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Bruce Kelly, a sophomore economics major from Fort Worth, checks the ski equipment while working at Mountain Sports on South Hulen Street. PHOTO BY MOLLY K. ECKERT

Colby Hall residents learn tough lesson

Cheryl E. Phillips
Skiff Reporter

Residents of Colby Hall are facing new restrictions in the wake of a wing party honoring former Resident Assistant Lynn Bohlmann. Bohlmann was asked to resign at the end of February.

Bohlmann said she resigned because of differences of opinion with the housing office on what a good role model is. "I know partying had a lot to do with it," Bohlmann said. She added that the conflict was not new but something she and the hall director, Joy McInvale, had been talking about for most of the year.

Dean of Students Libby Proffer said she could not comment on why Bohlmann resigned.

"I acted on my personal feelings instead of what I knew the professional expectations were and that more than anything is the concern they (housing) had," Bohlmann said. She added that although she disagrees with the housing office's opinion, she respects it.

"I think that everything that happened after I resigned has been blown out of proportion," Bohlmann said. "My wing went a little wild and the housing office reacted a little too strongly."

The residents of Bohlmann's wing—the third floor west—threw a party to honor Bohlmann on Thursday, Feb. 28. At 10 p.m., housing officials shut the party down and wrote up wing residents for alcohol and noise violations. Colby Hall resident Beth Graves said.

"It was a whole bunch of students in general who wanted to show how much we wanted to have her here," Colby resident Kirsten Larsen said. "We knew it violated their little laws but everybody in third west agreed we should have a party."

Proffer said that the housing office knew about the party ahead of time. "They were warned. The fact is you're warned every time you pick up the housing handbook."

Several students were written up but were not present at the party and the violation charges were dropped. Eight students were told by McInvale and Higgins during a meeting Friday.

March 1, that they would be reassigned to other residence halls and one Sherley Hall resident who was involved was told she could never visit anyone in Colby, Graves said.

"I left at 10 or a quarter till 10 and I got written up for something that happened at 10:30 and the hall director said, 'well it was around that time that it happened.' She didn't give a specific time," Graves said.

The nine remaining students appealed the decisions and then met individually with Proffer and McInvale. Proffer said that the final decision was made to put sanctions on the entire wing because "we really made a decision that it was a group violation."

There are four sanctions that have gone into effect for the wing. A memorandum concerning the sanctions was given to the wing residents and posted in the hall:

■ "Alcohol may not be served or consumed in this wing throughout the remainder of this semester. This restriction applies to all residents and guests regardless of age."

■ "All visitation is being cancelled until Monday, April 1, for residents in this wing."

■ "Quiet hours will begin in this wing at 8 p.m. every day through the remainder of the spring semester."

■ "An alcohol education/awareness program will be presented by a group of your residents sometime before April 6 and attendance will be mandatory for all wing residents."

In addition, Patricia Karn, the Sherley resident involved, is required to sign out of Colby Hall by 10 p.m. During the appeals, Karn also said she was asked if she would be willing to take a polygraph test.

"I had a drink downstairs in the hall and they thought it had alcohol in it. They didn't believe me when I told them no," Karn said. "They asked if I would take a polygraph test and I said yes but then I never heard anymore about it."

Kaus said that if the housing office was trying to teach the residents a lesson that they had succeeded. "I am just happy I didn't have to move out."

Proffer also said that she felt the residents had learned from the incident. "In retrospect they would not have done what they did," Proffer said.

Seat belt law discussion turns to talk of required air bags

AUSTIN (AP)—A Senate committee's discussion of a mandatory seat belt law has turned into a battle over air bags.

Every witness told the state affairs committee Wednesday that seat belt use is a good idea, but several said a mandatory law should not be used to prevent the federal government from requiring air bags in autos.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has said it would make air bags mandatory if states that include two-thirds of the nation's population don't make seat belt use mandatory.

The committee took no action on the bill Wednesday, but chairman Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said it would come up at the committee's Monday meeting.

Austin lawyer James Presnal, representing State Farm Insurance, asked the committee for a law that wouldn't comply with federal guidelines because "seat belts by themselves are not a complete enough answer."

He said the insurance company sees air bags as a good way to reduce injuries.

Brad Wiewel, president of the Texas Consumer Association, agreed that air bags would save more lives than seat belts and asked the committee to "load up the bill" to make sure it does not meet federal guidelines.

Lyon said his bill, as written, does not meet the federal requirements.

The Texas Automobile Dealers Association favors the seat belt law because air bag requirements could add up to \$800 to the price of a car, TADA Director Gene Fondren said.

"This Legislature has the opportunity to take action to bring to an end this continuing scenario of tremendous expense," Fondren said.

But Wiewel retorted that auto dealers "don't seem to mind adding \$300 to \$500 to the price of a car for profit. We are more concerned with safety than dollars and cents."

Violation of the law would bring a fine of \$25 to \$50. A similar bill was sent to a House subcommittee on Tuesday.

Lyon, a former policeman, said he authored the bill because of the "many, many cases where I had to extract people who were seriously injured or dead" from auto accidents.

"Never in my five years as a policeman did I ever have to pull an injured person from a car who was wearing a seat belt," he said.

Sens. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, and John Leedom, R-Dallas, said the mandatory seat belt law might go too far in protecting Texans.

"Stupid people don't wear seat belts," said Edwards. But he added, "Where do we draw the line on government telling individuals what they should do to save their lives?"

Geology students get educational spring break

With spring break upon us, most of the TCU student body will soon be basking on beaches or partying in pubs.

However, at least one group of students has found an alternative to the traditional sea-going adventure.

A group of eight geology students and two faculty members will leave Fort Worth Saturday on an expedition to West Texas, where they will examine a barrier reef complex.

The reef, according to graduate student Michael Ross, is similar to the great barrier reef of Australia.

D.D. Lambert, a professor in the geology department, is one of the two faculty members going on the trip.

Lambert said the reef is located in the Guadalupe Mountains, on the Texas-New Mexico border, and is some 200 million years old. He said the complex allows geologists to study how reefs are formed in the ocean.

The group will also study a rock formation more than 600 million years old that contains mineral deposits. Ross said the area contains some of the oldest rocks in Texas. At that location there is also an active mica mine.

"It gives students an opportunity to see rocks in their natural environment," said Lambert, rather than out of context at school. "We try to get our students to as many places in the field as we can," he said.

The expedition was organized by Ross and graduate student William Smith, who made all the necessary contacts and arrangements.

Ross said the trip gives the group, which is mostly graduate students, the opportunity for recreational geology. The students can do something they enjoy without being on a rigid time schedule, unlike the situation they face at school.

WORLD MONITOR

World

Iran reports it hit Baghdad with missile

LONDON (AP)—Iran said it hit the Iraqi capital Baghdad with a missile early Thursday and that Iraq launched an air raid against the Iranian capital Tehran about two hours later.

Iran's state-controlled Islamic Republic News Agency said in a report received in London that the Iranian missile attack on Baghdad took place at 3:20 a.m. The report did not specify if the missile was fired by a warplane or launched from the ground.

IRNA said that about two hours later the Iraqis launched an air raid against Tehran. It gave no other details.

The two nations have exchanged attacks on civilian targets daily for the past week and one-half.

Nation

Films show possibility of survivors in test crash

WASHINGTON (AP)—Films taken inside a remote-controlled test plane that crashed in a ball of fire three months ago show that had there been people aboard, some probably would have survived, the Federal Aviation Administration says.

FAA officials who watched the experimental crash last December in the Mojave Desert were stunned when the Boeing 720 was engulfed in flames even though it was using a special fuel additive that was supposed to retard fire in a crash.

FAA officials have yet to make public their detailed examination of the crash results, including why the fuel additive did not work as planned. On Wednesday, the agency made public the first films taken inside the plane as it plowed into the California desert at 170 mph with 73 test dummies, all wired to electronic sensors, aboard.

The film footage as well as information from other monitoring devices have convinced FAA analysts that if human beings had been aboard the plane, most would have survived the impact of the crash and some would have had enough time to escape the fire, FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said.

Key to the survivability of the crash was that almost all of the seats in the plane stayed in place, the cabin interior was left largely intact, and about 40 seconds passed before the flames penetrated the cabin, according to FAA officials.

Outside

Mostly cloudy Friday with a chance of showers and a high of near 60.

Love for the English language helps get his message across

Stephanie Cherry
Skiff Reporter

English comes as a second language to Anantha Babbili, but that doesn't keep him from getting his messages across. That's important, because communication is what the native of India is all about.

Babbili, an assistant professor in the journalism department, was recently awarded one of 13 National Teaching Awards by The Poyntner Institute for Media Studies and the education committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

One of the criteria for the award was for the English language. Babbili seems tailor-made for that requirement.

"When I was growing up, I was fascinated by English, and the more I mastered it, the more it became an obsession. I wanted to write, I wanted to edit, I wanted to be a journalist—all for the English language," Babbili said.

Babbili began his career as a journalist in 1971 when he took a reporting position at *The Indian Herald*.

Babbili has taught journalism at TCU since 1981.

Babbili said he chose journalism over other forms of literature because as far as shaping public opinion is concerned, "journalism has enormous power, and journalists are extensions of that power. I wanted to participate in that process—to be influential in one way or the other."

Babbili said he thought he could go into journalism and change the world "with the stroke of a pen."

But Babbili realized he couldn't do that all by himself. That is the primary reason, he said, that he decided to teach journalism rather than practice it.

"I would like to change the media, because I don't think they do a good job of constructing reality. But if I go into the media to work, it is only one guy doing the job," Babbili said. "If I teach, I'm going to produce 15 people in news/editorial journalism each semester who I think will change the media later on."

In addition to producing media-changing journalists, Babbili strives to teach his students professionalism and social responsibility.

Babbili said that professionalism involves not only mastering the reporting and journalistic techniques, but also the "gathering of information with a sensitivity for dignity, common decency, respect for privacy, rights and well-being of people encountered in the course of daily routines."

Social responsibility, Babbili said, is understanding the importance of the press in a political democracy and realizing that self-regulation of journalistic conduct to ensure fairness, objectivity and accuracy is necessary.

In addition to Babbili, professors from such schools as Syracuse University, San Francisco State University, the University of South Carolina and New York University were named recipients of the awards.



Anantha Babbili

OPINION

America remembers her missing

By Rodney B. Furr

Up to 10 years have passed and there is still no word. None at all.

More than 2,500 American military personnel and civilians still remain in Southeast Asia, their fate yet to be known. They went to serve their country and never returned. They are known as Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. (POW/MIA.)

Here in the states, with all the time that has passed, the memories of America's involvement in North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have either been forgotten or swept under the rug. Much of today's high school and college-aged generation was just growing up and never knew the full extent of the police action.

However, there is now a growing movement, generated primarily by the families of the POW/MIA's, to bring home, or at least account for U.S. servicemen. Task Force Omega, of Spencer, Iowa, is one organization that is trying to make Americans more aware of POW/MIA's. The Task Force is distributing bracelets through regional distributors. The bracelets, which sell for \$4, are inscribed with a certain serviceman's name, rank, branch of service, date last seen and country lost in.

A card comes with the bracelet and both are aimed at having the wearer honor the missing man. It states in part, "This bracelet honors the individual inscribed...When one assumes a one-to-one bond with a stranger...something happens to you. You are taught new lessons about old concepts: Unity, Caring, Brotherhood."

These bracelets are sold regularly at malls, high schools and colleges. Different groups sponsor local distribution. One such organization in the Fort Worth area is Texas Christian University's Angel Flight. Angel Flight is a professional service organization affiliated with Air Force ROTC.

Angel Flight (AnF) has been involved with the POW/MIA movement since August of 1983. It was then that they went to University of Texas at Arlington to get petitions signed for the release of the prisoners and confirmation of the missing's fates.

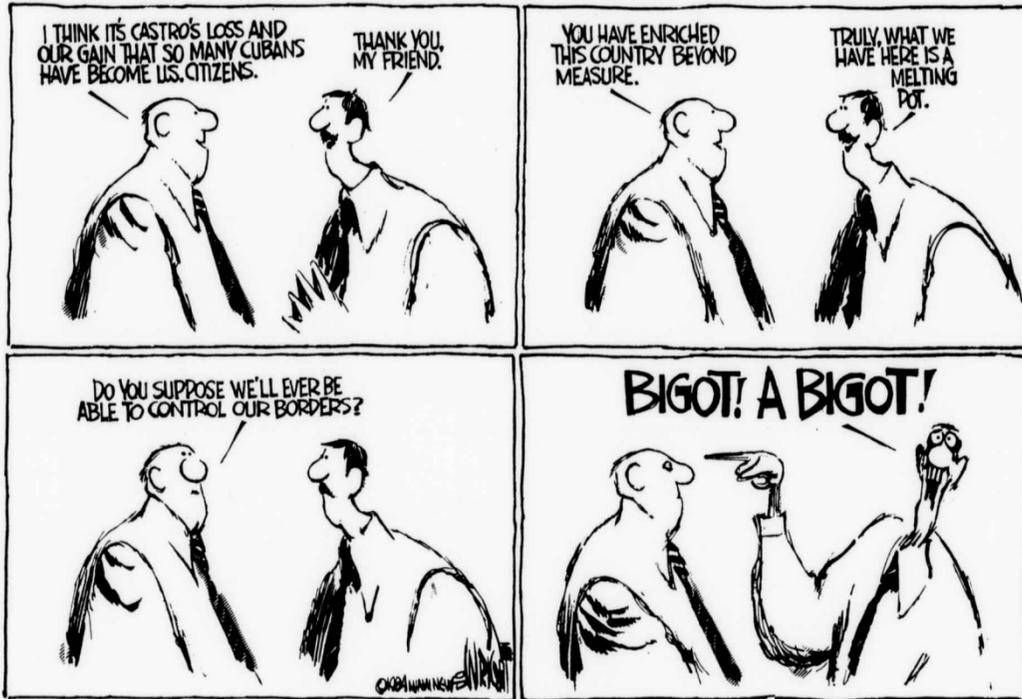
This April, AnF will be once again going to area malls to sell bracelets and get petitions signed. Kim Tomashpol, a TCU junior and AnF's commander for the semester, said that selling the bracelet helped because, "We need to do anything to make people aware."

Another organization that is leading the cause for the return of prisoners is the National League of Families. Divided into state chapters, the League sells and distributes bracelets and information, initiates action and lobbies for governmental backing in Congress. Rosemary Jirask is the legislative coordinator for the Texas chapter. According to her, since the United States never claimed to have a military presence in Laos and Cambodia, they cannot claim to have prisoners there. Therefore, during the Geneva negotiations of 1973, the United States only bargained for the release of prisoners in Vietnam. Of the 2,500 still there, about 600 are in Laos and approximately 100 are believed to be in Cambodia.

Recently, Congress acknowledged that too many years had passed before any proper recognition was paid to the families of those still missing. House majority leader Jim Wright led a ceremony at Carswell Air Force Base to present several local families with commemorative medals.

Presentations were made to members of 11 families. One of the 11 was the family of Col. Roy Knight Jr. Knight's son, Bryan, is a senior at UTA and an Air Force ROTC cadet at TCU. Knight was shot down over Laos in May 1967 and has been listed as missing ever since. In speaking of the presented medal, Bryan told the base newspaper, "This means that some people haven't forgotten."

Furr is a junior journalism major



Time has come for face-to-face summit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Summit fever is in the air again with White House aides hinting that Mikhail Gorbachev looks as if he might be just the Soviet leader President Reagan has been waiting to meet.

Reagan is into his fifth year as president and his fourth Soviet leader. So far, he hasn't met any of the Soviet chieftains.

If he sits down with Gorbachev, what might they accomplish?

During this week's summit speculation, Henry A. Kissinger met with Reagan and then told reporters he thought get-acquainted summits were a "psychiatric exercise" that ought to be avoided. The former secretary of state said a Reagan-Gorbachev summit could be "useful" but he cautioned against being in a hurry to meet.

For one thing, U.S.-Soviet summits for the purpose of getting acquainted have had a sour history.

The possibility of a summit came up Monday when Gorbachev swiftly assumed power a few hours after the announcement of the death of Konstantin Chernenko.

The president denied he's ever been reluctant to meet with the leader of the nation he has described as "an evil empire."

He's wanted to meet with a Soviet leader "ever since I've been here," he told reporters on Tuesday.

As if to underscore that claim, the White House disclosed that Vice President George Bush, heading the U.S. delegation to Chernenko's funeral, carried a letter

from Reagan inviting Gorbachev to the United States.

There was no proposed date or suggested agenda.

Presidential aides appeared to tread delicately on this one, suggesting that it was no real change in Reagan's position during earlier Soviet transitions, and then hinting that it was, indeed, a change.

The classic example of that kind of diplomatic tightrope walking came from White House spokesman Robert Sims, who noted that Gorbachev, at 54, was much younger and more vigorous than his predecessors.

"It's not that our position has changed," said Sims "it's that the nature of their leadership has changed."

Another administration official, insisting on anonymity, noted that when Chernenko took power after the death of Yuri Andropov, Reagan also sent a message suggesting a meeting. But he said that message was "not as forward leaning as we are now."

In the past, Reagan has greeted summit talk with remarkable consistency.

When Andropov took power after Brezhnev's death, Reagan said improvement in U.S.-Soviet relations would "require some action, not just words."

After Andropov died, Reagan called upon Chernenko to "move from words to deeds."

The question now is whether the president and his Soviet counterpart think the time has come to try some face-to-face words.

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

According to the Skiff's March 12 front page article by Kathy Garner, the Panhellenic president, Salli Shields, is quoted as saying the purpose of the up-coming Greek Week is to "make non-Greeks realize that Greeks do more than just party."

In order to drive home this point, the week-long program of activity includes an outdoor barbecue, a wine and cheese party, a banquet to give out awards, an afternoon of games (with a parade and banners just like the Olympics), followed by an all-campus party featuring King Cobra and fifty-cent beer on Friday night.

Well golly, gee whiz, gang. Don't you

find all that community service exhausting?

Sally L. Bohon
Administration Assistant

Once again the Skiff has let another newsworthy event pass unnoticed. The fact that this event involved Brachman Hall probably had nothing to do with it. Although, everytime a fraternity or sorority blows their nose, it's front page news.

This event was the 10th Annual Brachman Gala. The Gala is a four day event involving a teaching award banquet, talent show, student-faculty basketball and softball game and a barbecue.

I wasn't surprised to see the Skiff's priorities lie in something as important as Amoeba Week!

Here's your advance warning Skiff: The Brachman Gala is always in March and usually the second week. Better luck next year.

Tani Wilson
Junior
Broadcast Journalism

It is encouraging to see that Duane Bidwell is more open-minded about the peacetime draft issue than his Skiff co-workers. They seem to have overlooked some of the positive implications of this proposed bill.

The military forces in this country would be better prepared for an armed conflict if this legislation is enacted. High-tech jobs could be manned by college trained draftees without much need of further training. This experience would be very helpful to these people when they look for jobs later.

Two years of practical experience for those with or considering a medical degree could be nothing but beneficial. In addition, there would be a large reserve of already trained fighting men and non-combatant personnel that could be mobilized on very short notice.

Those people opposed to military service could help America through the civil services. Environmental and other groups are constantly bombarding Congress with

LITES

Dog is her wardrobe's best friend

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP)—Sally Rote says her new sweater is "a lovely dog color," and it ought to be. It's knitted out of the hair of Sasch, her 7-year-old Afghan hound.

"It's crazy, incredible," Rote said. "And it's very warm."

Rote's friend Marty Culp said she learned at a weaving class that most animal fur can be spun into yarn.

"I could have had enough for six sweaters off the carpet, but I took the hair from her summer cut," Rote said recently.

Culp mixed the hair with some wool and spun it into yarn.

"The neatest part of the whole thing is that you never know what color you will come out with until the final wash job," she said. "And you just wouldn't believe it, the variance in color is so astounding."

"When you look at Sasch, he looks like one color, but he's really not."

Sasch at first was startled by the sweater, Rote said.

"He sniffed it like a dog will do when they encounter a dog smell on someone," she said. "But when he found out it wasn't going to eat his dinner, he was OK."

PEOPLE

'Happy' Chandler leaves hospital

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Albert B. "Happy" Chandler, former governor and major league baseball commissioner who credited "long-lived parents and clean living" for his health, has left a hospital after spinal surgery.

Chandler, 86, of Versailles, was found to have spinal stenosis, causing pain and numbness in his legs, spokeswoman Marilyn Sarow said Wednesday. The problem, a narrowing of the spinal canal, was caused by a bone overgrowth that traps the nerves of the spinal cord, she said.

Doctors removed the bone overgrowth March 6. Chandler's recovery was much faster than anticipated, she said.

Country star files for bankruptcy

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country music singer-songwriter David Allan Coe, who wrote the 1977 Johnny Paycheck million-selling hit "Take This Job and Shove It," has filed for bankruptcy.

Coe, 45, who has spent 20 years behind bars for possessing burglary tools and obscene literature, on Wednesday filed the petition to liquidate his assets to pay debts. A breakdown of his assets wasn't available.

Coe said in a statement that his financial problems stem from the loss of a tour bus in a 1984 traffic accident, recent flood damage at his home-office compound west of Nashville and his divorce last year.

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'One-of-a-kind'

Molly Eckert
Skiff Reporter

Students come from Canada, Brazil and all over the United States to attend TCU's Ranch Management program. They come because they don't want to take a wide range of subjects.

Director John Merrill said it is "the only program of its kind devoted exclusively to ranch management."

Thirty-five students a year come to the nine-month program from all over the world. Merrill said the majority of the students take the course in order to go home prepared to run their families' ranches.

The U.S. government's Soil Conservation Service contracted the Ranch Management program to do a two-week summer course as an orientation for its new employees, said Cliff Carter, the Soil Conservation Service's regional range specialist.

Carter and others were sent to monitor and evaluate the program and see if the new employees would benefit from the course, Carter said.

The course, "Working Effectively with Livestock Producers," was so good that the SCS decided to switch things and send its top range people from all over the country, Carter said.

He said he was "pleased with the course. . . . It was up to date . . . at the apex of the industry."

The SCS decided to send its most experienced people through the summer course to catch them up on what is current in the industry, Carter said.

"The Ranch Management program is the most popular offered to SCS employees" and it gets a lot of requests, Carter said. "The problem is we can only send 35 people each time."

Carter notes that one of the outstanding features of the program is the staff.

"It's unusual to have a blend of such qualified instructors who complement each other," he said.

Each staff member has experience in his field and has his own specialty in areas such as animal sciences, ranch economics, futures, markets and trading, Carter said.

Merrill said that "if they're going to teach this, we feel they should have done it first."

Each new staff member spends his first year attending every lecture so that he knows exactly what others are teaching, Merrill said. This lets the instructor "know exactly how each part (of the program) relates to his aspect."

Carter said that part of what makes the program special is the efforts of Merrill. "John (Merrill) is strong in all areas of the program and is a very dedicated and knowledgeable person. . . . He brings it all together."

The program can be selective about who is admitted to the regular nine-month program because 60 to 90 applications are received for the 35 places available.

Students range in age from 18 to 50 or 60 but most are between 21 and 23, Merrill said.

Students chosen are those who are

"best prepared to put the most into it and get the most out of it," he said.

Ranch experience is a must for admission, Merrill said.

"If a student has a good working knowledge of a ranch, it allows us to move farther and faster," he said.

Students sign contracts agreeing to maintain certain standards of conduct, appearance and attitude, Merrill said. This includes mandatory attendance to every class. One unexcused absence results in removal from the program.

"This isn't usually a problem because the students who are chosen are very dedicated," he said.

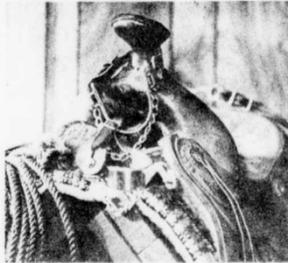
Lectures consist of six classes from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., five days a week. The class is expected to participate in discussions, Merrill said. It is a "closely coordinated curriculum that addresses every aspect of the profitability of a ranch."

Students receive a certificate and earn 34 hours credit upon completion. Merrill said that when he added up the actual time in lecture, not including time spent driving to field trips, the class does 53.8 hours during the two semesters.

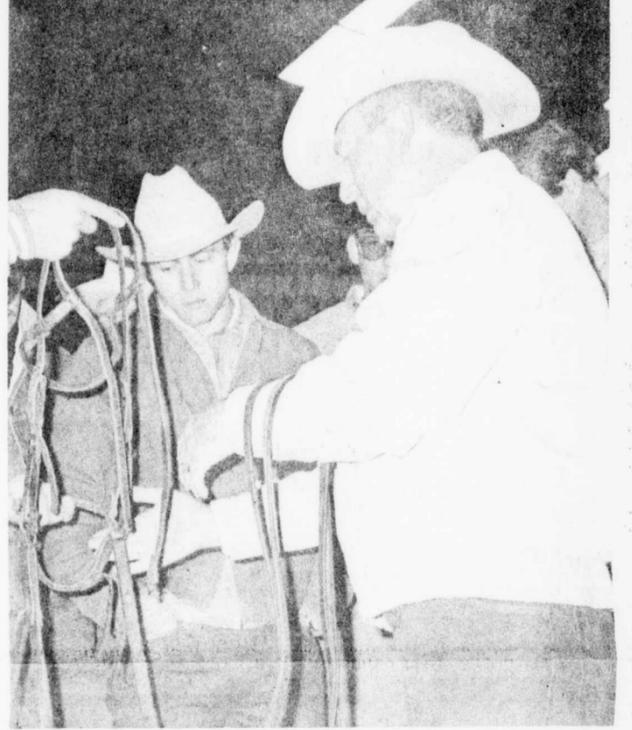
Merrill said the class travels about 10,000 miles for class field trips. These trips are designed to give the students an opportunity to learn from many different experienced ranchers.

The field trips include ranches, farms, feed lots and packing plants in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, he said.

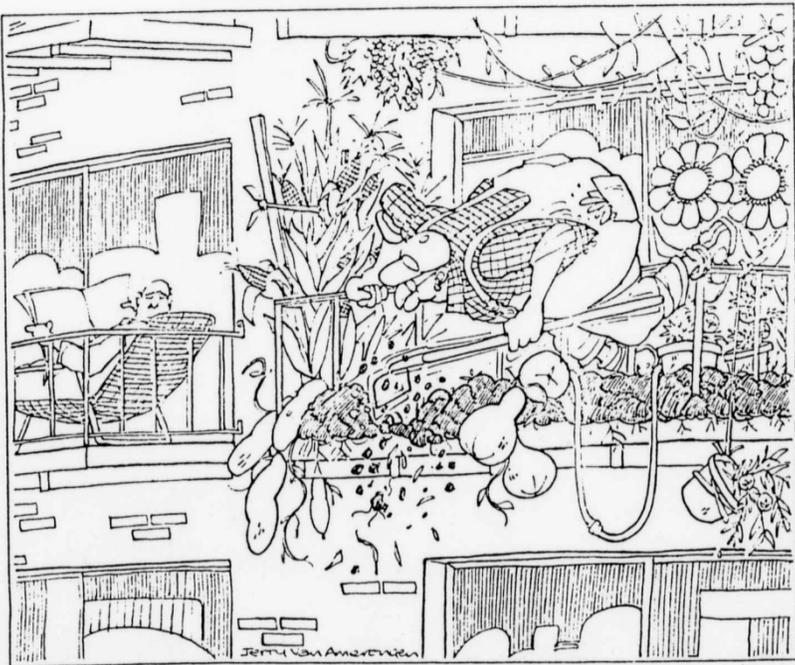
The intensity of the program does not leave much time for the students to get involved on main campus, Merrill said.



TOP: Don Carr of Village Creek Ranch LEFT: Cliff Carter's saddle RIGHT: Jim Link, assistant director of Ranch Management, and student Jack Craft receive a demonstration on head gear for horses from Don Carr at the Village Creek Ranch. PHOTOS COURTESY OF RANCH MANAGEMENT



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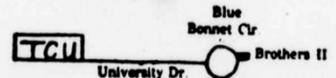
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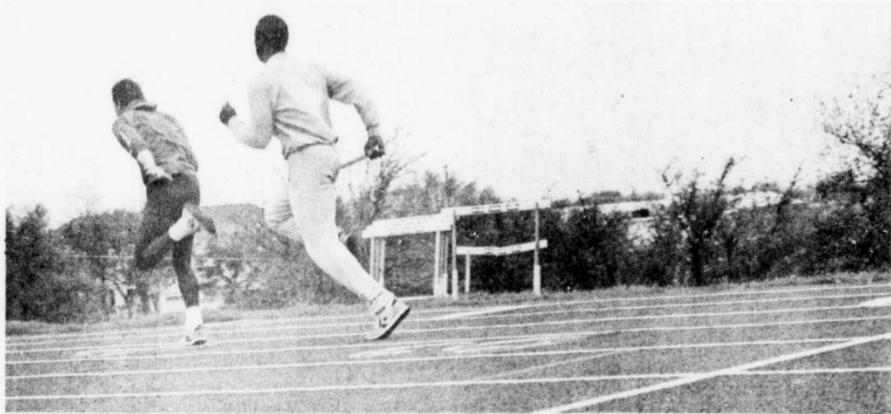
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SPORTS



James Maness and Roscoe Tatum practice on the new "Red Dog" track. PHOTO BY SUELLEN WOLF

'Red Dog' for purple Frogs

Donald Graves
Skiff Reporter

TCU's mascot may be the Horned Frog but the "Red Dog" is getting all the attention.

The Red Dog is the nickname of the newly covered track surface which is dazzling red. Why is the track red instead of TCU purple or white?

"The track could have been recovered in any color the university wanted but for a couple of reasons we chose red over the other colors," TCU Head track Coach Bubba Thornton said.

"The primary reason for the red surface is because of the effect the sun has on our track surface," Thornton said. "Red fades a lot slower than most

of the other colors and shows less wear.

"The other reason is because tracks are generally composed of a traditional red cinder. So the color selection also has traditional attributes," Thornton said.

Despite the color, the new rubberized surface enables the track team to do a broader range of training on the actual track. Previously, a great deal of training was done on the grass instead of on the worn-out track. This was to prevent injuries and preserve the runners' legs.

"The new track is an excellent training facility," Thornton said. "Even though it is supposed to be a slow track, the lack of injuries makes it a worthwhile asset."

The new track has given the track

team a new incentive to train harder without the fear of being injured.

"I'm glad we got a new track surface because the other one was hard and I couldn't train without getting shin splints," sprinter Roscoe Tatum said.

Hurdler Norman Stafford said the new track is "twice as nice."

Michael Cannon said that the new track surface is a big contribution to the team. "We feel it's about time we get some new training facilities. The TCU track team is known throughout the college circuits for being one of the very best and yet we seem to get less attention."

Well at least one fan seems to keep up with the track team's accomplishments because the new surface was donated by a former TCU student who loves the sport.

Relay team struggles at NAAs, Thomas second in long jump

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Skiff Reporter

The TCU track team's performance at Flagstaff, Ariz., a week earlier was a foreshadow of what was to happen in Syracuse, N.Y., at the NCAA Indoors this past weekend.

SMU broke another record. TCU fell farther behind.

The SMU track team set a world indoor best in the 1,600 meter relay with a time of 3 minutes, 8.50 seconds. The old record was 3:08.56.

TCU did not qualify for the finals in the 1,600 meter relay, running a 3:11.09.

"James Maness had the first leg. He had about a two step lead. He gave it to me," TCU's Michael Cannon said. "I increased it by 10 yards. The third leg (Keith Burnett) got caught. He gave the baton off two steps behind, in second place. The anchor leg (Andrew

Smith) tried to take the lead, but could not maintain it.

"He ran out of gas at the last curve. We came in third. They took the top two (from each heat) and we didn't qualify," Cannon said.

"I was disappointed because I really ran well. But it's over now and I can look forward to the outdoor meets," he said.

Cannon is not the only runner who feels the team was not at its best in the NCAA meet in New York.

"We really didn't run well at Syracuse. We had three legs that ran well and we had an anchor leg, which was one of our freshmen, and he folded," James Maness, TCU relay team member said.

"I think the pressure just got to him. All it is is a lack of experience running in meets where there is a lot of pressure," Maness said. "We really can't blame it on him. It is as much our

fault as it is his. We could have gotten him a bigger lead."

On the other hand, Roscoe Tatum and Raymond Stewart had a good day. Tatum came in third in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.17 seconds. Stewart came in fourth with a 6.22 time.

"I didn't get a good start. If you are in the race and don't get a good start it's all over with," Tatum said.

Donna Thomas also had a good day for the Frogs. Thomas came in second in the long jump with a jump of 21 feet, 5 1/4 inches. That beat her personal record which was 21-2. She came in third in the triple jump with a 42-4 jump.

Thomas said she wanted to make Houston's Carol Lewis jump for her money in the long jump.

"She only beat me on my last jump," Thomas said. "I thought that was pretty good. The marks between her jump and my jump weren't that far apart."

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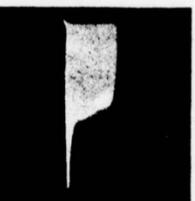
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