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Divest fasting to end

By Brooke Rose
Staff Writer

A Disciple minister, fasting to urge TCU to divest its investments in South Africa, will end his fast at noon today during a service at the Robert Carr Chapel.

Kenneth Kennon, a 1967 graduate of Brite Divinity School and now a Disciple minister in Tucson, Ariz., began fasting Feb. 1, and started his daily four-hour visits to the TCU chapel steps Feb. 8.

"It is important to go to March 3, because it is symbolic to me personally," Kennon said. March 3 is the 20th anniversary of Kennon's ordination.

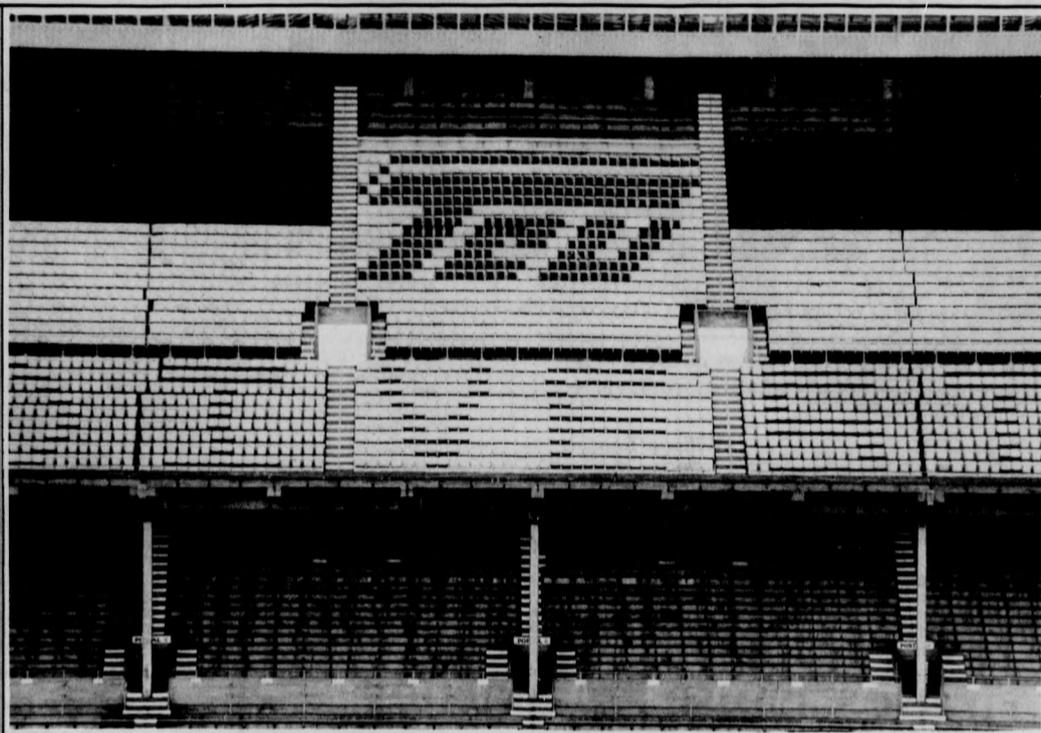
Kennon said he is now more sensitive to what the bare essentials of life really are.

"They are dignity and worth as a human being, the opportunity for self expression and the basic human rights like adequate food and shelter," he said.

The 33-day vigil will end with a breaking-of-the-bread ceremony.

"The breaking of the bread is a universal symbol of the need for the nourishment of all humanity," Kennon said.

Kennon said his positive attitude toward TCU changed when it decided to disregard suggestions made by the General Assembly of Disciples of Christ and keep its investments in South Africa. All other universities affiliated with the disciples of Christ have either divested or not yet made a decision.



Making a statement - Chairs in Amon Carter Stadium were turned over to spell out DIVEST.

He said he was ashamed of TCU after hearing Chancellor Bill Tucker's reasons for not divesting at the General Assembly convention last fall.

"By the time he finished I was deeply saddened and ashamed of my university," Kennon said.

Tucker, who was the assistant dean at Brite while Kennon was a Brite student, said the Board of Trustees decision not to divest

does not mean it supports apartheid.

"I would like for the system of apartheid to end, but it's not clear to me that divestment would make one bit of difference," Tucker said.

Kennon said the idea to fast at TCU came to him during the final sermon given at the General Assembly meeting last fall.

He said the message seemed to

be a call from God, but two things were wrong.

"I didn't want to do it," Kennon said, "and what earthly good would it do to come to TCU?"

He said he struggled for more than two months before making his decision.

"I realized I was not responsible for the effectiveness of the fast," Kennon said. "What I was responsible for was to be faithful to

God's call and do what I had been asked to do."

He said he realizes his fast is not going to have a big impact on the university, but he hopes it will make it reconsider its decision to not divest.

"What I'm doing is just one very small piece in a larger process that hopefully will lead to a more just and sensitive investment policy on the part of TCU," Kennon said.

Tucker outlines future

By Angie Cox
Staff Writer

Chancellor Bill Tucker gave faculty and administrators an idea of TCU's future Tuesday at the Faculty Assembly, said sociology professor Art Berliner.

"The chancellor gave a complete overview of his blueprint for the future," Berliner said.

Increasing the size of faculty, improving the library holdings, adding doctoral programs and at some time adding an engineering program are some of the areas Tucker talked about, he said.

John Mangieri, dean of graduate studies and research, was impressed with the chancellor's address, he said.

"I thought it was an excellent presentation and came at just the right time," Mangieri said.

"I agree with his assertion that with the caliber of faculty we have and our size and prestige, we should have more doctoral programs," he said.

The chancellor's emphasis on academics was appreciated by the faculty, said Douglas Hastad, interim dean of the school of education.

"I'm very pleased to hear that the academic side of the institution is going to become the focal point of the university's commitment to excel in the course of 10 years," Hastad said.

Mangieri agreed with the chancellor about the need to improve the library's holdings, but stressed the importance of following through with the plan.

"Now it will come upon the faculty, administration and friends to come up with a strategy for his plan," he said.

ISA examines world role of United States

By Leanora Minal
Staff Writer

TCU students, faculty and staff have the opportunity today to hear four specialists discuss if the United States should be involved in another country's internal policies.

The forum, sponsored by the International Student Association, is titled "Big Brother or Good Neighbor: Should the United States be involved in another country's internal policies?"

The speakers are Ralph Carter, assistant professor of political science;

Michael Dodson, associate professor of political science; Jim Peipert, national and foreign editor of the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram" and Barry Shlachter, roving state reporter for the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram."

"We live in a shrinking world where the actions that we take can very quickly come up either to haunt us or reward us," Dodson said.

He said the forum gives the United States a chance to give an account of what it's doing in the world, and the opportunity for the international students to tell how they feel about what the United States is doing in other

countries. "I hope the forum achieves communication, awareness and education because these are important factors in forming better relationships between countries," MariCarmen Eroles, student coordinator, said.

Peipert said it's hard to give a "blanket response" on whether the United States should intervene.

"In an ideal world, one would say no, I'm not in favor. But it's not an ideal world. Foreign policy is a complicated matter and must be considered in context," Peipert said. He said it's important for students

to attend to gain a better awareness and avoid mistakes made in the past, like the Vietnam War.

"It's important for all American students to understand that every time you intervene, you're violating that other country's sovereignty," Carter said.

He said most intervention ends up counterproductive and regimes and people become hostile to the American government.

"I'm opposed to multiple and frequent intervention into the affairs of others," Carter said. Shlachter said Americans want to

think everyone sees issues the American way but that there is not an American solution to everything.

"What looks like the best possible solution from the American point of view or from the perspective of New York or Washington may have no resemblance to the situation on the ground in Central America or Southwest Africa," Shlachter said.

Shlachter gave the case of intervention as an example.

He said, "I think it should be the very last step if all diplomatic processes have been exhausted and even

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Former TCU coed crowned Miss USA

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

Courtney Gibbs, former TCU student, caught the beauty pageant world off-guard Tuesday night when she became the fourth Miss Texas in a row to be crowned Miss USA.

The pageant, held in El Paso, marked the 37th year for the event and was attended by 51 contestants from around the country.

Local television stations estimate more than 70 million viewers watched the broadcast.

Gibbs attended TCU for two years, but took off the past school year when she won the title of Miss Texas.

While attending TCU, Gibbs was an art history major and member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Paula Richards, a senior advertising/public relations major and close friend of Gibbs, said the last time Gibbs was on campus was last fall when her sorority had just taken their new pledges.

"Courtney came back to see everyone in the chapter, but left soon after to fulfill her obligations as Miss Texas," Richards said.

Gibbs' grandmother threw a party last month for some of Gibbs' close friends, and pageant officials and 1987

Miss USA Michelle Royer also attended.

"It was just a party for Courtney before she had to leave for final preparations in El Paso," Richards said.

Gibbs spent a good deal of the year training with the agency responsible for producing the past three Miss USAs.

Richards said her sorority is ecstatic with the news of Gibbs' accomplishment.

One member of the sorority rented out the backroom of River Park Grille Restaurant to watch the show on television, but Richards said many of the girls stayed in the sorority chapter room to watch it.

"We were all standing about three inches in front of the TV and were screaming when they announced who won," Richards said.

"We couldn't believe at first that she won because she had so many things to contend with, but she surpassed them all by far," she said.

At the beginning of the pageant the TV audience was shown the results of the judges' decisions from the preliminary round, and their scores placed Gibbs in first place before the 10 finalists were selected.

Throughout the two-hour-plus telecast, Gibbs then proceeded to



Courtney Gibbs

place high in both the swimsuit competition and evening gown competition. She scored the highest in the personal interview.

During the interview Gibbs said, "I didn't know that I had any broadcast skills until I became Miss Texas, but now doors have been opened for me and I have found that I enjoy it and am interested in TV."

Prizes awarded to Gibbs include \$46,000 in cash, a sports car, a \$25,000 personal appearance contract, \$10,000 worth of jewelry, two mink coats and other prizes.

Current engagements require Gibbs to travel and promote her title for the upcoming year and to represent USA in May for the Miss Universe pageant in Taipei, Taiwan.

MCI says 50 students admit abuse of service

By Diane Wooldridge
Staff Writer

Coy McNeil, MCI senior investigator was at TCU last week to give students a chance to clear their name, said Larry Markley, director of the student center.

Students have been illegally using MCI long distance access codes, said Bill McHale, spokesperson for MCI. One and a half years ago a program was developed to allow students a chance to keep a clean record.

Around 50 students came forward last week when the program came to TCU, Markley said. There responses were basically that the codes were available and they didn't think about it being illegal.

"They said they knew it was dumb and they were willing to make restitution," Markley said.

McNeil was here the entire week but Friday was the busiest day. "Around 30 or 40 people came in Friday," said Paula Fassi, spokesperson for MCI.

"I think there are some names of people that they still have who didn't turn themselves in," Markley said. "It's now up to MCI whether they will follow up with legal action."

Grading changes voted on

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate, composed of more than 40 members of the TCU faculty, will meet today for the second time this semester.

Daryl Schmidt, associate professor of religion and chairperson of the faculty senate, said two items will be voted.

The items to be voted on include a motion for the plus and minus grading system presented by the Academic Excellence committee and recommended policies and procedures for faculty involvement in search committees for administrative positions.

Schmidt said, "Nothing really substantial will be decided on at this meeting, but propositions will be made by the senate."

The decisions made at the meeting on the new grading system could result in a change for the university, but the search committee is just looking at a revision of procedures," Schmidt said.

Other topics on the agenda include dates for the election calendar, nominees for honorary degrees and selection of new members for the grievance committee.

Bill Vanderhoof, secretary for the faculty senate, said it is hard to predict what kind of conclusions the senate will come to because until the meeting, no one knows what kind of research the committees will come up with.

"I haven't talked to all of the professors, but I think the majority of the faculty is in favor of the grading proposition," Vanderhoof said.

Currently the business school and Brite Divinity School are the only departments on campus to employ the plus-minus system, but if the program is approved then the entire campus would use it," Schmidt said.

TODAYdiscovery

TCU ex assists science

By John Arend
Staff Writer

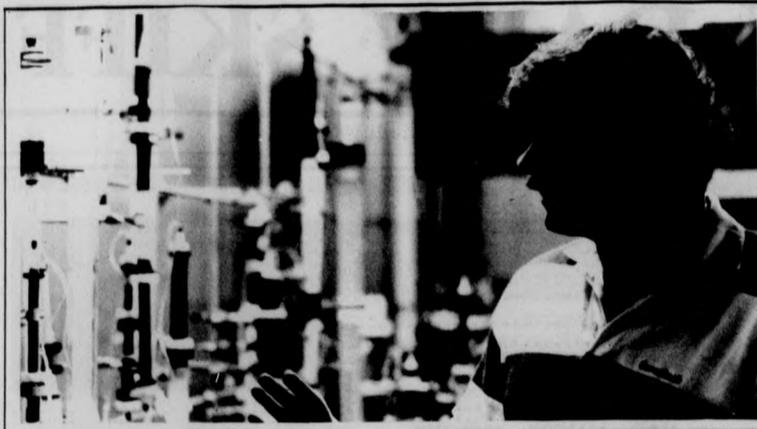
A TCU alumnus helped to develop a new drug to help heart attack victims.

The invention of Activase, a revolutionary drug used by doctors worldwide to treat heart attack victims, was the result of many years of research by TCU alumnus William Bennett and other scientists, according to a report issued by Genentech Inc., a major medical research company based in California.

Bennett, who graduated from TCU in 1971, joined a small group of researchers at Genentech in 1982 in an effort to identify and reproduce the genetic sequence of tissue plasminogen activator. Tissue plasminogen activator is an enzyme produced in the body that helps dissolve blood clots, Bennett said.

One year later, the enzyme was successfully synthesized by the scientists and in 1986, Genentech filed a product license application for Activase with the Food and Drug Administration.

"After identifying and isolating the TPA located within the human cell, we were able to reproduce it by way



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Genetic researcher - William Bennett explains DNA technology at Genentech.

'Activase has a proven success rate of 80 to 85 percent compared to other drugs, which have a much lower rate'

William Bennett,
TCU alumnus

of recombinant DNA technology, or the insertion of DNA segments from one cell into the DNA of a host cell," Bennett said.

Activase dissolves clots blocking coronary arteries in the heart, improves ventricular function and reduces the incidence of congestive heart failure during a heart attack,

Bennett said.

The FDA licensed Activase for the treatment of heart attacks in 1987 after numerous clinical studies, Bennett said.

"Activase has a proven success rate of 80 to 85 percent compared to other drugs, which have a much lower rate," Bennett said.

"Up till now, doctors have treated artery blockage during a heart attack either by administering a drug which slows clots—but doesn't dissolve those already present—or by conducting bypass surgery," Bennett said.

The one disadvantage to Activase is that a single treatment costs about \$2,000.

"It is relatively high-priced treatment due to the extensive research and technical production involved," Bennett said.

"But for such a critical treatment with a high success rate, Activase becomes very attractive to an individual suffering from a heart attack," Bennett said.

Scientist says TCU was key to success

By John Arend
Staff Writer

Dr. William Bennett, TCU alumnus and senior scientist at Genentech, Inc., a large West Coast medical research company, attributes his success to hard work and early encouragement from his chemistry professors at TCU.

"Of all the professors I had at TCU, probably the one who had the most influential effect on my life was my organic chemistry professor, Manfred Reinecke," Bennett said. "He really got me interested."

Reinecke could not be reached for comment but remains a professor of chemistry and is now the chairperson of the pre-med program at TCU.

Bennett graduated from TCU in 1971 with a degree in chemistry and went on to study biochemistry at the University of Texas in Dallas.

After earning his Ph.D., Bennett was the assistant professor of psychology at the University of California at Irvine. He taught there five years before taking a job with Genentech in south San Francisco.

Since then, Bennett has become a top research scientist and has helped to discover and produce several new drugs such as Activase, a drug for

heart attack victims, and Protropin, a growth hormone.

Activase and Protropin are artificially synthesized drugs created by DNA technology, a process which can actually change the properties of one group of cells to those of a host cell that possesses a set of desired traits, Bennett said.

One of his major contributions to science was his research with second generation mammalian cells, those from which DNA technology is derived, Bennett said.

"Prior to the discovery of the potential of mammalian cells, most of the research in biotechnology centered around bacteria," Bennett said. "It was not possible to reproduce cells with particular desired traits before."

"Genentech has been very successful in the research and production of many major pharmaceutical products," he said. "In addition to Activase and Protropin, Genentech developed Humulin (human insulin) and Interferon, a drug for treating a form of leukemia."

The development and production of such products is an ongoing process, Bennett said.

"We are always looking for ways to improve their effectiveness and the process of development," Bennett said. "And we might even come across something new along the way."

Computer viruses cause headaches

By Colleen Tomerlin
Staff Writer

Computer viruses are not alive but their effects are real, said Tom Nute, TCU associate professor of computer science.

"They are computer programs that copy themselves, destroy data and then copy themselves," Nute said. "They spread unbeknownst to people carrying them and there is nothing magical about them—they're a nuisance."

When it replicates it finds another

file to attack when triggered by a certain date, number or something, said Briggs Myrick, Texas A&M systems analyst. "One safeguard against these viruses is to check sums," he said.

"You can also look for the word 'virus' in the name of the program," he said. "But unless you're the original programmer or personally know the original programmer, you're at risk."

"My family sells computers to pharmacies and we know if it happens to them, it costs money and time," said Terry Gilbert, senior computer sci-

ence major. "If a virus infiltrated our computers and then we transferred it to someone else, who would be liable?"

Trojan horse is another name for a computer virus, said Scott Tobin, senior radio-TV-film major.

"They call them Trojans because you expect it to do something, but it does something completely opposite," Tobin said. "It goes in and destroys all files you have, and you don't know about it till everything is gone."

A virus can also be called a worm because they sneak around eating

parts of programs, said Ed Juge, Tandy Corporation director of market planning. Juge said he thinks viruses may be a myth.

"I've heard of computer viruses, but I've never known anyone who has had it happen," Juge said.

People who create computer viruses may be playing or intentionally destroying information, said David Riegel, a Texas A&M senior systems analyst. In an accounting system, an employee can change a number and cause a ripple effect changing the balance, Riegel said.

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then, the government must be able to justify the act not only to the American people but in terms of international law.

Even with these requirements satisfied, the intervention should not be undertaken unless the decision

makers are certain it won't create a bigger problem."

Time has been allotted at the end of the forum for questions from the audience, said Eroles.

The forum is in Room 205 and 206 of the Student Center from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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COMMENTARY

Worthy cartoons protected by court ruling on Hustler

By Nancy Andersen
Columnist



Imagine buying one of the newspapers offered in the stands around campus and discovering it contains no editorial cartoons or even "Bloom County" or "Doonesbury."

Or imagine picking up a copy of the TCU Daily Skiff and finding the cartoon staff no longer exists.

Thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week on criticism of public figures via drawings, it's not likely to happen. Bravo to the court for recognizing a form of expression—editorial cartoons or comic strips—that rightly must be protected even if, as Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote, the criticism is "outrageous" and offensive.

The decision overturned a jury's \$200,000 award to the Rev. Jerry Falwell for "emotional distress" caused by a parody in *Hustler* magazine.

The parody was a fictional advertisement in which Falwell told an interviewer of a drunken, incestuous rendezvous with his mother in an out-of-town house.

"I always get sloshed before I go out to the pulpit," the ad had Falwell saying.

Small print at the bottom of the

page said the ad was "not to be taken seriously."

Of course not. Satires of this sort have been around since the playwright Aristophanes hooted at Socrates in "The Clouds," written in 423 B.C. It was treated then as a bawdy comedy—not to be taken seriously. It is treated today as a work of literature.

Likewise, Jonathan Swift parodied conditions in 1700s' England in "Gulliver's Travels," something every high school student in Texas studies today.

Cartoons—both strips and editorial—are simply a more colorful form of the satire. Like plays and books, they have played a prominent role in public and political debate.

Political cartoonist Thomas Nast, for one, not only created the now-familiar Democratic donkey and Republican elephant, but also helped expose "Boss" Tweed's corrupt political machine in 1873.

Since scathing cartoons of this sort are as historical as any written criticism, freedom to draw and publish them should be upheld in freedom of the press.

The *Hustler* caricature of Falwell and his mother is a distant cousin of Nast's political cartoons—and a poor one at that. As Rehnquist wrote, it is "doubtless gross and repugnant in the eyes of most."

That's to be expected from *Hustler* magazine.

Yet what exactly defines "gross and repugnant"?

Some squeamish editors of "Gulliver's Travels," both yesterday and today, have left out parts where Swift describes excrement—a graphic attack of sanitation conditions of his time.

But when "The Clouds" premiered in ancient Greece, no one thought anything of dialogue saying, "Your inside's very small and it produces a tiny little fart."

Like libel, "gross and repugnant" cannot have one definition, but must be defined according to circumstance.

Of course, respected cartoonists shouldn't copy the *Hustler* parody. But they don't have to be cautious about libel either, since their work is never intended to be true. You don't expect the Prince and Princess of Wales to really go to McDonald's, but they did so in "Bloom County."

Taste, which *Hustler* lacked, must be used since cartoons and comic strips, like any other visual medium, are more attractive to and stick in the mind better than the written word.

For example, how many of you can't remember what any column on the *Skiff* editorial page last year was about but can recall Todd Camp's attack on crummy cups and bow-heads?

And how many, on turning to the editorial page each morning, scan "Bloom County," "The Campus Underground" and Pennell's or Guest's editorial cartoons before noticing a column?

You can put those hands down now. And thanks for being honest.



Forum covers U.S. policies

By Brad Vanderbilt
Columnist



This evening's International Student Association forum "Big Brother or Good Neighbor: Should the U.S. be involved in the internal policies of other countries?" will discuss the important issue of American influence in the politics of foreign nations.

The forum, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 205/206, will feature Jim Peipert and Barry Shlacter, of the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram," as well as TCU faculty, Ralph Carter and Michael Dodson.

The ISA forum can be expected to address the American policy in many different areas of the world. Among topics that might be discussed are American policy in Europe, South Africa and Central America.

Recent events in Panama have

drawn attention to the political situation in Latin America. General Manuel Noriega last week dismissed President Delvalle, after Delvalle attempted to oust Noriega.

Obviously the plan didn't work. It was Noriega that ousted Delvalle, and then the general replaced Delvalle with a new president, Manuel Solis Palma, sworn in Feb. 26. Solis was formerly Panama's Minister of Education.

Most perplexing in the Panamanian situation is the question of American involvement. Panama has been one of three central American countries (Panama, El Salvador and Honduras) that has aided the Reagan-Bush administration in its war in Nicaragua.

The great irony of the situation is that these three countries have been among the most active states in Central America in the trading of illegal narcotics. The recent U.S. indictment of Noriega for drug trafficking points to this irony.

On the other hand, American foreign policy (which is so quick to respond with big-stick bandering in

other regions), has been pitifully slow in responding to the travesty of apartheid.

As truly unjust as the apartheid regime is, the United States does not have the right to depose the existing government, but there are many actions that can be taken to improve the travesty of South African injustice.

The United States could impose more strict and binding economic and diplomatic sanctions against South Africa. American officials should demand the immediate release of such political prisoners as Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu.

The United States must press for peaceful reform through the support of such leaders as Archbishop Tutu and Allan Boesak.

Because of the timeliness of the Panamanian situation, Central American policy may also be expected to figure in the ISA forum.

An exciting address of this topic and other issues concerning the role of the U.S. government in foreign states can certainly be expected at the ISA forum tonight.

Skiff made bad call on Playboy

By Troy Phillips
Guest Columnist



Playboy magazine is not a minor publication.

So how in the world can refusing an ad for *Playboy* be called a minor decision as it was in the "Our View" of the March 1 *Skiff*?

Decisions that blow up in your face aren't minor.

Decisions that obviously stem from personal convictions aren't minor.

And decisions that don't let people think for themselves are certainly not minor.

I have no desire to personally attack *Skiff* ad manager Lisa Bianchi. She's a nice person and does a great job. But she was wrong.

And now the *Skiff*'s editorial board has decided to label *Playboy* as some disgusting smut rag that has no respect for women whatsoever.

Bianchi told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* the decision was a matter of opinion, not censorship. But she didn't think about all the students' opinions that the *Skiff* serves to stimulate.

The *Playboy* ad was simply an informational device for any TCU women interested in posing for the magazine. Bianchi called the ad sexist and demeaning, but its purpose was only to convey information. There was nothing in the ad that said, "Calling all bimbos. *Playboy* wants you!"

If any women were interested, they had every right to know whom to call and where to go. But it doesn't matter now. Everyone who doesn't live under a pizza box has heard about *Playboy*, so refusing the ad was useless.

Bianchi also said the ad was offensive to a large portion of the student body. A large portion couldn't have known about the ad before the decision to refuse it. Whatever portion that was offended is probably surpassed by an even larger majority of supporters, judging from the last few weeks. However, their opinions were never considered.

The "Our View" editorial said women who pose for *Playboy* harm the effort of women who want to be respected for their minds and personalities.

Is this to say that women who do choose to pose don't deserve the same respect? If they respect themselves and don't feel like sex objects for posing, then they shouldn't be labeled as

such. Women who choose not to pose shouldn't let the others affect them or the merits of their own lives.

The claim that *Playboy* portrays women as sex objects is only true if people want to look at its models as sex objects.

Certainly the ad shouldn't have been run just because SMU, Texas and other chose to go with it. Comparing TCU to other schools is not the issue. Their decisions have nothing to do with us.

However, the issue is that a student publication can't impose moralistic judgments upon something that was supposed to only inform. Refusing it was enough, but blatant moral judgment for merely soliciting a harmless ad was too much.

The *Skiff* editorial board shouldn't be so overly concerned with the image of TCU or the Christian Church because of what women may choose to do for their own individual reasons. It's not for TCU, the Christian Church or the *Skiff* to decide what's best. In fact, it's none of their business.

For no sexist reasons, I hope that many women answer *Playboy*'s request. If they can ignore the *Skiff*'s criticism and think for themselves, respect for their minds and personalities should come easy. They'll deserve it.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Frogs and Froggettes, We need a bar. Yes, I know we have several within a few blocks walking distance of the Administration buildings (I wondered about that too), but we need to have one on campus.

It could be run by TCU students in need of a job to pay their tuitions at Froggy High, and owned by the student body with the school as a limited partner. That way the school could receive some of the profits and would not be legally liable. The student body would be — but how do you sue 7,000 poor college kids?

Why, you may wonder, would anybody need a bar on campus? Simple. First, I like Elmer of the Pub as much as anybody but, let's face it, he's been making a living off

of school kids' allowances for eons. Think of the good we could do if we were able to take at least some of that money and use it to lower our tuitions and pay our teachers more. And think how much more receptive they might be to some of our more "innovative" term paper ideas if they were in the right frame of mind.

Second, think of the overhead costs we could save the school with an establishment such as this right at the door. Let me explain.

Everybody knows that a drink, used in the right way, has clinically proven positive medicinal results. Therefore, when students felt ill they could go to the bar for their medicine instead of bothering the school's doctors. Ergo ipso facto, we could lower the operating costs

of the infirmary.

Next, think of the ease and convenience we could have with the ability to use our TCU plastic instead of money. This would lower the amounts of cash needed to be carried by each student, thus lowering the temptation for muggers to accost Frog personages and the TCU police force could spend more time persecuting parking violators.

Due to the reasons just outlined, we students must unite and get ourselves a bar on campus in order to help fight crime, save our friends' lives and — you guessed it — LOWER TUITION!!

Thank you for your support.

Greg Wilson
Senior/English-history

TCU DAILY SKIFF

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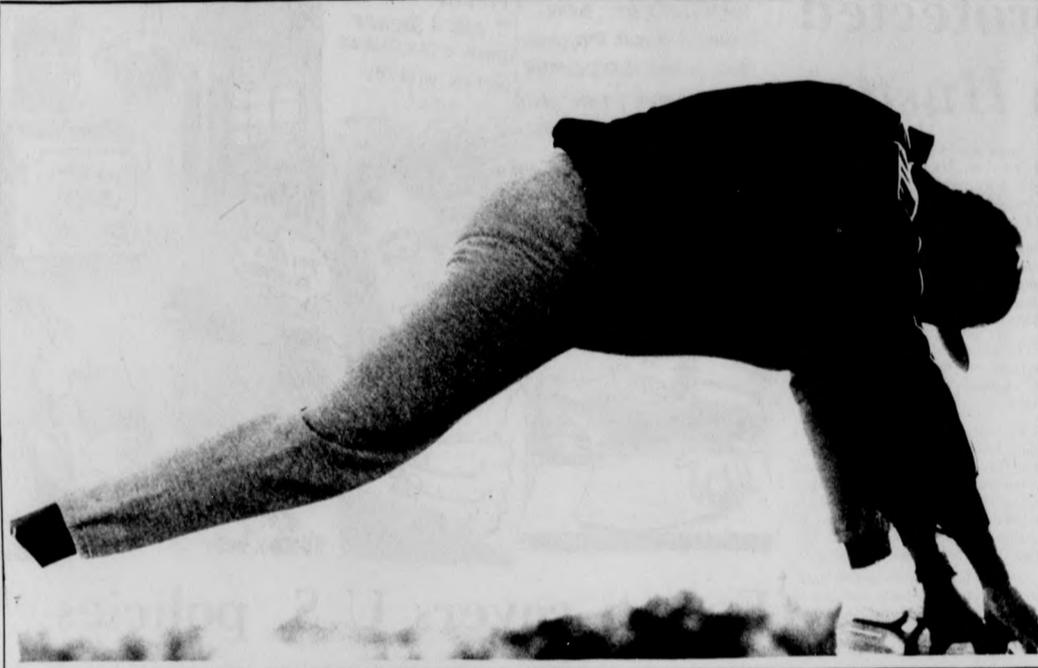


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SPORTS



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Stretch it out - TCU runner Tony Allen does some stretching exercises to prepare himself for the next meet.

TCU swimmers dreaming of Olympic gold

By Robin Shermer
Sports Columnist



To make it to the Olympics, you have to believe in yourself.

A TCU swimmer and a former TCU swimmer have qualified for the United States Olympic Trials August 8-13 in Austin, Texas, and do they ever believe in themselves.

Marlene Parchman, freshman pre-major, and Todd ZumMallen, a TCU marketing graduate, have both qualified for the trials in the 100-meter and the 200-meter breaststroke.

Parchman qualified for the trials this summer in San Antonio while she was swimming for the Alamo Area Aquatic Association, a U.S. Swimming Club. ZumMallen qualified in December at the U.S. Open meet in New Orleans while swimming for TCU.

"You just feel great when you accomplish something that you've worked hard for," Parchman said.

"I think going to the Olympics is the ultimate goal of any swimmer—it is the highest level you can reach," ZumMallen said.

For the women the qualifying time for the trials is 1:39 in the 100 and 2:41.19 for the 200. Parchman qualified with times of 1:14 in the 100 and 2:39 in the 200.

"Our next level is the Olympics, but you have to work really hard to stay at each level. It won't be easy," Parchman said.

The qualifying time for the Olympic trials for the men is 1:05.99 in the 100 and 2:4.8 in the 200. ZumMallen had times of 1:05.567 in the 100 and 2:2.08 in the 200.

"I'd guess the top 35 swimmers in the nation make the cut," said ZumMallen. "This is the hardest time cut

in the world because they hold the fastest time standards for any meet held."

Both said they think they have a chance of going to the Olympics although only the top two finishers go.

"I think I'll make it or I wouldn't be swimming," ZumMallen said. "This is it for me—I didn't expect myself to be around this long."

Parchman said that her results would depend on how well she trained this summer.

"I'm ready to go to work and go for it," she said.

She said if she didn't make it to the Olympics she would use the experience to get used to the international competition. Then next time she would know what to expect and be ready for competition.

Parchman and ZumMallen will be training together until the end of the semester. They will be lifting weights, running and swimming together.

"You can't motivate yourself when you swim by yourself," ZumMallen said.

"We can encourage each other to do better and support each other while we swim," Parchman said.

During the summer Parchman will swim and train with her club team in San Antonio, while ZumMallen is undecided about where he will train.

Both said that they will be glad to swim in meters instead of in yards like they do in the winter season.

"We are both small compared to other swimmers, so our turns are slow. When we swim in yards, the pool is short and we swim more turns, so we get beat more often," ZumMallen said.

"In meters the pool is longer, so there aren't as many turns, and we have a much better chance against the bigger people."

Both said they started swimming as older children which was a disadvantage because younger kids were better than they were.

ZumMallen, who started swimming at 14, was made to swim with the 8-year-olds to learn the basics. He said he was told he was good enough to swim in high school, but that he'd never make it to college level.

"Not many college coaches talked to me when recruiting started, but Richard (Sybesma) was one of the few coaches who saw something in me," ZumMallen said.

"I totally believe in him, and we get along great," he said.

Parchman said she started swimming when she was 12 after her mom talked her into trying out for a club team that was practicing in the local pool. She was offered a swimming scholarship to TCU last year, and things have progressed since then.

Both said the most important thing in swimming is to have a coach who completely believes in the swimmer. They also said that TCU coach Richard Sybesma has accomplished that job for them.

But believing in yourself doesn't hurt either

Intramural Results

Basketball results:

Men's:

First- Lambda Chi
Second- Big Chillers

Women's:

First- Chi Omega
Second- Delta Delta Delta

Racquetball:

Men's Advanced:

First- Doug Hasted/ Dan Southard
Second- Mark Jones/ Ricardo Augspurg

Men's Intermediate:

First- Steve Cornell/ David Mincielly
Second- Tom Nute/ Jim Mayne

Men's Beginner:

First- Jim Spencer/ Mark Britton
Second- Morningstar/ Wirin

Women's:

First- Melinda Spencer/ Debra Williams
Second- Stacie Summerhill/ Joni Vader

Badminton Results:

Women's:

First- Ona Berry/ Karen Pasarella
Second- Ellis/ Nagle

Coed:

First- Tam Wang Keong/ Ona Berry
Second- Larry Williams/ Lisa Zinkie

Men's Advanced:

First- Bill Meador/ Tam Wang Keong
Second- Chris Bullen/ Todd Gordon

Men's Beginner/ Intermediate:

First- Allan Wilson/ Robert Klotz
Second- Matt Hood/ Scott Nannen

Tennis Doubles:

Men's Advanced:

First- Mark Denbre/ John Simmons
Second- Chris Fleck/ David Thorne

Men's Intermediate:

First- Lester/ Williams
Second- Roberts/ Turner

Men's Beginner:

First- Tjoa/ Thresher
Second- Goetting/ Graham

Women's:

First- Hankins/ Jogola
Second- Goiser/ Minton

Table Tennis:

Men's Advanced:

First- Wilson/ Klotz
Second- Hart/ Johnston

Men's Intermediate/ Beginners:

First- Myers/ Parish
Second- Salam/ George

Women's:

First- Robin Adams/ Laura Brennan
Second- Marla Emery/ Wendy Wiggs

Weightlifting:

Overall Champions:

Lightweight- Rick Martinez
Light Heavyweight- Phillip Kuehler
Middleweight- Tree Tjoa
Middle Heavyweight- Todd Boatman
Heavyweight- Chuck Mooney
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