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Crime reporting class teaches understanding

By Deborah Gaston
Staff Writer

This semester the TCU journalism department is offering a crime reporting class for the first time, and it may be the only class of its kind offered anywhere in the nation, said Tommy Thomason, assistant professor of journalism.

Thomason, who teaches the class, said he does not know why no other classes like it are offered, but "sometimes some of the most obvious things are the things we miss."

Most young reporters start out on the police beat, he said, and they need to know how a police department and the legal system operate.

"It is a very difficult beat and a

demanding one," Thomason said. "The paper often uses it to see if the reporter can handle it."

Thomason said the class also tries to show the students the victim's side of the issues because sometimes the victim feels the press has not been fair or ethical.

The course was developed partly because of a national symposium entitled, "Crime Victims and the Media: The Right to Privacy vs. the Right to Know," which was held at TCU Nov. 18, 1986, Thomason said.

The symposium itself came about largely because of LaVonne Griffin, who spoke to a TCU reporting class only two months after her daughter's murder in 1985, Thomason said. The murder had received a great deal of

publicity, and Griffin spoke about her experiences with the press at that time.

"Her whole idea was she thought the press had wronged her," he said.

Thomason said the area of press ethics that concerns dealing with victims is not often looked at because crime victims are "anonymous people" who usually only have their birth or death in the paper. These people are brought into the public's eye because of a tragedy, he said.

"Since the early 1980s, it had become more of an issue," he said. "Reagan appointed a commission to look at crime victims, and it looked briefly at the press's treatment of victims."

Crime victim supporters have also

become more vocal and more in the public eye, he said.

"At first they dealt with the justice system's abuse of victims," Thomason said. "Now they are looking at the media's treatment of victims as well."

"I think we journalists traditionally have been strong proponents of the public's right to know information that is of interest to them," Thomason said. "Also, information on a crime is on public record—it is legal for us to get it."

Thomason said through the class he hopes to make the students more sensitive to the issue of crime ethics and more sensitive to victims.

"I don't know if I can teach compassion," he said. "I am hoping compassion can be more caught than taught."

The students in the course are required to attend three Victims of Violence meetings so they can "see the other side," Thomason said.

Susie Steckner, a senior journalism major, said she has been to two of the meetings so far and they have been "intense."

"It made me think more about reporting the victim's side," she said. "As sad and depressing as the meetings are, I have enjoyed them because I never would have done this if the class hadn't made me do it."

Students in the class also must "ride-in" with Fort Worth Police Officers on two eight-hour shifts and one four-hour shift so they can get to know the officers and see what they do, Thomason said.

Most of the class is being taught by guest lecturers—crime victims, lawyers, journalists—who can represent different aspects of the field, Thomason said.

Steckner said the hardest thing about the class is that it is so thought-provoking.

"I'm having to confront things I never thought I'd have to—learning empathy for the victims," she said. "It's not that I wouldn't have empathy, but that I never thought I'd have to confront it."

Thomason said he hopes to make the students both "moral philosophers" and "competent journalists."



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Wild kiwis - New Zealand National Basketball Team supporters show their spirit at TCU's first basketball game of the year. TCU won.

Hazards expected in chemistry labs

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

When senior chemistry major Rick Camp walked into his organic chemistry lab, he did not know he would walk out with the hair burned off his hands.

The danger of working with potentially hazardous materials in science labs is a given, said John Albright, associate professor of chemistry.

"One of the problems you always

have in any laboratory situation is that there are hazards," he said.

"You can't say that everything is perfectly safe and that we're going to have a situation where there's no way somebody's going to get hurt."

But Albright said students and faculty take precautions to try to avoid accidents.

Albright said all students in science labs are given a handout that instructs them in lab safety.

He said most teachers require their students to sign a form saying they have read and understand the procedures and potential dangers involved in lab work.

But Stephanie Boade, a freshman honors chemistry major, said most lab students she knows do not bother to read the form because most of the information on it is basic.

"Most of the stuff just takes some common sense. And we've already seen most of it in high school," Boade said.

But the risk increases as the courses become more difficult.

Camp said classes usually review all the procedures before beginning an experiment.

In addition to lab manuals, Albright said each lab has equipment in case an accident does happen.

Fire extinguishers, showers for acid spills, eye washes in case something is splashed into a student's eyes, and hoods that carry toxic fumes out into the atmosphere are some of the items found in each laboratory.

Less waiting, lines for registration

By Regina Hatcher
Staff Writer

New registration changes have been met with positive feedback, said acting registrar Pat Miller.

"Many students have told me they appreciated not having to stand in all-night lines," she said.

Seniors with 105 hours or more also appreciated being able to register a week earlier than everyone else, she said.

"The seniors deserve a little special treatment, and it is very important for them to get their classes," Miller said.

Senior Kathy Reuter said even though seniors could register earlier, some business majors had trouble getting all of their classes.

Miller said the lines were shorter because the students are now assigned a specific time to register in addition to a specific day.

"Some students did try to register before they were scheduled to, but they were turned away," she said.

Miller said there were also students who tried to break the new

rule that didn't allow them to register when they were scheduled for a class.

"Some students said they had walks or had labs that day, but we stuck with the rule," she said. "We did give some people notes so that they wouldn't have to stand in the line when they came back to register."

"The average student stood in line for 45 minutes," Miller said. "But we are not satisfied until that time is cut in half."

The Computer Center helped to speed up the registration process also, she said, by doing some fine tuning with the computers so the response time for information would be shorter.

Rather than looking to other schools for new registration ideas, the Registrar's Office "just worked with what we had and we plan to examine other schools' registration processes in the future," Miller said.

Ethel Wise, assistant registrar at Southern Methodist University, said the registration time at SMU



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Laura Schaub, a junior broadcast major, waits to register Tuesday.

is much shorter than it is for TCU students.

"Our system is completely computerized, and there are no lines when the computer is up," she said. "Students are given tickets when the system is down."

Wise said the students are

assigned times to schedule according to the number of hours they have.

"It takes seniors about three minutes to register, juniors about four and one-half minutes, sophomores about four minutes, and freshmen about five minutes to register," she said.

House to amend code of elections

By Katie Hazelwood
Staff Writer

The House of Student Representatives unanimously passed a bill Tuesday to amend the elections code, necessary after the resignation last week of President-elect Monique Chapin.

The House will be holding a special election on Dec. 8 with a possible runoff date of Dec. 9. In order for the election to take place, however, the House had to approve a bill to make provisions for special elections.

The new special election procedures allow the chairperson of the Elections and Regulations Committee to call for a special election in the event of the inability of an officer-elect to fulfill his or her duties. The chairperson will also set filing days for the election.

The bill also limited the amount of money a candidate may spend in a

special election, cut back from \$60 in a regular election to \$40 in a special election.

In related business, House Vice President Lee Behar announced that he would run for president in the special election.

The House also elected new chairpersons for standing legislative committees of the House.

Student Concerns Committee Chairperson-elect Matt Hood said he aims to improve Greek/independent and will investigate the possibility of deferred rush.

"People have kicked around the idea of a spring rush, but I think it's time we got down to specifics. If it means having a deferred rush to get the freshman class to have more unity, then let's do it," he said.

Other chairpersons-elect are Todd Blouin, Academic Affairs; Steve Rubick, Permanent Improvements, and Seth Winnick, University Relations.

Chapin explains decision to leave

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Monique Chapin said she resigned as secretary of the House of Representatives and left campus last week because of family problems.

In an interview with the "TCU Daily Skiff" Tuesday, Chapin, recently elected president of next year's House, said her involvement at TCU prevented her from dealing with those problems.

"I basically decided it's time to deal with Monique," she said. "TCU is very much of a bubble, and you choose whether you want to deal with what's outside of that bubble."

Chapin's family moved from Dallas to Ohio seven months ago, and she said she has felt alienated since then. She is the oldest of six adopted children, and all her brothers and sisters are handicapped. She said she did lots of rearing because her parents are divorced.

She said having a family with handicapped members causes extenuating circumstances. Her family moved to Ohio because there were better facilities to accommodate her brothers' and sisters' handicaps.

"It was very much like losing an entire family (when they moved)," Chapin said. She said she felt emotionally drained and changed.

"That is basically where the problems stem from," she said.

Chapin is currently living with a friend's family in Dallas.

She said the friend is one of the ones who helped her see she wasn't confronting her family problems. She compared what she was going through to alcoholism, saying she was so involved that she couldn't see her own problems.

"The severity and the nature of what's going on with me is to the extent that if I was going to have to take F's in all my classes, I would have," she said.

Chapin said she will receive incomplete grades for this semester and will

have until six weeks into the spring semester to make up any outstanding work.

Although unsure of when or where she will return to school to finish her degree, she said, "At this point, I plan to be back in school in September."

She said she wasn't sure what expectations would be placed on her if she returned to TCU.

Chapin said her basic academic hesitation in leaving TCU is that Ann Lieberth, assistant professor of communication pathology, has had a tremendous impact on her.

"I don't know if I'd be willing to risk the knowledge I haven't gotten from her yet," Chapin said. "I have probably no greater respect for anyone."

Chapin said if she didn't return to TCU, she would definitely choose another small school because she enjoys the one-on-one contact.

"I'm so far into my education—I only have 36 more hours—it would probably be something pretty severe (to make me leave TCU)," she said. "It depends on what goes on with my family as to what happens now."

Chapin said she felt guilty at first for leaving campus and her future House presidency because of all the work people had put into her campaign. She said it is still upsetting.

"Time has stopped," she said.

"I guess if you want to find the good out of the bad, that it has been a learning process," she said. Chapin said she has learned "no matter what you do and how much you do, people are the most important thing."

She said one thing she won't miss about TCU is when people ask, "How are you?" and expect the response to be, "Fine. How are you?" She said there is pressure to act like nothing is wrong.

"I don't miss that I have to paint a smile on my face," Chapin said.

TODAYliving

Eat healthy food to help studying

By Evelyn Roberts
Guest Columnist



If Christmas Day is less than five weeks away, then finals must be about three weeks from now, and the panic button has been activated by students and professors alike. (Yes, professors panic, too.)

Anxieties escalate as research reports are due, procrastinated projects are past due and computer programs aren't working.

Even lower on our list of "important things" is the food we're eating at this time of the semester. Many of us "feed our anxieties" but give little thought to what we eat and how it might help or hinder our performance, both academically and physically.

Take a little time to go to the grocery store and stock up on good-for-you munchies. Here are some helpful hints to get you through the harassments of finals.

1. Plan and eat breakfast. (Do I sound like Mom?) Fruit (dried or fresh), cheese toast or ham on rye sandwiches are great if "traditional" breakfast food is out.

2. Keep a supply of juice (individual cans or cartons) in the frig. You'll be rewarding yourself with vitamins and minerals you

miss in that diet cola. Vitamin C is especially important during periods of stress.

3. Apples are in season and cheaper than usual. Spread slices with peanut butter or dip into apple-cinnamon yogurt.

4. Do you have a microwave or an oven? Bake a potato and top with whatever's in the frig (must still be edible) or spoon on hot chili, onions and cheese.

5. Dependable popcorn can be spiced up by cutting down on salt and butter and sprinkling with extra spicy Mrs. Dash seasoning or chili powder and Parmesan cheese. That'll wake you up!

6. Heat apple cider with cinnamon sticks or melt red-hot cinnamon candies in cider for a delicious hot drink. Variety flavor tea bags (spicy orange, etc.) are fun to try as well as instant cocoa and flavored coffees, too.

7. Pasta-hot or cold-is a great way to cut down on fat and increase carbohydrates.

8. Split English muffins into halves and spread with your choice of thick spaghetti sauce sprinkled with mozzarella cheese, heated, for quick tasty mini pizzas.

9. A bowl or basket of fresh fruit and dried fruit snacks is handy to grab when the hunger-monster strikes at the stroke of midnight and you are deep into studying for finals.

Do yourself a favor by eating good food and good-for-you food.

Freshmen recruited in many ways

By Lovell Brigham
Staff Writer

Remember when finding out about a college meant only flipping through recruiting pamphlets sent to you?

Today, prospective Horned Frogs receive phone calls from alumni, visit the campus, view videos and with their parents, attend dinners—all to learn about TCU.

"I think we do everything possible," said Janet Herald, associate dean of admissions.

The Monday at TCU program began as Friday on Campus in 1974, hosting about 30 students each Friday. The program now caters to about 100 students. Because of this growth, Herald said, the program was streamlined and moved to its present format.

Prospective students are offered breakfast and tour residence halls, Worth Hills campus and the academic department of their choice. After the tours, students may either leave or visit other departments.

Volunteer programs are another part of TCU recruitment.

Leaders in a Network for Key Students, is an alumni organization aimed at recruiting students across the country. LINKS attended over 100 college night programs last year as representatives of TCU, in addition to attending award assemblies and scholarship presentations for TCU.

Herald said in some instances TCU may be the only university to have a representative present—which looks really good.

"It is a big program to administer but is an important effort," she said.

A student volunteer program began this year involving ongoing phoning of prospective students. Student volunteers also participate in the Monday at TCU program.

The Parent-To-Parent program, where parents of current students call parents of incoming students, began last year as well.

"The response to this program is terrific," Herald said. "Personalization is the hallmark of TCU in a lot of ways. The personal touch must be part of the admissions staff."

Faculty and staff volunteer their time as well, she said, by receiving

the names of prospective students in order to do follow-ups with them.

The TCU Today program is a follow-up effort to reach students who have already applied. Admissions staff, students and sometimes a faculty member attend dinners and receptions across the country during February and March to reach applicants.

TCU is also listed in "College Digest" and other magazines which are distributed by companies to qualified students. An information card is available for students who want additional material.

Video presentations, shown in high schools to inform students about TCU and its opportunities, have been extended to in-home viewing for students and parents.

The TCU admissions counselors are on the road a total of 45 weeks a year—mostly in October and November—and attend about 172 college night programs. Last year counselors saw almost 9,000 students during these programs.

For minority recruiting, counselors visit schools with large black popula-

tions while also focusing on the substantial Mexican-American population, Herald said.

"Minority recruitment is everyone's responsibility," she said.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, the number of blacks attending colleges and universities for 1980 through 1984 decreased from 932,000 to 831,000.

The Mexican-American enrollment, meanwhile, increased from 390,000 to 399,000.

Herald said in some ways TCU's statistics mirror those of the Department of Education.

Herald said it is difficult to say which program brings in the most students though every year recruitment data is analyzed.

It is more than programs that help students make a decision about TCU, she said, it is the whole attitude of the staff, faculty and students working together.

Vitamins add to nutrients in food

By Melinda Hartman
Staff Writer

Taking vitamin supplements won't hurt you but it is better to get your nutrients through food, said Nell Robinson, chairperson of the nutrition and dietetics department.

"Sometimes people forget to eat some of each food group," she said. "When your body uses the nutrients it doesn't know where they came from."

A multivitamin will provide the recommended daily allowance of vitamins for a person, Robinson said.

"If you refuse to drink orange juice, take vitamin C," she said.

Nadine Nichols, manager of TCU Health Shop, 3506 Blue Bonnet Circle, said students buy vitamin B when they are under a lot of stress.

Freshmen swimmer Keith Ludwig said he gets his nutrients through food or vitamins because it helps him perform better as an

athlete. He said he takes vitamin C and vitamin K-potassium—if he does not think he is getting enough.

"The food on the training table is not always what I need to eat," Ludwig said.

Pam Horton, floor supervisor for the University Store which carries a full line of natural vitamins, said the best selling vitamin is vitamin C and the multivitamin is the second-best seller.

Vitamin C is good to ward off infection, Horton said.

"It's popular because we take germs from all the different states and bring them together here (to TCU)," she said.

Robinson said vitamins are also available at drug stores and health stores. A multivitamin at a drug store would cost about \$5 for a month's supply and at a health store it would probably cost more, she said.

"Drug store vitamins are just as healthy as any other," she said.

Dirty contact lenses can infect eyes

By Regina Hatcher
Staff Writer

Eye infections come easily with the use of contact lenses if the lenses are not cleaned regularly and properly, Richard Bartlett, a local optometrist, said.

Bartlett said although contacts don't usually damage the eyes, "95 percent of the problems are due to patient compliance."

Bartlett said contact wearers won't have any problems if they follow their doctor's cleaning and care instructions.

Optometrist Ralph Butts said not all people get infections from improper contact lens use.

"Some people are allergic to the thimerosal (mercury compound) and chlorohexidine (chlorine compound) in the cleaning solutions," he said.

Sophomore Melinda Troell said her eyes were allergic to Bausch and Lomb cleansing solution.

For this reason, Butts said, thimerosal and chlorohexidine are not in the newer cleaning solutions.

He said problems with soft contact lenses occur when proteins from tears infiltrate them. The protein is an ideal place for bacteria to grow because it is warm and moist, Butts said.

"The proteins clog up the pores of the lenses which prevent the cornea from receiving oxygen," he said.

"Without oxygen the cornea gets blood vessels growing out of it, and starts to lose its interior lining."

Proper cleaning procedures, he said, can prevent soft contacts lenses from clogging up.

Those people who use extended-wear lenses are likely to get bacterial infections if they keep them in for 30 days, Butts said.

"Extended wear can be worn for 30 days, but anyone who recommends or does this is an idiot," he said. "The lenses get coated with such things as mascara, protein and other articles."

Bartlett recommended cleaning extended-wear lenses weekly since they held up longer if cleaned often.

Bob Lanier, medical doctor and medical reporter for Channel 5 News, said some people damage their eyes when they make their own saline solutions.

"They use distilled water and salt to make the solutions," he said. "Distilled water isn't sterile—it has just been purified of some minerals."

Lanier said distilled water may lead to bacterial infections if it isn't boiled first.

Regardless of the type of lenses a patient uses, most doctors suggest yearly checkups as well as proper cleaning procedures.

"Every contact wearer should have them checked yearly—especially those people who wear soft contacts," Butts said.

Drinking continues at football games

By Chris Robinson
Staff Writer

Although alcohol is not allowed in or sold in Amon Carter Stadium, many students drink during football games.

"We find the evidence after the games," said Mel Thomas, athletic director in charge of the stadium. "There are beer bottles and other things all over the stands."

Students sneak in beer and other alcoholic beverages in purses or coats, Thomas said.

"You can easily fit a pint bottle in a coat pocket," he said.

Thomas said if someone is caught with alcohol, he or she will be asked to get rid of it. If that person does not throw it away, he or she will be removed from the stadium. Anyone intoxicated and acting obnoxious will

also be removed from the stadium, he said.

"Sometimes no one is ever removed from a game," Thomas said. "But sometimes as many as six people are kicked out."

As many as 60 Fort Worth Police officers and Tarrant County Sheriff deputies patrol the stands and act as security, Thomas said.

Policemen are stationed at all entrances, patrol the stadium and stand on the football field in case anyone rushes onto it, he said.

Thomas said security watches for students with alcohol, but much drinking in the stands goes on without being noticed.

Security is doing everything possible, but it is impossible to catch everyone, he said.

Questions to be answered

Students with questions on any aspect of nutrition or dietetics may send them in to Dr. Mary Hager in care of the nutrition and dietetics department, TCU Box 32869.

Questions may be answered personally if students include their name, address and phone number.

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COMMENTARY

Our View Grant right choice for Honors head

Congratulations are in order. Congratulations to David Grant of the religion department for his appointment as director of the Honors Program.

Grant will do an excellent job as a liaison between the students and administration, as well as bringing his super-charged enthusiasm to the program.

His appointment shows a commitment to the Honors Program. There have been those in the past who doubted the university's commitment to the program. These doubts should be laid to rest.

Congratulations to the committee that interviewed candidates for the position of director of the Honors Program. Given the importance of the job and the qualifications of the three candidates, the committee had a difficult task.

The committee made the right choice in nominating Grant for the position.

Most importantly, congratulations to Vice Chancellor William Koehler for his decision to accept the selection committee's recommendation.

Koehler's decision was a long time in coming, but it was the best decision for the university and for the Honors Program.

The appointment of such a brilliant young scholar as Grant to director of the Honors Program ensures that TCU's intellectual and academic life can only continue to improve.

Athlete-agent rules should be examined

As the saying goes, "Everything old is new again." Once again, TCU and one of its football players are subjected to the embarrassment of an NCAA reprimand for illegal activities.

Two years ago, it was Kenneth Davis and five other players who were kicked off the team for accepting payments from an alum.

Now the star figure is Tony Jeffery. He admitted to having an "improper relationship" with an agent.

College athletes are not permitted to hire an agent until they leave college.

The admission came after the National Collegiate Athletic Association presented TCU evidence of Jeffery being in Atlanta with sports agent Jim Abernathy.

All this comes after two investigations by TCU, which cleared Jeffery of any dealings with agents.

Jeffery should have known better than to deal with agents. It's sad that such a bright collegiate career will end on a sour note.

TCU was right in suspending Jeffery. But maybe the NCAA needs to review some of its rules regarding athlete-agent relations.

Other students have the right to get in contact with agencies that help them find jobs once they graduate. Why should student athletes be different?

They, as much as other college students, want to ensure employment after graduation. For athletes, that means hiring an agent to represent them.

Those changes are not forthcoming. In the meantime, colleges and athletes will have to play according to the existing rules or else suffer penalties.

Reaction to House activities lacking this semester

By Troy Phillips
Columnist



As the fall semester winds down, the TCU House of Representatives should ask itself this question: Have we fulfilled our purpose this semester, which is to serve, support and represent TCU students and their organizations?

It's one of those questions that gets a yes and no answer. At times they have, and at times they haven't.

Evaluating the House's overall effectiveness is difficult. Student reaction to the House this semester has been mostly mixed.

The main problem is the lack of reaction. We've heard the word many times before—apathy.

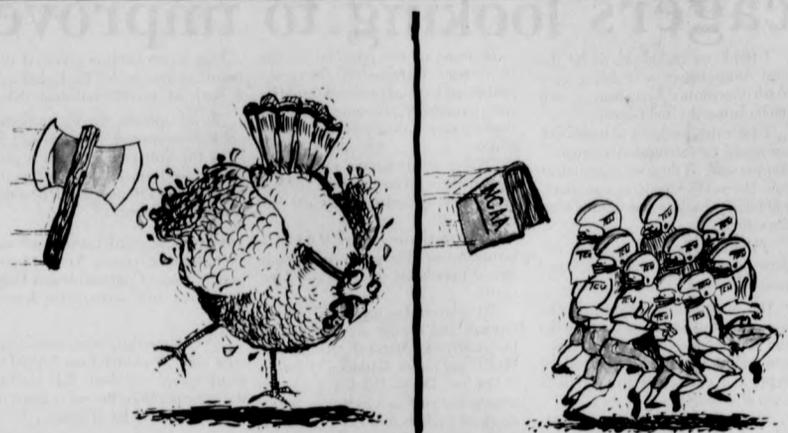
While the House has been like a spoiled teen-ager with Daddy's credit card at times this semester, lack of constituent feedback is still a problem.

Students shouldn't wait to voice their opinions on a bill or issue after the House has taken action. Feedback is useless at this stage.

This problem is nothing new to the House. A few years ago, the House put suggestion boxes in each dorm.

Instead of collecting feedback, they collected dust for the most part. Most of these boxes are gone now. The one in Pete Wright was last seen with a fan sitting on it.

House members need to know how their constituents want money to be



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UNDER ATTACK

Letters to the Editor

Racial opinions

Dear Editor:
Please keep opinions on the "Commentary" page and out of so-called "news" stories. The basis behind the article "Student notices racial divisions, discrimination" was at best merely human interest and at worst yellow journalism.

If Allen felt so strongly about those issues, she should have written an editorial and not have hidden behind the "reporting" of the writer.

There are many divisions here, but they are to be expected on a campus of this size. I doubt many of them, if any, are based on racism.

Concerning the Greek system, it was the IFC president himself who worked to get an Alpha Phi Alpha observer on the council. Allen referred to a young lady "who was dropped from white sorority rush," bringing to mind the questions: How do you know she was dropped because of race? Didn't she see all those non-black girls who were dropped with her?

Did she choose not to complete the process for personal reasons? And if more blacks rushed, wouldn't more black women be accepted so we non-minority students wouldn't have to put up with "white" labels on anything objectionable?

Do a little more research on the facts, and choose words a little

more carefully so as not to appear "reverse racist."

There are plenty of good role models around of many races, and you would find them if you stop looking only for black ones. I have learned much from females, blacks, Mexican-Americans and Asians, but that doesn't mean I have to be one to respect them.

This campus is not "majority oriented toward white students," as Allen whines, but is lovingly and dutifully dedicated toward all students, and most of them just happen to be white.

Vice Chancellor Barr and other administrators have repeatedly proven their respect for those they serve, minority students in particular, so there's no right to reject their motives.

You deserve activities where you can meet each other and work toward some of your own goals, but that does not mean a group deserves its own special treatment.

Stop isolating yourself in minority social groups, but use them as a familiar, comfortable home from which to venture out into the world as many popular, intelligent blacks have done and continue to do.

Regardless of Allen's perceptions, there are no white groups on campus, so don't complain if enough of you don't get up the courage to start joining a few of them.

You may even find there are more people out there like you than you thought, regardless of your color.

Ken Kolsti
Junior/Education

Next time ask me

Editor:
Well, "Skiff," you've done it again.

I am referring to the article concerning racial divisions in sororities where Correlia Allen was interviewed. I am the "black girl who is only partially black" who rushed this year she mentioned.

First of all, I was not dropped by the "white" sororities. I dropped due to reasons I explained earlier in the year to a member of the "TCU Daily Skiff." My views were not printed.

Could it be because they were not bigoted, controversial opinions toward "white" sororities?

Get it straight. The "white" sororities treated me no better and no worse than anyone else, and I would not have it any other way. If you want the truth on my feelings of "black" and "white" sororities, print my interview or ask me.

Who is Correlia Allen anyway?
Shana Smith
Freshman/Radio-TV-Film

Homosexuality advocate gives wrong message

By Michael Hayworth
Columnist



Newspapers don't normally carry advertisements on the front page, but then the "TCU Daily Skiff" has never been a normal newspaper.

Tuesday's issue carried a six-column front page ad for homosexuality.

This "ad," a story headlined "America's homosexuals denied an existence, priest says," presented the warped theological views of a homosexual "priest" who spoke to a TCU family studies class.

The Rev. Marge Perry of Agape Metropolitan Community Church told of her own choice to lead a homosexual lifestyle and claimed she didn't want to be "God's second-class citizen."

She lamented the fact "gays and lesbians can't worship in the churches of their choice on the ground that they're sinners."

She cried that people "forget Jesus Christ's message of love and where the grace of Christ comes in."

But Perry seems to have forgotten a lot about that message herself. Or, more likely, she has edited it selectively.

She is obviously referring to the Bible when she talks about Christ's message of love—it's the only source we have for knowing that He preached that message.

But she missed the whole point when she read the gospel of Christ's love.

Committing oneself to Christ isn't just worshipping God while continuing to live as before. That commitment means a change of life.

Yes, Christ preached love and forgiveness. He also preached repentance of sin.

Christ saved an adulteress from being stoned to death by a self-righteous mob. After telling her that He did not condemn her, He did not say, "Okay, now go back to what you were doing."

He told her, "Go now and leave your life of sin." (John 8:11)

Perry laments that the church will not accept homosexuals. But it isn't the people the church won't accept—it is their lifestyle.

Christianity means a changing of one's lifestyle to conform to God's will.

"Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders... will inherit the kingdom of God," says 1 Corinthians 6:9.

Apparently Perry didn't like that part when she read her Bible.

Perry portrays herself as a defender of faithful homosexuals who are oppressed by the church.

In reality, she is simply a false teacher leading them astray.

She is just one more theologian who conforms to the gospel to her lifestyle rather than conforming her lifestyle to the gospel.

Perry should be proclaiming that Christ's love can transform lives. Instead, she tells her flock "Jesus loves you" and leaves them wallowing in the muck.

So much for being an example of Christ's love.

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Women cagers looking to improve

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For four years, head coach Fran Garmon's basketball team at TCU has served as a doormat to most South-west Conference opponents.

This year the Lady Frogs are out to shed their cellar dweller status and move to more respectable ground, and according to Garmon, they may finally be in a position to do just that.

"We're more balanced in conference than we've ever been," Garmon said.

"We've been at the bottom for so long," senior forward Staci Henyon said. "This year it's like everyone's for everybody else. Everybody's willing to do anything to get to the top."

"We're taller this year than we've ever been and quicker than we've ever been," Garmon said. "We've got some good balance."

Before this year, the balance weighed more heavily on the losing side of the scale.

In Garmon's four years at TCU, her clubs have fashioned a record of 27-82, not an impressive mark, but consider the fact that Garmon has had to rebuild a program from the ground up.

Garmon said rebuilding TCU's basketball program has been difficult because there are a number of established college programs.

"I expected it to be tough," Garmon said. "I didn't expect it to be a gravy train."

"If our team makes a significant impact this year, then I will have reached the goal I set for this team," Garmon said. "I said in five years we would be able to be competitive."

"If at the end of the year I can look back and we have a winning season, then I'll feel like we have obtained that goal," Garmon said. "Then I think we'll be able to maintain a gradual, steady growth of our program."

The players agree that Garmon's rebuilding process should blossom this year.

"I think we're looking to be the most competitive we've been since coach Garmon's been here," said senior forward Carol Glover.

"I don't think we look at teams and are scared or intimidated anymore," Henyon said. "I think we're confident now. She's slowly building a program, and I don't think anyone doubts what she's doing."

"I think we're really going to surprise some people this year," said senior forward Valerie Barnett.

The optimism Garmon and the team have this season stems from the fact it welcomes back five seniors, four juniors, four starters, and added depth and experience from a 10-17 team of a year ago.

Add seven girls 6-feet or taller, increased quickness and four new recruits, and Garmon said improvement may be just around the corner.

The four new members Garmon welcomes are junior college transfers Beth Naughton and Michelle Henry and freshmen Yolanda Norman and Joi Wells.

The 6-foot-2 Naughton transferred from Weatherford Junior College, where she averaged 10.1 points and 6.4 rebounds a game.

Henry is a 5-foot-10 transfer from Cisco Junior College, where she averaged 14 points, eight rebounds and six assists per contest.

"I think they will both see a lot of action this year because they have experience," Garmon said.

Norman comes to TCU via Fort Worth's Carter Riverside High School. As a senior she averaged 27.9 points and 14.1 rebounds per game.

The 6-foot-1 Wells averaged 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists as a senior for Weatherford High School.

"I really think they (Norman and Wells) are going to be outstanding players," Garmon said, "but I don't think their freshman year is going to be their big year. They're future players, not now players."

In analyzing the positions on this year's team, Garmon said the center and strong forward positions would be interchangeable, because the team doesn't have a dominant forward or center.

"We've got freshmen, juniors and seniors there," Garmon said, "so our strength is our experience and balance."

One loss Garmon faces is 6-foot-2 center Susan Warren, who is being forced to redshirt due to a shoulder injury.

The players Garmon will play at forward and center are sophomore Janice Dziuk, Barnett, Naughton, Wells, and junior Kathleen Olson.

The 6-1 Dziuk led the Frogs in scoring last year as a freshman, averaging 12.1 points and 7.3 rebounds a game. "If she continues to improve, I think she can become a dominant player," Garmon said.

Barnett is a 6-foot-1 forward who averaged 8.3 points and 6.5 rebounds per contest for the Lady Frogs a year ago.

Garmon said the small forward position is a spot which could develop as the season progresses.

"It's kind of a question for us, but it could be good there," Garmon said. "We've got Glover, Henyon and Henry and we can play some of the other people there. We've got a mixture of a little more quickness and height than we've had."

Glover has been a mainstay at the position for three seasons, averaging 11.1 points per contest last season. But Garmon said an October knee surgery will limit her playing time at the beginning of the season.

"If Carol Glover can go at full speed, I think she'll have a great year," Garmon said.

Henyon, a 6-foot-2 senior who chipped in 5.5 points per game last year, rounds out the small forward position.

Point guard could be the position with the most stability with senior Teresa Hudson.

Last season Hudson averaged 10.5 points a game and led the Lady Frogs in both assists (105) and steals (83).

"In my opinion, there's no better point guard around," Garmon said. "I think this year you'll see her do not only a good job at the point guard position, but I think she will be more of a scoring threat."

At shooting guard, Garmon will use a rotation of senior Terri Janak, juniors Janine Contestable and Dana Hargrove and sophomore Karen Davis.

"The big question is our size," Garmon said. "It's tough for a 5-6 girl to go up against somebody 5-11 playing the same position. But we're going to match up with a lot of teams."

Garmon said the team's outlook this season is bright, but it still has areas to improve in if it plans on winning championships.

"To play in Division I and to be a top contender, even though we have more height, we've got to find those people that are going to be dominant inside that are taller," Garmon said.

"We still need more quickness," Garmon said. "We are quicker, but we still need more."

Garmon said the team also needs to improve on its defensive play.

On the court, Garmon said this year's team would look for the fast break if it exists. If not, then the team will run its half-court offense.

On defense, Garmon said the team would employ a combination of zone, half-court traps and full-court presses.

Garmon said she has no idea where the team would finish in conference play because she does not know enough about the opposing teams.

One thing Garmon said she does know is it is time for improvement in the Lady Frogs' fortunes.

"I think it's time for TCU to have a good year," Garmon said. "They've paid their price to build. Now they deserve to have a good year."

Swim team finishes last behind SWC foes in meet

By Randy Hargrove
Sports Writer

TCU men's swim team returned with a last place finish at the City of Midland Collegiate Invitational Swim Meet, held over the weekend in Midland, Texas.

SMU won the one-day meet with 200 points, Texas placed second with 182, Texas A&M third with 92 and TCU fourth with 74.

Swim coach Richard Sybesma said the surprise of the meet was the defeat the Mustangs pinned on Texas.

"It was an opportunity for our kids to compete with some of the top kids in the country," Sybesma said. "We were really competitive with our No. 1 person in every event."

The meet was held to commemorate the 20th-year reunion for the city of Midland swim team.

Sybesma said the city of Midland paid for each team's travel to compete in the meet. SMU, Texas, Texas A&M and TCU were chosen based on distance traveled and the competitive matchup, he said.

Sybesma said with the competition between SMU and Texas and Texas A&M and TCU, it looked like two different dual meets going on at the same time.

Sybesma said the bright spot for TCU came from the 400-meter freestyle relay team of Keith Ludwick, Doug Ellis, Kevin Irion and Robbie Barron.

"The highlight of the meet was the 400 free relay," Sybesma said. "We finished third ahead of A&M. That was a real good way to end the meet."

Sybesma said the top individual performances belonged to Scott Tobin and Ellis.

Ellis finished third in the 50 freestyle and Tobin fourth in the 1000 and 500 freestyles.

"They were the two real leaders," Sybesma said.

Sybesma said at this point in the season, he is pleased with the performance of the team.

"I'm happy with where the team's at," Sybesma said. "We're swimming well. We have a good shot at being fourth at the conference meet (in March)."

Lewis, Mosley garner SWC honors for efforts

(AP)—Darren Lewis has been one of the biggest 1987 surprises for the defending Southwest Conference football champion Texas A&M University.

Lewis was a star in high school at Dallas Carter last year, but was expected to be overshadowed by McKinney's Randy Simmons, the most heralded running back in the state.

However, Simmons hurt a knee at the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star game in July, and Lewis has emerged as one of the Aggies' top offensive threats.

He earned The Associated Press SWC Offensive Player of the Week honors this week for a spectacular performance in A&M's 42-24 victory over TCU.

Lewis had 194 yards rushing against the Horned Frogs, including scoring runs of 35 and 80 yards. He also had a 70-yard called back.

He already is in second place on the A&M freshman rushing charts passing George Woodard's 604 yards. Lewis has 655 yards rushing.

The 194 yards rushing was the most since Earnest Jackson had 219 yards against TCU in 1981.

"Darren Lewis is a tough kid," said A&M coach Jackie Sherrill. "He has played hurt all year. He has a sore shoulder, but you have to play hurt."

Lewis' big day came while his parents were watching from the stands in Amon Carter Stadium.

"It felt good to have a good day in

front of my parents," Lewis said. "It was as close as we could come to Dallas during the regular season. Maybe we'll be back for the Cotton Bowl."

Texas Tech defensive end James Mosley, a junior, earned The AP's Defensive Player of the Week award with his contributions in the Red Raiders' 10-10 tie with Houston.

Mosley had four and one-half sacks and made six unassisted tackles and one assisted tackle.

"James started the season slow, but he has come on the last few weeks," said Texas Tech Coach Spike Dykes. "This game shows just what we can expect from him in his senior season."

AP TOP 20

1. Oklahoma	11-0-0
2. Miami, Fla.	9-0-0
3. Florida State	9-1-0
4. Syracuse	11-0-0
5. Nebraska	9-1-0
6. LSU	9-1-1
7. Auburn	8-1-1
8. South Carolina	8-2-0
9. Michigan State	8-2-1
10. Notre Dame	8-2-0
11. UCLA	9-2-0
12. Oklahoma State	9-2-0
13. Clemson	9-2-0
14. Georgia	7-3-0
15. Texas A&M	8-2-0
16. Tennessee	6-2-1
17. Southern Cal	8-3-0
18. Alabama	7-3-0
19. Iowa	9-3-0
20. Pitt	8-3-0

Lewis leads Frogs to exhibition win

By Johnny Paul
Sports Editor

Junior guard John Lewis made his first Daniel-Meyer Coliseum appearance memorable as he scored 17 points to lead TCU to a 63-52 victory over New Zealand in an exhibition Monday night.

The junior transfer from Western

Texas Junior College hit an 18-foot jumper with 10:46 left in the first half to give TCU a 16-15 lead. That would be as close as New Zealand would get the rest of the evening. Still, head coach Moe Iba didn't seem impressed.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Iba said. "Organization-wise, we just didn't put things together. We didn't

play smart."

Iba said he believed the level of play had regressed from the two previous weeks of practice.

"Yes, I definitely think so," he said. "We've just got to go back to square one and get to work."

"The win's real nice," Lewis said. "It'll give us confidence. But we still need to work on turnovers, slowing it

(tempo of the game) down and play better defense."

Senior center Norman Anderson added 14 points and 6 rebounds to the winning effort, and Weatherford Junior College transfer Jeff Boutelle added 13 points and five rebounds.

The Frogs will open the regular season next Monday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU will host Sam Houston State with tip-off set for 7:30.

Freak Bowl big game for scout teams

By John Paschal
Sports Writer

TCU's Cotton Bowl hopes were modified recently into Cotton Bowl hopes as an unfortunate array of conference losses will invariably do to any team. Still, on Friday, while the players who play got prepared for the A&M game, the players who don't get prepared to play each other. Let's clarify:

Some players aren't really players, technically anyway. They are the freshmen (who are being redshirted) or sophomores and juniors who don't yet play on Saturdays; they are the scout team, a group of guys real high on enthusiasm, but real low on exposure. On Saturdays the sideline was their domain, where you'd see them waving towels, and hootin' and hollerin'. Just not playin'.

But they got their chance on Friday afternoon, at Amon Carter Stadium, in the Freak Bowl.

The Freak Bowl was a 30-minute scrimmage pitting the scout team offense against the scout team defense. It has been called the Toilet Bowl, the Scab Bowl and the Scout Bowl. This year, however, for whatever reason, they wanted to be called the Freaks," said student trainer

Barry Browning. "They eat, sleep and spit this stuff."

Indeed.

"That's what these guys live for," said linebacker Scott Harris, watching the Freak Bowl in its opening moments. Harris played in the game two years ago when he was a freshman, and said it's definitely something to work toward. "This is your whole year. You've put in all that time in practice, and you never play and get no recognition. This is it. Everybody gets pretty fired up for it."

In practices during the season, for the benefit of the starting unit, the scout team emulates the offense and defense of that week's opponent. Their sweat is just as wet. But on Sunday morning they don't ache and their names aren't in the paper. The Rodney Dangerfields of intercollegiate athletics? Maybe, but Friday, anyway, it was Revenge of the Freaks.

"It was a lot of fun for us," said sophomore Jeff Jones, a scout team running back, "because we don't normally play and this was our chance. When you work this hard, any time you get to run the ball it's fun. It's sort of a relief it's all over, but really you'd like to play some more."

The game was a good one. On the power of two interceptions and a fumble recovery (for which points are awarded the defense) the defense beat the offense. But the game certainly wasn't without its interesting moments—moments worthy of any Saturday on CBS.

Proof:

a) Early in the contest, freshman walkon quarterback Doug Helms threw to sophomore flanker Mike Rodriguez in the endzone, but sophomore Joel Cromer stepped in front at the 1-yard line for the interception. Problem was, however, Cromer's momentum carried him into the endzone where he was hit by Rodriguez. Cromer subsequently fumbled the ball and Rodriguez fell on it for a touchdown.

b) Toby Richardson is a freshman walkon at quarterback, but Friday he played wide receiver and had two excellent catches, sparking one sideline critic to remark, "Give him the Heisman!"

c) Freshman defensive tackle John Marsh, who is 6-foot-6 and 295 pounds, tossed away a few would-be blockers like used Kleenex. Said Harris, "He's gonna rule the world someday."

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