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Zoo wants Forest Park, civic groups disagree

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

The Fort Worth City Council will start debating the fate of a hotly debated proposal to expand the Fort Worth City Zoo in a meeting next September.

The proposed expansion, which would have the zoo take over more of Forest Park, will either bring the city a better zoo or deprive the city's residents of a recreation area, depending on whom you talk to.

The debate over the zoo's expansion has been heated over the past few

months. The furor originally erupted when a "master plan" to double the size of the zoo suggested that the city eliminate a swimming pool often used by city residents.

The plan was amended after a number of civic groups, upset at the proposed pool elimination, protested the master plan. The new plan, which was approved by the park board by a narrow 5-4 vote Aug. 18, was a compromise.

Many city council and park board members still feel that more research needs to be done.

Gary Kutilek, assistant director of the park department, said the new plan is a "drastically scaled back" version of the original plan.

"The plan approved by the park board scales back the proposed size of the zoo from 108 acres to 71 acres," Kutilek said.

He said the demands for the pool were dropped, less parking space was asked for and the proposed size of the African savanna was reduced.

The zoo, which currently occupies 57 acres, will expand to 71 acres. Some of that gain will come at the expense of a much used soccer field.

The soccer field would make way for more parking space and exhibition area for the zoo.

Kutilek said that many different groups use the soccer field.

According to Kutilek, the main users of the field are rugby players, but many other groups also use it, he said.

"I saw one time where a bus pulled up and a bunch of kids got out and started to practice football," he said.

Kutilek said the basis of the controversy swirls around the question of how much of Forest Park should be used by the zoo and how much should be controlled by the park.

The Fort Worth Zoo has wanted to expand for some time. Kutilek said the zoo feels it's necessary to expand in order to be more like the zoos of other major cities.

He also said the zoo wanted to expand because of the peculiar terrain that it was in.

"Right now the zoo is in sort of a valley," he said. "That's good because it acts as sort of a natural buffer."

However, Kutilek said that same terrain limits the types of animal exhibitions the zoo can show.

The zoo personnel feels that expansion would make more exhibitions possible since they would have more flat land and unwooded area to work with, Kutilek said.

The city council will not be able to start debating the issue until Sept. 9, and a vote probably will not be taken until later.

Other problems have arisen from the zoo controversy. The park board tried to close its meetings to the press. The Fort Worth Star Telegram responded by filing a lawsuit to keep the meetings open.

Rush '87

Rushees gain extra day to learn about houses

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

This year's sorority rush was different than last year's in more ways than one.

Not only was there an extra day added, but the calibre of the rushees was better than last year, said Stefanie Sanford, assistant pledge trainer of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Last year, women going through sorority rush went to six parties in one day for the second round of rush parties—three parties, a short break, then three more parties, Sanford said.

This year, rushees went to three parties the first night and three parties the second night, she said.

The women who attended the last three parties were at a real disadvantage because they and the sorority members were tired from the three previous parties, Sanford said.

"Six parties in one day is just too much," said Anne Trask, assistant director of student activities.

The women have to buy books and register also, not just attend sorority parties, she said.

Mary Kauss, rush director of Chi Omega sorority, said sorority members can get to know rushees better when they have that extra time and aren't as fatigued.

That extra time was important, because this fall 597 women rushed the sorority system—20 more than did last year, Trask said.

The first round of rush parties lasted two days, Aug. 18 and 19. At this time, rushees went to five parties each night, visiting

each sorority house and starting to decide which sorority would best suit them.

During first round parties, actives try to answer questions about the Greek system in general, Kauss said.

"Some think the first day is the hardest, with all the small talk," she said.

From the invitations they receive after first round, the women choose up to six parties they will attend during second round.

The women attended three parties each night during second round parties, Aug. 20 and 21.

The second night of second round is the hardest, said Lisa Coleman, pledge trainer of Alpha Phi sorority.

"You're so tired. If you can make it through that, there's no problem," she said.

But Kauss said rush week is not as hectic as it could be.

"It isn't really too bad, because committee members start planning rush in January, and the actives are here a week ahead of time," she said.

Third round rush parties were held Aug. 22, and women attended up to four based on invitations.

Preference day was Sunday, when the rushees attended a maximum of three parties. Afterward, they wrote down sororities in order according to their preference.

This fall 446 women pledged a sorority, Trask said.

On bid day Monday, the rushees met at the Student Center at 5 p.m. and were given their bid cards. The women then took the traditional "run over the hill" to meet their new sorority sisters.



Pi Beta Phi Cindi Collins is getting ready for her sorority's "Greatest Show on Earth."

Fine Arts college renamed Journalism added

By Shuri Thweatt
Staff Writer

The School of Fine Arts has been officially renamed the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

This new name marks the addition of the journalism department to the college.

It is the third name that the college has had in the last century.

The College of Fine Arts was formed in 1908 by combining the departments of music, art and oratory. With the addition of theatre, radio-television-film, ballet, modern dance, speech pathology and habilitation courses, the name was later changed to the School of Fine Arts.

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the new name is important because it will give studies in communication more visibility under the study of fine arts.

George T. Tade, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, agreed and added that this addition was not intended to deemphasize visual and performing arts.

Koehler said Tade first proposed the idea of renaming the school of Fine Arts two years ago.

Tade said his proposal was "no original idea" and had been discussed for several years.

The Board of Trustees passed Tade's proposal last November and decided the new name would go into effect in June.

Tade said his proposal was more than a name change—it was a substantive change that would allow collaboration and joint programming in different areas of the college.

Registrar alleviates add/drops

By Robert McDonald
Staff Writer

Like the Dow-Jones industrial average for the last few years, TCU enrollment just keeps going up.

Associate Dean of Admissions Janet George Herald said this year's freshman class currently totals 1,233, while 440 students have transferred to TCU.

She added the numbers are not definite yet because add/drops are not yet over.

"When we do comparative numbers we do it to the time period from last spring," Herald said. "But at this time we keep seeing an increase as students keep registering."

Acting registrar Pat Miller said he expects total enrollment to be increased by 4.5 percent over last year.

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Add/drop - Students have to wait again to add or drop a class

Customs officials discover cocaine among toilet paper

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Customs officials searching shipping containers of toilet paper in San Juan and Florida found more than two tons of cocaine, one of the largest seizures in U.S. history, officials said Monday.

The estimated 4,700 pounds of cocaine was found in 25 containers in San Juan, 27 containers in northwestern Miami and two containers in Jacksonville, Fla. Each container held 75 to 100 pounds of the powdery narcotic.

Officials were still opening the containers Monday, so it was not known how much of the drug had been seized. Earlier this month, 5,400 pounds of cocaine was seized in Chicago, said Miami Customs spokesman Michael Sheehan.

The containers, which were shipped from Colombia aboard two Honduran-registered vessels, arrived in San Juan and Florida several weeks ago, but had been kept under surveillance in hopes of apprehending the owners, Sheehan said in a telephone interview.

"No one came . . . and we decided it was time to seize the cocaine," he

said. Officials started opening the containers on Friday in Miami, Thursday in San Juan and Wednesday in Jacksonville.

Jaime Echevarria, San Juan Customs special agent in charge of investigations, said he expected 2,500 pounds of cocaine to be removed from the 20-foot containers in San Juan. The total San Juan shipment was estimated to have a street value of \$150 million.

About a ton of cocaine was removed from 22 containers at the privately owned Container Inc. shipping yard in Miami, with five more to go, Sheehan said. He said the containers had arrived July 31.

Another 200 pounds was taken from the two containers in Jacksonville.

No arrests have been made, but the investigation is continuing.

The cocaine arrived in San Juan from Colombia on June 26 aboard two Honduran-registered motor vessels, the Lefkimi and Rebecca, loaded with toilet paper and a few containers of oatmeal.

Man guilty of possession

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP)—A Mexican national pleaded guilty Tuesday to one of four counts in a drug arrest in what federal agents term the largest seizure of cocaine on land on either U.S. border.

Investigators said the drug was floated across the Rio Grande.

With the guilty plea by Jose Donato Berlanga-Hernandez, the federal prosecutor in the case agreed to dismiss the other three counts against Berlanga, 26, after his sentencing, set for Sept. 15.

He faces a sentence of 10 years to life in prison, with a possible \$4 million fine, on the possession charge.

Berlanga's plea is subject to appeal, based on his testimony that he thought he was picking up a 50-pound load of marijuana.

TODAYliving

Family ties change with college years

By Hap Klinefelter
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Attending TCU usually means leaving the familiar, comfortable surroundings of home and entering a strange and stressful new environment; the challenges of university living are opportunities for growth whereby you can learn how to prepare yourself for a successful transition to the adult world.

The college years are a time ideally suited for you to make significant strides in your developmental journey from adolescence to adulthood. Parents are no longer there to help you make decisions and to shield you from making mistakes and suffering the negative consequences. The increased freedom and subsequent responsibility often seem overwhelming at first, but that is a natural reaction; the experience of college culture shock is perhaps the hardest part of this complicated adjustment process.

The phenomenon of homesickness bears testimony to the anxiety that accompanies separation from one's home. This emotional state typically afflicts freshmen who are unsure of their abilities to fend for themselves. Fear of the unknown temporarily incapacitates and inhibits self-reliant efforts at coming with changed circumstances. Homesick students instinctively look to parents for relief of the anxiety that accompanies independent functioning.

The homesick response is so common, because it reflects the human fear inherent in growing up, changing and having to confront the terrifying unknown. Fortunately, the wish to grow is usually strong enough to counter the fear and energize efforts in the direction of greater independence, successful attempts rapidly breed confidence and spawn future development.

Between the two extremes of homesickness and rebellious independence lies a middle ground where students have vacillating feelings about growing up and apart from their parents. Their ambivalence is often shared by their parents as well; the fact that these conflicting feelings are frequently outside the awareness of all parties makes for a confusing situation that is ripe for mutual misunderstanding and disagreement.



Let's consider a hypothetical scenario involving you and your parents, keeping in mind that both you and your parents have 18 or more years worth of history interacting in a parent-child mode wherein all are accustomed to their assuming the responsible adult role with you used to being the carefree, irresponsible dependent one. While at college, you learn to be more responsible and independent. Understandably you expect your parents to recognize, affirm and respect your progress toward adulthood.

Accustomed as they are to being your parents and having never thought of you or experienced you as anything but a child, they will probably persist in old, familiar patterns of behavior. Conflict is the predictable outcome, since you resent being treated like a kid. How do you break through this impasse?

First, here's a common attempted solution that inevitably fails. Angry about not getting more respect, freedom or whatever from your parents, you react by either making a childlike demand for what you want or else by throwing a temper tantrum.

The childlike reaction is doomed to failure because it communicates to your parents that you are still a child, even though the content of your argument may be irrefutable. What has happened is that your childlike behavior has done you in; the best way to break the impasse and increase the chances of your parents treating you like an adult is to demonstrate by your behavior as well as your words your capacity to act like one.

It is possible to work together toward an adult relationship in which compromise makes interdependence a healthy and satisfying outcome. Harmony can take the place of conflict and hostility, and both you and your parents can enjoy the years of adult friendship between adult parents and adult children.

Fashionable exercise for health

By Michelle Espinosa
Staff Writer

You're tired and you don't feel like working out. During a Texas summer, this is typical.

What may sound appealing, though, is a new type of workout—something that will tone your muscles, keep your joints flexible, pump up the cardiovascular system and cool you off at the same time—swimming.

"This is the big trend now—everyone likes swimming laps for overall fitness and for health reasons," Richard Sybesma, TCU swimming coach said.

"Our whole country has become health-oriented, and swimming is gradually becoming an even more important part of that," he said.

In hot weather, running, jogging or even walking can be physically straining—or even dangerous.

The pounding that running, walking and jogging can cause on your ankles and knees has contributed to the increasing popularity of swimming for fitness, Sybesma said.

"Swimming works more of the muscles in your body, especially in the upper body, yet at the same time it gives you that same aerobic and cardiovascular workout."

The crawl, or freestyle stroke, is a common stroke because it is the fastest, yet there are others which, if done correctly, may be better.

"If you know how to do (the crawl-stroke), it's a good one because it allows you to cover the greatest distance in the shortest amount of time, but the sidestroke and breaststroke

may be better," he said. "Many people don't know how to do them correctly, though."

Once an effective stroke has been established, you should set time goals to record your progress. You should eventually be able to swim without stopping for a minimum of fifteen minutes.

Although outdoor pools may allow more flexibility with your time schedule, indoor pools may be a better choice because of the hotter weather.

The Rickel swimming pool is open from 7:30-8:50 a.m., 12-12:50 p.m., and 5:30-9:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 1-7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Sybesma, who has been the swimming coach at TCU for eight years,

said that he has noticed a significant increase in the popularity of swimming as a form of exercise among students as well as faculty and staff.

"I've seen a lot more students in the last five years—especially girls," he said.

Faculty and staff members, he said, usually swim in the mornings and at lunchtime, while the students usually swim in the evenings.

Being a swimming coach, Sybesma said, has allowed him to observe the gradual progress of those who are just starting to swim, as well as those who have enjoyed it for a while.

"There are basically three groups—those who are just trying it out, those who are semi-hooked, and those who are really dedicated to it and are here every day," he said.

Three professors win grants worth \$7,500

By Melissa Webb
Staff Writer

Three faculty members received teaching awards of \$2,500 this summer from the Burlington Northern Foundation.

Stanley B. Block, professor of finance; Toni Craven, associate professor of Old Testament and William E. Jurma, associate professor of speech communication were given the awards Aug. 7 during summer commencement.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, called all the winners "very capable professionals."

"I would characterize each of the three as outstanding teachers in the classroom while at the same time very productive scholars and researchers," he said.

This is the second year of the program, which TCU is participating in for the first time. At Burlington Northern Foundation's request, Adams wrote a proposal suggesting that TCU be included in the program. Nominees are nominated by colleagues in their departments. Each nominee submits an information package and letters of support from students and colleagues.

Nominees also usually include a statement of what teaching means to him or her, Adams said.

Besides excellence in teaching, the faculty member's service to the institution and research or creative activity are considered.

Each college can submit one name for consideration except for AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, which submits three names, and the College of Fine Arts and Communication, which submits two.

The nominations are then forwarded to Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler and the academic deans who decide on the winners as a group.

A winner can be from any department, and the competition is open to all full-time faculty.

The Burlington Northern Foundation has given a grant to TCU, which

will provide three awards every year for three years, to recognize outstanding faculty.

Adams said he hopes TCU will be able to continue giving out the awards.

"The grant program has enabled us to recognize and honor outstanding faculty in teaching," he said.

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Office tries to cut add/drop lines

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He said he thinks the increase is caused by the current economic troubles in Texas.

"This university, when economic times are tough, is a very good buy in comparison with other comparable private universities in the state," he said.

Miller added the ratio of male and female students is becoming more equal because this year's response from male applicants was better.

Last year TCU had 55 percent females to 45 percent males.

Miller said the Registrar's Office began a new idea this fall to try to shorten the add/drop line.

The line has been moved to the hall outside the office for the busy period. This new method has required the temporary hiring of two more employees in the Registrar's Office.

The idea is to better serve the people who aren't going through add/drops as well as those who are, Miller said.

Not every office has come up with innovations to deal with slow-moving lines, however.

Freshman Cecelia Foster complained about her wait to have her student I.D. photo taken as she waited in another line at the Mail Room.

And not all students have been pleased with the new add/drops system.

Leanne Rains, a senior broadcast journalism major, said she was not pleased when she discovered she had been standing in the wrong line for what she needed to do.

"This is so stupid, stupid, stupid," she said as she walked away.

CAMPUS LINES

Dropped class refunds

The last day to receive 100 percent refund for a dropped class is Friday, August 28; to receive 75 percent, Friday, September 4; to receive 50 percent, Friday, September 11; and to receive 25 percent, Friday, September 18.

Weekend Films

The Films Committee of the Programming Council will show

"Crocodile Dundee" in the Student Center Ballroom Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29. Showtimes for the movie will be 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and midnight on Friday and 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Hall Reps Elections for House of Representatives

Elections for dorm representatives to the House of Representatives will begin Tues-

day, September 1. Those interested in running should contact their hall director.

Army ROTC Pizza Party

The Army ROTC will sponsor a pizza party for cadets and their guests, Friday, August 28 at 7 p.m., at Mama's Pizza. Admission is four dollars for unlimited pizza and coke.

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COMMENTARY

Writer now ready to start up again

By John Paschal
Columnist

It's been three long months since I've written anything—anything—but graffiti and bad postcards. My mind is rusty, like an old water pump. Now, here today, I'm going all-out for the full English breakfast on my first literary attempt, but all I'm getting are bran flakes (shown here, for the first time, in the form of ill-constructed sentences and paragraphs).

My friend Gary and I were backpacking in Europe for two-and-a-half months, like good little undergraduates, and doing all the things essential to backpacking, like not eating. There, in the land of Da Vinci and those guys, my mind began to shift into neutral.

We didn't "do" Europe or "pop over to catch" anything. We were just there, not "doing" or "catching" anything—which is smart, I think, since there's such a correlation these days.

My own reasons for being there were three: 1) to find a reason to be there 2) to circumvent certain occupational hazards (such as work) and 3) to start writing a book. Most of all, I wanted to start a book, which I did, but unfortunately, it was written by

another guy. I got to page 70, hated it and stopped reading. I never started my own. Meanwhile other backpackers were writing what's called a "journal." Gary, a communications and political science major, was, I suppose, communicating his thoughts about politics, because he was writing too. Everybody was.

"Wanna go get a beer?" I'd say, writer on sabbatical.

Because I wasn't much in favor of doing anything all by myself, I'd usually sit and mull the statistical probability of me conjugating pen and paper in the appropriate fashion. I'd survey the faces, pursued in intellectual abandon; the pens, painting silken swaths of good stuff across paper. And then, for example, I'd get out my fingernail clippers and begin shaping. Absolutely anything but to write.

So I put that book of mine on the back burner for a while, next to all the other things that weren't cooking—like "getting back in real good shape," and "going through Madonna's underwear drawer."

They all kept writing their journals. I, on the other hand, kept my fingernails clean and thought about that book I'm going to write someday, probably the next time I go to Europe, provided I can get things going on this side of the Atlantic.

Overcrowded dorms shouldn't exist here

TCU needs to find some way to clear the dorm overcrowding which occurs at the beginning of each year. It's too much of an inconvenience for all involved.

"This is the worst year we've ever had for overcrowding" seems to be an annual statement. We hope we never have to hear it again.

The housing shortages have gone on for seven years now, and they never seem to get any better. It makes one wonder why nothing has been done.

The housing office claims that reserving rooms is "an educated guess" since they don't always know how many students will be admitted or will return to the dorms.

Obviously someone isn't a very good guesser.

The problem is so bad that the housing office says if Moncrief Hall were built right now, it would probably be filled.

Imagine that! A dorm's worth of people scattered among the other dorms right now!

Incoming freshmen should not be forced into sleeping in lounges or class rooms while waiting for dorms, and rooms built for two or three should not be filled with three or four.

TCU's problem stems from the fact that incoming freshmen are guaranteed housing on campus if they apply before a certain date. Over the past years, more freshmen are being admitted, and less students are living

off campus. That creates a large demand for dorm rooms.

However, at the end of every year returning students are asked to sign up for their housing for the next semester. That should give the housing office a good estimate on how many rooms are available for freshmen.

But this figure seems to have little effect on how many people are admitted into TCU. Thus, we find ourselves with a chronic overcrowding problem that shouldn't be.

If that's the case, then the housing office and the admissions office need to start conferring more to stop the problem.

The overcrowding causes some serious problems as well. Besides the obvious inconvenience, overcrowded dorms could cause serious problems in case of a fire. After all, there are now more people to evacuate.

The main issue seems to be economics for TCU. It seems that the university doesn't want any dorm rooms unfilled once the dropouts and move-outs have left. Therefore, they always overbook somewhat to compensate for the attrition rate.

They also use simple economics: the more students you put in a dorm (even at reduced rates), the more money you have coming in.

As a result, the students are sacrificing their convenience for the university's economic well-being.

Fort Worth council should redo zoo expansion

The Fort Worth City Council will have a tough time approving a plan for expanding the Fort Worth City Zoo. It should.

The plan, narrowly approved by the Fort Worth park board, calls for the zoo to expand by 14 acres into adjacent park land.

We're all in favor of seeing an expanded zoo, which would serve as a great tourist attraction. It would also make our zoo as good as any in the country.

The problem is the plan still has a few flaws.

The biggest flaw concerns a soccer/rugby field at Forest Park. Under the current plan the land where the field now sits would be added to the expanded zoo. However, a great number of Fort Worth residents use the field to play and practice on.

Some of the park board members have said the plan was rushed through without much study. They say there are probably ways to expand the zoo without taking over the recreational fields.

We agree. After a flawed "master plan" was rejected by the park board, a compromise plan was drawn up.

Under the compromise plan, the zoo will expand by 14 acres in order to gain more parking spaces and a larger exhibit area.

The 14 acres will come at the expense of the recreational fields, which is precisely where it shouldn't come from.

There would seem to be, at first inspection, plenty of other land around the area where the zoo could expand. This especially seems evident once you consider the fact that the original plan calls for an expanded zoo of 108 acres. Couldn't the zoo find land elsewhere?

The zoo says it needs that particular land for an African Sava-

nah exhibit which would bring in more donations and money from visitors. We feel it can still be built without that particular field.

Bad publicity will haunt the zoo for quite a while if this plan is not changed, and changed soon. We feel there are other ways to work around this problem.

One solution is to table the expansion for awhile and look into ways into other areas of expansion. There might even be a

way for the zoo to expand around the field.

Whatever the solution may be, there has simply got to be another answer. Too many TCU students and Fort Worth residents would be deprived of a recreational field if the zoo expands in this manner.

The zoo is a great thing to have, and we want one of the best in the country, but we'd probably rather be able to kick around a soccer ball then watch the lions and monkeys run around having fun.



Contra hearings this summer were best shows

By Michael Hayworth
Columnist

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus recently passed through Dallas, and I noticed that it is still billing itself as "The Greatest Show on Earth."

But to anyone who has been following the news this summer, it's obvious that claim isn't quite true. The world's greatest circus is in Washington.

Oh, sure, the seven Democratic dwarfs tried to take some of the show on the road this summer, but their act put most people to sleep.

But Washington this summer, now that was entertaining.

At least, it was if you were able to forget that the whole show was made up of the people who are running our country.

If you weren't, the show was a very dark comedy.

Easily the most popular member of the east was Lt. Col. Oliver North. North's military haircut, boyish grin, and "America: love it or leave it" attitude made him an instant hit.

People called it "Olliemania." It has died down now, but for a while there, Ollie was more popular than Hulk Hogan.

You have to think that people must be desperate for heroes when a guy like Ollie is the hottest fad around.

It's not just because he probably broke a lot of laws. Jesse James and John Dillinger were heroes, too.

But they were heroes because they were daring. They committed crimes in broad daylight, daring anyone to stop them.

North did whatever it was that he did in the dark.

North didn't just hide his actions from the public and the enemy. Instead, North claims he also hid his actions from his superiors and the government. When found out, he made sure things remained in the dark by shredding the evidence.

Some hero. But heroism is often a relative thing, and North at least appeared to know what he was doing. Congress didn't fare so well.

The congressional investigating committee was not a good idea in the first place.

However, elections are drawing near, and members of Congress will not miss appearing on television free of charge.

No one truly believes the whole truth has been told. But the hearings certainly were entertaining.

Of course, at the center of the mess was the Teflon King, Ronald Reagan himself.

All in all, though, Reagan came out of the hearings as well as he could. Nothing tied him to a "smoking gun" that would prove he knew laws were broken.

Yes, Washington was a very entertaining show this summer. It's bound to get better with the Bork hearings and election campaigns just starting to heat up.

When you're watching, though, try not to think of what it all means for America.



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Ex-UT kicker out

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Former University of Texas All-America placekicker Jeff Ward, who the Dallas Cowboys had hoped might replace veteran kicker Rafael Septien, was among nine players released on Tuesday.

Ward, whom the Cowboys had drafted in the 11th round of this year's college draft, was one of eight rookie kickers to be signed by the Cowboys. But he had trouble with his kickoffs and short field goals.

Ward missed field goal attempts from 47 and 42 yards in Saturday night's 13-3 exhibition victory over San Francisco.

Murray to have surgery on ankle

DALLAS (AP)—Kevin Murray, who quarterbacked Texas A&M to back-to-back South-west Conference championships then forsook his senior season to pursue a professional football career, said he will have surgery on his right ankle and sit out this season in hopes of playing next year.

Palmer says Angel taught him how to scuff baseball

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Palmer, a three-time Cy Young award winner when he pitched for the Baltimore Orioles, said Tuesday that Don Sutton told him several years ago the best way to scuff a ball was to use sandpaper pasted on your glove hand.

Palmer recalled the advice, unaware that a television close-up shot Monday night showed a patch of some sort in the California Angels right-hander's bare left hand as he rubbed up the ball in a game against the visiting New York Yankees.

Play ball!

Welcome Back Softball tourney to open intramural season

By Johnny Paul
Sports Editor

TCU's Department of Recreational Sports tips off its 1987 fall intramural season with the annual Welcome Back Softball Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Director of Recreational Sports Steven Kintigh said he expects between 45 and 50 teams to enter the single-elimination tournament.

The tournament will have three divisions for only the second year. Last year was the first year coed entrants were allowed to compete along with the men's and women's divisions.

In the women's and coed divisions, the three-pitch rule will be in effect.

That is, the batter will be allowed three pitches from a member of his or her own team to put the ball into play. If the ball is not put into play in three pitches, an out will result.

Two other special rules apply to the coed division. Male participants must bat from the opposite side of the plate than usual and they must not outnumber their female teammates on the field. Other than those two differences, the game will be played in normal fashion. The entry deadline for the softball tourney is Sept. 11.

Kintigh said the best way to form a team is to call friends, members of common organizations and others that one shares some kind of general network with.

For those who are interested but can't find a team to join, leave a name and phone number at the Recreational Sports Office and the staff will make every effort to place you on a team.

The biggest emphasis for this year is to get faculty and staff members to field teams, Kintigh said.

"Most of them finish work at 5 p.m. and go home," Kintigh said. "If they do play, it's usually somewhere in their own neighborhood."

Kintigh said one way he's trying to get faculty and staff involved in intramurals is by notifying the department and asking them to play one

game against his staff or another team. Other sports planned for the fall include flag football, miniature golf, cross country, swimming and diving, volleyball, soccer, table tennis, badminton, racquetball, tennis, water volleyball, field goal kicking, basketball and bowling.

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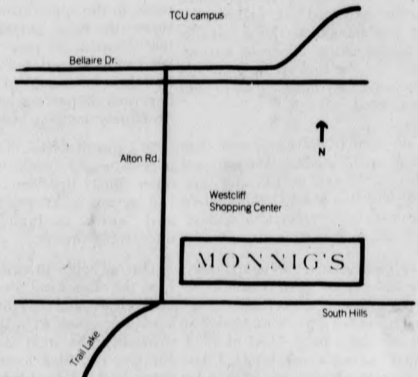
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