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Reagan, 'a bit wiser,' picks Kennedy for Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Reagan, saying he was "a bit wiser" after two failed attempts to put a hard-line conservative on the Supreme Court, picked federal appeals judge Anthony M. Kennedy for the bench Wednesday and dropped his partisan attacks against the Democratic-run Senate.

Reagan said Kennedy, 51, has earned a reputation as "a courageous, tough but fair jurist" in his 12 years on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in

San Francisco.

"He's popular with colleagues of all political persuasions," Reagan said. "And I know that he seems to be popular with many senators of varying political persuasions as well."

Kennedy is considered to be a moderate conservative, less ideologically rigid than Reagan's two earlier nominees—Robert H. Bork, who was defeated by the Senate, and Douglas H. Ginsburg, who quit after revealing he had smoked marijuana.

The new choice drew favorable comments from Democratic and Republican senators across the political spectrum.

Mindful of the problems he's had for more than four months in trying to fill the court opening, Reagan said he would not actually submit Kennedy's nomination until completion of a full-field FBI background check, which could take weeks.

And, in a conciliatory tone after months of tough rhetoric, the presi-

dent abandoned his earlier promise to give the Senate a nominee that "they'll object to just as much" as Bork, his first candidate, who was rejected on a 55-42 vote.

"Sometimes you make a facetious remark and somebody takes it seriously and you wish you'd never said it," Reagan said in answer to a reporter's question. "That's one for me."

The president announced Kennedy's selection in a nationally broad-

cast appearance in the White House briefing room, accompanied by the judge, his wife, Mary, and their three children.

The choice appeared to be a clear effort to end a politically embarrassing episode for Reagan, who once said that winning Bork's confirmation was his No. 1 domestic priority.

Abandoning any pretense of confrontation with the Senate over filling the vacancy, the president said: "The experience of the last several months has made all of us a bit wiser."

On Capitol Hill, the reaction echoed Reagan's attempt to overcome the bitterness generated by the Bork and Ginsburg nominations.

"I can't see any good reason for anyone opposing this, from Jesse Helms to Teddy Kennedy," said Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif. Sen. Kennedy, D-Mass., had led the fight against Bork, while Sen. Helms, R-N.C., once had threatened to filibuster against Judge Kennedy as not sufficiently conservative.



The 82nd Airborne Division All American Chorus performs in the Student Center Wednesday.

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Veterans honored Airborne division chorus performs

By Robin Shermer
Staff Writer

Members of the only airborne division of the United States Army performed a special Veterans Day show for TCU students Wednesday in the Student Center.

The 82nd Airborne Division All American Chorus' visit was sponsored by the TCU chapter of the national Scabbard and Blade honorary fraternity, which is made up of selected Army and Air Force ROTC cadets.

"This was our special project this year. We wanted to honor veterans, and especially veterans working at TCU," said 2nd Lt. Paul Hains of the U.S. Army, who is scholarship coordinator of military science at TCU.

The chorus is made up of men from all parts of the Division, and they first introduced themselves by their special duty.

The chorus sang country, soul and big band music, in addition to patriotic songs such as "America the Beautiful."

The chorus began the show with Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" and followed it with "Dog-Faced Soldier."

A quintet of soldiers sang Ben

E. King's "Stand By Me" and the Manhattan Transfer's "Trickle Trickle," which intensified the awareness that all the songs were sung a cappella.

Comedy was added to the show when the group sang a parody called "Blood Upon the Risers," which was sung to the tune of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." The song was about a paratrooper whose chute would not open.

The show ended with the 82nd Division's theme song, "The All-American Soldier."

"We were set up to perform at major high schools to help in recruitment of the Army, Air Force and even the Coast Guard. We are also Airborne ambassadors, because we are the only airborne division left in the Army," said Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Darby, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the chorus.

All the members of the chorus are on active duty with the Army, but they are on a six-month, special duty assignment when they sing for the chorus, Darby said. After the six months, they go back to their regular assignments.

Darby said practice comes during performances because of the chorus' nationwide touring schedule.



Michael Rogers, a nine-year-old Starpoint School student, sings along.

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A&M, UT looking at possible expansion

LAREDO, Texas (AP)—Texas A&M and the University of Texas have started looking at universities in South Texas in a search for ways to improve education in the region, an official said.

B. Alan Sugg, chancellor of the University System of South Texas and president of Corpus Christi State University, told the system's board of directors Tuesday that A&M representatives already have visited South Texas campuses. He said they have

made unannounced visits to CCSU, Texas A&I and Laredo State University.

"Texas A&M and the University of Texas are looking at higher education in South Texas to see what is needed if the committee recommends UT, A&M or both for expansion," Sugg said.

But UT System Chancellor Hans Mark said it would be wrong to conclude that the visits mean the large systems are thinking about incorpor-

ating the South Texas schools.

"That's going a little too far," Mark said.

Mark is expected to visit the Corpus Christi school later this month.

"It's a visit to respond to Sen. (Carlos) Truan's resolution to look into ways to improve education in South Texas," Mark said Wednesday.

USST board vice president Blas Martinez of Laredo questioned the motives of UT and A&M in South

Texas.

"Obviously, A&M and Texas don't have enough minorities, so they might be trying to grab our children," said Martinez. "Are we going to allow a brain drain out of our system to go to Texas or A&M?"

The state's Select Committee on Higher Education released a report late last year that said South Texas has not received state financial support in proportion to other areas.

City Council backs zoo expansion plan

By Yvonne Webb
Staff Writer

There were jeers and cheers Tuesday night as the Fort Worth City Council endorsed a plan to expand the city zoo by as many as 71 acres over the next 15 years.

By a 6-3 vote, the council voted Tuesday to endorse a Zoological Association plan to expand the Fort Worth Zoo, ending a 10-month turf battle over who shall decide how public lands are developed.

Association members cheered as City Council members approved their \$85,000 expansion plan, including a controversial 5.5-acre African Savanna that was the cornerstone of their \$33.7 million expansion plan.

Friends of the Park, the group opposing the zoo expansion plan, presented a more somber look than in previous council meetings when they wore forest green t-shirts and carried banners opposing the plan.

They said the plan goes too far in replacing green space in the 77-year-old central park with animal habitats in the zoo.

Neighborhood activists and park preservationists said council members ignored the opposition and caved in to political pressure from the wealthy members of the association.

"The mindset is, if these people want something, we need to give it to them," said David O'Brien Jr., Friends of the Park president.

"I think it's time the people of this community shared the responsibility. The city owes more to democracy that it does to the patronage of a few families," he said.

Association members say that in hindsight, they could have done more to ease the debate by involving the community in earlier discussion.

"We could have worked more with neighborhood groups," said Association member Whitney Moore. "But I don't know if it would have made a difference."

Chapin, Tempel face each other in runoff

By Melinda Hartman
Staff Writer

The two presidential candidates left in the runoff, Monique Chapin and Frosty Tempel, agree it is not who people vote for, but that they vote.

Freshman Suzy Branson said, "I don't think students are interested in the election, because the leaders don't have much influence on campus."

But 1,577 students voted in the election on Tuesday, which is 88 more students voting than last year and more than voted in the homecoming election, said Ann Winkler, chairperson of the Elections and Regulations Committee.

A runoff for president of the House of Representatives between Tempel and Chapin will be held today.

There is also a runoff today between Paul Schmidt and Ami Harry for vice president of Programming Council.

Kristin Chambers won the election for vice president of the House of Representatives by a margin of 456 over Joe Gagnon. Jacquie Maupin won secretary by a margin of 253 over Marie Roth. The new treasurer, Eric Anderson, won by a margin of 494 over Todd VerWeire.

Association members think that some opponents had some hidden agendas, such as fears about increased traffic and falling real estate values.

Friends of the Park members tried to stop the council from renewing the contract until the Association agreed to open its membership to all Fort Worth residents.

Association members said the private organization would continue to be controlled by the current board of directors.

But during negotiations earlier this month, the Association agreed to invite an unspecified number of people from minority and civic groups to join the board.

Mayor Bob Bolen, who voted for the plan, said he has lost friends on both side of the issue.

"You don't vote for your friends; you vote for the good of the city," he said.

Council member Russell Lancaster, who also supported the plan, said the city couldn't afford many of its civic activities without "the support of those who can afford it."

While opponents of the plan were lamenting their loss, Association members were celebrating their victory and vowing to build a first-class zoo for the city.

"We are anxious to get on with our work," said Tim Stephens, acting executive director of the Association.

Council member Louis Zapata who represents the district around the park said he didn't see the battle as a fight between the haves and the have nots.

Although it attracted sympathizers from minority groups and neighborhoods across Fort Worth, the opposition was led by O'Brien and others who live in the neighborhoods near the park, he said.

Zapata said he believed the conflict "was a polarization of money against money, although one side was a hell of a lot heavier."

Presidential candidate Tempel led the first election by 50 votes.

A candidate must get 50 percent of the votes plus one to avoid a runoff, Winkler said.

Tempel said he does not like the runoff system because the publicity is put on the main election, therefore it is harder to get people out to vote.

Chapin said she likes the runoff system because "it takes the top two qualified people in the race and gives them another say."

John Lewis, who was one of the four original presidential candidates, said he is now supporting Chapin.

Mike Shiley, who was also originally a presidential candidate, would not say who he will vote for in the runoff.

Schmidt led the first election for vice president of Programming Council by 141 votes.

Chambers said as the new House vice president, she would like to visit organizations' meetings occasionally and hear their interests and concerns.

Maupin said now that she has won, she hopes to improve communication on campus. One way she plans on doing this is by distributing the minutes from the House of Representatives to different organizations, Maupin said.

Anderson could not be reached for comment.

TODAY discovery

NEWLINES

Cleanup announced for dumping sites

Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline Co. and the Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday an agreement for a \$400 million cleanup of 89 dumping sites in 14 states, including Texas.

Many of these waste pits are contaminated with hazardous PCB compounds. The company will also pay a \$15 million civil penalty and reimburse its share of the EPA investigation of 14 pipelines that may have dumped PCB contaminated substances into pits along their lines.

Lubricants from Texas Eastern became contaminated with PCBs when they were left in compressors where other lubricants that were contaminated were stored. Lubricants containing PCBs were replaced in 1977 under the new hazardous waste federal laws.

PCBs were used as lubricants because they do not burn, but it is now known that they cause cancer and birth defects in laboratory animals.

Transplant failed; mother won't pay

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, the world's leading transplant center, demanded \$261,189 in payment from Maria DeSillers of Miami for her son Ronnie's care during his three liver transplants.

Ronnie, 7, died April 29, 1987 while he was waiting for his fourth liver transplant.

DeSillers said in wire reports Wednesday that she will not pay the balance until she knows why her son went from being the perfect liver transplant patient to becoming the way he did.

She said, "What happened with his third liver? Why was it turned down by three other centers? And they still put it in Ronnie."

The hospital staff did everything possible in Ronnie's case, which was very difficult and emotionally trying, Zechman said.

The third liver donor was a brain-dead child who had Down's Syndrome. Doctors said Ronnie was in such bad shape that the liver was accepted for transplant rather than doing nothing for the child.

Dr. William Donaldson, medical director of the hospital, said Ronnie's mother was aware of the donor. He also said he did not know whether the liver had been rejected by other transplant centers before it was accepted for Ronnie.

Insurance companies refuse AIDS victims

Insurance companies have the right to deny insurance coverage to people who test positive for HIV, the AIDS virus.

People who test positive for HIV or who have AIDS may find it hard to buy insurance policies in the next few years, said David Thornberry, State Board of Insurance member in a story in the Tuesday, Nov. 10, issue of "Dallas Times Herald."

AIDS will cost national insurance companies over \$100 billion in claims by the year 2000, according to a recent study by the Society of Actuaries.

The insurance industry is not obligated to take this financial burden like it does for treatment of alcoholism, which is legislatively mandated, Thornberry said.

AIDS attitudes easily influenced

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

Attitudes toward AIDS victims are based on what AIDS symbolizes and on perceived consequences of interacting with AIDS victims, said Dr. John Pryor, a psychologist from Illinois State University who spoke at TCU Monday.

Pryor, who has also worked with the National Institute of Mental Health, discussed AIDS studies on college students and parents to a crowd of about 60 people in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4 at 7 p.m. Nov. 9.

Pryor said the studies were conducted with questionnaires asking about homosexuality and attitudes toward AIDS. The questionnaires were given to a group of college students who were not parents, another group of college students in which half were parents of infants and the others parents of elementary school children.

Pryor said questionnaire results from all groups were similar—they showed that people's attitudes about homosexuality influenced their attitude on AIDS and AIDS victims.

Pryor said another study asked anti-homosexual students if they would object to having a lab partner with a non-fatal disease that could be contracted by eating shellfish and possibly by anal sex. The results showed that 75 percent of these students would object to the lab partner having a disease associated with homosexuality in any way.

Pryor said he also tested students in his human sexuality class at Illinois State University on the first day of school. In this experiment, students were given a questionnaire on sexual attitudes and beliefs that they filled out and returned to Pryor. In their next class with Pryor, students were told Pryor was absent because he had AIDS and was in the hospital.

Pryor said the students were told the psychology department would offer another section of the class if they did not want to have an instructor with AIDS. Next they filled out a questionnaire on whether they would transfer to another section. Most of them said they would not.

Some personality factors that affect a person's AIDS attitudes are sex guilt and his or her feelings about tradition-

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John Pryor,
psychologist at Illinois State University.

al sex roles and prejudice. Pryor described prejudice as discriminatory to minorities and deviants.

"People attribute AIDS to moral decadence and the lifestyle of homosexuals," Pryor said.

"This leads to violent reactions to homosexuals such as 'fag beating' where people cruise the streets looking for men who look gay and beating them," he said. "This happens frequently in cities like New York and San Francisco, and police reports of it are on the rise."

"People are pretty ignorant of the differences between lesbians and gay men," Pryor said.

"Gay men have more sexual partners than lesbians have sexual partners," he said. "Women are more likely to have long-term relationships with a single person whether they are lesbians or not."

Pryor said the number of AIDS cases caused by homosexual or bisexual contact is remaining constant, but the number of AIDS victims among IV drug users sharing needles is skyrocketing.

"Most public information campaigns are designed to alleviate these prejudices," Pryor said.

"They try to get past the 'AIDS is a gay disease' mentality," he said.

Corked bats risked for edge in baseball

By Shawn Scott
Staff Writer

Can a corked bat really give a player a much greater advantage than a regular bat?

That's the question that many people, including Robert Adair, associate director of physics at Brookhaven National Laboratory, have been asking lately.

In an interview with "The Christian Science Monitor," Adair said scientists and engineers have spent years studying baseballs and bats and developing theories about why curve balls curve or why knuckle balls give batters fits.

Rob Jordan, junior speech communication major and a member of the TCU baseball team, said that corked bats are a big help because they make the ball jump.

"I don't think it is a big problem in the Southwest Conference because we use aluminum bats which makes it almost impossible to detect," he said.

Baseball Coach Lance Brown agreed the problem of tampering

probably doesn't occur in the Southwest Conference.

Brown said that ever since his days with the Chicago Cubs, ideas on how to improve players' chances have come in cycles.

"There will always be someone trying to get an edge in some way," he said. "In my day we used K-Y jelly and now they are putting cork into bats."

To get the extra advantage these days, the player drills a hole in the end of a bat, puts the cork inside and caps it. Brown said that the cork makes the bat lighter, letting the player swing the bat quicker for fast balls.

Adair said that the same effect can be achieved by switching to a lighter "legal bat" or by simply choking up three-quarters of an inch on a regular bat.

So why are players risking getting caught with these illegal bats?

Brown offers the explanation that "fixing bats" is just the latest in a continuing cycle of ways that players try to get an edge.

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COMMENTARY

Restating the case against the contras

By David Artman
Columnist



My articles on Central America have not exactly resulted in the long awaited "harmonic convergence." There are those on campus who

have found reason to take issue with me on several points.

John LaBoon, president of College Republicans, and Alberto Navarro, a Nicaraguan master's of business administration student here, have both expressed a certain amount of difficulty with my conclusions.

LaBoon is upset because the Soviet Union is giving aid to Nicaragua, because there are Cuban military advisors in Nicaragua and because Nicaragua has an army which he feels is inordinately large.

Navarro feels that the Sandinistas are not a legitimate representative of the Nicaraguan people. According to him, the Sandinistas are basically puppets of the Soviet Union that have co-opted the real dream of the Nicaraguan revolution.

Maybe it would be helpful to give my understanding of the historical and political dynamics of the situation, showing where our disagreements are.

From 1927 to 1933 a Nicaraguan named Augusto C. Sandino led a resistance movement against occupying forces of the United States. The movement failed, but to insure that this type of populist movement would never succeed, the United States established the "stabilizing" Nicaraguan National Guard.

This group became the protectors of the wealthy and the foundation of the Somoza dynasty. The Somozas were unfortunately less committed to freedom and democracy than to the accumulation of wealth for themselves. After seeing the success of guerrilla tactics in Cuba, the Sandinista Front for National Liberation was formed in 1961 in Honduras.

It was by no means an instant success - its original guerrilla tactics failed, and there began a long process of organizing in the cities. As fighting and resistance increased over the years the government, through the National Guard, became more and more repressive.

The Sandinistas continued to organize, but the "dam broke" in 1978 after the assassination of the editor of an opposition newspaper. As it became apparent that Somoza was not going to be able to hold on, other groups began to posture themselves with regard to the revolution.

Business-oriented people who were afraid of losing their privileged positions formed anti-Sandinista, anti-Somoza groups. However, when the popular revolution was finally achieved in 1979, it was the Sandinistas who were the most popular organization.

Subsequently, the Sandinistas won 63 percent of the vote in a popular election. Initially President Jimmy Carter approved \$75 million of financial aid to the new government, but all of the aid was never received.

The Reagan Administration succeeded in curtailing this aid, establishing an economic embargo, cutting off any foreign aid and organizing the "contras" from former National Guard members. As a result of this the Sandinistas began to depend more on aid from the Soviet Union.

Now, I will go on to the specific objections that have been raised to my interpretation.

Navarro said most Nicaraguans, "notwithstanding their social, political or ideological orientation, unconditionally united in a civilian armed struggle..."

Well, I would say that there was not a necessarily united group. There were factions, which later broke away, that were mainly interested in protecting their business privileges. These people, along with former National Guard members, formed the "contras."

Navarro also said the Sandinistas had strong ties to the Soviets long before Somoza's overthrow. "The Sandinistas developed into a dictatorship... out of their own Marxist convictions," he said.

Here again, this is an exaggeration of the historical record. The Sandinistas are to be mainly understood as a nationalistic movement. They have appealed to Cuba and the Soviet Union for help, but were not organized by these groups. Furthermore, their dependence upon the Eastern Bloc has been necessitated by our own foreign policy. Why would the Sandinistas throw off one power to be controlled by another? The real issue is sovereignty.

Navarro again - "The contras for the most part are formed by Nicaraguans who fought against the Somoza regime."

The "contras" were organized by the CIA with the help of the Argentine military and former Somoza National Guard members and Nicaraguan elites who realized that they were going to have to relinquish their economic status.

And Navarro - "The award to Oscar Arias of Costa Rica of the Nobel Prize was premature. The Sandinistas have only been brought to the table by the contras."

Oscar Arias deserves the peace prize for bringing together the leaders of the Central American nations and asserting that the contras are not a source of peace, but rather an escalation of the conflict. With the Nobel Prize he will be able to have, hopefully, the influence needed to help bring a negotiated settlement.

LaBoon, meanwhile, said all Soviet aid has given Nicaragua the third largest army in North and South America behind only the United States and Canada. "I often wonder why a country smaller than the size of Oklahoma needs an army that large?" he asked.

Well, it seems apparent why they need such a large army to me - they are at war. They are dealing with an American president that is committed to ousting them.

I hope that now we can reach that longed for "harmonic convergence" with regard to peace in Central America. The contras are not the solution.



Mascot trivia, tabling bills becomes costly for TCU

By Troy Phillips
Columnist



The TCU House of Representatives is at it again - spending money on something of little or no use to students.

The House has passed a bill to spend your money on something called "What is a Horned Frog?" to put in the basketball programs.

By spending \$500 on an article in this year's basketball programs, the House thinks it can educate students about TCU's mascot and get some promotion for themselves.

Here is an excerpt from the final draft of the bill:

"The article will not only publicize what a Horned Frog is, but will also promote the House of Student Representatives by having the House name at the conclusion of the article."

Why does the House feel they need public relations for themselves?

University Relations Committee chairperson Todd Breeding said the article will show the alumni, students and university officials that the House has school spirit and is proud of its mascot.

Here's an idea. If the House thinks it has to show school spirit, then why don't they all sit together at basketball games and hold up signs so everyone will know who they are.

Breeding said the House was concerned that many students don't even know what TCU's mascot is.

What students are they talking about, the ones from outer space?

This notion is unlikely. Any student who is that uninformed probably couldn't care less about TCU's mascot.

What's more, House members didn't get a chance to consult their



How much do you know about a horned frog?

constituents about the bill. The House's standing rule states that all bills are to be tabled for one week so members can discuss bills with their constituents. However, if a bill is pressed for time, the standing rule may be overridden by majority vote.

With this particular bill, poor planning caused the House to have to vote on the bill during the same meeting it was introduced.

Breeding said the project had been underway for some time. The original plan was to put the article in this year's football programs, but it was too late in the season. By the time printing it in the basketball programs was investigated, the article, sports information told the House, had to be ready in one week.

If the bill had been tabled, the article wouldn't have made it to the printers.

A source in the House who voted against the bill said in the first nine meetings the House has suspended the standing rule seven times.

This is fine for bills that support

something on campus, but exercising this practice on monetary bills has to stop.

The "What is a Horned Frog?" article should have been introduced earlier, tabled, voted on and then put into action if passed.

The \$500 for the bill came from a special projects fund allotted to the House. Breeding said he thinks the House is more careful about spending money than ever before.

Spending money carefully includes going through the proper channels, such as the voters who gave House members the right to spend money.

Is a piece of TCU trivia really worth \$500? TCU students know what a Horned Frog is and it's not necessary for the House to "educate the masses."

It's also not necessary for the House to spend \$500 to show their school spirit. By passing more practical bills with more practical methods, the House's visibility will become more apparent to everyone. No one needs to be convinced they are Frog fans.

Yankees need a good dose of country life

By Duane Bidwell
Guest Columnist



About 15 miles northeast of Fort Worth, there's an experiment going on.

Let's call it "Returning to Our American Roots."

The little town of Keller is the newest place to experience country living the way it was when America was a wee babe.

Hundreds of people are flocking to where the air is clean, neighbors know one another and there ain't more than five stop lights in the whole town.

In fact, Keller is so popular, it's even become populous. Since 1984, Keller's population has doubled from about 4,000 lost souls to more than 9,000 country-living people.

These newcomers aren't just any people. They are beautiful people. Most of them draw high salaries from airlines and work at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. They have moved from their far-away homes in Yankee places such as New York to create heaven in the form of country living.

Being a Yankee myself, I haven't got anything against Yankees. But these aren't just any Yankees. These are Yankees who have created Country Living with a capital "C."

First off, it's Country Living with the right people. There's no white trash in this neighborhood.

It's Country Living where nice doggies stay on leashes so lonely Airport widows won't get their shoes dirty.

It's Country Living where there's no icebox and old sofa on the front porch.

It's Country Living where the country has to be fenced in so no one will ruin it, where \$200,000 houses receive \$100,000 landscapes and kids can't drag race their cars.

In short, this is Country Living with all of the conveniences of suburbia and without any of the "inconveniences" of true country living.

These Country-Living Kellerites would give birth to a puppy if they saw real country living.

Real country living is having your bathtub stopped up with hay after a day and a half of baling.

Real country living is ignoring your neighbors unless they ask for your help - and not being afraid to ask for help when you need it.

There's a whole lot these Kellerites are missing. They'll never have a goat in their house. They'll never track cow-paddy juice across the kitchen floor. They'll never see their kids chase each other with what's left over when a horse is gelded. And that's sad. Real sad.

Country living's got nothing to do with the right people, the right zoning laws or the right schools. It's got everything to do with being an individual, having fun and not worrying about anyone else.

These Yankees need to learn that.

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Credit card fraud can be prevented

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

That little piece of plastic sitting in your wallet may be more dangerous than you think.

Janet Schaub, fraud analyst for the TransUnion Credit Company in Chicago, Illinois, advised the disposal of credit card carbons right after their use.

Throwing carbons away is not enough—they should be torn in half several times to prevent their duplication, she said.

"This is something that many people don't take too seriously, but it is definitely a problem and can easily be remedied," Schaub said. "It is not so much the credit granter that you have to worry about, but you never know who can pick them (the carbons) out of the trash can."

The largest number of credit card frauds, she said, are reported by and perpetrated against college students.

"They (college students) seem to be unaware of the danger credit cards pose, and are most of the time careless with their use and their confidentiality," she said.

Ruth Allen, an employee at Neiman-Marcus at Ridgmar Mall, said the store as a whole works on a "very safe charge system."

"Our charge slips do not have carbon copies with them, so there is really no way for fraud to take place other than forgery," she said.

Neiman's, she said, is so strict about charge cards that many times a computer is used to verify the cardholder.

If a parent's name appears on the back of the credit card and another family member signs his or her name on the charge slip, the

store checks to see if that person is authorized, Allen said.

If the person was not authorized, she said, a phone call to the name on the card would be sufficient proof.

"We do check to make sure that the signature on the back of the credit card matches the signature on the charge slip though," Allen said.

She said that all departments at Neiman's function like this, but that she was not sure how other department stores operated.

Schaub said that stores and restaurants accepting credit cards are beginning to be more careful now, but added it is the initial responsibility of the cardholder to watch for fraudulent use of the card.

She added the cases she deals daily with on credit card frauds are not usually on single incidence.

"Sometimes it is a matter of luck that we found out about them, but most of the times a friend or someone who witnessed the act will call us to report it," she said.

Julie Purcell, a sophomore elementary education major, agreed most TCU students who have credit cards overuse them and use them incorrectly.

"A lot of people do not think about how dangerous credit cards can be, and girls are especially guilty of this," she said.

Purcell said that most of her friends do tear up their carbon copies but don't think about checking the amounts on the charge slips first.

"Lots of people at TCU never see the bill because their parents pay for the credit cards," she said, "so many times people will sign their name without checking the totals first."

Religious groups seek members

By Robin Shermer
Staff Writer

Although promotion and advertising are big projects for campus religious organizations, their members and advisers agree getting new students involved is a struggle.

Denominational groups, as well as non-denominational groups like the Campus Crusade for Christ, set up booths during Howdy Week's Activities Carnival, hang posters and distribute flyers about meetings and activities and rely heavily on word of mouth to get students involved.

David Spradlin, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, said many members heard about FCA through their friends and roommates.

"FCA is a fellowship that serves as an addition to your church life," he said. "It offers a place where you can meet new friends and learn about other people's points of view about Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Mike Stiles, director of TCU's Baptist Student Union, said students have misconceptions about religious organizations.

"Students are apathetic about getting involved committing themselves to a group. And some obligate themselves to too many organizations," he said. "Students won't take the time to find out what BSU represents."

"Our purpose is to expose students to the Bible and to the claims of Christ. We want to share with others the beliefs and messages of Christ," Miles said. "If we can get students to come to a meeting within the first two weeks, then they usually stay with the organization."

Teri Mays, staff member for Cam-

pus Crusade for Christ, agreed students have misconceptions.

"It may not be what you thought it was," she said.

Dodd Drake, another staff member for Campus Crusade, added the group doesn't compete with other religious groups.

"We want to help build people in their faith," he said.

All religious organizations on campus are open to anyone of any faith and welcome all denominations to join.

Obscene phone calls can be stopped

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

The best thing to do when a person gets an obscene phone call is to hang up, said Sgt. Thomas Goodrich of TCU Police.

"People who make obscene phone calls do it for sexual excitement and to get a reaction," he said. "Playing along only encourages them."

He said TCU police have gotten eight to 10 reports on obscene phone calls this semester.

Detective E. Fallame of the Fort Worth Police Department said most obscene phone calls are harassment

from an ex-boyfriend or an ex-girlfriend.

"For us (the police) to do anything about an obscene call, we have to determine where it's coming from," he said.

He said a person should file a report with the police, get the number of the report and with it get Southwestern Bell to put a tracer on the line and have the phone company release any information they get to the police.

"But the quickest way to stop obscene phone calls is to change your number and leave it unlisted," he said.

Goodrich said the most common reports are from females who do not

know the caller and get scared.

Southwestern Bell will make a print-out of the calls received on the reported line and then trace the number from which the obscene calls are coming, he said.

He said playing along with a person who makes an obscene call encourages him or her to keep trying, just as a kid will keep chasing a ball he cannot get to.

"Playing along could also lead to something more violent because the caller can feel he is getting a positive response," he said.

Tracy Trautman, a sophomore

psychology major, said she gets obscene phone calls "sometimes even once a week."

She said the phone calls are offensive and annoying but at the same time they are funny because a person can be sarcastic with the caller.

"Sometimes they are just hang-ups, but at the beginning of the semester they were more obscene and they would talk," she said.

Goodrich said boyfriend/girlfriend harassment is almost the only type of obscene phone call that may lead to later physical violence, but random calls are not dangerous.

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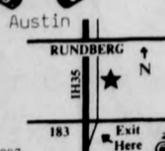
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NEWSLINES

Rapist out of jail on technical error

HOUSTON (AP)—A convicted rapist who was on parole when charged with another sexual assault was released from a Texas prison several years too early, apparently because of a record-keeping error, officials said.

Donald Eugene Dutton, 38, of Jacinto City, was arrested last month, but the error involving his release from prison wasn't discovered until Tuesday.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney David Singer was looking through Dutton's parole papers when he found Dutton had been released after serving a third of a 20-year sentence when he was sentenced to serve 40 years.

Dutton, arrested Oct. 12 and charged with aggravated sexual assault, may face six other charges in connection with a series of rapes in west Houston that began Aug. 13.

He was released from the Texas Department of Corrections June 16, but Singer said the parolee should have served at least another six years in prison before being considered for parole.

"It's a pretty bad mistake, especially for the seven women who went through what they went through," Singer said.

Ortega calls for U.S. peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega declared Wednesday his government is fully committed to complying with the Central America peace agreement and he renewed his offer to hold peace talks with the United States.

"Nicaragua is ready to comply 100 percent with the agreement," Ortega declared in a dramatic hour-long appearance before the General Assembly of the Organization of American States during his first visit to Washington in eight years.

He thus disputed President Reagan's charge before the same audience on Monday that Nicaragua is "nowhere near" meeting its obligations.

Ortega's call for a direct dialogue with the United States was rejected immediately by the U.S. ambassador to the OAS, Richard McCormack, who said that Reagan had laid out strict conditions for re-opening diplomatic contacts with Sandinista officials.

Moscow Communist Party boss let go

MOSCOW (AP)—Boris N. Yeltsin, a former protégé of Mikhail S. Gorbachev who criticized the slow pace of the Soviet leader's reform drive, was dismissed Wednesday as Moscow Communist Party boss.

The 56-year-old Yeltsin had been among the most vocal supporters of Gorbachev's plans for "perestroika," the ambitious restructuring of the Soviet economy and society.

But at an Oct. 21 meeting of the party's Central Committee, Yeltsin criticized Gorbachev's style of leadership and the speed with which the Soviet leader's reform program was being implemented. He then offered to resign.

The official Tass news agency said the Moscow party committee on Wednesday found Yeltsin guilty of "major shortcomings" in his work as party chief and relieved him of his duties.

Caution needed in send-home use

By Cathy Shepayak
Staff Writer

Charging substantially at the University Store now could mean placing a hold on your advance registration.

Judy Pilliod, director of student accounts at the Comptroller's Office, said these charges would have to be paid right away since three-fourths of previous tuition, fees and miscellaneous charges—including charge slips—would have to be paid before advance registration.

University Store manager Mike Gore called charge slips, or send-homes, "a unique charge system for TCU students only."

They are issued in the Business Office and taken to the bookstore like a charge card, he said.

Only one send-home can be used a day, Gore said, and after being issued, it can be used within seven days. At the end of each month, a bill is sent home.

"It was designed as a convenience to the student," he said. "It's similar to an in-house Master Card."

Pilliod said every student has the option of paying cash or charging to the student account to pay off their charge slips.

If they want to charge to their account and request a charge slip, they have to present a currently valid ID, she said.

Send-homes are very frequently used, Pilliod said.

"If it's not a student payroll day, the number of people in the lines that we have at the cashiers are divided up into either cashing checks or requesting bookstore charges (send-homes)," she said.

The most anyone has ever charged was about \$560, while the least was 18 cents, she said.

Larry Calloway, university controller, said the send-home system started about 30 years ago but has become popular only recently.

"I'd say it's used two to one over cash," he said. "We weren't able to handle them until 10 years ago because we weren't automated. Prior to that, there were issues, but nowhere to the extent that it is now."

For the first time this past summer, however, students couldn't send charges for their summer school books home.

Pilliod explained the main reason the policy went into effect is because students don't have a payment option in the summer while in the fall they do.

"A lot of times they already finished and left and we have a lot more trouble collecting in the summer," she said. "Those students are billed until the account collects finance charges."

Pilliod said there has been some situations involving stolen purses and wallets when students stole TCU IDs and requested a send-home.

"When this happens, we research signatures through the Registrar's Office and the Dean's Office," she said. "If we can verify that it's not the student's signature, we won't give it. This only happens about once a semester or even academic year."

Send-homes can be requested any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Business Office.

CAMPUSLINES

Trekfest

The Films Committee of Programming Council will show "Star Trek: The Movie" Friday at 7 p.m. and "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn" immediately afterward at 10 p.m.

Saturday's bill of fare includes "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock" at 7 p.m. and "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" at 10 p.m.

All shows will be in the Student Center Ballroom, and \$1.50 pays for one or both movies shown during one evening.

Hypnotic show

Gil Eagles, award-winning hypnotist, mentalist and motivator, will perform Monday at 7:30 p.m.

in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.

Sponsored by the Performing Arts Committee of Programming Council, Eagles' show is billed as an intense and exciting demonstration of the power of the mind.

Organist to play

Swedish organist Gunnar Idenstam, making his first transcontinental tour of the United States, will play a recital at Ed Landreth Hall at 8 p.m. Monday.

Included will be works by J.S. Bach, Louis Vierne and Schumann.

Idenstam, 26, was the winner of French State Cultural Scholarships in 1983 and 1984.

CDs make money

By Scott Mackey
Staff Writer

The College Savings Bank in Princeton, N.J., is offering an alternative plan for families to prepare for the rising cost of a college education.

It's created the CollegeSure CD, a certificate of deposit that yields a variable interest rate determined by the inflation rate of college education costs.

Shirley Brown, representative of the College Savings Bank, said the certificates are not much different from the prepayment programs some colleges offer.

"The only difference is that you have to use the money in prepayment programs to go to the institution offering the program," she said. "With the CD you can use the money to go to any school."

The CDs can be a one- to 25-year investment. Because the bank requires an initial investment of \$1,000 payable at one time or in four quarterly installments, the investor can pay \$250 a month until the certificate matures.

The interest rate, presently at 7.39 percent, is figured on an index deter-

mined by the average cost of a college education. This year the average cost of one year at a private institution was more than \$11,000, while public schools averaged about \$4100.

Brown said if the college inflation rate should rise next year, the interest yielded on the certificate would rise to correspond to the amount of the inflation.

But if the inflation rate goes down, no interest is incurred on the certificate for that year, she said.

The College Savings Bank, Brown said, "offers a peace of mind because you know when you invest that you will never get less than the interest rate you started out with."

For example, if a family made a 13-year investment with the college inflation rate figured at 10 percent, by the year 2000 the return on their investment would be \$67,959, she said.

When the certificate matures, its value should be approximately 2 percent more than the average cost of college at that time, Brown said.

Professor of economics Richard Waits said he thought a good market exists for CDs.

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SPORTS

Sibling rivalry won't mature

By Randy Hargrove
Sports Writer

In the purple corner representing TCU, at 6-4 and 240 pounds, it's junior linebacker Paul Llewellyn. And in the burnt orange corner representing the Longhorns, standing 6-7 and weighing 270 pounds, it's junior defensive tackle Steve Llewellyn.

The TCU-Texas game will take place, but the matchup of the two brothers, Paul and Steve, will not due to a shoulder separation Steve Llewellyn suffered last week against Houston.

"I've been looking forward to the TCU game all year," Steve Llewellyn said. "It's kind of a letdown now that I can't play. Instead of being a factor, all I am now is a fan. But that doesn't take away my desire to win."

"It's ashamed he isn't getting to play, because I was wanting to watch him while I was on the sideline," Paul Llewellyn said.

Steve Llewellyn said that the game would have had some extra incentive had he been playing.

"It would have been added incentive to win since my brother's on the other team," Steve Llewellyn said. "I'd be playing to prove that maybe I'm playing for the better team."

Paul Llewellyn said when the two teams play each other it isn't necessarily the one-on-one confrontation between he and Steve that some might think.

"That may be because we're both on the same side of the ball," Paul Llewellyn said. "We don't have to really go against each other. If he was a tackle and I was a guard it might be different."

Paul Llewellyn said once the game is over, talk between he and Steve centers on what happened on the playing field, not who got the best of whom.

"He'll probably talk about some of our players," Paul Llewellyn said. "And I'll probably say a few things about their players, but I won't say 'We won or we dogged ya.' For one thing, he's bigger than me, and he might toss me around."

Steve Llewellyn said while he

didn't harp on the fact that Texas defeated TCU last year, this year could be different.

"We won last year, and I didn't rub it in because of their situation," Steve Llewellyn said. "But this year, depending on the outcome, there could be some bragging rights. The importance of the game could bring some bragging rights."

Bragging rights aside, Paul Llewellyn said his parents could generate the biggest excitement from the game.

"They love it," Paul Llewellyn said. "My mom got a shirt made up last year that's purple on one side and orange on the other. We're both the same number (93), so I think one number is purple and one number is orange."

"They've been talking about this (game) a long time," Steve Llewellyn said. "They're our best fans. They want to see us both do well. They'd probably like to see a tie and see both of us score a touchdown."

"I root for the defense and not the team when they play," said James Llewellyn, Paul and Steve's dad.

James Llewellyn said rooting for the teams when they aren't playing each other is easy. The hard part is deciding which game to go to.

James Llewellyn said he and wife Marilyn will travel to the nearest game, unless both happen to be too far to drive to.

James Llewellyn said the fact Steve is injured has taken a little of the excitement out of the game this year.

"We were really looking forward to both being able to play," James Llewellyn said. "It's not going to be the same with Steve injured."

Paul Llewellyn said having the chance to play college football has been enjoyable. Until two years ago, though, Paul Llewellyn was throwing around baseballs and not ball carriers.

Paul Llewellyn was drafted by the Atlanta Braves baseball organization out of high school. He signed with Atlanta at age 17 and played Class A ball for four years.

Paul Llewellyn said his decision to give up baseball was based on several factors.

"I wasn't really playing much," Paul Llewellyn said. "I didn't see myself advancing through the system."

There's a certain age limit where you can tell you're getting old and everybody else is getting younger," Paul Llewellyn said. "I could see that, so I wrote a letter to the front office saying play me, trade me or release me. They released me."

Llewellyn said once he was released he decided he wanted to go to school.

He ended up at the University of Texas at Arlington and was going to try and walk on the UTA football team, but the football program folded.

Paul Llewellyn said he wound up at TCU due mainly to a phone call from TCU recruiting coordinator Ray Sewalt, saying if he were planning on walking on he might as well give it a shot at TCU.

"The fact he called me gave me the feeling someone was interested in me or had heard about me," Llewellyn said. "After he called me I came right out here."

Paul Llewellyn said he wouldn't mind staying in the Metroplex once his playing days are over. But he said he isn't quite ready for his playing days to end.

"You, never know," Paul Llewellyn said. "I could be fortunate enough to get a chance to play pro football."

Paul Llewellyn said the size, quickness and height his brother Steve could mean both might have a chance to play in the pros. Paul Llewellyn said he would have no objections to this.

"I wouldn't mind playing against him another 10 years," Paul Llewellyn said.

For now, Paul Llewellyn will have all eyes on Texas, and the goal will be to defeat the Longhorns—brother and all.

Part 2: NBA upon us too soon

By John Paschal
Sports Writer



Part 2 in a gripping, explosive and hard-hitting two-part series on the NBA.

Yesterday we talked about how darn quick the NBA season arrived at your doorstep. Today, well, it's still here and only a day less quick. This Supreme Court thing naturally started me thinking about contraband, drugs and the NBA, and I realized that the public is severely uninformed about pro basketball. Education is the key. So, here today, there are more questions to be asked and answered.

1) Did you know that California has four professional basketball teams, Texas three (excluding SMU, Dunbar and David Robinson), New Jersey one, but Florida and Hawaii none?

2) If you could pick an all-star team from the three NBA teams in Texas, what players would you pick? (Oh, you're asking me?) Center: Uwe Blab, Mavericks. Nah, not really. I'd pick, of course, Akeem Olajuwon, Houston Rockets, because he's the best Nigerian I could think of. Not that Blab isn't a pretty good West German, though. Big Forward: Ralph Sampson, Rockets, even though he's a pain in the butt. Small forward: Mark Aguirre, even though he's a pain in the butt, though a shorter one. Big Guard: Bo Blackman, Mavericks, because he's a good player and he seems like a good guy, meaning, he's not a pain in the butt. Small guard: Alvin Robertson, San Antonio Spurs, because he plays D and is one of the Chipmunks. Sixth man: Detlef Schrempf, Mavericks, because he can play any position and because he sounds like a new lunch special at Red Lobster. 13th man: Dennis Nutt, former TCU guard and last player cut from the Mavericks' 12-man roster, because if rosters were expanded to 13 he'd be in in the NBA. 14th man: David Robinson, U.S. Navy.

3) If you were choosing a team of players born in strange, far-off

places, who would they be? Ro Blackman, Panama; Bill Wennington, Canada; Schrempf and Blab, West Germany; Mark Aguirre, Mars; and Steve Alford, Indiana. You could call the team Dallas Mavericks, if you wanted.

4) Will 12-year veteran and balding Rockets guard World B. Free, who years ago changed his name from Lloyd Free to his current flashy cognomen, change his name again, this time to World B. Old? Well, Don't B. Toosure.

5) Will Isiah Thomas, Moses Malone, Paul Pressey, Matthew, Mark, Luke and/or John—oh, and Scottie Pippen—be considered by the laity for canonization, or do their contracts strictly prohibit that sort of thing? No one knows for sure, because their contracts are written in old Jewish dialect on a scroll, and it's very hard to read.

6) Is Michael Jordan really God in disguise, as Larry Bird suggests, and if he (or, He) is, does he object to being called for traveling? After seeing the latest highlights, I believe the former indeed appears possible. And the latter, well, Michael is Forgiveness.

7) Will a white guy win the slam-dunk competition this season? Not unless he's the Pope, who's still Catholic and having trouble with his knees, by the way.

8) Who is Bill Hanzlik? Who is Dave Corzine?

9) Will Joe Barry Carroll ever become Pope? A lot of people ask, and I always tell them to check the latest Vatican City statistics (called Vastistics), and if Joe Barry has a better rebounds-per-game average than Cardinal Whoever-is-Next, well, he's got a shot at the papal marbles. Plus, there's an iota's difference in saying Pope John Paul and Pope Joe Barry, anyway.

10) Will Patrick Ewing make more money than you? Yes.

11) Will congressmen vote to increase their salaries to Ewingesque proportions? Yes. Will they get it? Only with the approval of Pope Joe Barry.

12) By a strong showing at the polls in Saginaw and Watauga, Texas, will Bill Hanzlik be voted Pontiff pro-tem? If the tractor pull ends early Saturday night.

13) If Bo Jackson decides to play in the NBA, what team will he play

for? Since he already plays for the Royals and the Raiders, well, he'll just have to play for the Rockets. That way he can complete those three R's.

14) Will Dominique Wilkins continue to perform that same old reverse tomahawk dunk over and over and over again? And over again.

15) Will the fifth metatarsal (a delicate little bone in the foot) be the most commonly broken bone in basketball again this season? Well, the basketball floor never metatarsal it didn't like... and wouldn't like to break.

16) Will Spud Webb still be cute? Yes, but he's been replaced at point guard on the All-Cute team by Mugsy Bogues.

17) Will Rockets' coach Bill Fitch trade the first letter of his first name for the first letter of his last name? You see that the name Fill ain't too bad, but...

18) When will Grand Prairie get an NBA franchise? Sometime just after hell freezes over, and just before Aledo gets one.

19) What did U.S. Navy ensign and San Antonio Spurs No. 1 draft choice David Robinson say when his agent first initiated talks on a multi-million dollar contract? "What a great place, what a great place to start!"

20) What's the difference between 5-foot-7 Spud Webb and 7-foot-7 Manute Bol? Two big feet.

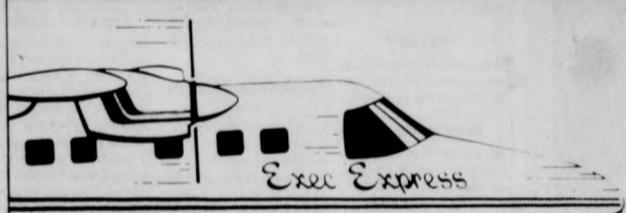
21) Wouldn't it be interesting if Kareem Abdul-Jabbar played some one-on-one street ball with Jerry Falwell? Yes, and perhaps the headline the next day would read, "Koran-and-shoot offense wins big over kindly, pudgy fellow."

22) Who will win the MVP (Most Valuable Player) award? Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Akeem Olajuwon or Dave Corzine.

23) Who will win the MVD (Most Valuable Deity) award? Mr. Jordan. Pope Joe Barry comes in second and Pontiff pro-tem Bill Hanzlik a distant third.

24) What team will win the NBA Championship this season? Ask me next October, right after the championship is completed, and I'll tell you. "The Lakers. No, the Celtics. Or was that the year before?"

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