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Dancers disagree on Soviet defector's choice

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

Recent attention and publicized feelings show the majority of Americans seem to favor defections by those living under the Iron Curtain—most recently the defection of Soviet dancer Andrei Ustinov.

Ustinov managed to escape from his Dallas hotel last week while on a national tour with the Moscow Ballet. He has now been granted asylum in the United States, and has a three month contract with the Dallas ballet.

"I think it is kind of romantic, and it reminds me of something out of a

movie," said Gabie Brooks, a junior ballet major.

But Stephanie Woods, chairperson of the ballet and modern dance department, said she thought Ustinov's defection was "incredibly irresponsible," and couldn't understand the exact reason behind it at all.

"I realize that it was a difficult decision to make because of his family back home," she said. "Professionally speaking, I guess he just saw the handwriting on the wall and did what he thought was best."

Woods said that in the Soviet Union there is no opportunity for profes-

sional growth and not much change in repertoire for dancers.

Ustinov, she said, "is a dancer who is at the turning point of his career."

"Like most dancers he wanted to make the most of his talents," she said. "I think he just saw America as his vehicle to do this."

Thomas Enckell, associate professor of ballet and artist-in-residence, added most Soviet dancers only get to dance once a month and don't receive nearly as many benefits as American dancers do.

"I think that it is natural for him (Ustinov) to be looking for something else, and the lack of governmental

control over the arts always sounds appealing," he said.

Enckell, a native of Finland who has lived in the United States for many years, said some defectors make a big splash at first and then go sour.

With Ustinov, it is too early to tell, he said.

"I'm personally more disappointed that the Dallas Ballet has had to use this (the defection) to gain recognition they deserve," he said.

The Dallas Ballet is an excellent company, and even though this will bring it into the news and help its attendance, "it is sad that it took this

for people to realize the talent of the Dallas Ballet," Enckell said.

Last spring the Dallas Ballet went public with the fact that the company was financially troubled, and has since had to take several budget reductions to avoid bankruptcy.

In addition to the company being brought into the spotlight with Ustinov, the woman who helped Ustinov escape and hide has attracted much attention.

Cindy Parrish single-handedly kept Ustinov hidden at a grocery store until FBI and Immigration officials had arrived, and has been praised for her courage.

Brooks, who has studied ballet most of her life, said "things like this do not happen very often."

"I think she (Parrish) was even more brave than him (Ustinov)," she said.

The U.S. Senate's permanent subcommittee on investigations is currently researching into how people like Ustinov are treated in the United States. Regardless of who they are or what kind of background they come from, most defectors say the biggest problem they face is finding appropriate jobs.

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Housing changes planned

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

The Housing Evaluation and Assessment Project is an ongoing project designed to evaluate housing and recommend changes to begin as soon as the 1988-89 academic year, said Kay Higgins, associate director of housing.

HEAP, which began committee meetings this summer, was developed for two main reasons, she said.

"We felt like we needed to look at housing, residential living and food service," Higgins said. "We needed to look at it from a comprehensive standpoint."

HEAP will seek input from students, TCU staff and people who work outside the university, she said.

The second reason HEAP was formed was the prospect of more options for creative programming when Moncrief Hall opens, she said. It is scheduled to open in August 1988.

"We hope it will give us a little bit of flexibility in other halls," Higgins said.

The 12-member group is divided into five subcommittees that focus on specific areas of housing. These include facilities and environment, business operations, staff, programming and food service.

The food service subcommittee is doing a follow-up to an evaluation done during the 1986-87 school year.

"Marriott had an outside agency come in and do a very similar assessment to what we're doing now," Higgins said. "An awful lot of the recommendations that came out of that assessment last spring are already being implemented."

The committee as a whole is putting together a written survey to determine the needs and interests of various groups who have lived or do live on campus, she said. Some target groups may include students who live on campus, students who have lived on campus but now live off campus, students who moved from freshman to upperclass dorms, or recent graduates.

The project will assess needs in programming, training, offices, facilities, contracts, policies, procedures, residence hall operation and lifestyle and environment, she said.

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Wood work - Lynn Callantine and Joe Bishop get ready Tuesday for the Homecoming parade.

Fraternities split over value of university policy prohibiting hazing by all organizations on campus

By Lisa Bianchi
Staff Writer

Hazing can kill. It has been one year since Phi Kappa Psi pledge Mark Seeberger died from being hazed at the University of Texas.

His death influenced the state of Texas as well as the TCU administration to take action. All campus organizations are now asked to sign the Student Organization Compliance Form Hazing Policy.

The policy initiated by the Office of Student Affairs under Vice Chancel-

lor Peggy Barr is signed every semester by the president and membership educator of the organization.

"Organizations that participate in hazing functions are subject to immediate loss of TCU recognition," the policy states.

The policy also requires writing down the place and date where the anti-hazing regulations were discussed with the general membership of the organization.

The impact of Seeberger's death has influenced organizational officers and advisers.

Alex Dancy, rush chairman for Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, said the hazing death has had no effect on his fraternity but "the active leaders are worried about it."

Assistant Director of Student Activities Anne Trask talked with six organizations about the Seeberger death.

"It has had an impact on the fraternities and sororities," she said. "People are aware—we don't need a death."

Trask said she doubted, however, about the impact Seeberger's death had at UT.

Junior Thomas Kely, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity said the regulations "just make the campus advisers feel better."

"They're (fraternities) all hazing behind everyone's backs," he said.

Daniel Rabbit, president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity's pledge class, said hazing isn't a problem, but pledges are constantly reminded how much easier it is for them than it was when the actives were pledges.

Student Activities, under Trask's direction, held a workshop to educate officers and advisers of organizations

on the penalties and consequences of hazing.

The liability issue of Seeberger's death stimulated policies and actions but it wasn't the only reason, Trask said.

"Hazing has brought an awareness of how we treat people. Respect must be earned, not demanded," she said. "It's a definite problem. It's never solved because you have new people coming in every semester."

"It demands constant awareness," she said.

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History books uninteresting, study says

By Brad Vanderbilt
Staff Writer

American history textbooks do a poor job of making history interesting to the student, the Educational Excellence Network of Columbia Teachers College recently reported.

History professor Frank T. Reuter said he can see validity in this claim, though he points out that this study focuses on elementary and secondary textbooks.

Textbooks often have a tendency to talk down to students or are otherwise poorly written, he added.

Freshman business major Vicki Hafemeyer agreed with the report. "American history texts were always so boring," she said.

Senior RTVF major Christina Hicks said what she remembered

most about high school American history is that the textbook was usually huge.

"It was informative, but it was just too much material to cover in too little time," she said.

Thom Clay, junior theater major, said he remembered his American history text as very detailed.

"There were a lot of unnecessary details. It really wasn't interesting," he said.

In its 78-page report, the Educational Excellence Network recognized such flaws in American history textbooks and recommended that textbook publishers exclude irrelevant illustrations, reduce overall length of textbooks, hire better writers and place emphasis on primary sources.

"I think what we do here is that we try to find a well-written text that

isn't 'dumbed-down' and that represents the kind of approach we're looking for," Reuter said.

Reuter said several textbooks are used by the TCU history department. Each professor can choose the text that best matches his or her style of teaching, he said.

Reuter uses, among other textbooks, "Historical Viewpoints: Notable Articles from American Heritage."

Reuter said he likes using this text because it provides thorough and literate articles on various historical topics by talented and academic writers.

The American history textbooks used at TCU, he said, "have a good writing style, and they're well-written enough to be easily read."

"They don't talk down to students," he said.

Hicks suggested that textbooks might need to be condensed.

"We never seemed to be able to finish American history," she said. "We felt lucky if we were able to get to the Vietnam era."

Clay said he thought he would have liked the text "to have demonstrated history's relationship with, or impact on, today."

Junior speech communications major Tim Hatfield suggested that textbooks trace history through a common focal point, such as history through the presidents.

"They need some kind of central line of thought to hang everything on, to put things in their appropriate place," he said.



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Election day - Student House treasurer Patti Keefe runs the Homecoming Court elections poll Tuesday.

CAMPUSLINES

Pre-law trip

The Pre-Law Association trip to Baylor University's law school scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 20 to allow all students to attend a law class.

The next association meeting will be Thursday.

Sweet 'n' Low scholarship

Sweet 'n' Low is offering college scholarships to students for healthful residence hall recipes.

The "Sweet 'n' Low Grade 'A' Recipe Contest" features a grand prize of \$5,000, first prize of \$2,000 and a second prize of \$1,000.

Recipes must be suitable for preparation in a residence hall room using only small appliances such as a toaster oven, blender, wok, compact microwave or small refrigerator.

Recipes will be judged on the basis of healthfulness, taste, originality, ease of preparation and appearance.

Entries may be obtained by contacting Marriott Food Service directors or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope by Dec. 15 to: Sweet 'n' Low Entry Form, P.O. Box 1901, New York, N.Y., 10116.

Hazing

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Scott Wilder, director of UT's Interfraternity Council, explained organizational awareness started when the military bootcamp experience was brought to the fraternity system after World War II.

The military gave only one education in leadership—it created followers by conditioning responses, Wilder said.

"Fraternity and military goals are different," he said. "It's difficult to stop what someone calls tradition."

Almost every fraternity will say it doesn't haze, Wilder said, but in reality it might.

It's institutionalized and it's also hard to define, he said.

TCU Coordinator of Greek Life Rick Barnes said as a whole, tradition is no longer accepted.

"It would be wrong to say it (hazing) doesn't happen because it does," he said.

There are actions that can definitely be labeled hazing and then there are those that fall into a gray area, which are big problems, Barnes said.

Sometimes it's an education problem, and members don't realize what hazing is, he said.

Kelty's proclamation that his

fraternity "does not haze and never will" is a matter of stopping and looking at what members are doing, Barnes said.

The initial questions and concerns about hazing come from parents as early as Monday at TCU, he said.

"I tell them we have a university policy and are making a concerted effort to stop things from happening," he said.

The university policy and the Texas Anti-Hazing Statute covers the ropes pretty well because they leave the judgment open according to each case, he said.

The hazing statute, which went into effect Sept. 1, sets a limit of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine for participating in or not reporting a hazing incident.

If a person subjected to hazing reports it, he or she is exempted from the prosecution.

The law also requires the publication of any organization that violates the hazing law.

Although the state doesn't specify what type of publication, Trask said it could possibly be in the rush bulletins that are mailed during the summer to students.

Defector

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Enckell said that artists like Ustinov usually have no problem in finding work because of the large amount of media attention they receive.

He added that as far as Soviet dancers are concerned, sometimes it is overdone.

"You always hear about how fantastic the Soviet dancers are, but they really aren't any better than American dancers—just overrated," Enckell said.

Last week the Senate subcommittee focused on other problems facing defectors, and found these include bias against East-bloc intellectuals, lack of interest and exaggerated expectations.

Sen. Sam Nunn, Senate subcommittee chairperson, said these testimonies have been held because of several cases in which defectors have returned to the Soviet Union after living in America.

Brooks said she thought defectors just needed to be taught the "ways of America" if they are going to actually live here.

Wright

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"Texas is a very unique market in that it takes people a long time to get warmed up to you," he said.

A list of credentials only gets you in the door, he said, "and you have to do the rest."

Responding to a question on the recent media coverage of the rescue of Jessica McClure, Wright said the story was unbelievable. He said it was the kind that only comes up once in a lifetime.

"I will admit that some stations blew it up too much, but I see it as the most dramatic story of the year," Wright said.

Wright has been with Channel 5 for the past eight years and said that in broadcast standards, he has "a long term contract."

"Our station wins four out of five newscasts a day, and as long as we continue to attempt to make all news high-involving, I expect them to stay

Listeners richer through radio

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

Radio stations give away prizes to listeners that range from T-shirts and bumper stickers to concert tickets. But the prizes that get the most attention are the ones promising brand new cars and oodles of cash.

"Money is the single most requested prize a radio station can give away," said Y-95, radio station KHYI, general manager Paul Jacobs.

Y-95 and KEGL, radio station 97.1, both have birthday contests in which disc jockeys announce a randomly-chosen date. The first listener to call in whose birthday is on that date wins the cash prize.

KEGL offers \$97 and a chance every month to win a new Porche, while Y-95 gave away \$5,000 to a caller last week, and will give away \$10,000 to someone today.

Y-95 also has a cash call contest in which listeners must know the current amount in order to win. If the person whose name is chosen does not know the amount, more money is added. About \$35,000 is unclaimed so far.

Ed Wodka, general manager for KEGL, said the money for these contests comes primarily from advertising revenue.

Part of the station's budget is set aside for these contests, he said.

The Porches KEGL gives away were bought at the full price mainly from those dealerships which advertised on that station.

Wodka said his station uses the cars and money as reward for loyal listeners because he said KEGL is the number



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Trey Matthews, morning DJ for Y-95, makes a promotion tape for the station.

one station in the Metroplex for the 12-years-and-older audience.

"Besides, it's fun. Our listeners enjoy it," he said.

Other stations, such as Y-95, use cash giveaways to attract listeners.

Y-95 general manager Paul Jacobs said, however, you can't buy listeners.

"The music has to be good, too," he said.

Both Wodka and Jacobs said the Federal Communications Commission requires the contests be "fair," which means every person should have an equal chance of winning.

This equal chance is ensured because calls are placed on a random basis, Jacobs said. And for the times

when listeners call in to win, he said, the odds of winning are subject to the number of callers at any given time.

But Brigham Young, a junior business management major, said there are ways to improve one's chances of winning.

He said he has been following these contests for three to four years and has won a total of about \$3,000. The most he said he has won at one time was \$1,000 cash.

"But I've won tickets to at least 20 concerts and a trip to Florida," he added.

Young said the key to winning is perseverance.

"You have to be consistent. If you try it (to win) once, you'll never get it," he said.

Young added most people quit trying to call the first time they get a busy signal. But he said to keep trying until the disk jockey announces a winner.

Jacobs said his station limits an individual to one prize during a 30-day period.

When callers do win, Y-95 disk jockey Trey Matthews said he wants them to get excited.

"If you won money, wouldn't you be excited?" he said.

Housing

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The committee also plans to conduct a telephone survey of a random sampling of students. Members may meet with "focus groups" of students to discuss the students' needs.

"I think it's terribly appropriate for students who do have something to say, even if they're not solicited, to put it in writing, and they can direct that to me," Higgins said.

She said the committee will assess the interest in options such as floors for non-smokers, all-senior floors, areas with 24-hour quiet hours, groups living by co-curricular or ma-

ior interest, more single rooms or coed halls.

Committee recommendations that will affect the 1988-89 budget are due by the end of this semester, Higgins said. Recommendations will be made to Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. Budget items will also be reviewed by Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, and other vice chancellors, Higgins said.

After that report is made, HEAP will enter "phase two." At that time an advisory or oversight committee will meet about once a month and hold one focus group session per month.

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COMMENTARY

Our View New core neglects cultural academics

The new university core curriculum fosters American ethnocentrism because it fails to require students to study a culture or language other than their own.

In a world growing more multicultural and multilingual each day, TCU students can graduate without being forced to confront what lies beyond the United States.

The new core says students are encouraged to take courses that explore cultures other than their own, yet it contains no requirement and no incentive for students to do so.

The cultural heritage section requires three hours of religion-studies, three hours of fine arts, three hours of critical inquiry and three hours of U.S. historical studies.

For students to apply hours earned in study of another culture, they must take three hours in cultural heritage beyond the 12 required, and those hours must be in either a religion-studies class or a historical studies class that explores another culture.

If students wish to take a course exploring a non-Western culture, their choices are further restricted. They may choose from courses in Russian or Asian history, intercultural communications and Eastern religions. Three faculty members' courses are not enough to serve all of TCU's undergraduate students.

The new core's language option is a weak compromise allowing students to graduate with no knowledge of a foreign language. In an illogical grouping, they may instead take three hours of oral communication and three hours of literature.

Those who do select foreign language study must take only six hours in a single language. While this may provide some foundation, it will not allow students to communicate in another language with any valuable level of proficiency. Students will cover less material in the new six-hour, first-year sequence than in the previous eight-hour sequence.

A suggestion printed in the course catalog is not an adequate incentive for students to explore another culture or language unless it is backed up with a requirement.

Soon, we'll be returning for TCU's homecoming

By Katie Hazelwood
Columnist



To be quite honest, homecomings never really meant much to me. Once I moved on from somewhere, I moved on. After attending my high school homecoming my freshman year, I was not filled with nostalgic thoughts of the good old days. All I noticed was that, thank heavens, I was out of there and those other poor suckers weren't yet.

So much for homecoming. And now as alums return to TCU this weekend, I know what they are thinking. That they are out of here, thank heavens, and those poor suckers aren't yet.

I mean, these are supposed to be the best days of our lives. Be that as it may, it certainly is the worst food of our lives, and a couple of other things.

And that's why, when I come back to homecoming in 10 years, if I can stay away that long, there are a few things I would like to see changed.

I hope that the groundskeepers will have grown all the extra sidewalks they've been trying to grow by watering the concrete instead of the lawn.

And since I will be able to park in visitor parking without being ticketed, I won't quite remember how bad the parking was. But I will remember when students wanted to build a parking garage, and in approaching senility, I will comment

that the parking wasn't really that bad.

And speaking of cars and parking, I hope that in 10 years, I will finally have a car as nice as those that most of the students today are driving.

Never mind that in 10 years I will be driving the same year model they are driving now.

And one of my greatest wishes is that there will be a large bookstore on University or Berry to give the TCU bookstore some competition.

But I'm not unreasonable. I understand that 12,000 percent mark-ups are par for the course when you have a captive student body.

And then after I reminisce about having to walk 12 miles to school on broken bottles in the driving snow, I'll remember what a lot of homecoming is about.

Before my first semester at TCU was over, I was already referring this place as home, instead of the house where I'd spent 15 years of my life.

And I won't forget that some of the best times I had were when I was laughing at all the things I'm criticizing now. And as I get older, those things that I thought were so terrible will fall into perspective.

And I will probably get sprayed with a lot more sprinklers out there.

I will most definitely be tempted to break my leg just so I can park in handicapped spaces because everything else is taken.

And I will still use the excuse that I couldn't find a parking space.

And I'll remember all the great things about TCU and wish I could go back.

And that's why I'll come back to homecoming.

It all seemed so innocent at first. But it became a...

Fatal Attraction

A terrifying true story.



Playing a war game is like real thing for TCU ROTC

By Dina Rosen
Managing Editor



This past weekend, I did something I never thought I'd do—I traded in my bow and puffy heart necklace for camouflage and fatigues and headed for the woods.

When first asked if I would go and report on the Army ROTC Field Training Exercise (FTX), I replied with a resounding, "No way! Absolutely not! Are you kidding? I'm so sure! Positively no!" But gradually throughout the week—with bribes, promises and a lot of coercion—I was somehow talked into it. My friends reacted with shock, disbelief and suppressed laughter upon hearing that I would be the one covering the FTX.

Maybe you would have to know me to fully understand this, but trust me—I am about the least likely person to be seen in camouflage.

I'm not sure exactly why I agreed to go, but I think deep down I knew it would be a good experience for me and that I would learn a lot. And I did.

So I was "good to go," as they say, all decked out complete with combat boots, at 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning. Three hours of sleep had somehow not left me feeling wide awake and rested, and I found myself wondering if living it up the night before at, ironically enough, the "Make Love, Not War" fraternity party was worth it. Oh well, too late now.

I arrived at Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas, shortly after 7 a.m. I was greeted with friendly yet curious stares, probably because I was an unfamiliar civilian. (And also probably because I had my boots laced up wrong, but what did I know?)

The cadets had obviously been up for awhile, because their tents from the night before had already been taken down. They appeared enthusiastic, eager to tackle the day's objectives. I was impressed.

After a breakfast that I couldn't complain about—OK, so it was nothing to write home about, either—I learned the true meaning of the old military adage, "Hurry up and wait." It was several hours before the "enemy" ever arrived—the cadets from the University of Texas at Arlington.

However, the TCU cadets weren't sitting idly—they were busy preparing for "war" with all the seriousness of the real thing.

Meanwhile, I was introduced to quite a delicacy by TCU Sgt. Major John Harvey, who said he didn't want me to miss out on any aspect of the FTX experience. This gourmet delight is the MRE—Meal Ready-to-Eat, which comes in a bag. I was able (actually forced) to sample Menu 12, called "Beef, Ground, with Spice Sauce."

In addition to the "beef," this meal included dehydrated peas, peanut butter, crackers, a chocolate cookie wafer and a complimentary accessory packet, which contains such necessities as instant coffee, matches and Feen-a-mint gum (no explanation necessary).

TCU cadet R. Scott Wilson exclaimed that the MREs "beat the hell out of the Pit." I don't know—I'd say it's a toss up.

Finally, the opposition force arrived. UTA's group of about 20 cadets paled in comparison to TCU's 114. The TCU cadets split up into two companies, ready to tackle their different objectives.

I waited anxiously with the UTA cadets for TCU's attack. Finally they landed in two large helicopters or "chirooks"—ready to do battle. They struck with such a ferocity that I was convinced we were really at war.

They fired "shots" at the opposi-

tion, sometimes "wounding" or "killing" members of the enemy force. Scenes from the movie "Platoon" kept flashing through my mind.

I felt like a real war correspondent as I followed them along, barely keeping up, never before realizing just how hot fatigues can be!

Although there was no real winner or loser, the men and women of TCU's Army ROTC appeared to overpower the cadets from Arlington. After the fighting, the two groups got together to review what took place and offered each other helpful advice and criticism.

It was then that I realized just what a truly valuable learning experience the FTX provides.

"These things take an awful lot of practice," said Major Michael Applewhite, head of the UTA corps. "Even if they 'lose,' the real point is they learn from the experience."

TCU cadet Sharon Okada, a freshman pre-med major, agreed. "It's a great first-hand learning experience," she said. "It's exhausting but fun. There is a lot of action."

By going on the FTX, I developed greater respect not only for the military in general, but particularly for TCU's ROTC program. TCU Cadet Lt. Col. Mark Kalmbacher said he thinks TCU has one of the best corps in Texas, maybe even in the nation. He said this is due to the extensive training the cadets go through, even on weekends.

"The last two years, we've outshined all the others," Kalmbacher said. "TCU Army ROTC is happening."

I would have to agree. It was reassuring to witness the cadets practice and see just how seriously they really do take their mission of fighting the enemy.

I can honestly say that with men and women such as these preparing to defend our country, I feel we're in good hands.

Contributing to provide for an education

By David Artman
Columnist



For all of you out there interested in South Africa, have I got a deal for you! Now I realize that at even at the mention of this

topic many of you will automatically begin thinking of shantys in front of Frog Fountain, or of radical students camouflaged in corporate attire, but hear me out on this one.

Campus Christian Community and the University Ministries Office is providing some important leadership in Black South African Education. This is something that both pro and anti-divestiture people should be aware of.

As president of Students for a Democratic South Africa I can say that, while divestiture from companies continuing to do substantial business in South Africa is crucial, supporting education for black South Africans is also imperative.

That's why this is so important. So, what's going on?

Campus Christian Community has formed a campus wide Ad Hoc committee to develop a fund for black South African scholarships.

Further, an anonymous donor has already agreed to make a challenge grant of \$7500 if same amount can be raised by the TCU community. Can you imagine TCU contributing \$15,000 to a Black South African Education Fund?

Now, you may be asking, what exactly would our money be going for?

As I understand it, several options are being considered. The money could be used for university education in South Africa.

However, considering that these universities don't exactly offer "Economic Sanctions 101" or "Leadership Opportunities in a Multi-Racial South Africa 102", a case could probably be made that there are better options.

One could bring the students here. The Institute for International Education is already working on this. But this option can cost as much as \$15,000 per year for each student.

Maybe the TCU Board of Trustees should consider waving tuition fees for a couple of these students. It couldn't hurt!

Given the problems with the previous options, some feel that supporting schooling in Mozambique or other southern African nations would be the most cost-effective option.

The problem with this is the political reality that those leaving South Africa are not readily able to return. But, exile is a reality that many black South Africans have accepted.

The dialogue continues on the method, but the need for education is apparent.

Want to become involved? John Rodenberg is coordinating the Ad Hoc committee. He can be reached at the University Ministries office (921-7830) or at home (926-5969). Checks can be made out to the TCU Black South African Scholarship Fund.

This is an important opportunity for the TCU community.

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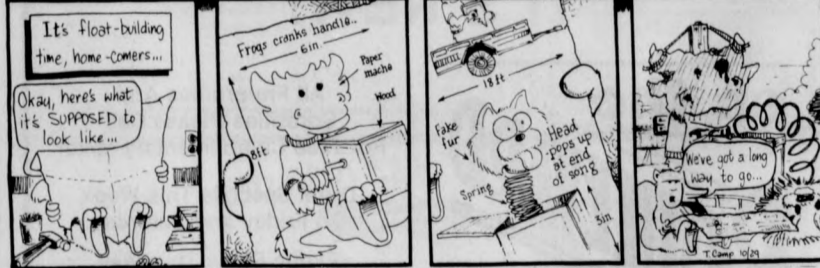
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Cattle virus studied for link to AIDS

The Department of Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health are investigating bovine immunodeficiency virus, which is similar to the virus that causes AIDS in humans.

Researchers say there is no evidence that the bovine virus causes AIDS or any other diseases in humans, but the genetic similarities of the virus may help researchers develop ways to use cattle to study how the virus produces disease.

Some researchers suggested that cattle virus may contaminate human vaccines which are produced in part from fetal calf serum.

The death of fish is thought to be caused by toxic sediments that are stirred up during heavy rains. The Texas Water Commission and the EPA are conducting a study to find the reasons for this.

Contaminants in Trinity river

A study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found that fish in a 120 mile stretch of the Trinity River from Lake Benbrook to Palestine were contaminated by PCBs and chlordane.

PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, are oily chemicals used to cool and lubricate transformers. PCBs were banned by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1979 because they caused cancer and birth defects in rats.

Chlordane, a pesticide used against termites, was banned by the EPA in 1978 because it caused cancer, liver and neurological disease in mice.

Fish contaminated with chlordane were found mainly in test sites in Arlington. PCB-contaminated fish were found around industrial zones of Fort Worth and Dallas.

These findings dispel theories that fish were safe from contamination because contaminants were thought to be concentrated in sediments on the river bottom.

Analysis of the data will determine if these chemicals exceed FDA and Texas Health standards.

PCBs and chlordane are dangerous because they accumulate in body fat, said Brandt Mannchen, a Houston-based water specialist for the Sierra Club.

Tests halted on Alzheimer's drug

Clinical studies on THA, an experimental drug to treat Alzheimer's disease, were halted after a month because eight of 40 test subjects developed an increase of the liver enzyme transaminase, according to the FDA and the Warner-Lambert Company of Morris Plains, N.J. which markets the drug.

The tests gradually increased the dosage of THA, said Dr. Frank Young, a commissioner of the FDA. No side effects were shown at 40 to 80 milligram doses, but an increase in the enzyme occurred at a 120 to 160 milligram dosage.

Increase in the enzyme indicates cellular abnormalities, which are the first things seen when a cell undergoes a modification, Young said.

Although THA is not a cure for Alzheimer's it can alleviate some of the symptoms.

India tests ways to cure malaria

The Indian Council of Medical Research is testing environmental management methods as an alternative to using insecticides to prevent the spread of malaria, according to a recent issue of "Nature."

Malaria prevention makes up half of the health budget in India. India runs the largest anti-malaria program in the world, spending over \$3 million on insecticides in the last 25 years to fight mosquito-borne diseases.

Now the ICMR is cleaning clogged drains, filling stagnant pools, covering overhead tanks, filling ditches with fly-ash and stocking wells with mosquito-larvae-eating fish in townships near water such as Pondicherry on the coast, and Hardwar on the banks of the Ganges.

Bottled milk contained 9.5 times the acceptable level of DDT and milk samples collected in Punjab contained 21 times the acceptable level of various pesticides.

When the study ended in Hardwar, malaria cases had decreased from 250 cases the previous year to 32.

Hospital patients, visitors face possible asbestos contamination

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

According to hospital documents obtained by "The Dallas Morning News" employees, patients and visitors of Parkland Memorial Hospital may have been contaminated by asbestos during hospital renovations over the last 18 months.

Asbestos has been used as a building and insulating material for years because of its heat-resistant properties. Asbestos has been found to cause cancer and other illnesses in humans who swallow or inhale its fibers.

Asbestos is also used in fire resistant clothing and brake linings, said Arthur Ehlmann, professor of geology and chairperson of the department.

"There are a number of industrial applications for it because it primarily will not burn," Ehlmann said.

These fibers get in the lungs where they are an irritant, he said. The fibers themselves do not cause cancer,

but they may irritate the lining in the lungs so that bacteria or infection can come in and cause more problems, Ehlmann said.

"The scar tissue may interfere with the function of the lung," Ehlmann said.

Lung cancer does not show up for 15 to 20 years after a person comes in contact with asbestos, but in some cases it happens earlier, said Dr. Jerry McLarty of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lung membranes, and asbestosis, a chronic lung disease in which scar tissue builds up in the lungs, are linked to asbestos contact.

Hospital employees were repeatedly exposed to asbestos. Asbestos fragments were found in areas patients and employees had access to, and they were put in plastic bags in the hospital's garbage dumpsters, according to report* to Parkland-safety officials dated from Feb. 23, 1986, to September.

Asbestos does not migrate from

container to container like some chemicals, so it could not leak out of the plastic bags, Ehlmann said.

More than 60 safety violations were filed with hospital safety and engineering officials. One of the violations filed was for alleged asbestos contamination in the newborn nursery on the third floor.

In "The Dallas Morning News" article, Parkland Safety Director Sharon Carleton said that although there is an amount of asbestos in the air, she did not have evidence that patients or employees were exposed to dangerous levels.

Reports were filed by employees who came in contact with asbestos repeatedly while conducting routine safety, quality and maintenance inspections of the hospital's construction projects. Many of the safety violation reports include photographs of the violations.

One report said airborne asbestos fibers could have contaminated the third, fourth and fifth floors of Parkland's southern division Aug. 20,

1986, when construction workers left asbestos insulation hanging from the ceiling and lying on the floor directly above the nursery on the third floor.

"There was a hole that was broken through into the nursery area during the demolition... We were a little concerned that some of that dust from the demolition may have in fact sent some of the asbestos down," Carleton said in the article.

In a memo from Carleton to Parkland Senior Vice President John Willis, Carleton said Tri-Pro Services of Dallas removed the asbestos from the area within 24 hours of the alleged contamination.

Air samples by Maxim Engineers taken on Aug. 21 had a reported concentration of 0.031 fibers per cubic centimeter of air in the "C-wing nursery and removal area" and 0.014 fibers per cc in the "nursery baseline area."

Federal and industrial guidelines consider 0.10 to 0.30 fibers per cc to be a safe level, according to the Maxim report.

Nuclear waste disposal issue put on hold

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Interior Committee approved by voice vote on Wednesday a bill that would delay for at least 18 months any major decisions on how to dispose of the nation's high-level nuclear wastes.

The legislation, drafted by chairperson Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., calls for the appointment of a three-member, independent commission to review the Energy Department's controversial site selections to date, and then report back to Congress in one year.

It also calls for a "special negotiator" to attempt to work out voluntary siting agreements with states or Indian tribes, both for permanent

nuclear waste repositories as well as an interim cooling and packaging facility known as an MRS—for monitored retrievable storage.

Since the multibillion-dollar program began in 1982, the Energy Department has tabbed three western states—Washington, Texas and Nevada—as candidate sites for the first repository, and it has picked Tennessee for the MRS. All have vehemently protested the department's decisions. Several eastern states are equally unhappy at the prospect of being tabbed as the site for a second repository.

Udall's bill would impose an 18-month moratorium on sinking exploratory shafts at the three western sites—the Hanford nuclear reservation

in Washington, Yucca Mountain in Nevada, and Deaf Smith County in Texas—and on any major work on an MRS. It also would force the department to scuttle a preliminary list of eastern sites and to begin anew the search for a second repository.

"There's going to be a pause—a pause that's been made necessary because this thing has become so politicized," said Udall.

The entire program would be subject to yet further revision after Congress receives the review commission's report.

Udall's bill clashes with a measure being pushed by Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., chairperson of the Senate Energy Committee, which calls

for the Energy Department to drop exploratory work at two of the three western sites, and use part of the savings to pay the remaining candidate—most likely Nevada—\$100 million a year to take the facility. Johnston's bill would require the department to make its choice by Jan. 1, 1989.

The Senate Environment Committee, however, favors yet a third approach, under which the DOE would continue "surface-based" testing at all the candidate sites until 1991, and then pick one of them for further exploration.

Current law calls for the first repository to be ready by 1998, but few are expecting that deadline to be met, regardless of legislative delays.



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Nice guys don't always finish last

Spradlin plays life, football with zest

By Randy Hargrove
Sports Writer

With his actions both on and off the field, TCU defensive end David Spradlin has shown heroes and good guys don't exist only in comic books and fairy tales.

"The society we live in looks up to athletes," Spradlin said. "The world needs some people who are going to be good examples."

Good example might as well be Spradlin's middle name. In his five years at TCU, he has displayed qualities that have helped him evolve into a leader and role model for the football team as well as other students.

"David leads by example," said defensive end coach Steve Armstrong. "He's not a great athlete, but a good athlete. He plays like a great athlete, and I think that rubs off on the rest of the team. The defense looks up to him because of that."

"You won't find one guy who goes as hard on the field every play," said Tracy Simien, a junior defensive end. "He helps me because he goes hard every play, and if I don't, I feel like I'm letting him down."

"David is a big motivator," said senior linebacker Floyd Terrell. "He tries to do his best all the time."

Off the field, Spradlin said he tries to do his best "all the time."

Spradlin serves as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an organization he's been



David Spradlin

involved in for three years. He was one of five homecoming finalists in 1986, and he's made the Dean's List. He's been awarded the Abe Martin award for outstanding display of leadership and the Ralph Love award for sportsmanship. And he's a nominee for the academic All-America football team.

You say this isn't your normal football player? Well, you're right.

Spradlin is an individual who thrives on being the best he can be.

"It's important to be active," Spradlin said. "Not everything I do I do good, but I try. That's important to me."

Spradlin said the characteristics he shows on and off the football field are different in nature.

"Off the field I say I'm shy,"

Spradlin said. "But then again I do have a little bit of an outgoing personality. I like to joke around, play, cut up and have a good time. A lot of people don't see that, and they think I'm real serious."

"On the football field, I'm a little more outspoken. I like to get excited. I've become a little more outgoing as the years have gone by because I'm a senior. Seniors are supposed to be leaders."

Few on the football team would refute the fact that Spradlin, a co-captain, has become a team leader.

"He's a great leader," Terrell said. "He always works hard in practice, and it shows up in the games. He tries to treat everybody fair and make everybody understand he's doing his job the best he can. He motivates the whole team."

"He responds the way a winner should respond to adversity," Armstrong said. "I really believe people rally around him. He's one you would want to go to war with."

Although Spradlin has been enjoying his senior season, he said he can still remember the adjustments he had to make as a freshman, coming from the small west Texas town of Seminole to Fort Worth.

"I went two semesters trying to fit in," Spradlin said. "I didn't handle it very well. I did a lot of partying. I found out that doesn't solve the problem."

Spradlin said the difficulties adjusting to college began to rub off on football.

"As far as football, I got tired of it," Spradlin said. "I went home (for the summer) and was completely rebellious to football. It was something I wanted to do, but I didn't want to pay the price to play the game."

But it was during the summer between his freshman and sophomore year that Spradlin's view on football and life changed, and he found new strength.

"I started going to church and getting real involved with the church," Spradlin said. "I spent a lot of time by myself reading the Bible. I spent a lot of time praying. I had a life-changing experience. God became a very real part of my life. I had a new desire to play."

"He's a good Christian," Simien said. "He lives his life the right way. He inspires me to be around him."

With Spradlin being redshirted last year, he has had the chance to inspire Simien and the rest of his teammates for another year.

Much has been publicized about the decisions of Spradlin, defensive tackle Kent Tramel and Terrell to redshirt after the NCAA levied sanctions against TCU for recruiting violations.

Spradlin said the decision to redshirt was difficult.

"I had a tough time deciding," Spradlin said. "I finally got a starting job, and I just didn't know if I was ready to give it up."

In the end, Spradlin said he thought he made the right decision.

"I wouldn't trade redshirting," Spradlin said. "It's paying off. It gave me another year to play football."

Opposing teams may wish Spradlin would have used up his eligibility last year.

After a slow start, Spradlin has picked up the pace in recent weeks. He is currently third on the team in tackles with 56, is tied with Simien for the lead in quarterback sacks with seven and a half, and leads the team with 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 55 yards in losses.

Spradlin said the improvement the defense has shown the past few weeks is due to its desire to get better and improve.

"They (coaches) can talk about getting better and they can push us, but until the guys on defense decide they want to get better, it isn't going to happen," Spradlin said. "For us to continue to win, we've got to continue to get better."

Spradlin said he is unsure what the future holds for him once he graduates with his speech communication degree, but said he plans on helping people for a long time.

Lending a helping hand and striving to be the best he can be are just two reasons Spradlin is unique.

Perhaps the world's running low on heroes and good guys, but at TCU, David Spradlin has shown nice guys don't finish last—they come out on top.

Sports talk needs a rest sometimes

By Deena Pippin
Columnist



Well, girls, just when we thought we'd survived baseball and most of football season, basketball comes slam dunking in.

Anytime a group of guys gets together, we already know which way the conversation will swing.

We hope the waiter will give us a fast break from the sports jargon by running interference with our drinks, but the conversation always fumbles back to football while we wait on our food.

We get an instant replay of all the games, and John Madden's chalkboard replays are drawn on all our napkins.

The conversation usually ends up offsidis. The guys throw us the curve ball that strikes us out of the conversation.

A girl usually puts the ball into play for a sports conversation by commenting that she hopes the food comes soon. She's starved because the game lasted so long.

Then the guys intercept the ball, and the girls warm the bench.

"Man, I still can't believe the Cardinals blew that big lead."

"Yeah, I sure thought Tudor could hold 'em."

"Are you kidding? The way the Twins hit in the Metrodome?"

"Yeah, I know, but Tudor's one of the toughest left-handers in the National League. He went 12-3."

"Hey, guys, we need to decide what we're going to do after homecoming this weekend."

"Yeah, we do. Can you believe that shutout against Baylor Saturday?"

"Wacker sure must have had those guys up, because the Bears haven't been shutout since '79."

"What about Jeffery? He ripped Baylor's defense for 174 yards and two touchdowns."

"Doesn't that leave Jeffery only 92 yards short of his first 1,000-yard season?"

"Guys, how 'bout talking about something everybody's interested in?"

"OK, OK. Sorry! John, didn't the Cowboys look bad against Philadelphia? Think they have a chance against the Giants?"

"No way they're going to beat them twice in one season."

"Yeah, you're probably right. The Giants need to win all of their remaining games just to have a chance of making the playoffs."

"Yeah, their scab team sure put 'em in a hole by losing three straight."

"Come on guys. Can't we talk about something besides sports for awhile?"

"Sure. Just let me ask Tom one more question. What do you think about the Mavericks' new coach?"

"Who? MacLeod? I think he's going to have 'em running the court more than Motta did."

"Guys!"

"Speaking of new coaches, what do you think about Iba?"

"He's got a tough job ahead of him. Anderson's the only returning starter coming back from last year's team."

"Guys . . ."

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Bookstore holds pumpkin carving contest

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

Pumpkin carving is in season at the University Store.

Store employee Lee Robinson said Lisa Hannah, assistant manager, came up with the idea to have a pumpkin carving contest for Halloween.

It is the first year there has been a pumpkin carving contest, and it is also the first year the bookstore has ever sold pumpkins, Robinson said.

"We thought this was new and original, and if it has a good turnout we might do it again, unless we can come up with a better idea for something else," she said.

The bookstore has had Halloween specials before. Two years ago, if a student came in wearing a costume, he or she would get a discount, Robinson said.

The categories in the contest are best overall pumpkin, best girl entry, best boy entry, best faculty entry,

largest entry and smallest entry.

The entries must be in the store by noon today. Judging will be at 3 p.m.

Robinson said the only requirement for the contest is that the pumpkins be real.

"It will all depend on what the judges like. You and I might think a pumpkin is simply adorable, but the judges might not like it, and they have the last word on it," she said.

The number of judges and their names have not been disclosed, and the only one who knows that information is Hannah, Robinson said.

Prizes will be awarded in gift certificates ranging from \$100 for the best overall pumpkin to \$25 each for the largest and smallest entries, she said.

"We have handed out a lot of flyers, and a lot of people have come to the store to get stuff to decorate the pumpkins," she said.

Robinson said the winning entries would be displayed at the store Friday and Saturday after the contest.

U.S. airmen shot

ANGELES CITY, Philippines (AP)—Suspected communist rebels shot and killed two U.S. airmen and two other people Wednesday in separate daylight attacks near the giant U.S. Clark Air Base.

U.S. officials said the dead included two Air Force sergeants, a Filipino retired from the U.S. Air Force and a Filipino businessman of U.S. ancestry.

The attacks came within 15 minutes of each other and followed by several hours the slayings of two policemen and the wounding

of an army colonel in Manila. Authorities also blamed those on the rebels.

Names of the victims were not immediately available.

Maj. Gen. Donald Snyder, commander of the 13th Air Force, said the motive for the killings was unknown.

He said the style of the attacks and the weapons used— .45-caliber pistols—pointed to rebel assassination teams known as "sparrow units" for the swiftness of their assaults.



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PLO speaker says U.S. always on Israel's side

By Lovell Brigham
Staff Writer

A spokesperson for the Palestinian Liberation Organization told a TCU political science class Thursday the United States sides with Israel whenever there is a conflict in the Middle East.

Hassan Abdal Rahman said that "the Israeli point of view always prevails" with the U.S. government.

However, the Israeli Consul General to the Southwestern states, said that the United States "never gives in to the Israeli point of view."

"In every war from 1945 to 1982 the United States has exercised pressure to hold Israel back," Consul General Yoram Ettinger said.

The United States pressures Israel when it is in the interest of the United States, Ettinger said. The United States acts as a superpower with all of its interests, he said.

The PLO was formed in the absence of a state for the Palestinians, Rahman said. It represents an identity for the Palestinian people and it is a movement of the people, he said. Rahman said Israel wants the Palestinians to give up their identity.

Ettinger said the Israelis have a high respect for the Palestinians and the PLO represents only a small portion of the people.

"The PLO is a role-model for international terrorism," Ettinger said. "The only reason we will never, never accept the PLO is that we follow the logic of the police chief never to allot recognition to criminals and only talk to them behind bars."

Rahman was the director of the Palestine information office in Washington, D.C., where his office was closed by the Congress.

"I have no doubt they voted in Congress to close the PLO office because it is consistent with the U.S. leadership in its battle to fight terrorism," Ettinger said.

"We are frustrated because we are the only human beings living under military occupation," Rahman said. "If you are a Jew, you have all the rights."

"It is a privilege, not a right, for Palestinians to live in the country of their birth," Rahman said.

When asked how it felt not to have a home, Rahman said, "Having no state affects every part of your life."

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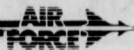
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