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## Caffeine pills' help marginal

By Aisha Saleem  
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It's the night before an exam, and Coke cans, coffee mugs and empty cartons of Vivarin and No-Doz litter dorm floors.

Caffeine is most commonly used by the general public as a "pick up" to increase alertness, decrease fatigue and reduce reaction time, said Allene Jones, assistant professor of nursing.

It is also used to "increase the capacity for physical and intellectual work without appreciably impairing the performance of tasks to which the individual is accustomed," Jones said.

Most caffeine is consumed through drinks such as coffee, tea, cocoa and soft drinks, she said.

According to statistics, many 12-ounce soft drinks contain 30 mg to 60 mg of caffeine, while an average cup of coffee contains 100 mg of caffeine.

Jones said caffeine is one of the most prevalent xanthines, a group of chemicals that stimulate the central nervous system. The brain is among the first areas in the body to be affected by caffeine.

Because caffeine can constrict blood vessels, it can also be used to treat headaches, she said.

"Most over-the-counter drugs that are stimulants use caffeine," said Bob Early, pharmacist at a local Eckerd Drugs.

At TCU, Vivarin is available at Stems and Staples, said A Khamhiran, manager of Stems and Staples and the Student Center Snack Bar.

At mid-term and the end of the semester, students ask for Vivarin more frequently, she said.

Vivarin has been on the market for several years, said a spokesperson for Beschum Products, its manufacturer. The active ingredient is stimulin, a caffeine alkaloid.

It is an "actual stimulant tablet," and it "helps to keep you awake," the spokesperson said.

If used properly, there are no side effects, she said.

Senior political science major Marion Frazier said he has used products such as Vivarin and No-Doz, another caffeine stimulant, since his freshman year at TCU.

Frazier said he first used No-Doz but later switched to Vivarin after hearing from other students that the latter product was more effective.

No-Doz contains 100 mg of caffeine, whereas Vivarin contains 200 mg of caffeine per dose, equal to two cups of coffee.

"It's very helpful," Frazier said. "I took them because I was fatigued, and I needed that extra boost to study as long as I could."

However, Frazier said the effectiveness is "minimal," because it did not improve the quality of his study.

### Correction

Tenured faculty members will not be affected by the new Age Discrimination Employment Act, which eliminates mandatory retirement based on age, for the next seven years.

After seven years, tenured faculty members cannot be forced to retire for age-related reasons. An article in the Feb. 13 edition of the *Skiff* incorrectly reported the effects of the act.

## Rockets mistakenly sold as scrap lumber

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP)—The United States is still waiting on Mexican authorities to return 23 live rockets mistakenly sold as scrap lumber to a businessperson, a Fort Bliss spokesperson said Tuesday.

"My last conversation south of the border was with the U.S. Consulate General's office" in next-door Ciudad Juarez, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Lt. Col. James Lawson said.

"At that time (the message) was 'Don't hold your breath,'" he said.

The 23 rockets were inside wooden crates sold to a Juarez lumberyard owner Jan. 22. The man discovered the rockets and notified officials at Fort Bliss, which is on the outskirts of El Paso.

The Mexican army's 26th Infantry Battalion confiscated the weapons before they could be brought back across the border, as had been planned.

A Juarez newspaper reported Sunday that Mexican President

Miguel de la Madrid was to issue a decision Wednesday on the return of the rockets.

Negotiations for the rockets' return are out of the hands of the U.S. Army and are being handled through diplomatic channels, Lawson said.

"I thought because of the bureaucracy involved there might be some procedures" that have delayed the rockets' return, said Lawson, who spoke with the consular office in Juarez several weeks ago.

"Certainly they're going to have to get the word from Mexico City," he said.

A 24th rocket was found among other wooden crates the Mexican businessperson had left behind at Fort Bliss to be picked up later. Fort Bliss routinely auctions materials such as scrap lumber, Lawson said.

The rockets would only have exploded had they been in a fire or subjected to electrical currents, officials have said.

The show is designed to inform college students about the dangers of drug abuse.

It will run from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge, Holguin said.

The show will be divided into three segments. The first is titled "Drugs:

"Why Not?" and will feature panelists Timothy Leary, John Phillips, Steve Tyler, John Bradshaw and Andrew Well.

A drug abuse program featuring nationally known personalities will be broadcast live to TCU today via satellite.

The hook-up of a satellite, sponsored by the House Permanent Improvements Committee, is part of a new system the committee plans to buy, said Rosario Holguin, chairperson of the Permanent Improvements Committee.

"We want to give this a trial run to see how it goes over," Holguin said.

The program, "Drugs: Plague of the '80s," will be broadcast to TCU via the Campus Satellite Network live from Nashville, Tenn.

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# FEATURES

## Graphics adds new dimension

**By Kelli Metcalf**  
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Computer graphics is a new expression of the artist's design that can be used in everyday living.

Dana Nelson, computer artist for Corporate Slides, Inc., can be found in a dimly lighted room staring at the screen.

His hand holds a stencil or electronic pen that glides across a lightboard. He carefully watches the screen to monitor his every move.

Nelson watches the images come alive on the computer monitor. He is creating an image for a new slide design.

"Designing enters the picture to create a corporate atmosphere for our clients," said Judy Bachman, account executive for Corporate Slides, Inc. on University Drive in Fort Worth.

CSI creates slides, video and print for clients. It has the ability to do this creatively and quickly by using a Genographics computer and an artist.

The artist, Nelson, has fine arts background and is a painter at heart. Nelson said he enjoys the challenge and excitement of working with computer graphics.

"People who use our services have a basic idea of what they want to do but are very unfamiliar with what computer graphics can do," Nelson said, "so you have total reign on what you want to do as far as design."

That design is often invented by the artist, but may be invented by the account executive.

"Design is a way of presenting material that is dry and dull," said Bachman, who got her start in computer art because of her belief in the various applications graphics allow.

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"The artist can immediately find a process for creative input."

There are electronic limitations. The art is created by use of an electronic pen and a light board. The pen, attached to the computer, draws or traces a two-dimensional object (a picture on a piece of paper) and picks up the basic shape. It does this through the amount of points the object has.

Then the artist goes back into the image and smooths each piece carefully. The process of creating art on a computer in this manner is referred to as digitizing. Digitizing may take 10 minutes or 10 hours, depending on the complexity of the art involved.

"Curves take longer than hard-edged designs," Nelson said. "We charge \$125 an hour for digitizing a logo, but that is negotiable, depending on the complexity or simplicity of it."

Metcalf, who has a background in advertising and electronics, saw a need for slides in the advertising and marketing industry.

"There is an opportunity for slides, for anything as basic as opening a can with a can opener to investing in stock," he said.

Investing not only occurs in stock, but it also occurs in an idea, a design.

"I sell an idea, not graphics," Bachman said. "Our clients know their material but need an idea, a format or design to present their visuals in the best way possible."

Visuals, such as slides, are strictly a tool to help facilitate a presentation, be it a training seminar, sales presentation or benefits program. Visuals are one of the best forms of communication a society has to offer.

"The industry will always be changing. It will always be communicating with each other through the use of technology," Metcalf said.

Technology through the use of slides is less expensive than video and is easier to update and re-use.

"I love my work. That is why I put in the hours that I do," Metcalf said. "I work seven days a week."

Metcalf said he believes there is money in slides and great potential for growth and prospect. "Like any other business, it is competitive," he said.

There is more to graphics than competition, because it involves selling an idea and not a product.

"People don't walk out with a box when they come in to talk and give us some ideas on their material," Bachman said. "They walk away with faith and trust."

"Design brings a slideshow to life," she said.

But slide presentations are not the only thing CSI can do. According to Gale Metcalf, president of CSI and

account executive, the company also creates graphics for video presentations.

"The use of video is more predominant today. It is perceived technology," Metcalf said. Although technology is video, Metcalf said he prefers slides.

"I think the quality is better with slides than it is with video," he said. "I think the impact is greater with slides, also."

Impact is the one thing CSI strives for with every slide presentation produced.

"People's interest lies with what they will be doing, not with what they have done. They like to show the future as bright and forward," said Bachman. "With slides and a good, strong, impactful design, the company will keep its labor charged and excited."

"Clients are thrilled about coming in to us and doing something up and new for their company," Nelson said. "It is usually very festive. We create a happy and creative atmosphere."

That atmosphere of creative design is alive and kicking inside the tiny computer room. Nelson designs a logo for a company. He uses that logo completely by saturating it with various color tones to create a watermark effect.

"Anything that can be done manually can be achieved with a computer," Nelson said.

Almost as fast as the artistic ideas flow, so do the computers.

"You can see an idea quickly and change it if necessary," Metcalf said.

## Old buildings reusable when man moves them

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)—Some people save aluminum cans; others, old newspapers. Edgar Dodson salvages buildings.

"This is a way to help the economy," Dodson said as cranes lifted the second floor of the old America Inn, and his crew bulldozed the first floor underneath.

"In today's throwaway society it's good to salvage anything you can. It saves our natural resources, and it saves buyers big money."

Dodson, third-generation owner of Dodson House Moving in San Antonio, was supervising a project in which he is saving the top floor of the motel just south of Loop 410 on Jones Maltzberger Road.

A shopping center and car dealership are scheduled to be built in its place, he said.

Dodson buys buildings from de-

molition contractors and resells them.

He said it costs buyers half as much to purchase and renovate a used building than it does to construct a new one.

His crew was preparing two buildings, both cut in half, for transport to Dodson's storage yard, which he calls his "used house lot." Another building, also in two sections, already was moved to his storage yard, Dodson said.

These structures are each 32 feet wide and 66 feet long. The 20-mile trip through the city takes about four hours, he said.

"Most people see house movers as a nuisance," he said. "And we are an inconvenience when we get out there on the roads, but we're only a short inconvenience that the advantages far outweigh."

## Students getting ready for spring break trips

**By Lisa Lee Johnson**  
Staff Writer

It's 6,000 to one against the groundhog.

Punxsatawney Phil the groundhog said we're due for six more weeks of winter, but TCU students are rooting for spring-spring break, that is.

The unseasonably warm weather here recently has brought spring break into the minds of many. Like Phil, students are shaking off the cobwebs and coming out of hibernation.

"We've had far more bright, sunny days (than usual) that remind people of walking on the beach and sunning in the park," said Jack Scott, director of the TCU Counseling Center. "Many people are already thinking spring's here."

But for those whom the weather is only now prodding into planning their spring break, pickings are lean.

"The rush (to reserve a vacation) is over," said John Boyd of Forest Park Travel. "There's nothing left."

"You've got to plan before Thanksgiving," he said. "Any spring break travel should be done in September or October."

Last-minute vacations are still available, however. The *Skiff* classifieds are full of offers. There was even a message chalked on the sidewalk recently at the pedestrian crossing on University Drive, advertising a week in Padre Island.

The Student Activities Office also has plenty of spaces on both its spring break trips this year. The ski trip to Winter Park, Colo., costs \$295 plus rentals. A trip to sunny Acapulco runs \$422.50.

Trip organizer Rick Barnes, Greek residential adviser, said both trips have space left for more sign-ups.

"The numbers are down from what we had last year," he said. "I don't know why."

It could be because most students who are going somewhere have already made their plans. Their major concern now is getting ready to go. Many students are sweating it out, working on tans and taut torsos with a vengeance.

Jan Stokley of TCU Tans, Nails, and Travel reports a significant increase in business. Students are coming in both for travel arrangements and the tan to go along with them, she said.

"The weather's being warmer gets everyone in the right spirit," Stokley said.

Junior fashion merchandising major Dawn Secondi, who plans to go to Mexico for spring break, is busy preparing for her trip.

"My roommate and I both have appointments at a tanning booth," she said. "I get out a lot more now that it's warmer, and I'm running more to get ready."

"My roommate is going to Puerto Vallarta with a group of girls from the sorority house," she said. "Some of the girls are working out and taking aerobics classes."

Even those who are heading for the slopes in March are taking advantage of the warmer weather to get in shape.

And as for Phil the groundhog, maybe he has more in common with razorback hogs than he does with meteorology. TCU students seem to have coined a new version of an old classic for the fury little creature: "Phooey on Phil!"

## Hospital gives emotional, medical care

DALLAS (AP)—The burn unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital consisted of four four-bed wards in 1962.

It could treat only 100 patients a year, and it lacked staff supervision and much of the equipment necessary for treatment and rehabilitation.

Despite the shortcomings, however, it was a first for Dallas and Dallas County.

Operated by Parkland and the University of Texas Health Science Center's Southwestern Medical School, the center eventually became first in several areas of research and development and patient care.

Dr. Charles Baxter, the center's first director and now its research director, says his staff had no idea the center would grow and become a leader in regional burn-care centers.

"We've come a long way and we have a long way to go," Baxter said. "All we did is take care of whatever came in. You don't try to get larger."

his staff works closely with the Dallas center.

Baxter said university doctors in the past 25 years developed a fluid resuscitation formula now used in most hospitals; topical antibacterial agents for the control of infections; a way to monitor infections in burn wounds; a nutritional support regimen that prevents weight loss in burn patients; more excision and grafting techniques to reduce scarring, among others.

Today, the hospital has two units with 34 beds that can meet the needs of more than 450 patients a year. Many are in critical or serious condition with burns covering more than 20 to 25 percent of their bodies.

Fourteen of the beds are strictly for intensive care patients; the rest are in the acute burn unit.

Regardless of age, a patient's stay in the Parkland burn unit averages one day for every 1 percent of the body that's burned, said Pam Walter, in-

tensive care head nurse.

A team of doctors, nurses, social workers and occupational and physical therapists works together in an effort to aid the healing process of the patients' burns.

"It takes a lot of tender loving care," said Rebecca Aubakken, head nurse in the burn acute crisis unit. "People who work in the burn unit either like burns or they don't. Those folks who like burns tend to stay. It's definitely a specialty."

Cheri Green, the mother of 15-month-old Michael Green who was burned over 60 percent of his body in a house fire last month, said she has seen that love and experience first hand.

"I think they have done a tremendous job," said Green, who lost her 2-year-old daughter in the same fire. "No one expected him to pull as far as he did. I don't think there was a better place that we could have taken him."

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## Railroad probe finds tampering

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The head of the Federal Railroad Administration on Tuesday asked Congress for authority to punish railroad employees who tamper with safety equipment, complaining that such tampering is widespread and that the government is now unable to curb it.

FRA Administrator John Riley said federal investigators have found at least 18 cases of tampering with safety devices since a Jan. 4 collision involving an Amtrak passenger train. Enforcement actions, with fines ranging from \$250 to \$2,500, have been taken against seven companies, he said.

"I fear what we have discovered may truly be the tip of the iceberg," Riley told a Senate Commerce subcommittee looking into rail safety. He said equipment tampering is difficult to detect by the relatively small force of federal inspectors.

Among the equipment that is being disconnected or otherwise made inoperable in train locomotives are speed governors, signals alerting equipment and automatic train-braking devices, as well as so-called "dead-man pedals" to guard against an engineer falling asleep or becoming incapacitated, officials said.

Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., chairperson of the subcommittee, said the railroads "have not been as forthcoming" as they could be in dealing with equipment tampering. The panel's ranking Republican, Sen. Bob Kasten of Wisconsin, urged stronger direct enforcement by the FRA, saying he was outraged

by "the deliberate sabotage of important safety devices."

Such tampering has been widely known within railroad circles for some time, but it was highlighted by the collision Jan. 4 near Baltimore of an Amtrak passenger train and a unit of Conrail locomotives. The accident claimed 16 lives and injured 175 people.

Investigators found that a cab whistle designed to warn the Conrail engineer to reduce speed had been taped over so it could not be heard. The locomotive raced through several speed warning signals into the path of the Amtrak train.

Riley told the Senate subcommittee that since the accident, the railroad administration has issued 18 safety violations to eight railroads after finding safety equipment had been tampered with.

Three of the violations involved Amtrak passenger trains, and another involved the New Jersey transit agency that operates commuter trains.

The rest involved freight trains, including two incidents in which railroad employees were "found red-handed" by federal inspectors who observed the tampering, Riley said.

"We could not do a thing to them except to turn them over to the (railroad) company," Riley said, urging Congress to give the FRA additional powers to suspend and fine violators, as well as increase the maximum civil penalties against the railroad.

## Texas trying to lure "supercollider"

**AUSTIN** (AP)—Texas will pull out all stops in bidding to lure the multi-billion-dollar "supercollider" research project to the state, Gov. Bill Clements pledged Tuesday.

"We're going to leave no stone unturned," said Clements, who put the project at the top of the agenda for his week-long trip to Washington that begins Friday.

According to the U.S. Energy Department, the supercollider would be a unique research tool for high-energy physics, the science that studies the fundamental nature of matter and energy.

Clements, who will attend a National Governors Association meeting in Washington next week, said he wants to talk with everyone from "President Reagan and on down" about putting the huge atom-smashing project in Texas.

When completed in 1996, the supercollider will be housed in a 52-mile

circular tunnel about 10 feet across and several feet underground. Superconducting magnets would focus and guide two beams of subatomic protons in opposite directions through the tunnel. After accelerating to nearly the speed of light, the protons would be allowed to collide head-on.

"It's going to be a real battle. It's a tremendous plum. We're a state without a federal research center.... I'm saying to the governor of this state that we are entitled to one."

The superconducting supercollider would be the largest piece of scientific research equipment ever built, officials say. Cost estimates range from \$6 billion to \$10 billion.

When completed, the supercollider would employ about 3,000 people and have an annual budget of \$270 million.

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## Pope includes San Antonio in 10-city tour

**SAN ANTONIO**, Texas (AP)—Pope John Paul II will celebrate Mass to a half million people in September at a 144-acre site described as "part of the hills of Galilee."

The pope is scheduled to visit San Antonio Sunday, Sept. 13, as part of a 10-city U.S. tour.

Wild grasses and holly shrubs cover much of the land, which slopes about 15 degrees from the site's low point. Twisted mesquite, cedar and hackberry trees dot the landscape, and rusty barbed wire surrounds much of the site.

By next fall, however, the site will be covered with grass "like one big football field," said one developer who donated use of the land.

"We want to create a sacred space so that when people come there, they know they're there to celebrate with the Holy Father—a Mass of thanksgiving, a Mass asking God's blessings upon our state and nation and world," said Father Lawrence Stuebben, chairperson of the Texas Papal Visit Committee.

"Every time I look at it, it looks to me like part of the hills of Galilee," Stuebben said. "It really struck me...there's a little bit of a Sermon-on-the-Mount kind of atmosphere...where the crowds are all present to hear the word of God and to celebrate it."

Selection of the undeveloped land, honed by nature into a large amphitheater, was announced during

a news conference Monday. The site is near Interstate 410, Loop 1604 and a new West Side Expressway scheduled to open in April.

Crews began clearing the area Monday with bulldozers, sparing only tall oak trees. They are scheduled to level a hill in the center of the site, along with an old ranch homestead on the site.

An estimated \$750,000 will be spent to prepare the site, including clearing the land, building a temporary altar and making other preparations for the expected throng of at least 500,000 people.

Private vehicles will be barred from the site. Officials plan to use 1,000 city and school buses to shuttle people to Mass from other areas.

The Rev. Vincent Rizzotto of Houston, chairperson of the liturgy committee for the Texas papal visit, said all the Texas bishops are expected to celebrate Mass with the pope.

The liturgy will be presented in both English and Spanish, and a 500-voice diocesan choir will participate, he said.

"The music will have a statewide flavor," Rizzotto said, adding that each diocese in Texas will be represented in the choir.

Most choir members and musicians will be from Austin and San Antonio, he said.

At least 1,500 Eucharistic ministers will assist at the Mass, church officials said.

## Christian influence still evident

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"So some informal influence will automatically be there."

The connection between the church and the school is reaffirmed by the chancellors, Lawrence said.

Koehler, however, said there is a sharp difference between schools today and the time when many were founded, during a period marked by a hand-in-hand relationship between religion and academia.

Regardless of the church's affiliation, however, Davis said the current ministry opportunities available through the minister to the university and the various denominational staffs are more extensive than ever.

Part of the Christian influence on campus is also seen in the person-centered approach to education, Lawrence said.

"That's why, if a student disappears from class, people try to find out what's happened—what's wrong," he said.

A heightened awareness of student needs brought about premajor advising and other services designed to help students decide what they want to do in life, Lawrence said.

Many of those programs, he said, owe their existence to the influence of the church.

Davis calls the relationship between TCU and its founding denomination "mutually advantageous."

There is a "deliberate affiliation on our part," Koehler said. Lawrence said he thinks the complex ties were summed up best in the words Moody used during his term: "The relationship is friendly and at arm's length."

For many, TCU may not have lived up to the expectations of a "Christian" university. Others' differing religious views give them only a hesitant acceptance of the school's religious heritage.

But diversity and acceptance have always marked a school born from what was originally a unifying, ecumenical movement, Lawrence said.

Efficiency and acceptance have been the hallmarks of the school since its inception.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

### University Chapel

The Rev. Harold W. Gant of Sunshine Cumberland Presbyterian Church will preach at today's University Chapel, beginning at noon in Robert Carr Chapel.

### Kilbourne speech

"Under the Influence: The Pushing of Alcohol Via Advertising" is the topic of a speech by Dr. Jean Kilbourne Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Kilbourne is a graduate of Boston University and has studied alcohol's effect on campus life.

Tickets, \$1 with a TCU ID and \$2 without, can be purchased at the Student Center Information Desk. Kilbourne's speech is sponsored by the Forums Committee of Programming Council.

### Political science programs

The political science department and the Washington Center will be offering academic programs at the 1988 national Democratic Convention in Atlanta and at the Republican Convention in New Orleans.

Minimum grade point average for participation is 2.5. Information is available in Sadler Hall Room 205 until March 3.

### Writing contests

Information on this year's TCU

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Pine Cove Camp will be on campus interviewing for summer staff positions Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information contact Chuck, 924-0010.

Creative Writing Contests is available until March 4 in Reed Hall Room 314. Open to all full-time students from freshmen to graduate students, the contest categories are poetry, fiction, drama and non-fiction prose. Cash awards will be given in 26 separate contests.

### AMA meeting

The next meeting of the American Marketing Association is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall Room 216. The guest speaker will be from the Milliken Company.

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# SPORTS

## Lott returns to team practice

By Rusty McCaskey  
Sports Editor

TCU guard Carl Lott taped his hand and returned to the basketball court Monday to practice with the team.

It was the first time Lott has worked out with the team since Jan. 17, when a freak accident left Lott with a broken middle finger on his right hand.

Lott received permission from his orthopedic surgeon, Dr. James Beckley, last Friday to begin dribbling and shooting layups.

X-rays of Lott's fingers on Monday showed no damage from the weekend workouts, and he was given permission to begin shooting long-range jump shots.

"I wear a protective brace on the outside of my hand," Lott said. "It's made of hard plastic, so if I get hit the impact will not be so bad."

Lott said the brace is not affecting



**The good ol' days** - TCU's Carl Lott waits for a man to break open against Baylor on Jan. 7. Lott is expected to return to the lineup Feb. 25.

"The doctor said it will be the Houston game (Feb. 25), but I would like it to be Saturday," Lott said. "For

sure, I will be back at the post-season tournament (May 6)."

Lott said he is excited about the possibility of being able to play in the last home game of his college career and is not afraid of re-injuring his finger. It appears when Lott returns, he will be worked into the lineup gradually.

"Jamie (Dixon) has been doing a great job," Lott said. "You never know—I may have to take up his role off the bench."

Beckley will re-examine Lott's finger next Monday, and at that time he could be given full medical clearance.

Lott said sitting on the bench most of the season should not affect his performance when he returns. He also said he is still in good physical condition.

"I will have to get into the flow of the game again but once I do that, it will be like I never missed a game," Lott said.

### AP TOP 20

1. UNLV	26-1
2. Indiana	20-2
3. North Carolina	23-2
4. DePaul	22-2
5. Temple	25-2
6. Purdue	20-3
7. Iowa	22-3
8. Pittsburgh	21-4
9. Syracuse	20-4
10. Clemson	23-2
11. Georgetown	19-4
12. Alabama	19-4
13. Oklahoma	19-5
14. Illinois	19-6
15. Kansas	19-6
16. TCU	20-4
17. Duke	20-5
18. Florida	20-6
19. Providence	17-5
20. St. John's	17-5

## The saga of TCU football From the beginning of time through the lean first decade

This is the first in a three-part mini-series chronicling 90 years of TCU football . . . and lack thereof.



John  
Paschal

The exact date we're looking for here has been lost somewhere in the shuffle of time and bad file-keeping, but that of course happens to 90-year-old dates sometimes, and evidently it did this time.

It just might have been blustery and cold that day back in 1896. Or maybe it was warm and sunny. One can only guess at these things. There just aren't that many people sufficiently alive to remember that historic day 91 years ago, when a football game was played on an old grass field in Waco, Texas, to the delight of hardly anyone.

On that afternoon, the Texas Christian University football team edged Toby's Business College 8-6 (yes, Toby's Business College), thus marking the beginning of a 90-year football tradition at this 'ere university.

First, now, let's get one thing straight—I'm not making this stuff up, although it's so juicy I'd like to claim I am. But I'm not. Check it out yourself, it's in the record books. TCU's,

Toby's Business College 6. (The guess here is that the business boys were called the Toby's Or-Not-Tobys, but I can't verify it).

That winning streak-TCU's first-ever-screeched to halt, however, right then and there. After the battle with the Or-Not-Tobys, TCU lost to some team called the Houston Heavyweights, 22-0. TCU then tied that same Houston team 0-0 in what must have been a real rough-and-tumble defensive gem of a game.

To be fair, maybe TCU was just plain tuckered out after that decimating three-game season, which included a total of one road game.

And so, the 1896 Fighting' Nomads finished TCU's inaugural football season with a record of 1-1-1. Not bad for a team without a coach, without turf shoes and without modern showers.

Two years later (after finishing 3-1 in 1897 for its first winning season), TCU blasted Toby's Business College 41-0 in the second game of 1888. Best of all, and I'll quote the record books on this one, the game was "At Toby's Bus. College."

A big win on the road, at one of the finest institutions—named after a guy named Toby—in the country! And can't you just imagine it:

TCU's hoss Morton Mump takes the snap in the single-wing formation. He runs around right end, cuts up field . . . and there he goes! My, he had a hole so big you could've fit "TOBY'S BUSINESS COLLEGE" in block letters.

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(Back in the locker room, for post-game interviews)

Correspondent Tom Teeth: "Mil-ton, what was the turning point in the game?"

"Well, Tom, I believe it was when Toby scheduled a major financial accounting exam for Monday morning. Those guys looked exhausted. Must've been poppin' Vivarins all night. A bunch of 'em were studyin' right there on the field."

"Y'know, I told 'em liberal arts is where it's at, but they just said their daddies were paying for school, and they didn't really know what they wanted to do when they got out, so they went to Toby's to get a business degree. y'know? Hey, Tom, incidentally, what does that "CBS" on that jacket of yours mean?"

"Frankly, Morton, I haven't a clue. But let's get back to the game. What happened on that brilliant 75-yard scamper?"

"It was nothin' special, really. Like I said, most of 'em were sittin' there studyin'. I just took the ball, hit a big ol' hole and ran. There was nothin' to it. Their No. 75—I think he's a grad student with emphasis on stocks and bonds and stuff—he threw an eraser at me, but I dodged it, and that was all she wrote."

"Morton, thanks s'much. Now, go enjoy that malt with Betty Jane. And

wear your sweater! We're not really sure whether it's blustery and cold, or warm and sunny out there. OK, back to the loser's dressing room and correspondent Dan Dimple."

"Thanks Tom. I'm talking to their No. 75—a grad student with emphasis on stocks and bonds and stuff—about that brilliant 75-yard scamper by TCU's Mump. No. 75, what happened?"

"Dan, we've got this really big test Monday, and I've got to do well, or my dad won't pay for my spring break to Mazatlan."

"Where?"

"Mazatlan. Anyway, I was critiquing an imaginary corporation's hypothetical fiscal year, and here comes this guy Mump. I'm not about to lose my page, but I don't want him to score, either. So I throw my eraser at him, but the guy dodges it."

"He's a helluva runner, that Mump. You gotta give 'im credit. Well, hey, Dan, I gotta go. I'm gonna see if the frat maybe has the test in the files, and I'm puttin' some Boise tri-axles in my new buggy."

(Toby, of Toby's Business College fame, a reclusive business magnate and megamillionaire, could not be reached for comment.)

But that 1898 team was a one-hit wonder, a flash in the pan. Prior to its 41-0 shellacking of the boys from

Toby's, TCU was shut out at home (Waco was home back then. Yes, you may wince.) 16-0 by the U. of Texas.

After the Toby's game, TCU played Fort Worth University to a 0-0 tie, then was shut out in consecutive games by Texas A&M and again by Texas to close out the season 1-3-1.

You descendants of Toby's graduates may have figured out that, yes, TCU scored 41 points that year, all against your brainy ancestors, the Or-Not-Tobys. Everybody else flat shut 'em out.

That wasn't the end of the TCU scoring drought, though. Far from it, fellow Frog fans. In 1899, TCU tied Baylor 0-0. That might be eventful enough, but it happened to be TCU's only game of the year.

It was the first and last time TCU went through a whole season without scoring or being scored upon.

In 1900 TCU was shut out completely—it didn't even field a team. Then, in the 1901 and 1902 seasons, and the first game of 1903 (a total of eight games), TCU neglected to score a single point. TCU, thus, went more than two years with the Big Goose Egg.

TCU did go on, however, to explode for 11 points in 1903 and an additional 5 points in 1904.

In 1905, led by coach E.J. Hyde (who later became current TCU offensive

sive line coach Tim Tekyil) the TCU men broke out of their 7-year itch by scoring 77 points and going 4-4.

But I'm thinking maybe there was some kind of 1905 scandal, some kind of payoff. Maybe there was some wealthy booster named Abraham Lowe.

I can't prove it. But how else can you explain the first five games of 1906—other than assuming a few guys got kicked off the team. TCU was shut out five straight times to open the 1906 season, until it came back and bullied the Deaf & Dumb Institute 17-6, and then Fort Worth University 9-6.

With that game the first decade was over. And in the final count, the Texas Christian University football team, from 1896 through 1906, didn't score a single point in 32 of its first 48 games, a dead-even 66 percent. An unmatched record in futility.

But, at the very least, TCU did win its first game ever, over Toby's Business College, by a score of 8-6. It was a big victory for TCU football, a real heartbreaker for Toby's B.C.

I just wonder who the poor bloke from Toby's was that missed the two-point conversion that would've tied the score for the Or-Not-Tobys. Whoever he was, I bet his dad wasn't real pleased. And I bet he spent his spring break in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford area.

Tomorrow, the saga continues.

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