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Two coaches fired after Saturday's loss

By Rusty McCaskey
Sports Editor

Coach Jim Wacker announced Monday morning that Tom Perry, defensive linebacker coach, and Jim Dawson, defensive backs coach, would not have their contracts renewed.

"Brother! It (the decision) was simply the most difficult and most agonizing thing one can imagine," Wacker said.

"We are talking about family and close, close friends. But in both cases in the end, it was mutually agreeable that our ultimate decisions were in the best interests of all parties concerned," he said.

Frank Windegger, TCU's athletic director, reaffirmed Monday his faith in Wacker, who was given a seven-year contract near the end of the 1984 season.

"Coach Wacker has my full support," Windegger said. "We are going to get this thing turned around."

"I have no concern about the credibility of the program," Windegger said. "I understand the youth of this year's team and the injuries. I think we will overcome them. I have complete faith in Jim Wacker."

Wacker admitted the Frogs pass defense had been a concern and a focal point for criticism throughout much of the 1986 season.

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Dawson was unavailable for comment Monday, and Perry said he would rather not talk about it at this point.

Perry came to TCU from Brown University. At Brown, Perry was a tight end receiver and linebacking coach.

In his first three seasons at TCU, he was an offensive coach. He directed TCU's running backs. He was switched this season to the defense.

"He wanted to coach defense, and

we wanted to put one more coach on that side of the ball," Wacker said.

Dawson came to TCU from Southwest Texas State University with Wacker in 1982. He has been a defensive back coach for all of his time at TCU.

In his four seasons with the Frogs, he has tutored three all-SWC defensive backs, plus the 1985 SWC Defensive Newcomer of the year, Dawson was a moving force in the 1984 Horned Frog secondary that came up with an impressive 20 interceptions.

Three of Dawson's students are playing professional football—Bobby Watkins (Detroit Lions), Ken Coffey (Washington Redskins), and Sean Thomas (Atlanta Falcons).

Prior to joining the collegiate

coaching ranks, Dawson was a school-boy football coach in Colorado. He was head coach and athletic director at Central Catholic of Denver from 1974 through 1976.

"We are coming up with a list of replacements right now, but we have not started contacting people," Wacker said. "We will not do that for a couple of days."

"Now, we are set. We will go to work with the staff we have, plus the two we look to hire."

"Still, I have no question that both Coach Perry and Coach Dawson will go on to bigger and better things," Wacker said. "Both are bright, hard-working individuals... class people and high achievers who are going to succeed."



No class - Joseph Vano, Laurie Dent and Kenneth Walton scan the list of closed classes Monday morning before registering. Closed class lists

were posted for students' convenience on the north entrance of Sadler Hall. Advanced registration will continue through Wednesday.

From interns to inmates

By Karee Galloway
Staff Writer

TCU's Washington D.C. internships are billed as a time to explore career possibilities outside the safe confines of campus. After being matched with jobs related to their majors, students are proverbially thrown out to get a taste of the "real world."

But often, some of the lessons learned come, not from the student's new job, but from day-to-day interaction in a politically active city.

Two TCU interns, Karen Hoehn and Craig Winneker, got an up-close view of political activism last Monday when they were arrested along with 138 other demonstrators for participating in an anti-nuclear demonstration outside the Department of Energy in Washington.

Both students refused to pay the \$50 fine or post bond, choosing instead to remain in jail until charges were dropped later that day. Only 24 of the 138 arrested posted bond, Hoehn said.

"I expected to get arrested," said Hoehn, a political science major interning with Women Strike for Peace. "I was willing to stay in jail as long as I needed to. I didn't want to post bond. The issue means that much to me."

"When we were in jail, the police guards sang along in our peace songs. Even the inmates were all very supportive."

Winneker, also a political science major, was arrested about an hour after Hoehn.

Winneker said because he was worried about missing work at his internship with the television program, "Capitol Journal," he went as a "support member not intending to be arrested."

Winneker left the protest early to report for work and then returned to the demonstration after getting approval from his boss and co-workers.

"I got back just as Karen was being cuffed and loaded into the paddywagon," Winneker said.

Winneker later went back to block the door Hoehn had originally blocked and, consequently, was arrested. Neither student resisted arrest.

The protest, sponsored by the American Peace Test, was scheduled to coincide with an anti-nuclear testing protest at the Nevada Test Site, about 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Forty-four protesters were arrested in Nevada.

Hoehn said she was heavily involved in planning the protest, which was five to six weeks in the making. Hoehn said the action was intended to close down the department in order to bring attention to its involvement in nuclear testing.

An estimated 700 to 1,000 people showed up in support of the shutdown in Washington. Only protesters who blocked entrances to the government building were arrested.

"We didn't think we could close the whole building down," Hoehn said. "Originally, we just planned to block the garage doors and main entrances."

However, Hoehn said protesters were able to effectively block all ground-floor and garage entrances to the department's three main buildings for two hours before being arrested. Energy Department employees were finally able to begin entering the building for work at 10 a.m.

Hoehn said she considered the protest a success because it brought nationwide press coverage to the Energy Department's involvement in nuclear testing. Both the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* covered the demonstration.

"Now some people are a little more aware that this is an important issue," Hoehn said. "Maybe some of the people in Congress will pay more attention because, obviously, there are a lot more people in the U.S. who are taking it seriously."

Both interns said they didn't regret their actions.

"If it takes civil disobedience to make other people realize that our lives are in danger, then that's what we'll do," Winneker said.

Correction

The student interviewed for the pre-registration story in Friday's *Skiff* was Dawn Beguelin, not Dawn Prillaman as reported. Prillaman had been suggested as another source for the story. The *Skiff* regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

Man held in slaying of in-laws

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)—A Henrietta man was being held without bond Monday on a capital murder charge stemming from the shooting death of his in-laws at a bowling alley, authorities said.

Jerry Lynn Simpson, 21, was charged Sunday with the deaths of Bobby Joe Murdick, 40, and Judy Gail Murdick, 33, of Wichita Falls, police said.

The couple was shot to death Saturday night after a family argument at the Village Bowl, according to a police affidavit.

Murdick, a lieutenant with the city fire department, died from a gunshot wound to the right shoulder, Officer John Bailey said. Judy Gail Murdick, a medical receptionist, died early Sunday from a gunshot wound to the left cheek.

A police affidavit says the Murdicks went to the bowling alley with two of Judy Gail Murdick's children and another couple about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Simpson and his wife, Lisa, who is Judy Gail Murdick's daughter, arrived later. Witnesses said Simpson appeared to be intoxicated and had to be assisted when his turn came to bowl.

He then became "verbally abusive and began to shout profanities," and Murdick escorted him outside after telling him alcoholic beverages were not allowed in the bowling alley, the affidavit said.

Exams can't cause illness

BOSTON (AP)—College students may find exams nauseating, but a new study suggests the stress of these grueling rituals isn't likely to make them more vulnerable to infections.

The idea has long been accepted by many that college students are more likely than usual to get sick during exam time, because the stress of studying for tests and taking them weakens their natural immunity to disease.

"I think there really is a connection between stress and illness," but not where students and exams are concerned, says Dr. Harris Faigel, director of health services at Brandeis University.

Faigel reviewed nearly 40,000 student visits over four years for treatment of strep throat, mononucleosis and urinary tract infections.

Thanksgiving brings farmers small return

AUSTIN (AP)—Food for a typical Thanksgiving dinner this year will cost consumers \$2.79 per plate, but Texas farmers will receive only 8 cents of that total, agriculture officials said Monday.

"Texas farmers will be left with table scraps after providing millions of thankful consumers with another bountiful Thanksgiving feast this year," Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture again this year analyzed the farm value of 11 Thanksgiving menu items grown or raised by Texas farmers.

On a per-plate basis, the cost is \$2.79, about what it was last year, Hightower reported.

Of the 11 items, Hightower said, seven either resulted in no profit or a net loss to farmers—stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, grapefruit, green beans, milk and ice cream.

The total loss suffered by producers for those seven products was 3 cents per serving, Hightower said.

Farmers received a net profit on the remaining four items—turkey, let-

Students actually went to the doctor less, not more, during exams, probably because they felt they were too busy to get medical help.

He said the notion that students were more likely to be sick during tests may have arisen because there is more talk about stress and illness at exam time.

A variety of animal studies suggest that stress is far more damaging if it's inescapable.

For humans, this could mean stress is apt to make people sick if it results from some hopeless calamity. It might explain, for example, why people often fall seriously ill in the months after the death of a spouse.

But students can do something about exams, Faigel says. They "prob-

ably constitute an escapable stress. When you are studying, you can get up and take a break. There's a sense of having some control."

And even though the exam is inevitable, students know it will soon be over.

Researchers elsewhere have found students' immune systems appear to be suppressed on exam day. Blood tests show some of their disease-fighting blood cells are less potent or numerous during exams.

Faigel says this may only be a one-day drop in their immune defenses, not enough to significantly increase the risk of disease.

He presented his research last month at a meeting of the New England College Health Association.



Lighting the way - TCU Physical Plant electrician Mike Morelock carefully closes a junction box by the

tennis courts at the Rickel Center. Morelock's work will add more lights to the court.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Writer in error

In the Nov. 21 issue of the *Skiff* a front page article was run concerning the pre-registration activities. In reading this article I found Kathy Fuller, the writer, to be in error. I felt I should bring these errors to your attention.

Errors:

1. I did not register Wednesday morning.
2. I did not spend the night in the mall prior to registering on Thursday.
3. I am not a furnishings major, I am an accounting major.
4. I am not a marketing minor, I have no minor.
5. I missed out on the doughnuts.
6. I have no desire to take a class called buyer behavior.
7. I did get all the classes I wanted.
8. I have no problems with the registration process other than more sections should be offered.
9. You misspelled the registrar's name; it is Deupree.
10. I am not a junior, I am a sophomore.
11. I was never interviewed by Kathy Fuller.

It is appalling that an award-winning newspaper such as the *Skiff* would have so many errors in just one article. While the fault lies with the writer, I feel that the responsibility lies with the editor. Because of your errors, the marketing department called to try and get me into the buyer behavior class. Thanks anyway.

Please find the person that this article was really written about; the marketing department would love to let her into buyer behavior.

Dawn Prillaman
Sophomore, accounting major

Drum major "bares" responsibility

Saturday, Nov. 15, was my last home game as drum major of the TCU Marching Band, a position I've held for the past three years. Being as we performed to the student section, I wanted to make my grand finale as memorable and entertaining as possible.

It has come to my attention that a select few did not take my actions in the positive manner as did the rest of the TCU campus. I wish to make it clear that I'm solely responsible for the incident and neither the TCU band nor its staff knew what I was going to do prior to the "exposure" of my "school spirit" as the *Skiff* put it.

All I can say is that Dad always told me you can please some of the people all the time, but you can't please all the people all the time.

Steve Linton
Senior, chemistry

Anti-terrorist proposal flawed

I believe that John Reenan's proposal (published Nov. 19) has a few basic flaws in its logic.

Mr. Reenan, you proposed that we should ignore terrorist acts, thus denying the terrorists a forum for their cause(s). Unfortunately we cannot do this, for neither the media nor the public will let us.

Apparently you believe that if a plane is hijacked, reporters will throw down their mini-cams in order to 'de-emphasize' (as you so quaintly put it) the event. For some reason I just don't think this will happen, if only because covering such events is what puts food on a media person's table.

However, let's say that through a news blackout, censorship, or other restrictions upon the media we managed to deny the terrorists a media event. You have overlooked the fact that in any country where freedom of speech is allowed, the families and friends of terrorist victims will not let us ignore the situation. They would gladly appear in front of any camera or in any newspaper if it meant that somebody, anybody knew there was an American being held hostage.

Of course, we could place a "news blackout" on hostage families, but then we would be no better than the Soviet Union, would we?

In addition, if a hijacking or a disco bombing is totally ignored, then not only does this violate the rights of the public (who at the very least would wonder what in the hell that loud "bang" was), but would also give rise to distrust of the censoring government or governments.

The issue of trusting one's government is perhaps that which, in your letter, seemed to receive the least attention. You seem to approve of an elected official's total lack of concern for the people whom he was elected to serve. If members of your family were among the 200 or so "sacrificial Americans" that you deemed necessary to end terrorism, would you like to be told by your senator that, "We can't do anything because it's our policy to ignore terrorists—try the A-Team."?

No one could expect any elected official to take such a stand. Mr. Reenan, I'm afraid that if you were running for senator or president and held such beliefs, you wouldn't get my vote. If you do not feel that military force is an answer to a terrorist act as Mr. Liddy does, then at least admit that Dr. Hussaini's idea of negotiation is much better than sticking our heads in the sand.

Chris Parks
Junior, political science

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We're lucky the pyramid of life isn't inverted



John Paschal

Once upon a time, long ago and in a far away land called Egypt, a bodied slaves constructed a giant, pyramidically shaped object. Because these giant objects were in fact pyramidically shaped, the Egyptians figured they might as well go ahead and call them pyramids. (Ancient Egyptians were logical people, ancient hieroglyphics tell us.)

The pyramids were so well constructed that they still stand today, a symbol of the boundless intellectual capabilities of that prodigious bunch of warm-blooded mammals we call mankind. Ever since their inception, pyramids have been a tribute to the right side of the brain, a trophy to our big, wrinkled cerebrum.

But thunder and lightning, then came the bleakest period in the history of geometric shapes.

Thousands of years after the first pyramid was built, the second dawn of geometry came to pass. A new breed of warm-blooded mammal

found its niche on the ecological scale. These creatures were called journalists.

And what did journalists do to the sacred pyramid? They went and messed it all up, that's what they did. Journalists took a deep breath, adjusted their Coke bottle-thick glasses, wiped their print-sullied hands on their clashing clothing and gave the pyramid a big heave-ho. Turned it right over, 180 degrees, until the pyramid was standing upside down, balanced upon its point.

Because the pyramid was now inverted, ancient journalists figured they'd go ahead and call it an inverted pyramid. (Ancient journalists were logical people, ancient journals tell us.)

Now as a quick lesson for those who possess limited journalistic awareness, the inverted pyramid is the guiding invisible hand of journalism. It means the most important information in a story is first, in the lead paragraph, then the next most important information and so on. At the end is the least important information, because the editor might need to whack it off for space purposes, and because people usually don't read that far anyway.

This phenomenon is extensively practiced in what is called hard news, or straight news. A brief example:

An Egyptian man and his 3-year-old son were killed Monday night when the pyramid they were sitting on was suddenly overturned by a frothing gang of unruly journalists.

Anwar Tut and his son King were pronounced dead at the scene at 10:15 p.m. by Egyptian police.

No arrests have been made, although witnesses reported four journalists sped away in a light-colored, late model chariot, police said. Witnesses could give no physical descriptions but said the journalists' clothes clashed horribly, and their glasses appeared to be quite thick, police said.

Police said the Tuts were on the pyramid because they were trying to see a ballgame without paying.

That's the inverted pyramid. Dull, boring. No room for creativity. Opposite the Egyptian pyramid, it is a sort of tribute to the limited intellectual capabilities of mankind.

And for that reason, mankind should be thankful an inverted pyramid policy hasn't been instituted on life itself.

If life were run in inverted pyramid fashion (again, most important to least important) it might be like this:

N. Vernon Pyramid spanked his son Billy at 11 p.m. Monday for watching TV "way past his bedtime," the elder Pyramid said.

Billy was not seriously injured but did threaten to run away and "never come back." He made two sandwiches and stood at the front door, threatening to dash away, for 15 minutes before retiring to bed.

The incident started when 8-year-old Billy was making all kinds of racket in the TV room upstairs.

"I bitterly opposed something Ted Koppel said and, well, I got angry. I guess I shouldn't have thrown Duffy out the window," Billy said. "That's what woke Dad up."

Duffy, a 6-year-old poodle and the family pet, was not seriously injured but did threaten to run away and "never come back."

The elder Pyramid apologized to his son, saying Mrs. Pyramid's headaches had made him "a little edgy" lately.

That's what life might be like under a policy of inverted pyramidism. But if the actual course of life ran as such, from this humble point of view it would be in this sequence: 1) college 2) high school 3) Little League baseball 4) birth 5) death 6) marriage.

It could be argued that birth is the most important because all else would be impossible without it. True, but this is a philosophical argument, not a logical one. If you want to be logical, go design a pyramid.

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The symposium, "Leaders on Leadership," will include lectures,

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For more information, contact Eugene Alpert of the political science department, Sadler Hall Room 205.

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Frogs end season embarrassed after brutal beating

By Rusty McCaskey
Sports Editor

College Station—It was a good-fashioned country thrashing. TCU suffered one of the worst defeats ever in the Southwest Conference Saturday as Texas A&M embarrassed the Frogs, 74-10 before 59,126.

"Lots of teams have been beat bad," Coach Jim Wacker said. "But I

do not think anyone has been beat that bad."

"I am embarrassed right now," Tracy Simien said. "This is the worst feeling I have felt in my life. This just takes the cake. I guarantee we were the worst team in America today."

"We are in a deep valley right now. But somehow, some way, you got to fight your way out of it. I have no doubt we will," Wacker said.

The Aggies scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, moving the

ball at will both on the ground and through the air.

In the second quarter, TCU held the Aggies to a mere 19 points. Texas A&M scored touchdowns on its first four possessions. On the Aggies fifth possession, the TCU defense held them to only a field goal.

Texas A&M led the Frogs at half-time, 40-0. TCU was unable to sustain any offensive drives in the first half.

The Frogs had gained only 53 yards total offense, while Texas A&M had

tallied 358 yards total offense.

The Aggies picked up in the third quarter where they had left off. Texas A&M rolled up 27 points in the third period. Again, the Frogs were held scoreless.

But, TCU didn't quit. After Texas A&M scored 74 unanswered points, the Frogs came back in the fourth period to score 10 points.

Pat Bradford scored on a 3-yard run to give the Frogs their only touchdown of the game. TCU's place kicker

Lee Newman nailed a 42-yard field goal to complete TCU's scoring.

Wacker interchanged quarterbacks often to try to get something going offensively. David Rascoe was able to complete only three of 11 passes, and Ron Jiles completed two out of nine attempts.

On the other side of the coin, Kevin Murray completed 20 of his 28 passing attempts. Murray's total offensive performance totaled 230 yards. TCU's total offense for the day was 133 yards.

Bobby Davis led the way for the Horned Frog rushers. He gained 21 yards on seven carries.

"Why sometimes you don't perform well, who in the world knows," Wacker said. "It's going to happen every once in a while. Problem was today, it happened to about 70 of us."

"I look at it this way: From now on we are going to be the top dogs in the Southwest Conference," Simien said. "I can guarantee that the Frogs will be back."

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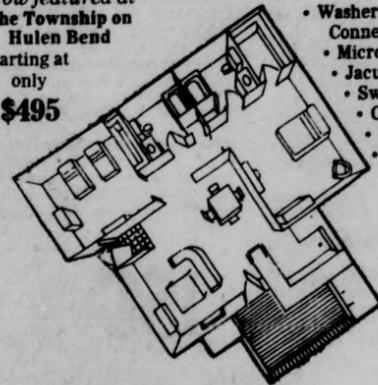
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