate and business ventures around the country.

Murchison's mind and his sense of humor are as sharp as they ever were, Palmer said. But he said that physically, it is tough for Murchison to get out of his wheelchair or dial a telephone. "It's poignant," Palmer said.

But Murchison's declining health is just one explanation offered for the fall of his financial empire. Some attribute it to bad business investments,

others to an hyperextension of his bank accounts.

Still others say it's because of family squabbling that ensued after his brother, John, died in 1979 and Murchison's sister-in-law filed suit. That court battle forced him to liquidate many of his holdings.

A hearing has been scheduled in state district court Thursday on whether creditors can force the public auction of the Murchison estate to recoup their debts.

Although Klimanorm filed for bankruptcy, Murchison's creditors still could seek a judgment of involuntary bankruptcy against him. If that happened, his assets would be frozen and a court eventually could determine how his debts would be met.

The filing of the bankruptcy action Monday was not an attempt to shelter the land, but was taken in view of a threat to the orderly liquidation, Palmer said. He said that "threat" came from Surety Savings Association of El Paso.

"What we're going to do is proceed to sell the real estate, although in an orderly fashion," he said.

Appeals Court awards rehearing for Texas anti-sodomy litigation

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The long legal fight over whether homosexual sex is illegal in Texas, whether practiced in public or private, is not yet ended.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has granted a rehearing. It will be before the full, or en banc, court of 15 judges instead of the usual three-judge panel.

No date has been set. Amarillo District Attorney Danny Hill, who won the rehearing, included a sharp attack on state Attorney General Jim Mattox in his plea.

This fight started back in 1979 when Donald F. Baker of Dallas said the law forbidding "deviant sexual intercourse" threatened his job and was discriminatory.

His suit against the state was a class action applying to every district, county or city attorney in Texas.

On Sept. 30, 1982, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of Dallas ruled the anti-sodomy law was illegal and issued an injunction forbidding enforcement.

Buchmeyer said citizens have a right to privacy and to be free of undue interference from the state in im-

portant and intimate personal matters.

Furthermore, he ruled, the law does discriminate against homosexuals because it does not prohibit

'Never before in the history of this court's jurisdiction has a decision so clearly denied a party and class members due process.'

—W.C. Brunden, Danny Hill's Attorney

sodomy between consenting adults of the opposite sex.

When Attorney General Mattox dropped the appeal on March 18, 1983, Hill jumped in to carry on the fight, contending the constitutional right to privacy does not extend to homosexual conduct.

Hill's plea was dismissed by the 5th circuit's three-judge panel last Sept.

21. It said he had no authority to carry on an appeal.

The Texas attorney general was the proper party to appeal and "his decision to drop the state's appeal filed by his predecessor was made in the best interest of the state," the panel said.

In his bid for rehearing, Hill's lawyer, W. C. Brunden of Dallas, said it was unrealistic for the panel to presume that Attorney General Mattox's "official decisions were always made with the good of the state at heart."

Brunden pointed out that Mattox is "under felony indictment in Texas state criminal court for misprision of his office through commercial bribery."

Furthermore, said Brunden, Mattox, while a legislator, introduced in 1975 a bill to repeal the 100-year-old sodomy law. It was defeated.

The legal argument for rehearing was that the state's decision to drop the appeal deprived all other members of the class of the right to due process of law.

"Never before in the history of this court's jurisdiction has a decision so clearly denied a party and class members due process," Brunden said.

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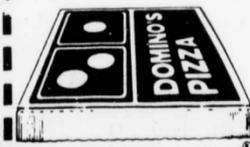
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Most-wanted Nazi, 'Angel of Death,' still being sought

JERUSALEM (AP)—The man who caught Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann says Israel considered a commando raid to capture Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz "Angel of Death," after he eluded Israeli agents in a posh Buenos Aires suburb.

Isser Harel, a former Israeli intelligence chief, made the revelation in Jerusalem, where a mock trial is being held this week by Jews who survived Mengele's experimentation on twins and dwarfs at Auschwitz concentration camp in his quest for a race of genetically superior Germans.

Harel also disclosed Tuesday that he ordered Israel's Mossad intelligence agency to break up neo-Nazi

Aires. He said that while Eichmann was held for 10 days in an Argentinian safe house, Harel's agents planned the capture of Mengele, only to discover shortly before moving in to take him that the fugitive had left the address a few weeks earlier.

Three times in the next two years agents picked up Mengele's trail, but the constant watch of armed bodyguards prevented any move to seize him, said Harel.

He said Israel abandoned considerations to capture Mengele in a raid because the government feared an international uproar might undermine the impact of the Eichmann trial.

'If it is impossible to bring him to trial, I would find another solution, a final solution for Mengele.'

-Isser Harel, former Israeli intelligence chief

movements in Europe in the early 1960s.

Mengele, believed to be living in Paraguay, is the Nazi most wanted by those seeking to capture and try war criminals. He is accused of sending 400,000 people to gas chambers and picking others—mainly twins and dwarfs—for his crude genetic experiments.

Harel said he doubted Mengele could be extradited and suggested he should be assassinated if found.

"If it is impossible to bring him to trial, I would find another solution, a final solution for Mengele," he said.

Harel, 70, retired in 1963 after 15 years as Mossad's director.

Eichmann, who directed the Nazi plan to exterminate European Jews, was kidnapped from Argentina and hanged in Jerusalem in 1963.

Harel said that during the Eichmann operation he confirmed a report that Mengele was living in Buenos

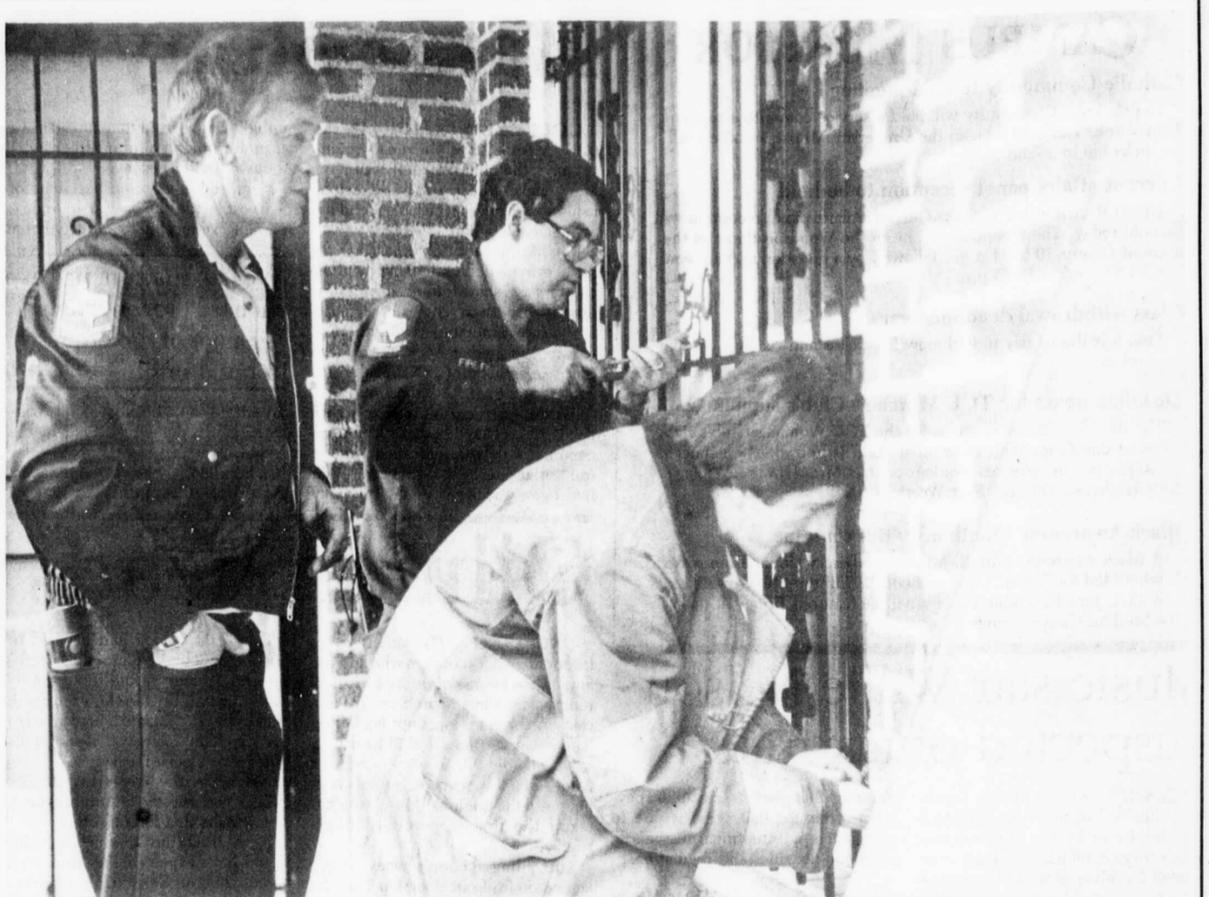
Aires. He said Israel traced other Nazi criminals who could not be brought for trial, "and we dealt with them in a different way."

He said one was Albert Zukors, who was accused of killing Jews in Latvia and who was assassinated in 1966. Harel refused to give details or say how many other war criminals were found.

Mossad launched an intimidation campaign against neo-Nazis in the 1960s after swastikas began appearing at Jewish sites worldwide, with the first desecration coming on Christmas Day 1959 in West Germany, Harel said.

Harel said he told the parliamentary committee that oversaw Mossad operations that "we won't let neo-Nazism raise its head."

He said, without elaboration, "... we were there acting with force wherever neo-Nazis were organizing and we disrupted their plans."



Roy Bobstick of the Texas Department of Health looks on as workers T.M. Espinoza and Mike Noyes replace the bars on a home at 3530 Kent St. A gas worker notified the department after he smelled smoke and gas coming from the property. PHOTO BY JULIEANNE M. MILLER

Cuba may cooperate with peace efforts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cuban President Fidel Castro may be willing to withdraw his forces from Angola in return for South African forces leaving Namibia and giving that disputed land independence, The Washington Post said today.

Castro is prepared to cooperate in an American-sponsored peace effort in southern Africa, the Post quoted the Cuban leader as saying in an interview last week.

But, if the regional settlement being sought cannot be achieved, Cuban troops could remain "5, 10, 15 years" or longer, Castro told the newspaper.

Castro declined to give any casualty figures for his troops in Angola, although he said that as many as 200,000 Cuban soldiers and civilians have served there assisting the Marxist government of that nation over the last several years.

The disputed territory of Namibia is located between Angola and South

Africa and is currently occupied by South African troops.

The United Nations has called for the withdrawal of South African forces from Namibia. Angolan officials have indicated that in return for such a move, including independence for Namibia, they would agree to a phased withdrawal of the Cuban forces that have been assisting them in a battle against guerrilla groups operating from the South African-held territory.

Castro said that if U.S. proposals for an independent Namibia can be agreed to, he would withdraw his troops from Angola over three years, although he observed that some countries in the area fear South African action if the Cuban troops leave.

Meanwhile, Castro added, Cuban forces sent to Ethiopia in 1977 to help repel an invasion from Somalia have now shrunk to what he considers merely a "symbolic" level.

White to monitor Honduras training

AUSTIN (AP)—Gov. Mark White says he will continue to monitor the Texas National Guard's plans to send 450 troops to Central America for training.

Following a two-hour briefing from Defense Department officials on Tuesday, White said he has asked for more information about the April training exercise in Honduras.

"We'll be monitoring it closely," White said. "I am looking very closely at additional details and looking for some additional information."

The Texas Guard last week announced that some of its troops would be sent to Honduras—which borders on the war-torn nations of Nicaragua and El Salvador—to participate in a training operation called Big Pine 3.

The guardsmen are scheduled to participate in exercises with regular U.S. Army troops and troops from the Honduran army, said Maj. David Cottom, spokesman for the Texas Guard.

The Texans would be the first National Guard troops to partici-

pate in the Honduran training exercises, Cottom said.

Although Cottom said White gave his approval for the trip when approached earlier by Guard officials, the governor has since said he wants assurances about the Texans' safety before giving a final OK.

After his briefing, White said, "I was very impressed with the plans they have established and the detailed planning that has gone into this whole operation. I think they've done a good job."

However, the governor said, "There's always the possibility there will be some change in circumstances there."

Cottom said the briefing team from the Pentagon was headed by Col. Charles Kent, a member of the Central American Joint Intelligence Team. Also at the session were Lt. Col. Frederico Lopez of McAllen, who will command the Texas task force in Honduras, and the state adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Willie L. Scott, Cottom said.

He said the Texas officials were told that the chances of the Texas troops encountering hostile action was "very minimal."

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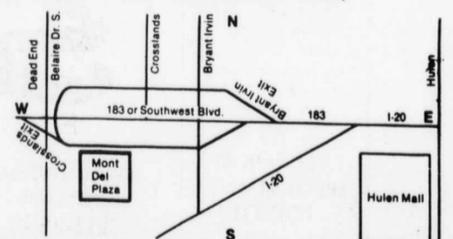
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Brent Chesney, a senior broadcast journalism major from Corpus Christi, cures his snack attack with a soft drink and some chips. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MOLLY K. ECKERT

Nutrition program offered by Marriot

Molly Eckert
Skiff Reporter

TCU students need to be better educated about nutrition in order to choose the diet that is necessary for their active lifestyles, according to a TCU home economics professor.

Dr. Nell Robinson said that, "despite the problems of servicing a large number of people, you can walk by the counters and they (Marriott) will have a balance of the right foods available. . . It's up to the students to eat what's good for them."

Robinson said that students who are educated about nutrition are best able to balance their own diets. She added that many students complain to her about TCU's cafeteria food.

"If a student tried to run Marriott for a day, they'd have a better appreciation for what they (Marriott) accomplish," Robinson said.

William Dux, Marriott Food Services Director, said that Marriott has tried a program to increase awareness of nutritional needs but that "it's dependent upon the students to read the information."

The "Good and Best Guide" is a program they have used to teach students.

The program consists of pamphlets in the cafeteria and posters on the

Student Center bulletin boards. The reading material is designed to inform students about their nutritional needs.

Dux said they have no way to measure the effects of their program but that "certain students are interested and certain students aren't."

Students should ask because many of them do have poor eating habits.

Robinson does a dietary analysis of the students in her classes. From these, she has found a few areas that need improvement. She suggests students need to drink more milk, eat more fruits and vegetables and eat less protein and fats from fried foods.

Robinson stresses that she can not generalize about the diet problems of all students because each student has a different diet.

One problem that Robinson frequently sees is that students who are "too weight-conscious go to the extremes." They eat sparsely for a few days then binge the next.

These calorie-counters' diets are usually low in certain food groups, said Robinson.

Robinson said "exercise and diet go hand in hand." When students do not exercise, they do not burn a lot of calories so they cut back their intakes.

According to Robinson, athletes usually have a balanced diet because they burn more calories and eat more.

It is possible that a balanced diet leads to better performance in school. "The ability to concentrate is more consistent if you're on a good diet," Robinson said.

According to Robinson there have been many studies proving that students "do better with three regular meals each day," as opposed to skipping meals or going long stretches without eating.

This fact is partly because "you feel better and don't have the ups and downs" if a constant blood sugar level is maintained by eating regularly said Robinson.

Many students try to supplement their diets by taking vitamins, but Robinson noted that vitamins are not always a good idea.

"My philosophy is if you eat correctly you don't need them (vitamin supplements)," Robinson said. She added that some vitamins in large quantities can do more harm than good.

When someone takes vitamin C in large doses (500 milligrams and more a day) for a long time and then cuts back sharply, the body is deprived of what it has gotten used to. This can cause symptoms of scurvy—a vitamin C deficiency, Robinson said.

The recommended dietary allowance is 60 milligrams a day, which is the amount contained in most multi-vitamins, said Robinson.

Fresh faces head list, as Academy announces this year's Oscar nominees

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Here is a list of top nominees for the 57th annual Academy Awards announced Wednesday:

PICTURE: "Amadeus"; "The Killing Fields"; "A Passage to India"; "Places in the Heart"; "A Soldier's Story."

ACTOR: F. Murray Abraham, "Amadeus"; Jeff Bridges, "Starman"; Albert Finney, "Under the Volcano"; Tom Hulce, "Amadeus"; Sam Waterston, "The Killing Fields."

ACTRESS: Judy Davis, "A Passage to India"; Sally Field, "Places in the Heart"; Jessica Lange, "Country";

Vanessa Redgrave, "The Bostonians"; Sissy Spacek, "The River."

SUPPORTING ACTOR: Adolph Caesar, "A Soldier's Story"; John Malkovich, "Places in the Heart"; Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, "The Karate Kid"; Haing S. Ngor, "The Killing Fields"; Ralph Richardson (post-

humously), "Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan."

SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Peggy Ashcroft, "A Passage to India"; Glenn Close, "The Natural"; Lindsay Crouse, "Places in the Heart"; Christine Lahti, "Swing Shift"; Geraldine Page, "The Pope of Greenwich Vil-

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"Beyond the Walls" (Israel); "Camila, A Gea" (Argentina); "Dangerous Moves" (Switzerland); "Double Feature" (Spain); "War-time Romance" (Soviet Union).

Van and body found near Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—Police say they have recovered the stolen van that was carrying the body of a San Augustine County official back to East Texas for burial.

The abandoned van, with a body in the back, was found Tuesday night near downtown Houston, said Lt. Ron Cobb of the Houston Police Department.

"They (the thieves) apparently didn't realize there was a body in the back when they took it. When they did, they ditched it," Cobb said.

But police asked the Harris County medical examiner's office to make sure the body was that of James Doherty, county attorney of San Augustine County since 1951, Cobb said.

Police said there was no damage to the vehicle and nothing stolen.

Doherty, 59, died Monday at Methodist Hospital, where he had undergone a triple bypass operation.

His widow, Jamie Doherty, said she was still trying to cope with her

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-Lt. Ron Cobb, Houston Police Department

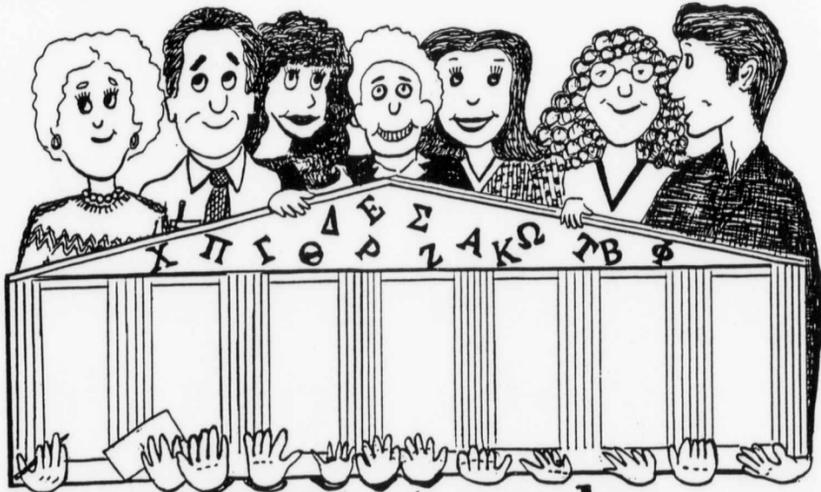
husband's death when she was told of the bizarre theft.

"It's a nightmare. We had halfway gotten over the initial shock and then this happened. It's just horrible," Mrs. Doherty said.

Doherty's family hired a transport company to take the body back to San Augustine, about 135 miles northeast of Houston.

But the unmarked 1985 Chevy Suburban was stolen in Houston when the driver stopped to make a telephone call, Cobb said. The driver, Michael Cortez, said he left the keys in the van.

"It happened so fast. I didn't see anybody," Cortez said.



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Black Awareness Month highlighted

Diane Vallejo
Skiff Reporter

Black history and culture will highlight Black Awareness Month during February at TCU. "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" is the theme of the month.

"The slogan was chosen because it is deep and powerful," said Annette Blanton, president of the Black Student Caucus.

"The key word is 'gifted.' Many people in our community and on campus are gifted and everyone needs to realize that," Blanton said.

Black Awareness Month is co-sponsored by the Black Student Caucus, the House of Student Representatives, and the Forums Committee-Programming Council.

A lecture series, concerts, and a Valentine Ball are among the activities scheduled for the month.

A play, also titled, "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," is scheduled for Feb. 17 in the Student Center Ballroom.

An art exhibition will be held by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in the Student Center lounge Feb. 4 to 11.

Yolanda King, daughter of the late Martin Luther King Jr., will speak on the theme in the Student Center Feb. 12.

Blanton said the program is designed to inform others about the black.

"It is special in the sense that we take one month out of the year especially for students to see something that perhaps they haven't been exposed to before. We want to involve the entire campus," Blanton said.

Unlike other awareness events, black awareness will have events sponsored throughout the entire month rather than one week.

"A month gives more time for people to find out about black history and become aware of it. The goal of Black Awareness Month is not just to have an awareness of the past, but to see where we are right now and what we can expect in the future," said Student Activities Advisor, Patricia Kane.

Kane said one of the purposes of the program is to share and enjoy the black cultural heritage with everyone.

"Students should understand that it is an educational program that affects everybody," said Dean Libby Proffer. "Society in general has come a long way in the area of racial relations. TCU has made a lot of progress also, but I don't think that we've made all the progress that we should."

Proffer also said more white students should attend the events.

Black Awareness Month is also setting the stage for the future. "It's not something that should be given attention for just a month. We need to be aware of it the rest of the time, too," Kane said.

"It's helpful to highlight these things, but when it's over we can't think that everybody's educated and all our problems are solved," Proffer said. "It just doesn't happen that way. It's a year-long problem."

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Tim Williams and Treva Stewart portray a couple disagreeing overselling out to "The Boss Man" during rehearsal Tuesday evening. Picture at right is of a poster of Martin Luther King Jr., now hanging in the Student Center.



Rene Ozuna, a junior music major, plays the saxophone with the TCU Jazz Ensemble. On the right from left to right: Andrea Lundy, Cyndi Foster, Eunice Hutchins, Treva Stewart and Delvin Robinson rehearse a scene from the upcoming play "To Be Young, Gifted and Black."



Tim Williams pretends to beg to "The Boss Man" during rehearsals Tuesday evening of the play "To Be Young, Gifted and Black."



City Councilman, Bert C. Williams announces Lori Mack who sang a song entitled, "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," while Dr. Howard Wible looks on.

SPORTS

TCU falls to Rice for second time, 62-61

Grant McGinnis
Skiff Reporter

If the Rice Owls could play TCU in every game, they'd win the Southwest Conference basketball title. At least that's the way it appeared Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as the Owls upset the Horned Frogs for the second time this year, 62-61.

Tony Barnett was the story of the night for Rice, as the senior from Indianapolis poured in a career-high 32 points, added 6 rebounds, and played all 40 minutes for the Owls. According to TCU Head Coach Jim Killingsworth, the Frogs don't have the ability to contain Rice's big man. "Barnett just destroyed us," Killer said. "We just don't have anyone that could control him." Killingsworth was quick to add that it wasn't only Barnett that the Frogs had trouble with. "We really didn't stop much of anybody," he said.

TCU came out of the starting gates fast but cooled down quickly. The Frogs shot 43.4 percent from the floor on the night and had a difficult time from the free-throw line. Rice's free-throw shooting, on the other hand, may have been the difference in the end, as the Owls shot 86.7 percent from the line on the night.

TCU had a chance to win the game with under a minute left on the clock. The Owls led 62-61 when TCU center Greg Grissom had a chance from under the basket. Grissom missed the shot though, and the ball went out of bounds and back into Rice's possession.

With 14 seconds left, TCU point guard Tracy Mitchell drew his fifth

foul sending Ivan Pettitt to the line for a one-and-one. Pettitt missed the first shot though and Grissom hauled down the rebound. The ball went out of bounds once more, but TCU gained possession and called time out with just 6 seconds left.

Dennis Nutt's first attempt at the inbounds pass was thwarted and the Frogs called another time out. The second time around, Nutt got the ball to freshman Norman Anderson. Anderson's first shot hit the backboard and the rim and bounced right back into Anderson's arms. A second attempt fared no better and the game was history.

"I tipped the second one," Anderson said. "He grabbed my arm and I couldn't follow through on it."

Killingsworth said the Frogs were trying to get the ball inside for the last shot. "We got a good shot as we could expect," he said.

TCU had led by as much as 8 points in the first half, but trailed 31-28 when the first 20 minutes of play ended. In the second half, the Frogs got off to a slow start, and didn't hit their first points of the second half until four minutes in. Rice led by as much as 11 in the second half.

"That was just a typical game we play against Rice," Killingsworth said. "They played a lot quicker than we did and we got in a hole that we couldn't get out of."

The victory was the fifth in a row for Rice over TCU. The win was only the second of the season for the Owls, both those victories having come over the Frogs.

Nutt led the scoring for TCU with 17. Jamie Dixon came off the bench to score 11 points for TCU and Mitchell added 11 of his own.



TCU's Norman Anderson fights for the ball with Tracy Steele and Tony Barnett of Rice in Wednesday night's action. Rice upset the Frogs for the second time this year. PHOTO BY DONNA LEMONS

Houston struggles without Olajuwon, lose four conference games in a row

HOUSTON (AP)—The University of Houston basketball team has stalled at the start of its last four games and run out of gas each time at the end.

The Cougars took a four-game losing string into Wednesday's Southwest Conference game at Hofheinz Pavilion against the Texas Longhorns.

Part of Houston's problem has been their cold start in each of the last four games.

Houston combined for six of 30 shots during the first five minutes in the consecutive losses to Texas A&M, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian and went three for 15 in the first 10 minutes of a 77-76 loss to Illinois on Sunday.

"I think they run out of gas trying to come from behind all the time," said Head Coach Guy Lewis, who faces the possibility of a five-game losing streak for the second time in

his career.

"When you are up by 10 it's no problem but when you are three down it's catastrophe," Lewis said.

The Cougars, 13-8, also have been victims of hot shooters during their losing streak.

Illinois had a double-barrelled arsenal of Anthony Welch and Doug Altenberger. Welch hit eight of eight in the first half and Altenberger was six of six in the first half.

In an earlier game, TCU's Dennis Nutt scored 28 points against the Cougars and wished he could play all his games in Hofheinz.

"The rim looks 10 feet around for me here," said Nutt, who has had a series of good shooting performances in Hofheinz.

Two of Houston's current losses have been in Hofheinz where the Cougars have lost only 25 games in 14 years.

The Cougars' Phi Slama Jama dunking show also has fallen on hard times with only sophomore Rickie Winslow continuing the tradition with a team high 38.

A year ago, when the Cougars advanced to the Final Four for the third straight time, Akeem Olajuwon led the team with 85 dunks of the team's 194 for the full season.

Team meetings have also been ineffective.

Cougar co-captains Eric Dickens and Reid Gettys called for a team meeting following Saturday's 85-80 loss to TCU.

"They played about the same but I still like team meetings and have always encouraged them," Lewis said.

But Lewis isn't feeling relieved by the Cougars' comebacks that have fallen short.

"Moral victories get you fired," he said.

Flutie will sit on bench for Generals

NEW YORK (AP)—For the New Jersey Generals and the United States Football League, the question is not whether Doug Flutie is a better quarterback than Brian Sipe. It's how quickly Flutie will be leapfrogged over Sipe to become the savior of the troubled league hopes he will be.

Flutie, who finally signed his \$7 million, five-year contract Monday, was officially presented Tuesday in the glittery surroundings of the atrium of Trump Tower, owned by Generals' owner Donald Trump.

There the Heisman Trophy winner from Boston College modestly professed his immediate goal was only to learn the Generals' plays and not to displace Sipe, the 12-year National Football League veteran who signed last season for a reported \$800,000 a year. And Coach Walt Michaels, brought up from the Generals' training site in Orlando, Fla., did the same—suggesting that even Flutie couldn't be expected to walk into camp as a raw rookie and seize Sipe's job.

But the tone of the event suggested

that the USFL, which has lost more than \$100 million in its first two years and has been unable to get a television contract for its move to the fall in 1986, was depending on Flutie's charisma to capture a public that, with the exception of a couple of markets, has not been overwhelmed by the second pro league's product.

There was Harry Usher, the USFL's new commissioner, declaring: "The importance of Doug Flutie to this league is unspeakable and immeasurable."

"The league needed that one extra bit of magic," Usher said. "I think this gentleman you see brings that moment of charisma and character."



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Lady Frogs defeat Rice for first win in the SWC

Karen R. Furlong
Skiff Reporter

It appeared as though the TCU Lady Frogs were going to play Tuesday's game in the same style they've played most of their basketball games—not so good.

Too many fouls, not enough rebounds, poor shooting. Same old story.

But the ball club, not yet the team to beat, emerged from the dreary of the Southwest Conference and dunked the Rice Lady Owls 72-66 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Things weren't going so well for the Lady Frogs in the first half of the game. It looked like poor rebounding and 29 percent field goal shooting would deprive TCU of its first conference win.

The Lady Owls weren't doing much better, shooting only 30 percent from the field. They led 28-22 at halftime.

But for the first time in a long while the Lady Frogs seemed in control, not showing the signs of frustration evident in past games.

"At halftime we just decided to go out and give it our all," said TCU forward Denise Quarles, who was second in scoring, with 14 points, behind center Carol Hlavaty, who had 15. "I feel great about finally winning one."

Garmon felt that the key to winning the game was taking more time to get the ball inside for the easy shot. "I told them at halftime that we don't need to rush and force things to happen," she said. "The game was under control."

"In past games we'd hit a cold spell and panic, but we didn't panic this game. We turned the panic on Rice," Garmon said.

The Lady Owls were up by 7 early in the second half, but TCU moved to within one on a tipped shot by forward Carol Glover with eight minutes left in the game.

Rice increased their lead to 57-54, but TCU quickly answered with a basket by Quarles. Two miscues by Rice resulted in a 4-point run for the Lady Frogs that gave them the lead at 60-57. Two Rice fouls on Quarles and Glover resulted in 3 more points for the Lady Frogs, and the win was secured.

"I think we build on this win," expressed Garmon. "This is a good building block for Arkansas and I'm looking forward to seeing how well we play against them."

Mr. Gravity struggles for respect

Donald Graves
Skiff Reporter

Fans of the Seattle Seahawks and the Arkansas Razorbacks are notorious for their rude treatment of visiting teams. According to TCU basketball player Greg Grissom, the home fans at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum also send a pretty clear message.

Grissom, a giant of a man with the smile of a boy scout, has come to realize that other people's expectations of him are as large as his massive frame. The 6-foot-11 center transferred to TCU from North Texas State University and has felt the pressure to perform well ever since.

Grissom was supposed to be the missing piece in the victory puzzle for the TCU basketball team. He has ideal size, his potential is enormous, but his performance has been streaky.

"Coach Killingsworth's expectations of me are the same now as they were when I first got here," Grissom said. "He expects me to go in there and rebound and battle with the big men."

When the final buzzer sounds, the battle doesn't end for Grissom. Struggling with weight and stamina problems, Grissom has often become the subject of criticism from the crowds.

"The crowd is an important factor, but I try to concentrate more on the game. Most of the time, the crowd doesn't know what a good contribution to the team is," Grissom said.

According to Grissom, the average fan thinks a good performance consists of merely scoring 20 or more points a game. He said that there is more to making a contribution than just scoring and that there are plenty of other aspects of play that make a player good.

"They (the crowd) don't look at how many picks I set for Dennis Nutt or Carven (Holcombe) to give them open shots. No one notices the few rebounds here and there plus keeping the guys from scoring inside. The crowd doesn't look at the total game," Grissom said.

Statistics prove that Grissom's all-around play has improved, particularly this year. Grissom's contributions in recent games have proved especially important. The big man came off the bench to fuel a victory over the Texas Longhorns, held his own against Texas Tech and sank some crucial free throws in the closing minutes against the Houston Cougars.

"Greg is our big man in the middle and when he's clicking, our team really plays well," TCU starting forward Carven Holcombe said. "If he can come in and score 10 points and get some rebounds, we generally win games."

"I think Greg is a good player but he needs to concentrate more on his mental preparation before the game," said Tracy Mitchell, starting point guard.

TCU Head Coach Jim Killingsworth said he is extremely pleased with Grissom's performance this season. He also noted some of Grissom's weak areas.

"Greg has a stamina problem and because of it, it shortens his minutes played. He works very hard and I think in time he will overcome his problem," Killingsworth said.

Mr. Gravity, as Grissom is sometimes called, often feels the adverse effects of his own problems. He said that living up to coaches', teammates', and the crowd's expectations can be difficult.

When he has a problem, Grissom usually calls his sister for comfort and understanding. However, his primary sources of inspiration come through the sincere friendships he has developed with Tom Mortimer, Jamie Dixon and Tony Papa, all members of the Horned Frog basketball team.

Grissom said he isn't looking ahead to the future, but is instead concentrating more on helping TCU win the remainder of its games.

"No matter what happens to me, stay by my side and I'll be giving a 100 percent to try to give you every excuse to cheer for me," Grissom concluded.



TCU basketball player Greg Grissom hauls down a rebound under the basket in a recent game against Texas. Grissom earned his first start of the year in Houston last week. PHOTO BY KRISTI WASHBURN

Boston College to play Brigham Young in Kickoff Classic

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—When Jack Bicknell was named head coach at Boston College in 1981 he looked around for a school that had turned its program around.

"I knew we needed something we

could hang our hat on, something we could do a little better than someone else. I looked at the Brigham Young program. If you want to be honest, I copied it," Bicknell said Tuesday as Boston College, the nation's fifth-ranked team in 1984, was named to meet defending national champion BYU in the third annual Kickoff Classic.

The BYU-B.C. pairing is set for 76,000-seat Giants Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 8:30 p.m., EST.

BYU and B.C. finished 1-2 in total offense, 1-3 in passing and 2-1 in scoring last season.

"Being a quarterback coach, my natural inclination was toward the passing game," Bicknell explained. "I thought it might be possible for us to throw it a little better than people could defend it. I thought passing teams could win. I thought you could throw the ball intelligently without a lot of interceptions and control the ball with the pass."

That is essentially what Brigham Young has been doing since LaVell Edwards took over as head coach in 1972. The ball-control passing game has enabled Edwards to compile a record of 118-37-1 and the Cougars have won nine consecutive Western Athletic Conference titles while leading the nation in passing seven times in that stretch.

But while BYU returns an established quarterback in Robbie Bosco, who led the nation in total offense,

B.C. must find a successor to Heisman Trophy-winner Doug Flutie, who established major-college records for passing and total offense.

The 1-5 pairing is the best the Kickoff Classic could have hoped for since runner-up Washington meets BYU during the 1985 season, third-ranked Florida is on probation and No. 4 Nebraska played in the first Kickoff Classic and can't return until 1988.

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