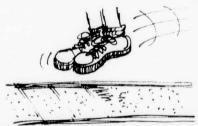


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Fort Worth, Texas

## Reagan halts trade to leftist Nicaragua

Wednesday and moved to deny U.S. access to Nicaraguan commercial airliners and flag vessels.

actions in Central America, Reagan also is abrogating a 27-year-old U.S.-Nicaraguan friendship treaty.

"The activities of Nicaragua, supported by the Soviet Union and its allies, are incompatable with normal commercial relations," presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said.

The president authorized these steps in response to the emergency situation created by the Nicaraguan government's aggressive action in Central America," Speakes said in an announcement to reporters shortly after Reagan arrived in the West German capital for a seven-nation economic summit.

Speakes said the president was signing orders for the embargo today and sending a message on the action to Congress.

Speakes emphasized, however, that Reagan still would press Congress to provide aid for the Contra guerrillas battling the Nicaraguan government

ident Reagan ordered a total embargo tion of Reagan's request for aid to the on trade with leftist Nicaragua Contras, Speakes said the president was imposing trade sanctions in view of "the new ties between Nicaragua and the Soviet Union" announced by To counter Nicaragua's aggressive the Soviet news agency Tass in connection with Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's visit to Moscow earlier this week

> Speakes also cited the apprehension in Honduras of seven agents of the Nicaraguan state security service "who admitted that they had traveled to Honduras from Nicaragua in order to aid and assist Honduran insurgents.

In addition, Speakes pointed to the delivery of Soviet and East German military equipment to Nicaragua and that government's rejection of church-mediated talks with opposition leaders and its rejection of Reagan's peace proposal for Central

In Managua, Bayardo Arce, one of the nine members of the ruling Sandinista directorate said Tuesday that Reagan administration officials "want us to yield to hunger and put us on our knees . . . but they will never succeed in it."



Guest stars David Curwen as the Moor and Mario Nugara (right) as Petrouchka join Karen Schaffenburg of TCU's ballet faculty in "Petrouchka," to be presented with "Cirque de Deux" May 2 through 4 at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU NEWS SERVICE

## House gives yearbook money, talks ticket policy revision

W. Robert Padgett

The TCU House of Student Representatives started the process of giving the campus a genuine yearbook Tuesday by passing a bill allocating \$2,620 for next year's production of The Feature.

Feature editor Heather Steinle compared the 1984 TCU publication with that of her former high school and with the yearbook from Georgia Tech during her presentation to the

The 90-page Feature hardly represents a lasting image for TCU students, Steinle said. With the money allocated from the House, Steinle said she wants to increase the number of pages to anywhere from 240 to 300. In addition, she estimated The Feature would be self-supporting in the next two years through advertising re-

Committee chairs were elected by House members during Tuesday's meeting also

In the only contested chair slot, Kurt Goff was elected over Carol Beard for the head of the permanent dents to sit with their parents at the improvements committee. Jane annual Parent's Weekend game.

Cooper was elected student concerns committee chair.

Leah Wingard (elections committee), Amy Gribble (university relations committee) and John Gessert (academic affairs committee) all retained their positions in Tuesday's

During his report, House president Jack Larson said he met with athletic director Frank Windegger about revising the ticket policy for next fall's football games

Larson said the policy might be changed as a result of the inconveniences with the allocation of student tickets for last semester's Texas-TCU game, which was the second sell-out in Amon G. Carter Stadium since the

Among possible revisions to the policy, Larson said he and Windegger discussed the athletic department handing out tickets starting Sunday, instead of Monday, and continuing until Tuesday. During Tuesday's meeting, Larson wrote down suggestions from other House members to take to Windegger sometime in the near future. The list of suggestions included enforcing the 6-ticket limit and making it more feasible for stu-

#### presents two ballets CU Fine Arts Guild

#### Diane Vallejo

Skiff Reporter

The TCU Fine Arts Guild has commissioned the performance of two ballets, "Petrouchka" and "Cirque de Deux", May 2 to 4 in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Fernando Schaffenburg, director of Ballet Ensemble at TCU, has restaged both ballets.

'Petrouchka' is a masterpiece and a symbol of man's soul," Schaffenburg said. "No matter how many evil things try to destroy something, there is always hope.

"Petrouchka" is a story of three puppets- Petrouchka, a ballerina and a Moor–and is set at a Shrovetide Fair (the three days before Ash Wednesday) in St. Petersburg.

'Cirque de Deux" is a one-act ballet and has four soloists. It is a kind of spoof on different circus acts.

The ballets have general audience appeal, Schaffenburg said.

People can find different things in he said. "Children love the puppets. Adults love the color and the music of Stravinsky in 'Petrouchka.

"'Cirque de Deux' is a pretty ballet to accompany 'Petrouchka,'" Schaffenburg said.

"Cirque de Deux' is a fun challenge," said senior Gay Frizzell, who plays the lead ballerina in "Cirque de Deux" and the ballerina in "Petrouchka." Frizzell has worked with Schaffenburg since she was in the sixth

Most of the roles were cast at the beginning of the semester at the time of Ballet Ensemble, Shaffenburg said.

"Seeing them dance on a daily basis was better than a formal audition," he said.

"The students have to be very good dancers," Shaffenburg said. "The "It was a pleasure"

more important the role, the better the dancer has to be.

In the large cast of "Petrouchka, there were also people who had to be selected for the acting roles in the ballet

"We have some very good actors, Schaffenburg said. "I'm pleased with

"Schaffenburg really worked at getting the ballets to be authentic," said sophomore Janet Weeks, who plays a nursemaid in "Petrouchka." very good about being selected to be

'Petrouchka' is an extravaganza, Weeks said. "It's not just a bunch of tutus. It's fun and interesting.

"The ballet is a cultural experience," said senior Leslie Palmer, who plays a nursemaid and a gypsy in "Petrouchka. "It lets you experience a life

"It was a pleasure working with the Fine Arts Guild Scholarship Fund.

students," Schaffenburg said. They've given all they have and I know the production will go well.

The original choreography for "Petrouchka" was done by Michel Fokine. The original choreography for "Cirque de Deux" was done by Ruthana

LaLonnie Lehman was in charge of the costuming for the ballets and Nancy McCauley was responsible for set design. Both are members of the TCU theatre, ballet and modern dance

The technical people did beautiful jobs with the costuming and the pro-duction set," Schaffenburg said.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. each evening May 2 to 4 and at 2 p.m. May 2 and 4. Tickets are \$4 for general admission, \$2 for senior citizens and students with TCU ID. Reservations may be made by calling the TCU box office. Proceeds will go to the TCU

## WORLD MONITOR

#### Nation

Republicans win test vote of Reagan-backed budget

WASHINGTON (AP)- Backers of a move to spare Social Security from this year's budget knife are predicting decisive victory, despite preliminary Senate approval of a White House-backed plan that would limit cost-of-living benefit increases.

We're going to win by a wide margin. We're going to leave Social Security alone," said Sen. Paula Hawkins, R-Fla., co-author with Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., of a budget amendment to strip Social Security curtailment from President Reagan's \$52 billion package of spending cuts.

#### State

Gov. White joins efforts against drunk driving

AUSTIN (AP)- Gov. Mark White and his family will appear in one of several public service announcements aimed at reducing drunken driving accidents and deaths.

The announcement will be part of a campaign sponsored by the Texas Association of Broadcasters and Mothers Against Drunk Driving to raise public awareness of drunken driving, White said Tuesday in a Capitol news conference kicking off the campaign.

#### Outside

Fair and sunny Thursday with a high near 80.

#### know 'no greater love' Children of Vietnam dead

one of roughly 50,000 American children left fatherless by the Vietnam War, never knew the dad he came to honor at the black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"I was only five months old when he died," said the 18-year-old Fairfax, Va., youth as he and four others held a simple ceremony for their fathers Tuesday on the 10th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

father, and what a brave guy he was, said Smith, one of late Lt. Cmdr. Smith, 21-year-old twins, were also

The children, all members of a group called "No Greater Love, arranged the ceremony at the Vshaped memorial with 58,022 names of dead Americans etched in it. "No Greater Love," a non-profit organization, helps the children of parents kil-

The five walked slowly past the names, almost brushing the wall. They planted 10 small American flags in the ground, and then laid a wreath "My mom says we look a lot like our of red roses at the apex of the V. Taps" was played.

Patricia O'Grady Aloot, 32, said she James Smith's four sons. Mike and Pat was there to represent the families of men whose names on the wall were marked by a cross. That meant they

were missing in action

'For me, the war is not over," said Aloot, a college professor from Marymount College in Arlington, Va.

"All I want to know is what hap-pened to him," said Aloot of her father, Col. John O'Grady. O'Grady was reported missing April 10, 1967, when his parachute was found on the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Although the U.S. government officially listed O'Grady as dead in 1976, Aloot said there is "good data" suggesting there may be some Americans

"All I ask you to do is to ask everyone from our government to North Vietnam. . . . Ask them what hap-

pened to John O'Grady," she said. Sixteen years after her father, Maj. Frederick Hess, was reported missing, Christine Hess is still optimistic he might be alive

The 17-year-old high school senior from Arlington added, "It's difficult not knowing what happened to him.'

Carmella Laspada, founder of "No Greater Love," said the children of men killed in Vietnam have had an especially difficult time because the conflict created such bitter divisions at home.

The group has tried to make the children understand that their fathers were good and brave people serving their country, she said.

#### Dallasite becomes oldest man to reach top of Mount Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)- A 55year-old businessman from Dallas has become the oldest man ever to reach the top of Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, the ministry of tourism reported today.

The ministry said Dick Bass reached the top of the 29,028-foot peak on the Nepal-China border at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday after a 10-hour climb from his highest assault camp.

Bass, part of a Norwegian Everest expedition, reached the top with American filmmaker David Breashears, 29, of Newton, Mass., and Nepalese Sherpa guide Ang

The three men went up the traditional southeast ridge route pioneered by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and sherpa Tenzing Norgay in the first successful scaling of Everest in 1953.

Bass, an entrepreneur who has developed ski resorts in Snowbird, Utah, is five years older than Chris Bonnington of northern England, who reached the peak on April 21, and Jozef Psotka of Czechoslovakia, another 50-year-old who climbed

Everest last October. Bass has been on three previous

expeditions to the Himalayan peak, but was stopped short of the summit on each of these occasions

Bass, Breashears and Anglaunched their summit bid at 2 a.m. Monday from camp four at 26,174 feet, the ministry said, quoting radio reports from the team's base camp.

The base camp said the weather was clear through the morning hours while the three were on the summit, but snow fell as they descended.

During their 15-minute stay on the pinnacle, the three hoisted flags of the United States, Nepal and of the seven continents. Breashears filmed their

activities during the summit climb, the base camp said.

All three used oxygen during the final stages of the climb.

Ang made it back to camp four at

2:15 p.m., followed 30 minutes later by Bass and Breashears, the only Americans in the Norwegian expedition. The three men slept at the camp Tuesday night.

Four Norwegians and four sherpa guides used the same camp four as a starting point in making their successful climb to the peak on Monday.

# PINION

## Veteran remembers prison camp

#### By Heber Taylor

LUFKIN (AP)- For 40 years, the blood red swastika flag that flew over the Flossenburg concentration camp lay in Woodrow W Scott's attic

During the uproar over President Reagan's decision to lay a wreath at a cemetery where Nazi SS soldiers are buried, Scott brought the flag down for a look

Scott, as a lieutenant leading a company of 90th Infantry Division soldiers, took the town of Flossenburg 40 years ago. His troops threw open the gates of the death camp.

'We pulled the prisoners out and put the guards inside," Scott said. "That was it.

Scott was horrified by what he saw. But he said he could do little for the death camp victims who were still alive.

At the head of one of Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army columns, Scott was racing for Prague, Czechoslovakia. He could pause only long enough to release the prisoners and radio headquarters to bring up the ambulances.

Scott recalled that, as he entered the town, a grubby soldier came running up to him.

"He saluted. Hell, I hadn't been saluted since I got overseas. I thought he was a

'He said, 'I'm a GI.'

"I said, 'Well, there are a hell of a lot of GI's around here. What do you want?'

The soldier told him American soldiers were imprisoned in the town

Scott, following orders, had to go through the town to set up a roadblock before going to the house where the American prisoners were

"He followed me all the way and kept telling me there were Americans in town," Scott recalled. When Scott got to the house, he almost got sick

There was a house about the size of a room Six inches off the floor there was a platform Six inches above that there was another plat form-one platform right on top of another. And it was full of American prisoners.

When the prisoners saw Scott, they began to crawl toward him.

"They were too weak to walk. Their legs

were about the size of my arm. "I reached down to pick the first man up. When I did, he said: 'No, don't touch me. We heard you coming. I just want to lay here and

thank God you've come. Scott stopped his story for a minute. "It was

a bad sight," he finally said. Scott said his men began to give the prisoners candy they had in their pockets.

"There was a German medic there. He came up and said: 'Don't let them eat that

lieutenant. They won't make it. Scott rounded up the Nazi guards and lined

them up in front of the men who had been held captive. "I said, 'Tell me who's good and

"You heard of drawing a line and leaving the good ones on one side and putting the bad ones on another? Well, we knocked them from one side to the other."

The one "good guard" was the German

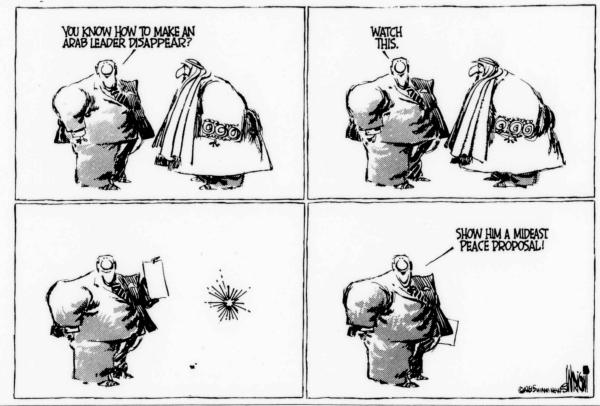
medic, Scott said. "He had gone out at night to steal food to keep the men alive. After freeing the captive soldiers, Scott

went to the prison camp.

They had a fence around it with 23,000 volts going through it. They had all kinds of people in there: German-Jews, Americanseverybody.

Scott's men put the Nazi guards in the concentration camp and moved on. Scott said he had no time to see what became of the prisoners he liberated. Patton, pushing hard in the spring of 1945, ordered the column to continue driving toward the Nazi garrison in Czechoslovakia.

Taylor writes for the Lufkin Daily News



## Stun gun effectiveness questioned

(AP)- Stun guns are new additions to police arsenals, but they have already generated a civil rights conviction in San Antonio, allegations of torture in New York City and questions about the safety and effectiveness of weapons that disable with an electric shock.

Police and sheriffs departments around the nation have purchased the pocket-size weapons, which temporarily immobilize people with a touch. On the market for two years, stun guns send a 5,000-volt jolt that "can cause an attacker to fall to the ground and result in some mental confusion," according to the manufacturer, Nova Technologies of Austin.

The City Council of Baltimore, where police do not use stun guns, banned the sale of the weapons to the public Monday night. Council members cited the recent controversy in New York City, where some police officers were accused of torturing suspects with stun guns, which are not police issue.

Nova, which says it is the only U.S. manufacturer of stun guns, contends the device has been widely used without problems. Clinton Giles, vice president of law enforcement marketing for the company, said there has not been a decline in sales since the New York allegations.

In San Antonio, a Bexar County sheriff's lieutenant was convicted last month of using a stun gun on a handcuffed man and was sentenced to two years probation. The county has since banned the use of the weapons by

Two people in Los Angeles died after being shocked by police with a weapon similar to the stun gun, including a man who died April 11 after being shocked five times for five to eight seconds each time.

The weapon, called a taser, fires electrically charged darts attached to wires. It can be used at a distance, but a stun gun must be applied directly. Both weapons work through clothing.

The first death, in 1983, was caused by the drug PCP and not the taser shock, said police officer Sergio Diaz. The second victim was also using PCP, and "we feel strongly that it probably was not caused by the taser," said Diaz. The coroner has not completed his report in that

Los Angeles police used their 510 tasers 622 times in 1984, often to break up fights among inmates, said Diaz. They were effective about 80 percent of the time, he said.

In Norfolk, Va., the police department's experiment with stun guns ended because "they didn't work," said Sgt. Adams of the 1st Precinct. "I've seen people just stare at you after being hit by one."

Deputy Jerry Hobbs of Forsyth County, N.C., said his stun gun works well. He bought it about a year ago, and used it recently on a drunk man who "announced his intention to use me as a football and kick me up and down the street." One five-second shock and "it took about three minutes before he could stand."

by Berke Breathed

#### LITES

#### Chef creates chilling art form

MIDLAND (AP)- Sculpture has traditionally been one of the most durable, permanent art forms, but some sculptors' soaring eagles, graceful swans and proud dragons turn into mere puddles of water within hours.

'Almost any ice carving will last five to six hours," said Robert Vervynch, executive chef of Mission Country Club.

Ice carvings are often used as chilly but grandiose centerpieces adorning banquet

tables for parties. While primarily decorative, ice sculptures

originally had a very utilitarian purpose. Ice carving was founded in the late 1800s by Auguste Escoffier for the purpose of preserving ice cream bombes, which are best presented when placed upon an ice base, according to Vervynch.

Vervynch still sometimes makes ice carvings intended as much to keep food chilled as to look pretty, such as small ice boats to keep shrimp cool.

Veryynch and his staff members carve at least 40 ice sculptures a month, he said.

One of Mission Country Club's ice carvers, Mike McDonald, recently won third place in the ice carving category at the Texas Chef Association's Culinary Salon statewide competition in Dallas.

Like most Midland ice carvers, McDonald uses an ice pick to scratch a rough outline of his sculpture on one face of a large ice block. The standard block of ice weighs 300 pounds and is 22 inches wide, 42 inches tall and 11 nches thick.

Then he fires up a small chainsaw and starts carefully-but noisily-lobbing off chunks of ice intil he has transformed the block into a rough statue.

Asked how he knows where to cut and how deeply, McDonald gave a classic sculptor's eply: "I just eliminate what doesn't belong

He also adds most of his detailing with delicate applications of the chainsaw to the ice. McDonald prefers using the chainsaw to handtools because it is faster and the powersaw's fast-moving blade is able to cut into ice without having to bear down and risk shatterng the carving.

'Pressure is what kills the ice," he said. Not all ice sculptures use the same techni-

"Everybody does it a little differently," said Bill Chambers, executive chef of the Petroleum Club of Midland. "I base out on a chainsaw. Then I do the actual sculpting with chisel. I use a little pocket saw to finish

Jean Pierre Thevenaz of the Master's Club does his ice carvings entirely by hand, but not pecause he's an artistic ascetic. He used a hainsaw, he said, until "I burned it out.

Rather than replace the saw, he now simply ses handtools.

"I just learned to do it by myself," said Thavanez. "I saw someone else do it and I thought, 'That's not too tough.

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#### TTERS TO THE **EDITOR**

The controversy over President Reagan's prospective visit to the German memorial cemetery in Bitburg is an excellent example of a phenomenon that appears to afflict many members of our student body; "selectively perceptual outrage." It is all too easy to recognize atrocities committed 40 years ago since little more than lip service is required to take a stance. It is easy to feel that one's personal ethics are having an impact on the would when no action is required and passage of time insulates us from direct involvement.

However, there is a basic hypocrisy in focusing our attentions on past events, such as the Holocaust, while ignoring the much more immediate concerns of recent pain and suffering in the would around us. For example, in the late 1970's over 10 million people were massacred in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge, a left-wing political movement, in its attempt to consolidate power over the country. The Khmer Rouge's war on its own population claimed approximately 4 million more lives than the Holocaust, yet few Americans are even aware of its existence. This condition of 'selective perceptal outrage" is even more disturbing in the light of the fact that the Khmer Rouge is still an active force in Southeast Asian politics.

This letter is not intended to criticize people for remembering the Holocaust-it is a criticism of comfortable ignorance of the world in which we live. If one purpose of recalling the tragedies of the past is to prevent their repetition, then how can horrors such as those mentioned above justifiable go unheeded? The lessons of the past are rendered meaningless if we fail to sieze

the opportunity to practically apply them today. Grant Whittenberg

Senior International Affairs

Philip Glenn Junior Music Education

The morally indignant tone of last Thursday's editorial rates about an eight on Joe Bob's "vomit meter." You may hold "We Are the World" irreproachable and consider black people (yes, with a lowercase b) to be sacred cows, but John Bloom's social criticism was a truly commendable examination of contemporary issues.

The "Joe Bob Briggs" column was in-

finitely more enjoyable than the Skiff's limpid moralizing, and a good deal closer to the truth as well. Censorship, no satire, is the outrage here.

Through a bared-breast count, a "vomit meter," and the consistent use of the word fu, Bloom rubbed our proverbial noses in the overall mindlessness of our entertainment. He poked fun at our limited views of "Meskins" and communists. By caricaturing the feminist movement and the feed-astarving-African baby trend, he shot down our overinflated social reform egos. Humor and wisdom both found their place with Joe

Bloom was completely justified in attacking the reprehensible philosophy of the United Negro College Fund. If someone wanted to offer a scholarship exclusively for white people, what would the reaction be? The Dallas Times-Herald committed the atrocity of reverse discrimination by promising to hire a certain number of minority journalists.

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The Skiff seems to suffer from an extremely glorified notion of journalism's place in society. The purpose of the press is not any sort of quest for truth, nor is it some vague philanthropic ideal. The press exists to make money by disseminating information and providing entertainment.

Bloom's column was a paramount example of entertainment that appealed not to our bestial nature (as did many of the movies he reviewed), but rather to our intellect. His column will be missed far more than all the Ethiopians put together. Rest in peace, Joe Bob. May you be avenged.

David Bell Sophomore Pre-major



The Kickapoo Indian tribe members reside in these homes on a stretch of land under a bridge in Eagle Pass. PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES

## Kickapoos: Tribe with no homeland

**Brandie Buckner Sears** 

Skiff Reporter

Imagine 670 people living on one acre of land with homes made of cane and cardboard. Imagine one faucet and four portable toilets to serve all of these people. Imagine no electricity.

This is the plight of the Kickapoo Indian Tribe.

The tribe lives on a stretch of land under a bridge in Eagle Pass, but the people cannot call any land their own. Both the United States and Mexico have denied citizenship rights to these native Americans.

Since World War II, many of the tribe have left the camp to work the migrant farm trail, but this year's extreme winter may cost the tribe what few jobs they were able to get, said Sara Smith, chairperson of the second annual TCU Kickapoo Week of Concern. The week is

sponsored by the House of Student Representatives and University Ministries.

The average income for each

Kickapoo is \$4 to \$6 a week. of a homeland is one of ti. y concerns of the oug Pfeiffer of the tribe," sa University Ministries office, "but right now their more immediate needs consist of food, clothing and money," he added.

During finals week there will be an 18-wheel truck parked outside the Student Center. Students are encouraged to drop off any clothing, textbooks, canned food or money that they can provide to the

Large donation boxes will also be set up in each residence hall, sorority and fraternity house on campus. If a student has no clothing or

food to give, their time would be appreciated, Smith said.

We will need volunteers to man the truck and pick up the boxes from the (residence halls)," Smith

Pfeiffer said that \$5 can buy 100 pounds of staple foods from the Loaves and Fishes organization. Therefore, if each of the approximately 100 organizations on campus donated \$5 to the cause, 10,000 pounds of food could be purchased for the tribe, Pfeiffer said.

The Kickapoo tribe was brought to the attention of TCU students by Larry Crocker.

Crocker is the former pastor of the Central Christian Disciples of Christ Church of Hillsboro.

During the time Crocker served as pastor, he and his congregation became interested and involved in helping the tribe, Pfeiffer said.

Since that time, Crocker has made the problems of the tribe known to other Disciples of Christ churches and has headed a campaign to help the Kickapoo.







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# **SPORTS**

# Thomas takes long jump toward track success

John Paschal

Skiff Reporter

When Donna Thomas goes to work, she jumps at the chance to be the

Just what kind of work does Thomas do? She specializes in the long jump and the triple jump for the TCU women's track team, and it is her two feet that will carry her 20 feet, 40 feet and finally to the NCAA outdoor championships in June.

But the NCAAs might have been second-rate had she jumped only a couple of inches farther last summerat the Olympic qualifying meet. "I missed it by only one place,"

Thomas said. "If I would've gotten fourth place, I would have gone.

Despite such a near miss, Thomas said that she wasn't too disappointed.

"I thought I did good. I beat a lot of people that were very good. I wasn't too upset at all.

But there is a chance that Thomas will be upset every time she competes in her favorite event, the triple jump. An upset occurs when someone who is not favored to win beats someone who is favored to win. And because Thomas is considered one of the best triple jumpers in the country-with a the whole team's waiting for me to

best of 42 feet, 4 inches-she is set up for an upset almost every time she competes.

But it doesn't happen often to the senior from Fort Worth. One reason may be her ability to relax and perform under pressure.

They always tell me that I'm too laid back-that nothing makes me nervous. I do get nervous, but jumping just comes naturally to me." Thomas said, "I just think, 'Hey, I know I can go farther than I did before.' I know that once I start running it's all over. Either you're going to do it or you're not. Then I say, 'O.K., I can do this,' and then I take off.'

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"It's so quick," she said of her trans-sandpit flights. "You're not up there very long.

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"It's kind of hard on the feet."

Thomas said she prefers landing fifth gear in a long, rectangular sandbox to running 'round and 'round on the oval track. That's when she may get a little jumpy.

"I get nervous when I'm running. When I run relays," she said, "then I'm nervous. If I jump the gun, then

the curve they're all looking at me saying, 'Oh, she didn't even run.

But the long jump is my event. If I mess up, then I messed up. There's no one else depending on me.

Her confidence and her performance under pressure help her to overcome the little nervousness she may

'I'm a pressure jumper," she said. "If there's pressure, I can do well."

Pressure is jumping against Carol Lewis-Carl's sister-in the NCAA national indoor meet. And Thomas handled it well.

She (Lewis) jumped 21-(feet) 3 (inches) on her first jump and then she wasn't going to jump anymore. She thought she was going to blow us all out," Thomas said. "So I had one jump left. I was back in third and I knew I had to hit it. I had just spoken to Carol and I said, 'Oh, I'm doing so terrible.' She said, 'What are you talking about. You know you're going to go up there and jump 21-5.' Those are the exact words she used.

Thomas promptly jumped 21-5. That forced Lewis to take her last

jump-a leap of 21 feet, 9 inches that cemented Lewis' win.

"But that was only four inches. That made us feel better. There wasn't

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such a big gap between her jump and our jumps.

Thomas ended up in second place, good enough to qualify her for the

outdoor championships.

The best thing for TCU is that Thomas qualified as a Horned Frog. Two years ago, she competed for North Texas State University. TCU recruited her out of Fort Worth Trimble Tech- where she was a multiple state champ and All-American-but at the time TCU had no women's track

'I would have been the girl and I said, 'That's not gonna work

So she went to NTSU because it was close to home and because she liked the coach. And although she liked it in Denton, she found that there were problems.

"If you're not football up there, you're nothin'," she said. "The trainer didn't even want to train me. I liked it up there but I don't think I got as much training there as I do here, because up there the coach that I had was really good as far as long jumping and as far as technique goes. But he would always say, 'Well, if you were just a little faster you probably could jump this and you could jump that. But here, that's what (Coach) Bubba (Thornton) trains me to do-to run

"At North Texas I jumped all the time. Here, I run all the time." Why run all the time when her spe-

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momentum to carry you as far as you have to go," she said. "That's the whole idea.

But unfortunately, her jumps may not be improving. At least for a while. She sprained her ankle in practice one day in February and ever since then, she said, her foot "just has not been

'I just need to stay off of it," she said. "It never really got a chance to heal.

At the recently completed Arlington Relays, Thomas won both the long jump and the triple jump, although she intended to compete in the hurdles and in the sprint relay, too. But because of her injury, she had to sit and watch the sprint relay team run to a school record.
"In high school, I didn't get injured

that much, but now it seems like the older you get . . . Every time you turn around it's something else. I stay down in the training room for what seems like hours," she said.

For the next couple of weeks, she won't run at all. Her workouts will consist solely of riding a stationary

"That is hard," she said.

Thomas said that she will be ready for the conference meet. But after that?

"It depends on if I get picked up by the track club I want to get picked up "Thomas said. "The purpose of a track club is for you to run in highly competitive meets.

Thomas is not sure what the future

#### **Donna Thomas**

"Right now everybody's jumping between 21 and 22 feet," Thomas said. "In a few years there may be some high school girl jumping 23, 24 feet. I'm not sure if I want to work that

"To run track you gotta have heart," she said. "You've got to want to run. I'm a very determined person. I hate to lose. I'm not going to get out there and say. 'Carol's going to win this one. I'll settle for second or third.' Then you're already beaten. You have to go out there knowing you can win.

'Anyway," Thomas laughed, 'Carol may break her neck or something.

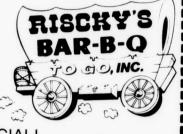
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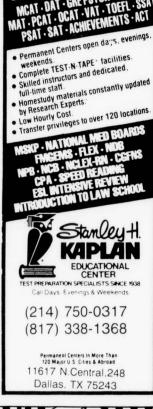
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Carven Holcombe was named Most Conscientious Player and also won the rebound award. Dennis Nutt Fightin'ist Frog Award as well as the

picked up both the MVP award and Abe Martin Leadership Award, to go the free throw award, while Tracy Mitchell was named winner of the assists award.

Dan Sharp won the Davey O'Brien

Julie Hendrickson was named

with the Bob Lilly Scholarship he won Saturday. He was also drafted by the

Miami Dolphins later in the day. Kenneth Davis was named the MVP, Anthony Gulley won the Ralph Lowe Scholarship Award and Kent Tramel picked up the "Grassy" Hinton Most Conscientious Award. W.C

Nix was given the W.Q. McCammon Conscientious Player and Dwayne Outstanding Squadman Award.

The outstanding hitter award went to Frog slugger Mike Ramsey, who was also named the MVP and won the Dutch Meyer Scholar-Athlete Award.

Steve Stone was named the Most

Williams won the pitching award. Track

James Maness was named winner of the John Lyles Polk Award while Donna Thomas was named the women's MVP. Roscoe Tatum was named the best indoor performer while Michael Cannon was the best outdoor performer.

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The Charlie Ludvig Tennis Awards went to Marnie Ochoa and Fred Viancos, while Lori Rapp won the Follett Memorial Scholarship Award and the Dutch Meyer Scholar-Athlete Award.

Rene Simpson and Teresa Dobson shared the women's MVP award while Tom Mercer was named winner of the men's tennis MVP award.

Kris Tschetter was named winner of the women's golf MVP award, while Steve Reding captured similar honors for the men.

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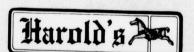
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