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Play provides background for discussion

By Yvonne Webb
Staff Writer

"Scenes of Soweto," a play depicting life in the South African township of Soweto, provided background for a discussion of human rights with the Fort Worth chapters of Amnesty International and a TCU audience last week.

The play brings the human element to the issue of apartheid, said Andy Fort, assistant professor of religion studies and member of the Amnesty International chapter in Fort Worth.

"The play is a reminder that we are talking about human beings," Fort

said. "It reminds us that that which dehumanizes some of us, dehumanizes all of us."

The play was chosen because the content of the drama brings the audience on stage with the actor, said Willie Minor, the actor who starred in the one-man show. He said his Dallas troupe, the Afro-American Artists Alliance, wanted to address a current topic.

"Anybody can go to the library and read about our history," Minor said. "Today's current event is tomorrow's history. And South Africa is a current event," he said.

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Willie Minor,
Afro-American Artists' Alliance

"The play also provided an opportunity for TCU to reflect on the injustices of apartheid and the divestment issue," he said. "But that was a very low priority."

When asked why there were no representatives from the administration at the play, Fort said he could only guess the administration has

made up its mind on the issue.

"And (the administration) does not want further input which may reopen a purportedly closed question, like divestment," he said.

Fort said the timing of the presentation coincided with the start of a new student Amnesty International group. He said the play brought an

awareness to the campus of the student group. The student group will provide a forum for students who want to get involved.

Fort also said he had hoped the play would be an opportunity for black and white students to come together for discussion—something he said doesn't happen often enough.

Minor said the Alliance was especially interested in doing a play about South Africa because it is so relevant to world events and the struggle of blacks in America.

"We needed to do a project that made a connection to the motherland

for American blacks," he said.

Minor said this play is particularly relevant to the goals of Amnesty International, which acts on the conviction that governments must not deny individuals their basic human rights. Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people seeking the most effective means of helping individuals whose rights have been violated.

"We've found that letter writing campaigns can be very effective tools to secure the release of political prisoners," Keith Jennings, director of the Georgia Black Student Association said.



Helping out - Chancellor Tucker decides how he is going to contribute to Hunger Week at one of the tables in the Student Center, and Frog Football Offensive Coordinator Coach Bill Thornton waits to be bailed out of the Hunger Week jail Wednesday.

Photos by Brian R. McLean



Writers debate coverage of Iran-Contra scandal

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

The Washington press corps' style and method of reporting were the subject of debate Tuesday between William Rusher and Dale Van Atta at "The Iran-Contra Affair: Media and the Presidency."

About 70 people attended the event in the Student Center Ballroom. Both speakers spoke longer than their allotted 15 minutes and students asked questions from a microphone in a center aisle.

Rusher, publisher of "National Review" since 1957 and confidant of Ronald Reagan for two decades, discussed the media bias during and spoke little about the Iran-Contra affair.

Meanwhile Van Atta, an investigative reporter for the "Washington Post" who with co-columnist Jack Anderson reported numerous facts about the Iran-Contra affair long before the administration would confirm them, discussed the Iran-Contra affair.

Van Atta called the Iranian side of the Iran-Contra affair "the gravest mistake of Reagan's career."

"It was not thought out and was a serious error," he said.

Van Atta said he was reporting the government was dealing arms to the

Iranians in return for hostages in December 1985.

When Noel Cook, the top expert on terrorism in the Pentagon, told him his story would jeopardize the lives of hostages, Van Atta decided not to run those specific stories. Instead, he ran other columns detailing how the Iranians were responsible for most of the terrorist attacks against Americans abroad.

"I had a meeting with Bud McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, on the night of the Geneva summit and he railed about Libya and Syria," Van Atta said. "He suddenly got kind of squishy—it's the only way I can describe it—on Iran and that was the first instinct I had."

He said he was outraged that Reagan would be dealing with Iran when it were responsible for the terrorist group Hezbollah that was holding these hostages.

"By selling missiles to them in return for each hostage you are putting a price on the head of every American who travels in the Middle East," he said.

Rusher's main argument was whether the media is fair in its reporting or "basically politically biased as I would contend."

Rusher said his comments were aimed at the Washington press corps and the "media elite"—the "Washing-

ton Post," the "New York Times," CBS, ABC, NBC, "Time," "Newsweek" and the "Wall Street Journal."

The confrontational style of journalists like ABC reporter Sam Donaldson, he said, is part of "the cult of personality" that has sprung up around journalists.

"By and large the media elite are heart and soul allies of the liberal block of politics in the United States," he said. "They will attack precisely who they intend to and write whatever they want under the First Amendment."

Rusher cited a study by Edith Ephron which counted the biased news coverage of the 1968 presidential candidates on all three television network broadcasts for six months before the election.

The study showed bias was strongest against Nixon, and CBS, which had the highest bias, ran 16 times as much as the least biased station—ABC.

Rusher and Van Atta agreed press conferences in the Reagan administration are confrontational and more of a show for reporters than a time to gather information.

Rusher added it is not like it was in the Kennedy administration.

"Reagan doesn't have a personality cult," he said.

Students' travel plans intact

By Yvonne Webb
Staff Writer

Student confidence in air travel has not diminished following the recent crash of Continental Flight 1713 shortly before takeoff last Sunday at Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

Local travel agencies report more students are choosing to fly, taking advantage of the travel packages offered by the airlines and tour groups.

Freshman Suzanne Branson, who will be flying home to Minnesota for Thanksgiving, said flying is safer than driving.

"I'd be more scared to drive home," she said.

But Branson said if the plane hits even the slightest turbulence, then she will worry.

Linden White, a freshman from Illinois, said she has never been afraid of flying but wonders about the safety of travelling during the holidays.

"It'll probably be less safe because of the increasing holiday traffic," she said.

Students like freshman Carolina Tona from El Salvador said that thinking about getting away from school keeps their minds off the flight.

"I just think about going home and with my other friends again," she said. Tona said she is not going home for Thanksgiving, but her Christmas plans have been booked.

Senior Rafael Brixius from Guatemala said the risk of flying is worth taking, because driving takes too long.

"It takes me two and a half hours to get to Guatemala if I fly. Driving

would take much longer," he said. "Besides, the takeoff and landing are the only scary moments."

Laura Boyd, manager of Forest Park Travel, 2501 Forest Park Blvd., said while many students go home, "many more are choosing to go to Mexico or the ski areas because they are easier to get to."

Florida's Walt Disney World, Las Vegas, the Bahamas and Jamaica are also popular packages among students, she said.

Jan Stokley, owner of TCU Tans, Nails and Travel, 2709 W. Berry, agreed TCU students are choosing to fly to vacation spots rather than fly home. About 40 students a week come into the office during the academic year to make reservations, she said.

TCU students get a taste of Third World at banquet

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

The Third World had beans and rice for dinner last night—and some of them got to eat bread and fruit provided by the Second World.

This was not the United Nations. It was, however, the Hunger Week Banquet and Auction in the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday night.

About 130 people attended and they were divided proportionally according to the number of people in the world that belong to each group, said junior Maureen Rentz, representative of the National Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and chairperson for the Banquet and Auction Committee.

The First World was made up of 15 percent of the people, the Second World was 25 percent of the people and the Third World was 60 percent of the people, she said.

"I would say the banquet was a success," she said. "It is almost impossible to go in there and not walk out with something, even if it's just a feeling."

Chancellor Bill Tucker was one of the last people to get to the banquet and had to eat in the Third World.

"I have been lucky the past years and gotten in the First World," he said. "This is my first experience in these depressing circumstances."

Tucker said the food was adequate and he could certainly understand the

unrest among the Third World people at the banquet, but he was surprised that it was not even greater.

"Hunger is an important topic because we hear about it all the time, and this raises the level of sensitivity," he said.

Cecelia Foster, a freshman pre-major who ate in the Third World, said she felt inferior and helpless because she couldn't get what she needed.

"It was kind of an experience because I have never had to acknowledge this kind of situation before," she said.

The Third World stormed the Second World at about 6:20 p.m. and some of the people got salt, pepper,

fruit, bread and sugar.

Carleen Spry, a sophomore astronomy and physics major who ate at the Third World and took part in the attack, said she did not know why she had felt rebellious.

"For our environment at this school, it (the banquet) opens people's eyes at what is happening," she said. "There is no way we could get quite as deprived as the real Third World but this is a very good eye-opener."

She said her experience made her think about how she takes everything for granted and there are people who would give anything for a grain of rice or salt.

Julia McDonald, a junior pre-med major who ate at the First World

table, said she had a good dinner and that the Second and Third Worlds had been amusing.

"We didn't notice the rioting because whenever it got close to us the people in charge would stop them," she said.

The auction took place after the banquet, and the items were donated by different people on campus.

Dinners, cakes, fruit breads, a full-length rabbit fur coat, books and a tennis racket were among the items auctioned off.

Rentz said the total amount made by the auction would not be available until later when everything had been sold and the money counted.

Andy Fort, faculty chairperson for Hunger Week, said although consciousness was raised, the banquet was a mark of still how far there is to go.

"All the people here are the people who have given time, money and items," he said. "It is kind of a family gathering."

"There need to be activities when people that have been committed get together and celebrate," he said.

He said he has learned through the years that the people who bid at the auction are the ones who have donated some of the items.

Rentz said most of the people who attended were already aware of the problem so the banquet may have just heightened that awareness.

TODAYdiscovery

NEWLINES

Babies get AIDS after transfusions

Twenty-one newborns were infected with the AIDS virus at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif., after they received contaminated blood transfusions.

As of last weekend five deaths and 21 infections of newborns had been reported, said hospital spokesman Ron Weiss.

One study involved infants receiving blood from donors who tested positive for AIDS. Eighteen babies out of 44 in the study tested positive for AIDS.

Another study involved testing 700 infants who received transfusions before AIDS blood screening began in 1985. Three infants in that study tested positive. The 700 infants were studied to gauge the scope of infection of newborns with AIDS nationwide, Weiss said.

The information about 18 of the infected babies was given at a conference on AIDS in Washington, D.C. last June. The results of the other study were not released until a news conference last Thursday.

Water Commission to inspect tanks

The Texas Water Commission has agreed to check the underground storage tanks of two service stations north of 29th Street and Sylvania Avenue for leakage.

Gasoline and other contaminants were found in soil and groundwater there last April, said James W. Scanlan, assistant director of water pollution control for Fort Worth.

The service stations are one of the suspected sources of the industrial solvent xylene. If no leaks are found, other potential sources such as the defunct Amber refin-

ery and a Texaco oil tank farm nearby will be checked, Scanlan said.

Since contaminants are traveling through underground water, they pose no threat to residents of the Oakhurst neighborhood, which is south of the intersection, according to city health officials.

The city water department found contaminants when conducting soil and water tests to find out why a Sylvania area sewer contained dangerously high levels of explosive gas. City officials decided toxins which leaked into the sewer increased the gas levels.

Alcohol, milk affect blood pressure

Drinking three glasses of milk a day and eating more green leafy vegetables, soybeans and nuts can decrease a woman's chances of developing high blood pressure, according to a study by Jacqueline Witteman of Harvard University that was presented to the American Heart Association yesterday.

The study was based on a questionnaire sent to 58,218 nurses aged 35-59 nationwide two years ago.

Over a four-year period 3,275 women in the group reported they had high blood pressure.

Women who drank more than two or three mixed drinks or three or four beers or glasses of wine a day had a 40 percent higher risk of high blood pressure than others.

The calcium found in milk was found to protect against high blood pressure as was the magnesium found in vegetables, nuts and soybeans.

Witteman said before public health recommendations could be made, follow-up studies with smaller groups of women being fed controlled diets would have to be run.

Exercise, calcium stop osteoporosis

By Cathy Sehapayak
Staff Writer

In as few as 10 years from now, about two-thirds of female TCU seniors could be developing osteoporosis, a crippling bone disease notorious for being painless, silent and sexist.

Professor of nutrition Nell Robinson said the way people are eating these days and the fact they are living longer means osteoporosis is going to get worse.

The disease, which occurs eight times more frequently in women than in men, is caused by several factors, the most important of which is an inadequate dietary intake of calcium, she said.

"Calcium: A Summary of Current Research for the Health Professional," a 1985 National Dairy Board report, said less than 33 percent of women age 18 to 74 have adequate calcium intakes on any given day.

Calcium intakes of males, the report said, tended to meet the recommended daily allowance of 1200 milligrams.

Robinson said males are more likely to drink milk since "They don't worry about weight because they're active and burn it up."

"Men are also more likely to take time out to play tennis, swim and golf than women," she added. "It would help for women to be more active."

She said bone loss starts earlier in women and is accelerated during menopause; breastfeeding and pregnancy draw on women's calcium reserves as well.

Women generally live longer, Robinson said, but that increases their chances for osteoporosis.

So many factors affect the absorption and nonabsorption of calcium in the body, she said, but most people think it's not going to happen to them because they drink milk every day.

Robinson said she has done studies on women who, after menopause,

Correction

The autograph extravaganza being sponsored by TCU Press and the University Store is Friday rather than today, as was incorrectly stated in Wednesday's Campuslines section of "The Skiff."

AIDS victims need understanding

By Lisa Touye
Columnist



I was hesitant as I stepped out of my car. What if I had gotten the address wrong? I mean, here I was in a bad section of town on Friday night, alone.

When I left my car to check the address, I was almost as nervous as my mom was when I said I was going to a Persons With AIDS meeting.

I locked the car door and walked slowly toward the only lighted building on the block.

A heavy blond man in a cotton plaid shirt stood outside the door. I walked up to him and in the most roundabout way said, "Hi, my name is Lisa. I'm looking for a meeting . . ."

He smiled and yelled inside the room, "It's Lisa. Lisa's here!"

I went inside and met a few of the people I had interviewed for my stories in the AIDS series that ran in the

"TCU Daily Skiff." This was the monthly open meeting where anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Usually, only people with AIDS are allowed in these meetings.

Tonight there also were spouses, significant others, counselors, parents and people from Alpha Delta house, a home where AIDS victims can live together.

The message during this meeting was these people have the same need for human understanding and compassion as you and me. But unlike you and me, they have a fatal disease which unfortunately scares people from giving them that human understanding and compassion.

David, whose son was coloring a coloring book at the table next to him, told the group how a social worker came to his home to investigate accusations that his son was in danger because his father had AIDS.

When the case worker asked if he had AIDS, David was scared and, afraid she would take his son away, lied. Later the accusations were dropped.

Mikey had been attending cosmetology school when he was diagnosed

with AIDS. He quit school because people were so cold to him and he felt that he made other students uncomfortable.

Mikey said many of his "friends" were anything but when they found out he had AIDS. He ran into some of them at a hair show a few weeks ago and they were careful to stay their distance.

"They asked if I needed anything, but they'll never call back," he said.

Talk drifted from one topic to another and ended with a group hug. Each person in the group went around the room and gave everyone a hug. That need for compassion and understanding was felt in those hugs.

It was at this time that I talked with Kenneth. Kenneth referred to his lover Carl as his spouse. They had lived together for 21 years. Carl had not been well when they went to the hospital and an AIDS antibody test was routinely run. The test was positive.

Kenneth said Carl came out of doctor's office and just stood looking out a window so he went over to join him. Then Carl told him he had AIDS.

Kenneth said he didn't know what to say so he just kept quiet.

"What do you say when someone tells you that?" he asked me. "You can't say 'I understand,' because you don't."

Carl lived three weeks after diagnosis. When Carl was diagnosed, Kenneth called Carl's brother in Arkansas to visit, because Carl was asking for him.

He never came. Kenneth said Carl, who was not a publicly affectionate man, had put his hand on Kenneth's arm in the hospital before he died.

"That meant more to me than anything. More than anything," Kenneth said with tears in his eyes.

By working with Persons With AIDS, Kenneth said he hopes to help someone else so they don't have to go through what he went through alone.

I left the meeting after most people had already gone home. It was frustrating to listen to these people who need compassion tell about the pain they've dealt with.

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COMMENTARY

Our View Administration noticeably absent

At the Amnesty International presentation of the play "Scenes of Soweto," members of the TCU administration were noticeably absent. We think that this demonstrates what many in the TCU community have already suspected—the administration is not willing to expose itself to any new knowledge about the effects of apartheid for fear that it will be shown up for the hypocrisy of its stand on divestment.

We could say that TCU administrators haven't shown up to any politically motivated events, but that would not be true.

In fall 1986, representatives were out in mass when Helen Suzman, a member of the official opposition party in the South African parliament, brought her own brand of hypocrisy to TCU.

Our guess is that because her presentation gave credibility to the university position on South African divestment, she was acceptable.

To be fair, Forums Committee co-sponsored with SDSA Benny Nato DeBruin, a member of the African National Congress, who represented an opposing view of the divestment issue.

But again, members of the administration were noticeably absent. So they did not hear the opposing viewpoint.

Another point to note here is Suzman came to campus at a cost of \$4,800, whereas only \$500 was spent on DeBruin. The inequality of expenditures and selective exposure to the issues is not something that students should expect from administrators of an institute of higher education.

What they didn't want to see at the presentation of "Scenes of Soweto" was a picture of the inhumanity of apartheid; what it didn't want to hear last fall was that there is no such thing as a politically neutral investment.

The administration didn't want to know what it was getting for its money—human indignities and mass murder.

If TCU doesn't want to 'politicize' the endowment, then moralize it by heeding the call of the Disciples of Christ and at least entertain the idea of divestment.

Give some real reasons to endorse Kennedy

By Yvonne Webb
Guest Columnist



This column is in response to a guest column by Leif Anderson. Although I am not personally opposed to the nomination of Judge

Anthony M. Kennedy, I think Anderson's reasons for asking for a speedy confirmation of Kennedy are ridiculous.

Just because Kennedy is the third nomination to go before the Congress for confirmation is no reason for him to be confirmed. Anderson said it is time for Congress to get a runner to first base.

Congress is not the problem. Members of Congress represent constituents who told them they were not happy with the Bork nomination; Congress were responsive to its constituents.

The problem is Ronald Reagan, he is out of touch with reality. If it takes six more nominations for Reagan to give the Congress a potential jurist acceptable to the American people, then let the nominations begin.

The second problem with Anderson's column is his assessment of the nomination process. The Supreme Court nomination process that "has become an annoying political joke" is no joking matter for those of us who are not white males. There is very little in America that is not political, including religion and the Supreme Court.

The nomination and confirmation process has always been political. And, "extremely qualified" candi-

dates like Bork who are at odds with a significant proportion of America should not be allowed to sit on the Supreme Court.

Judge Bork's opponents were not a cluster of knee-jerk reactionaries. These were people concerned about their rights as American citizens. You see, Judge Bork doesn't deal with people; he deals with paper. If you aren't on his paper (the Constitution), then you don't exist.

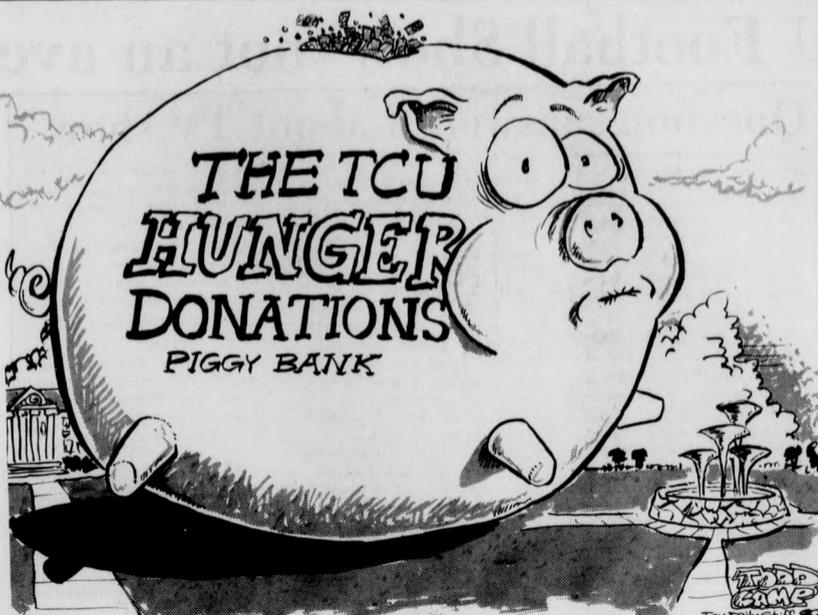
Anderson was right to say Ginsburg should not have been forced to withdraw his nomination because of something that he did 10 or 20 years ago. He should not have been nominated in the first place.

He was inexperienced and hastily selected by a president more concerned with political grandstanding and promoting his own warped ideals rather than selecting a jurist who can guide this country into the 21st century.

As a white male, Anderson occupies a privileged position in American society. There are some of us who owe our existence to the political process. Because of the political process, I am considered a whole person rather than three-fifths as a person as the founders originally intended. It is imperative that we have Supreme Court justices who understand those who don't occupy those seats of privilege.

Finally, giving someone a job just because he is a conservative is most ridiculous from where I am sitting. Belonging to a particular political camp is not a relevant criteria if, as you say, the nomination process should not be political. This is contradictory, to say the least.

Do Kennedy a favor and get a substantial argument for why he should be confirmed as the next Supreme Court justice.



Price tags on art and life don't add up

By David Artman
Columnist



In the Nov. 11 edition of "The New York Times," there was an interesting juxtaposition of front-page stories.

The title "A Vast Drought Disaster Threatens Ethiopia Again" topped a picture of a lone man tilling the dried-out soil of a barren northern Ethiopian field. The story told of how 5 to 7 million people face severe food shortages.

Situated next to the story was this headline: "Irides" by Van Gogh Brings \$53 Million, An Auction Record." The story described how bidding from an international group of collectors had begun at \$15 million and finally ended at \$49 million.

With a 10 percent commission, the final purchase price to the collector was \$53.9 million.

This raises questions appropriate for Hunger Week: What is the value of a human life? Why does a painting go for \$53 million when each minute 24 people—three-fourths of them children under age 5—die of hunger or hunger-related diseases?

Is any piece of art more valuable than a human life?

The answers to these questions are really quite simple. Human life is priceless.

Paintings sell for \$53 million because in our world, things are worth what the market will bear. And no piece of art is more valuable than a human life.

But these answers lead to more disturbing questions.

How does one ethically participate in a system that devalues human life? Can we ever escape our own hypocrisy?

These questions are more difficult to answer. Most of the time we don't think of our actions as being part of a world system.

The way we spend our money and our time reflects what our values are. Therefore, everything that we spend money on beyond our own basic need for food and shelter is more important to us than preserving human life.

Every dollar that doesn't go toward necessities could go to a relief agency. This is an intimidating thought. But how can it be avoided?

How each of us responds to this reality reveals where our priorities are. However, while this thought may be challenging, it is not necessarily depressing.

We shouldn't think so much about what we can't have because of other needy people in the world. We should realize that this can be tremendously freeing and empowering.

The feeling gained from knowing that at some level we have made a sacrifice for others is far better than anything we can "buy" for ourselves. Getting hooked on helping others can help put your own life in perspective.

It is true that we find ourselves not when we live for ourselves, but when we live for others. If enough people get hooked on this idea, then maybe it will change the larger economic picture.

And then, ending hunger will be an idea whose time has come.

Texas needs to prepare for future

By Jerry Madden
Commentary Page Editor



Texas. The name brings images of cowboys, dusty trails, Colt pistols and the Alamo.

In other words, it brings about images of the past.

Texas is a great state and sets the pace for what other states should be like. But in order to maintain this position, it must be a leader of the 21st century.

And it must begin that process now.

But the Texas government must make a commitment to develop or bring in these industries. The state

government must commit funds now to accomplish this.

The basic reasoning behind this is no one else has quite the amount of money needed to accomplish this, except for maybe H. Ross Perot.

Investing in a space industry is the first step. Space is the frontier of the future, and most analysts believe the 21st century will be devoted mainly to space exploration.

Knowing this, the state government should spend time enticing space-based industries to relocate in Texas and give benefits to entrepreneurs wanting to develop space industries within the state.

Space has also shown itself to be profitable, and the government could bring in massive amounts of money to the state treasury if it has a space industry.

Texas should also develop a statewide transportation system, both for spacecraft like the Shuttle and for ground-based transportation.

An ultra-modern rail system between San Antonio, Houston and Dallas has been proposed, but so far not acted upon. It should be to develop commerce and transportation between the cities.

This rail system should also include Texas' port cities to stimulate their economies. Easier transportation and lower cost of transporting products will entice shippers and traders to drop off their loads in Texas, and that means more money for the state.

The state government should give these industries more tax breaks to ensure their continuing excellence and development.

It's quite a load to carry, but it's what Texas must do in order to stay on top as a great state.

College newspapers not a PR tool for campus organizations

By Duane Bidwell
Ombudsman



Why does TCU have a student newspaper?

Ask that question on campus, and you'll get a lot of replies. One common reply is, "To promote student activities and represent the university."

That reply is wrong. A student newspaper is a newspaper run by students, not a newspaper about students.

As such, the student newspaper is a laboratory. It exists to give student journalists experience in writing, editing and reporting.

That is the first and most important function of a campus newspaper. But some people don't understand that. They would like the student newspaper to act as a public relations tool for the university and for different student groups.

Why? After all, biology students do ex-

periments that don't benefit the entire student body. Educational Investment Fund students work in the business world for themselves, not for the good of the university. And education majors learn to teach by being student teachers.

A student newspaper exists to give experience to student journalists.

And it does that by reporting on news, not just on students.

Not every fraternity service project is news. Not every social activity warrants a story. Not every residence hall prank deserves attention.

Now, if someone were to die in a residence hall, that would be news. If a sorority were to raise a record amount of money, that would warrant a story. A dance where 12 people are arrested deserves a banner headline.

See, news isn't always flattering. It isn't always what certain people want everyone to know. Student journalists recognize that, and they can teach it to everyone else.

That's the way it works in the world outside of academe, too.

The "Fort Worth Star-Telegram" doesn't exist to write articles that

make Fort Worth look good. The "Star-Telegram" exists to get news to people. And when news happens, the paper reports on it, whether it's good or bad.

Still, the "Star-Telegram" receives the same sort of criticism as a student newspaper does. That will never change, because there are some people who just don't understand the role of the press.

That's unfortunate, and it causes problems—especially as the press comes more and more to be controlled by just a few people, such as the presidents of media corporations.

But we're at a university. It's a place where people learn, and learning the role of the press is a part of that education. A first step is understanding that a newspaper isn't a public relations tool.

The student newspaper, with all its faults, teaches that lesson to the whole community, not just to student journalists.

It's a tough lesson to learn, especially when egos become involved. But it's reality, and too often, reality is missing from a place such as TCU.

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'The TCU Football Show' not an average coach's show

By John Paschal
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If the eyes are, as we've been told, the window to the soul, then likewise, "The TCU Football Show" must be the window to TCU football.

"If it's a window," says TCU Sports Information Director Glen Stone, who serves as executive director for the 30-minute weekly broadcast, "then it's certainly a clean window." And the Window? What is it that allows the viewer to see the team exactly the way it is? That would be the players and coaches themselves, for who better to clearly reveal the character of a football team than, well, the players and coaches themselves?

"They do most of the talking (on the show)," Stone says. "They're the ones who know most about it." In that way it is a departure from most coach's shows, which usually are mere repeats of a game or readings from rehearsed and refrigerated scripts. Thus the show—which, on Sunday nights on Channel 11 at 10:30, chronicles the football program with an even mixture of interviews, features, highlights and scouting reports—is to TCU football what "60 Minutes" is to crime and corruption: simply, it jumps in there and shows you what it's like.

"It's a little different than most college football shows. We don't show just highlights because if somebody saw the game, he doesn't want to see it all over again," Stone says. "What we try to do is give people a better insight into the football team and the players."

Recently there were features on running back Tony Jeffery and free safety Falanda Newton, who discussed not their 40-times, but what it feels like to be who they are on the TCU team.

"It shows people that Falanda Newton not only can intercept a pass, but that he's a person who can talk and think," Stone says. "They know

Questions answered about TV show

By John Paschal
Sports Writer

Some questions answered about "The TCU Football Show."

Q: Do players actually watch it?
Stone: "They're pretty good about watching it when they know they're going to be on it."

Q: What was the most difficult "take" ever?
Stone: "Sean Thomas (TCU all-SWC cornerback in 1984) had to say, 'It's a lot more fun in games than in practice,' and he couldn't get it right. He had it going any which way. We finally thought he had it right, but he had it backward and said practice is more fun than the games. We had to shoot about 15 takes in all."

Q: What was the most difficult "take" ever?
Stone: "The Arkansas game in '84 (TCU upset the Razorbacks 32-31) was one of the all-time greats."

Q: The worst show to do?
Stone: "The A&M game last year (the Frogs lost 74-10). It was

thrown more than passes here and there about on Sunday nights, geared intently around "The Jim Wacker Show" (the show's title until it was changed to "The TCU Football Show" this year). It was fun to watch then, still is and, like Wacker says, "winning sure doesn't hurt that." To this day, Sunday night patrons of the University Pub affix their attention to one of two TVs in the bar when the show comes on.

"Since there's free beer on Sunday nights, it can get pretty rowdy," says Chris Sisco, a TCU senior and doorman at the Pub. "People usually try to get other people to shut up so they can hear it. When we win, John (a bartender) will turn off the jukebox and turn the 'Wacker Show' up." At the Pub, turning off the jukebox is big stuff.

Oddly, however, it was a loss—in fact, a dismal series of losses—that sparked the most memorable show ever; Wacker, Stone and producer Buddy Pettigrew all agree the all-time best had to be the last "Wacker Show" of 1985, just after the Frogs had stumbled, fumbled and bumbled their way to a 3-8 record, losing their

Q: Who are some of the best players to talk to on the show?
Stone: "There's never been anybody better than this year's Davids (Rascoe and Spradlin). If Wacker wasn't available they would always fill in for him."

And . . . "Mitchell Benson. You see this big teddy-bear-looking guy and you think he may have trouble putting a sentence together. But he puts sentences together in great fashion and with a lot of natural emotion."

Q: What was the funnest show you remember?
Stone: "The Arkansas game in '84 (TCU upset the Razorbacks 32-31) was one of the all-time greats."

Q: The worst show to do?
Stone: "The A&M game last year (the Frogs lost 74-10). It was

hard to find anyone willing to put their heart into getting it done. There were absolutely no plays of TCU value to put on."

Q: Does winning make the show more fun to watch?
Wacker: "Amen! Winning makes all the difference."

Q: What was Wacker's greatest executive decision?
It occurred a couple of years ago after Wacker tripped while running on the stadium turf while filming was in progress, and it was played back in slow-motion on the show.

Wacker: "That's my favorite. That was my idea to run it back. I said, 'If you got it, you gotta open the show with it.' And they did."

lost three games by a combined score of 136-13.

"Wacker and the players buried the season that day. They had a ceremony and just buried it on the 50-yard-line," Stone says of that show. "I was laughing so hard I was going crazy. I was surprised, but the players really got into it. They all showed up in dark suits and stood there with their heads down, looking real solemn."

"The hardest part was finding a tombstone. I was just driving around one day and I saw one in a front yard. I guess left over from Halloween, and I had to go to front door and ask if I could borrow it."

Bury funny, but the losing times overall weren't, especially for Stone and Pettigrew, who choose the high-

lights for the show. Not an easy task when a TCU team is, oh, let's say, shut out.

"You could have the best smilers, best talkers in the world. But when you go through a bad season you've still got to have X-number of plays to show. There were times I came out of the pressbox with not a clue what we'd show," Stone laughs. "You sort of hoped for 30 minutes of technical and audio difficulties."

Losses to Texas Tech and Texas the last two weeks, heartbreakers decided by four points and countless TCU mistakes, have not been short of highlights, but are rather difficult for a fan or player to watch.

"Yeah, the show's not as fun to watch when you see the mistakes you've made," says cornerback and kick returner Rodney Higgs. "But when we win it's great. We almost always watch it; usually a bunch of guys get together (in Milton Daniel Hall) and watch the show. When we win we all get pizza, and it's pretty fun. But only if we win."

But the show is more than entertainment. Though it doesn't benefit TCU financially (advertising money goes into production costs), it gives the team and the university vital exp-

posure. It is broadcast throughout most of Texas, as well as Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, and therefore it serves a basic propagandist function. "It really helps out on recruiting," Wacker says. "We get feedback all the time from parents and players who have seen the show and are impressed with the program."

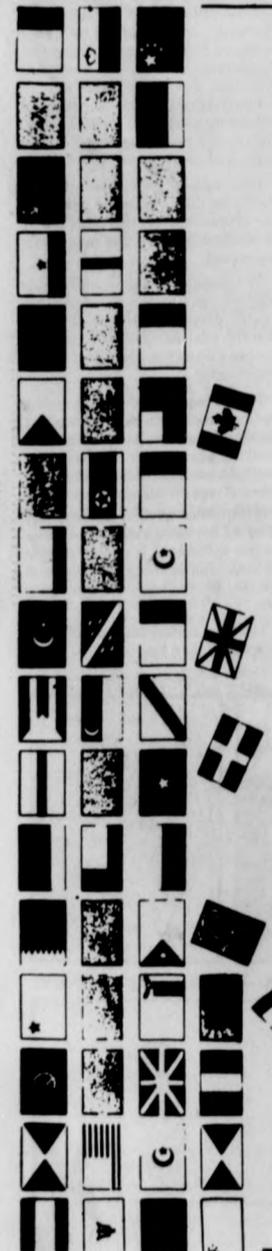
TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger goes further when he says, "It crucial to recruitment. It helps sell TCU."

Regardless recruiting, pizza parties or funeral rites, however, the show is designed to be that window, through which the viewing community can peek at a football team—a group of young men that people usually see only in combat on Saturday afternoons. They can forget there is a person under that helmet. Why portray Abe Lincoln simply as a tall man when he happened to be a president, too?

"It brings out the human aspect of the players as people," says TCU Associate Sports Information Director Charlie Dierker. "It shows us more than the fact that No. 96 blocks for No. 27. It just reminds you that you're talking about college students who happen to play football, which isn't the way people generally look at intercollegiate athletics."

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