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Californians find earthquakes shattering

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

When the subject of earthquakes comes up, California usually comes to mind.

And the earthquake that shook Los Angeles Oct. 1 reminds residents of the constant threat that lurks beneath the earth's crust.

But California does not have a monopoly on seismic activity, said

Nowell Donovan, professor of geology.

In fact, Donovan said, the fault nearest to Fort Worth lies beneath Norman, Oklahoma—about 120 miles away “as the crow flies.”

He said that any fault that has moved within the past 30,000 years is considered “capable,” and should be considered when planning buildings and storing nuclear waste.

Nuclear waste should not be stored within 200 miles of an active fault be-

cause the potential for leakage is too great, Donovan said.

Although the most recent activity of the Meers fault was about 1000 years ago, Donovan said the longer an active fault goes without movement, the more violent the quake once it erupts.

But he added he doubted that the next quake on the Meers fault would occur in this lifetime.

Even if it did, he said, the most that would happen in Fort Worth—if the

quake was the same magnitude as the one before—is “rattle a few windows.”

“Although there's very little chance, there's enough to leave a big question mark,” he said.

Donovan added there is no current evidence to suggest a fault lies near Fort Worth.

But for those who do live on or near a fault in California, earthquakes are strange and frightening experiences.

Fred Johnston, a junior psychology major, lived in Newport Beach until a

month ago when his family moved to Fort Worth.

He said he has experienced four tremors, but the one he remembers most happened on a New Year's Day when he was watching the Rose Bowl with his family.

“It was just weird,” he said. “I was sitting in a chair that had wheels on it, and when it started moving, I thought it was my cousin playin' around.”

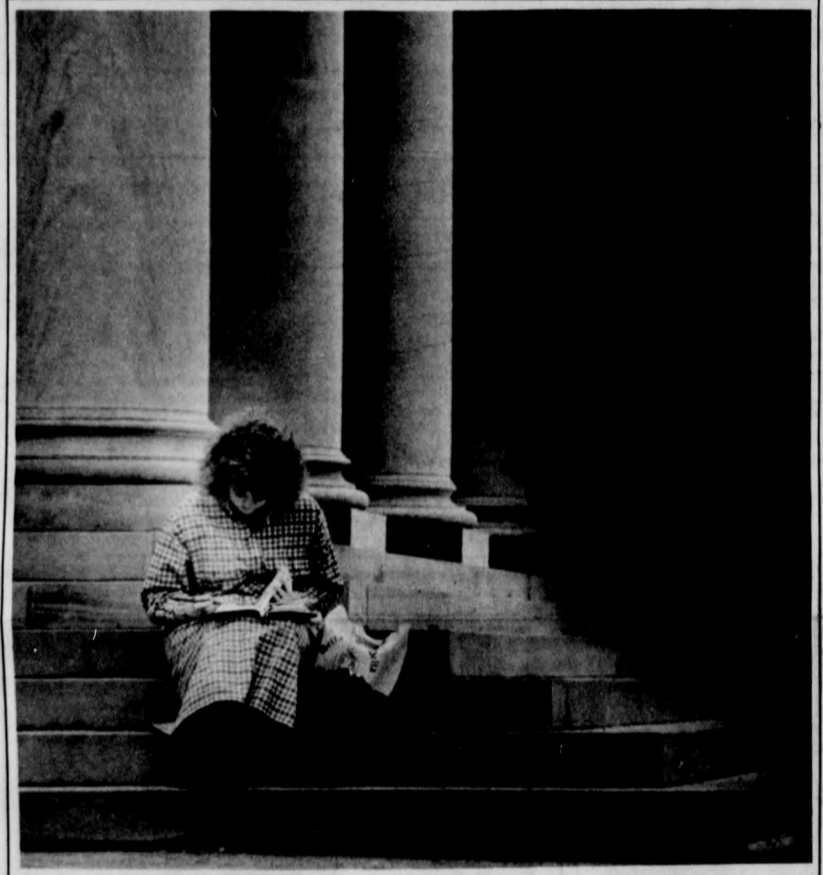
“But then I looked around and he wasn't behind me. Then I noticed

everyone else was movin' too. It's like you're on a roller coaster,” he said.

Johnston said that although the quake only lasted about 20 seconds “it seemed like a long, long time.”

Jennifer Brooks, a sophomore biology major from Fullerton, said she remembers a 1986 quake that shook her right out of bed at 3 a.m.

“I was a wreck for a month afterwards. I kept waking up thinking my bed was moving when it was really my body that was shaking,” she said.



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Catching up - Dana Moody reads on the front steps of Robert Carr Chapel just before her religion class Wednesday afternoon.

Help available for those in abusive relationships

By Robin Shermer
Staff Writer

A standing-room-only crowd of TCU students was told yesterday that 80 percent of the 100,000 Texas women physically abused on a weekly basis don't report the abuse because of fear of retaliation by the abuser.

Liz Young, professional service manager at Women's Haven, talked to almost 150 students about violence against women in a public meeting at the Student Center.

“Violence boils down to people who use their anger to control others,” she said.

The meeting was sponsored by the TCU Faculty Senate Select Committee on Sex Discrimination and Harassment and by Women's Haven of Tarrant County.

Young said the two main misconceptions about abused women are that most return to their abuser and that most rely on some kind of family assistance or welfare, although only 3 percent of abused women depend on family assistance.

“Women who go back to their abuser have low self-respect. This attitude was developed in their childhood before marriage or before dating the abuser,” Young said.

Child abuse and family violence are both illegal in Texas and are new laws in the state. Young said people should call the police if they are being abused.

“If you call the police and you do not feel the policeman is properly enforcing this law by not protecting you

or by ignoring you, get the policeman's name and badge number and call his superiors,” Young said.

“We are not immune as a campus to violence and abuse,” said Dean of Students Libby Proffer, who spoke to the students on abusive relationships on the college campus.

She said college women have less physical violence directed toward them because of the close proximity of dorms.

She said the most common type of violence on campuses is acquaintance rape.

“One out of every eight college women will be raped every year. Eighty percent of those women will know their attacker,” Proffer said.

At TCU, four to six women per year report a “date rape” to Campus Police, the Counseling Center or the Dean of Students Office, Proffer said.

“I want students to know they don't have to submit to an abusive relationship; it is not a normal way of life,” she said. “Help is available, and there are ways to solve the problem.”

Students can go to the Counseling Center or to Proffer herself if they are in an abusive relationship.

Both Young and Proffer agreed that people are more aware of abuse of women because more women are reporting it.

Women's Haven of Tarrant County's primary function is to offer a place for abused women to stay.

“We have a 24-hour hotline, which is 535-6464. We offer shelter, counseling, legal help and a support group called SOAR—Support in Overcoming Abusive Relationships,” Young said.

Senate changes tactics

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate Select Committee on Sexual Discrimination and Harassment was formed to create a policy on sex discrimination and harassment because there is no explicit policy right now, said Daryl Schmidt, chair of the Faculty Senate and associate professor of religion-studies.

The resulting policy will be presented to administrators for approval and publication in the student handbook, he said.

Neil Daniel, co-chair of the committee, said the two main goals of the committee were to draft a University policy that specifically describes harassment and the appeal procedure and to make the activity of the committee as public as possible.

The last meeting was Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Bass Building Room 236. Meetings are open to the public and are every two weeks, Daniel said.

The large attendance at Tuesday's program on violence against women suggests an idea whose time has come, Daniel said. See Violence, Page 2

Changes in core requirements affect students, departments

Core affects students differently

Editor's note: This is the third in a week-long series on changes in the university core curriculum. Tomorrow's article will look at what proposals were included in earlier versions of the core and why they were dropped; it will also compare different teaching philosophies.

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

The new university core curriculum won't be all things to all people.

Current students, transfer students and entering freshmen will all be affected differently by the new university curriculum requirements that go into effect next fall.

Students entering before the fall semester of 1988 will be allowed to choose which core curriculum to follow, said Bill Koehler, vice chancellor for student affairs.

“None of the students who are currently enrolled will select the new core,” Koehler said.



If they select the revised core, they must follow any other changes in the 1988-89 catalog, including individual degree requirements.

Koehler said students will not be able to apply courses already taken to the new core, because the Core Oversight Committee has not approved those courses yet.

Approved versions might be different from the ones offered before committee review.

Transfer students will be able to transfer core credits if they have taken comparable courses at another university.

However, they will not be able to transfer six hours of writing workshop unless three of those hours were taken at the sophomore level.

Janet George Herald, associate dean of admissions, said the Admissions Office took five sample transfer files and compared the number of hours the students would be able to apply to the existing core and the new core curriculum.

In each case, fewer hours counted toward the new core than the existing core, she said.

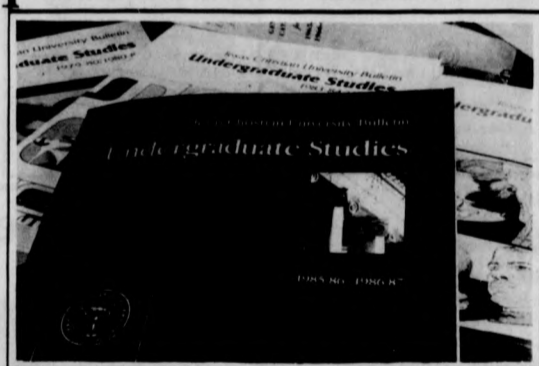
Students entering TCU in fall 1988 or later will follow the requirements of the new core, including the requirement for a freshman-level math course.

Herald said TCU currently recommends that students have three years of math, including geometry and two years of algebra, before entering. Some students may be admitted without a second year of algebra if their records are strong otherwise.

“We need to make sure we don't put them at a disadvantage,” she said. “That's our biggest concern with freshmen.”

Texas high school students who follow the state's college preparatory curriculum will have had two years of algebra when they graduate from high school.

Cathy Seely Peavler, director of math for the Texas Education Agency, said Texas high school students must select one of three main options to graduate. See Students, Page 2



Texas requires core curriculums

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Students at most U.S. universities must follow some type of standard curriculum requirements whether they are specified at the university, college, school or degree level.

Some universities, including TCU, have university-wide requirements for all students pursuing a bachelor's degree, regardless of which college or school the students are enrolled in.

At TCU, the schools of business and education and the colleges of nursing, arts and sciences, and fine arts and communication may further specify a curriculum for their students.

This curriculum may be more restrictive than the university core, but must meet all requirements listed in the university core.

Some universities organize their curriculum requirements at the college or school level only.

Others specify requirements based on the degree students are pursuing, such as bachelor of arts or bachelor of science.

A small number of U.S. universities do not have any specified curriculum requirements besides programs for a certain major.

Brown University, an Ivy League school in Rhode Island with about 7,000 students, does not require students to follow a standard curriculum beyond the major level.

The rationale behind Brown's program is students will have more elective hours to explore different disciplines and decide on a field of study, said Judy Robinson, who works in the office of academic affairs.

“For the kind of students that this university draws, it seems to work very well,” she said. “It's one of our selling points.”

All students at public universities in Texas are required by state law to take six credit hours of political science. See Comparisons, Page 2

Changing core affects faculty

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Students will not be the only ones to feel the effects of TCU's new core curriculum requirements.

Faculty, staff and academic departments have responded to the changes with new course proposals, changes in existing courses and faculty training workshops.

Partly in response to the new core, the modern languages department has proposed a six-hour freshman sequence to replace the current eight-hour sequence, said Bill Pohl, department chairperson.

“We are doing that partly out of our anticipation that we're going to have more students who want to satisfy the core,” he said.

Pohl said the department has already “started to spread the work of the first year over three semesters.”

“It's virtually impossible to cover it in two semesters,” he said. “In first year now, what often happens is you go sailing through a grammatical topic just to say you did it—very little sticks.”

He said the department is trying to get away from the idea that there's an entity called “first year.”

“This just seems like a very opportune moment to propose a six-hour first-year sequence because it falls in the line of expectations of students who want to satisfy the core requirements,” Pohl said.

Under new core requirements, all students will take a math course at or above the freshman level.

Victor Belfi, chairperson of the math department, said the department expects an increase in enroll-

ment when the new core goes into effect.

“We just do not know the magnitude of the effect at this time,” he said. “I expect there will probably be a need for more staff.”

Bill Koehler, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said the math department was currently “busting at the seams with students.”

Belfi said the department is covering classes largely with part-time staff.

The administration decides when to provide additional staff for the department, he said.

The department has not proposed any new courses because of the core, but five or six entry-level classes have already been approved as core applicable, he said.

All academic departments can propose courses to be considered for writing emphasis designation. John Bohon, associate professor of history, said he used to require research papers in his classes, but dropped the requirement because it was “physically impossible” to grade papers for classes with 40 to 50 students.

Courses he has submitted for writing emphasis designation require three papers to meet the core's 2,500-word minimum. He said he will have to cut his class size from about 45 students to 15.

“I can't handle more than 15 students,” Bohon said. “I'll be doing papers all semester.”

Koehler said some of the faculty are using the new core to try to get more faculty for their departments.

The answer lies in teaching the staff how to conduct writing workshops and writing emphasis courses “with- See Faculty, Page 2

TODAY's discovery

NEWLINES

Baby's condition serious but stable

"Baby Paul," who had a heart transplant last week a few hours after he was born, had his condition upgraded Monday to serious but stable. Anita Rockwell of Loma Linda University Medical Center said in wire reports.

"Baby Paul" was diagnosed before birth as having a fatally defective heart and had heart transplant surgery three hours after birth.

His 35-year-old mother said in wire reports. "When diagnosis was first made, the picture was that there was absolutely no hope for his survival beyond say, maybe 48 hours."

The donor heart came from an anencephalic infant, a child born with a brain stem but no brain.

Nobel Prizes

Karl Alex Muller of Switzerland and Johannes Georg Bednorz of West Germany received the Nobel Prize for Physics this year for their discovery of high-temperature superconductivity—just a year after their first findings on the subject were published.

Bednorz and Muller turned superconductivity, which allows a conducting material to lose its normal resistance to the passage of electricity, into a hot field of research in physics. Since virtually no energy is lost, a device built with superconductors is more efficient.

Meanwhile, Donald O. Cram of UCLA won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry this year for his work on "host-guest" chemistry.

Drug found for Hansen's disease

The FDA approved the drug clofazimine to treat lepromatous leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, which has become increasingly resistant to drug treatment.

The drug has been used in other countries for more than 10 years, a recent "Journal of the American Medical Association" said. There are about 12 million cases of Hansen's disease outside the United States.

Several thousand cases in the United States have become resistant to other drugs used in therapy.

Brazilians treated for radioactivity

A junk dealer in Goiania, Brazil, discovered a glittery substance last week in a heavy lead casing a scavenger had sold him, according to "Time" magazine.

He carried the dust home on his skin and clothes, where his 6-year-old daughter rubbed it on her body.

The substance was cesium 137, a radioactive isotope used in cancer therapy equipment. The lead casing was found were a radiotherapy clinic had once stood.

Last week the junk dealer and his daughter were in critical condition at a Rio de Janeiro hospital. About 20 relatives and friends were also hospitalized.

Ethics of tissue use considered at TCU

By Chris Robinson
Staff Writer

For more than a year, Tess Follensbee walked backwards. She found this easier because her leg muscles were so severely affected by Parkinson's disease.

Earlier this year, all that changed. The 39-year-old was one of the first Americans to undergo experimental brain surgery for Parkinson's disease. The experiments, conducted at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, consisted of transplanting adrenal gland tissue from the kidneys to the brain.

Adrenal cells are taken from the lymphatic tissue and grafted onto the portion of the brain known as the substantia nigra which is affected by the neurological disease.

Although she still suffers from slight tremors, Follensbee can now walk forward like everyone else.

"I have hope where there was no hope before," Follensbee told "Time" magazine.

Scientists at a symposium in Rochester, N.Y., predicted that human fetal tissue—instead of adrenal tissue—would be used for treating not only Parkinson's disease, but also Huntington's chorea, Alzheimer's disease and other brain disorders.

Here on campus, professors and students were split on the morality of using fetal tissue.

Nadia Lahutsky, assistant professor of religion studies, said the danger lies in where and how the fetuses are obtained.

Lahutsky said if human fetuses were used, the fetuses might become a commodity like everything else in the free market.

Sophomore pre-major Julie Lane added some women may get pregnant just to sell the fetus to a medical laboratory.

"That's definitely immoral," she said.

But Robert McCabe, a Fort Worth doctor, said a woman couldn't just walk in and offer to sell a fetus.

"If this type of experimental operation were to become popular, I'm sure the tissues would be carefully selected," he said.

Another issue lies in using human fetal tissue in the first place, according to Geraldine Lux Flanagan who says in her book, "The First Nine Months of Life," that as early as the first month the embryo has a rudimentary heart, eyes, ears, mouth and brain.

Chris Hulce, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said he thought using fetal tissue would be "morally okay as long as you were going to help someone."

Lahutsky, whose father has recently had heart surgery, said the surgery made her think about medical experiments using animals.

"I have a dog and I love my dog," she said. "I think about all the dogs in medical experiments. But an incredible number of lives have been saved because of those experiments."

"It might be okay when the fetus is available, and if the fetus is used as an organ if it's used for the common good," Lahutsky said.

Help in sight for allergy sufferers

By Mollie King
Staff Writer

Research shows true allergies may affect no more than 12 to 18 percent of the population.

But, if you're one of the 12 to 18 percent, take another Kleenex and take heart—your sniffing can be helped.

A source who wishes to remain anonymous said most people who suffer from ragweed notice an increase in their allergic reactions this time of the year.

The increase in ragweed this year is due largely to the fact that Texas experienced a mild winter last year.

Until Texas is hit by a freeze, the source said, ragweed will stay present in the atmosphere and therefore continue to cause allergic reactions.

Local pharmacists note several over-the-counter drugs that are effective in relieving allergies, but only for a temporary period.

These pharmacists suggest taking prescription drugs, which are time-released and work for longer time periods.

The source explained that taking oral antihistamines coats the blood vessel walls, preventing the histamine from attaching and causing the symptoms of allergies.

He suggested that individuals with allergies take antihistamines before engaging in activities that irritate allergic reactions, such as mowing grass.

Steroids and weekly injections are also used as a last resort for those who cannot get alleviation from the medications suggested.

Allergies were helpful—rather than harmful—in centuries past for people to fight off conditions like parasites and ringworm.

People who have allergies have an overactive immune system. Their bodies cannot distinguish whether the element that they come in contact with is something harmful or helpful to the body.

Absentee voting continues

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

For people who will not be able to vote in the Nov. 23 election in Tarrant County, including TCU students, absentee voting is available until Oct. 30.

The time limit to vote absentee starts 20 days before the election date and ends four days before.

The Nov. 23 election involves 25 constitutional amendments and two propositions.

A person can vote absentee during the designated period in person in sub-courthouses or by simply requesting a ballot by mail, said Robert Parten, election administrator for Tarrant County.

To vote by mail, one should be over 65 years of age, physically disabled, expect to be absent from the county on the election date, have an interference with a religious belief or be confined in jail, he said.

No prerequisites are required to vote absentee in person, he said.

Parten said 54,000 people voted absentee in Tarrant County during the 1984 presidential election.

Although you can obtain a request in person to vote by mail, you cannot get the ballot unless it is mailed to you, Parten said.

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"I have the general feeling that the campus as a whole needs to be made aware of sexual harassment," he said.

The next program on Texas language and its sexual stereotyping will be Nov. 17. That will be the last major program for the semester, Daniel said.

The ethics need to get out of the classroom and onto the campus, Daniel said.

There is already an appeals procedure for ordinary discipline cases, but a sexual harassment case is just not the same, Daniel said.

"It's particularly touchy, because you have to protect both people involved," he said.

"People's reputations are involved here," Daniel said.

The goals of the committee are to formulate a policy on sexual discrimination and harassment to forward to the administration and recommend a grievance procedure that would be separate from other disciplinary committees, Daniel said.

Other specific goals include creating a public forum for discussion on sexual discrimination and harassment, a definition of what offenses are sexual harassment and to incorporate a grievance procedure and a standing committee to clarify the safeguards and guarantee due process, he said.

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Faculty

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out it being an absolutely onerous responsibility," he said.

Professor of English Neil Daniel said the staff will attend orientation, workshops and training.

Toby Fulwiler, whom Daniel said is one of the top four or five people in the country on this topic, will conduct a workshop at TCU Nov. 20.

He will begin the workshop process that helps train faculty to better use writing in their courses, Daniel said.

Students

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The regular curriculum requires four units—or years—of English, three units of math, two units of science, two and a half units of social studies, half a unit of economics, one and a half units of physical education, and half a unit of health.

Students also take seven elective units for a total of 21 units.

The previous requirements included 18 units, with one year less in math, science and English.

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and six hours of American history. The 1987 Texas Legislature passed a bill creating an advisory committee to examine core curriculum requirements of public institutions. The advisory committee was appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

House Bill 2183 requires each institution to submit the specific contents, rationale and objectives of its core curriculum to the board. The advisory committee is currently reviewing these requirements, which were due Oct. 15. Review will include consultation with the faculty of various institutions.

"The advisory committee shall recommend exemplary educational objectives for the use of the institutions in establishing a core curriculum, including the number of semester credit hours an institution should require for satisfaction of degree requirements," the bill says.

Recommendations will be made to the Coordinating Board, a non-governing body, said Forrest E. Ward, a program director in the board's division of university and health affairs.

According to the bill, "The legislature may appropriate funds to the board for allocation as incentive funding to encourage and reward institutions in establishing and achieving educational objectives consistent with the institution's core curriculum."

But Ward said, "I doubt very much that we will have a mandated core curriculum in the state."

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Our View

Only miracle finish can rescue owners

Finally our Sundays are returning to normal. All across the country men, women and children will have the opportunity once again to view professional football being played by the regulars.

But the NFL players' strike has left many issues still unresolved. The players may be back, but they're definitely not happy.

The NFL Management Council trounced the players' union. The players' union chief executive, Gene Upshaw, was sacked and fumbled away the players' reputation in the eyes of the fans.

But the players have another chance to win it all. By taking the issue to court, like they should have in the first place, the players have a better chance of getting what it is they want-free agency.

The players claim the NFL is a monopoly that prohibits players from playing where they want. They want the NFL to allow players to play for the highest bidder instead of being drafted and having rights of first negotiation.

The owners should have compromised while they could. Now they may find themselves playing on the players' home field—a federal court. And the legal system is not a big friend of monopolies.

The players do have a point. Remember that in the USFL lawsuit last year, the jury ruled that the NFL did have a monopoly on pro football. Of course, it only awarded the USFL \$1 in compensation.

And judges ruling in previous NFL cases have said that the NFL has an illegal monopoly on pro football. But by making compromises with the players, the owners have been able to avoid any breakup of their system.

This time the league may not escape being tackled by the U.S. legal system. More than likely, the players will prove that the NFL illegally restricts players on where they may play.

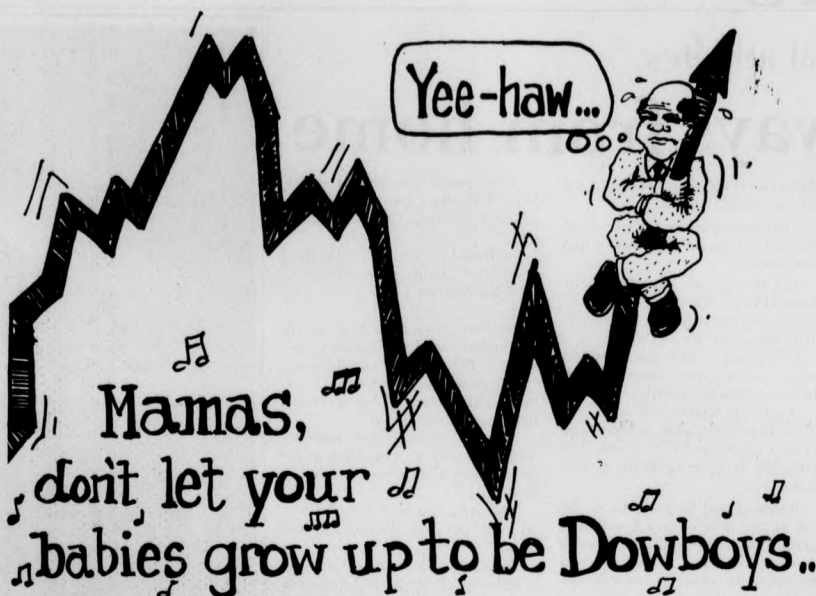
If they do so, the whole NFL draft system and present contract system will be knocked for a loss.

The NFL owners pushed the players' union all over the field. They made a media spectacle of the players and managed to persuade many fans to come to the "scab" games.

By the time it was all over, the players' knew they would not win by staying on strike so they came back to work.

But there is such a thing as beating somebody too badly. In the future that can come back to haunt you. The owners will soon discover that.

The owners may have run up the score for the first half of the game, but remember that the opera is not over until the fat lady sings. And this time, she's singing the players' song.



Nobel Prize winner shows path of peace

By David Artman
Columnist



Viewed against the backdrop of Central America, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias deserved the Nobel Peace Prize.

In the summer of 1979, the Sandinistas overthrew the incredibly corrupt, U.S.-backed dictator Anastasio Somoza.

After the revolution, President Carter initiated an economic aid program for Nicaragua to the tune of \$75 million. But when Reagan came into office on his anti-communist platform, he cut off the aid program.

Gradually, he also pressured NATO allies, who had been aiding the Sandinistas, to cut off any of their aid.

Reagan turned a nationalist revolutionary movement into the Soviets invading Central America. He screamed "Foul!" at the Sandinistas for taking money from the Soviets, but made it impossible for them to get aid from anywhere else.

Reagan said he was doing this in the name of freedom and democracy for all of those poor Nicaraguans, yet he hadn't seemed so concerned for them before, when the Nicaraguan people were oppressed under Somoza.

Then the funding of the contras, "the moral equivalent to the Founding Fathers," began. The United States gathered together members from other Central American countries' death squads, former Somoza National Guardsmen and the disgruntled wealthy of Nicaragua into an army.

This army wasn't trying to negotiate with the Sandinistas. It was trying to overthrow them.

The Central American nations saw this contra war as inherently destabilizing. Yet Reagan continued to persist, making unproved accusations that the Sandinistas were trying to spread revolution throughout Central America.

The situation continued to escalate. Finally, a breakthrough came.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias managed to unite the leaders of Central America behind a peace plan, which uniformly rejected the notion that groups like the contras were a benefit to the peace process.

Yet Reagan continued to press for his contra plan, asking for \$270 million in aid. In response, Arias traveled to Washington, asking that funding for the contras be stopped while the peace process is taking place.

But Reagan just couldn't give up. He criticized the plan and demanded that the Sandinistas negotiate with the contras.

The Sandinistas replied they wanted to negotiate with the source of the conflict, the United States, rather than with the contras. Reagan continues to push for aid.

Who is realistically pursuing the path of peace, Reagan or Arias? Receiving the Nobel Peace Prize makes that answer obvious.

House Speaker Jim Wright said the symbolism of the award to Arias meant that "there will be no support for the contras at this time."

Let's hope that we're headed for a negotiated peace in Nicaragua. Listening to the voice of Arias is our best bet.

Letters to the Editor

Slight Correction

Dear Editor,
The TCU House of Representatives greatly appreciates the articles by Katie Hazelwood which cover the weekly House meetings. However, one error of fact in the House article of Oct. 21 deserves correction. The new Student Initiated Withdrawal Policy proposal was not formulated by the University Council as suggested by the article.

The new proposal is currently under consideration by the Uni-

versity Council. The proposal was initially formulated by members of the Faculty Senate and received approval by the university's various academic deans on May 6, 1987.

We apologize if the error was the result of any miscommunication on behalf of the Student House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
Lee Behar
Vice President,
House of Student Representatives
Junior, Accounting

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Infidelity more than just a box-office theme

By LaRetta Hammer
Guest Columnist



Alex teases her hair into blond Medusa dreadlocks, polishes her fingernails the color of dried blood and declares a psychopathic war of the sexes on a man who wants to pull up his pants and slink home to his wife and children the morning after a one-night stand.—"Newsweek"

This is not an anecdote about a cheap prostitute but about an extramarital affair. It's a scene from the recent box-office hit "Fatal Attractions."

The movie depicts a seductive New York editor who has a weekend affair with a married yuppie lawyer. He's looking for a quick fling, she's looking for more.

What begins as a weekend affair ends in terrifying obsessiveness.

Unfortunately, this is not just happening on the big screen. The adultery, affairs and rendezvous are occurring in our own bedrooms.

Of course, as always, the women are tending to blame the men.

In a recent questionnaire from author Shere Hite, the question was asked, "Are men in marriages and romantic involvements insensitive and condescending to women?"

The answer was "yes" for 84 percent of the 4,500 women surveyed.

Many women have been persistently fighting for equal rights, and they shouldn't back down now. Recent statistics have shown that Eve is doing her share of tempting Adam with the forbidden fruit.

In June, Dear Abby asked in a column, "Have you ever cheated on your spouse?" She received 200,000 responses, mostly from women.

Oddly enough, Abby said more women than men said they had been faithful. However, recent studies show that gap between the sexes is closing.

Sex researchers estimate that 45 to 55 percent of wives have cheated. This is up from researcher Alfred Kinsey's past estimate of 26 percent.

Today the Garden of Eden is filled with more than just one bad apple. We're constantly being exposed to the idea of cheating hearts through different mediums.

In the movies, we are faithfully being exposed to the unfaithful. Two recent hits, "Fatal Attractions" and "No Way Out," both deal with obsessive affairs.

In the newspapers, we see the columns by Dear Abby and Ann Landers and sections devoted entirely to cheating spouses.

Extramarital affairs were the subject of a recent episode of "Geraldo," an afternoon TV talk show hosted by Geraldo Rivera.

This growing phenomena is being treated like a suicide attempt, which to some people it is. In a recent newspaper article, the following reasons and signs of infidelity appeared: loneliness, disillusionment, a need for assurance, boredom, escaping problems, romantic needs, curiosity and revenge.

Many therapists say these are contributing factors, but lack of communication is the number-one cause of infidelity.

They call it the "cup-of-coffee syndrome," because the only time the couple has time to talk is over their morning cups of coffee.

Perhaps the upswing of the affair is trendy and will come and go just like box-office hits. Hopefully, the next box-office bash will open with a scene like this:

Alex combs her hair into a neat little bun, gives her nails a clear coat of polish and brews an afternoon cup of coffee with a man who wants to be a faithful husband and father until "death do us part." As he pours the coffee, Alex thinks to herself, "I'm glad I've been faithful."

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TCU international athletes

A long ways from home

By Troy Phillips
Sports Writer

Of TCU's 195 international students, 17 participate in varsity athletics. For them, it's not only a chance to get a degree, but also to compete in American intercollegiate athletics to their fullest extent.

Native South African Clint Banducci, a sophomore business major, plays tennis for TCU and is one of the Southwest Conference's premier players. Banducci said South African friends in Dallas and ex-TCU tennis player Neil Broad, who is also from South Africa, helped him find out about TCU.

"I thought Tut Bartzon would be a great coach since he was such a great player," Banducci said.

Going to school in America and being able to play tennis so much is a great opportunity, Banducci said.

"There isn't any intercollegiate tennis in South Africa," he said. "It's not possible to play and go to school. Here, I can do what I like and get a degree."

When he first arrived at TCU, Banducci said not knowing anyone made him feel uneasy.

"I thought, 'this is going to be the longest year of my life,'" he said. "I wanted to go back home. I didn't like it all."

Banducci said after a while he adjusted to college life at TCU. He admits that sometimes he can even find a good party on the weekend.

What he'll remember most about college is the American people's obsession with sports and the universities' commitments to athletics, he said.

"Back home, sports isn't as big a deal," he said. "It's incredible to see athletes play, especially in the sports I'm less familiar with."

Since he is from so far away, many

American students are curious about his homeland, he said.

"A lot of people hear the accent, ask where I'm from and then want to find out more."

And then there's schoolwork. For many athletes, the pressure of catching up after road trips can be difficult. With Banducci, it's no different.

To help relieve pressure, Banducci keeps in touch with everyone back home as often as possible.

"I miss home now and again," he said. "Being so far away, it's nice to go back. I get a lot of letters with clippings that keep me up on things back home."

Banducci said he wants to try the pro circuit if he's playing well after graduation. Team tennis in Europe is another possibility. If tennis isn't in his future, Banducci said he will most likely return to South Africa to work.

Before he leaves, though, he said he wants to see the Frogs play in the NCAA team tournament.

"Winning would be a bonus," he said. "Right now I just want to get stronger and compete with better players. I just want to improve my game."

Junior criminal justice major Andrew Smith is a member of TCU's All-America 4x100 relay team. Smith, a native of Jamaica, was recruited by many American colleges after his performance at the Penn Relays. Teammates Raymond Stewart and Leroy Reid are also from Jamaica.

"Bubba (TCU track coach Bubba Thornton) saw us at a meet in the Caribbean and was interested," Smith said.

By going to school in America, the opportunities are greater than in Jamaica, he said.

"Coming to school here has given me a chance to learn more about the world and other people," he said. "College here has its drawbacks, though."

"Some people are kind of selfish here. They don't want to communicate just because they don't know you."

Smith said he came to TCU with an open mind and no preconceptions. "I was looking forward to it," he said.

After he's gone from TCU, Smith said he'll never forget the track team's success, TCU's people and the food. "I'll remember my coach (Thornton) a lot and the big change coming here made in my life."

Not only are American students sometimes curious about foreign students he said, but some are extremely ignorant.

"One girl asked me if we came over on a raft," he said. "We do have airplanes."

"Geographically, many of them are in bad shape. People have asked me if Jamaica is in Africa."

Smith said running track and getting a degree at the same time is like a doing a job.

"There are so many things that I have to be doing and it's like an overloaded circuit sometimes," he said. "All I'm really getting is an education, and that's the ultimate."

"It's as much fun as it's a pain. If I can handle all this I'll be ready for the world."

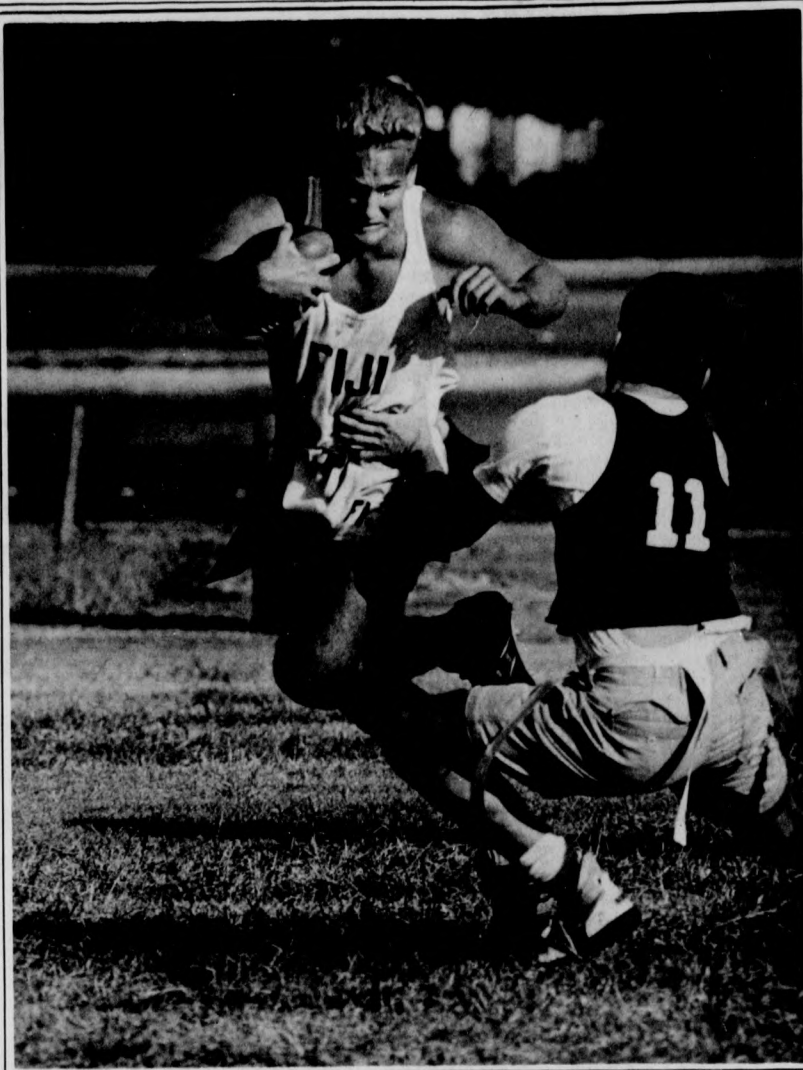
Once in a while Smith said he gets homesick, admitting he has over a \$200 phone bill to Jamaica.

"I don't mind because it keeps me in touch," he said. "It's worth it."

Smith said he wants to go back to Jamaica after graduation and eventually work in the criminal justice system.

For the next four years, though, he'll be running with Stewart and Reid. All three are on the Jamaican Olympic team and will compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

"Right now," he said, "I just want to take everything in stride."



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Blocked - Sigma Chi John Gramantine tries to stop Fiji quarterback Jeff Ott Wednesday.

Best sports memories from youth

By John Paschal
Sports Writer



Just remembering the old days. The good, old ones.

You know, there ain't a bigger kick in the world than playing ball when you're a kid. Back when the energy level ran in a higher gear, and Mom was there to wash your grubby drawers and fix that peanut butter and jelly after the big game.

And playing ball was fun. Forget all that value-forming and lesson-teaching. Forget learning about teamwork and discovering the grand virtue of try, try, try again. Nah, that stuff doesn't mean bunk unless you're an older guy in a sociology class. Back then as a little guy, you didn't care much about the quality individual that sports would someday mold you into, you didn't know that all successful businessmen were, unequivocally, pitchers on their Little League team. No, you thought about diving in the mud one more time. You thought about how cool you looked with those streams of sweat dripping down your face. You never wiped them off. Ever.

I like to think about those days, those years of playing ball. The

other day I looked in an old scrapbook and there I was, back when I was shorter than I am now, in that pre-braces era when my teeth jutted forth in any which direction but straight, and I was all decked out in my red White Rock Rebels football uniform, complete with bulbous helmet that made me look like Gizmo the Space Man, and socks that drooped because there just weren't any calf muscles to hold them up. Those were the good ole' days, albeit humbling.

I remembered the game when I took the ball on a sweep right, sprinted about five yards past the outstretched arm of a fat kid, and dove valiantly over the goal line for the score. I jumped up and down in the kind of unbridled exuberance that comes only from scoring a touchdown, only to find my teammates befuddled as to why I, the weird running back, was so all-fire happy about diving over the 10-yard line to the nine.

We, the Rebels, did win our share of games. Not the whole share, though. The Comets—the evil, slobbering, snarling Comets of South Dallas—won their share of our games, too. We played them three times in two years, and they beat us three times in two years. But we got over it. Like about an hour later.

There in the scrapbook was a picture when I played at Bryan Adams High. God, I wonder why I

didn't break in half when the wind blew, let alone when 800 pounds of defensive line deposited itself on my solar plexus. Yep, this guy got his jaws rattled more than once on the old prep gridiron. I remember this one time in particular, in the annual spring Green-White Game, when I hurtled my lean, mean body spiritedly through the air and thundered into that poor ball carrier with an impact so vicious you wouldn't tell Grandma about it. Best hit you ever saw. Best hit I never remembered. Got my bell rung. Spent the rest of the game looking down at my jersey just to be sure what team I was on. Once, in fact, I was told to mind my own business and go to my own huddle. At halftime I asked a buddy what team I was on, again, just to be sure.

"Michigan," he said. "Thanks," I replied. "We're winning 53 to nothin'." "Good deal."

I'm told Michigan really put the screws to the white team that night.

There was also a picture of my old baseball team, the Dallas Texans, a gang of pre-pubescent fellas with bats. I remembered when we were in Knoxville, Tenn., for the national championships. In the morning we beat Puerto Rico by scoring something like seven runs in the last two innings. That night we beat Kansas City 8-7 by scoring

eight runs in the last inning. After that winning run, we spent the next 20 minutes screaming like eight-year-olds (even though we were already 10) and running around the base paths with a big of Texas flag flapping in the breeze. Round and round we ran, while Moms and Dads sang "The Eyes of Texas" or something equally Lone Star. We were 10 and already obnoxious. I now know why people in 49 states hate Texans.

In the same tournament, during an early morning workout, a groundball leapt from its normal path and plinked me flush in the mouth. While Coach was telling me each tooth was still there, another ball plinked me flush on the shin. Later, while I was batting, a pitch took a wrong turn and nailed me on the same solar plexus that would be crushed many years later. I played the game that day, though. For some reason, pain isn't so bad when you're little.

Those are just singular memories, and though there are many others, they really aren't the memories that mean the most. The best are the ones you can't remember specifically, but they were great anyway. Like getting a cold Coke after the game.

And I remember how great it was to wear my cleats and jersey to school, and even though nobody was looking at me, at least I thought they were.

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