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William Koehler

Administrators meet in Washington, D.C.

By DIANE WOOLDRIDGE and AMY THORNTON
Staff Writers

TCU and Tandy Corp. officials announced in Washington, D.C., Wednesday a scholarship program designed to upgrade math and science education in the United States.

TCU will administrate the Tandy Technological Scholars Program, which will award high school students and teachers with outstanding performance in math and sciences.

"TCU is very much in control of the program," said John Roach, chairman of the board, president and chief ex-

Tandy Corp. announces new scholarships

ecutive officer of Tandy Corp. Roach is also on the TCU Board of Trustees. "Our focus is on making champions in the classroom at the secondary level," he said.

The university will appoint a panel of educators to help it develop the criteria for selecting those schools eligible to participate in the program, Roach said. It will also be in charge of awarding money and certificates to students and teachers.

There is not a precise way to know the exact dollar value of the awards at

this time. In the first year, it will range from \$500,000 to \$1 million and could expand beyond that in the future, depending on the response from schools.

The idea to initiate the program nationally originated from the local program that has been successful for the past five years, said Ned Boehm, dean of Admissions.

A need for the United States to upgrade the quality of math and science has been documented.

"Students in high school are not as

proficient in science, math and computer science as they should be," Boehm said.

"Our goal is simple - to focus attention and recognize the students and teachers who, through diligence and commitment, will make a difference in our future technological excellence," Roach said.

The top 2 percent of the students in the United States will be recognized, he said.

TCU has developed a number of ideas that it will consider as necessary

qualifications, but final decisions have not been made, Roach said.

Boehm said he and William Koehler, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, met this summer with academic specialists from the School of Education and the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, to prepare plans to make the program happen.

AddRan Dean Michael McCracken said TCU vice chancellors and Chancellor Bill Tucker will deal with the program. "We will not be involved," he said.

Fall honors retreat will focus on election

By AMY THORNTON
Staff Writer

Members of the Honors Program plan to have fun and discuss the upcoming election during their annual fall Honors Retreat this weekend.

Under the retreat's theme, "Campaign '88: It's a Party!," students will discuss issues arising from the political process of an election year.

The 1988 elections were chosen as the topic of this year's retreat because it was "something relevant to our lives and something we have to think about," said Melissa Garretson, senior biology major and co-chairperson of the Fall Honors Retreat Committee.

"It will get people thinking of important issues," she said.

Another consideration is that for many students, this is the first election in which they are eligible to vote and there are many issues that it would be helpful to discuss, said Scott Gray, co-chairperson of the committee and a senior business major.

The retreat will begin with registration at 3:30 p.m. Friday and end Saturday after lunch at YMCA Camp Carter, 6200 Sand Springs Road.

The cost for the retreat is \$8.50 for those staying overnight and \$5.50 for those only attending Friday evening.

The keynote speaker for the retreat will be Eugene Alpert, chairman of the political science department, who will be discussing his personal observations of both the Republican and Democratic conventions.

Following Alpert's speech, delegates representing the Tarrant County headquarters for both the Republican and Democratic parties will speak.

The speakers will address concerns for voters 18-24 years old, important issues to watch for during the elections and the importance of voting in this election.

Students will also have the opportunity to attend one of 12 discussion groups led by 12 faculty members attending the retreat.

Each faculty member is from a different department and will discuss the political concerns associated with their department.

Aside from these activities, the retreat is mostly fun and games, said David Grant, director of the Honors Program.

"The purpose of the retreat is to give the students and faculty a chance to informally get to know each other," he said.



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Getting ahead - Joy Evans, 9, does her school work at Mary Evans Beasley Mall while Tess Votto, sophomore, passes time between classes.

Professors make math, science fun by cultivating curiosity in youths

By SHELLEY VANDALL
Staff Writer

A group of education professors have found a way to make science interesting, get kids excited about mathematics and make working with computers fun.

Although this may sound difficult, Kathleen Martin, associate professor of education and coordinator of graduate programs in education, said it is possible if children develop their natural curiosity for these subjects early on.

"It's important to cultivate and encourage their natural curiosity for finding patterns in their world when they are very young," Martin said.

Children may avoid mathematics because they lose interest in it as early as kindergarten, she said.

So she helped develop the new laboratory for Pedagogical Studies in Mathematics, Science and Computer Education. The MSC lab is located on the first floor of the Rickel Building and resembles a giant playground.

There are stacks of toys and buckets of blocks all over the room. Adult education majors sit at little tables, playing like children with geometrical objects.

However, they're not just playing - they're learning new ways to teach.

And the lab is not a playground - it's a hands-on classroom, created by Sharon Reynolds, assistant professor of education, and Martin.

"The more you understand about what you teach, the more excited you are to teach it," Martin said. "People like to teach the things they love, so we try to help them love it."

Martin teaches one of her classes, Arithmetic in the Elementary School, in the lab.

Students use learning tools such as Cuisenaire Rods, colorful blocks in all shapes and sizes, to teach kids important mathematical concepts.

The students learn that children have fun playing with the blocks, so they become more receptive to learning.

"Sometimes the kids don't know why they're learning things - they just learn them," said Tricia McGinn, departmental assistant for Martin.



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Offering assistance - Departmental assistants Tricia McGiwin, standing, and LeNora Brown, sitting, will help children in areas of math and science in the Computer Education Center.

"She (Martin) wants them to understand the logic behind it."

Martin and Bahns believe the purpose of education is to help people become better thinkers. This new way of teaching math and science encourages children to ask questions rather than just answer them.

"Science is so often presented as a huge body of facts that have to be memorized," Bahns said. "Sometimes you shouldn't just stop at memorizing - you should learn to ask 'Why?'"

Next to the mathematic and science room is a computer lab, designed not only to teach children how to use computers but also to teach them new

ways to think, said Reynolds, who heads the computer part of the lab.

Along with the six Macintosh SE-HD20 computers donated by Apple Computers, there are also kits for building things to hook up to the terminals, such as robot arms and small towns.

The kids can enter commands and see the results immediately by watching the arm move or seeing a part of the town function.

"The computers can teach the children how to think and show them if it works," Reynolds said. "The computer becomes the bridge between concrete objects and mathematical abstractions."

Annual street dance to be sponsored by Big Brother/Big Sister program

By JOHN AREND
Staff Writer

TCU's freshmen and their upperclassmen counterparts will converge on the Student Center steps Thursday night for the second annual Big Brother/Big Sister street dance.

"All of the freshmen have either a Big Brother or Big Sister who have been their initial contact since coming to TCU," said Sarah Normand, chairwoman of the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

The primary goal of the program is to make freshmen feel welcome

at this university but also to improve Greek and independent relations, Normand said.

"We want to help break over some of the relationships which are quickly formed when people first arrive at TCU," said Kristin Chambers, vice president of the House of Student Representatives. "Greek affiliation, different clubs and residence hall bonds sometimes tend to isolate new students."

A disc jockey will provide the music at the dance which will begin at 5 p.m. and last until 8 p.m., Normand said. Other festivities

will include limbo and Hula-Hoop contests.

"The music will be really fun with a lot of oldies being played," she said. "There will be free pizza from Mama's available also."

"We expect about 150 people to attend but are hoping for a lot more," Normand said.

The Big Brother/Big Sister program at TCU was modeled after a similar one at Baylor, Chambers said.

Admission to the Big Brother/Big Sister street dance is open to everyone and is free.

Resident association schedules activities

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Thanks to the Residence Hall Association, for the second year in a row on-campus students may soon be practicing to be Dracula or Freddy Krueger.

One of the activities RHA has planned for this semester is having hall residents work at the annual March of Dimes Haunted House.

The haunted house will be held the last week of October in the old Spanish Galleon restaurant at Forest Park and Interstate 30.

Junior Doug Thompson, president of RHA, said programs like working at the haunted house bring TCU's residence halls together.

"Everyone can participate," he said. "We're thinking of combining a men's and a women's hall, although we aren't sure of what night it will be."

Thompson said RHA was formed in the fall of 1987 when on-campus students saw a need for unification of residence halls.

"Often one hall does the same thing and plans the same events (that) another one does," he said.

Although he said RHA is a "gov-

erning body," Thompson added it does not handle student problems of residence halls, such as unhappy freshmen dropped from rush who then have to live among pledges.

The constitution of RHA provides membership for two representatives from each hall, Thompson said.

"To have a vote, these people must be elected to the House of Student Representatives. There are no R.A.'s," he said. "But we're not limiting membership to just those elected - anyone can come to meetings."

Besides the March of Dimes Haunted House, RHA sponsors the all-campus blood drive each semester. The next drive takes place the week of Sept. 26.

Thompson said each January RHA works with the R.A. Council in planning R.A. Appreciation Week.

"We want to also have Roommate Appreciation Day this time," he said.

More recently, RHA carried out the Hall Council training retreat over Labor Day weekend. Sixty-five representatives from halls attended to learn about time management and types of programming, with speakers including Don Mills, the assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Thompson said.

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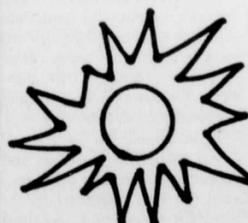
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Outside



Today's weather will be fair with high temperatures in the mid-90s and winds from the southeast at 10 to 15 mph.

CAMPUSlines

To announce an upcoming event in CAMPUSlines, send information to TCU P.O. Box 32929 or bring information to the Skiff office, Moudy 2915. Please submit information two days prior to event, if possible. Items are printed on a space available basis.

Honors Program Fall Retreat: "Campaign '88, It's a Party!" will be at Camp Carter Friday and Saturday. Participants needing rides meet in front of the Student Center at 3:15 p.m. Friday. Call 921-7125 for more information.

Parent's Weekend Talent Show try-outs to be held Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. For more information call 921-4939 or go by the Student Activities office.

Pre - Law Association meeting today at 5 p.m. in Student Center Room 222.

International Student Association meeting today at 5 p.m. in the Student Center. Call 924-6155 for more information.

Biology Seminar to be held Friday at noon in Sid Richardson L3. Open to the public. Guest speaker Edward Orr.

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Moudy Building 280S. At 6 p.m. they will leave for Colonial Cafeteria. Transportation provided.

Canterbury (Episcopal Students Organization) meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. Dinner and program with Hap Klinefelter. Call 923-6482 for more information.

Leadership Development Program classes being formed. Apply in the Student Activities office by Friday for Level I classes and by Sept. 16 for Level II classes. For more information call 921-7926 or 921-7925.

TCU Dukakis/Bentsen '88 will meet today at 6 p.m. in the Student Center lobby for their Voter ID drive. Call 924-4462 for more information.

Forums Committee meeting Today at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Yearbook Staff needed. Salaried and commission positions available. Applications available in the Student Activities office. For more information call 921-7926.

Delta Sigma Pi Rush Week to be held Sept. 12 through 16. Open to business majors. For more information call 921-1776.

Programming Council Chairs available for the Recreation and Travel Committee and the Forums Committee. Apply in the Student Activities by Sept. 9. For more information call 921-7926.

Alpha Phi Omega's Rush parties to be held at 6 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday in the Student Center Woodson room. For more information call 926-0273 or 924-4214.

Career Planning and Placement Center offers workshops to students through December. "Resume Writing" will be held Friday and Sept. 15. Sign up in the Student Center room 220. For more information call 921-7863.

NEWSlines

Commercial banks report record profits

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's commercial banks enjoyed their most profitable six months on record through June this year, despite the continuing losses in Texas, the government said Wednesday.

Commercial banks earned \$10.5 billion in the first and second quarters this year, topping the \$9.7 billion in net income for the second and third quarters of 1985, which had been the most profitable six months since the FDIC began keeping track in 1934.

House hears voices from representatives

By **MARICARMEN EROLES**
Staff Writer

Representatives are the main means of communication between their constituencies and the House of Student Representatives.

House President Lee Behar said constituents getting to know their representatives is the best way to make their opinions known to the student government.

Communication between constituencies and representatives is so important that Clark Hall has made it mandatory for all its residents to attend hall council meetings, he said. "I like it (Clark Hall's decision)," Behar said. "That's the way the chain should go."

The House, as any other organization, revolves around money - in this case the \$18 a semester every student taking nine hours or more has to pay, he said.

Each semester Programming Council gets approximately 60 percent of the budget and the other 40 percent is allocated to the House, he said.

Organizations can get money to finance their projects from the special projects budget or the general reserve, he said.

The House Finance Committee, chaired by Treasurer Eric Anderson, has to approve every bill dealing with money before representatives vote on it.

"Any money allocated needs to have some direct or indirect benefit for the student body as a whole," Behar said.

Individuals also can voice their opinions by talking to the members of the executive board, he said.

"One person's opinion is important," Behar said. "When we had the plus/minus grading system, a lot of people came up to me and let me know they agreed or disagreed. It brought up a lot of opinions that were contradictory."

House meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend, and they can be recognized if they want to voice their opinion, he said.

The House is planning a meeting to discuss a resolution for the plus/minus grading system and inviting any student to attend it, he said.

"I was talking to a friend last night and she said, 'Yes, I want to come to that meeting because I don't like it (the grading system) and I want my opinion heard,'" he said.

It is easier to attract non-voting members to meetings when a specific issue is being discussed, he said.

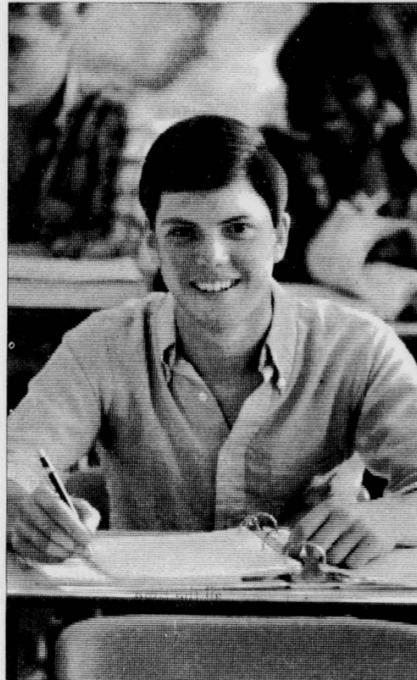
"I'm sure next week when we bring up the OLAS (Organization of Latin American Students) bill for the National Hispanic Week, there will be a lot of Latin American students there to support it," he said. "If we were dealing with a National Oriental Week, I'm sure a lot of Asian students would be there too."



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Ground play - Brendon Harris, 4, takes a tumble from the swinging gate in the Child Development playground.

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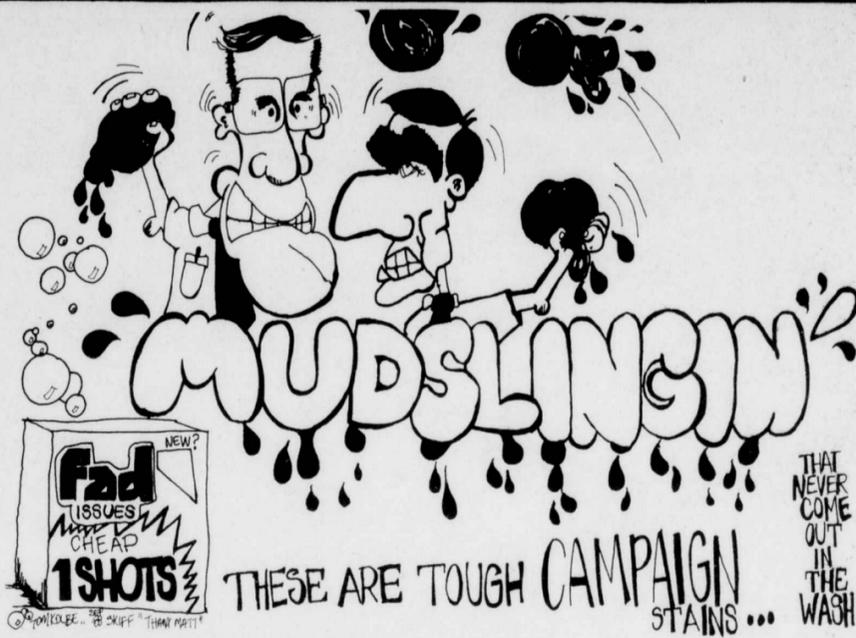
Controversy strikes town student elections again. For the past three years the House of Student Representatives has not held an election for town students. There have not been enough applicants to justify an election.

The number of town students this year has not been determined yet, but Geoff Turner, committee chairman, says he is expecting they will be entitled to 40 representative seats.

Perhaps because there was more publicity this year, 48 people applied for the 40 positions. An election with 48 names on the ballot would not be feasible, said House President Lee Behar.

But Turner's idea is. He suggested the people who applied before Labor Day weekend be given the positions. The rest of the applicants would be asked to attend House meetings as alternates.

Turner's idea is a good one. Applicants should agree to it. Let's not let another three years go by without needing a town student election, and let's not let the momentum they now have die in the middle of the semester.



More pay, fewer jobs

By LEIF ANDERSON
Columnist



How many of you remember your first job? It was probably back in high school, maybe at a fast food restaurant or pizza place. It would

be a safe assumption that most of us earned close to minimum wage.

But it was money, and some money was better than no money.

During the Reagan administration, the minimum wage has stayed constant at \$3.35 per hour. Recently there has been much debate whether the current minimum wage is fair compensation for those who find employment flipping hamburgers, washing cars and so on.

The Democratic Party would like to see the minimum wage increased to over \$4 per hour during the next few years. That sounds great, but have they ever considered the effects such an action would have?

Let's say that Congress raises the minimum wage to \$4.25. In this example, we'll consider the plight of America's young workers, age 15 to 20.

In the short run, these workers will enjoy the higher wages. But soon, employers will realize that the cost of labor has greatly increased—90 cents per hour in this example. Employers will either lay off workers or hire fewer as the increased costs make it impossible to pay a larger staff.

If employers begin to hire fewer people, young people will have a more difficult time finding employment. A poor adult looking for a job would meet with the same problem.

While the idea of raising the minimum wage is to better compensate employees, it also makes employment harder to find. Unemployment may then rise.

Some may argue that if costs rise because of a higher minimum wage, employers will simply pass this extra cost along to their consumers.

They may be right. If they are, unnecessary inflation will be created.

In addition, this newly-created inflation may not just apply to minimum-wage workers. Workers receiving more than the minimum wage are likely to demand an equivalent raise. Costs rise in all jobs, which will raise prices everywhere.

For several years, the inflation rate in this country has been below 6 percent. If such a minimum wage policy as described above were introduced, we would see the inflation rate steadily increase over the next few years.

The Democratic nominee for president, Gov. Michael Dukakis, has said on many occasions that he wants all Americans to have jobs. He also supports an increase in the minimum wage.

Through such a belief, Michael Dukakis will make employment opportunities difficult for young Americans. He may also raise inflation.

Perhaps if Dukakis would remove his "Space for Rent" sign and think about his policies, he will realize that a higher minimum wage would make that impossible.

No understanding of Latin American problems

By MARICARMEN EROLES
Columnist



It's United States' backyard. Where bananas come from. Where everybody wears green and carries a gun.

Where people sleep the siesta from 1 to 4 p.m. and ignorant masses of peasants have unorganized, chaotic governments because they do not know what they want.

Though many might recognize this as a fictional description of Latin America, to the great majority of the U.S. population, it is the bare truth.

It might have been true 40 years ago, but those countries are now important political entities in their own right.

Latin America has had a history of colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism which has been hard to get rid of through the years.

First there was Spain. When Spain decided to go home to Europe, the United States decided Latin America needed an "uncle" to take care of its interests and protect it from the awful people in Europe.

So they set up transnational corporations from Mexico to Patagonia.

From one of these corporations Latin American countries received the name of "banana republics," which they hold so dear to their hearts when they try to fight for their rights as nations.

People starved and are starving to death in South and Central America because these corporations took over the land to produce what they needed to export and left no land to grow food for the people of those countries to eat.

Imperialism is not a word that is used lightly in Latin America when referring to the United States, and many times when referring to the Soviet Union.

Granted, it is not solely the fault of the United States that countries in this area have great economical problems.

Granted, the United States has loaned great amounts of money to the governments of these countries.

Granted, the United States is among the first countries to respond with human and monetary aid every time there is a natural catastrophe in Latin America.

But no matter what it does, Latin America will always be the United States playground, because few people really know what "America Latina" is all about.

It is not a group of banana republics directed by a drunken, sex-ridden, military maniac.

It is not a group of lazy peasants who eat tortillas and sleep the "siesta" all the time.

It is a group of nations that are flourishing in a time when most of the world is in economic hardship. It is a group of nations that, because of their

history of interventionism and imperialism, are stepping on unsure ground.

Each and every country in Latin America is breaking, in different ways, from that past more and more every day.

Mexico nationalized the oil companies, and other countries in Latin America followed. National resources once more belonged to the people.

Cuba revolted against interventionism, and other countries followed. The poor were given an education and something to eat.

The new systems are far from perfect. In fact, there are a lot of improvements to be made economically, socially and politically, but these improvements should be made by the people from each of the countries, not by external forces.

Most countries are not pro-Cuba or pro-Soviet Union, they are pro-independence. Sometimes the only way to achieve it is through revolution—although it is not the only way.

As long as these countries are perceived as banana republics or the United States' backyard by the Western world there will never be an improvement or an understanding.

Latin America cannot and should not be judged by United States standards. The people, the geography and the ideologies are different.

Just because people speak Spanish, they are not necessarily Mexican.

Just because people speak English, others do not usually assume they are British.

For people to decide what their interests are in Latin America and what the best solutions to the problems affecting those countries are, there needs to be an understanding of the countries.

No one has the right to decide the fate of others unless there is an empathy and an understanding.

And frankly, a lot of people lack in understanding of Latin America and its struggle for identity.

That craving doesn't mean you're addicted—really

By LISA TOUYE
Columnist



Show me a person who doesn't tremble with delight when she finds "Death by Chocolate" on a menu and I'll show you an alien life form.

Their first taste of chocolate is something people never forget.

For me, it was a hot fudge sundae at a drugstore counter with Grandpa in Tempe, Ariz.

For my sister, it was chocolate milk, and that's still the only way she'll drink milk.

It's hard to believe that her chocolate milk is the descendant of a blood-red chocolate drink laced with chili peppers served to Cortez by a Mexican god-king in 1520.

Joseph Acosta, a historian in Cortez's day, is quoted in the September issue of *Discovery* as saying the drink "is loathsome to such as are not acquainted with it, having a skumme or froth that is very unpleasant to taste."

Chocolate really has come a long way, baby.

Whether your chocolate of choice is Godiva's, a milkshake or Oreos, you probably crave what Carolus Linnaeus, a taxonomist, called Theobroma—"food of the gods."

Scientists aren't exactly sure what causes the craving, but in the last decades, researchers have spent a lot of time considering chocolate.

One of chocolate's basic chemicals is stearic acid, also found in beef, which some researchers think lowers cholesterol levels. Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas published an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in which they described tests run on 11 male volunteers fed three different liquid diets.

The diets were rotated every three weeks. Total blood cholesterol dropped the most with the stearic acid formula, as did levels of low density lipoproteins, the substances which carry cholesterol.

Letters in that same journal brought chocolate lovers down from their sugar high, though. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Human Research Center faulted the diet in the study for its results and said that stearic acid might not perform as well on a diet already rich in cholesterol.

It also said that another chemical may be a factor in how well stearic acid works against cholesterol.

In 1982, two New York psychopharmacologists, Donald Klein and Michael Liebowitz, thought the heady feelings that come from falling in love were the result of a surge of phenylethylamine, an amphetamine-like brain chemical which is found in small quantities in chocolate.

The researchers came up with this hypothesis while treating a group of women who were addicted to love and ate large quantities of chocolate in the post-passion depressions.

Drugs like monoamine oxidase inhibitors regulate phenylethylamine and are good for people who don't respond to conventional antidepressants, Klein said. The chocolate part was purely speculative.

Kind of reminds a person of those cards and mugs that say, "I'm having a crisis, please send chocolate."

Theobromine, another chemical in chocolate, can perk a person up like caffeine, but it's milder. The sugar in chocolate can do the same for people like me who only need to eat three Crunch bars to stay up studying well into the morning hours.

But one of the main reasons that people like myself may get Oreos cravings at 11 p.m. is that chocolate contains carbohydrates which cause the

pancreas to produce insulin, which, in turn, starts a chemical chain that increases the levels of the neurotransmitter serotonin—the "feel good" neurotransmitter.

And at 11 p.m. before a biology test, I'd like to feel good even if I'm going to bomb the next morning.

And even though we may think otherwise, there is no evidence to support the idea that chocolate is addictive. You may crave it with all your being, but you won't get the cold sweats, nausea or hallucinations if you don't consume it.

Of course, you might throw a temper tantrum on the floor of your dorm room if your roommate refuses to drive you to 7-Eleven to fulfill that craving for chocolate, but that doesn't mean you're addicted.

And if your roommate didn't take you even after the tantrum, it just means you didn't keep it up long enough. Deep down inside her fuzzy green heart, she likes Oreos too.

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BY RHETT PENNELL

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by Berke Breathed

Sports

Around the Conference

Arkansas

Arkansas passed for 263 yards, which is more yards passing than in their first four games of 1987, in last Saturday's 63-14 triumph over Pacific in Little Rock. The 63-point output was Arkansas' highest total in a single game since 1947 when the Razorbacks downed Northwestern (La) State 64-0. This week the Hogs will play Tulsa at home.

Baylor

Freshman placekicker Jeff Ireland became only the second freshman in SWC history to kick four field goals in one game last week when the Bears beat UNLV 27-3 in Waco. Ireland joins 22 SWC kickers who have kicked four field goals in one game on 23 different occasions. This week the Bears will travel to Kansas.

Houston

The Cougars will open their season at the sight of the Independence Bowl against Louisiana Tech on Sept. 10. This is their second season under Coach Jack Pardee. The Cougars are 21-19-2 in season openers.

Rice

Rice will start its 77th season on Sept. 10 with a home game against Indiana of the Big Ten Conference. Indiana beat the Owls last year in Bloomington 35-13.

Texas

This week the Longhorns will begin their season against Brigham Young in Utah. The two teams squared off last season in Austin and Brigham Young won that contest 22-17.

Texas A&M

The Aggies have the week off after falling to 13th ranked LSU 27-0 last week. Their next game will be Sept. 17th against Alabama and then they travel to Oklahoma to face Oklahoma State on the 24th.

Texas Tech

Wide receiver Wayne Walker moved into 11th place on the SWC's career receiving yardage list with his 184 yards against North Texas last Saturday. This week the Red Raiders will travel to Arizona.



Gotcha! - Goalkeeper Maribeth Forrest scrambles for the ball during soccer practice Wednesday.

TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

Frogs begin season with loss to Ponies

By SCOTT HUNT
Sports Writer

The TCU women's soccer team kicked off their season Tuesday with a 3-1 loss to an SMU team which had a pre-season ranking of fourth in the region.

"We struggled," head coach David Rubinson said. "We're a better team than what we showed."

Sarah Campbell netted a Kim Champney miss to give TCU a 1-0 lead at the 10 minute mark of the first half. But SMU answered 10 minutes later to tie the score.

"We scored the first goal and then lost our composure," Rubinson said. SMU took the lead on a penalty kick about 10 yards in front of the TCU goal 34 minutes into the first half.

"The penalty kick was the turning point of the game," Junior forward Christi Brewton said. "They got a goal off nothing, a free goal."

SMU's Kathy Patterson finished out the scoring to make it 3-1 SMU.

Rubinson said some of the lost composure was a result of first game jitters. The women's team has nine freshmen and one senior.

"Experience had a lot to do with it

(SMU's win)," he said. "They just settled down a little bit better than we did."

In addition to lost composure, Rubinson said the team needed to maintain the ball instead of forcing everything forward, Brewton agreed.

"Our main problem was that we played too straight forward," she said.

Brewton said the team's fitness level was also not where it should be which contributed to the loss.

"Working together and fitness is the main thing to improve," she said.

Another big factor in the loss was the quality of the officiating, Brewton said.

"I think tonight the deciding factor was refereeing," she said. "The referees wouldn't let us play."

Despite the set-back, Rubinson remained optimistic about the rest of the season.

"I think we'll rally and be a good soccer team," Rubinson said. "We've got a ways to go, but we'll get there."

Brewton also was optimistic.

"We have more skill than TCU has ever had," Brewton said. "We have a lot of great freshmen players."

"I think we'll play with SMU next time," Brewton said. "It will come down to the last five minutes."

Georgia's Dooley impressed by TCU

Says Frogs could hit Top 10

By TROY PHILLIPS
Sports Editor

Georgia head football coach Vince Dooley is going into Saturday's game trying to convince people that he is intimidated by the TCU Horned Frogs.

Dooley must have no clue of how people feel here in Fort Worth.

Eighth-ranked Georgia knocked off then 17th-ranked Tennessee last week 28-17 in a classic Southeast Conference matchup. The pass and rushing yardage for both teams tells it all. On the ground, Georgia exploded for 414 yards against the Volunteers' 52. In the air, Tennessee sent the Bulldogs' secondary reeling with 354 yards. Georgia amassed only 25 yards passing.

Whatever works, right?

One thing is certain, however. Georgia will find some way to make TCU earn every yard and every point come Saturday.

And as for Dooley, TCU has already earned his respect.

"Going into this game is one of the most difficult assignments I can remember in my 25 years here, and I've had some tough ones," Dooley said. "We're coming off a big win. Now we

have to play a team that could easily end up in the Top 10 and that nobody believes is that good."

The difficulty, he said, is in convincing his team and Georgia supporters that TCU is a national top-flight team. What convinces him are the numbers from 1987 as compared to his own team.

TCU led the SWC last year averaging 399 yards total offense per game. The Frogs' Veer offensive setup yielded 294 yards rushing per game. Georgia, which fared only slightly worse in the nation's toughest, most competitive football conference, averaged 393 yards total offense and 274 rushing per game.

"This is the challenge," Dooley said. "We're seeing an offense that 10 years ago was the most popular in the country. Now TCU is one of only a few teams which use the Veer. It's an entirely different concept than what we're used to."

Dooley praised TCU quarterback David Rascoe for the way he runs the Frogs' Veer.

"He has the speed. When he keeps the ball on the option and runs, he's

really good at it."

When asked about TCU defense, Dooley had nothing but good things to say. What Georgia saw against Tennessee was a defensive scheme designed around falling back, reading the play and then reacting to stop the offense and force turnovers. TCU won't be quite so hospitable, Dooley said.

"Instead of falling back, they'll attack, penetrate and try to make things happen," he said. "They go after the football and cause turnovers. They're that kind of aggressive team."

Regardless of Dooley's comments, TCU coach Jim Wacker says he would have had a much sounder sleep last Saturday night had things gone the other way between Georgia and Tennessee.

"They're a great team - one of the best," Wacker said. "They have as strong a running game as anyone else. And they're physical."

The running game, as Wacker referred to, could potentially self-destruct the Frogs this week, as it did Tennessee. Sophomore Rodney Hampton and junior Tim Worley

each carried the ball 23 times out of Georgia's I-formation; Hampton for 196 yards and Worley for 144 yards. TCU's sometimes shaky special teams unit will have Hampton and Worley to deal with on kickoff returns.

Intimidating? Yes, admits Wacker. Georgia's entire team is super-talented, he said.

"But at the same time you just have to line up and go to war. I think our kids will respond. They like the challenge - they'd better."

If the Georgia defense clamps down on TCU's normally productive backfield, Rascoe may be forced to go to the air, hopefully taking advantage of the Bulldogs' weaker defensive secondary. Although Tennessee lost, they revealed some definite holes in the Georgia defense.

"I hope we can have some balance in our offense and loosen them up with the pass," Wacker said.

As far as injuries go, TCU will enter its first contest nearly injury-free. With a few exceptions, the Frogs have made it through more than a month of workouts and scrimmages with only minor setbacks.

If TCU gets through the first week without casualties, indisputably, it will be against its best opponent ever



Vince Dooley

since Wacker arrived in 1982. And Dooley's 192-74-10 record, .714 winning percentage, six SEC titles and 1980 national title speak for themselves.

"I'm thrilled to get a chance to coach against a guy like him," Wacker said. "I think we have a legitimate chance to meet the challenge."

And it appears that Dooley feels he has a challenge also.

"Jim Wacker has said that without a doubt this is the best team he's had since coming to TCU," Dooley said.

"I'll second what he's saying."

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