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TCU junior dies from injuries after two-car accident

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

A TCU junior died Thursday evening at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth from injuries received when the car she was driving collided with a second car at about 7:45 a.m.

Leslie Ann "Alli" or "Alexza" Soussi, was on her way to have a paper typed when she apparently ran a stop sign and was hit on the driver's side, police said. She was traveling east on Winnifred Drive across Wedgemont Circle South in the Wedgewood area of Fort Worth.

TCU students responded in mass by donating blood to replenish the TCU account at Carter Blood Center. Friends said Soussi had been given more than 70 units of blood.

Robert Soussi, her father, described her as driven by a sense of

independence.

"Although she always asked us to let go-to let out the leash-she'd always come back to us at every opportunity," he said. "Home and family were very important to her."

Robert Soussi said her grandmother had labeled her as strong-willed 20 years ago before she had ever left the delivery room.

"She came out screaming," he said.

He said his daughter wanted to become international-minded. Robert Soussi is French and Renee Soussi, her mother, is American, so Leslie Ann and her brother Stephen Soussi were given dual citizenship at birth.

"At a very young age, she had a yearning for travel, and nothing made her more proud than when she flew all alone to Paris," her father said.

He also said his daughter wanted to find out about religion.

"We are a family of mixed religion,"

he said. "She was brought up to respect every religion on earth."

Leslie Ann Soussi was aggressive about trying to reach her goals, he said.

"She did not feel embarrassed in asking questions or asking people certain things to help her achieve that goal," he said. "And all this because she was driven by a sense of independence."

Steven LaBoon, a friend of hers, said she wanted to be successful in everything she did.

"She wanted the world and everything in it," he said. "She was just always so full of energy that it was almost annoying at times."

Frank Terry, a police officer at the scene, said the driver of the other car, a 1975 Chevrolet Impala, was a 17-year-old Southwest High School student, who was not injured. Soussi was driving a 1982 Camaro Berlinetta,

which belonged to her roommate, said Adrienne Palmer, a friend of her roommate.

The 17-year-old said he was going 35 to 40 mph, and skid marks did not indicate any excessive speed, Terry said. The speed limit on both roads is 30 mph.

Terry said Soussi "wasn't driving fast or anything."

Bob Forrester, principal of J.T. Stevens Elementary School, located about three blocks from the accident site, said he travels on Wedgemont Circle South frequently, and the sun may have been in the other driver's eyes at about 7:45 a.m. The Impala was traveling south.

Terry said both drivers were wearing seatbelts, and Soussi's seatbelt broke from the impact.

Soussi was removed from the car by the Fort Worth Fire Department

with a hydraulic press known as the "jaws of life," Terry said.

She was then stabilized and flown to Harris in a Careflite helicopter, said Debbie Lathan, a flight nurse who transported her. She said the air time is about four minutes.

Palmer said Soussi had been in surgery for about three hours, but was taken out because she was not strong enough to continue. She said she had internal injuries, numerous head injuries and a crushed pelvis. Her spleen had been removed during surgery.

Lisa Krohn, a member of Pi Beta Phi, Soussi's sorority, said about 30 pledges had gone to donate blood.

Leslie Gillmore, administrative secretary for the blood center, said the first group of student donors arrived about 2 p.m.



Leslie Ann Soussi

"It's been a lobbyful since then," she said at about 3:30 p.m.

"I know Alexza would be very proud about what has happened today," LaBoon said.

Harmful PCBs changed to table salt, baking soda

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

A reaction that converts PCBs to table salt and baking soda was discovered by chemists at Texas A&M University. PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, have been linked to birth defects and cancer and have been used in industrial applications.

Dr. Donald Sawyer, the analytic chemist who headed the research team, spoke on the TCU campus yesterday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4 at 11 a.m.

Sawyer told the audience of 32 that the superoxide ion breaks down PCBs by an oxidative reaction, which means electrons are removed from the PCBs by the superoxide. Sawyer described how oxygen came about on earth and why he thinks it is the most important chemical.

"Most people think oxygen is stuff in the atmosphere, but you can't do much of anything with it," Sawyer said.

"The problem is that when teaching the periodic table we get started on hydrogen and the next few

elements, but by the time we get to carbon we get bogged down," Sawyer said.

Sawyer said in arguments with organic chemists he defends the idea that oxygen is a more important chemical than carbon, because even though some of the most numerous chemicals are petrochemicals that are carbon-based, those chemicals result from sugars that are oxygen-based.

Most of the 17 to 20 percent of oxygen that is in the atmosphere comes from plants and stays in the atmosphere for 3,000 years, Sawyer said.

"Oxygen doesn't really like to be in anything other than a gas phase," Sawyer said.

This makes it awkward to store chemical energy for later activities, so a soluble oxygen transport system was devised like the hemoglobin system in humans, Sawyer said.

This soluble oxygen has about 4 electrons added to it as it goes through chemical reactions to become superoxide, he said. Superoxide makes up 1 to 15 percent of the oxygen we breathe.

Each electron is added in a separate

step which gives oxygen its own byproducts, he said.

"My students have T-shirts that say one electron at a time," Sawyer said.

"Four electrons are never added in the same step without lightening bolts," Sawyer said.

Sawyer has studied superoxide since 1970. He has worked at UCLA for 30 years and moved to Texas A&M in 1985. His earlier research on superoxide found a method by which DDT, a pesticide, could be broken down by superoxide into other less harmful chemicals for safe disposal.

Since 1987 PCBs were disposed in regulated landfills like the ones throughout Texas or in incinerators.

Results during this research suggested superoxide wouldn't react with PCBs but recent experiments changed that. Atmospheric oxygen slowly reacts with PCBs to form dioxin, an equally toxic chemical, but the superoxide ion completely breaks down PCBs to bicarbonate and salt. It was an amazing reaction that no chemist would have expected, Sawyer said.

Special election Tuesday

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

With finals just around the corner and the student body without a president, the Elections and Regulations Committee chairperson said she was faced with a difficult decision.

Chairperson Ann Winkler said when Monique Chapin resigned Nov. 19, it took four and a half hours for Winkler's committee to decide that the best course of action was to hold the election after Thanksgiving, but before finals.

Other changes that were made to accommodate the new election were decreasing the filing time from 10 days to five days, she said.

In addition, the time between the filing deadline and the election was decreased from a minimum of 12 days to eight days, Winkler said.

Winkler set the filing dates for Nov. 23 through Dec. 1. During that time, Lee Behar, John Lewis and Frosty Tempel put their hats in the ring for the presidential race.

The election will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with the

candidates together in the Student Center Lounge for another presidential forum Monday.

Forum chairperson Matt Hood said the program, which will start at noon and run for about 45 minutes, will be basically the same as the last one.

Candidates will each have one minute for an opening statement, which will be followed by a question and answer session, Hood said.

Questions from the audience and from a student-faculty panel will be screened, he said, to make sure the question is appropriate.

Questions that are inappropriate are ones dealing with personal issues, or ones which may not be directly related to finding out why one candidate is better than another, he said.

"I think it (the question) should be informative, yes-but destructive, no," Hood said. "We want to keep things focused on why the candidates are qualified."

Hood said the forum would benefit students because it is a chance to see all the candidates together-to be able to put names

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TCU may require AIDS tests

By Deborah Gaston
Staff Writer

TCU has not yet been affected by the State Board of Insurance's decision Wednesday that will allow insurance companies to require people seeking health coverage to be tested for exposure to the AIDS virus.

The three-member board decided unanimously to allow the testing as long as companies do not discriminate

in their selection of who should be tested.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America holds TCU's employee policy, but has not indicated to the university whether it will require testing for the AIDS virus, said Lois Banta, associate director of personnel.

Banta said she does not know what the university will decide to do if such testing is required by the company

because the issue has never come up before.

She added she does not know if the university would change companies because "it may turn out that every insurance company will require the test."

"With illnesses other than AIDS, such as cancer, the individual that has been affected may be denied coverage under the university's group policy," she said.

Ace! - Head basketball coach Moe Iba acknowledges a basket made by the Frogs Wednesday.

TCU training saves child

Nursing student appears just when needed

By Regina Hatcher
Staff Writer

TCU nursing student Susan Earnhart has gone through three years of theoretical study, but yesterday she was able to practically apply her knowledge to save a life.

Earnhart, 34, said she was driving on Interstate Highway 183 en route to John Peter Smith Hospital for her maternal nursing clinical.

"I noticed a woman leaning over a child on the side of the road, so I pulled over to help," she said. "The mother was real panicky and her child was turning blue."

Earnhart said she tried to, but couldn't reach, the object in the girl's throat that was choking on.

"The girl was not breathing," she said. "So, I slipped my arm under her diaphragm and bent the girl in a V-shaped position to unblock the object."

"I will highly value all of the things I've learned in my health assessment classes from now on," she said.



Susan Earnhart
If I had gone on Friday the girl may not have survived.

Earnhart said she was able to expel a piece of hard candy by using the Heimlich maneuver.

"I then applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," she said. "The girl began to cough and gasp for air."

Earnhart said the child's mother, who seemed to have recognized her from the military base they both live on, hugged and thanked her for saving the girl's life.

Earnhart said that she normally has maternal clinics on Fridays, not Thursdays.

"We had an option to come to clinical today," she said. "If I had gone on Friday the girl may not have survived."

Earnhart said she learned the Heimlich maneuver last year in one of her nursing classes at TCU.

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TODAYdiversions

Events in brief

MUSIC Friday

Glass Onion, acoustic trio, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Killer Bees, reggae, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 9:30 & 11:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

Michael Johnson, country, at Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza. Shows at 9 & 11 p.m., 624-6800 for more information.

TCU Jazz Ensembles, 8 p.m. at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Saturday

Lost Tribe, Irish folk, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Killer Bees, reggae, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 9:30 & 11:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

Eddie Rabbit, country, at Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza. Shows at 9 & 11 p.m., 624-6800 for more information.

University Symphony Orchestra, concerto concert, at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Sunday

TCU Choral Union, 7:30 p.m. at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Monday

Bruce Williams, folk music, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 9:30 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Frank Brown, trombone, at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Part of TCU Faculty Recital Series. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Tuesday

Max Attack, R&B, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Randall Gremillion, French song recital, at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday

Pico de Gallo, aging philosophy professors with dreams of grandeur, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Eye, R&B funk, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 8:30 & 10:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

Thursday

The Liars, rock, at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Show starts at 10 p.m., 923-7281 for more information.

Donald Byrd, Walter Broker and Larry Willis, jazz, at Caravan of Dreams Nightclub, 312 Houston St. Shows at 8:30 & 10:45 p.m., 877-3000 for more information.

Depeche Mode, rock, at Reunion Arena in Dallas, 8 p.m. Tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets.

Theater

She Loves Me, Dec. 4 through Jan. 9, at Stage West, 821 W. Vickery. Performances Wednesday through Friday at 8:15 p.m., Saturday at 5 & 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 & \$12, student discounts for Saturday matinees. 332-6238 for more information.

The Amen Corner, Nov. 6 through Dec. 12 at Jubilee Theatre, 3114 E. Rosedale. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., Sundays at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. 535-0168 for more information.

Dolly's Deadly Dilemma, Nov. 27 through Jan. 2, at Circle Theatre, 1227 W. Magnolia. Performances Thursday through Saturday at 8:15 p.m. Sunday matinee on Dec. 13 at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8-\$10. 921-3040 for more information.

Puppet Master, presented by Hip Pocket Theatre, Dec. 4 through 20 at Caravan of Dreams Theatre, 312 Houston St. Performances Fridays at 8:15 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. 429-4000 for more information.

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No blood, lots of sweat in war game

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Photon warriors may not bleed when they're shot with light beams, but they certainly sweat.

They say good players can cover nearly a mile during the six and one-half minute rounds, and my helmet smelled like the last person had gotten his exercise.

"These guys are good," Tim Simin told me as I strapped on my 13 pounds of equipment, including battery pack, chest pod and helmet. Simin is group sales manager for Photon Entertainment, Inc. and plays regularly at the original game center in northeast Dallas.

He had rounded up several regular players to show us how the game is played. He said they would have no mercy on us newcomers. He was right.

Players are divided into two teams and score individual and team points by hitting opponents with the beam from their phaser. They lose points for being hit or hitting their own teammates.

That night, they were also experimenting with stationary players who could shoot from above.

The game is played in a two-level arena with two levels of tunnels and bridges. Simin said the 8,000 square-foot arena we were in was one of the small ones.

Teams can have as many as 15 players, or the game can be played one-on-one.

First-time Photon players pay \$10 for a passport, three games, one practice game and a bumper sticker. Photon also runs weekend specials from noon to 5 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. During those times, players can play an unlimited number of games for \$10, or \$12 if they need a passport.

Computerized helmets emit different noises signaling when players hit an opponent, hit a teammate, miss completely or get hit. The phasers emit infrared beam, which cannot be seen, but is picked up by the helmets and chest pods.

During pre-game instructions, a friend who drove me to Dallas and I were told it is important to yell a lot.

"What do we yell?" I asked.

"Anything," Simin said. "Just make noise."

I guess I didn't make enough noise. I was too busy getting lost in the tunnels and artificial fog. The light and sound systems only added to my confusion.

My helmet, unlike me, made lots of noise. I learned the "ker-pew" of being shot. I heard "ker-pew" even when I couldn't see anyone. The only person I ever had a chance to shoot was my friend, and she was on my team.

But, competitive by nature, I wasn't willing to surrender. I zeroed in on one of the stationary targets above the playing field. With about 30 seconds left, I nailed him.

Many people oppose such violent games, claiming they lead to aggressive behavior in real life.

"It's not very prominent (war game opposition), but being in the Southwest in the Bible Belt, it comes up a bit," Simin said.

He said the reaction is unlike the one after watching a movie like "Rambo," which leaves viewers with energy and aggressiveness. Instead, Photon players leave calm, tired and drained, much like in any sport, he said.

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Simin also denied that the use of phasers promotes war or guns.

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Photon Entertainment, Inc.
A photon warrior hides behind an "alien tower" to escape.

However, he disagreed with arguments he had heard.

"We really stress non-violence," he said. "It is less aggressive and dangerous than soccer game."

Photon players are required to stay at least five feet from any other player.

Simin said Stan Kuezac, a psychologist, did a study of Photon about three years ago and concluded that it was a healthy activity.

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"It's hard and it's complicated," he said. "You have to be able to slow yourself down in a high stress situation. It gets very mathematical."

Simin said Photon's business is somewhat seasonal, with more players in the summer and on weekends. Weeknights draw mostly regular and league players. He said they will have 400 players during a "super slow week," and will get 3,000 to 4,000 people during most weeks in the summer.

"We babysit just hundreds of kids," Simin said.

However, he said the largest group of players includes males between 16 and 23 years old, and the next largest includes females in the same age range.

Photon also has had players in wheelchairs who are pushed around the arena's topography by Photon employees. The arena has no stairs, only ramps or level surfaces.

Twenty-three Photon franchises are now located near major cities in the United States, with expansion overseas in the near future, he said. He said the Japanese have toured U.S. facilities extensively and have bought their own franchise.

Equipment for the Dallas Photon cost about \$3,000 per set, with a supply of 22 red and 22 green sets, Simin said. The game also uses a main computer to tabulate scores and a light system with 40,000 lights.

A full-time technician is employed to repair minor problems with equipment and replace light bulbs, Simin said.

Photon has three software packages available. The public software provides a team game with a built-in handicapping system. When a player is hit, his gun is deactivated for one to nine seconds, depending on his running score.

The league software is similar, but does not have a handicapping system.

The free-for-all system allows an every-man-for-himself game rather than team competition.

Simin said the future for Photon will include a visible light emission from the phasers. A one-inch strobe light will travel across the arena, diverging to about four inches during its travel.

"It's going to make the game look like a scene from 'Star Wars,'" he said.

Photon has also been associated with products from thermos bottles to boys underwear. At least 25 licensees are allowed to use the Photon name on items such as clothing, toys, school supplies, bedspreads and model game sets. A syndicated television series based on Photon premiered in September 1986.

DIC Enterprises, a Los Angeles-based animation/live-action company, is Photon's sole merchandising agency.

The game was the brainchild of George A. Carter III, president of Photon Entertainment, Inc. Carter has been involved in other entertainment endeavors, including his patented "motorized surfboard."

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COMMENTARY

Children do the weirdest things

By Katie Hazelwood
Guest Columnist



I certainly would never admit to it if I had done it.

But there my friend was, at the table in the cafeteria, telling us that he used to skin his knees when he was little just so that he could have scabs. And he ate them.

That same friend also told of how he used to pick gum off the sidewalk to chew since his parents wouldn't let him have gum.

Hmm. I certainly wouldn't admit to those particular fetishes.

But then I found myself admitting other vile things I did when I was a child.

Like jumping off the roof of our house in the hope that I would break my leg and get to wear a cast.

Or calling neighbors and telling them their rabbit was in my garden. And then when they said they didn't have a rabbit, I would laugh uproariously and say boy, wasn't that a coincidence because I didn't have a garden, either.

Or another favorite was the "is-the-refrigerator-running-well-you-better-go-catch-it," crank call.

And now when I think about those stupid things I did, I give thanks that no one at school knows I did them.

And I'm not saying I did this, but did you ever switch the heads on your Barbie and Ken dolls? Or buy all the G.I. Joe paraphernalia, like a miniature tank and plastic guns?

I guess this is the perfect time to admit that I was the only girl in the neighborhood who had G.I. Joe. And yes, all the paraphernalia.

Barbie Dolls really didn't interest me that much, much to the chagrin of

my parents. I was into more sophisticated things.

Like blood. And "slime with worms." You know, the gooey stuff that oozed from a little plastic trash can that was so destructive it was banned from my school.

And back to the blood, I had those "Stretch Armstrong" dolls that you could stretch and stretch and stretch until you thought they'd pop, and then they go right back into shape. They never ceased to amaze me, especially since you could stick a pin in them and they oozed red goop.

I was a sick child.

And a tough one, too.

I beat up the boy who lived next door when I was six.

And my older sister still has a scar on the back of her hand from where I bit her when I was eight.

As a child, I was more ambitious than I am today. I was going to be a doctor, a lawyer, a nurse, a teacher and a professional tennis player.

All at once.

I was a hungry child, too.

I could stick an entire Twinkie in my mouth on a dare.

But I would never, never eat lima beans or peas.

And every time I excused myself from the dinner table supposedly to go to the bathroom, I was really dumping my food down the disposal.

What a deceitful child as well.

I told my best friend that if anyone used our swimming pool for the wrong purpose, all the water would turn purple.

But she just laughed because she told all her friends the same thing.

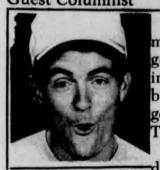
Ah, children.

So I guess the next time someone tells us they still have some of the child in them, we shouldn't take it to mean they are still fun.

It just means that they are still weird.

Jeffery showed 'class'

By Robert Neel McDonald
Guest Columnist



So now we've managed to generate some interest. Some b-y — G o d , genuine, CONTROVERSY!!!

The TCU student body is currently outraged at a "guest columnist" for expressing what was probably a very shallow opinion about Tony Jeffery.

Everybody's pointing fingers at everybody else, and amid the confusion and turmoil the NCAA has once again slipped through the back door and had its way with us.

Can you think of another organization in this country that has as much power over as many people's lives with no one to answer to but their wives?

Some people will be "hacked off" at Tony Jeffery because he broke the sanctified NCAA rules, but not this kid. I will fervently ask that there be a special section reserved in Hell for people who would exploit the talents, effort, and work of young athletes.

The arrogance of this situation is only rivaled by that of Prohibition—and we all know how well that worked out. It literally making criminals out of millions of otherwise honest, hard-

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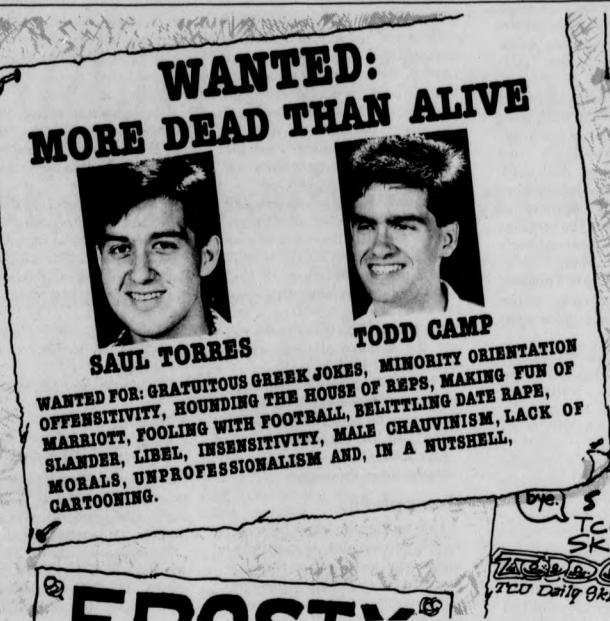
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How a game contestant lies

By John Paschal
Columnist



The other day I was butt-bound, on the couch, viewing with deep interest another episode of "Wheel of Fortune," and as I sat there on my haunches, taco in hand and feet on table, I suddenly acquired a deeper understanding of the world. Let me tell you how, oh privileged ones.

But, first off, as not to besmirch my character irreparably, I must point out that I'm not a habitual "Wheel Watcher" (lest I be equated with a housewife). Actually, I was just taking a breather from writing my dissertation on one-celled organisms cross-breeding with Jessica Hahn (this for my Religion Studies/Cell Biology degree), and I'd also been up a goodly portion of the previous night solving all but one or two of the world's problems, and real frankly, I was dogged. That's why I was watching TV. I'm not lazy or anything.

No sooner than I could say this: "Derrrrrrrrr . . . I look at . . . derrrrrrr," out sauntered Legend Herself, the Aphrodite of the '80s—Vanna White.

(Allow me time here to thank the "WOF" people. They waited 'til I'd located my eyeballs—which had popped outta my head and rolled into the living room—and stuck 'em back in my face. Then, and only then, they started the show. 'Tis a wonderful world.)

Pat Sajak—the Pat Sajak of the '80s—then initiated the trivial niceties by asking the contestants to tell us viewers "a little about" themselves. They did.

And therein lies the seed of what rubs me wrongly.

First, what if, due to a single moment of stagefright or a whole lifetime of sloth and torpor, Joe Q. Contestant couldn't come up with "a little" to tell about himself. This might be the scenario:

"Well, Pat, my name is Joe and . . . and, well, I'm on the 'Wheel of Fortune.' My pants are blue."

Or, "Yeah, hi, Pat. Hey, I got an uncle named Pat. Name's Uncle Pat."

Or, "Nothing to report here. I pass."

That's pretty unlikely, I know. Most of us who have lived a fortnight or more could think of something to say. Like, "Well, I won a third-place ribbon at the all-school field day back in '73. It was green. Mom fixed me an ice-cold pop and a cheese sandwich afterwards."

Or "I can wiggle my ears. Look. See?"

But what really bugs me is the actual responses we must endure. Here these people are, in the spotlight for the first time in their miserable little lives, on national TV in front of friends as well as people who really don't like them very much, and they blow it. They blow it! Big time. I mean, Bill Clements follows a script when he blows it, but them, . . . they just do it spontaneously. Here's a sample:

Pat: "Tell us a little about yourself, Sue."

Sue: "Well, (it's imperative you start with 'Well,' to prepare unsuspecting viewers for the inevitable succession of inane remarks, forced smiles and contrived answers) I have a wonderful husband, Weldon, and . . ."

Stop! Stop right there, sister.

Why do they always say that? Wonderful husband, pooh. Do the "WOF" people screen each contestant to see if he or she is utterly enraptured in nuptial union? Do they check to see whether a couple washes dishes together and vacuums floors together and goes on walks with their dog Weiner together; to see if a potential contestant does, without a doubt, have a wonderful spouse?

No way they love their spouses this much. Half these people are lying.

You know Weldon ain't that great. Old Weldon, if I know him like I think I do, doesn't wash the dishes and doesn't walk Weiner anywhere. He

has pain in the . . . who's 3.

I wouldn't simply admit, in other words, that I'm a lout.

Other people would. And do. The only difference is, they're married. To a wonderful person. This, they believe, exempts them from being dullards.

That's where they're wrong.

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Children's toys preach ideas of destruction

By John Moore
Guest Columnist



It is the day after Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1987, and a small child sits at home watching cartoons on TV. In one hand he holds an ominous-looking toy laser gun.

In the other he clutches a small spherical device with a red light mounted on its surface. A procession of animated humanoids, animals and vehicles moves across the TV screen.

Suddenly, the child raises his gun, takes aim at one of the cartoon characters and "fires." The light on the sphere begins to flash wildly as an electronic scream fills the air, signaling a direct hit. Giggling, the child enjoys the thrill of victory.

If Mattel toy company has its way, this scenario may soon become a reality for thousands of American children. Mattel has unveiled its Captain Power interactive toy that, according to the Nov. 30 issue of "U.S. News & World Report," will be the hottest selling children's toy this Christmas.

The toy, designed for use during the "Captain Power" TV show, utilizes modern technology to create a space-age shooting gallery.

Captain Power is the latest addition to Mattel's growing line of high-tech combat toys. As the 1987 Christmas season gets underway, it appears that many other manufacturers of children's toys have also gone to war.

I am not referring to the fierce competition that exists among major toy companies like Mattel, Kenner and Hasbro. These companies vie year-round for both the attention of America's children and the cash of their parents.

I am concerned that the products of these companies promote and glorify violence.

A quick glance at the wish list of a younger brother or sister reveals the direction that today's toy industry is taking. Electronic ray guns similar to the Captain Power toy, space-age toy soldiers armed with a wide assortment of futuristic weapons, and vehicles equipped with rockets and lasers are advertised on TV and in catalogs everywhere.

Clearly, high-tech destruction seems to be the name of the game.

Do children really want these toys? Many toy companies are convinced that America's children do and that they—the companies—are merely supplying a demand.

I believe toy manufacturers are creating a demand by deciding for the children what kind of toys they want. What child could live without a Captain Power toy after being captivated by the cartoon show?

What are America's children learning from these toys? It is difficult to believe that playing with toy laser guns teaches anything about love and compassion.

At a time when President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev are taking steps to bring about disarmament, maybe toy manufacturers should follow suit. If a lasting peace is to be achieved, the makers of Christmas toys must stop encouraging our future leaders to settle their differences with guns.

After all, Christmas is the season of love and peace.

By Todd Camp

And, as usual, on the public opinion polls, no one gives a ~~10%~~!

Thank you, Merry Christmas!

By Berke Breathed

ALL YOU FLORIDIANS CAN WIPE THAT SMUG LOOK OFF THOSE TAN FACES, THANK YOU.

Thanks, Skiff

Editor:

Thank you for a very well-done article on the Concerto Concert. The consensus is Chuck Hendley did a fine story.

I was told by Orchestra Director Candler Schaefer today he has sent a letter of appreciation to those involved. I mentioned to him you were responsible for getting things done so quickly, and that I had gotten the information in some what late. Thanks again!

Karen McAlister

Who is she?

Editor:

This letter is in response to the commentary written by Lucy Calvert concerning Tony Jeffery in the Dec. 2 issue of the "TCU Daily Skiff."

The cartoon picture last week was bad enough, but now Calvert has to put in her two cents worth.

We are glad there are only a few writers like Calvert who only express their opinions and don't know what they're talking about because frankly, as students and especially as athletes, we're sick of it. It's our turn to tell Calvert she is wrong.

First, who is she to say Jeffery let the school down? Sure he made a bad decision, but Calvert never mentions there are others who have let TCU down.

Think about it—Texas Christian University. How many people keep up that Christian name? Who is she to judge others?

Jeffery is a player who helped make TCU football come alive and brought Fort Worth another proud tradition. How quickly she has forgotten the 343 yards Jeffery rushed for against Tulane or the fact he's TCU's leading rusher.

She may also not realize TCU played without him for three games last year and he is not the reason we lost to Texas A&M. There is much more to college athletics than what you see.

Calvert doesn't see behind the scenes like we do. She doesn't feel the pressures we do; yet, she does think she is qualified to write about this.

Come now, does Calvert play college football?

The agents cause the problems and they should be dealt with, not the players. All seniors are allowed to pursue their careers and sign contracts with companies or corporations, except for senior athletes.

Perhaps we should concern ourselves with the functioning of the entire student body at Texas Christian University instead of the dealings of one individual who has represented the university in nothing but an outstanding manner.

Mark Thomas

Pre-major

Who's responsible?

Editor:

In response to guest columnist Lucy Calvert, "Let us judge not lest ye be judged." I don't know why Calvert has taken it upon herself to judge a situation having no direct effect on her.

I may be wrong, but I would guess she has no personal relationship with Tony Jeffery and therefore has no idea about the circumstances surrounding his situation.

Jeffery has no control over the fact his talents put him and many of his decisions in the public eye.

Just as everyone has hurt people we care about unintentionally, I'm sure Jeffery had no intentions of hurting his teammates and coaches. If we "sent to the locker room" all those who have made mistakes in their lives and refused them a chance at a professional career, a lot of people would be out of a job.

Jeffery was responsible for a heartbreaking loss to Texas A&M? Anyone who has played on a team before is aware that one member neither wins nor loses a game.

After talking to several football players about Jeffery's situation, the feeling conveyed by the team is not one of being let down but rather, regardless of Jeffery's misfortune, they are still willing to offer their support in helping him finish his degree.

I think the press has dwelled on Jeffery's "mistake" long enough, and it would seem that Jeffery's peers, coaches and teachers who attend and represent a Christian college would try to help him overcome his embarrassment rather than to shun him publicly.

Betty Boley

Chuck Dickenson

Amy Davis Hellmann

Monica Moore

Mike Shiley

Bill Burns

David Thorne

Typical athlete?

Dear Editor:

After a recent cartoon in the "Campus Underground" involving date rape, you promised to review all of Todd Camp's cartoons before they were printed in the "TCU Daily Skiff."

Well, I'm wondering if in the holiday spirit you forgot that promise and just let the cartoons slip by.

Both last Tuesday's and Wednesday's cartoons dealt with the dismissal of Tony Jeffery from the football team for improper relations with an agent. The cartoons could have been considered fairly good except for one thing.

You became victims of a popular disease called stereotyping. As the saying goes, "costly mistakes costs you the game."

Camp began by inferring that the athlete in question had a simple major such as "Nutrition."

Well, since it was obvious the athlete was Jeffery, why not use his name?

It might be hard to swallow, but let's face reality. Since all scripture is from God (II Timothy 3:16), we need to hold these things as true.

Inheriting the Kingdom of God won't be far from being the opposite of what I Cor 6:9-10 says, but being those things won't make you into the children of God, either (John 1:12, I John 5:11-12).

I hope Glenn can get the point there are different views on ideas. Some may be wrong, some right. We'll all find out one day.

Lisa Zinkie

Sophomore/ Pre-major

Letters to the Editor

Then it is said in I Cor 6:9-10 (NIV), "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor the idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor the drunkards nor the slanderers nor the swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God."

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May we students consider these thoughts as our semester draws to a close. If we do so sincerely, then Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of freedom may indeed be fulfilled in the lives of all people.

Thank you,
John T. McKeefery
Senior
Computer Science/Math

Casting Stones

Dear Editor:

I'd like to address Kyle Risenhoover's letter to the editor printed in Tuesday's "TCU Daily Skiff." He wrote to offer a commentary on homosexual clergy.

Risenhoover claims to be an advocate of free speech and reserves the right of judgment for God. Those are admirable qualities.

I only wish this list of traits included compassion and an open mind.

With compassion, one might seek to ease the pain of others. "For God so loved the world . . ." or is that "For God so loved some of the world . . . ?"

With an open mind, one might be able to benefit from the education one's parents are spending so much money on.

What are all these sociology, biblical literature, history and psychology classes for if not to encourage thought and break down ethnocentric barriers?

Did you know to date no psychological, medical or sociological evidence has been found to support the belief heterosexuality is the "natural" mode one is born into and homosexuality is "unnatural"?

Research suggests, to the contrary, heterosexuality is taught by society.

Society, religion and the Bible are all full of contradictions. "Selective editing" is a process of categorizing the world to fit your conception of right, wrong and everything in between.

This is usually based on the Bible—a collection of translations of the history of a society that began almost 6,000 years ago. The Old Testament does say "an eye for an eye . . . but I personally chose to turn the other cheek."

"Let him among you who is without sin cast the first stone."

Shelly Walker

Junior/ Pre-med-Biology

Spring rush?

Editor:

Over the past semester I have heard rambles about delaying rush until the spring semester. As one who is not involved in the official TCU Greek system but has been active in student affairs and has experience on both sides of the rush process, I feel it is my duty to try and clarify this issue.

Those supporting spring rush argue in doing so they would aid freshmen by allowing them to concentrate on academics instead of pledging their first semester, permit them to make more educated choices about whom they pledge (if any at all) and augment Greek/independent relations by allowing students to interact for a semester before making the decision whether or not to pledge.

These arguments seem valid at first glance. However, I feel closer scrutiny will prove this to be a far more complex issue.

The primary benefit of spring rush to faculty members would obviously be that it would allow freshmen to concentrate on academics their first semester.

What is easy to overlook is moving rush to the spring semester, we are in a de facto sense lengthening the rush process from one week prior to the start of school to the entire fall semester and the first week of spring semester.

Whether intended or not, there will be a great deal of pressure on freshmen who want to pledge to be at all the "right" parties and meet all the "right" people.

There would of course be no enforceable external regulation on

this unofficial sort of rush, so freshmen would engage in behavior regulated against in the existing rush and which could endanger their academic progress.

In short, moving rush for freshmen to the beginning of spring semester would not permit freshmen to concentrate on academics. Rather, it would introduce an additional semester of increased distractions that would deter academic progress.

Independents might assume that delaying rush until spring would enhance Greek/independent relations. I would not challenge the assumption that making freshmen wait to pledge would increase the likelihood of forming friendships outside of whatever group they eventually become involved in.

However, I would assert that Greek organizations by their very nature are exclusive, and their activities would not likely change significantly by delaying rush until spring.

Bettering Greek/independent relations will require a realignment of sorts within the Greek system vis a vi the student body.

The last point I will address is perhaps the most crucial. This, of course, is the argument that delaying rush allows students to make a more informed choice as to which organization they will pledge, if at all.

Naturally, students will be attracted to the houses they feel are the best on campus. Many students would have already made their decision before rush actually begins.

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What are all these sociology, biblical literature, history and psychology classes for if not to encourage thought and break down ethnocentric barriers?

When the Worth Hill facility was built, the "houses" were made as identical as possible. When it was opened, housing assignments were done by lot to try to ensure a level of equivalence among the Greek organizations.

We are discussing a young man whose social realities make it a little harder to resist temptation from the system. If Calvert isn't aware of these realities, then I suggest her beauty is escorted by her ignorance.

And what about the system?

Doesn't it deserve some criticism?

Until we "rap" again, consider the following questions:

Is Calvert qualified to judge a man whose social realities are light years from her understanding?

Will there be an article written for every sin committed at Texas Christian University?

Are there any in Frogtown who are without sin?

Hmm?

Jeffery left school. Who knows why?

Maybe he was going through Hell.

Barry Glynn Williams

Senior/Radio-TV-Film

brings to this campus on both a local and national level.

I do not want to see this system shoot itself in the foot unknowingly. By sacrificing equality without completely opening the system, we will lose some Greek organizations without having strong, growing organizations to replace them.

I would hope this would become an issue of debate on our campus. It is far too serious to be regulated to a small group of interested students or to be ignored.

John Lewis

Junior/Political Science—International Relations

Going through Hell

Dear Editor:

*I respect elderly people.
So when an old man once told me
"Go to Hell,"
I obeyed.*

I went to TCU.

Beam me up, Scotty. There's too much insensitivity on this campus!

The article "Tony Let TCU Down" concerns me, to put it mildly. My major question is by what authority does Lucy Calvert say Jeffery's actions were stupid?

Can yielding to intense temptation be confined to the realm of stupidity? Or does it also have something to do with the human frailty God Almighty has placed within us?

Has Calvert ever been in Jeffrey's position? Is she even vaguely aware of the psychosocial forces working within this man during the moment of temptation?

Calvert needs to be sternly reminded we are not talking about a god such as Zeus (he made many worse mistakes). We are not even dealing with a student who can call up "Mommy and Daddy" and ask for money and a plane ticket to Hawaii for spring break.

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A friend indeed

I am writing in response to Tracy C. Wilson's letter in the Dec. 2 "TCU Daily Skiff" concerning Michael Hayworth's article on homosexuality.

Wilson uses a lot of insulting words and makes a few accusations toward Hayworth personally. As a friend of Hayworth's, I took offense to those remarks, and I feel if she is going to accuse anyone of anything she ought to back up those accusations.

She brought up some very sad stories about homosexuals but failed to say much contradictory to Hayworth's column. Hayworth quoted a passage from the New International Version of the Bible that said homosexuality was wrong.

Wilson took this to mean homosexuals are bad people.

Before I became a Christian I was not a bad person, but I was still not living right.

It is the same with homosexuals. It is one part of themselves they must change in order to follow God's will and become more Christ-like.

Homosexuality is not an inborn trait but is socially learned. Anything socially learned can be socially unlearned, and there are several cases of reformed homosexuals in psychology books and journals.

For me, the change to Christianity was major. I had to change many of the habits I socially learned in order to do it.

VOTE TCU

New House candidates tell qualifications

Tempel sees president's accessibility as vital

By Katie Hazelwood
Staff Writer

House of Representatives presidential candidate Frosty Tempel said he is running for president again for all the right reasons.

"I'm still just as committed to the things that I ran on before," he said, "and I also feel I still have the same things to offer."

Tempel said that he sees the important qualities in a president as accessibility to voters, interest in students' concerns, and flexibility.

As a resident assistant in Clark Hall, Tempel said he has a good feel for what students want to see done on campus and this has given him a lot of fresh ideas.

Behar stresses campus, House experience

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

House of Representatives vice president Lee Behar said what makes him the most qualified candidate for president of the House is the fact that he has had five semesters of experience in the House in addition to involvement in a variety of other organizations.

Behar, a junior finance major, said he filed for the presidency after Monique Chapin resigned because he felt she was the best candidate at the time.

"When I became vice president of the student body I took an oath to always look after the best interests of the students," he said.

When Chapin announced her candidacy, Behar said that since he thought she was the best for the job,

As a member of Student Foundation and as a worker in the administration office, Tempel has worked on a daily basis with campus administrators.

"I think people who know me know that if something is wrong or if I don't agree with it, then I'm not going to be quiet about it. I'm going to do all that I can to change it," he said.

Tempel said that the year he has served on the House as a voting member and member of the Permanent Improvements Committee and Academic Affairs Committee, he has seen ways in which communication between the House and the students can be improved.

"One of the most important areas that the House cannot fall down in is

The job of the House is to work with other campus organizations to interact with the whole campus in mind.'

Frosty Tempel,
House presidential candidate

communication with the constituents. When the students do know what is going on in the House, they feel isolated from it and it just makes communications worse," he said.

Tempel said he would improve communication by ensuring that students and representatives both know what their responsibilities are.

One of the main issues facing the campus, he said, is Greek and independent relations.

Tempel said being independent his freshman year gave him an opportunity to become involved on campus, but that some students who are not Greek feel isolated.

"The job of the House is to work with other campus organizations to interact with the whole campus in mind," he said.

Tempel said as a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, he has maintained a balance between campus and Greek activities.

Tempel said he wants to address the issue of minority relations on cam-

pus not just with "a lot of talk," but with immediate steps.

"One of the first things I would do would be to introduce a line item into the House that every year for Black History Month we give funds to the Black Student Caucus," he said.

Tempel said that every year the Black Student Caucus has to request the money from the House and that having the line item would make the House more representative.

Tempel said one of the functions of the president is to represent the students not just to other students but to administration, prospective students, and alumni, something he has done through the TCU Today Program and Monday at TCU.



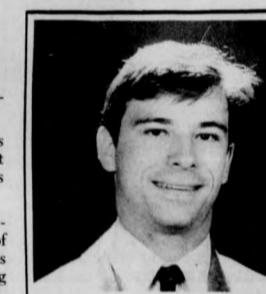
Frosty Tempel

Tempel, a resident assistant in Clark Hall, serves on the Student Foundation and in the TCU Today program, and is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



Lee Behar

Behar, current House vice president, has served five semesters in the House and is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and INTERCOM.



John Lewis

three hall council meetings of each dorm during the semester.

"That is a beautiful opportunity to get the concerns of the students, not only the representatives, but the people in the dorm who are being represented," he said.

Another aspect of better communication, Behar said, is improving minority relations on campus.

"There is very little we (the House) can do to change people's immature attitudes toward race relations," he said. "But we can put our money where our mouth is."

"If we want to improve race relations at TCU the best way to do that is to start giving them (minority groups) money (to bring guest speakers and conduct awareness workshops)," he said.

decision on the candidate's qualifications.

Lewis added many representatives "vote their minds, and they don't know what their constituency feels and wants."

In order to stop this behavior, rewards should be given in the form of recognition to those representatives who are doing a good job in keeping their constituency informed, he said.

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Candidate hopes to better minority relations

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

John Lewis, candidate for president of the House of Student Representatives, said he is running to give the other candidates some competition.

"No one was running against Lee (Behar) and I felt there should be a contested race," he said. "And also because I want the job."

Lewis said his main campaign stand is still improving communication between the minority groups on campus, the House and the rest of the student body.

He said an important part of this stand is improving communication between the minority groups on campus, the House and the rest of the student body.

Lewis said he would like to set up a committee made up of House mem-

bers, Black Student Caucus members, International Student Association representatives, Organization of Latin American Students members and all other minority groups to sit down, discuss the problems that affect TCU minorities and solve them.

"Even if the problems are not solved in a year, it would set up a positive precedent," he said. "It would be education toward white majority students to create an interaction situation."

Although this project might be regarded as a public relations program, he said, it would be a series of actions as well as a series of resolutions.

The project will start by finding out what the specific problems are, what solutions are needed and how to im-

'White students do not realize what being a minority is.'

John Lewis,
House presidential candidate

plement them, he said.

Lewis said minorities do not have enough representation in the House and for minorities to become involved they need to see that the House is dealing with issues that concern them.

"White students do not realize what being a minority is," he said. "White students need to realize there is a problem and what they can do to help solve it."

As president, Lewis said he would help in solving the problems by prac-

ticing effective leadership to help the groups get the word out.

Leadership in the House is more important than representing TCU in social functions, he said.

"It is like the function of the U.S. president," he said. "He implements policies and gives direction to a country. You do not elect a president according to his social skills."

Many students vote for a candidate, he said, because they know and like the person and so do not base their

decision on the candidate's qualifications.

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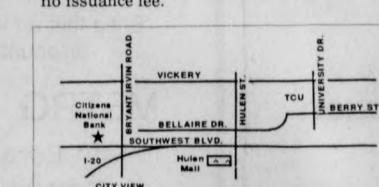
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Curiosity makes gossip popular, psychologist reports

By Shawn Scott
Staff Writer

It destroys friendships, ruins reputations, spawns suspicion and generates grief. Even its name hisses.

It's called gossip and it is alive and well on the TCU campus.

Hap Klinefelter, TCU staff psychologist, said gossiping does go on at TCU. He said it is so prevalent because it is human nature to talk behind other people's backs.

"People gossip because they aren't always able to express their feelings directly, so they go behind a person's back," Klinefelter said.

"When you talk about someone behind their back it is a way to avoid having to deal with your own problems and insecurities," Klinefelter said.

Klinefelter said gossip is usually negative in content. He said people are naturally curious to hear about what might or might not be happening in other peoples lives.

Holly Neuhaus, graduate student, said she enjoys gossiping, but only if other people's reputations aren't harmed.

"When somebody tells you to swear on your mother's grave that you will never pass a rumor, usually they don't mean it at all. It really means you should only tell very close friends, blood relations, your hairdresser and a couple of strangers in the Skaggs checkout line," Neuhaus said.

"TCU is such a small university and everybody usually knows what everybody else is doing anyway," Neuhaus said.

Gossiping can be fun but it can be taken too far. As long as the rumors don't hurt other people then I don't think it is bad," said Brian Glenn, junior social work major.

But why is modern gossip so popular? What space does it fill in people's everyday lives?

Klinefelter said people's appetites for gossip appear to be big because their curiosity is so big.

Gossip isn't limited to the female sex. Men have also been known to pass along a rumor or two, Klinefelter said. He said men are just as guilty of gossiping as women, although women are the ones who are stereotyped as gossips.

"I would agree with the stereotype that women gossip more. I have found this to usually be true," Glenn said.

"I think that our society assumes that women gossip more but I don't necessarily believe that to be true," said Jaci Probst, junior nursing major. "Women have taken the rap for being gossips for a long time, but I know several men who gossip."

Gossip means different things to different people. It plays with reputations, circulating truths and half truths about people and their activities.

"As long as people are tactful and don't go around spreading lies, I think gossip is basically harmless. But when people spread lies merely to hurt

someone's feelings, then I say they should mind their own business," Glenn said.

Patricia Meyer Spacks wrote a book dealing strictly with gossip. In this book she explained how people use gossip to diminish the stature of others and how people can twist the entire meaning of a story.

Gossip surveys the field through a peephole, but sees a great deal; its perspective shows the world from a new angle," Spacks said.

In her book, Spacks said people will gossip because it is very tempting to discuss people's private lives. She said that people are really interested in finding out if so-and-so is sleeping with what's-his-name.

Klinefelter said if you have friends who gossip and you feel they are way out of line, you shouldn't participate.

"If gossiping disturbs you and you don't feel comfortable then just tell them," Klinefelter said. "Nobody likes to be gossiped about."

Probst said if someone gossips about someone to you, then they will inevitably turn the tables on you.

"Gossip is like a dog chasing its tail. It is a vicious circle that gets you nowhere," Probst said. "The best way I can think of to control my gossiping is to keep my mouth shut."

"The best way to prevent spreading rumors is to ask yourself, 'Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary?' If not, then just shut up," Neuhaus said.

Children center aids TCU

By Cathy Sehapayak
Staff Writer

It's easy to mistake the playground next to the Mary Couts Burnett Library as part of a child's day care center.

"It isn't really a day care, it's a teaching facility and a more traditional nursery," said Dr. Melissa Groves, director of TCU's Child Development Center. "We don't operate day care hours, which are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. We'd like to have more hours but it's just not feasible right now. Some parents elect to have their children in group care if they can have that luxury," she said.

The Center serves about 15 three- and four-year-olds with about six TCU student teachers. The general fee is \$300 per child with a \$75 supply fee for each.

The Center's primary objective is to provide a learning laboratory for education students; community service is secondary, said Dr. Marilyn Eigsti, chairperson of the Family Studies and Home Economics Department at TCU.

"Our students are learning how to interact with young children. They learn how to discipline, how to motivate them, how to understand individual differences, how to identify problems in development and what to do about these problems, how to work with the parents of the children, developing curriculum, learning about the administration of a day care center," Eigsti said.

Most students go on to work in day care centers or agencies for the developmentally delayed, Eigsti said.

"The students work to develop curriculum for the children. They sit in circles, sing songs, have show-and-tell, story time and group activities. They're learning to get along in a group."

The curriculum is developed by the students to teach the students how to get along in groups. They sit in circles, sing songs, have show-and-tell, have story time, and other group activities, she said.

"When the children come in in the morning there are tables set up with different kinds of activities. One

might be for an art project, a science project or role playing."

They go outside to have supervised play.

"It's time for large motor activity, riding bicycles, playing in the sandbox. Sometimes we'll put out different activities for them to do to stress those kinds of skills," she said.

A good pre-school program ought to have these components, Eigsti said. "They don't push the children but work with them where they are to enrich their environment and to get them ready for the tasks of school."

"You'd be surprised; there's a lot of activity in two and a half hours," she said.

"A lot of students don't realize that we have this on campus. It's growing, but slowly. We've just revised our curriculum and this is the second year of the curriculum and our third year as a department," she said.

There are good day care programs in the area that do this kind of thing, but this is the only training program, other than the one at the northeast

TCJC campus, she said.

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Some proposals are being developed to expand the Center into a comprehensive family and child center with a larger building and increased emphasis on parenting education, she said.

There are no men in the program this year. Eigsti said there should be.

"Children need a male image. If you stop and think about the great number of children that are in day care who come from female-headed households, the male role is missing.

Groves said the children and parents usually get to know the student teachers and that the children often request a teacher by name. In general, she said, being in the middle of a college campus doesn't bother the children at all.

School for TCU's youngest students

By Rob Robbins
Staff Writer

TCU patrons M.J. and Alice Neeley had a dream 20 years ago—a school for children with learning disabilities.

Today, Starpoint School is the manifestation of that dream.

Laura Lee Crane, assistant professor of education and principal of Starpoint, said the school is unlike other private schools for children with learning disabilities because Starpoint has a dual role.

"We not only service children in the community with learning disabilities but we're also a site for teacher training," she said.

Located between the Brown-

Lupton Health Center and the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic, Starpoint offers a full day program for children, ages 6 through 9, of average and above average intelligence with learning disabilities.

Starpoint was started 1966 by the Neeleys out of concern for their grandson who was failing in public schools because of his learning disability.

Starpoint staff said a learning disability is often undetected in young children; however, one out of 10 children is affected by this handicap.

The most typical sign of a learning disability is the student's difficulty in math and written and oral communications skills.

Other signs lack of organizational skills, being unable to follow multiple instructions and having difficulty remembering items in a sequence.

The curriculum at Starpoint includes the basic skills of reading, language arts, mathematics, spelling and writing.

Crane said a complete evaluation is provided for the students which includes a psychological evaluation and tests in reading, mathematics and spelling.

The program concentrates on the student's desire to learn, communication skills and the ability to handle his or her disability in normal academic situations after leaving Starpoint, she said.

"Everything is set up for a child to succeed and achieve," Crane said.

The school is staffed, she said, by three full-time teachers each having a master's degree in special education and two Starpoint Associates—graduate students studying for their master's degrees.

The school also serves as a training site for students enrolled in special education courses.

Starpoint Associate Trish Stengert said she saw a special on television about children with learning disabilities and decided she wanted to help.

"It's a wonderful place to work," she said. "I learn things every day. I love it."

Jazz concert

Roy Hargrove, a high school senior discovered by Wynton Marsalis, and Max Stanaland, a jazz veteran who has performed with Lena Horne, will be guest soloists with the TCU Jazz Ensemble in concert Friday.

Free with a TCU ID and \$3 without, the program starts at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall.

The Messiah

The TCU choirs will join together to present Handel's "The Messiah" Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall.

The holiday classic is free.

Starting at 11:30 p.m., faculty and staff members will serve breakfast to students. Cost of the meal can be taken off a meal card.

Santa Claus will be the honored guest.

Carol service

TCU's annual Carols by Candlelight service will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14.

Students, staff and faculty will gather to sing carols, hear the chimes of the University Christian Church handbell choir and drink hot cider.

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Memories tied to TV theme songs

By Rob Robbins
Staff Writer

When David Barker, assistant professor of radio-TV-film, hears the TV theme song to "Leave It to Beaver," it's déjà-vu.

Barker said he grew up on reruns of the "Beaver" and it brings back some memories. He said he's convinced his parents must have known the scripts by heart.

"Whenever Ward or June would sit down with Wally and the Beaver, it was déjà-vu," Barker said.

Barker said there are a lot of memories tied up in TV programs with certain characters and plot situations, and it is natural to associate these feelings with TV show theme songs.

Barker said the theme can be an important part of the show, and it can set the stage for the program and fill you in with a prehistory of what's happened on the show.

A good example is the theme for the "The Jeffersons," where reference is made to the Jeffersons moving on up and raising their social status, he said.

He added some TV tunes play a significant part in the program, and theme songs have gone on to stand on their own and make the pop charts such as the "Hill Street Blues" and "Moonlighting" themes.

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Any students interested in auditioning for a role in senior Scott Wilson's upcoming movie should call him at 924-9676. Students are needed for both male and female roles.

Shooting is scheduled for spring 1988.

Christmas music

The music department will hold lunchtime musical selections Dec. 7 through 9.

The TCU Madrigal Singers will perform in the Student Center Lounge at 12:15 Dec. 7, with the

TCU Flute Quartet performing at the same time in the Faculty Dining Room. On Dec. 8 the TCU Brass Choir will sing at 12:15 in the lounge while the flute quartet plays again in the Faculty Dining Room. The TCU Woodwind Quintet will play at 12:15 Dec. 9 in the lounge as the madrigal singers serenade in the Faculty Dining Room.

Students can watch staff and faculty flip pancakes at the annual Late Night Study Breakfast Tuesday Dec. 15 in the Student Center Cafeteria.

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Homeless men forced to move on

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)—A group of homeless men who had lived in a cluster of shanties lugged their tents, mongrel puppies and cans out of the makeshift homes after city officials forced them out and razed the shelters.

Officials said the buildings were torn down because they were contributing to a possible crime problem, and that leveling the ground prevented a potentially harmful situation.

"Somebody's got to be the bad guy," Wichita Falls code enforcement supervisor Jim King said after city workers destroyed the shanties Wednesday.

"We've been observing these folks for some time, and we've been advising them this is a temporary thing and they should take heed of what they are doing," King said.

By mid-afternoon Wednesday, all that was left of the shanties was a 5-foot-tall mound of items that had been discarded by the men as they left.

Officials said nearby residents had complained to the city that the men often were intoxicated and fighting, and would openly relieve themselves on houses.

"Where are we supposed to go? Can we camp in your backyard?" asked Vance Stone, 49, one of several men who lived in the area and were

displaced by the city ground-clearing. Stone said he was a native of Hedgesley and had been unable to work his usual truck-driving jobs because of knee injuries, emphysema and high blood pressure.

Stone, Phillip Johnson, Rusty Goode and several who had been living there carried out everything they considered worthwhile.

Johnson said he was a Michigan native who'd left home about 10 years ago because it was too cold.

Goode, 50, salvaged two cans of barbecued chicken from the mess and talked about finding it to his Beagle-mix puppy, Rounder.

Some commands regarding AIDS and sexual activity.

"They were trying to downplay the sexual aspect of the case and up-play the preventive part of it," Lt. Col. Jim Polley, staff judge advocate at Fort Sam Houston, said of the prosecutors.

"This was an attempt to establish 'you will not do this.' Up to this point, it was questionable," Polley said late Wednesday after the hearing.

Polley is the chief military attorney at Fort Sam Houston.

Sargeant, who could have faced a maximum 17 years confinement, was given a lesser sentence in a plea bargain that was announced after a military jury sentenced him to nine years

in prison. Sargeant was taken to Fort Hood before being transferred to Fort Riley, Kan.

"Sgt. Sargeant is understandably upset, and we'll evaluate the outcome of this after we have digested this for a day or two," said his attorney, Maj. Louis Cashiola.

Sargeant had pleaded guilty to one count of sodomy, two counts of adultery and two counts of disobeying an officer who had warned him to wear a condom and tell prospective sexual partners of the AIDS virus.

In return for his plea, government prosecutors dismissed charges of aggravated assault and reckless endangerment.

The homeless men said they weren't mad at the city crew or at anybody else. They said they were just disappointed.

"Two days before Thanksgiving, we had a turkey down there," Goode said. Police officers came to investigate the smoke, poked around the campsite and left, then returned with a loaf of bread and a box of doughnuts, Stone said.

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East El Paso County's Lower Valley has seen tremendous growth in the past decade, even though El Paso stopped providing water service to the area in 1979. New residents have sunk wells near septic systems, and others haul water and store it in cisterns and old barrels.

Voters rejected a \$22.5 million water bond proposal last month from the Lower Valley Water District. The bond issue would have paid for connections to El Paso's water supply in exchange for irrigation water.

On Wednesday, El Paso offered to sell the district 70 miles of pipeline and more than 3,000 water meters at a price yet to be set. The city would get surface water rights in the Lower Valley and purify the water at a yet-to-be-built plant, then sell the water wholesale to the Lower Valley Water District.

The district would finance expansion of the system through water-rate profits. As many as 600 new customers could tap into water lines in the first year.

"The primary intent is to help the Lower Valley Water District," El Paso Mayor Jonathan Rogers said, explaining that the city's Public Service Board is forbidden to buy water rights outside the city, but the Lower Valley district has its primaries in May.

Six Republicans and six Democrats are seeking their party's presidential nominations.

In the Texas House, where all 150 seats are up for election next year, 16 incumbents already have announced they won't seek re-election. Three are seeking higher office, while 13 won't be running again.

U.S. Justice Department spokesperson Patrick Korten said the agreement was approved by a majority of the inmates, and officials were waiting for word on when the pact could be signed.

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NEWSLINES

El Paso has plan to provide water

Agustin Roman of Miami, a Cuban native credited with helping end a similar prison siege in Oakdale, La. Roman booked a 7:35 p.m. flight to Atlanta.

Korten said he was told the inmate vote was not unanimous, but that inmate leaders had promised to enforce the majority sentiment.

Some inmates announced over a rooftop public address system that they approved the agreement in an afternoon meeting in the prison chapel, said Ernesto Perez, host of a Hispanic radio program which inmates' wives have used to communicate with their husbands.

"We have agreed to everything and we're going to end this thing. Tomorrow everyone will go home," he quoted the speakers as saying.

Filing begins for election primaries

AUSTIN (AP)—Political candidates seeking office in 1988 began filing applications for spots on the primary election ballots Thursday, officially kicking off the process leading up to the Super Tuesday primaries.

Republican and Democratic candidates can file until the 6 p.m., Jan. 4 deadline, party officials said.

The speeded-up schedule is being used because the Texas Legislature decided to join with about 20 other states, mostly in the South, to take part in the Super Tuesday presidential primaries on March 8. In the past, Texas has held its primaries in May.

Six Republicans and six Democrats are seeking their party's presidential nominations.

In the Texas House, where all 150 seats are up for election next year, 16 incumbents already have announced they won't seek re-election. Three are seeking higher office, while 13 won't be running again.

GOP leaders, hoping to blame Democrats for the record \$5.7 billion tax increase approved by the Legislature this year, have targeted about 24 House seats and several Senate seats now held by Democrats.

Democratic officials say they hope to claim more than 10 House seats held by Republicans.

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with faces—and is a unique opportunity to hear the candidates address the same issues at the same time.

The student is going to be able to see each of the candidates thinking on their feet," he said. "A student body president needs to make good decisions quickly, and this (forum) will show how well they do that."

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Hood said a few changes, such as a better sound system and a shorter session, will be made to improve the forum.

He said he was surprised that a standing-room-only crowd turned out last time, and said he hopes this forum will be just as successful.

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11:00 a.m.	Residence hall tour
12:00 noon	Lunch in Worth Hills Cafeteria
1:15 p.m.	Meet academic deans for department visit
2:30 p.m.	Wrap-up reception
3:00 p.m.	Optional Financial Aid/Scholarships Session

SPORTS

Frogs trip Bengals in second half

By John Paschal
Sports Writer

There was no dusk, no evening, no seventh-inning stretch. Only night and day; first half and second half.

After shooting any number of bricks before a merciful halftime break, TCU shot 61 percent from the field in the final 20 minutes and defeated the Idaho State Bengals 65-50 before a crowd of 3,312 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Wednesday night. The Frogs (2-0) play Fordham in the Carrier Classic at Syracuse on Friday.

"In the second half we came out and played a little harder," TCU head coach Moe Iba said. "We talked about that at the half. And that's the only chance this team is going to have to do anything . . . playing hard. If we stay within what we are trying to do, then we've got a chance."

For 20 minutes, you thought the only chance the Frogs might have would be against the Sisters of the Poor. You thought perhaps somebody somewhere had a Horned Frog voodoo doll and made it trip all over itself. The ballhandling looked like a combination of soccer and jai alai, and the shooting was horrendous. Was it a bricklayers' convention out there? Basketballs frequently hit rim and backboard with a resounding thud, and often times altogether missed any solid object except hardwood.

"We missed a lot of easy shots," senior center Norman Anderson said.

Anderson wasn't exaggerating. The Frogs shot 32 percent from the floor and an even more dismal 34 percent from the line in the first half. Airballs ran rampant. Anderson missed five shots from the around the basket. Meanwhile, the Bengals (1-2) made 48 percent of their shots in the half and took a 27-22 lead at the half.

"It was really frustrating. We were missing everything, and it seemed like everything they threw up was going in," said TCU forward Jeff Boutelle, who had seven points and six rebounds. "We were lucky we were only down five at half."

Golfers complete lengthy trip

By Randy Hargrove
Sports Writer



TCU women's golf team returned Tuesday from a lengthy, two-tournament trip, that saw it travel from one end of the United States to the other.

The trip began Nov. 23 at the 15-team UCLA Desert Classic in Palm Springs, Calif., where the Lady Frogs finished in sixth place and ended in Key Biscayne, Fla., Dec. 1, at the 10-team Pat Bradley Invitational with an eighth-place finish.

Women's golf coach Kristi Arney said competition at both tournaments was stiff.

At the UCLA Desert Classic, the Lady Frogs were leading the tournament going into the last day, but Arney said windy conditions helped balloon the team's final day scores.

Sometime during halftime, somebody in the TCU locker room must have read "The Sun Also Rises" because TCU's immediate future quickly got bright. After Idaho State center Daron Alleman scored from underneath at 19:01 of the second half to put the Bengals up 29-22, the Frogs surged for nine straight points. The teams traded baskets to a 33-33 tie when Bengal Rodney Harris fouled Anderson in the lane. Anderson hit the free throw for a 34-33 TCU lead. On TCU's next trip down the floor, after an ISU airball, guard Danny Hughes tossed a perfect strike to Anderson driving to the basket for a layup. Frog forward Rod Jacques then stole the ball from ISU guard Michael Green and went in for a dunk. The crowd was up on its feet, and the Bengals were down on their luck. TCU 38, ISU 33. And that was that. It was as close as ISU would get.

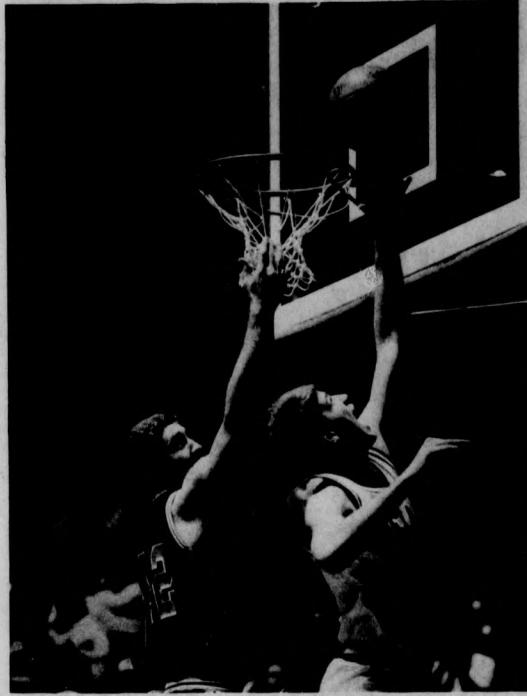
"In the second half we executed a whole lot better than in the first," said Hughes, who had eight points and five assists. "The first half, we stood around a lot and we didn't get any easy buckets. In the second half we ran our offense well and got some easy buckets."

That they did, hitting 14 of 23 shots from the field and 14 of 20 free throws. Junior guard Tim Chase came off the bench in the second half to score nine points in just 12 minutes. He had played only sparingly in the Frogs' 56-41 defeat of Sam Houston State on Monday.

"I wasn't surprised (Chase played well) because he has been coming along a little each day in practice. He had been a little nervous, but we thought we give him a chance tonight and he came through for us," Iba said.

Guard John Lewis also came off the bench to score 12 points and grab a game-high 12 rebounds. Jacques finished the night with nine points, and Hughes had eight. The Frogs again limited the opposition to just one scorer in double figures. Green had 15 points. The TCU defense also forced 17 ISU turnovers.

Anderson's night offensively was his best in four years at TCU. He hit just four of 11 shots in the first half. Forced to shoot from outside,



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TCU's Jeff Boutelle and ISU's Jeff Keene battle for a rebound.

but was good on five of eight from the field and two of four from the line in the second half.

"He was having a bad game offensively," Iba said. "He came along and got in the flow in the second half and shot the ball a little better. Our game plan from the start was to get him the ball, but he just wasn't making the shots in the first half. In the second half he did."

On the defensive side, the Frogs hitched up their britches and went to work. TCU's man-to-man defense kept the Bengals out of the lane. ISU centers Alleman and Gordon Bean tallied just nine points in the second half. Forced to shoot from outside,

ISU responded by taking 12 three-point shots in the final stanza—making none of them.

"We started forcing up too many three-pointers," ISU head coach Jim Boutin said. "We just forced too much late in the game instead of having some discipline. I'm disappointed because we played hard and this is a team we could have beaten."

Boutelle thinks he knows why they didn't.

"If we don't play as a team we can be pretty bad," Boutelle said. "If we play together we're pretty good."

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