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'Last Temptation' opens in Dallas theater today amid protest

By **STEPHANIE MILLARD**
Staff Writer

"The Last Temptation of Christ," a movie for which protestors have become its publicists, opens today in an exclusive showing at the AMC Prestonwood 5 theater in Dallas.

The film, called "a courageous picture" by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* critic Mike Price, has caused protests at its openings in other major cities. A demonstration is planned for the Dallas opening by a non-denominational group called

Christians in Action.

"We plan on having signs and large numbers of people, but not blocking traffic or doing anything unlawful," said a spokesman for Christians in Action, who desired to remain anonymous in order to keep notoriety from the group.

"We want to let AMC know that we're never going to enter their doors again if they show the movie," he said.

"If the movie does get shown, we plan to protest all AMC theaters across the Metroplex," the Christians

in Action spokesman said.

Although members of Christians in Action are aware that curiosity-seekers who want to see the movie will always exist, the spokesman said his group feels that the large numbers of protestors they have registered so far will dissuade people.

They are also planning to encourage local churches to hold Wednesday night services at the theater in protest.

The movie is based on a novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, not on the Gospel, as most of the opponents believe, said

Joseph Jeter, an assistant professor of homiletics at Brite Divinity School who is teaching a course this semester based on the book and has seen the film.

"The problems that many of the protestors have with the movie are on a superficial level," Jeter said. "What should probably be disturbing to some people is that it causes you to think. It leaves you asking 'Who is this person?' and a lot of people aren't ready to question that."

The Rev. Mike Stiles, director of the TCU Baptist Student Union, feels

that "anything that misrepresents the biblical message isn't worth seeing and is destructive."

He believes that the protests will do some good.

"There are people who might not have known about the movie whose minds the protests may change," Stiles said.

The Prestonwood theater, although well aware that demonstrations trying to persuade audiences not to view the film will take place, said they are not taking any special precautions for protection.

No other location has been announced for a showing yet. The decision will be made by the AMC theaters and Universal Pictures, the distributor.

According to the AMC Hulen theater in Fort Worth, they have received hundreds of petitions against the showing of the film and know of no other plans to open it locally.

"I would think that the best thing to do is to see the movie and to talk about it," Jeter said. "I have seen the movie, and some of it I thought was tremendous."



Wet 'n' wild - Lisa Maddux, junior political science major, uses the swing in front of Jarvis Hall while the sprinklers are on Tuesday afternoon.

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b.f. maiz returns to TCU

Poet to remain for three weeks

By **CHUCK HENDLEY**
Staff Writer

World-renowned poet b.f. maiz arrives on campus today for more of what made him so popular last spring.

Maiz's return for three weeks is being sponsored by the Programming Council Forums Committee, Student Activities Office and the House of Student Representatives.

Maiz will be on campus to assist with the annual fall leadership retreat and will speak to student organizations and classes.

Kristin Chambers, vice president of the House and chairwoman for the fall leadership retreat, said maiz was brought back to campus because he was so effective and beneficial to students.

"We hope that he'll receive as good a response as he did last year," Chambers said.

In order to warrant as much attention to his presence as possible, Chambers said she sent out a letter to all professors and campus organizations to inform them of his visit, hoping that, in return, maiz would be booked by departments all over campus to speak.

Susan Batchelor, director of Student Activities, said the response from faculty so far has been very positive.

Bank name altered again, but student service unchanged

By **JOHN AREND**
Staff Writer

The sign in front of the bank at the corner of University Drive and Berry Street looks stationary. But the name on that sign has been changed three times in the past 15 months.

NCNB Texas National Bank is the latest name to grace that corner since First Republic-Bank purchased InterFirst Corp. in June of 1987.

The most recent name change was the result of First Republic's failure and subsequent billion-dollar bail-out by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. last March.

After a five-month search for a purchaser, the FDIC sold First RepublicBank Corp. to North Carolina National Bank in August.

"Our name change hasn't really had an effect on student deposits this year," said Carole Adkins, public relations officer for the University branch of NCNB Texas. "We opened between 400 to 500 new student accounts in the first week of school."

"I chose to bank at NCNB because I feel more comfortable with a larger bank and because it is within walking distance," said Bill Wax, a senior marketing major. "Except for my monthly statements, I really haven't noticed the change in names."

Most of the students who choose NCNB do so because it is close to TCU and has competitive rates, Adkins said.

"Our most popular student account is the 2/20 account which has no minimum balance requirement and a low monthly charge," she said.

Gibraltar Savings opened 178 new student accounts during registration week, said Rose Lee Felan, branch manager of Gibraltar Savings.

"Although deposits fluctuate throughout the year, about 25 percent of our deposits are from either TCU students or staff," Felan said.

"I chose Gibraltar because a larger bank tends to charge for everything, even a printout of your account," said Judy Samuel, a senior marketing major.

Feeling secure at a small bank like Gibraltar is easy because they know you there, Samuel said.

Gibraltar Savings is a small bank which offers checking accounts for \$4 a month with unlimited checks and numerous automated teller machine locations, which can be used without charge, she said.

NCNB's 2/20 account involves a \$2 charge per month plus a service charge of 20 cents per check, Adkins said.



b.f. maiz

Frog Fit for students takes shape

By **CAROL DICKEY**
Staff Writer

Back by popular demand, the Frog Fit Student Fitness Program will begin its second year Tuesday, said Christine Brinkerhoff, assistant director of Recreational Sports.

"Frog Fit was very popular last year," Brinkerhoff said. "We had about 300 students each semester."

The program, sponsored by Recreational Sports, offers both aerobics and weight training classes. The weight training classes begin in October, but students can attend aerobics classes starting Tuesday.

"It costs \$25. Just fill out an application in Rickel (Room) 229, and you're in for the whole semester," Brinkerhoff said.

Aerobics classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m., Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Students who register for the program can attend up to 15 classes a week, Brinkerhoff said.



The five leaders for the aerobics classes are Kim Blake, Penny Nichols, Jennifer Jegers, Shelly Schwarz and Michele Waxman. All of the leaders are TCU students.

So far about 50 students have signed up for Frog Fit, but Brinkerhoff said she expects a big turnout this week.

"We usually have an influx of about 200 people on one day. They all seem to come at once," she said.

Students can also reap the benefits of physical fitness by joining the Frog Fit Club, which does not require a membership fee.

International organization gives support

By **DIANE WOOLDRIDGE**
And **JULIE BETTINGER**
Staff Writers

Diversity - different people, different places and different views - can be experienced in the International Student Association.

ISA serves as a support group for international students who may have difficulties adapting to culture differences.

"European and Scandinavian students don't experience much culture shock, but those from China and some from Southeast Asia have quite a bit of difficulty adjusting," said Al Mladenka, director of International Student Affairs. Special orientation programs are offered to help.

Some students are here for three or four years before they get to go home, while others go home at Christmas.

"All of them go through homesickness more than U.S. students," Mladenka said. "It's harder just to

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Outside



Today's weather is partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and this evening. High temperatures will be in the 90s with southeast winds at 10 mph.

Wacker to support FCA in first meeting tonight

By **NANCY ANDERSEN**
Staff Writer

Head football coach Jim Wacker will kick off the first meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes tonight with a motivational talk.

The meeting begins at 9 p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

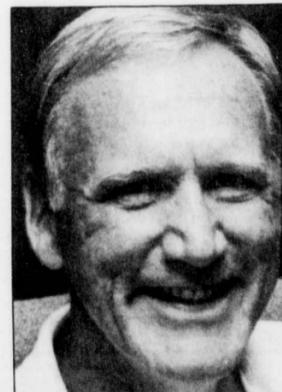
Tim Teykl, offensive line coach and sponsor of FCA, said Wacker nearly always appears at the first meeting of each semester.

"He's done it in four of the six years he's been on campus," he said. "He hasn't even written it yet, but his talk will be more in regards to religion and philosophy in athletics rather than specifics about the football season."

Teykl said he expects 300 people to attend the meeting.

"Size-wise, we have one of the largest huddles in the United States, and the largest by far in the Southwest Conference," he said.

FCA welcomes non-athletes to meetings as well, he said, and although chapters of FCA have tradi-



Jim Wacker

tionally been all male, TCU's chapter has members of both sexes.

FCA tries to present athletes "the challenge and adventure of Christianity and serving Jesus Christ," Teykl said.

"But we don't want to replace church - it's not like going to church. It's more of a relaxing therapy - your time away from class and athletics," Teykl said.

CAMPUSlines

Alpha Angel Rush Party to be held today at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 218. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Career Planning and Placement Center offers career planning workshops through December. "Resume Writing" will be held Sept. 9. Sign up in Student Center Room 220. For more information, call 921-7863.

Campus Christian Community's Annual Fall Retreat to be held Sept. 3-5. Open to all denominations. Sign up at the University Ministries office, Student Center Room 139. For more information, call 921-7530.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its first meeting at 9 p.m. in the Varsity room of the Coliseum. Jim Wacker is the guest speaker.

National Student Conference on Voter Participation will be held on Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 in Washington D.C. For more information call (202) 547-5860.

The House of Representatives is looking for Town Representatives. Apply in the Student Activities office by Sept. 6.

Alpha Phi Omega's Rush Parties will be held Sept. 11 and Sept 13 at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Woodson room. All students welcome. For more information call 926-4214.

Students for Bush meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of Tom Brown Hall.

College Republican Meeting to be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Woodson room of the Student Center. Call 923-6203 for more information.

Hunger Week meeting to be held at 3 p.m. today in the Student Center Room 205-206.

Programming Council Chairs available for Forums Committee and Recreation and Travel Committee. Applications available at Student Activities Office or the Student Center Information Desk. Call 921-7926 for more information.

TCU Street "Dek" Hockey meeting and practice at 3 p.m. Friday in the Rickel building.

Study Abroad Veterans who studied abroad during the spring and summer will have a brief meeting at 5 p.m. today in Reed 114.

International Student Association Kick-off Reception to be held 5 p.m. Thursday at Student Center Room 207.

Cantebury (Episcopal Students Organization) will have a swimming party at 3012 Owenwood Drive from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today. All students welcome. Dinner provided. Meet at Student Center at 6:10 for a ride.

Parking stickers must be purchased by Aug. 31 from the Office of the Controller, Sadler Hall 104.

The Student Campus Calendar/Handbook is available at the Student Center Information Desk.

Extended Education offers educational programs for faculty, staff and students. Call 921-7130 for more information.

To announce an upcoming event in CAMPUSlines, send information to TCU P.O. Box 32929 or bring information to the Skiff office, Moudy 291S. Please submit information two days prior to event, if possible. Items are printed on a space available basis.

NEWSlines

Victims come to Texas
SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Four people burned during an air show in West Germany will be flown to the United States for treatment at a military burn facility here, officials said Tuesday.



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Breaking away - Bryan Flores, 12, enjoys the last few days of summer break near Westcliff Elementary School.

Library to showcase TCU history

By NICHELLE SIMS
Staff Writer

The Mary Coats Burnett Library office of Special Collections will be displaying three exhibits highlighting aspects of TCU's history.

The exhibits will run from September through November.

They will be located on the second floor of the library in the Special Collections office, said Nancy Bruce, library assistant in the Special Collections office.

They are titled "TCU Special Exes," "100 Years of TCU Catalogs (1874-1974)," and "The Frogs Who Went to the Sugar Bowl - The 1938 Football Team," she said.

The exhibits were selected because of their relevance, interest and importance to TCU's history and because they would be an enlightenment to the TCU community, she said.

"At this time of the year, it's nice to have displays that are interesting to new, returning and home-coming students," she said.

"Special Collections has the university's archives, and no one ever sees them unless they are put on display," Bruce said.

Laura Dubiel, library assistant, said students will discover things about TCU they did not know.

"They will be interested in reading about the many changes TCU has made throughout history and about people in their majors who have been very successful," she said.

"TCU Special Exes" exhibits information and photos about alumni in various fields, she said.

"We have an article about James Cash, who was a basketball star in the late 1960s and is now a math professor at Harvard University," Dubiel said.

There are articles about others, including former Chancellor J.M. Moudy, the first Texan to hold TCU's highest office; Lewis B. Miller, writer of Western stories for children; and Ellis Amburn, former editor of the *TCU Daily Skiff* and editor of movie stars' biographies.

"100 Years of TCU Catalogs (1874-1974)" will focus on written materials

of the catalogs, with a look at some of the quaint passages during those periods, Dubiel said.

"One of the oldest, the 1874 catalog, contained a passage that explained that students would not be permitted to have any vacations during the school year," Bruce said.

"The Frogs Who Went to the Sugar Bowl - The 1938 Football Team" will show highlights of the team and its victory in the Sugar Bowl through facts, figures and photos, Bruce said.

"This was the last TCU team to win the Sugar Bowl," she said.

"The late Davey O'Brien, who was quarterback at that time, was nationally known. He had every award connected with football," she said.

Bruce said one of the most interesting features of the display is a fish tank with pictures of the players. The photos are molded to look like a relief carving, she said.

The bottom edge of the case has hand-tinted carvings of the names of the players and their 1938 football record.

Center furthers writing skills

By ROBIN SHERMER
Staff Writer

Through the Center for Academic Services, TCU now offers a writing center to help students improve their writing skills.

Its main function will be one-on-one tutoring, said Christina Murphy, director of the University Writing Center.

"Good writing involves both editing and thinking skills, and we will offer tutoring in both," Murphy said. "Editing is a crucial aspect to writing, just as is the right thinking and organization skills."

"We want to help students reach their potential in their writing," she said.

The center has a staff of five full-time tutors/advisers who are all former English professors or teachers, Murphy said. Peer tutors from the Honors Program will also help.

The center will offer a diagnostic profile of a student's writing, during which the student will bring in a writ-

ing sample, and a computer will break it down into grammar, organization and mechanics.

"We will be able to see the students' strengths and weaknesses this way and offer suggestions to improve their writing," Murphy said.

The center will also offer computer-assisted instruction where the student can write a paper on a computer and get help from a tutor at the same time.

"We can move from after-the-fact instruction to in-process instruction," Murphy said.

However, the computers will not be in for another month, she said.

"I think it is very important for students to know that we're not here exclusively for remedial help," Murphy said. "We are open to all students and faculty for help with their writing."

"We can help a student with an art paper as easily as helping a student with his physics paper," she said. "But we don't write papers for the students or proofread or edit. We

read a paper, respond and make suggestions," Murphy said.

The center will also offer short workshops on the writing process such as how to take an essay exam or what is a clear writing style.

"Hopefully by the summer, we will have authorities come in and give workshops on different types of writing like fiction or essays," Murphy said.

The center serves as a supplemental assistant to students who may get lost in a large class and need more individual help, and to let professors with many classes spend as much individual time with their students, Murphy said.

"In a few months people will realize how invaluable this is and how it is like having your own tutor," Murphy said.

The center is located in Room 100 of the Rickel Building and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students can either stop by or make an appointment.

Campus groups aid campaigns

By MICHELLE RELEFORD
Staff Writer

Banners flying, confetti spilling and champagne pouring - the winner's party after the last vote is in.

What people often don't see is the tactical preparation that goes into a political campaign.

Currently on campus, the local political campaigns are fueling up for the presidential election in November.

The four campus political groups most directly involved in the upcoming election are the Young Republicans, Young Democrats, Students for Bush and Students for Dukakis.

Young Republicans and Young Democrats are ongoing groups that support local political precincts all year long in local elections.

"The Young Republicans all over Tarrant County work on all of our political campaigns and make a terrific impact because they have enthusiasm we don't have," said Doraline Daely, secretary of the county party.

"They are learning the hard way about the ins and outs of political campaigns and the workings of politics," she said.

Alison Juban, vice president of Young Republicans, said, "We will be working at the local, state and national level."

"We have to work for all the candidates, not just Bush," she said.

"We've planned some rallies, and we're bringing in some speakers to TCU. We'll be conducting a campus canvass where we'll go door to door and ask people to vote and give out registration cards," she said.

Registration seems to be a common thread in all four of the organizations this year.

Debra Yaniko, president of Young Democrats, said, "We're partly working with the local Democratic headquarters as well as on campus in conjunction with Students for Dukakis."

"Our main objective on campus is to present all of the issues to all students so they'll have a choice," she said.

Both of the groups intend to educate students by placing tables in the Student Center with information about what each candidate offers.

"They (Young Democrats) were very active last spring, and they are expected to be very active this fall," said Evelyn Parmer of the Tarrant County Democratic headquarters.

Students for Dukakis and Students for Bush are more heavily concentrated on the presidential election than their parent organizations.

Leif Anderson, president of Students for Bush, said, "Several people in the group have been deputized for the county to collect registration cards and turn them in."

"Other than registering voters, we want to spell out the differences between Bush and Dukakis," he said.

Brad Vanderbilt, president of Students for Dukakis, has a deep conviction to the Dukakis effort that stems from his personal experiences at the National Convention in Boston.

"The goal is to spread information about Dukakis, to get people to register to vote, to volunteer for local field offices and to get the vote out on Nov. 8," he said.

"It's a real exiting opportunity to work for someone I really believe in and share that excitement," he said.

Making plans, candidates and phone banks are what's on the minds of young Republicans and Democrats alike. But someone will probably pop a bottle of bubblely into the cooler, just in case.

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pick up the phone and call because of the time factor and expense."

ISA will welcome students at its first meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in Room 207 of the Student Center.

The reception is designed to give both international and U.S. students a chance to meet people from different cultures.

"Different people have different talents," said Mahilet Bekele, president of ISA.

"One of our major goals is to promote cultural exchange," Mladenka said. "We can do that better if we have U.S. members," he said.

"It's a wonderful example and experience in racial harmony," said Shellie Dagoo, a member of ISA.

One of Bekele's goals for ISA is more involvement in campus organizations. ISA plans to build a homecoming float, work at the March of Dimes haunted house during Halloween and help during Hunger Week, she said.

Bekele also wants ISA to become involved with the universal problems of drug and alcohol abuse through organizations like Responsibility of Alcohol and Drugs Workers.

"Drug and alcohol abuse are not just American problems," Bekele said. "Everybody shares those problems. We can give added input to these organizations."

Some of the activities ISA has planned include a pizza party at Mama's Pizza on Sept. 9, and a trip to the Asian Festival in Dallas on Sept. 10. ISA also has an annual retreat and an International Students Week in the spring.

Bekele wants to have the international students discuss their country and culture at the biweekly meetings.

ISA offers students a chance "to see the real thing instead of a TV version," and a chance to form friendships, she said.

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Commentary

Dirt sells, but media owe us coverage of important issues

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



The balloons have fallen, the bands are silent and the lights are out. Memories of the conventions have faded, and the Democrats and Republicans are now campaigning in earnest.

But wait! Before we get things going and start all the debates and discussions, let's review all the candidates' personal lives!

Let's dig up as many bones about each candidate as we can find! Let's dust off the skeletons and hang out the dirty laundry! Let's play... the Media Game!

We have roughly two months before the presidential election. That would seem sufficient time for George Bush and Michael Dukakis to clearly state their positions. Two months would seem to be sufficient time for debates between the presidential candidates and their running mates. It should be time enough for the voters to make a decision.

Unless, of course, the media have anything to say about it.

Clear and concise issues just don't sell. So, the media look for what will sell: dirt. Since the campaign began, the stories that have grabbed the

headlines have been about the feud between Dukakis and Jesse Jackson, Lloyd Bentsen's oily hands, Bush's "real" home state and Dan Quayle's military record.

The media defend themselves, saying that the public has a right to know and that it has always been the job of the media to dig up the truth and present it to the public.

What the media do not say is that newscasting and reporting, at the national level, is big business. They also neglect to explain to the public that the news that is presented is usually slanted.

The conservative branch of the press will report things in a way that leans toward supporting its view, just as the more liberal branch slants the news toward its more left-wing views.

The truth? Well, we get part of it anyway. Equally valid points? Maybe.

Destructive? Generally.

Dirt sells. That is one of the main reasons that you will only find human interest stories on local newscasts. The national broadcasts are too busy displaying skeletons to be bothered with them.

The last big story was Sen. Quayle's military record. Not an issue, in my opinion.

Quayle did serve during Viet Nam, and could have been called up at any time. He did not burn his draft card or protest against the government. He simply joined the National Guard—a

smart move if it kept him from getting killed.

But the media want to know if he joined the Guard fairly. Stories conflict. Republican Guard officers say that Quayle got in fairly. Democratic Guardsmen say strings were pulled.

It appears to be an impasse, however, it made the front page for days. Back home, we call that "beating a dead horse."

Prior to the Quayle flap, the big story was Sen. Bentsen's membership in several exclusive, and possibly racist, private clubs. Bentsen withdrew his membership from these clubs after the media began picking up on the story.

Bentsen's personal views never made big news—only the fact that he belonged to these clubs.

It is interesting that really important issues like the environment, Strategic Defense Initiative and abortion have taken a back seat to what may or may not have taken place in the private lives of the candidates.

All four candidates are good men who have held honorable positions in government and served their country well. Each pair believes it can do what is best for the country.

But the media are not showing us what these men can do for our nation. The media are showing us all the rumors, hearsay and little-known facts about the two tickets. Facts that do not really matter.

Going Greek can be beneficial, but don't let it limit your horizon

By LUCY CALVERT
Columnist



We all know that rush seems to dominate the campus for the week or two prior to the beginning of classes. But somehow our fraternity and sorority shenanigans made it into the national section of *The New York Times* last Thursday.

The headline: "TCU Rite of August: Sororities on the Go." The article was about the complexities of the bid system (how girls get matched—or not—with a specific chapter), and about what goes on during bid day. It spoke of tearfully joyous, screaming coeds and of fanny-grabbing fraternity boys.

What a great image for TCU.

I mean, it's not as if there are plenty of other noteworthy aspects of this campus—things like our dance department, our professors who publish books and win awards, and so on.

But no. We are portrayed to the rest of the country as bubble-headed parties.

Here's a direct quote taken from the article. A girl is talking about running through the chute lined with boys who reach out and grab a piece of anything they can get a hold of:

"It was awful. They grabbed you everywhere and anywhere they could reach. But it was fun. It's something

everybody has to do," she said.

When asked to account for the boys' behavior, one fraternity member said, "Tradition, bud, tradition."

But just because it is tradition doesn't mean it's good.

I know whereof I speak, because when I joined a sorority, I had to run through that chute and I hated every step of it. It was embarrassing and frustrating. When someone grabbed my butt, I turned around and slapped whoever was closest.

But it wasn't just the way the article portrayed TCU that bothered me. It is also the whole hype about being Greek.

Well over one-third of the student population is affiliated with a Greek chapter. I am not here to say whether that is good or bad. What I do want to emphasize is the importance of putting one's Greek affiliation into perspective, of considering that membership in the context of one's overall college experience.

Contrary to what some people might think, being Greek is not the be-all and end-all of one's existence. There is more to life than wearing Greek letters on a sweatshirt.

I realize that some people center their whole life around their chapter. They are on several committees, hold more than one office during their four years, have every conceivable article of clothing bearing the chapter's insignia and associate almost exclusively with other Greeks.

How wise is it to devote all of one's time and energy this way? There are

so many other ways to get involved on campus, so many other interesting, worthwhile people to meet who do not have a Greek affiliation.

Please don't misunderstand me—I know of many Greeks who have not limited their extracurricular activities to those of their chapter. I also realize there are many advantages to being Greek, and that there is more to it than parties.

As one sorority member said in the *Times* article: "There's a lot more to it than you see here. There's a lot of opportunity for leadership and scholarship."

She has a point. Sororities and fraternities do pay attention to individual and collective GPA's. Most, if not all chapters, require a certain number of study hall hours for the pledge members and for the actives whose grades are slipping.

There are plenty of opportunities for leadership, plenty of offices and committee chairs that need filling. But what I urge Greek members to consider is this: Is this activity in the chapter that you are considering a worthwhile use of your time? How will this choice be perceived by those you hope to impress someday (such as a future employer)?

Being in a fraternity or sorority can be a positive growth experience. You can learn leadership and study skills. You can make lasting friendships. Being Greek is one way to experience these things, but it is not the only way. College is a chance to expand your horizons, not limit them.



BEWARE THE KISS OF TCU

Letters to the Editor

Freedom

Mr. Moore, let me introduce you to a few terms:

- Freedom of press.
- Freedom of speech.
- Freedom of religion.
- Freedom of choice.
- Freedom in general.
- Cnsrshp.

What do these have to do with you?

Freedom of the press gives you, me and Berke Breathed the right

to print almost anything as long as it has some merit.

Freedom of speech allows decent people, just like you and sweet old ladies to speak out against "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Freedom of religion means you can go to any church you like, not go to all or try to deal with your beliefs in an artistic way (singing "Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore," making a religious film or painting a "Last Supper" with 24 apostles).

Freedom of choice. You have the right to purchase a Big Gulp.

Freedom in general. "The Last Temptation of Christ" is offensive. Just because it offends you and "Christians" does not mean that it should be banned or burned. You should just not go see it if it will offend you.

Censorship. It works in Russia, why not here?

Neil Brass
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Protect right to choose movies

By DAVID ANDRIESEN
Columnist



I guess we have all heard the hype over "The Last Temptation of Christ." We have seen news stories about angry protesters and picketers. All the newspapers, this one included, have bombarded us with columns and letters urging us not to see this depiction of Jesus as a "sex maniac" in that "dirty porno" film.

"The Last Temptation of Christ," based on Nikos Kazantzakis' novel of the same name, first attracted director Martin Scorsese's attention in the late 70s. Scorsese persuaded Paramount to make the film in 1983, but just a month before shooting was to begin, a nervous Paramount gave in to pressure from fundamentalist Christian groups and backed out.

However, after Scorsese scored big in 1986 with "The Color of Money," Universal Pictures gave him the go ahead for "Last Temptation."

But Scorsese's and the film's troubles were only beginning. As the scheduled release date neared, thousands picketed the gates at Universal, and its corporate parent, MCA, was bombarded with letters

and phone calls demanding that the release of the film be canceled.

"The Last Temptation of Christ" may be horrible and blasphemous. I don't know. I haven't seen the movie.

But whether this was a film attempting to give an accurate depiction of the life of Christ (which it is not) or a film declaring Satan the Supreme Being (which it also is not), the bottom line would be the same.

That bottom line is that the few have decided for the many, and that's just not fair. Because of a small percentage of the population and their unsubstantiated fear, the rest of us have been denied the opportunity to make our own decisions.

You see, I don't think that anyone has a right to limit my right to decide what I will or will not see at a movie theater. If millions of fundamentalist Christians do not feel that it is appropriate to see "Last Temptation," that's fine. They have every right not to see it. I respect their right to make that choice, just as they should respect mine if I choose to see it.

Last week in Utah, someone broke into a theater and stole its copy of "Last Temptation" the night before it was to open there, then slashed the screen on which it was to be shown—a very Christian thing to do, wouldn't you say?

One thing that people are quick to ignore is that the film does not profess

to be an accurate depiction of the life of Jesus, nor did Kazantzakis' novel.

But if you want to get down to brass tacks, the Bible is very incomplete in its story of the life of Jesus. It does not tell us what Jesus thought or felt, because the men who wrote it were not inside Jesus' head, and it does not even tell us most of what Jesus actually did.

We don't really know all that happened, so in that light Nikos Kazantzakis' attempt to fill in those blanks is every bit as accurate as yours or mine or anyone else's.

The great irony of this story is that the film is actually supposed to be quite tame. After a private screening for bishops and clergymen in the New York area, an exit poll indicated that not one of them saw any reason to ban the film at all.

One bishop said he "couldn't understand what all the fuss was about." My own family minister, after seeing the film, wrote in our church paper that he thought the idea of a fully human Jesus overcoming temptation offered a great deal of hope for the rest of us. A good point.

I urge all of you to protect your right to make your own decisions, and not let the uninformed fears of others deny you that right. Because every "Last Temptation of Christ" that is banned takes another step toward making this a place where freedom is limited.

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Sports

SIDELINES

Rockets star sued

HOUSTON (AP) - The former girlfriend of Houston Rockets star Akeem Olajuwon claims in a lawsuit that the 6-11 center deserted her because he wanted a taller woman to bear his sons. Olajuwon's former live-in originally filed the suit claiming that he promised to marry her after she lived with him for a certain period of time.

Dykes wary of UNT

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes knows better than to write off his team's first opponent North Texas, just because the Eagles are Division I-AA.

"So many people consider them just so-so because of the fact that they are a Division I-AA football team," he said Monday.

Tech meets North Texas Saturday at 7 p.m. in Jones Stadium for the season opener for both teams.

Dykes cited a last-minute North Texas field goal in 1985 that led to a 10-9 win over Oklahoma State, then ranked fifth, and last season's meeting with Texas Christian.

"TCU was on a roll at that time and they were really playing well and in the fourth quarter TCU came back and managed to score 11 points to go ahead 19-10," Dykes said. "So we know if we don't play well against them that we're in for a long, long afternoon."

Cowboys cuts

IRVING (AP) - Here are the players released Monday by the Dallas Cowboys, with positions and schools:

- Gordon Banks, wide receiver, Stanford
 - Cornell Burbage, wide receiver, Kentucky
 - Steve Cisowski, tackle, Santa Clara
 - Jason Cooper, tight end, Duke
 - Ben Hummel, linebacker, UCLA
 - John Kropke, defensive tackle, Illinois State
 - Sean Scheller, defensive end, Stanford
 - Robert Smith, defensive end, Grambling
 - Vernice Smith, guard, Florida A&M
 - Glen Titensor, guard, Brigham Young
 - Gerald White, fullback, Michigan
 - Charles Wright, cornerback, Tulsa
- INJURED RESERVE:**
- Mike Renfro, wide receiver, TCU

Two TCU athletes compete in trials

By Scott Mackey
Sports Writer

Years of training paid off this summer for two TCU swimmers. Todd ZumMallen and Doug Ellis got a chance to do what most swimmers only dream of... compete in the Olympic trials.

ZumMallen and Ellis were among more than 200 swimmers at the trials in Austin.

"These guys weren't just competing against local teams, they are competing against some of the best swimmers in the country," head coach Richard Sybesma said.

ZumMallen, a recent TCU graduate, qualified for the trials last summer in both the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke after training at the Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla.

He qualified with times of 105.56 seconds in the 100 meter and 222.08 in the 200 meter.

Ellis, a TCU senior, qualified this summer in the 50 meter freestyle. He beat the qualifying time of 23.79 seconds for the event by only .09 seconds.

"We had a bunch of kids close," Sybesma said. "We had six swimmers within one second, several of those within tenths."

Only the top two finishers in each event at the trials are allowed to advance to the summer games in Seoul.

Ellis was seated 43 out of 88 swimmers. He finished at 35.

"I set a realistic goal of going to the trials. It's an accomplishment just to achieve your goal," he said.

ZumMallen qualified for the nationals in each of his four years at TCU.

Ellis finished 10th in the 50 meter and 11th in the 100 meter at the 1988 Southwest Conference Championships.

TCU has never sent swimmers to the Olympic trials, Sybesma said, and

the fact that Ellis and ZumMallen both qualified this year will help the school's growing program.

"It's going to help with recognition. We're getting a better name out there. We have kids going to the Olympic trials and people see that," Sybesma said.

The swimming program at TCU is young relative to the University of Texas and SMU. Those schools are traditionally strong teams in this area. Texas holds down the number one spot in the country, Sybesma said.

TCU is vying for the number three spot in the Conference, but Ellis' and ZumMallen's performance will do wonders for TCU's recruiting power, Sybesma said.

"People see a team improving, and it makes them look closely at the program and the school," Ellis said.

"TCU recruits swimmers who show potential. It's not important that they be nationally ranked. We don't just recruit good swimmers, we recruit good people," he said.

Both Ellis and ZumMallen came to TCU as strong swimmers and have grown with the program, Sybesma said.

But it was their desire and drive that took them to Austin, he said.

"They're competitors," Sybesma said. "They love to compete and win. They strive for perfection."

Ellis credits team unity to his success.

"The team is really tight knit," he said. "Kind of like a family, and (Sybesma) really cares about his swimmers."

Ellis said swimming in the trials was an experience that will not only help him as a swimmer, but also in his future.

"It builds your character," he said. "If you have a vehicle to work out - to push you - it teaches you a lot about life and goals. It makes you look at the positive side of situations."



Off the wall - Major Jeff Ballow, senior ROTC member, was rappelling Friday afternoon on Amon Carter Stadium. Ballow ensures the safety of senior Adrienne Hammock, who is rappelling.

TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

September pennant picture likely will not change

By DAVID HEDGEPEETH
Guest Sports Writer



With about a month left in the major league baseball season, the pennant races are getting hot. Although several teams are still optimistic, all but the four teams that are now leading their divisions might as well pack it up and go home.

Nobody doubts that the Oakland A's will win the American League West. While A's first baseman Mark McGwire hasn't lived up to last year's phenomenal performance, he's still knocked out 20 homers. With outfielder Jose Canseco well on his way to a 40-40 season (40 home runs and 40 stolen bases), the A's score more than enough runs for Oakland ace Dave Stewart and company, the best pitching staff in the division.

The Minnesota Twins and Kansas City Royals could make a run for first since the A's play both teams in 13 of their final 22 games. Yet, even though Minnesota's team batting average is far higher than Oakland's, the A's actually have scored 20-plus more runs than the Twins. The Royals have a solid pitching staff but committed a major-league blunder by trading pitcher Danny Jackson to Cincinnati.

The American League West gets a little trickier. New Boston manager Joe Morgan guided his Red Sox to within one game of the Detroit Tigers, helping his club to break the all-time record for consecutive wins at home (22). Since losing four out of five to the Tigers in their last Detroit visit, Boston has floundered in second place.

A majority of Boston's remaining games are on the road, where they are playing well below the .500 mark. Boston pitcher Roger Clemens may win the Cy Young Award, but the Red Sox will probably slide into third place

behind that perennial second place powerhouse, the New York Yankees.

Let's face it, as long as George Steinbrenner owns the Yanks, they won't be going anywhere in October but home. Who can figure it? Five of their starters are now batting over .300. Their pitching staff includes the likes of John Candelaria and Dave Righetti. However, injuries and George Steinbrenner have once again plagued the Yanks.

As he did in 1984 and '87, Sparky Anderson will quietly take his nameless (who the hell is Mike Henneman?) Tigers into the playoffs.

While it wasn't clear to many sports analysts, most true baseball fans could see from the start that the Los Angeles Dodgers would be leading the National League West come September. If Houston, San Francisco or Cincinnati would have acquired Kirk Gibson from Detroit, one of them would be in first place. L.A. hasn't missed their star pitcher Bob

Welch, with tremendous seasons from Orel Hershiser and Tim Lincecum.

Despite leading the National League in stolen bases, the Astros have been dismal offensively. The only everyday player hitting over .270 is first baseman Glenn Davis. Luckily, the Giants are tough at the plate this season, for pitcher Dave Dravecky has been injured most of the season. Only two starting pitchers, Kelly Downs and Rick Reuschel, have lived up to expectations thus far. Atlee Hammaker and Mike Krukow are having less-than-spectacular seasons.

The Reds are in trouble. This year's Eric Davis is a far cry from last year's, and no one is taking up where slugger Dave Parker left off, after being traded to...Oakland. Pitcher Danny Jackson (18-6) is having a Cy Young season, but the Reds just aren't scoring runs.

With the recent acquisition of John Tudor, the National League's best starting pitcher, the Dodgers guaran-

teed themselves a spot in the playoffs. Although not as good as they were in their '86 World Series season, the New York Mets have managed to remain in first place in the National League East since late May.

While the Pittsburgh Pirates are legitimate contenders, they have only managed four wins out of 14 games against the Mets. With horrible offensive production from third baseman Bobby Bonilla since the all-star break, Pittsburgh hasn't been able to beat anyone as of late.

With the hot bats of Daryl Strawberry, Kevin McReynolds and Howard Johnson (over 70 homers and 210 RBI between the three of them), and the usual all-star season of pitcher Dwight Gooden, is there any question? The Mets are clearly on their way to face the Dodgers in the playoffs.

Who will win the World Series? If you're a betting man, or woman, you'll pick one of these top four teams.

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