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Overloaded plug blamed in fire

Earnest L. Perry
Skiff Reporter

Since fire gutted a third-floor sorority house room last Thursday, many TCU residents have complained that the venetian blinds provided by the university are not flame resistant.

According to university officials, the blinds placed in residence hall rooms are not made of flammable material.

"As far as I know, the blinds are made of metal and the material which holds them together is flame resistant," Jack Arvin, coordinator of housing, said.

"What people may have seen burn-

ing was the drapery the girls had up in the room and mistook it for the blinds.

"We try to get the students to bring drapery that is flame resistant so if something like this happens, the fire won't spread as fast," Arvin said.

However, Cindy McKinney, one of the residents whose room burned, said there were no drapes in the room. She also said that the fire was started by the refrigerator, not by a plug.

"There is a plug behind my roommate's bed and by my dresser. My roommate's bed was fine. Mine was gone and things were black on my dresser, but some cards were still there," McKinney said.

As of now, Arvin said, he has not heard of plans to remove the blinds from the residence halls.

Associate Dean of Students Don Mills said the fire probably occurred when an electrical plug, nicknamed an "octopus plug," overloaded the electrical circuit in the room.

"We're pretty well satisfied that the fire started around the plug near the refrigerator," Mills said. "That's where the hottest part of the fire was."

Mills said except for McKinney and her roommate, Andrea Ward, all the other girls affected on the hall will be back in their rooms Monday. The room the fire took place in will not be ready for occupancy until next fall.

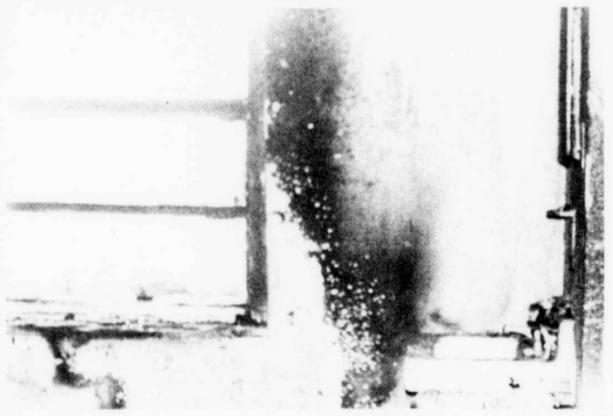
Administration officials suggest that

students unplug all appliances when not in use. They said the only electrical appliance that should be plugged in at all times is the refrigerator.

"The temptation is so strong for the girls to overload the circuits," Tri-Delt Beth Eakman said. "We've got so many more electrical appliances now than when these buildings were built," she said.

Mills said there are only three or four plugs in each room in the residence halls now, but they are looking into the feasibility of placing more outlets in students' rooms.

"There will be a major renovation going on in Jarvis this summer. If we can place new outlets in the rooms, we will," Mills said.



The damage that an electrical fire is capable of is apparent in this picture of the Tri-Delt room that caught fire Thursday, April 11. PHOTO BY AMY HOYME

Energy Week begins with debate over Comanche Peak

Donald Graves
Skiff Reporter

Comanche Peak: Is what we save worth what we lose?

This question was the subject of debate Tuesday night as Energy Week started here at TCU with a face-to-face confrontation.

The guest speakers were Dave Boltz, vice president of Citizen's Association for Sound Energy, of Dallas, and Kirby Sewell of Texas Electric Company.

The first part of Sewell's presentation was a refresher of background in-

formation concerning nuclear power. He began with the national outlook for nuclear power and the growing number of nuclear power plants in the United States, and narrowed his scope to Texas and Comanche Peak.

"In 1972, we announced plans to build Comanche Peak," Sewell said. "Nuclear power offered a technically feasible, environmentally clean and economical source of energy."

Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station is located about four and one-half miles northwest of Glen Rose in Somervell County. The site is approximately fifty miles southwest of the

Fort Worth-Dallas metroplex.

The debate, however, was not about Comanche Peak's site, nor was it about its safety measures or, for that matter, nuclear power's advantages or disadvantages. Boltz and the organization he represented are concerned about the amount of taxpayers' dollars funding a "dream" plant.

In 1972, the typical elapsed time period for constructing a nuclear power plant in the United States was about six years, Sewell said.

Boltz countered by stating facts and figures that indicated the six-year plan proposed in August 1972 to cost \$779

million has actually stretched to an unexpected \$4.5 billion in production, and the plant was still unfinished in January 1985.

"Today, the amount of time to construct a nuclear power plant in the United States has changed from the 1972 estimate of six years to 12 to 14 years," Sewell said.

One of the first problems Comanche Peak encountered was an inflationary explosion that began in 1973. During this time the oil embargo occurred and the project staggered through a period of high construction cost, Sewell said.

"Secondly, the original cost estimate given in 1972 included a general inflation rate factor of 5.5 percent based on energy trends at that time," Sewell said. "The actual inflation rate more than doubled that amount in one year, and presently nearly tripled the original estimate."

Sewell continued to support the high cost of construction by explaining that inflation also raised the cost of major equipment and service contracts associated with Comanche Peak. Finally, he said high interest rates on money borrowed also escalated construction costs.

"It's clear that the project was started with wide-eyed optimism and unrealistic expectations," Boltz said. "They didn't have the foggiest notion of what a real finalized cost of Comanche Peak would be."

The operations capacity for all nuclear plants in 1983 was 55 percent. The lifetime capacity factor for all plants was 58.8 percent. There is a lot of fluctuation, Boltz said.

"I can't quantify what Comanche Peak will cost or the scale of repayment," Boltz said. "The worst thing that could happen is a Three Mile Island incident, in which case all would be lost."

WORLD MONITOR

World

Two Soviets expelled from Britain

LONDON (AP)—The Foreign Office announced Thursday that two Soviets, a diplomat and an employee of the Soviet airline Aeroflot, were being expelled, apparently for alleged espionage activities.

The Soviet Embassy issued a statement protesting what it termed Britain's "provocative measure." It said Soviet personnel in Britain "are engaged in performing their duties to promote bilateral relations."

The Foreign Office said in a statement that Soviet Ambassador Viktor I. Popov was called in Thursday and informed that the two men must leave within seven days.

They were identified as Capt. Oleg Alexandrovich Los, assistant naval attaché at the Soviet Embassy, and Vyacheslav Anatolyevich Grigorov, a member of Aeroflot's London staff.

The reason given in a statement for the expulsions was the traditional diplomatic terminology for spying.

Nation

Trapped miner rescued after cave-in

PALISADE, Colo. (AP)—A miner trapped in a coal mine cave-in for 37 hours walked out unhurt Thursday, after rescuers inching through sliding rubble rebuilt a tunnel to reach him.

Curtis Sanders, 32, the father of six children, had been hunched over and nearly waist-deep in water in the cab of a large mining machine since 4 p.m. Tuesday, when the roof collapsed at Powderhorn Coal Co.'s roadside mine in DeBeque Canyon.

Sanders was trapped in the machine's cab when the roof of the 20-foot-wide, 7-foot-high tunnel collapsed, said Dale Fenwick, assistant general manager of the mine. Air was pumped in through a hose attached to the mining machine which normally carries water. Rescuers had communicated with Sanders by shouting since Wednesday, he said.

State

Two unions end strike against Continental

HOUSTON (AP)—Two unions announced they were ending their lengthy strikes against Continental Airlines, saying they hope to settle their disputes with the carrier in court.

The "strategic retreat" by the flight attendants' and machinists' unions Wednesday leaves only one group, the Air Line Pilots Association, on strike against the carrier.

The strike was "no longer effective because it has placed no pressure on the company to come to the bargaining table with us and reach an agreement," said Linda Downing, spokeswoman for the Union of Flight Attendants Local No. 1.

"We have notified the company that we're available immediately," she said.

"We just decided to fight in a different way," added flight attendants' spokeswoman Claudia Lampe.

Outside

Chance of thunderstorms Friday with a high in the mid 80s.

Israelis pay silent tribute to Holocaust victims

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—Rush-hour traffic froze and people halted in mid-stride, heads bowed, at the wail of sirens signaling a two-minute silent tribute Thursday to the six million Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

Prominent Israelis, angered at President Reagan's plans to visit a West German cemetery in May where members of Hitler's SS stormtroopers are buried, declared the Holocaust must not be forgotten.

Traffic in Israel's cities resembled a frozen tableau at 8 a.m. as drivers halted in the middle of the street, getting out of their cars to stand at attention at the wail of the sirens. Pedestrians bowed their heads.

The annual Holocaust Day observ-

ance officially began Wednesday night with commemorative ceremonies for Holocaust survivors.

"We say today to those who took part in the defeat of the Nazi beast that it is their duty too to remember and to remind, to educate and to make sure that this monstrous occurrence never happens again," said Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a commemorative Tel Aviv rally Wednesday night, when the annual Holocaust Day observance began.

Although Shamir did not name Reagan, aides who distributed the text of the speech pointed to the remark as indirect criticism of Reagan.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told a rally at the Yad Vashem Holocaust

Memorial that reconciliation between two peoples who fought each other in World War II was legitimate, but "there is no reconciliation with the past, with wickedness, with the devil."

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel told the Israeli Parliament Wednesday that Reagan's decision "resembles a contribution, albeit an unwitting one, to the process of forgetting" the Holocaust.

The English-language *Jerusalem Post* said in an editorial that the commemoration was a chance "to reaffirm the resolve not to allow the memory of the six million . . . to be expunged."

The daily wrote that Jews "are deeply grateful to Mr. Reagan for his

consistent support of the Jewish state. But they cannot pass over in silence the President's readiness to bury the hatchet not only with today's Germans but with yesterday's Nazis."

Following a storm of criticism in the United States and other countries of Reagan's plans to lay a wreath at Bitberg cemetery in West Germany, the White House this week sent two staff members to West Germany to search for a monument to Nazi victims that Reagan could visit.

West German government officials confirmed Wednesday that the site of the former Bergen-Belson concentration camp and the former concentration camp at Dachau, near Munich, were being considered.

CBS opposes Turner's unfriendly takeover bid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Broadcast maverick Ted Turner told the Federal Communications Commission Thursday he will try to take control of CBS Inc. and asked federal approval for the unfriendly takeover.

Papers filed by Turners' attorney said CBS stockholders would be offered stocks, notes and other securities in his Turner Broadcasting System worth \$2.98 billion, or \$175 for each share of CBS stock, which closed Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange at \$109.75.

The FCC filing acknowledged that CBS opposes the takeover bid. On Wednesday, CBS Chairman Thomas Wyman told a stockholders' meeting in Chicago that any attempt to compromise the "independence and in-

tegrity" of CBS News would be fought.

Turner, in an announcement read on his Cable News Network, said his offer was conditional on acquiring 67 percent of CBS stock, or about 21 million voting shares.

Industry analysts have been skeptical that Turner, who owns 80 percent of Turner Broadcasting, would succeed in an unfriendly bid to control CBS. He was scheduled to meet with a group of analysts later in the day.

Turner said he would seek a seat on the CBS board as soon as he can acquire the stock.

The papers constituted a formal application for FCC consent to transfer control of CBS to TBS, a necessary

step because the commission has authority over broadcasters and networks.

The application asks for a year to complete the acquisition of CBS stock, and two years to divest the combined companies of radio and television stations that exceed the number allowed a single owner under federal regulations.

Several CBS-owned radio stations would be sold, as well as WCAU-TV in Philadelphia, the papers said. Also, Turner would sell off radio stations in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

CBS has rumored to be considering a leveraged buy out, or a friendly merger with a "white knight," to avoid an unfriendly suitor.

Speculation had it that the company would sell a large block of stock to General Electric Co. or merge with GE. CBS denied that and GE would not confirm or deny those reports.

The rumored leverage buy out plan was said to include participation of William Paley, the industry's patriarch who shaped the company over decades, currently sits on its board and holds more than 6 percent of its stock.

In a leveraged buy out, a target is bought largely with borrowed funds which are paid off with the earnings of the company or through the sale of assets.

CBS also could acquire another company to make itself unattractive to an unwanted suitor.

Committee approves Senate version of tuition hike bill

AUSTIN (AP)—A Senate-House lawmaking effort that would increase state revenue by \$285 million the next two years by raising state college tuition has been cleared for Senate debate, probably next week.

The Senate Finance Committee approved the Senate version, 8-1, Wednesday after a "face-to-face" talk between Sen. Grant Jones, D-Abilene, chairman of the committee, and Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin, author of the House-approved

tuition increase bill and chairman of the House Higher Education Committee.

Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, said he voted against the measure, which has been touted as a compromise between House and Senate thinking, because it would obligate future lawmakers and hit medical school students the hardest.

"I got as much as I could on compromises," Delco told reporters earlier. "If they don't change the (com-

promise Senate) bill, I will support it."

The House bill would raise tuition an estimated \$235 million to \$273 million.

Under the compromise plan, tuition rates for Texas resident undergraduates would jump from \$4 to \$12 per semester hour this fall and to \$16 next year. Out-of-state students would pay \$120 per semester hour instead of the current \$40.

Tuition for non-resident medical

students would go from \$2,400 a year in 1986 to \$15,800 in 1987. Beyond 1988, tuition rates would be 40 percent of the cost of their education.

Fifteen percent of the in-state and 5 percent of the out-of-state tuition increases would go into scholarship funds for needy students.

House acceptance of the Senate version could do away with a conference committee, an almost unheard of step for major legislation.

OPINION

Rider views Hill Street 'Snooze'

By Megan O'Neill

No shootings, slayings, drug deals or burglaries took place. Not even an arrest was made.

Riding along with a Fort Worth police officer on a recent Friday night, I'd expected to encounter scenarios similar to those on "Hill Street Blues". Instead, I felt like an audience member on "The People's Court", with Fort Worth Police officer Linda Porter acting as Judge Wopner for the evening.

Porter, a Fort Worth police officer for two and one-half years, settled all of the cases that we were called on without having to make any arrests. The majority of the dispatched calls concerned domestic disputes. Porter said that more violent crimes generally occurred in the summer.

"You get a lot more shootings in the summer," Porter said. "When it's warm in the poorer areas, and there's no air conditioning people get hot and bothered, and tempers flare."

According to Porter, the busiest times for the police are on Friday and Saturday nights. During my ride, which lasted from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., we responded to seven calls.

One call, a domestic dispute, centered around two men arguing at a friend's house. Both men were believed to be carrying knives, according to the radio dispatcher. A back-up officer was called to the scene, as Porter, like most police officers, rides by herself. When we arrived at the southeast residence, the two men were waiting outside.

An angry-looking woman in a floral dress and a shower cap said she had called the police because the two men were fighting.

"It was only verbal abuse. There was no fighting going on," one of the men said.

Porter went inside the house, where another young woman and a little girl stood in the living room. Everyone began yelling at once, telling a confused story of family relations. Husbands, ex-husbands, step-fathers and sisters-in-law were all mentioned. What finally emerged was that one man, one woman her child were not wanted in the house by the other woman, the owner of the house.

"I don't care who she leaves with," the angry-looking woman said, "so long as she goes."

The woman packed her belongings—some clothes, a record, a pair of cowboy boots and a children's doll—in a torn garbage bag and left the house, her child and her father-in-law in tow. The three crammed into the back seat of the assisting officer's car and were taken to another relative's house. Porter made no arrests.

A black woman in her mid-twenties, Porter wore a blue police uniform which fit snugly on her slim body. Short, tightly curled hair framed her face, and blemishes dotted her dark skin, particularly around her high cheekbones. Porter pushed her plastic-frame eyeglasses up the bridge of her nose constantly, blew her nose frequently because of a cold and chewed gum incessantly.

In the southeast area of Fort Worth—where we stayed all night—Porter drove 60-70 miles per hour, tailgating and weaving in out of lanes. Never using her siren, Porter raced along the bumpy streets of Fort Worth, cursing drivers who got in the way.

While driving around town, Porter talked about her scariest time as a police officer.

"Two weeks ago I was involved in a shooting," Porter said. "It terrified me. My friend (another officer) had to shoot a man in self-defense. He killed him. He didn't come to work for a week after that."

Asked whether or not she thought that she could kill someone if she had to, she said that she didn't know.

"I always wonder if I have to pull the trigger, could I do it?" Porter said. "I try not to think about it much. I take one day at a time. I don't look for trouble, and I hope that I don't find it."



Emergency number worth the wait

When Tarrant County voters overwhelmingly approved the 911 emergency number recently, they probably anticipated the service would be available shortly after the election.

Southwestern Bell and General Telephone—the two companies that provide telephone service to Tarrant County—anticipate that it will take two years before the service is available to customers.

Residents will begin paying a 20-cent surcharge on their monthly phone bills shortly. Over a two-year period, each resident will pay approximately \$4 for the 911 service, which Southwestern Bell estimates will cost \$2 million to \$2.5 million to install.

On the surface, it seems an injustice to have to wait that long for the service but begin paying now. The reason for the two-year wait, however, is to make sure all customers are adequately covered. In addition, the companies could have delayed charging customers and taken out a loan to pay for installation. The companies would have had to pay interest on the loan and would have passed that expense along to consumers.

Presently, there are approximately half a million

phones in Tarrant County. All those numbers must be compiled in a central computer. This process alone will take some time. But also there are an estimated 1,000 to 2,000 changes in customer information everyday that must be compiled.

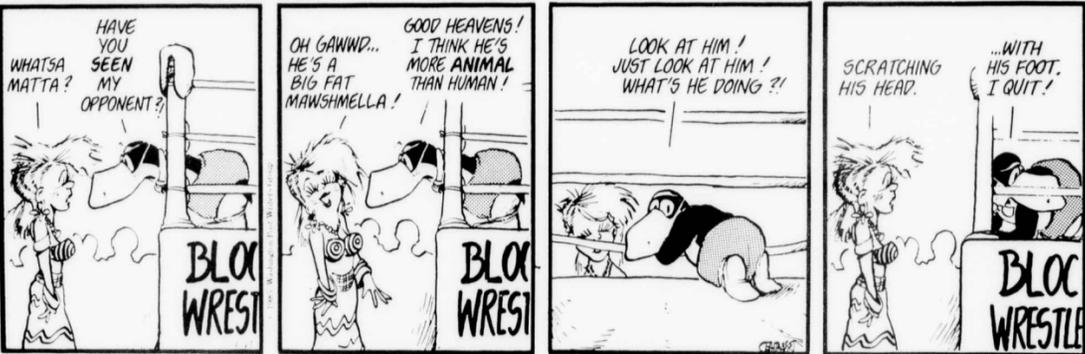
A system has to be created that will update the central system on a daily basis. Says Earl Spiegel, account executive-industry consultant for Southwestern Bell, "It's kind of embarrassing when the fire trucks show up at the wrong address." It can also be life-threatening for a customer in need.

One more reason for the delay is so the companies can go through a three-month test period. This is designed to get all the bugs out of the system before customer use. It's a commendable act, considering any system with the kind of magnitude of the 911 will inevitably need some alterations early in its existence.

The 911 emergency number will aid in resident and business safety once the system is implemented. However, to be as effective as possible, the companies will need adequate time to build the system. If the system works sufficiently in two years, then it will have been worth the wait.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Before going to hear G. Gordon Liddy, I might have complained about the \$5,000 the Forums Committee paid to have Liddy speak at our university. However, after attending the lecture, I would approve of paying \$10,000 to hear him once again. Even if you don't agree with what Liddy

says, you can't help but enjoy how he says it.

He is a sensational orator! I learned more about how to give a speech in two hours Wednesday evening, than I ever did in a semester-long speech class.

Thanks Forums Committee, for doing a fine job of bringing G. Gordon Liddy to our campus.

Robin Heidt
Senior
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Letters should not exceed 300 words. They must be typewritten and must include the writer's signature and

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Skiff editors reserve the right to edit any submission for reasons of space, style, accuracy or taste.

LITES

Bat paradise found in Texas

AUSTIN, (AP)—An organization dedicated to saving bats around the world is considering moving from Wisconsin to Texas to be close to the biggest bat colony in the world.

"This is bat nirvana-land," Merlin D. Tuttle said Wednesday as he took in Central Texas with a sweep of his arms.

Tuttle, curator of mammals at the Milwaukee Public Museum and organizer of Bat Conservation International, is in Austin this week to talk to University of Texas officials and others about moving the bat-saving organization and his research to Austin.

Tuttle said he probably will move to Austin even if he and UT officials cannot work out an affiliation.

Within an hour's drive of Austin, privately owned Bracken Cave is home to 20 million bats, the largest colony in the world, Tuttle said. The Austin area also offers "the best diversity of bats," and is more convenient to the bat-rich tropics than Milwaukee, he told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Tuttle, 43, claims to have researched more than 300 species of bats during the past 20 years. One-fourth of all the mammal species in the world are bats, Tuttle said. Among about 1,000 bat species are fruit bats that pollinate fruit trees, bats that resemble hummingbirds in size and hovering ability, bats that have 6-foot wingspans and travel by day instead of night.

Tuttle founded the non-profit Bat Conservation International in 1982. The organization has 700 members in 46 states and 23 foreign countries, he said.

Bat populations are declining because of pesticides and because they are systematically destroyed by dynamite, poison, and other methods—by farmers who mistakenly blame them for crop damage and by people who are afraid to have them around, Tuttle said.

"Hardly a store in town would be the same without bats," Tuttle said. At the grocery, there are bananas, plantain, avocados, mangoes, figs, guavas, and allspice—all pollinated by bats, he said.

At the hardware store there is rope, and at the liquor store is tequila, both made from the agave plant. Agave "is extremely dependent on bat pollination, even in Southwest Texas," he said. At the hobby store, balsa wood is there because bats pollinate balsa flowers, Tuttle said.

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VIEWPOINTS

Is the 911 service worth a rate increase and two year wait?



Dieter Kiener
Graduate Student
Business
Eckental, West Germany

"I'm from Germany, and we have a system like this that directs the caller to the Red Cross or the police, but it's free. You can't measure the benefits monetarily."



Christina Tanner
Junior
Art History/
Religion
San Ramon, California

"Yes, if I was in an emergency, it would be much easier to just dial 911. But, I think two years is a little long to have to wait for it."



Hans Sicat
Freshman
Business
Warrensburg, Missouri

"Yes, it's worth it. It's not expensive and you don't notice the 20 cents per month that it costs."



Denise Griffiths
Interior Design
Sophomore
Austin, Texas

"Definitely, it's worth it. It's like speed calling. Many people in an emergency may not remember the phone number. For 20 cents you can't go wrong."

CAMPUS MONITOR

Deadline for financial aid application nears

Students must file an FAF now in order to apply for financial aid for the 1985-86 academic year. It will take a minimum of four weeks to process the form and receive the results in the Financial Aid office at TCU. The deadline for the report to be received is June 1. The FAF can be picked up in Sadler Hall Room 108.

'Space Invaders' exhibit on display

Student artist Mark A. Mulder is showing his "Space Invaders" exhibit in the Moody Communication Building Exhibition Space (Room 125N). The exhibit consists of paintings and painted constructions. Mulder's works will be on display until April 19.

Car wash to benefit Easter Seals

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity will hold a car wash for Easter Seals from noon until 5 p.m., Sunday, April 21, at Pierles Exxon on Hulen and Bellaire. Cars will be washed for free. All proceeds are being collected through pledges of money.

Last of musical movie series to be shown

The Performing Arts Committee of Programming Council will be sponsoring the films "The King and I" and "Bye Bye Birdie" Sunday, April 21, in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Gallery. Admission is free.

Creative writing program scheduled

The Creative Writing Program has been divided into afternoon and evening programs. At 3:30 p.m., April 23, in the Student Center Ballroom, TCU graduate and author Dan Jenkins will lecture. Writing awards will also be presented at this time. The evening program begins at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. TCU graduate and author Bud Shrake will lecture. All parts of the program are free.

Applications for university committees due

Students interested in applying to be a member of a university committee should return their applications by April 26. Applications are in the Student Activities office.

Christian Science organization to sponsor lecture

Edwin G. Leever will lecture to the Christian Science organization at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, in Student Center Room 205. Leever's speech is titled, "Prayer is Effective in Our Economy." The speech will be followed by a question and answer period.

ROTC scholarship deadline extended

The deadline for freshmen not enrolled in Army ROTC to apply for 3-year Army scholarships has been extended to May 1. Any freshman with a grade point average of 2.5 or better may apply, without commitment, for a full-tuition scholarship of \$18,000 to TCU. Interested students may apply in Winton-Scott Hall Room 118, or call 921-7455.

Keeping you on your wheels

Wendy Nolen
Skiff Reporter

'We're a world on wheels, and you had better learn how to take care of them, unless you like to work or spend money.'

-David H. Cline Sr.

Most people drive motor vehicles as a basic form of transportation, yet many people lack an essential knowledge of car maintenance.

"We're a world on wheels, and you had better learn how to take care of them, unless you like to work or spend money (on car repairs)," said David H. Cline Sr., the owner of the Fort Worth Generator and Starter Service, 308 N. Sylvania.

Cline has a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M and has owned the family-run business for 25 years.

Cline said preventive maintenance can prolong the life of a car and save countless dollars in repair bills.

Car repair costs can depend on how well the vehicle is maintained, he said.

One of the first steps toward preventive maintenance is for car owners to acquaint themselves with a full-service gas station, he said.

Cline recommended buying gas at a station on occasion to make the service station attendants aware of regular customers.

"Even though the gas costs more, it's worth it," Cline said. "Don't necessarily go there all the time, but let them know you're a customer."

He said the attendants can check the car's tires, water, battery, antifreeze, oil and fluids (power steering, brake and transmission).

But Cline said he doesn't think a person should be entirely dependent on someone else when it comes to preventive car maintenance. He added that people should also read and refer to their car's maintenance manuals.

"Make it a point to observe," he said. "Be aware of strange noises, smoke or unusual feelings in your car when you drive."

The owner of a car should be responsible enough to check the car's fluids bi-monthly, he said.

"It takes a whole five minutes," Cline said. "If the fluids are going down, you know something is wrong."

He said drivers should keep a record of the car's mileage and should know when to change the engine's fluids.

A car's oil should be changed every 2,000 to 4,000 miles depending on the type of driving and the size of the engine, Cline said.

"A small engine with city driving should have an oil change every 2,000 miles," Cline said. "Bigger engines can go about 4,000 miles."

When the oil is changed at a shop, the front-end of the car is normally lubricated, he said.

Cline also said the air filter should be changed at least every 10,000 miles, but he added that it's a good idea to change the filter when the oil is changed.

The transmission fluid for an automatic transmission (transmission grease for a manual transmission) should be changed about every 15,000 miles, he said.

In addition to checking fluid levels and tire pressure, Cline also suggests a visual bi-monthly check for faulty belts and hoses.

He said to look for obvious water or oil leaks when the car's hood is raised.

"And look under the car for puddles of water or oil," he added. "If you find a puddle of water under the car near the passenger's side, then it's normally condensation from air conditioner usage, but if a puddle is near the front-end, it could be the radiator or the water pump."

If an indicator light comes on while driving, Cline said the driver should heed its warning.

"If the oil or temperature light comes on, stop immediately until the problem is identified, or you could ruin the engine," he said. "You should be aware that something might be wrong."

Cline's son, Randy, who manages the family shop, said that it's very expensive and time consuming to rebuild an engine.

"Rebuilding an engine for a domestic car can cost as much as \$2,500, and imports can cost as much as \$6,000 and higher," Randy said.

Cline said that cars break down more often during the winter and summer months, and those months are the busiest.

"In hot weather, batteries don't charge as well as they do when it's cooler because of excessive requirements by the air conditioner," the engineer said. "A battery will also tend to lose electrolyte due to increased temperature."

He also said alternators may fail because they can't cool properly when it's extremely hot outside.

It's also common for air conditioners to fail in the summer, just as it is for heaters to fail in the winter, he said.

"In cold weather, an engine is harder to turn over, and it doesn't have as much cranking power," Cline said. "The fluids in the engine get thick and the engine may run sluggishly."

Cline advised drivers to keep a watch on their antifreeze level, particularly before winter.

Cline said that when dealing with anyone associated with car repair, remember the Latin phrase, "caveat emptor," which means "let the buyer beware."

Cline said mechanics often work on a commission basis and that more emphasis may be placed on selling parts and service than on fixing cars during training.

"If you take your car to a supposedly reputable shop, which might be affiliated with a department store, and the shop tells you that you need a high dollar repair job, get a second opinion from a specialty shop," he said.

However, he also advised caution when dealing with some specialty shops.

He said he knew of one case in which a woman took her car to a well-known transmission shop and they told her the transmission would have to be rebuilt.

A mechanic, who worked for the specialty shop, told Cline that the transmission was only steam-cleaned to make it look rebuilt, and that the real problem was a faulty bearing.

The woman was charged \$600, and Cline said that the mechanic told him the customer gladly paid the bill.

Cline said it would have cost around \$45 to replace a bearing at his shop.

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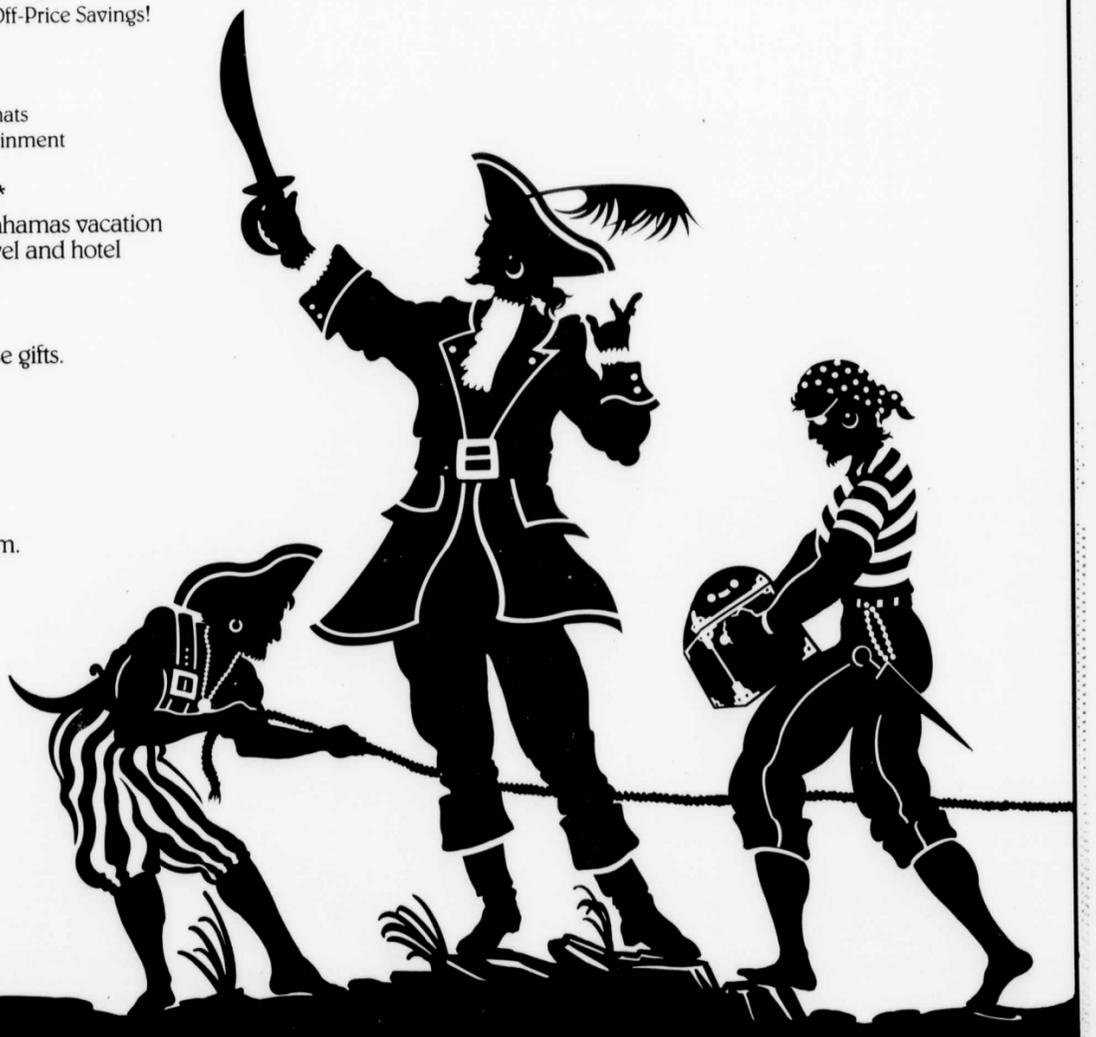
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Soviets ready to agree upon nuclear testing moratorium

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union said Wednesday it is ready to agree to a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing, to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima on Aug. 6.

But in reporting the Soviet statement, the official news agency Tass did not say the Soviets were ready to declare a unilateral moratorium. That left it unclear whether they would initiate a ban on Aug. 6 if other nuclear powers did not go along.

Tass said the Soviet moratorium statement was relayed in response to an American group called the Center for Defense Information, which had suggested such a ban to the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament.

The center is headed by Gene R. Larocque and Eugene J. Carroll.

In Washington, the State Department issued a statement saying it had not received any formal proposal from the Soviets, and adding: "If the Soviets are serious, we would expect them to offer some additional substance. We will examine any formal proposal carefully."

The department said it was concerned "about the desirability of an uninspected testing moratorium and the verifiability of restraints on nuclear tests, unless there are substantially improved verification provisions."

The statement added that "it was the Soviets who first resumed testing after such a declared moratorium in 1961 with the largest series of high yield nuclear explosions in history."

The Soviet Union has repeatedly urged that all nuclear powers declare a nuclear test ban. On Feb. 26, the Communist Party daily *Pravda* called for the ban, saying this would be a gesture of good will for the arms control negotiations that began in Geneva March 12.

The United States and the Soviet Union signed two partial test ban treaties in 1974 and 1976. Neither has been ratified by either country, although both nations have said they are adhering to them.

Disputes about verification and the relationship of a complete ban to other arms control questions have blocked agreement on stopping all tests.

The two countries agreed with Britain in 1963 to halt tests in the atmosphere, in space and under water.

Tass said the Center for Defense Information, in an address to the presidium, called for a moratorium on all nuclear arms tests beginning Aug. 6.

It said the Soviet Embassy in Washington was instructed to give a reply that reiterated the Soviet desire for a nuclear test ban.

"To provide auspicious conditions for drafting an appropriate treaty, the U.S.S.R. suggested such a practicable measure as a moratorium by all the nuclear powers on all nuclear explosions beginning with an agreed-upon date," Tass said.

"The Soviet Union agrees that the moratorium goes into effect on Aug. 6, 1985, the 40th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, as the authors suggest.

"If the other nuclear powers display positive attitudes, such a moratorium could be declared even earlier and remain in effect till the conclusion of a treaty on the complete and universal prohibition of nuclear weapons tests."

Such a ban "could constitute a very substantial step towards folding up the nuclear arms race," Tass said.

Students with gift of gab help boost alumni donations at 1985 phonothon

Steve Roth
Skiff Reporter

The 1985 TCU National "Phonothon," which was completed recently, had a \$7,000 increase over last year's pledges.

A total of \$171,339 in alumni pledges was collected by TCU students during a 16-day phonothon. Students contacted 16,592 alumni and approximately 24,000 calls were attempted.

Anyone who has attended TCU for any period of time is considered an alumni by the development department.

"The phonothon is sort of a clean-up job," Charles Ingram, associate director of development for Tarrant County and North Central Texas and director of the phonothon said.

"We have regional directors who make face to face contacts with alumni," Ingram said. "These directors usually get the larger pledges. The students (in the phonothon) are working mostly with non-donors or people who haven't contributed in a while.

Once people start giving, it's easy for them to keep on giving."

Out of the 16,592 alumni, 1,684 made new donations. The total of donors went up 34 percent from last year.

"We wanted to make an impact on new donors," Ingram said. "The average gift given by donors was \$25, so it took a lot of calls to reach the \$171,339 mark."

The students received money prizes proportional to the amount they collected. Brent Chesney, Kent Land, Suzanne O'Leary, Greg Elman, Larry Nobles and Megan Burke were all top collectors. Approximately 452 callers attended the phonothon.

Several organizations also participated in the phonothon. Nineteen fraternities and sororities and four independent groups collected pledges along with individual walk-in students.

The phonothon was organized with the help of Student Foundation members.

Suzanne O'Leary, 1985 TCU National phonothon chairperson, said one of her goals was to involve as many groups as possible to contact alumni who haven't been contacted in a long time.

"One student contacted an alumnus from Alaska, who hadn't been called in years," O'Leary said. "He was ecstatic. He kept asking questions about what was going on down here. It was really neat."

Ingram said the phonothon was handled in conversation style.

"The idea was to make the alumni feel like part of the TCU community. We hoped that the alumni would ask 'family-like' questions about the school, and many did."

Ingram said there were very few alumni who were not courteous. He did say, however, that some alumni who attended TCU for only a few classes were not as willing to donate. The main reason, he said, was that they no longer felt like part of the TCU community.

Aid to rebels faces opposition

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing stiff opposition to resuming military aid to Nicaraguan rebels, President Reagan appears willing to look at alternatives to his plan for \$14 million in new aid, House Democrats say.

As congressional head-counters gave Reagan's plan little hope for House approval, even some longtime supporters of *Contra* aid began publicly calling Wednesday for an approach that would withhold military assistance from the rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, a moderate Democrat who has backed *Contra* aid in the past, proposed a compromise he said would keep pressure on the Sandinistas while putting "military action on the back burner."

"The perception is—right or wrong—that the military option through the *Contras* has been on the front burner and is the president's course of first resort," Nunn said in a speech to the Coalition for a Democratic Majority, a group of moderate Democrats.

Nunn proposed giving the *Contras* non-lethal supplies, such as food and medicine, demanding the Sandinistas accept a dialogue with their opponents, and enlisting U.S. allies in an economic embargo on Nicaragua to

keep pressure on the Sandinistas. He added if the Sandinistas still refuse to moderate their behavior, Congress should consider resumption of military aid.

Nunn's proposal reflects a growing sense among past supporters of *Contra* aid that a new approach may be needed to avert Reagan's first major congressional defeat in his second term. The House votes on *Contra* aid next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Other moderate Democrats who met with Reagan on Wednesday also noted that the president seemed willing to compromise. "He said there is room for negotiation," said Rep. J. Roy Rowland, D-Ga.

But Democratic House members said the president discussed no details of any possible compromise and indicated no intention to reduce the amount of the \$14 million in *Contra* aid, which would start as non-lethal help but could be made into military assistance if proposed peace talks fail.

In the Senate, sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Republican leaders were looking for a way to sidestep any showdown vote at all.

A proposal under discussion by Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. David Durenberger, R-Minn., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, would call for a statement of support for the *Contras*, but end all military assistance, the sources said.

In other developments: —A congressional study reported Thursday that National Guardsmen from the ousted regime of Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza hold 46 of the 48 positions in the command structure of the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Force, the chief *Contra* group known by its Spanish initials FDN.

The report for the bipartisan Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus, a congressional caucus that has criticized Reagan in the past, challenges FDN claims that only a few former National Guardsmen remain in its ranks and those mostly at low levels.

The caucus report also said that up to 20 private U.S. groups have provided the *Contras* with about \$5 million in financial and material support in the past year, since Congress cut off CIA funding for the rebels.

Symposium to critique Johnson programs

AUSTIN (AP)—A group of former White House aides and others gathered at the University of Texas today for a two-day symposium to critique the Great Society programs of President Lyndon Johnson's administration.

The symposium will examine

aspects of the war on poverty, civil rights, education and health legislation passed during the Johnson administration.

One session will assess what worked and what failed in the Great Society and the reasons why.

Among those participating in the sessions will be: Joseph Califano, an aide to Johnson and secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Jimmy Carter; James Farmer, founder of the Congress of Racial Equality; and former congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

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Ralph Carter better than afternoon soaps

Bill Hanna
Skiff Reporter

Students enjoy going to Ralph Carter's classes. Carter is a political science professor at TCU and he's a good one.

His lectures are well planned and interesting and more often than not, they're funny, too.

COMMENTARY

The 33-year-old professor is a bundle of energy. He paces back and forth across the classroom while he lectures. He rarely is boring. There's always a Ronald Reagan or a Jimmy Carter joke just around the corner.

In his jeans and a yellow button-down shirt, Carter could still pass for a student. His reddish-brown hair and mustache add to his youthful appearance. Add his mischievous grin and a quick wit, and you've got the ingredients for a popular professor.

In fact, Carter was voted one of the most popular professors in an *Image* magazine poll last year.

However, he had misgivings about that poll. "I was shocked that they actually published the least popular professors. I couldn't believe that they did that," he said.

Carter's speciality is foreign policy.

He's a storyteller. He sets the cast of characters and then he starts telling that day's story. It's better than afternoon soaps.

He tries to make his lectures interesting. "I try to psyche myself up for class. Because if I'm interesting, then more of the students will be involved. And if more of them feel involved, then they won't be as likely to skip class. And if they don't skip class, they'll make better grades," Carter said.

He also said his humor is part of his strategy. "I know that some students may come to class just to hear what I'm gonna say," he said. "But if that's the case, then maybe they'll listen to the rest of my lecture just to make sure they don't miss the jokes."

Carter's jokes pop up at the most unexpected times. One day in class he was talking about former Secretary of State Alexander Haig. He recalled when Reagan was shot and Haig uttered his famous "I'm in control" speech.

"That speech probably brought Reagan out of a coma and got him walking and screaming. 'No you're not in control,'" Carter said.

The class loved it. Politically, Carter says he's middle of the road and that he's stayed the same while the country has changed.

"I used to consider myself much more conservative than most of the

people I associated with," he said. "Now I consider myself more liberal or maybe less conservative than the people I associate with. I don't think I've changed that much, but I think society has grown more conservative over the last decade."

Carter graduated from Midwestern State University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. When he first started college, he didn't plan on being a professor.

"My dad had always wanted me to be a lawyer, and so naturally I just assumed that I would be a lawyer," he said. "Then I discovered that law schools didn't care what you majored in as long as you made good grades. So I looked around and said 'hmm, what are the easiest classes for me to make A's in?' And for me, the easiest classes were political science. So I just took the path of least resistance."

While he was at Midwestern, Carter realized that he didn't want to be a lawyer. "By my junior year in college, I realized that I didn't want to be a lawyer, so I decided to be a political science professor instead," he said.

When Carter graduated from Midwestern, he headed for Ohio State University's graduate school. "I went from a sleepy little NAIA school to the flagship university of the state of Ohio. It was a huge adjustment. I was scared to death as to whether or not I could cut it," he said. "I had

been a big fish in a little pond, but so had everyone else who was there. Only their ponds were much bigger than mine."

Carter did make the adjustment to Ohio State and in 1978 he applied for a job opening at Wichita State University. "It was attractive because Wichita, Kansas, is much closer to Texas than Ohio. My wife and I are both from North Texas and our families are down here, so we wanted to get closer to home," he said.

In 1982, Carter came to TCU to get even closer to home and to live in a big city.

"My wife and I enjoy going out and doing a wide variety of things. We like to go dining at various restaurants. We like to do things with our friends. That's one of the reasons we moved here, because we both like the amenities of a large metropolitan area," he said.

Every day Carter faces a 43-mile drive home. He lives in Dallas because his wife works for the city of Dallas. "She puts in really long hours, and I didn't want her to have a long drive down the turnpike late at night. My hours are more flexible so I don't mind driving," said Carter.

Carter finds the students at TCU different than at Wichita State. "There's a tremendous amount of diversity in the students at a school like



Ralph Carter

Wichita State that you don't find here. It (Wichita State) was a commuter school much like UTA. Very few of them lived on campus. Most of them worked and took a maximum of six hours.

"TCU is more of a traditional university in the same sense that most of

the students are of the traditional college age. There's much less diversity here, which is too bad," he said. "But I like the students here. I've had very few that I didn't think highly of. And there have also been a significant number that I consider as friends," Carter said.

A&M corps complies with decree, names woman to staff for first time

COLLEGE STATION (AP)—A woman has been named to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets staff for the first time in the wake of a court decree banning the Aggie's no-women rules, school officials say.

Mandy Schubert, 19, was selected as administrative sergeant entirely on her merits—not as a token woman, Corps Commandant Donald Burton said Wednesday.

Burton said the corps is complying with a consent decree, approved in January by U.S. District Judge Ross Sterling, that requires the A&M corps to admit

women to all organizations, including the all-male Texas Aggie Band.

But the consent decree had nothing to do with Schubert's selection, Burton said.

"Mandy's selection was not a surprise," he said. "She had a good interview and she has earned a good reputation. . . . She's got all the requirements for the job."

The Houston sophomore majoring in business analysis is among the top 3 percent of all sophomore cadets academically, Burton said. She and six other sophomores were selected from a pool of about 100 applicants.

As administrative sergeant, Schubert will handle corps communications, keep minutes of corps meetings and serve as assistant for the March to the Brazos Committee, which raises money each year for charitable causes.

Schubert said her father, 1959 A&M graduate Rudy Schubert, held a corps staff position and "never dreamed that women would be selected for the staff."

But Schubert says she expects some of her fellow cadets to regard any woman's promotion with suspicion, especially so soon after the consent decree.

Israel, Texas to swap information

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas farmers could be learning a lot about irrigation of arid lands from their Israeli counterparts under a new agreement between that nation and the state. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower says.

"Israel's a good 10, 15 years ahead of us in having addressed their water needs in agriculture, so we have something to learn there," Hightower said.

"They have the technology. They're willing to share that with us."

The agreement was signed Wednesday by Hightower and Abraham Katz-Oz, a member of Israel's parliament and that nation's deputy agriculture minister.

The pact calls for a Texas-Israel Exchange committee, composed of

Texas and Israeli civic and agricultural leaders, to work jointly on projects from which both sides can benefit.

Hightower said he expects the projects to include swaps of information and technology on water use, marketing, processing of farm products, energy and research data. Direct trade links also may be established through the program, he said.

Israel and parts of Texas have similar climates and similar water shortage problems, said Hightower, who visited that country last year.

The Israelis have developed drip irrigation techniques for arid areas, as well as methods for irrigating with salt water and using city wastewater for irrigation, he said.

"Water is one area that we've found

we have a very logical connection in," Hightower said.

"We also definitely are going to see some crop research projects. We're going to discuss trade possibilities. We are interested in talking about grain shipments to Israel and the possibility of some beef (export) potential in there," he added.

Katz-Oz made a three-day tour this week of Texas agricultural areas—including Hereford, Lubbock, Littlefield, Weslaco, Harlingen, San Antonio and the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall.

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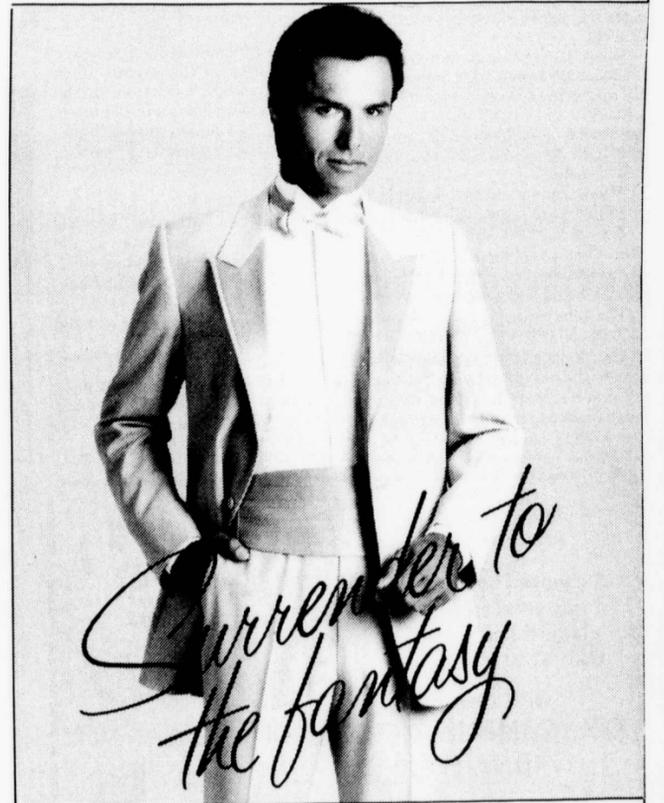
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Former investment teacher convicted for theft

HOUSTON (AP)—A former investment teacher convicted of stealing more than \$12 million was sentenced to 20 years in prison for theft, the maximum penalty a jury could assess.

Allan George Cooper, 43, was sentenced by a district court jury Wednesday after finding the man guilty of taking money he had promised clients he would invest for them. Some of the clients were his students, prosecutors said.

"You have stolen from people in an emotional state of turmoil," State District Judge Ted Poe told Cooper before pronouncing the sentence. "You have stolen from the elderly. You have stolen from the inheritances of people. You have stolen from widows. You have stolen from the critically in-

jured. And worst of all, you have stolen from the savings of children."

Cooper's attorney, Ray McQuary, described his client as a "dumb businessman" but not a thief.

Cooper formerly taught investment classes at Houston-area community colleges.

Prosecutor Russel Turbeville called as witnesses six widows, a woman who won money in an accident settlement and people who had saved money for their children's college educations.

Poe said the jury's decision to send Cooper to jail could be "the last strand of wire between the fox and the chickens."

Cooper was convicted of the theft of \$45,000 invested by two women in a limited partnership scheme.

Turbeville said the money was not invested in his Tax Utilization Planning Corp., but instead was used as part of a \$300,000 restitution claim required of Cooper in Lansing, Mich., where Cooper ran an investment company in the 1970s. He came to Texas in 1978.

He also was convicted with thefts involving another company, Kingwood Financial Group. The company, with Cooper as president, was set up to make loans to engineering contractors so they could meet payrolls. That

firm, however, filed for bankruptcy with debts of \$4 million.

According to Turbeville, Cooper was involved with so many other schemes that "it was impossible to segregate the things. He was constantly loaning money from one investment opportunity to another."

The theft charges were served on Cooper last year when he appeared in Poe's court on charges of stealing two rental cars.



Ralph Wood, a junior finance major, reaches for a football during an afternoon football game in Forest Park. PHOTO BY DAN PETERSEN

Quality of life survey gives Texas cities the once-over

ARLINGTON (AP)—A university study ranks Austin as the best place to live in Texas, but last-place Brownsville still has aesthetic assets like "beautiful sunsets," a researcher says.

The survey on the quality of life in the state's 52 largest cities by the University of Texas at Arlington ranks Austin first, then San Antonio, Dallas, Midland and Houston.

On the bottom of the list are Tyler, Texas City, Paris, Killeen and Brownsville.

The authors of the study said it takes into account only things that can be measured, rating the cities on eight major "quality of life" elements—transportation, culture and recreation, public safety, housing, politics, education, economic opportunities, and health and the environment.

Researched by UTA's Institute of Urban Studies, the survey used data from the 1970 and the 1980 U.S. Census and dozens of reports from agencies and private organizations, said authors Richard Cole, the institute dean, and professors Delbert Taebel and Ann Smith.

Released Tuesday, the study measured everything from the condition of plumbing in homes to the number of bowling lanes available in a city.

"Obviously, quality of life is subjective, but there are some elements that can be measured, and that's what we

tried to do," Cole said. "Other people may have different views."

The following is the ranking of Texas cities in the study, entitled "The Quality of Life in Texas Cities."

1. Austin, 10.00 rating; 2. San Antonio, 9.98; 3. Dallas, 9.23; 4. Midland, 9.18; 5. Houston, 9.17; 6. Denton, 9.16; 7. Temple, 9.04; 8. Corpus Christi, 8.91; 9. Amarillo, 8.88; 10. Abilene, 8.85.

11. Fort Worth, 8.82; 12. El Paso, 8.74; 13. Hurst, 8.73; 14. College Station, 8.72; 15. Kingsville, 8.61; 16. Garland, 8.60; 17. Lubbock, 8.58; 18. Nacogdoches, 8.57; 19. Carrollton, 8.49; and, 20. Mesquite, 8.46.

21. Plano, 8.43; 22. Waco, 8.38; 23. Arlington, 8.28; 24. Irving, 8.24; 25. Victoria, 8.21; 26. Del Rio, 8.12; 27. Richardson, 8.12; 28. Wichita Falls, 8.09; 29. Odessa, 8.05; 30. Beaumont, 8.03.

31. San Angelo, 8.01; 32. Duncanville, 7.99; 33. Sherman, 7.97; 34. McAllen, 7.88; 35. North Richland Hills, 7.81; 36. Bryan, 7.80; 37. Port Arthur, 7.77; 38. Galveston, 7.76; 39. Texarkana, 7.68; 40. Baytown, 7.64.

41. Haltom City, 7.60; 42. Pasadena, 7.58; 43. Lufkin, 7.57; 44. Harlingen, 7.56; 45. Grand Prairie, 7.54; 46. Longview, 7.51; 47. Laredo, 7.50; 48. Tyler, 7.40; 49. Texas City, 7.00; 50. Paris, 6.95; 51. Killeen, 6.76; and, 52. Brownsville, 6.45.

Costs of AIDS epidemic borne by all, researcher says

ATLANTA (AP)—The costs of health care, disability and death associated with the national AIDS epidemic have topped \$5 billion and could double in the next year, according to the national Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC estimates that the first 9,000 people to get AIDS in this country required 1.5 million days of hospitalization and 51,000 days of outpatient treatment, for a health care cost of \$1.25 billion, said CDC researcher Ann Hardy.

Those same patients, according to the CDC's estimates, will total 7,538 years of work disablement before their deaths, and their deaths will rob the economy of more than \$4.2 billion in lost wages and benefits.

The total price tag on the disease: \$5,638,500,000.

The dollar amount is a representation of the cost of AIDS to the country, not just to the individual patients and families involved, Hardy said at the CDC's international conference

on acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"This is meant to help broadly determine the economic impact of AIDS," she said.

A total of 9,608 AIDS cases have been reported in this country since 1979; 73 percent have been in the chief risk group, homosexual or bisexual males. The disease, which breaks down the body's immune system, has so far claimed the lives of 4,712 people.

The CDC forecasts that AIDS will double in the United States in the next year, and if no effective treatment is found in that time—and scientists admit they are still a long way away—the costs will rise along with the disease, Hardy said.

"The cost of AIDS is going to be significant," she said, "especially among groups and in cities where the incidence is high."

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Senior slugger hits .450 to lead Frogs' attack

Jim McGee
Skiff Reporter

The public address system at the TCU baseball diamond blares out, announcing to everyone within ear-shot:

"The batter is the designated hitter, No. 15, Mike Ramsey."

This message is usually followed by the sharp "ping" of an aluminum bat as it hits the ball, then a cheer from the crowd as the TCU star races around the basepaths.

For Ramsey, it's all in the line of duty. The left-handed senior slugger from Brownsville is the leading hitter for the Frogs. Ramsey currently has the third-best average in the Southwest Conference, churning out hits at a .450 clip.

For the season he is batting .452, more than 100 points higher than the next-best Frog. In addition, the 6-foot, 174-pounder is leading the conference in stolen bases, and is the

team leader in triples, home runs and RBIs.

"This whole year has just been a year of confidence for me," Ramsey said. "I think that I've drawn some respect from some of the conference schools in regards to the way I hit."

Ramsey usually plays designated hitter, which means his only job is to get on base. He said he doesn't feel any less a part of the team, however, because the players encourage each other.

"I don't feel like it's any extra pressure, because I'm not going to do it all the time," he said. "But I think if (the players) do it 80 or 90 percent of the time, then we're doing our job."

Many opposing pitchers will try to pitch around Ramsey. He has drawn 25 walks this year, more than any other Frog. But Ramsey doesn't worry a lot about pitchers.

"All the pitcher does is throw the ball," he said. "Once it leaves his hand, it's just a challenge between you and the ball."

"This whole year has just been a year of confidence for me."

-MIKE RAMSEY, TCU baseball player

Ramsey enjoys challenges. The SWC currently sports five teams in the top 20, more than any other conference, but Ramsey consistently hits conference pitching as well or better than non-conference pitching.

"It's the money weekend," he said of conference games. "It's a lot of concentration that's going out for 48 hours. You can hurt on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday, but you don't hurt during the weekends—it's time to play."

Ramsey lettered four years at Brownsville's Hanna High School, but said he "didn't have an exceptional career in high school."

From there he went to Texas

Southmost Junior College, where he and pitcher Wayne Stephens caught the attention of TCU Head Coach Bragg Stockton, who was at the University of Houston at the time.

Both Ramsey and Stephens decided to follow Stockton to Frogland. But in the meantime, something happened to Ramsey which changed his career.

"I broke my left wrist," he said.

That's certainly an unusual strategy for transforming a player who wasn't recruited out of high school into one of the top hitters in the Southwest Conference.

"The lead hand does a lot of the hitting," Ramsey explained. "That

would be my right hand, and I think that got a lot stronger due to my left hand being hurt. That probably is the biggest thing that helped my hitting."

Despite the injury, Ramsey can still throw well. In addition to playing designated hitter, he has also logged a lot of time in the outfield this season. Still, Ramsey enjoys the DH role.

"I can pick up the defense. If somebody makes a mistake defensively, or if our pitcher throws a bad pitch that gets us in trouble, then I feel I'm prepared to do my job at the plate."

Ramsey does the job off the diamond as well. A 3.8 student as a sports recreational leadership major, Ramsey is also a resident assistant in Milton Daniel Residence Hall. Ramsey may make all-American, and he has an excellent shot at academic all-American honors.

"I've never really thought about what my grades would do," he said, "but it's exciting to know that I could be recognized for that."

Ramsey tries to keep it all in perspective, however.

"The big thing to me is to realize that I'm not competing against anybody else. If I start thinking that I'm competing against guys on my team, or guys on other teams in the conference, then I'm probably going to fall flat on my face."

Ramsey is looking forward to the major league draft, in hopes that he can get a shot at the big leagues.

"The draft could give me a chance to do something that every kid wants a chance to do—play pro ball," he said.

But Ramsey is prepared for the time when his baseball days are over.

"I don't want to teach. I don't want to coach. I really want to be able to go into a health club-type situation and work," he said.

For now, though, Ramsey is trying to get the most out of his baseball career.

"If baseball is good, then I'll just play baseball as long as I can play," he said.

NCAA approves 'death penalty'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—In what one official describes as "the athletic equivalent of the death penalty," the NCAA Council has approved a plan to close down for up to two years any athletic program that repeatedly violates major rules.

The policy-making Council concluded three days of meetings Wednesday by giving unanimous endorsement to a series of measures

drawn up by the newly created NCAA Presidential Commission. The measures would identify "major" and

"secondary" violations and give the NCAA enforcement staff far-reaching new powers. They will be voted on at a special convention of NCAA schools that the commission has scheduled for June 20-21 in New Orleans.

If approved, violations which in the past resulted in private reprimands could cause schools to lose scholarships, and players to lose eligibility. Violations that have traditionally drawn strong penalties could result in schools not being able to recruit or give scholarships or even schedule games for as long as two years.

"I believe the membership is going to approve the entire package," Jack Davis, president of the NCAA, told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. The commission, hoping to increase pressure on schools to go along with the stepped-up war on recruiting scandals, has specified that every school's vote will be made public.

"We sense a feeling of urgency among college presidents that something needs to be done immediately to address the issue of integrity in college athletics," said Davis.

Gustafson said he thought crowd problems "definitely could hurt" UT's chances of playing host to an NCAA regional tournament.

"Even though I think this was an isolated incident, I think it could have a big impact on our chances," he said. "One drunken guy who's not a regular fan casts a black eye on the whole support."

Texas has hosted regional tournaments for six consecutive years and won all but one—in 1980, when it lost to Hawaii.

Drunk fans anger UT baseball coach

AUSTIN (AP)—Some University of Texas baseball fans have gotten so unruly that Head Coach Cliff Gustafson says the university should try to control drinking in parking lots.

Gustafson said the problem, though minor, could jeopardize the Longhorns' chances of hosting another NCAA regional baseball tournament, although an NCAA official downplayed the possibility.

Gustafson and UT Athletic Director Deloss Dodds said the majority of Texas baseball fans behave well. But they expressed regret Tuesday at poor behavior during and after a game

Monday night against Oklahoma State University.

Dodds said he planned to write OSU Head Coach Gary Ward and apologize for fan behavior at the game. Texas won the game 13-12 to sweep a two-game series.

After the game, a fan jumped the railing and approached the OSU team. Witnesses said the man entered the visitors' dugout and fought with several players.

Although beer is not sold at the ballpark, Gustafson said he was aware of drinking in parking lots. "I think that's something we need to take mea-

Killer Frogs sign guard

Jim Killingsworth, TCU basketball coach, had five scholarships to award to worthy recruits this year, and on Wednesday, he gave the last one away.

Killingsworth's Horned Frogs signed 6-foot-3 guard Carl Lott to a letter of intent to play for TCU next fall. Lott, from Westark Junior College in Arkansas, averaged 14.6 points and 6 rebounds a game last year.

Lott also finished his two-year career at Westark as the school's third-leading scorer in history. He'll be a junior next fall.

The signing of Lott ends Killingsworth's search for a guard, a position that was depleted with the graduation of starters Dennis Nutt and Tracy Mitchell. Jamie Dixon and Randy Parker return at guard for the Horned Frogs.

Lott was the fifth player to sign with the Horned Frogs. Killingsworth earlier inked 6-foot-11 center Roger Presswood from Lilburn, Ga., 6-foot-7 forward Larry Richard from California, along with forward Brian Stinchcomb of Denton and guard Rod Jacques of Conroe.



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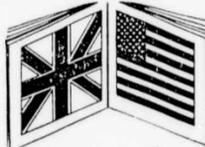
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TCU bodybuilder wins

Bill Hanna
Skiff Reporter

Romy Schweyer's room is getting a little crowded these days. But don't fret for Schweyer, because he's now the proud owner of two trophies he won at the 1985 Metroplex Bodybuilding Classic last weekend, along with the title of 1985 "Mr. Metroplex."

Schweyer started off his trophy collection by winning the men's level three middleweight title. About an hour later, Schweyer went back on stage and competed against the lightweight and heavyweight winners and won his second trophy by capturing the men's overall title.

Schweyer also qualified for the Lone Star Bodybuilding Championship in August and the Timberland competition next November.

But right now, Schweyer is still savoring his performance last Sunday. "I was surprised and happy," he said. "It didn't hit me till yesterday (Monday) morning."

"I was real confident about the middleweight division when I weighed in at 179.4 (pounds)," he said. "That's a half pound under the weight limit and so I knew I was bigger than the guys I would be competing against."

When it came time to compete against the other winners, Schweyer was a little more concerned. "I was worried about the heavyweight winner because I knew he had a lot of size."

In that final posing session, Schweyer said he tried to show the judges his best poses. And one of the things that really helped him hold his poses was the crowd. "They made me try just that much harder," he said. "Every time they got louder, I think my poses got better."

His roommate, Brian Adams, was one of about 30 of Schweyer's friends who turned out to cheer him on. "The whole place was clapping for him, not just us," Adams said.

After he had won the title, Schweyer and Adams went out on the town to celebrate. Schweyer was able to enjoy all of the food he couldn't eat on his training diet. "Do you know how a steak tastes when you haven't had red meat in four months?" he asked. "Man I pigged out. I had nachos and an Oreo cookie shake that probably had more calories than my entire diet. It was great."

As a result of his rediscovery of food, Schweyer said he has gained 10 pounds in two days. However, Schweyer is ready to get back in the gym. "Even though the contest is over I still miss the training," he said. "In a way, it's almost become a part of me."

Schweyer doesn't plan to compete in the Lone Star competition because his coach would prefer him to do some more training before he competes at a higher level. However, Schweyer does plan to participate in next November's Timberland competition.



TCU's Tom Mercer hits a shot against SMU's John Ross in Wednesday's match. Mercer beat the fifth-ranked Ross in three sets. PHOTO BY JACQUELYN TORBERT

Mercer posts upset win over SMU's best

Grant McGinnis
Skiff Reporter

Tom Mercer, the No. 1 tennis player for the TCU Horned Frogs may have pulled off the biggest upset of the year Wednesday, but it was all for naught as the Frogs lost to the third-ranked SMU Mustangs in Southwest Conference action.

SMU won four of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches in picking up the win over the Frogs, now 5 and 2 in the SWC. For Mercer, it was a different story.

The sophomore from Pittsburgh, Pa., upset John Ross of the Ponies, currently rated the fifth-best singles player in the country. Mercer, who has lost only one conference match this year, beat Ross in three sets, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5.

Mercer, who missed five months of action with a shoulder injury suffered at last summer's Olympic trials, also picked up a win in doubles play with partner Neil Broad. In that match, the Frog pair beat Stephan Krueger and Den Bishop 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

In other singles action, Broad beat Krueger 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 for the only other TCU singles win. Richey Reneberg of SMU beat TCU's Scott Meyers at the No. 2 spot, 6-1, 6-3, while Mark Styslinger beat Fred Viancos 2-6, 7-6, 7-6.

In other singles play, Bishop dropped John Baker 6-4, 6-4 and Ed Ross beat Jose Marques-Neto 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In the other two doubles matches, John Ross and Monte Oppenheim beat Baker and Meyers 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Ed Ross and Reneberg defeated Viancos and Marques-Neto 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile in Houston, the TCU women's team was having a much better time of it as they beat Rice 6-3 to raise their SWC mark to 5 and 3 on the season.

Winning for TCU, Rene Simpson beat Wendy Brockman of Rice 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 and Liza Riefkohl beat Eileen Curreri 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. Marnie Ochoa of TCU beat Lori Cronk 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, while Molly Hourigan dropped Gigi Sacaris 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles play, Ochoa and Riefkohl dumped Curreri and Allison Culver 6-2, 6-2 while Simpson and Hourigan teamed up to beat Ray and Cronk 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

The TCU men will host Texas A&M in a crucial conference match-up Friday at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday, both the men and women will play highly-touted Trinity University in non-conference action.

TCU will wrap up the season next weekend at the Southwest Conference Championships in Corpus Christi.

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