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TCU's rising GPAs mirror national trend

By Melissa Wills
Staff Writer

The main reason why grade-point averages of TCU students were higher for the fall 1987 semester than for the fall 1986 semester is grade inflation, said Bill Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Grade inflation, a nationwide trend of GPAs being higher, has been going on for a number of years, Koehler said.

"Grade inflation is an attitude that

someone should receive a higher grade," he said. "We are part of a national phenomenon."

Dean of Students Libby Proffer, who issues the GPA report, agreed that grade inflation was a factor in the increase in GPAs.

"Grade inflation is when faculty members gradually raise grades," Proffer said.

Jean Giles-Sims, chairperson of the sociology department, said grade inflation is an outgrowth from the '70s and early '80s when students deman-

ded more power.

"Authority has been relinquished to some degree, and standards have been lowered," Giles-Sims said.

Koehler said although the quality of students at TCU has been going up, grade inflation is what has made B's the average grade rather than C's.

"There was a time when a C was average, and the thought was that people were average," he said. "Now the average is a stigma. Students don't want to be average, and this correlates with grade inflation."

Koehler said B's are not worth what they used to be because more people are getting them.

"In a chemistry class given many years ago, for example, 22 percent of the students got A's and B's, and now it is 50 percent," he said.

Koehler said the negative side of grade inflation is that students are not as proud of their good grades because they are more common.

"In grade inflation you get compression. If the average graduate at TCU is a 3.3, as opposed to a 2.5, your

3.9 won't mean as much," he said.

Koehler said good students should resent grade inflation.

"You lose the ability to differentiate among really good students because the scale has been sliding up," he said. "Students further from your abilities make better grades."

Giles-Sims said she tries to control grade inflation by making C's the average and by reserving A's and B's for students who work hard.

"Grade inflation is a very serious problem," she said. "I am committed

to setting high standards so students have something to work for."

Koehler said the approach to grade inflation should be to raise sensitivity about it by talking about its disadvantages.

The approach should never be a grade quota, he said.

"We should never interject some type of policy into the grading system where, for example, one can give only 25 percent A's," Koehler said. "We should raise sensitivity and hope people have high expectations."



Business talk - H. Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neely School of Business and Linda Roye, assistant dean for special programs talk to Donald Kendall, former president and C.E.O. of Pepsi Cola. He spoke Tuesday at Dan Rogers hall as part of the MBA speaker series.

House of Reps stands united

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

"Enthusiasm!" shouted the House of Student Representatives members during the meeting Tuesday.

The gesture was led by Marisa Murray, a freshman radio-TV-film major, and Sarah Normand, a freshman political science major, who were two of the 10 House members to attend the college political forum at North Texas State University Feb. 19 to 21.

"I want us all to get together just once," Murray said, "to unify. So at the count of three we are all going to say, 'enthusiasm,' at the top of our lungs."

Murray pointed to the list of goals the House would like to accomplish this semester and said without enthusiasm none of those goals could exist.

Generating enthusiasm, improving the image of the House, creating more credibility and more unity and fully discussing resolutions before they are adopted were some of the goals representatives mentioned during the meeting.

Matt Hood, chairperson of the Student Concerns Committee, said during his report that his committee had temporarily postponed gathering facts about what has happened with rush in the past and new possibilities for the future.

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Marisa Murray,
House member

"There were too many negatives," he said. "It was almost walls we kept running into. It was very frustrating."

It is not right to press an issue the campus is not ready to face, he said. Some people want it, and some people do not, because of tradition.

Bill 88-5, presented by Seth Winick—chairperson of the University Relations Committee—which would allocate \$90 from the publicity fund to the House for the purchase of 150 buttons, was tabled.

The representatives would wear the buttons on Tuesdays to be identified by students as members of the House.

The buttons would read "TCU House of Student Representatives. Tell Me."

President Lee Behar said the \$200 earned by the members of the House who worked at the phonathon would be donated to the Black South Africa Scholarship Fund in the name of those members.

Buyers beware

By Diane Wooldrige
Staff Writer

No one should buy office supplies from representatives of Superior Supplies, said Controller Larry Calloway in a statement to university employees in this week's issue of the TCU Bulletin.

TCU employees have bought from phone solicitors in the past and received more merchandise than they ordered or were billed for things they were unaware of, said Joe Enochs, associate vice chancellor for resource management.

The standard phone call solicitor quotes a low price with no mention of shipping and handling fees, said Ted Rhodes, university auditor.

University policy prohibits buying from outside vendors because it protects the university's

purchases and insures quality, Rhodes said. It also protects the investment of students with assurance their money is being spent wisely.

"These are high-pressure salesmen, and they can make it sound really good. People can be intimidated by that," Enochs said.

"These people are professionals. They can answer any objection," Rhodes said. "They are not below using threats once they've got their foot in the door."

Many problems arise when these orders are placed, Rhodes said. Stale merchandise could be sent. The product could be a smaller size than standard, thus creating a higher cost per unit.

"The other scam is to say, 'My great aunt just died and wanted to make donations to TCU. We are

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Love Canal controversy settled

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - A federal judge ruled Tuesday that Occidental Chemical Corp. is liable for the cost—estimated at more than \$250 million—of cleaning up the Love Canal landfill that became synonymous with environmental disaster.

After nine years of deliberations, U.S. District Judge John Curtin said Occidental produced the wastes that created the disaster and stored them in a way that would eventually result in toxic leakage.

"It is beyond dispute that OCC's disposal practices were at least partially responsible for the release, or threatened release, of the chemicals from the Love Canal landfill," Curtin said.

Curtin said Occidental's liability would be determined in further court

proceedings involving claims against Occidental by other parties, including the state of New York and some residents. Previous estimates have ranged above \$250 million.

Occidental spokesperson James Green said the company was disappointed by the ruling and would not comment on its plans until its attorneys had a chance to study Curtin's 36-page decision.

Curtin's ruling upholds the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, which the judge said was designed to compel the waste disposal industry "to correct its past mistakes and to provide a solution for the dan-

gers posed by inactive abandoned waste sites."

The law was passed 27 years after Occidental yielded ownership of the landfill, transferring it to the Niagara Falls School Board.

Occidental, formerly Hooker Chemical and Plastic Co., contended that it was not responsible for the site after 1953 when it sold the property to the school board, which built a school on the grounds.

Occidental said the construction broke a clay seal on the dump and allowed the chemicals to leak into the environment. The company acknowledged dumping 20,000 tons of chemical wastes into the canal during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Ten years ago, Love Canal became synonymous with environmental dis-

aster when state officials ordered an evacuation of children and pregnant women from the area because of leaking chemicals. President Carter designated the 10-block site as a federal emergency area in 1978.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency began the suit against the company in 1979.

During the next two years, 728 families were evacuated. Many of those were among the 1,300 former residents who accepted a \$20 million damage settlement from Occidental in 1984.

Today, there are some 175 families awaiting the results of a state habitability study to decide whether they can return to their homes.

Dorms join fund-raising efforts

By Suzanne Dean
Staff Writer

Residence halls are the newest participants in the effort to raise money for scholarships for black South Africans.

The dorms are now competing to collect money for scholarships to meet a \$7,500 challenge made by an anonymous donor last year.

Michael Cappel, Clark Hall director and adviser for the Residence Hall Association, said Clark resident Chris Molendorp suggested their residence hall help collect money for the scholarship.

The association then expanded the idea to include the whole campus and took it to John Butler, university

minister, who was enthusiastic about the idea, Cappel said.

Cappel said the dorms will be collecting through this month and maybe into March. A plaque will be given to the dorm that collects the most money per person, he said.

John Rodenberg, chairperson of the Black South African Scholarship Committee, said the committee is now in the process of contacting other organizations around campus to collect funds for the scholarship.

"So far, we have contacted 80 organizations including Greeks and Hall Councils," he said.

Rodenberg said students in some classrooms have been told about the scholarships, and a collection can has

been passed around. He said everyone has been responsive.

If TCU matches the challenge, the total \$15,000 will go directly to South Africa to help educate blacks, who are the majority there, said Kristin Chambers, student body vice president and member of the scholarship committee.

"A change that's instigated internally will have the greatest effect," Chambers said.

Chambers said the slogan on some of the committee's fliers, "Education Breeds Freedom," explains just what the committee is trying to do.

By telling organizations about the scholarship and South Africa, the committee hopes to increase aware-

ness as well as raise money for blacks in South Africa, Chambers said.

Chambers said the committee hopes to meet the challenge of raising the \$7,500 by May.

The idea to set up a scholarship for black South Africans started a year ago in the Campus Christian Community as one of TCU's responses to aid South Africans, Rodenberg said.

Members then took the idea to Paul Hartman, vice chancellor for university relations and development, and Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, who found the anonymous donor, he said.

Rodenberg said he contacted various organizations on campus to gather the members of the committee and to make the effort a campus-wide campaign.

Soviets offer withdrawal

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Tuesday the Soviet Union has made a "very clear" commitment to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, even though no firm timetable has been announced.

U.S. sources said the Red Army had begun preparations to leave. Soviet soldiers were sent to Afghanistan in December 1979 and an estimated 115,000 are in the country helping the Communist government fight Moslem insurgents.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials who attended a closed meeting with Shultz described him as hopeful of a Soviet withdrawal, but said he did not mention specific evidence that preparations were under way.

A senior U.S. official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said Soviet troops are taking up defensive positions and dependents are being sent home. He said this was "solid evidence" the Soviet military intervention would end soon.

Shultz said a complete Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan would boost prospects for resolving other regional issues.

"I certainly have the sense . . . that they do regard their presence in Afghanistan as counterproductive at this point and they would like to leave," he said.

On Feb. 8, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev offered to begin the withdrawal May 15 if Pakistan and Afghanistan reach agreement by March 15.

TODAYliving

Deaf education teaches ways to communicate

Phone device benefiting students, kids

By Jennifer Romero
Staff Writer

Four devices which enable deaf people to talk on the phone have opened up the world of hearing for students at Waverly Park School for the Deaf and the world of education for deaf education majors at TCU.

A telephone device for the deaf is a machine that is about the size of an adding machine and looks like a typewriter.

Messages are typed in, decoded



through the phone lines and printed out on paper that is part of the device.

With a \$1,082 TCU research fund grant, Ann Lieberth, assistant professor of communication pathology, was able to purchase four devices. They are used by hearing impaired students at Waverly Park and deaf education majors at TCU.

The telephone devices are used in a process called interactive tutoring, Lieberth said. The TCU students call the students at

Waverly Park twice a week to work on their communication skills.

The devices are being loaned out to the Waverly Park students as part of a research project Lieberth is doing to determine if the devices can help improve hearing impaired students' written language and reading ability, said junior deaf education major Naomi Klapow.

"You can't work with the deaf kids unless you know what they go through," Klapow said.

Sign language class popular with students

By Jennifer Romero
Staff Writer

Enrolling in sign language during pre-registration does not guarantee students a seat in the class.

With an average of 20 people on the waiting list each semester, students who miss the first day of class lose their seats.

The class is popular because it fills a Core A requirement and because its content is a change from regular college classes, said Ann Lieberth, assistant professor of communication pathology.

"My class is unusual, fun and multi-media—it can be applied to students with any major. It's also a

good opportunity for career exploration," Lieberth said.

Several students have changed to a deaf education major or minor because of the basic sign language class, said Janet Dwire, Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic secretary.

The sign language class is designed to teach students basic skills necessary to communicate with the deaf, Lieberth said.

"I use games and songs, among other things, to teach students the alphabet, numbers and basic signs they can use," Lieberth said. "I hope students can carry on a basic conversation with a deaf person after they finish my class."

The importance of empathy was stressed by Lieberth in a story about a hearing impaired boy's visit to Disney World.

A 4-year-old boy who is a student at the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic rehabilitation program for the deaf went to Disney World with his family. One of the characters there saw the boy's mother signing to him and recognized that he was hearing impaired. The character knew sign language and was able to sign back to him, Lieberth said.

"If my students can muddle through something like this and make a deaf child feel more a part of the world, then I'd be very happy," Lieberth said.

Car tags portray loyalty

By Kristie Aylett
Staff Writer

Several TCU students are showing their school spirit, both coming and going.

Personalized license plates are one way these students support their school.

"I wanted to get something that showed TCU spirit," said Ed Ferris, a senior marketing major and a Horned Frog cheerleader. "My initials and TCU just wouldn't do it."

Ferris' brother, who graduated from TCU in 1973, came up with the idea of "E J FROG" by combining his initials and the school mascot.

Reactions to the plate are mixed. "Some people think it's kind of weird, and some people think it's neat—personal taste, I guess," Ferris said.

Ferris is not the only cheerleader who shows spirit with his license plate.

Shawn Scott, a senior broadcast journalism major and head cheerleader for the past two years, has had the plate "RAH TCU" for three years, since he's been cheering.

"I figured it fit," Scott said. "Since I'm a cheerleader, it seemed really appropriate."

His plate is a head-turner, he said. "Especially at stoplights, I can see people point to it and smile," Scott said. "People wave at me and do the Horned Frog sign."

Scott said he thinks people get personalized plates "just to be different—not just another number."

Some students' parents surprised them with their plates.

"They put it on my car the day I left



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Licensed Frog - Lisa Fetters, a sophomore deaf education major, shows off her personalized plates.

to go off to school," said Katy Lindsey, a sophomore pre-major whose parents are TCU alumni.

Lindsey's car sports the plate "RIF RAM."

"A lot of people don't know what it means so I sing the little cheer for them," she said.

Lisa Fetters, a sophomore deaf education major, was also surprised by her parents.

"When I went home for Christmas my freshman year, my car was sitting in the driveway with them," she said. "I was really excited and pleased."

Fetters' plates say "TCU."

"People think they're neat because they say TCU," she said. She said her Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sisters were the first to notice that the black and gold Missouri plates were the sorority's colors.

"It's such a coincidence, but I think it's really neat," she said.

Jennifer Willis, a senior nursing major, has the phrase "TCU HF" on her Missouri plates.

"A lot of people ask me what HF is," she said. "They just don't get it." The phrase is short for TCU Horned Frogs.

Willis has had the plates since her freshman year and plans to keep them after graduation.

But the people who have personalized plates are not the only ones who like the tags.

"I think it's neat, especially when people from out-of-state have them," said Jana Carey, a senior finance major. "It shows they're proud of TCU and of being here."

Showing spirit with license plates

does have a price, though the cost of tags varies from state to state.

In Texas, personalized plates cost \$40 in addition to the basic car tag, which varies according to the automobile, said Claudia Brown, assistant supervisor at the Southwest Courthouse.

The cost was \$75 in addition to the tag until Jan. 1, 1987, she said.

The plates are different from regular tags in more than the message.

"Personalized plates go with the person, not the car," Brown said. "If a person buys a new car, it's their responsibility to come down here and change the tags over to the new car."

Personalized plates are now good for five years, she said.

Instead of getting new plates every year, the owner gets a sticker to put on them, she said.

Right nutrition aids weight loss

By Suzanne Lorton
Staff Writer

With spring break approaching, diet and exercise can make the bikini more appropriate than the tent worn last year.

According to the American Dietetics Association, "For an average person on a weight-loss program, one or two pounds a week is a safe, reasonable rate of loss."

Mary Hager of nutrition and dietetics suggested some tips for an effective diet program:

- Drink plenty of fluids, especially if you're undertaking a strenuous exercise program

- Avoid concentrated sources of dietary fat such as bacon, olives, nuts, avocados and cream cheese.

- Don't skip meals. You might be hungrier the next time you eat and overdo it.

- Eat fruits and vegetables such as bananas and potatoes because they are good sources of potassium.

- Choose from some of the following:
 - Four servings low-fat breads or starches (cereal, peas, corn, rice and pasta). Avoid Danish pastry, biscuits, croissants, doughnuts and other breads with higher fat content.

- Four servings of fresh fruit. Go easy on dried fruits because they are concentrated sources of calories.

- Four servings of vegetables (½ cup is generally considered a serving of cooked vegetables).

- Six ounces of lean meat, fish, or poultry without the skin, either boiled or baked.

- Two cups of nonfat milk or nonfat yogurt. Go easy on cheese since about 70 percent of its calories come from fat.

Eating correctly is only part of the answer to getting in shape. Exercise should also be incorporated into the fitness program.

Research show that a person needs to exercise four times a week for 20 minutes to see an effect, said Christine Brinkerhoff, director of intramural sports.

Once a person is in shape, working out three times is sufficient, Brinkerhoff said.

The results begin to show in 6 to 8 weeks when doing aerobics, Brinkerhoff said.

The target heart rate is supposedly the heart beating at its maximum level.

A person creates fat cells three times in his or her life—in infancy, late adolescence and, for women, in the third trimester of pregnancy, said Steve Kintigh, director of the recreational sports department.

This is potentially the worst time for freshmen, Kintigh said.

But the Rickel Building is helping TCU students with the "battle of the bulge" by sponsoring the Frog Fit Student Fitness Program.

The program consists of aerobics and basic workout sessions, and the cost is \$20 for up to 21 sessions a week.

A student can go an unlimited number of times during the scheduled workout sessions to accommodate his or her schedule.

All instructors are TCU students and graduates.

Last semester 250 people joined the program and more are expected this year because of its popularity, Brinkerhoff said.

Suppliers

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liquidating the supplies and wish to give you a reduced rate," said Michael Gore, manager of the university store.

"We buy in quantity and price as low as anyone in Fort Worth," Gore said. "There is no way an individual office can buy any cheaper than we can."

The majority of those who have placed orders with the solicitors are not aware of the university policy, Rhodes said.

"They have the best interest of the university at heart and they get taken," Rhodes said.

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COMMENTARY

Our View Give life to others

TCU started its blood drive this week with a goal of 500 units. That is not a high number, considering the number of students that enrolled at TCU and the number of faculty and staff that work here. It's actually a very low number.

In the spring semester of 1987, the goal for the blood drive was 250 units, and only 218 were received. What does that say for our student body and its willingness to give to another human being?

Last fall semester the goal was raised to 350 units, and 360 were received, but only 17 of those were from staff members and eight from faculty. The students took a step in the right direction, but it seems the faculty and staff skipped out on their responsibility.

The blood drive is held each semester for a very good reason, and that is to keep the university's blood bank ready at all times. The university's blood bank is always ready to provide blood for any student, faculty and staff member or members of their immediate families who may have an emergency. It's a nice thing to know there is a supply of blood waiting if it is needed by someone who has some affiliation with TCU.

There are a lot of reasons not to give blood—being afraid of needles, it hurts too much, it is an exhausting experience, and the list goes on.

But it may as well stop there because none of these reasons are valid when compared with the need for blood.

So why not go and give a little of yourself to help someone else? Who knows when you may need that favor returned?

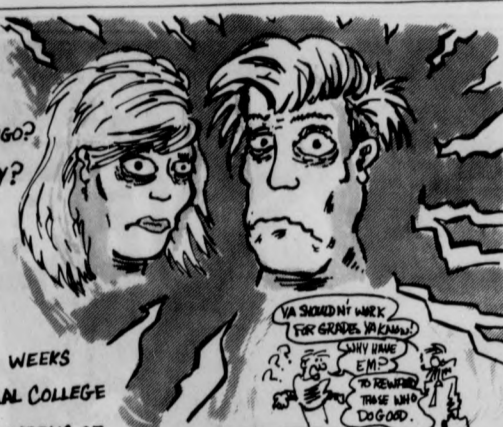
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Education, ABC style

By Lucy Calvert
Columnist



I don't know about you, but I came to college to expand my horizons, to learn about art, literature, history, and—if I wasn't careful—

maybe even a little about journalism. But this last week I found myself getting an education about things not listed in the TCU course catalog, namely the strategies in ice hockey, the scoring system of figure skating and the subtle dynamics of the luge.

I am talking, of course, about the televised coverage of the Olympics.

I have tried to justify avoiding my religion texts by saying, "But they're only on once every four years!"

I am not usually an avid fan of bob-sledding. I don't subscribe to any figure-skating periodicals, nor do I keep track of team standings in the National Hockey League.

Yet I get this mysterious urge to become an expert on ski jumping when my psychology homework is calling my name.

Call it procrastination. Call it laziness. I prefer to think of it as alternative time management.

After all, the Olympics are only on once every four years, right? So isn't this a prime opportunity to educate oneself about sports one normally doesn't give a second thought about except—you guessed it—once every four years?

But the more I thought about it, the more I realized this wasn't just a question of sports education. Watching the Olympics is a chance to reach for those lofty academic aspirations, just in an un-orthodox way.

I like to think of boosting ABC's ratings as a chance to broaden my education of other cultures.

Why spend hours and hours reading about the East German lifestyle when Jim McKay can give it to me in two and a half minutes "up close and personal"?

And not only does spending three to four hours a night glued to the tube improve my appreciation of other cultures, but also of the human body.

A friend of mine succinctly summed up this physical appraisal: "The guys look so cute in those tight little suits!"

She is referring, of course, to the skin-tight body suits worn by almost all competitors, regardless of the sport. The bob-sledders, the ski jumpers and down-hillers, even some of the male figure skaters wear them. And what figures!

And have you also noticed that, when some guys wear those shiny, all-red body suits, they look like The Noid? Sure, just put two stretched-out ear things on 'em and they could do Dominos commercials.

("And coming into the last stretch of the luge course it's the Norwegian Noids, Nordsky and Nubronyev!")

So you see, you can always find an excuse for putting aside the homework for hockey, for choosing the giant slalom instead of geology.

Like I said, it is a question of alternative time management.

Besides, they're only on . . .

By Lisa Touye
Columnist



One drag is not necessarily equal to another.

Many marijuana users feel that theirs is a "clean" drug—that it is not as

harmful as tobacco smoking, as hazardous as alcohol abuse, or as brain-killing as other narcotics. That perception has widened as popular culture has, over the years, depicted smoking marijuana as less harmful than smoking tobacco cigarettes.

That could explain the situation that some families smoke marijuana together, and some children are introduced to the drug by their parents.

That thought has also been behind some of the moves to legalize marijuana in the United States.

But that idea has been turned upside down by a recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine by researchers from University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine.

Researchers found that the different techniques in smoking marijuana and tobacco actually make marijuana the more harmful of the two.

The argument went that marijuana and tobacco have similar smoke contents so people who smoke one to five marijuana cigarettes a day are not as much at risk as people who smoke 10 to 15 tobacco cigarettes a day. The idea that the amount of cigarettes smoked is proportional to the amount of smoke inhaled ignores the differences in smoking techniques of marijuana and tobacco.

A study was done with 15 men whose average age was 31.5 years, who smoked both marijuana and



tobacco, were in good general health, had normal values for lung capacity and no other reported narcotic use.

They were instructed to smoke a tobacco cigarette, a placebo cigarette and a marijuana cigarette as they normally would. Blood was drawn before smoking the cigarettes and two minutes after smoking them.

Most marijuana users do not shallowly inhale and get rid of the smoke immediately. Rather, they inhale more deeply and hold the smoke for a longer time. During marijuana smoking the averaged inhaled volume was 36 percent greater, and the smoke was held four times longer than when smoking tobacco.

This larger drag and retention of marijuana smoke makes three or four marijuana cigarettes a day just as harmful to the lungs as 20 tobacco cigarettes a day.

Researchers found that after smoking marijuana there was five times as much carbon monoxide in the blood, three times the amount of tar inhaled and retention of one-third more tar in the respiratory tract than is found with tobacco cigarettes.

The level of carbon monoxide in the blood is a significant factor. Carbon monoxide competes with oxygen to bind with the hemoglobin receptors on the blood cell.

Letter to the Editor

In the Feb. 18 issue of the *Skiff*, Dean of Students Libby Proffer was quoted as saying, "At one time, Tom Brown had academically oriented students, and their GPA was at the 3.0 level. That is not there anymore." Nothing could be further from the truth.

From information obtained from her own office, Tom Brown has consistently remained the top-ranked male residence hall on campus GPA-wise, and we shall continue to do so. In the fall of 1987, the men of Tom Brown were ranked fourth overall in university residence halls; the semester before that we were third. If that's not academically oriented, I don't know what is.

While we do admit that our GPA dropped from the spring to the fall of last year, it was hardly a catastrophe—from a 3.072 to a 2.944. Proffer herself noted that this seasonal drop is a typical trend, one followed by nearly every other residence hall as well.

We at Tom Brown are still academically oriented, as we always have been. Because we manage to balance a top-ranked academic record with a multitude of activities, I believe we are even more academically minded than we have been in years.

Our residents have published books and released albums, and, just last week, one of our residents received a citation from the Army Chief of Staff. We are read in every student publication, heard on our own radio shows at KTCU and seen in every production of the TCU Theater Department. Tom

Brown hosts the presidents/chairpersons of numerous organizations, including the TCU Band, the Judo Club and the Honors cabinet, just to name a few. We are the only residence hall that boasts not one, but four independent newsletters published by residents on their own time.

Tom Brown's major strengths lie in the ability of our strong individuals to act as a whole—to actively participate in dorm activities. How many residence halls on campus can say that when they host an activity, 65 people show up? We can.

We have had Charles Becker from the Business School and Michael H. Price, the film critic from the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, speak so far this semester, and both received a great deal of support from our residents. And we have more speakers planned for the near future.

Our very own "Condom Committee" has been laden with rave reviews, as has the Carnegie Committee, which is making a movie that has attracted the attention of a national magazine columnist.

Sounds like quite a bit for a residence hall to be doing, doesn't it? And all this from the smallest dorm on campus. Well, Ms. Proffer, we may fall .056 short of your 3.0 GPA, but you would be hard pressed to find a Tom Brown resident who wanted to live in any other dorm.

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SPORTS

The Big Issue: morals, money and swimsuits

By John Paschal
Sports Columnist



Oh boy, (and girl — and bikini, for that matter) here we are again, impaled inextricably on the horns of "The World's Most Perplexing Quandary," just like we have been and will be as long as humans have flesh and other things.

Welcome, folks, to the world of athletics and morality and to the twin at which they meet.

Knute Rockne vs. Linda Lovelace, Live at the Forum!

All the moralistic deliberation is, of course, sparked by this swimsuit thing, *Sports Illustrated's* annual tribute to the well-conditioned female. It's currently the Big Daddy of Moral Dilemmas. The one the Pope forgot to talk about. The Big Ethical Goober.

History books will tell of it. Yes, The Great SWIMSUIT ISSUE Debate (as if you didn't know) is a real doozy. Ranks right up there with the Chicken—and—the Egg Controversy, yet it probably is more relevant than the origins of McNuggets, isn't it? And while the universal question will live long and prosper — "Is modeling swimwear actually a sport?" — the answer will never be just an answer, as in a correct answer, as in choose A or B, true or false. No, the answers will come as a plentiful harvest, ripe with reason, juicy with everyone's own jurisprudence. Full of conviction and other stuff.

Martin Luther vs. Larry Flynt, Live at the Coliseum!



Dispute - High jumper Danny Cochran speaks with officials about a disqualification in Saturday's meet.

Who buys, who doesn't

It will happen this year as it did last. Verdicts on the viability of skin-as-sport will come from hither and yon, from pastors who believe a woman's body is a sacred thing to put a long dress over and set on a church pew, from mothers who think their sons have seen nothing like this filth and from grandmas similarly misled. They are angry. They are canceling their subscriptions.

Others, meanwhile, are renewing theirs. Dave (or Bob or Jack or whoever) at the Walrus Watching Outpost in tundra country will get his SWIMSUIT ISSUE a full nine weeks late — what with Yukon postal difficulties — but will be a cold yet happy camper when he does receive it. Men with discriminating taste will look "beyond the swimsuits" to see the "real essence" of each "woman," who is, after

all, "a human being," and will look at the pictures only after "reading the articles," including basketball and figure skating and even tiddly-winks.

Jerry Falwell and Kabuki vs. Ruth Westheimer and Hulk Hogan, in the Moral Tag-Team Match of the Century, Live at the Garden!

It happens every winter as your mailbox is scalded by the SWIMSUIT ISSUE, now the most popular publication this side of *Gone With the Wind*, as well as the most unpopular since *The Communist Manifesto*. People who belong to the traditional "opposite sexes" bicker endlessly: Is a seductive pose in stretch lycra an example of great athletic conditioning?

But it sells

Mothers scold their sons, who don't really care as long as they can keep

the magazine. Educators gasp, students grasp and mankind, by February's end in 1988, will purchase an estimated 33 million copies of the SWIMSUIT ISSUE, about twice as many copies as a normal (non-swimsuit issue) will sell. At a \$2.25 newsstand price, it is, as they say in Texas, good business.

In other words, says *SI*, argue all you want about the aesthetic palatability of it all. We're talking millions of rocks here. *Millions.*

Whether *SI's* 20-odd pages of dazzling females in swimsuits is sport or not is a moot topic. Sport, maybe; physical, yes; fiscal, very nice, thank you.

In a world of dollars and sense, the SWIMSUIT ISSUE makes a lot of both.

Rich Man vs. Poor Man, Live at the Bank!

Men's tennis team wins over weekend

By Randy Hargrove
Sports Writer

Strong singles and doubles play carried TCU's men's tennis team past the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Saturday afternoon at TCU's Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Men's head coach Tut Bartzan said the 8-1, dual-match victory was the team's best performance of the season.

"That's the 720st we played so far," Bartzan said. "We've played these guys a lot of matches over the years, and they're always close matches. I figured this would be a lot like that. We got out front and stayed there for the most part."

Bartzan said the inconsistency the team had been showing disappeared in the Saturday match.

"Today was the best we've been able to sustain playing consistently throughout the match," Bartzan said. "We kept the pressure on them pretty good and didn't make the unforced errors we had been making."

"It was like the team came together today," said junior netter Clinton Banducci. "It's the best we've played so far. They (Arkansas-Little Rock) are a good team."

"We've been working hard, and I thought it paid off," said senior Patrick Smith.

Banducci, TCU's No. 1 player, started the tennis ball rolling for TCU by defeating the Trojans' No. 1 player Andes Mansson 6-3, 6-1.

"I'd say Clint played excellent," Bartzan said. "He's ranked 61 (nationally) on the new computer rankings, and I would hope we can get him down in rankings to around 25 by the end of the season. The way he played today, he looked like one of those players."

TCU's lone match defeat came at the No. 2 singles position, where Earl Zinn was defeated by Lars Malmgren 0-6, 6-2, 7-5.

"Earl's not exactly riding a confidence wave," Bartzan said. "He's lacking in match play."

Bartzan said despite the lack of match play due to an injured ankle, Zinn's play in defeat was a positive sign.

"I found so much encouragement in the way he played, even though I wish he'd have won," Bartzan said. "He played so much better today."

"This should help his confidence," he said. "I'm hoping it's going to be a platform for him to jump up on the next level."

At the No. 3 singles position, Smith downed Arkansas-Little Rock's John Smith in straight sets 6-1, 7-5.

"That's the best I played so far," Smith said. "I'm starting to bear down."

"He pretty well controlled the guy," Bartzan said.

TCU's Eric Lingg defeated Cary Rosenbaum 7-6, 6-2 at the No. 4 singles position, while at the No. 5 singles, Horned Frog Gary Betts disposed of Rigo Rosales 6-0, 7-5.

Freshman Gerard Ronan completed singles action for TCU by defeating the Trojans' Mikael Gavelin 6-0, 6-2.

Ronan said he thought two factors played to TCU's advantage in the victory.

"It was a combination of the home-court advantage and I think everyone was ready for this match," Ronan said. "Everyone gave 100 percent. As a team, we're starting to get our act together."

In doubles play, TCU's No. 1 team of Banducci and Zinn defeated Arkansas-Little Rock's No. 1 team of Mansson and Smith 6-2, 6-0 in roughly 45 minutes.

"For Clint and Earl to beat them as handily as they did is very good," Bartzan said. "I think they (Mansson and Smith) thought they had a good chance to beat us."

TCU's No. 2 doubles team of Lingg and Ronan zipped past the team of Rosales and Rosenbaum 6-1, 6-3, while the Horned Frogs' No. 3 doubles team of Smith and Gleason won by default.

"I feel like Lingg and Ronan have consistently played pretty well for us," Bartzan said.

"I just hope we can improve a little bit every time we go out," Bartzan said. "We're still 21 in the poll (nationally), and we hope we can improve on that."

Intramural basketball: Results and playoffs				Coed playoffs			
Coed I		Women's II		Men's III		Men's VI	
Brite Misfits 3-1	No Names 4-0	Psyches 4-0	Lambda Chi 7-0	Three Blind Mice v. Falcons	Friday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. Gym 3		
Alpha Phi Omega 2-2	Jammin' J's 3-1	Soiled Skivvies 3-1	Sigma Alpha Epsilon 6-1	Brite Misfits v. Alpha Phi Omega	Friday, Feb. 26, 4 p.m. Gym 3		
Falcons 2-2	Kappa Alpha Theta 2-2	Homeboys 2-2	Fiji 3-4				
Hooters 2-2	Alpha Delta Pi 1-3	Brachman 1-3	Phi Kappa Sigma 3-4				
	Alpha Phi 0-4	Out of Bounds 0-4	Sigma Chi 2-5				
Coed II		Men's I		Men's IV		Women's playoffs	
The Mismatched 2-1	Big Chillers 4-0	Trash 4-0	Delta Tau Delta 1-6	Chi Omega v. Colby Bouncers	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4 p.m. Gym 3		
Our Lindas 2-1	Phi Kappa Sigma B 2-2	Phi Kappa Sigma B 2-2	Phi Delta Theta 1-6	Phi Beta Phi v. Jammin' J's	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. Gym 3		
Three Blind Mice 2-1	Rockers 3-1	Sigma Chi B 2-2					
CKI Volunteers 1-2	Has-Beens 2-2	Kappa Sigma B 1-3					
Hold On 1-2	Pistons 1-3	Shuz 0-4					
	Homeboys 0-4	Men's V					
Women's I		Men's II		Men's VII			
Chi Omega 4-0	No Names 4-0	F.T.S. Jack 5-0	The Bombs 4-0	Tri Dels v. Alpha Delta Phi	Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9 p.m. Gym 3		
Tri Dels 3-1	Banzai 3-1	Air Command 4-1	Cutters 3-1	Thursday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m. Gym 3			
Pi Beta Phi 2-2	Falcons 2-2	Hooters 2-3	Slut Puppies 3-1				
Zeta Ladies 1-3	Honkies 1-3	Owls 2-3	Aztec 1-3				
Colby Bouncers 0-4	Hooters 0-4	Shuz 0-5	The Lost Boys 1-3				
		Phi Delta Theta 0-4	Chuck Wagon 0-4				

Swimmers lose close meet to Texas

By Robin Shermer
Sports Writer

The TCU men's swim team ended its regular season with a painfully close 60-53 loss to the University of Texas.

"Our team posted several season bests and gave the number nine team in the nation a run for their money in the meet," said swim coach Richard Sybesma.

"This meet will really send us into our taper for the SWC meet with a lot to look forward to," Sybesma said. "We believe that we can finish fourth in the Southwest Conference Meet which would be TCU's best finish ever."

For the Frogs, Doug Ellis finished

second behind the Longhorns.

Frogs taking second place were Steve Reed in the 200-meter butterfly, Kevin Irion in the 200-meter individual medley and Scott Tobin in the 1000-meter freestyle.

Chad Miller took third in the 200 breaststroke while Chris Benedict came in third in the 200-meter backstroke.

The Southwest Conference Championship for the men is March 10-12

In men's diving the Frogs swept the one-meter event, taking first through fourth. Jeff Taylor took first followed by Kyle Bass, Tony Ghanem and Robbie Stewart. Stewart also won the three-meter diving event.

TCU's 400-meter medley relay of Brent Sawyer, Steele, Reed and Ludwick brought in a season's best time of 3:29.8 but unfortunately finished

in Austin. The divers, however, will compete for the championship Thursday, Feb. 25, in Fayetteville, Ark.

The women will also compete in Fayetteville for the women's Southwest Conference Championship. Both teams will go to Zone Meets later in March.

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