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Sigma Nu gets national charter

By Michelle Releford
Staff Writer

Sigma Nu fraternity will win the first round of its fight to be recognized when it receives its national charter April 11.

The Sigma Nu colony started three semesters ago as the idea of two transfer students—Mark Rubic, junior political science major, and Jim Rivenes, sophomore radio-TV-film major.

The two students were looking for an alternative to the present fraternity system at TCU. Rubic said, and they formed the Saber Society with the hope of it becoming a fraternity.

Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, told Rubic and Rivenes she was not recommending expansion of the fraternity system at that time.

Barr said expansions won't be made in the fraternity system until some improvements are made in the present system.

The Student Organizations Committee approved the Saber Society as a recognized club, with the stipulation it could not contact any national fraternities about becoming a fraternity itself.

Rubic and Rivenes, however, declined approval for recognition, and against the university's wishes, they set out to form a colony with hopes of attracting a national fraternity, Rubic said.

The group has had its ups and downs—membership once dwindled to only eight people—but determination prevailed and numbers increased, Rubic said.

A group of 14 TCU students petitioned to become a colony of the Sigma Nu fraternity and were acknowledged and approved by its national headquarters in March 1986.

In order to become chartered, the colony, now consisting of about 50 members, submitted a 75-page petition detailing the history and membership of the colony to the High Council of Sigma Nu in late January, Rubic said.

The colony was unanimously approved for a charter in February, which will allow the fraternity to operate under the name of Sigma Nu, Rubic said.

M. E. Littlefield, executive director of Sigma Nu national headquarters in Lexington, Va., said national headquarters, while skeptical at first, found the group to be "outstanding."

Although the colony is not recognized by TCU, this chapter will have as much authority as any other Sigma Nu chapter nationwide, Littlefield said.

It is rare for a charter to be given to a fraternity not recognized by a university, but at installation a charter will be presented to Fort Worth Lambda Epsilon chapter of Sigma Nu, said Mike Dilbeck, senior speech communication major and 1986 commander of Sigma Nu.

The installation ceremony will also include initiation of the present members as "knights."

Sigma Nu fraternity, founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute, was founded on the principles of love, honor and truth, Rubic said, and truth is the ultimate ideal above all others.

Sigma Nu is the only national fraternity founded on a no-hazing policy, Dilbeck said.

The fraternity expects its members to have "truly outstanding" scholarship, show maturity and responsibility in abiding by its "strict" alcohol policy, represent the university's standards and be "spirit-minded" about the university, Littlefield said.

The national office of Sigma Nu sent an education field consultant to Fort Worth every month to help the group get organized, Dilbeck said.

Since the colony was founded, the average GPA of its members has risen to 3.0 and has had as many as 55 members at one time, Rubic said. It has participated in several community services, including the Fort Worth "Adopt-a-School" program and Mayfest. At least one Sigma Nu goes to Westcliff Elementary School every day to tutor children, play games and help with recess, Dilbeck said.

They also helped make and deliver food baskets to 506 families last Thanksgiving, he said. At the Christmas semi-formal party, each couple brought a wrapped toy for underprivileged children.

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Bringing home the bacon - Sophomore marketing major Julie Steiness enjoys the warm weather as she

strolls past TCU on University Drive after running an errand to pick up groceries Monday afternoon.

Course to find answers

By Kristin Deem
Staff Writer

TCU's community organization class is doing much more than taking notes and listening to lectures this semester.

Its students are working outside of class to research a campus need—a TCU day care center.

The focus of the class is to determine a need in any given community, assess the need and organize a proposal to meet the need, said Linda Moore, associate professor of social work and class instructor.

The goal of the class's project is to organize a formal proposal for a day care center at TCU for children of TCU faculty, staff and students. The proposal would include solutions for the funding, staffing and location of the center, she said.

The 17-member class would eventually like to present it to another group—such as the Faculty Senate, which could carry forth the effort after the class completes its semester, Moore said.

"I think it's an issue that most people can connect with in society today because there are so many families in which both parents work. Male or female, they understand the need for day care," Moore said.

The day care center is not a new idea. In 1981, the AddRan Committee of Women's Programs, which was part of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, wrote and sent out a questionnaire dealing with the need for day care. The results showed an overwhelming support for a campus day care center and an actual need for a center for 140 children.

The primary problem with the issue was that of funding, said Moore, who was also a member of the committee.

The class sent out the same questionnaire to 400 faculty members. Within the first week, more than 100 forms were returned with positive comments, Moore said. Although some of the faculty members who were questioned would not have children in the center, they still can see the need and support the idea, she said.

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Texas Breast Screening Project underway

By Susana Goepfert
Staff Writer

Every 15 minutes one woman dies of breast cancer, and three women develop it, a study released by the American Cancer Society said.

Currently, breast cancer is the No. 2 cancer to kill American women, the survey said.

It is estimated that one out of every 10 women born today will develop breast cancer, said Dr. John Cosica, radiologist and chairperson of the Fort Worth Breast Screening Task Force.

The statistic has been increasing, Cosica said. Twenty years ago, one out of every 20 women developed breast cancer.

As the American Cancer Society launches the largest nationwide breast screening project in history, it hopes to increase the survival rate of about 130,000 women who are expected to develop breast cancer.

The Society is conducting the Texas Breast Screening Project in Dallas/Fort Worth March 2 through 6. They hope to reach 30,000 women in the area.

The project will involve programs and public service announcements on television, radio and sections in local newspapers.

More than 300 volunteers from various women's organizations will answer 30 telephones at the Fort Worth Academy of Medicine, Cosica said.

The volunteers will answer callers' questions and inform them how to make appointments for mammograms at any of the 26 hospitals and diagnostic centers in Tarrant County that are participating.

Until May 2, these participating centers will perform mammograms for \$50, Cosica said. The normal rate for the test ranges from \$50 to \$100, he said.

"The main purpose of the project is to make patients, the public and doctors aware of the importance of mammography," Cosica said.

By increasing awareness, he said, they hope to realize the importance of early and frequent mammograms.

A mammogram can detect tumors two to four years before a doctor could

physically feel a lump, he said. By the time a lump is felt, Cosica said, already one-third of the cancer may have spread.

"If we can find the breast cancer early, we can cure it," he said.

For women whose breast cancer is found at an early stage, Cosica said, the 20-year survival rate is more than 93 percent.

Two main reasons women avoid having mammograms are fear and cost, Cosica said.

Women fear the danger of radiation techniques, but fast film used today produces very little exposure and almost no risk of unfavorable effects, he said.

Harris Hospital has been offering mammograms for \$50 for almost one year, he said.

The breast-screening project is being conducted to eliminate the fears and high costs of mammograms, Cosica said.

The American Cancer Society recommends monthly breast self-exams from age 20, a physical breast exam every three years for ages 20 to 25, a mammogram every two years or yearly for ages 35 to 40, and from age 50 on, a yearly mammogram.

The greatest risk factors for breast cancer are a previous history of breast cancer in the family and aging, a Society study said.

There are other factors: having menopause after the age of 50, starting puberty before 12 years of age, never having had children or having the first child after 30, Cosica said.

Campus Police Report

- 382 Traffic citations written.
- 36 vehicles towed for excessive violations.
- 0 auto's tampered with on campus by unauthorized persons.
- 11 calls or reports on suspicious or unauthorized persons.
- 0 fire alarms.
- 15 other reports

A microwave oven was stolen from the second floor lounge of Brachman Hall last Friday, according to Campus Police reports.

The theft, which was reported to Shannon Morgan, a resident assistant, occurred between noon and 8 p.m., reports said.

Baby boomers risk hearing loss

By Jacquelyn Torbert
Staff Writer

Communication pathologist Ann Lieberth would like to tell the university population one thing—"Turn down the Sonys!"

It's a noisy world we live in, Lieberth said, and excessive noise can cause permanent hearing loss.

Lieberth said ear protection should be worn even when operating a lawnmower or a vacuum cleaner.

Noise can damage "the hair cells of the inner ear and cause a sensory neural hearing loss," Lieberth said. "The hair cells simply become 'overstimulated,'" Lieberth said, like hitting something repeatedly until it does not rebound back.

People take their hearing for granted, Lieberth said. They need to take just as much precaution with their ears as they do with their eyes.

There is a certain amount of hearing loss due to natural aging, Lieberth said, but there is a significant amount people can control.

Lieberth said hearing loss will become more of a concern when the "baby boomers" reach retirement age.

According to the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders, there will be an estimated 28 percent increase in hearing disorders among older people by the year 2000.

Part of this increase will be due to an older population overall, Lieberth said, but some of it will be because of the excessive noise people are subjected to.

Today, getting a hearing aid is not that bad, Lieberth said. It can be inserted into the ear canal so it cannot be seen.

"Only 40 years ago, you would have to wear one battery strapped to each leg," she said.

The decrease in size, however, can also have its drawbacks, because "the smaller the hearing aid, the less the power," Lieberth said.

Another aspect that has helped the image of the hearing aid is President

Reagan's candid use of them, Lieberth said.

"He helped people accept hearing loss a little easier," Lieberth said, "and made them realize it isn't something that shows your age."

Reagan wears two hearing aids, one because of hearing loss due to age, and the other because of a stage accident in which a blank gun was fired too close to his head.

Lieberth recommends that hearing be tested every other year until a person reaches 40, and after that once a year.

Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic on campus not only tests TCU students, but also anyone from the community, Lieberth said.

Besides teaching at TCU, Lieberth is a certified audiologist, a speech language pathologist and an educator of the deaf.

She is researching the TDD (a machine that allows the deaf to communicate with the hearing), tests for deaf teenagers and services available to older hearing-impaired citizens.

Panhandle nuke dump protested

HEREFORD, Texas (AP)—A bitter rift has formed between residents of this quiet Panhandle town following a proposal to make the rich agricultural land into the nation's first high-level nuclear waste dump.

A sawdust-stuffed dummy was strung by the neck from a tree in front of the community center, where the Department of Energy held the first of three public meetings last week.

"It's the DOE," said a farmer who pushed the dummy and watched it swing in the 30-degree night air last Tuesday.

"No, it's us if they put the dump here," said another farmer.

The meetings are being held to discuss the upcoming site characterization study that will determine the suitability of the proposed dump location in Deaf Smith County, of which Hereford is the county seat.

Inside the community center Tuesday night, a standing-room-only crowd of some 800 people booed and jeered the DOE's Jeff Neff as he

answered questions about the planned study of the site, a 9-square-mile area 20 miles north of here.

"It's just a few people who are very vocal," real estate broker Marn Tyler said of the nuclear dump opponents.

She shook hands with DOE staffers who had set up tables with literature and charts illustrating aspects of the study.

"People need to take a more rational view of the situation," said a restaurant owner, who asked that his name not be used. He explained he was afraid people would boycott his restaurant if his views supporting the study were known.

Neff, manager of the DOE's Salt Repository Project office, as the Deaf Smith location is called, told the audience that the study does not automatically mean the nuclear dump will be placed here.

On the wall behind him hung a large red, white and blue banner, reading, "Don't Waste Texas." Two other locations are also being

studied—the Hanford nuclear reservation near Richland, Wash., and the Nevada Test Site near Las Vegas. But those two sites are on government land, while the area in Deaf Smith is privately owned and cuts across farms.

Deaf Smith also sits atop the Ogallala Aquifer, an important body of ground water stretching from the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico into Wyoming and South Dakota. The site here was chosen because it contains a salt bed deemed to be a good storage for nuclear waste.

No radioactive materials will be used at the site during the study, Neff said. And in the event the repository were located here, Neff downplayed the possibility of the ground becoming contaminated with radioactive elements.

"We wouldn't put a facility here if there was any possibility of that," Robert Wunderlich, deputy manager of the project, said in another room where he addressed the spillover attendance.

OPINION

Monthly vigils remember ongoing treaty violations



Craig Winneker

On the first Saturday of every month, dozens of people gather outside the gates of Carswell Air Force Base and have fun. You see, that very Air Force base is the place where the United States formally broke the SALT II treaty when one B-52 too many took off and where it continues to break the treaty every day.

An ever-increasing number of people are voicing their opinions about this and other issues at monthly vigils held at Carswell.

About 50 concerned people, including an assortment of TCU students and professors, gathered Feb. 7 and decorated a large tree outside the property with red, white and blue ribbons and balloons and let loose hundreds of black balloons in protest of the treaty violation.

The group also planted a peace garden, which included a peach tree, a yucca plant, cabbage and onions—useful products on ground so close to that which covers useless weapons.

It wasn't too long before the police showed up. Actually, one bona fide Westworth Village police officer showed up, but he wasn't quite sure what to do.

In fact, he wasn't even sure if these people were in his jurisdiction. And he was more than intimidated by the presence of two lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union who were waving the Bill of Rights in his face (not literally).

It was a genuine showdown. The police officer was talking to the lawyers about the people who were tying ribbons and balloons to the tree, while right behind him two people were planting a 3-foot-tall peach tree.

While the officer waited for instructions via his walkie-talkie, the demonstrators finished the decorations and sat down to sing, pray and talk. There were all kinds of people: young, old, well-dressed, long-haired, peaceful and religious.

Most of the cars that drove by were from inside the base, and most of the people inside them didn't pay any attention. But every once in a while, someone drove by and gave an approving, even appreciative look.

The main question underlying all this was: whose land were they on? The U.S. government's or Westworth Village's? It certainly wasn't private property. The police officer was convinced it was private public property. The demonstrators, the ACLU lawyers and the Bill of Rights said it was public public property.

By noon, almost everyone had left. The balloons, ribbons and garden were all left behind, at the mercy of the U.S. government or Westworth Village. By later that evening, either one or the other had cleaned up the tree and flattened the garden.

The police officer warned the organizers of the demonstration that the next time this happened, there might be some citations or arrests. That is, if all of this happened in Westworth Village.

If it was on federal property, he didn't know what would happen. Would there be a posse waiting at the third?

An even larger group is planning on going again March 7, to demonstrate and decorate. And they are pretty much playing it by ear as to whether or not to tie ribbons and balloons on the tree and take their chances. After all, Westworth Village doesn't have the facilities to jail 50 protesters that were only peacefully demonstrating on public property.

And the U.S. government has better things to do than cart away a bunch of students, clergy, professors and law-abiding citizens for asserting their Constitutional rights.



The world may change but bubble gum doesn't



John Paschal

I still remember the smell of the bubble gum.

And the taste. And I remember how the pink slab would break easily. I remember how it would crumble when I began to chew it, and that it was way too sugary.

That's why I liked it so much. Because it was so sugary. I was about 8 or 9 years old, and anything too sugary was just sugary enough.

The very best thing of all about that pink bubble gum was what it came with. That one brittle stick of gum, about two inches long and flat, came in the same wonderful package as 10 wonderful baseball cards.

Ten baseball cards, one stick of gum—19 cents. That was life at 9. On sunny Saturday mornings especially.

Me and my friends pedaled down to the 7-Eleven in Lochwood Village, and we never locked our bikes. Usually we were barefoot. We never wore shirts. Our skin was tan because the only time we spent indoors was at the 7-Eleven, looking at baseball cards.

We looked at the baseball cards inside because, if you knew how—and we did—you could see through the paper the baseball card on top. If you already had the card on top, you didn't buy that package and moved on to the next one. Sometimes you had every card you saw.

One day me and David Kitchings looked through the packages, and we had all of the top cards. That was bad. So when the 7-Eleven man wasn't looking we opened the packages and looked inside. But none of the packages were good so we left.

David and me went outside the 7-Eleven and sat down on the curb to decide what to do

next. We always sat on the curb when we decided what to do next. While David and me sat there on the curb, the 7-Eleven man came out and asked us to empty our pockets.

He said he saw us going through the packages, and we couldn't say we weren't. What was scary was that me and David both had about 20 baseball cards in our pockets already. We always carried baseball cards with us.

We told the 7-Eleven man that we already had the baseball cards with us. And you know what? He believed us. We said thanks, and then we got on our bikes and went to do something else.

Almost all my money back then went to buying baseball cards. Either baseball cards or a Slurpee. Sometimes when I had more than a dollar I'd get both.

Then I'd go out on the curb with my friends and drink my Slurpee and we'd compare baseball cards. We always looked at the baseball cards on the curb, right after we bought them.

I remember one sunny Saturday morning when 7-Eleven first came out with the green watermelon Slurpee. I had more than a dollar so I got one. I got six packages of baseball cards too.

Sixty baseball players, six sticks of gum and a new green watermelon Slurpee. I sat on the warm curb and enjoyed them.

As I got older, baseball cards weren't as important. David Kitchings moved away. I was embarrassed to be seen on a bike. I started going to more movies and water parks and stuff.

I didn't have as much money to spend on baseball cards, and besides, I didn't want to spend it on baseball cards.

Once in a while I bought one or two packages. That was all. I would wait until I got home to look at them. Then I'd throw them in my baseball card box in the closet. It was a big box.

When I was 16, I never bought baseball cards. I had dates with girls. I went to movies and water parks and stuff. The box was still in

the closet. It was still big. But I never put any new cards in it.

I needed money for dates with girls, but I didn't have much money at all. Finally I decided to sell my baseball cards. I never looked at them, and they just sat in the big box in the closet. I never even thought about them, and I needed the money. So I sold them to a guy for \$25.

The money was gone pretty quickly, but I had fun with it, and I was glad I made the deal at the time. Then I just forgot about the whole thing.

I'm 21 now. I remember everything, and I know I should not have sold my baseball cards. I should not have sold them for any price. Especially \$25. Today they are probably worth a couple thousand dollars.

But that doesn't matter as much as the other thing. I should not have sold my baseball cards because they were a wonderful link to my childhood. A childhood that was free. A childhood where I was barefoot and had no shirt on.

I rode my bike and I was tan and I drank Slurpees on warm curbs. The man at 7-Eleven had believed David and me.

I should not have sold my baseball cards. I felt bad about it one day recently. So I went to a 7-Eleven and bought two packages of baseball cards. They were the first baseball cards I had bought in five years. Things had changed.

Each package cost 84 cents. There were 16 baseball cards to a package and something called an action photo. Most of the players were different. Their hair was different, their uniforms were different. They were different.

But the bubble gum was still the same, at least. It was still brittle and pink and it smelled just like pink bubble gum. It was still way too sugary. It was still the same. The whole world had changed, but the bubble gum was the same.

And I knew I was the same. Just older, but still the same.

Letters to the editor

Female referees not quite the rarity

I would like to address Rusty McCaskey's article "Gagne breaks mold as woman referee," printed in the Feb. 19 edition of the Skiff.

Kathy Gagne was mistaken when she reported that she was the only female referee on the intramural staff when she applied in August 1985.

I was a referee for TCU intramurals from August 1984 until August 1986. When I started, Jackie Jones, a 1986 graduate, was a referee and supervisor. In August 1985, the year that Gagne was hired, Shannon Stanphill, a former TCU student, was also hired as a referee.

Lisa L. Coleman
Junior, social work

Additional transportation not needed

In the Feb. 25 edition of the Skiff, there was a story about intracampus and citywide transportation for students. Why bother?

Our campus has one of the more compact layouts in the area. A walk from Brachman

Hall or Wiggins Hall to the Moudy Building or Dan Rogers Hall is less than a third of the width of UTA's campus.

The weather here is usually not bad enough to complain about walking, and there are many stores, groceries, pharmacies, clubs, parks and churches within walking distance.

Fort Worth has new, safe, clean buses that are a bargain for occasional trips to the water gardens, the museum district or the Greyhound station, and all stops mentioned take less than 15 minutes from the pavilion in front of the library. D/FW is only another half hour away by the airport shuttle that costs only \$6 and eliminates parking, traffic and gate-finding problems.

Lorena Lopez was quoted as saying, "Riding the bus means waiting out in the cold—it means waiting out in the heat," and "I'm used to the freedom that comes with having my own car."

Grow up a little Lopez; you're not that fragile. I'd rather have the freedom to wait in the heat 5 minutes knowing the bus schedule than be sitting here wishing for a car.

Ken Kolsti
Sophomore, education

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BLOOM COUNTY



Gabriel sings, Banks talks

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

A Christian music trio will make a return performance tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

The group, Gabriel, will be joined by guest speaker Gordon Banks of the Dallas Cowboys for a free concert at 7 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Both groups plan to use the concert as a ministerial outreach, said BSU Director Mike Stiles.

Stiles said Gabriel comes to TCU about once every two years. The group last performed here in 1986.

Gabriel is a local Christian group that works out of Arlington, Texas. Stiles said he has been associated with the group for a number of years.

The group is comprised of Jeff Walter, Robin Lyle and Robert Noland. Walter and Lyle founded the group in 1978.

Gabriel has produced three albums, all of which have received national distribution.

Stiles said they asked an athlete to speak in order to attract more students to the concert.

"We wanted to find a Christian athlete to share their personal testimony to appeal to the students who weren't attracted by the music," Stiles said.

Banks, a wide receiver and punt returner for the Cowboys, will give his testimony and tell how his faith has helped him in his football career.

It was through TCU's FCA president David Spradlin that contact was made with Banks, Stiles said.

Herschel Walker was going to be the guest speaker, but he had to cancel due to previous engagements, Stiles said.

According to Stiles, Walker will be participating in the "Goofy Games" at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Stiles said they were fortunate to have Banks volunteer to take Walker's place on such short notice.

"We asked Herschel if he knew anyone who would make a good speaker in his place, and he told us about Gordon," he said.

For Gabriel, this will be a second appearance at TCU in two years.

Stiles said Gabriel travels throughout the Southwest, playing for mostly student and youth groups.

"They're more than just a professional music group," Stiles said.

"They've done a great deal of work with youth at high school and college levels," he said.

According to Stiles, Gabriel is more interested in helping people than in "making it big" in music.

"They're more than just a professional music group," Stiles said.

"I mean, they play professional-quality music, but they are also very involved in relating to people and people's needs," he said.

BSU president Kelly Rowell said Gabriel is a concerned but entertaining group.

"They relate to students real well," Rowell said. "They use a lot of humor whenever they perform."

In addition to playing throughout the Southwest, Gabriel has also gone to Haiti to help in relief missions.

The group helps raise money for the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, which runs a medical clinic, two orphanages and a school in Haiti.

Stiles said he doesn't know exactly how many students will attend, but he is expecting approximately 400.

SMU fund drive "do-or-die"

DALLAS (AP)—Because of the newest round of NCAA sanctions, the upcoming fund-raising drive of the Southern Methodist University Mustangs will be the most important in the club's history, officials said.

The fund drive kicks off in three weeks, following closely behind the suspension of the school's 1987 football season by the NCAA because of recruiting violations.

"It is absolutely a crossroads for the athletic department," said Chris Rentzel, a member of the Mustang Club board of directors.

"We can give up or we can rally and come back. We can't stay in neutral. We've got to throw it in gear."

The club has set \$2 million as the goal, but leaders say what they really want is between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million in cash pledges.

"Words like 'essential,' 'crucial,' and 'no tomorrow' don't do it justice," Rentzel said. "We literally are in a do-or-die situation. Our fate is in our own hands."

The future of SMU athletics depends on the drive, officials said.

SMU's other programs could be in jeopardy if the boosters can't raise enough money, officials said.

Other programs could be dropped or de-emphasized, and if the school is forced to drop any other sports, the Mustangs could lose their status in the Southwest Conference.

"Our support can't wane," Aline Collins, who will head a part of the fund raising drive, said. "If we lose programs, we might have to get out of the Southwest Conference."

"And we want to stay in the Southwest Conference," Collins said. "We don't want to play small

schools. We'd rather get beat by Texas than Trinity (University)."

The negative publicity surrounding the "death penalty" and suspension of football for 1987 and the severe cutbacks for the 1988 season will make fund raising more difficult.

Club officials fear the negative publicity will cause some previous donors to back off and withhold their usual donations.

This has made those who run programs with lower profiles than football and basketball fear for their ability to keep going at current levels.

"A lot of donations support us," tennis coach Dennis Ralston said. "I think, hopefully, we will be able to operate fine. SMU supporters support the program."

Day care center proposed

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Every semester brings in a different list of issues for Moore's classes to consider. Because society's problems and controversies change so quickly, the popular issues today may not have been considered three years ago, Moore said.

Moore said she would not have expected a class project this semester to be day care.

Perhaps the reason the students chose day care is because of the emphasis being put on revamping the welfare system to get able-bodied people who have children over the age of 3 into the work force, she said.

The only way to get these people to

work, is to provide day care. However, if it is easier for them to receive welfare than to pay for day care, they are unlikely to want to work, she said.

The idea also arose because other colleges in the area, such as Tarrant County Junior College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, are providing day care programs, said Nancy Breazeal, junior social work major in the class.

The class is leaning toward a sliding-scale fee basis with some government funding. This program would allow people to pay for the care according to their annual income, Moore said.

"It's always nice to be able to have your child close—that way, it doesn't

separate the parent-child relationship as much," Breazeal said.

The amount of staff members required for the center would depend on the age groups of the children. Infants need more personal care, so this would involve a larger staff. A variety of students would benefit from the center because it would open doors for internship.

Breazeal said that the class is centered on a group project, and the students are graded on how well they work in a group, divide the responsibilities and follow through with them and accomplish their goal.

She said the class is learning how to induce constructive change instead of sitting back and feeling frustrated.

Conflict doesn't retain fraternity

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Two goals of the fraternity are to see that everything that has been started continues, and to "shoot toward better relations with the university," Rubic said.

Many members are attracted to the fraternity because of the group's diversity, Dilbeck said. A stereotype cannot be placed on the group, he said, because there are athletes, scholars and all kinds of people.

"Thirty percent of all football players who pledged fraternities this year pledged Sigma Nu," he said, "and a large percentage of Sigma Nu is comprised of students who have depledged other fraternities."

"With the quality members we're getting, our chances of fading away are diminishing every day," Dilbeck said.

Anne Trask, assistant director of student activities, was unavailable for comment about the university's position.

Karen Quigley, a Sigma Nu sweetheart, said the members of Sigma Nu are "genuine, real people" who are a close-knit group tightly bound by brotherhood.

Quigley, a psychology and social work major, said the group's brotherhood was intensified by the struggles the fraternity has had.

"Conflict was a cohesive tool in an odd way," she said.

"It's getting to the point that we have so many members that the university can't deny us any longer," Rubic said.

"We didn't fade away because of the determination of our members to find an alternative to what was on Greek row," Dilbeck said.

The controversy surrounding the Sigma Nu doesn't stop at the administration. Sororities and fraternities also have mixed feelings about Sigma Nu, Rubic said.

"In terms of accepting us, the major fraternities and sororities are of the standpoint that we're not going away, and we're moving ahead against the university's wishes," Rubic said.

Dilbeck said many individuals in fraternities and sororities show support for the efforts of Sigma Nu, but as a group Greeks don't support Sigma Nu.

"I even heard that fall rushees were told that if they went to Sigma Nu rush they wouldn't receive a bid from any other fraternity," Dilbeck said.

"I think the fraternities feel threatened," Quigley said.

Platt Allen, rush chairman for the Interfraternity Council, refused to comment on the council's position.

Quigley, a member of Chi Omega sorority, said members of her sorority have been very supportive of her activity with the Sigma Nus.

"At the same time," she said, "the sorority has to support the university, because the university supports the sorority."

"People look at us through a microscope right now, and they try to find something bad about us," Dilbeck said.

Sigma Nu is not allowed to participate in homecoming, advertise on campus, play in TCU Greek-league sports or coordinate functions with any TCU-recognized fraternity or sorority.

Spirit signs identified as Sigma Nu's have been removed from sports events, Dilbeck said.

"It's funny that they (the university) can discriminate against any organization promoting spirit," Dilbeck said.

Even though Sigma Nu is not recognized on campus, it's still benefiting TCU, he said.

A sense of determination coupled with brotherhood will keep the group strong, Dilbeck said. Members wear their Sigma Nu jerseys to show that bond, he said.

"If people weren't proud, they wouldn't wear their letters on campus," Dilbeck said.

CAMPUS NOTES

Martin Luther King Jr. scholarships

Applications for Martin Luther King Jr. scholarships are available in the Financial Aid Office, Sadler Hall Room 108, until March 27.

Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, must submit an essay of no more than 750 words focusing on how career goals relate to society, and must demonstrate financial eligibility. Preference will be given to minority students.

Check fee changed

As of Sunday, the Controller's Office now charges \$25, instead of \$10, for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Gabriel concert

Christian group Gabriel will play in concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by Baptist Student Union.

Writing contests

Deadline for this year's TCU Creative Writing Contests is Wednesday at noon. Entries should be turned in to Reed Hall Room 314. Open to all full-time students from freshmen to graduate level, the contest categories are poetry, fiction, drama and non-fiction prose. Cash awards will be given in 26 separate contests.

Special library hours

For spring break, the library will close Friday at 5 p.m. and will remain closed Saturday, March 7; Sunday, March 8; and Saturday, March 14.

Hours for Monday, March 9, through Friday, March 13, will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be open Sunday, March 15, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Regular hours resume Monday, March 16.

Student Foundation

An orientation session for students interested in applying to Student Foundation will be tonight at 5 p.m. in Student Center Room 207. The session will include an overview of Student Foundation activities and a period for questions. Applications will be available.

Frog Rapp

Organizations and residence halls are urged to participate in the Frog Rapp Wednesday at noon in the Student Center Lounge. Each group will present an original rapping song for the TCU basketball team to wish it luck in the Southwest Conference Tournament. The rapps can be no longer than 2 minutes and may use no more than six people.

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Study finds vegetarians are healthier than meat-eaters

By Cathy Sehpayak
Staff Writer

If you're one to live off oily hamburgers and the like, here's food for thought.

Everyone's heard a fatty history can result in obesity, high blood pressure and heart disease. But the slowly-traveling rumor is that colon diseases, gallstones, constipation and even osteoporosis are much less likely to occur in vegetarians than non-vegetarians.

Also, the less meat you eat, the better you are. At least this is what the 1981 Public Health Nutrition Update concluded on vegetarianism. The next few studies cited came from that report.

The report says although the findings are speculative and subject to numerous interpretations, "it is interesting to note that diet does appear to have positive effects on a number of these diseases and conditions."

Evelyn Roberts, TCU instructor in nutrition and dietetics, said some studies indicate various forms of cancer would diminish with a vegetarian diet.

Although she doesn't firmly advocate vegetarianism, she said America eats too much meat.

Roberts suggested a "variety of foods, an increase in vegetables and fruits and a decrease in meats, as a general rule."

Burger-loving people, however, find it difficult to get enough variety and keep the calories tamed simultaneously.

Carol Bowman, TCU instructor in nutrition and dietetics, said the quantity of meat allowed in a healthy diet can be "ridiculous" to meat-lovers—it makes them think the amount is not worth eating at all.

A report by Olaf Mickelsen, from the department of food science and human nutrition at the University of Delaware, says, "Current evidence suggests that osteoporosis, an incurable and debilitating disease of old age, may be prevented by following a vegetarian diet."

Mickelsen says you can live well longer on a vegetarian diet than on an omnivorous one.

His report states, "Bone mineralization of Seventh-day Adventist women followed the age trend for the average U.S. woman until about age 55 years."

"After that age, when the menopause normally occurs, the bone mineralization of the Seventh-day Adventist women was, in most cases,

greater than that of matched omnivorous women. The two groups of women were matched on the basis of age, socioeconomic status and reported physical activity.

"This suggests that the reduction in estrogen production, which accompanies the menopause, may be overcome by the diet."

"The acid urine associated with a diet containing meat increases the excretion of calcium."

Roberts said "octo-lavo vegetarians" (those who include animal products, such as milk and eggs, in their diet) are probably more health-conscious and therefore likely to consume more calcium than omnivores (meat-eaters).

Bowman said it would be interesting "to have more research, especially on bone demineralization."

Bowman said she is not a sound supporter of vegetarianism but agrees it can lessen the risk of many forms of cancer.

Dr. Frank Sacks, a research fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School, wrote in his 1981 contribution to the update, "Studies of cardiovascular risk factors in vegetarians have yielded provocative results. In particular, vegetarians in a wide variety of settings have remarkably favorable blood pressure and serum cholesterol levels."



and vegetables, among other foods, have more high-quality protein per ounce than beef or pork and can combine to make many different meals without the fat and protein from animals' flesh.

Milk, cheese and eggs can usually ensure vegetarians of nutritional adequacy.

People should not drastically change their diets without knowing what they're getting into, Roberts said.

Neither animals nor animal products are needed to have a nutritionally complete diet, but one must know where the right foods are.

The rule of thumb for any diet is a dietary allowance of at least one gram of protein per kilogram of body weight.

An easy way to lose weight would be to go on a vegetarian diet, Bowman said, as people can eat more and still maintain their weight easily.

Meat has much more fat per serving than you'd want to put on your serving of vegetables, she said.

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Language bill protested

AUSTIN (AP)—A state lawmaker, expressing concern that many Texans suffer because they do not learn English, Monday filed a proposed constitutional amendment that would make it the state's official language.

But Hispanic lawmakers said they have commitments from enough House members to defeat Rep. Pete Patterson's plan.

"We're here today basically to say that one half-hour after this amendment was born, it's dead," said Rep. Al Luna, D-Houston, chairman of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus.

It takes a two-third vote in the House and Senate to put proposed constitutional amendments on a general election ballot. Luna said 61 of the 150 House members say they oppose Patterson's proposal.

"When the Constitution says freedom of speech, it doesn't say it has to be in English," said Rep. Renato Cuellar, D-Weslaco.

The official language effort was sparked by a group called The American Ethnic Coalition, which believes bilingual education and other bilingual programs are harmful because they do not encourage people to learn English.

Patterson, D-Brookston, said his goal "is that every citizen will learn to speak English."

"In our English-speaking society, only those persons who are proficient in English have the opportunity to obtain their highest life potential and reap the benefits our society has to offer," he said at a news conference.

The Texas Republican Party has endorsed the official language resolution. The Texas Democratic Party has rejected it. Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican, said Monday, "I think we have much more important things to talk about."

Under Patterson's proposal, the amendment would go on the November 1988 ballot, if approved by lawmakers. He predicted Texans would back it by a "substantial" margin.

Areas that could be affected by the amendment include bilingual ballots

and bilingual education. Patterson called for a special study of bilingual education programs to determine if they produce students who are not fluent in English.

Luna said the framers of the United States Constitution fielded proposals to declare an official language for the new nation.

"They debated it. They had a vote. The compromise was, 'We are not going to have any official language in the United States because it is divisive.' They, in their wisdom, decided not to declare an official language of the United States," he said.

The Texas Civil Liberties Union criticized the Patterson plan, saying it is "insensitive to the rich cultural history" of Mexican-Americans.

Patterson called English "our single and common unifying bond."

"Sadly, there are too many in this state who cannot speak and read the common unifying language. Already we see signs in all facets of life of an official multilingual society forming," he said.



Mail call - Postman Lowell Pitman takes mail carts back to the truck after making his daily stop at the TCU post office. Pitman said he has been making this stop for more than a year.

TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

Reagan nominee withdraws

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Reagan on Monday withdrew his nomination of acting CIA Director Robert M. Gates to head the spy agency, saying confirmation hearings at this time "would not be in the interest of the CIA or of the nation."

In a statement read to reporters by his new chief of staff, Howard H. Baker Jr., Reagan said he withdrew the nomination at Gates' request.

Baker also read to reporters a letter from Gates to the president, saying, "It is apparent that there is strong sentiment in the Senate to await completion, at minimum, of the work of the Senate Select Committee on Iran before acting on my nomination."

"I believe a prolonged period of uncertainty would be harmful to the Central Intelligence Agency, the intelligence community and potentially to our national security," he said.

Baker said Gates met with the president Monday afternoon.

Reagan's statement said he accepted Gates' request "with great regret."

"I have asked Bob to continue serving as deputy director of intelligence under a new director," Reagan said.

Praising Gates' 20-year record of service to the CIA, he said, "I have been impressed with the class he has shown under the enormous pressures of recent weeks."

"At any other time, I am certain that he would easily have been confirmed without delay."

Baker said selection of a new nominee would be "an urgent item on the president's agenda" and some names had already been discussed.

Gates met with Baker and President Reagan's national security adviser, Frank C. Carlucci, for about 30 minutes earlier in the day.

Before the meeting, Marlin Fitzwater, assistant to the president for press

relations, said, "The president stands behind his nomination of Robert Gates to be CIA director. I have seen the stories about Robert Gates' consideration of this matter, but I don't have any direct knowledge of his position."

"It's a matter for Robert Gates to decide," Fitzwater said. "The president made the nomination and he thinks it's a good one, and I won't have any comment on that."

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Sunday that Gates' nomination "could be in some difficulty" if brought to a confirmation vote soon after the Tower report, and other senators have been even more negative about Gates' chances in the current climate.

Gates, 43, was picked to head the CIA after Casey resigned in December because of brain cancer.

Murderer to die, another gets stay

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—A Grande Valley man convicted of being a state trooper during a 1982 spree of terror in 1982 faces execution before dawn Wednesday while another inmate scheduled to die the same day won a reprieve.

Eliseo Moreno, a former lawn mower repairman from Donna, apparently was continuing his insistence that he should die, his attorney said Monday.

But David McKay, convicted of a March 1982 slaying in Dallas County, received a stay from U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders in Dallas, said his lawyer, Fred McDaniel.

McDaniel said the appeal challenged how much McKay knew about his right to testify and whether the state's main witness had entered into an agreement with officials to testify that wasn't disclosed to the jury.

McKay was convicted in the March 1982 shooting death of Robert Hill during a robbery in Dallas County.

The 28-year-old death row inmate was arrested in Irving driving Hill's car, and police found the gun used in the slaying in the car. He acknowledged driving Hill's car but

would not say who took it or why Hill was shot.

Moreno, meanwhile, was preparing for his lethal injection.

"I have not heard a word from him," said his attorney, Richard Tindal. "So I assume he is still taking the same course."

Tindal said Moreno met with family members over the weekend.

Moreno was convicted of capital murder in the Oct. 11, 1983 shooting death of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Russell Lynn Boyd near Hempstead.

Boyd was one of six people prosecutors said Moreno killed during a crime spree that started in College Station with the slayings of his brother-in-law, Juan Garza and Garza's wife, Esther.

Boyd was shot to death after stopping Moreno for a traffic violation.

Moreno's father, Felipe Moreno, said his son wrote letters to the victims' families asking for their forgiveness.

"He is sorry for what he's done," Felipe Moreno told the Houston Chronicle. "But he said he put his life in God's hands. If it's God's will, then he's ready. He's not going to fight back."

Commissioner encourages AIDS testing

AUSTIN (AP)—In a stepped-up effort to control the spread of AIDS, the state should encourage voluntary testing, but not make it mandatory, the state health commissioner said Monday.

Dr. Robert Bernstein said it is also important that sex education be taught in schools.

Texas ranks fourth in the nation in confirmed AIDS cases with 2,067 cases, Bernstein said. Of those cases, 1,290 of the victims are dead, he said.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome is a fatal disease that destroys the body's immunological system. Researchers believe the disease is predominantly sexually transmitted.

"There is no vaccine to prevent the infection, no proved drugs to check

the virus. If there is no change among individuals from risky to safer behavior, and most especially no action from us all now, then we really can expect the worst," Bernstein said.

The worst, he said, is a projected 16,200 cases of AIDS in Texas in less than five years.

In that case, he said, 11,000 people in the state would be dead from AIDS by 1991. About 240,000 would be infected with the AIDS virus and about 60,000 of those would have AIDS by 1996.

"That would be about nine AIDS funerals a day in Texas," he said.

Bernstein made the projections during a Capitol news conference after returning from a national AIDS meeting in Atlanta.

"One of the worst mistakes we can make is to be complacent or apathetic about this problem," Bernstein said. "The future, in terms of the number of cases, is ominous."

Bernstein said compulsory testing of people is unnecessary, but said testing should be offered routinely at sexually transmitted disease clinics and drug dependency programs.

"This should always be done with the patient's knowledge and right of refusal," he said.

Several lawmakers have introduced bills that would prohibit compulsory testing and allow test results to be confidential.

"We hope with this legislation to encourage voluntary testing so that it will help us in our efforts in this state

to work for the prevention of AIDS and this terrible epidemic," said Rep. Nancy McDonald, D-El Paso.

The state health department currently is spending about \$1 million for counseling AIDS victims, educating people about the disease and testing for AIDS, he said.

Bernstein warned lawmakers not to take funding from other health programs in order to increase resources for AIDS programs.

Another step that would help reduce the threat of AIDS, he said, is sex education in public schools.

"Sadly it may be AIDS that drives us to start teaching children what they should know about their bodies to begin with," said Dr. Ron Anderson, chairman of the state board of health.

Manson challenges "bogeyman" image in book

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—For 18 years, Charles Manson has been the world's bogeyman, a terrifying Rasputin-like guru who manipulated innocent youngsters into lust and murder.

However, Manson scoffs at such notions in a new book, saying he instead was a small-time thug, an unsuccessful criminal and musician who stumbled out of prison and into the sex-and-drugs culture of the late 1960s.

He admits being a part of eight of the nine ghastly killings that stunned the nation in 1969, but says youthful members of the so-called "Manson Family" who wielded the weapons

acted on their own volition.

"It was the drugs and the music and the times and not his real maneuvering," says Nuel Emmons, who wrote "Manson in His Own Words" (Grove Press, \$16.95).

Through the media attention the murders garnered, Manson "became more than a sick, dope-crazed murderer, he became some kind of charismatic cult leader, bigger than he was at the time," Emmons said.

Emmons conducted prison interviews with Manson for more than six years, piecing together his life from rambling monologues, obtaining admissions to some crimes Manson

denied nearly two decades ago, suffering through accusations and diatribes.

Emmons, 59, said Manson admitted sending some followers to the home of actress Sharon Tate and director Roman Polanski, where they killed the pregnant Tate and four others. He also admitted for the first time that he and an unnamed friend later went to the scene and wiped off all surfaces that might bear fingerprints.

Another revelation, according to Emmons, was that Manson admitted involvement in the slaying of Donald J. "Shorty" Shea, a cowhand at the

ranch near Los Angeles where the Manson Family lived at the time of the murders. Manson and two others were convicted of the murder.

Manson's reputation as an evil cult leader is enhanced by such rare public statements as a recent appearance with Emmons on NBC-TV's "Today" show. First, Manson denied killing anyone. Then, he said, "Maybe I should have killed 400 or 500 people. Then I would have felt better. Then I would have felt like I'd really offered society something."

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SPORTS



Horned Frogs explode to whip Owls 89-65; SWC tournament next goal

By Rusty McCaskey
Sports Editor

HOUSTON —It's not where you start. It's where you finish, and TCU's basketball team finished its regular season on top.

TCU defeated the Rice Owls at Atry Court Saturday, 89-65. The Frogs did not dominate the Owls as they did earlier in the season, but the Frogs still controlled the game.

The victory over Rice gave TCU a four-game lead in the Southwest Con-

ference, which is the widest winning margin since the SWC expanded to nine teams in 1976.

After losing to Houston in the previous game by 19 points, this game was uplifting to the Horned Frogs' spirits.

"I'm happy we won this game like we did," said TCU's Larry Richard. "Now, we can go into the conference tournament with our heads up."

The last time TCU played Rice, the Owls were only able to score 9 points in the first half, but this time it was a

different story.

With 1:47 left in the first half, the Owls only trailed by 5 points. TCU's Norman Anderson converted two free throws, and Carl Lott pumped in a 3-point shot to give the Frogs a 10-point lead with 49 seconds left in the first half.

Rice's Glenn Youngkin hit a shot at the buzzer to cut TCU's lead at half-time to 8 points.

TCU exploded in the second half. The Horned Frogs hit 12 of its first 20 shots in the second half, and the game

quickly turned into a rout.

Lott hit an 8-foot turnaround jump shot with 4:07 left in the game to give the Frogs a 27-point lead. From that point, Rice was never in the game again.

Lott led the Frogs in scoring with 17 points, and he balanced his attack with seven rebounds in the 26 minutes he played. He scored 12 of those points in the second half.

It was Lott's second game back since he broke his middle finger on his right hand on Jan. 18. Lott missed 10

games before returning in the Houston game.

"I am not complaining," Lott said. "It is just a great feeling to be back and playing. I was able to relax just a little more tonight than I did against Houston. I was able to help out a little more tonight."

"It feels good to be through with conference play," TCU's Jamie Dixon said. "Our first goal for the season was to win the conference, and we did that. Our second goal is to win the conference tournament. Then, we're

going to look forward to the NCAA tournament."

TCU will be the No. 1 seed in the Southwest Conference Post-Season Classic, which will begin Friday. The Frogs will be matched against Texas A&M in the first round, and the game is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m.

TCU defeated the Aggies in both regular season games. In the first meeting between the two teams, TCU defeated Texas A&M by 1 point in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Frogs get BC Eagles for 1987-88

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Texas Christian University will open its 1987 football season at Boston College on Sept. 5, TCU athletic director Frank Windegger announced Friday.

Boston College fills a void in TCU's schedule caused by cancellation of the Frogs' Sept. 26 contest with Southern Methodist, whose 1987 program was shut down by the NCAA.

"We're thrilled that we've been able to land a quality opponent like Boston College," Windegger said.

The agreement between TCU and Boston College is a home-and-home arrangement, with the Eagles scheduled to visit TCU on Sept. 24, 1988.

SMU players can transfer without wait

DALLAS (AP)—Southern Methodist football players can transfer to any of the other Southwest Conference schools and not have to wait one year before playing, the Southwest Conference Council voted Monday.

The Council met Friday by conference call and decided by a 5-3 vote to allow players to waive a league rule that prohibits players from transferring and playing the first year, SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby said.

"You've got two things to look at—one, the good kids who are having to pay the price for all this," Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield said. "You certainly want to give them every opportunity to go where they can enjoy college football."

But Hatfield questioned how far the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the SWC should go in punishing the SMU program.

"If you let them all transfer, some would have to start again from ground zero," Hatfield said. "If you limit it to the seniors only, you at least have a few people left."

Council members voted to follow the NCAA special transfer rule that waives the one academic year residence requirement for SMU student-athletes in the football program only.

The NCAA last week suspended SMU's 1987 football season because of recruiting violations that occurred while the school was on probation for previous violations.

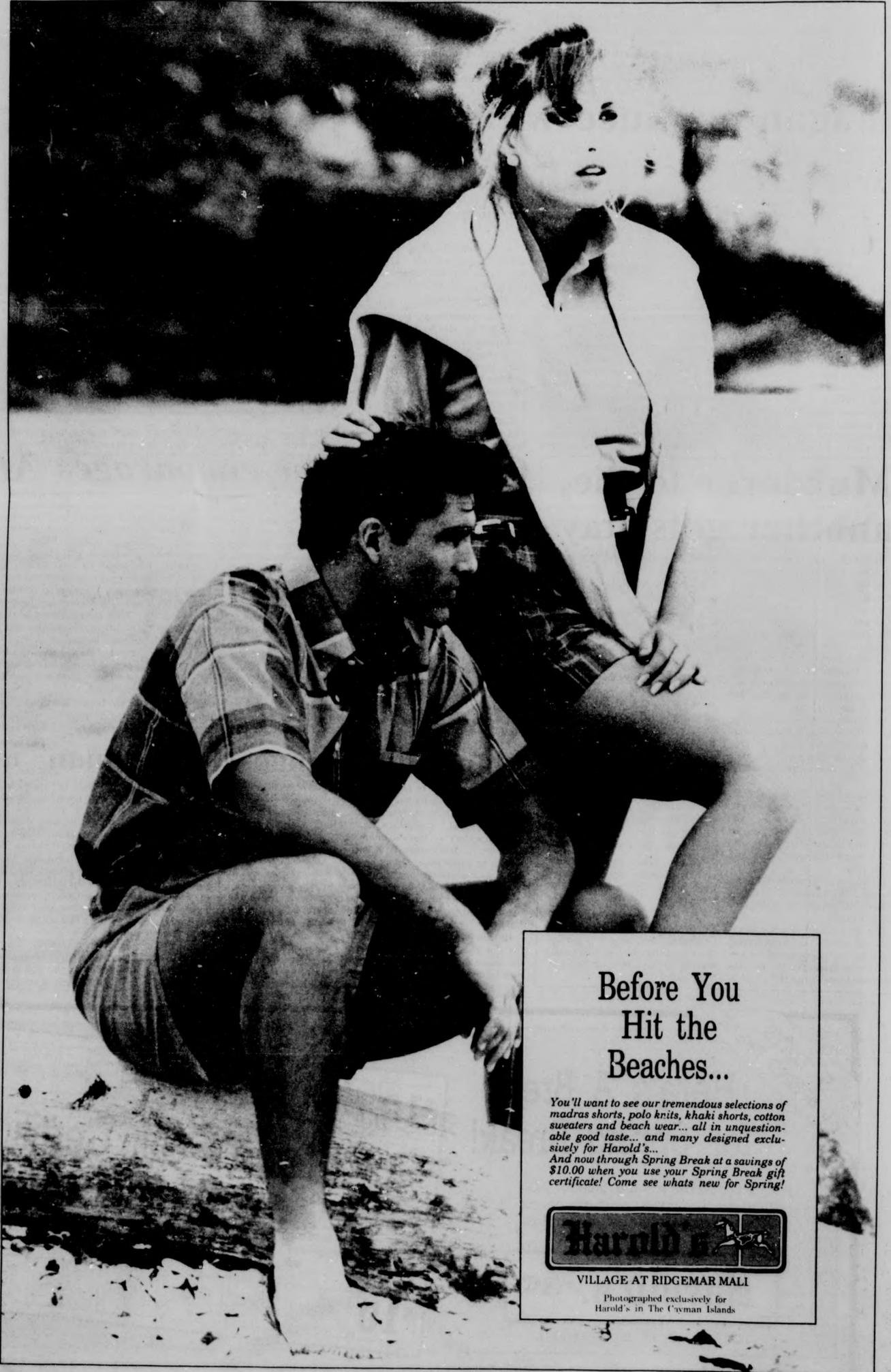
Rice changed its mind after Friday's 5-3 vote and asked for a reconsideration, but Jacoby said the earlier vote was binding and that the request for reconsideration could only be taken up at a future meeting.

"What happened was we had a conference telephone call Friday," Jacoby said. "One institution called and said it wanted to change a vote and ask for reconsideration. We both concurred that meeting concluded when we hung up on the phone call." Jacoby said the vote was binding, but any school could reconsider at a future league meeting.

SMU faculty representative Lonny Kliever abstained from the vote.

The SWC Council also voted to interpret another league rule to mean that NCAA sanctions suspending competition in football do not jeopardize SMU's standing as a full conference member.

The rule required a conference member to sponsor six SWC-sponsored sports for men, two of which must be football and basketball.



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