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Member of House withdraws tabled bill

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

The bill that would have given three minority organizations one voting seat each in the House of Student Representatives was withdrawn Wednesday by its author.

The bill was presented in the House meeting Tuesday, and Seth Winick, chairperson of the University Relations Committee, said he withdrew his bill because it was unconsti-

tutional. "After discussing the bill's constitutionality with Lee Behar (president of the student body) it became obvious the action was not going to happen," he said. "That bill should have never seen the light of day."

Steven Partain, representative for Town Student Caucus who opposed the bill during the meeting, said he was not against intercultural awareness and communication, but the bill was not the way to do it.

"It was indisputably unconstitutional," he said. "Tossing out a section of the constitution for a year sets a bad precedent."

Letting groups and organizations in the House would mean some people would be represented twice, he said.

"About 15 people who oppose the bill have come up to me between last night and early this morning," Partain said, "but our opposition has nothing to do with the groups involved. We strongly support the intention but not

the means." "When someone sitting beside me said, 'Let's be a little less close-minded,' it offended me because that was not the issue," he said.

John Lewis will present an alternative to the bill in the next House meeting, he said.

It would be a bill proposing an ad hoc committee based on several other multicultural and minority groups and House members, who for one year would look for effective, consti-

tutional ways to solve the problem, he said.

John Lewis, chairperson of Town Student Caucus, said the new committee would give minorities an overwhelming voice within the committee.

"It (Winick's bill) would have been a major step against the constitution because it would have created a situation of dual representation," he said, "and nothing would result from it." The committee would have more

impact overall than creating three seats in a representative body of 70 people, he said.

Logan Hampton, minority and program adviser, said the new bill may not be the best answer, but it is innovative.

"It is time for us to do something, and they (students) are all trying and looking," he said.

Elena Hicks, president of Black Student Caucus, said she thought the See HOUSE, Page 2

Musical leaders tune up

By Colleen Tomerlin
Staff Writer

College and high school band directors from seven states arrived on campus today for the College Band Directors National Conference, which ends Saturday.

The conference will feature workshops and performances by high school bands, college wind ensembles, jazz ensembles and a professional band. States represented will include Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri.

"This gives directors a chance to hear their peers in concert and to hear what new music has been written for bands," said Bob Blanton, TCU director of bands.

As a highlight of the conference, TCU's Wind Ensemble will perform tonight at 8:30 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

The TCU Wind Ensemble concert will feature a variety of contemporary music for bands, Blanton said.

"This is the best group I've had," he said. "The music you'll hear will not sound like band music."

The ensemble will also play a composition written by Curtis Wilson, TCU director of jazz studies. Steve Weger, TCU trumpet teacher and principle trumpet for the Fort Worth Symphony, will be a trumpet soloist.

There tends to be more pressure on the wind ensemble students for this sort of performance, Blanton said.

"If you make the least little mistake, the directors in the audience will pick it up," Julie Buell, sophomore ensemble member. "It makes me a little more nervous, but then I think it has made us work harder."

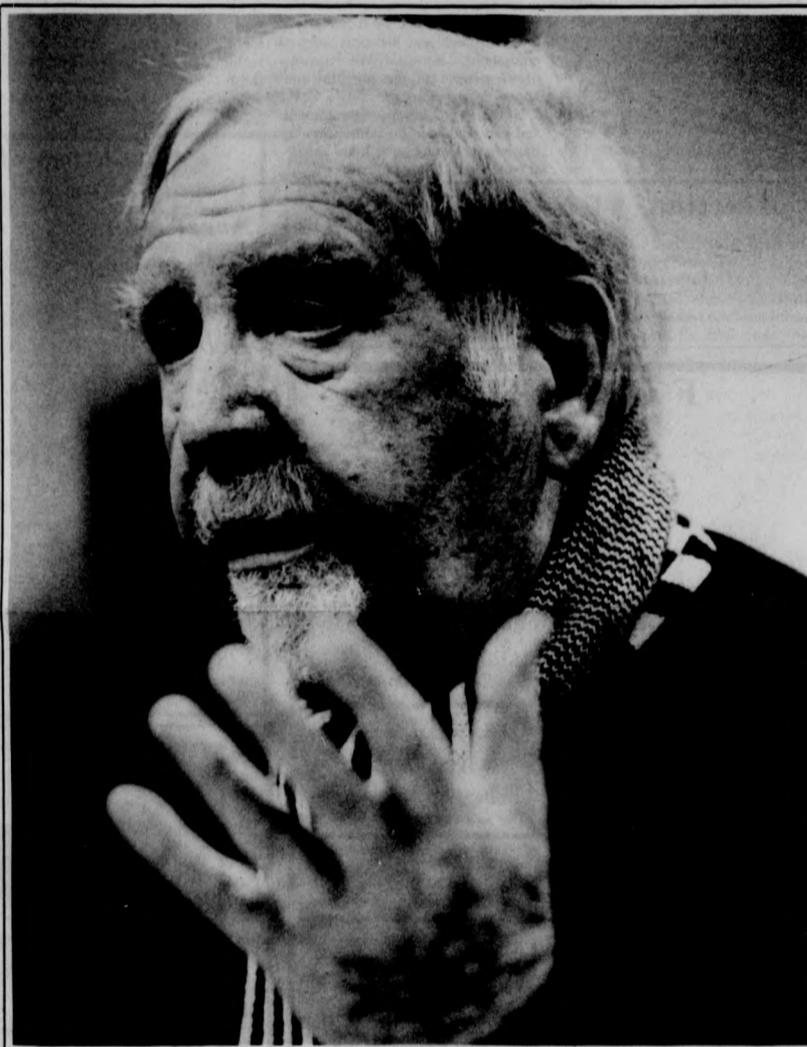
"The pressure and the excitement of preparing for this performance has made me happy I chose to be a part of TCU," said Pam Becker, freshman ensemble member.

"Yes, I'm nervous but the enjoyment of playing for other students, instructors and friends is an experience in itself," Becker said.

TCU was chosen to host the conference because of its close proximity to two major airports and the availability of good facilities.

"It will be a special weekend because we will have 700 to 800 band directors as well as students expressing their musical talents," Blanton said. "The opportunity is there for TCU students to see another side of our program."

"We're not just a marching band and sometimes that's all the students see."



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Musically inclined - Skitch Henderson talks to the TCU Jazz Ensemble in the basement of Ed Landreth.

Conductor enjoys TCU

By Colleen Tomerlin
Staff Writer

Skitch Henderson's musical career has spanned the nation and he has worked with several stars, including Johnny Carson.

Henderson can now add TCU to his "Who's Who" list after his guest visit yesterday.

Henderson was first introduced to the talents of TCU students at a dinner party in Dallas.

"No one knew the TCU Chorus was going to be there and before I knew it I was surrounded by the most beautiful voices," Henderson said.

The chorus was asked to perform with the Dallas Symphony's Pop Series through that introduction, he said.

"That's why I'm at TCU," he said. "TCU students possess the talent and quality of Americana music."

The most important things to remember in the field of music are listening and timing, Henderson said to the TCU jazz ensemble.

"I am only speaking from the experiences that have held me together in my career," Henderson said. "Everyone needs to stop worrying about the dynamics and

feel the music."

"When rock'n'roll hit the charts, jazz was pushed under the rug," he said. "But it has survived and it's an art form that students like those at TCU will carry on."

And Henderson has personally made it a point to carry on jazz in his career.

He's worked with the best of the Big Band musicians and was the creator of the "Tonight Show" band.

"It was a unique experience to put such a talented group of musicians together for live television performance," Henderson said.

Students enlist in campus fun

Clubs sign up new members

By Melissa Wills
Staff Writer

About 60 students decided to become involved in the TCU community yesterday.

The spring activities market was organized by the University Relations Committee of the Student House of Representatives and Student Activities to get more students, especially transfer students, involved in activities, said Lee Behar, House president.

"People rarely take the opportunity to get involved, but if we're out there in the open, they are more likely to sign up," Behar said.

About 20 student organizations set up tables in the Student Center lounge, hoping to generate an interest and answer questions.

Organizations that received a lot of response from students included the House of Representatives, Student Foundation and Programming Council.

Ann Winkler, elections and regulations chairperson of the House, said the experience had been a positive one.

"This is a good time to have the activities fair because it is the middle of the day and everyone is going to class," she said. "I'm surprised by the number of people signing up."

Chris Leu, president of Student Foundation, said the purpose of the activities fair was to create an awareness of the activities offered on campus.

"A lot of people don't hear about Student Foundation," Leu said. "Something like this informs them,

answers questions and tells them what we do."

Other organizations did not receive as much response, but were glad they participated in the activities fair.

Julia Herman of the Recreational Sports Committee, which organizes intramural sports for students and faculty, said there was not a lot of response, but people had asked her questions.

"The activities fair is good because it at least gets people to pick up our schedules of events," Herman said.

Rhonda Eudaly, of the T.G.I.F. Committee in Programming Council, which brings comedians on campus, said there were not many people signing up, but the activities fair was helping.

"The purpose of the activities fair is to get more people involved in the committee and to get more names on the mailing list."

Lee Behar said even though more students participated in the fall activities fair, the spring activities fair was a success.

"There is not as much volume in the spring as there is in the fall because we don't have the incoming freshman class," he said. "But if we have a decent number, it's worthwhile."

Paul Schmidt, vice president of Programming Council, said it helps people get involved with the whole student body when they participate in campus activities.

"It is their student body and their organizations," Schmidt said.



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Passing by - Milaela Kenfield, Monica Benson and Karen Kunkle take a look around at the Activity Fair on Wednesday.

Faculty Senate to discuss changes

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

Today marks the Faculty Senate's first meeting of the semester, and its agenda includes topics affecting both faculty and students.

Items on the agenda include the reactions of students and faculty to the proposed plus/minus grading system, a report on spring sports from the athletic committee concerning the reactions, but no action will be

taken until the next session."

The Student Relations committee will vote on changes to reschedule graduating seniors exams when the exams fall on Thursday or Friday of exam week. Changes made will go into effect for the spring 1988 term.

Concern over athletes missing classes for spring sports will be discussed, following a committee report filed from faculty who have spoken with coaches of the sports.

"We just want to clarify the policy

on when athletes can miss classes," Schmidt said, "but no vote will take place."

Dean of Graduate Studies and Research John Mangieri will speak on graduate programs at TCU, and the Faculty Senate will discuss ways in which the senate can add its support to the programs.

"All sessions are open to students unless previously specified, and several times we will have students

and the Student House of Representatives Academic Affairs Committee present," Schmidt said.

The main item on the agenda will be presented by the Academic Excellence Committee on reactions to the plus/minus grading system.

Schmidt said, "We will report on absences of athletes during the spring, nominations for Honorary Degrees and possible areas of support for TCU graduate programs."

TODAYdiscovery

NEWLINES

New flu strain

The flu vaccine in current use may not protect patients from the most prevalent strain of flu this winter. Last year's vaccine protected against three forms of flu prevalent last year, this year's most prevalent flu is the Sichuan strain and little different.

Nancy Arden, a flu specialist at the Centers for Disease Control, said, "Whether it's so different that the vaccine will not be effective is unknown."

She said the vaccine should confer some protection though. In its weekly report the centers warned doctors that "the current vaccine may not provide optimal protection against presently circulating strains."

Amantadine, an anti-viral drug, has been recommended for people who cannot take flu shots because of allergies or weak immune systems. Amantadine protects patients against type A flu viruses if taken before exposure and reduces the severity of infection if taken after exposure.

Regional outbreaks of flu have been reported as of last week in Texas, Wisconsin, Idaho, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Utah and Washington.—New York Times, Jan. 31, 1988.

Babies with AIDS

New superconducting material more practical.

Superconducting materials cooled by 45 degrees Kelvin with liquid nitrogen are by far the most practical of the superconductors being developed in labs around the world.

Researchers working independently in Houston and Tsukuba, Japan have come up with a less expensive blend of chemicals than

Dr. Paul Chu a researcher at the University of Houston who first came up with it last February.

Chu, who worked on the new compound said the Houston results seem to parallel those of the Japanese.

Superconductors lose all resistance electricity, a valuable trait in power generation, transportation and computers. Reliable operation at room temperature is the goal, because then expensive cooling equipment would not be needed.

This new compound loses all resistance to electricity at 80 degrees Kelvin as opposed to the original compound which lost assistance at 95 Kelvin.—Christian Science Monitor, Jan. 29, 1988.

AIDS committee

A report issued by the U. S. National Institutes of Health concluded the Montana State University researcher Gary Stroebel did not violate rules governing releasing recombinant DNA organisms into the environment.

The ten member committee decided that the experiment did not involve DNA so it did not fall under the NIH's rules. Stroebel had injected 14 elm trees with a strain of bacteria that produced a protein that protected the tree against Dutch Elm disease and the organism that causes the disease.

The committee agreed Stroebel's experiment was a deliberate release of genetically engineered bacteria into the environment, but that does not fall under NIH jurisdiction. Stroebel must find a "responsible party" to co-sponsor any further research he undertakes.

The committee also recommended that the definition of recombinant DNA be clarified.—Nature, Jan. 21, 1988.

Emergency ideas not realistic

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

Most students' ideas of practical care in an emergency situation are not realistic, a training director of Med Star ambulance service told an Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-med honor society, Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 2.

"For most of you, I assume that you get your ideas of what an ambulance does from television, which is not always true," Doug Key said.

"Texas emergency medicine is a little behind," Key said.

The emergency medical system in the Fort Worth area and Texas as a whole is about 5 years behind California, Key said. Still, Fort Worth has one of the top 300 systems in the United States, he said.

Key said there are about 200 murders each year out of the approximately 424,000 people living in the Fort Worth area. That many murders increases the danger of being shot at when responding to a call. This arises when the police get to the scene of a crime before the paramedics, he said.

"On my first call, I was shot at once," Key said.

"Twelve years ago . . . We basically drove people to the hospital and hoped they made it."

Doug Key,
Med Star training director

Key said that Med Star can get to the scene of a life threatening emergency in 8 minutes or less 90 percent of the time, while police average anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes.

"You just can't afford to have a long response time," he said.

The City of Fort Worth changed its emergency medical team to Med Star two years ago. Before Med Star the city subsidized the ambulance system with about \$1.2 million of the city's taxpayers' money, Key said. Now it is \$1.1 million, he said.

Pre-hospital care has changed a great deal over the years, Key said.

"Twelve years ago we listened to a radio dispatch and had only oxygen equipment," he said. "We basically drove people to the hospital and hoped they made it."

Now there is extensive equipment and paramedics to do some preparation and treatment to facilitate hospital treatment, he said.

national standing order system, Key said. Standing orders let paramedics administer drugs and treat patients as they see fit.

"It's a great system if you have competent people, a bad one if you have incompetent people," Key said.

Fort Worth has developed a hybrid, Key said. Standing orders are used in common emergencies and physicians are called as needed, he said.

In Fort Worth hospitals are close together in one section of town and not in different areas so there is a longer time to reach a hospital, Key said. So more patient stabilization has to be done before hospital treatment is available, he said.

Only about 20 percent of all ambulance calls are life threatening, Key said. Paramedics may spend more time on people in less threatening situations just to explain what else can be done and where else to get help, he said.

"But I have an obligation to see that person gets care," Key said. "Sometimes I have to protect you from you."

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Correction

The Skiff incorrectly quoted Lee Behar in Wednesday's issue as saying a bill (which would create three new seats in the house) would have the seats created for a one year term after which the House would evaluate the effectiveness of the seats.

The quote was said by Seth Winick.

The Skiff regrets this error

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original bill had been a good idea and an alternate way of solving the representation problem would be to encourage minorities to run for positions in the House in anyway they can.

"A committee (that will be proposed by the new bill) sounds okay," she said, "but the first thing that comes to my mind is that it is a way to pacify the three groups."

She said she could see some things that would come out of the committee but she could not really form an opinion until she saw the bill.

Arturo C. Flores, assistant professor of Spanish and adviser for Organization of Latin American Students, said it would be important for OLAS to have a voice in the House to tie together the university and the Hispanic community on campus and in Fort Worth.

Winick said if the bill he presented had been successful in one area, then that area would be bringing the attention to the issue.

He declined to comment on what he is planning to present to the House as an alternative to his first bill, but he said the people involved had come together to review and rethink the situation.

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COMMENTARY

AIDS discussion helpful— if you suffer from FRAIDS

By Lisa Touye
Columnist



A panel discussion on AIDS was held last Wednesday, Jan. 27, at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church near TCU. It featured panel members well known for their work with AIDS patients.

However, the event turned out to be more of a reassurance for those with FRAIDS than it was a real discussion.

Dr. James P. Luby, chief of the infectious diseases department at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, tried to reassure the audience, but only succeeded in sounding like a broken record.

His "not in Dallas or Fort Worth" line became rather irritating. Luby said there has been no case of transmission of the AIDS virus from mother to child during birth in Dallas or Fort Worth yet.

He also implied that most of the problem with AIDS transmission through IV drug use was in New York City. He also said that there had not been an isolated case of Human Immunodeficiency Virus 2, the AIDS virus now ravaging the peoples of Africa, in the United States.

Over the weekend that changed. A woman in New York was found to be carrying the HIV-2 virus.

By saying, in effect, that these were problems of other cities, Luby discounted their effect in Dallas and Fort Worth. These are not problems that are isolated in one locality, they move with the people who have them.

With the influx of people from around the country to the Metroplex, it should be obvious that the problems of other cities soon become the problems of the Metroplex.

Dallas and Fort Worth have a large population of intravenous drug abusers, and a growing number of AIDS cases are coming from that sector, said Diane Ricci of the Tarrant County Department of Public Health.

Perinatal transmission is a problem any time a woman of childbearing age is diagnosed with AIDS.

Rev. Ted Karpf of Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Dallas spoke at the discussion about a woman who was a member of his church who had twin boys who died within the first few hours of life.

She had been married and in a mutually monogamous relationship for five years before this pregnancy and had thought she was AIDS free. Her first husband of seven years had been an IV drug abuser and had transmitted the virus to her, where it had lain dormant all these years.

She had unknowingly infected her children and her new husband.

Karpf said that most of the older people in the room were not likely to develop AIDS, but the younger ones were. The idea that AIDS knows an

age limit is ridiculous, and Karpf knows that.

He is basically assuming something he should not. Not all older people have been monogamous for the past five to ten years. With the high rates of divorce and the attitudes towards casual sex that are prevalent, it is rather unlikely that we can label a group as AIDS-free or less AIDS prone.

Karpf told about a group of teens in Dallas who had thought they were protecting themselves from AIDS by only engaging in anal sex rather than vaginal sex. Anal sex is more of a risk in contracting AIDS. Reactions like this result from fear not knowledge.

In the restroom during a break in the discussion, I overheard some teenage girls quietly talking among themselves. They said they asked questions about transmission during oral sex on the question cards that were handed out.

Unfortunately, the questions were not answered specifically or in depth by either of the speakers. Rather the speakers generally skimmed the questions and gave a vague and general overview—exactly what this discussion should not have done.

Karpf and Luby may have stressed education during their panel discussion on AIDS, but when it came down to the chance to truly educate the audience by answering questions in depth and specifically they both failed.



Everyone plays parking game

By David Andriesen
Columnist



Imagine this if you will: Henry Ford is going into town in the first car for the first time. As he arrives wherever it is that he went in the first car for the first time, a thought crosses his mind.

"Where am I going to put it while I'm not driving it?" he wonders.

Well, seeing as how it was the only car in the world, he probably put it wherever he pleased. But I have to wonder if ol' Hank ever stopped to wonder what parking, as it would come to be called, would be like when there came to be two cars in every family.

Probably not. If Ford could have experienced trying to find a parking spot in Manhattan in 1988, he probably would have taken his little Model T right home, dismantled it and invented Space Invaders instead.

Parking problems are near and dear to TCU students. What would life be like without those three or four parking tickets every semester?

Of course, you only see two of them, because someone steals the others, or they blow away or they are stolen by tourists or aliens as souvenirs. I haven't exactly figured out what happens to them.

Then, the next time you talk to

Dad, he's mad because you didn't pay for those two tickets and TCU billed him for them. Of course, you try to explain that you didn't know about the tickets, but Dad won't buy it at half the price.

"Why can't you just park where you're supposed to, anyway?" he asks.

Well, Dad, here at TCU, there are freshman spaces, upperclass spaces, faculty spaces, staff spaces, maintenance spaces, hall director spaces, handicapped spaces, reserved spaces, numbered spaces and various other spaces that always seem to be empty.

And you can park in some of these illegal spaces between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. weekdays and all day weekends.

With all these distinctions to make, mistakes are bound to happen occasionally. Just Sunday, I realized in the middle of the night that I was parked in front of Tom Brown Hall, so I had to get up at 3 a.m. to move my car to the icy wastelands of the coliseum parking lot.

Other nights, though, my memory has not been so eager to save me 15 bucks.

It really doesn't bother me, though, because I have accepted the fact that as long as my car and the campus police are both at TCU, I will get parking tickets.

If you think parking at TCU is bad, wait until you move to the big city. I was in Los Angeles over the summer. Boy, did I learn a lot about parking. Even though the freeways usually

look like parking lots, it is next to impossible to find a parking space in Southern California.

When you go to the beach, it seems like your car is closer to the East Coast than the West. But that didn't stop the guy in the lounge chair with the flowered hat and cigar box from charging you \$4 for the space.

In Los Angeles, you're committing yourself to at least \$2 in parking expenses simply by leaving your house when you live in the big city. If it's not the man with the cigar box, it's one of those stupid parking meters taking your money.

But the expenses wouldn't be so bad if you could find a space near where you're going. In the city, it's not always a matter of riding the bus to work or driving. A lot of times, you drive as close as you can get and ride the bus the rest of the way.

So why aren't there ever enough parking spaces anywhere? It's simple—buildings make more money than parking lots.

Have you noticed what happens when a builder wants to construct a new building in a city? Does he buy another building, tear it down and build his new building on its spot?

No, he buys a parking lot and builds a new building there.

The richest man in history will be the guy who invents a car that will fold neatly into a briefcase.

Until that happens, parking problems are a fact of life. Take heart, TCU, you are not alone.

Letters to the Editor

Politics serious

On Tuesday, Jerry Madden told readers to take the presidential election campaign "with a grain of salt and a few chuckles." He says that politics wasn't meant to be taken seriously, and those who do "get more headaches than it is worth."

How can he say this?

The contest is only for the most important leadership post in the country. The next president will play a major role in such crucial issues as the downturn of national economy, our economic position in the world, progress with the Soviets, other important foreign relations and the overall guidance of the United States for four years.

Should we only laugh at those who are trying to gain that post?

Considering the campaign trivial and merely humorous reflects either an ignorance of the severity of the problems facing this country or an ostrichlike neck-in-the-ground decision not to face them.

Whether or not you like the candidates, they're giving their answers to these problems. Because one of them will, most likely, be our leader in the next four years, perhaps, we should listen. It is our responsibility to voice our constructive opinions on what is needed through the campaign process.

Admittedly, many funny things happen on the trail. It is the unpredictability and humor of campaigns, along with their needed discussion of issues and the possibility for future direction that makes elections so interesting.

I agree with Madden that the upcoming primary and convention season will be more entertaining and closely contested than this year's Super Bowl. But the campaigns are also more important,

and they are events that everyone should pay attention to, take seriously, and help shape through real discussion and analysis.

Yes, headaches are involved. We have difficult problems that need to be solved. It won't be easy. Harry Truman said, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

An outsider that only laughs at those trying to help offers no help at all.

Andy Black
Freshman/finance

Abortion guilt

After reading Michael Hayworth's three-part series on abortion, I realized that the issues concerning this age-old topic will never be completely exhausted. Michael has presented reasonable arguments for the fact that a fetus is a human being (What else could it be?) and, therefore, abortion is no more than a euphemism for premeditated murder. It would be easy to leap from this fact to a severe condemnation of those who have had abortions. But in writing that series, Hayworth certainly had no intentions of condemning and bringing guilt upon those women on our campus who have done so. We have all sinned and will continue to do so. He knows it. I know it. And so do you.

Since it is the sin of abortion that is currently in our minds, those women who have had them are most likely to feel the burden of guilt. But the rest of us should be careful before throwing any stones. We could have a debate on drugs, sex, alcohol or any other sin under the sun.

My concern is for those who are carrying around a heavy load of guilt from all the publicity the

abortion issues have received. We all have felt guilt for our actions at one time or another, but the key to getting rid of this guilt is often ignored. His name is Jesus Christ.

Acts 13:38 tells us that, "through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you." This verse is an encouragement to me and many others in that, by accepting Christ, we have our sins forgiven. Notice the verse does not say "some sins" or "a few sins." It says "sins"—all sins, even abortion.

An equally powerful verse is found in 1 John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." It is not a difficult process. It is a humbling one.

My hope for those of you who are reading this thoughtfully is that you will allow Christ to come into your life and make you a new person. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Take Christ up on it! It worked for me when I gave all my sins over to him, and I am sure he will do the same for you. Christ wants to forgive your sins. Please, let him.

Cheryl L. Mann
Sophomore/international relations

Rockets reign

With regard to Bret Paulson's letter to the editor about the superiority of the Dallas Mavericks over the Houston Rockets, I have one thing to say: Rockets 108, Mavericks 92 at Reunion Arena on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Until next game . . .

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SPORTS

Intramurals let students get involved

By Robin Shermer
Sports Columnist



What is the most popular sport on TCU's campus? No, it is not varsity football or basketball, but intramural flag football.

Sixty-two teams participated in flag football this fall, said Christine Brinkerhoff, head of intramural sports. With 11 men on a team, that is 682 students trying to rip little yellow ribbons from the hips of other students.

Sounds fun, huh? I know I've always wanted a 150-pound girl, running at full speed, grabbing at my shorts.

Brinkerhoff said the next most popular sport with students is basketball with 60 teams signed up to play as we speak (or read). Now let me multiply again - we'll say six players to a team because you've got to have at least one sub - that makes 360 participants.

Dang, I didn't know TCU students could be so involved. With an average of 2,958 students going to home football games, we've almost got a thousand students playing in just intramural football and basketball alone.

Intramural involvement

Hundreds of students participate each semester in soccer, water polo, softball, track and field, bowling, swimming and putt-putt golf.

I'd say the number of students playing intramurals is reaching the 2,958 students who go to home football games.

And that's a lot of people willing to take time out of their busy schedules to do something they think worthwhile. So why do intramurals draw such a big populous of TCU students?

More people can enjoy the thrill of victory playing rather than watching. And we sure know students don't participate in the agony of defeat part. Just look at student attendance levels at this year's basketball games.

Students get the chance to exercise and play on teams of their own choosing. What that means is we get to shoot some hoops with the guys.

And finally intramurals are fun. You know exciting, stimulating, challenging, rewarding and a chance to be all that you could have been.

So I guess you could say I'm glad that TCU students are interested in some kind of sports and that they play and watch and have fun.

But I wish that those same participants in intramurals could get as excited about cheering for other TCU sports during the good and bad seasons.

Mavericks look good at midseason break

By Greg Selber
Sports Writer

Analysis

The NBA All-Star extravaganza will commence this weekend in the windy city of Chicago. Since the event marks the halfway point of the season, let's turn our attention to our own Dallas Mavericks.

Currently, the Mavs are in first place in the Midwest Division with a 28-13 record. They can reach 30 wins before the All-Star break, a feat they have never accomplished before.

Coach John MacLeod has stepped in and done a fine job implementing his program in the wake of Dick Motta's stormy and tumultuous reign.

While the team has not overpowered opponents like they did early last year, the wins are still coming in bunches. The Mavs are now considered one of the most consistent teams in the league, not to mention one of the top contenders for the Western Conference title.

Add that Mark Aguirre is enjoying what many consider his finest all-around season as a pro. The DePaul graduate is averaging nearly 27 points per contest, and his rebounding (5.8 per game) and passing (3.0 assists per game) have never been better.

Yes, the biggest surprise of the year has been Aguirre's attitude. For years the subject of endless critical observation, the six-foot, six-inch forward has experienced no problems whatsoever with MacLeod.

One might wonder how much the character of Motta may have had to do with Aguirre's past "character" problems.

Under close scrutiny this year is Aguirre's partner at forward, the on-again, off-again Sam Perkins.

At times he has dazzled and at times he has fizzled. Perkins has to find consistency before he can be considered a plus to the team.

On the horizon looms an impact player who is quickly becoming the top sixth-man in basketball, apologies to Vinnie Johnson of Detroit.

Roy Tarpley is going to be a starter someday, making Perkins one of the best backups in the league.

Tarpley (10.2 rebounds per game) is a hounding rebounder a la Charles Barkley or Karl Malone. His offensive skills are improving and he is learning more about the NBA game night by night.

Down low, the return of James Donaldson to the ranks of the healthy has meant a better inside game.

Donaldson has struggled with leg injuries for most of the season but now



appears healthy enough for the stretch run. Donaldson will appear in his first All-Star game despite the rough season he has endured. That's a tribute to his hard work rebounding (9.8 rebounds per game).

Detlef Schrempf has continued to progress, but, like Perkins, has yet to reach a consistent level of production. Schrempf is still learning, and his 42.6 percent shooting from the field must improve.

Still, he is going to be a factor in the second half of the season.

Collectively the frontcourt is solid, at times spectacular, and definitely of

the caliber championship teams are made of.

The loss of three-time All-Star Rolando Blackman did not hurt his team as much as expected. Brad Davis, the team's veteran of veterans, stepped in and played admirably in Blackman's absence.

He averaged 13 points and five assists per game and led the team in field goal shooting with a glittering 56.3 percent mark. As always, he has played a smart and steady game.

Opposite him in the back court the Mavericks have one of the outstand-

ing young stars of the league in Derek Harper.

Harper is one of the top defensive guards and is quietly evolving into a dangerous offensive threat. He is scoring 17.3 points per game and averaging 8.2 assists an outing. He has made 22 three-point shots this season, and his lightning-quick drives to the basket are becoming legendary.

Harper's leadership is impeccable, and if it were not for the incredible surplus of great guards in the Western Conference, he would surely be on the hardwood in Chicago this weekend.

Blackman suffered through a very poor early season by his standards, and the knee injury he sustained on Jan. 4 against the Houston Rockets was another problem for the season.

Dallas' fine record is impressive and has been achieved without a great amount of support from the final four roster spots.

All in all, the Dallas Mavericks are looking good. It appears John MacLeod has brought in a settling influence. As the All-Star festivities unfold this weekend, the Dallas Mavericks should be resting and waiting. It's going to be a fun second half.

Runner ready for season after injuries hamper career

By Regina Anderson
Sports Writer

TCU sprinter Michael Cannon has a strong desire to win. He loves competition. That desire has gained Cannon All-American status, but it also cost him an entire season.

In 1986, that desire took Cannon all the way to the NCAA Championship meet. He finished fourth in the 400-meter dash and gained All-American status. He was also ranked among the top 10 in the world in the 400 with a time of 45.23.

But in 1987 that desire proved to be Cannon's downfall.

In January, two weeks before the Dallas Invitational, Cannon pulled a hamstring.

"I was at practice and it was drizzling. I didn't warm up properly. I was running strides and accelerated too fast. Then my muscle popped," he said.

That hamstring pull kept Cannon out for the entire indoor season.

"I wanted to run that year. I was in good shape and that really killed my groove," Cannon said.

The remainder of the indoor season was spent watching his teammates from the sidelines and coaching his younger brother, Marlon, a junior at Dallas South Oak Cliff High School.

After a few months of sitting idle, Cannon became restless and decided to give the outdoor season a try.

In March he traveled with the Flyin' Frogs to Houston for the Texas Southern Relays.

"I thought I would be okay, but I pulled it again. So, I knew I would

have to sit the year out," he said.

Cannon's absence during the season had a huge impact on the Flyin' Frogs.

"His absence hurt us as far as scoring points. Tony Allen finished ninth in the 400. The 1600-meter relay team didn't run. Overall, we were one point out of second place. If Cannon had been able to run we would have finished second," assistant coach John McKenzie said.

This weekend when the Frogs travel to Dallas for the Times-Herald Invitational, Cannon will be running his first race since his injury. Last

week in Oklahoma, a muscle cramp kept him from competing.

"I'm preparing for Dallas. It will be pretty exciting. Track is a big thing in my household, and I know a lot of people will be there," Cannon said.

"My first goal is to stay healthy. I don't want to put too much emphasis on the indoor season. The desire to compete builds up in me sometimes, but I've learned to be more composed," Cannon said. "I'm not rushing into things. I've changed my attitude. I used to be really talkative and outgoing before a meet but now I'm more relaxed. I kinda' keep to myself," he said.

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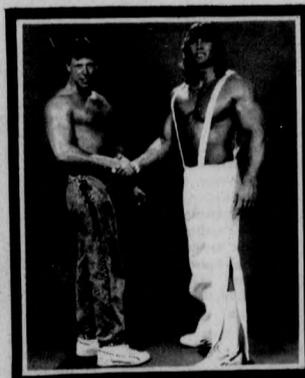
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