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Search for new vice chancellor progressing well, Tucker says

By CAROL DICKEY
Staff Writer

TCU is still without a vice chancellor for Development and University Relations, but a search to fill that position is "making good progress," said Chancellor Bill Tucker.

Paul Hartman, who held the post until Aug. 12, left TCU to become president of Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Ky.

"We advertised nationally, and over 100 people applied or were nominated for the position," Tucker said. "We are now down to a short list."

The new vice chancellor will be

elected by the TCU board of trustees on the recommendation of the chancellor, Tucker said.

A six-member advisory committee was assembled to participate in the interviewing process and to give feedback to Tucker.

The committee is composed of Lee Behar, president of the House of Student Representatives; Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business; Ann Gee, assistant vice chancellor of Development; Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for University Relations; Daryl Schmidt, associate professor of religion-studies and past chairman of the Faculty Senate; and Frank Windegger, director of athletics.

"The advisory committee is genuinely meant to solicit responses and reactions from different areas of the university and give feedback to Chancellor Tucker," Schmidt said. "Ultimately it's his decision."

"It's his search and his hire," Gee said. "We are just an advisory committee, and he does not have to take our recommendation."

Robert Nelson & Associates, a consulting firm in Chicago, did a preliminary screening of the applicants, Schmidt said.

This step enabled the committee members to know before the interviewing began that the final candidates have good credentials as development officers, Schmidt said.

As was the case with Hartman, the new vice chancellor, as chief development officer, will be in charge of fund raising.

But the job requires more than the ability to raise money, Tucker said.

"Anybody involved in university relations must not only be expert at fund raising, with a proven record, but also be a good administrator and work well with the chancellor," Tucker said. "He will be in charge of a very complex operation."

The committee members are also considering how the candidates will work with the faculty and students, Schmidt said.

"We hope to have somebody who will value the role of faculty and stu-

dents and draw them into the decision-making process. I'm pleased to see that there seems to be a current trend in school administration in involving more people in decisions," Schmidt said.

As an executive officer of the university, the vice chancellor must relate well to the other vice chancellors, Tucker said.

"They must contribute to the overall leadership of the school as well as provide leadership in areas in which they are primarily involved," Tucker said.

No one from inside the TCU faculty or administration applied for the vice

chancellor's position, although the job was not closed to anyone, inside or outside, Schmidt said.

"Although we have excellent people in the individual areas of university relations and development, we really need someone who has experience in both," Schmidt said. "Therefore, most of the candidates are from universities where they held that level of position."

Tucker earlier predicted that TCU would have a new vice chancellor by the end of this semester, and he says he believes there will be no problem in meeting that deadline.

"In fact, we hope the selection will be made long before then," he said.

Koehler updates stance on issues Minority recruiting top priority

By MELISSA DORMAN
Staff Writer

William Koehler, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said he emphasized recruiting minorities to boost faculty and student ratios last year.

"The highest priority I had on my agenda last year was to recruit minority faculty members," Koehler said at a news conference Friday.

Koehler also said:

- No grade quotas or percentages are being used for teachers to combat grade inflation.
- The issue of divestment from South Africa is still being debated, but Chancellor Bill Tucker is not expected to change his position of not supporting divestment.

TCU filled five full-time, tenure-track faculty positions with minorities last year. More minorities were hired, he said, but they are in temporary appointments.

Koehler said he made funds available to identify minority faculty who are still in graduate school.

"Start recruiting them before they get their Ph.D.'s and then try to be as competitive as possible in terms of salary, research support, et cetera and hope you win the recruiting war," Koehler said, explaining ways of recruiting minorities.

"We subscribe to all of those directories and data bases around the country that house information about minority faculty candidates," he said.

Koehler said TCU is concentrating on blacks and Hispanics for recruitment because they make up a large percentage of the population in this area.

"I am absolutely convinced that we would do a disservice to the individual and to the university if we recruited any and all minority students we could get just to say we have a certain percentage of minorities on campus," he said. "We should not use people to establish bragging rights."

TCU needs to recruit minorities who will be successful academically, instead of building up the numbers and then worrying about whether the

students will be successful, Koehler said.

"I think we tend to artificially inflate the percentage of minorities in our student body as a result of the number of athletic scholarships we give," he said.

"If we (TCU) did not have athletics, the percentage of minorities in the student body would be markedly lower," he said.

TCU should try to recruit minorities for their academic and not their athletic skills, Koehler said.

To better prepare students academically, the university has revised its curriculum requirements, placing an emphasis on English and languages.

"The new program is much more structured, more prescribed than the old one," he said.

Under the new program, students must take either a foreign language or literature and oral communication course. These will improve reading, speaking and writing skills, Koehler said.

To maintain high quality and position of the university as an academically superior institution, TCU also has implemented a policy to prevent grade inflation.

Koehler said he is not using grade quotas or percentages to enforce the new policy.

"I try to combat grade inflation by 'jawboning,'" he said. "I try to work with the deans and chairs and point out some of the disadvantages of high grades."

The more A's there are in a class, the cheaper the A becomes, so superior students are disadvantaged, Koehler said.

If students get A's without much effort in their first or second years, they will be misled into thinking that they are smarter than they actually are, he said.

"It catches up with them later on when they get into the more difficult courses," he said.

"Grade inflation is not unique to TCU," Koehler said. "It is a phe-

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TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

Catch the spirit - Clark Hall Spirit Marauders support the Frogs at Saturday's football game.

Spirit Marauders attempt to fire up wet Frog fans

By JOHN AREND
Staff Writer

With faces painted and vocal bands warmed up, the Clark Hall Spirit Marauders invaded Amon Carter Stadium Saturday and managed to inspire an otherwise very damp student section as the Frogs whipped Bowling Green, 49-12.

Torrential rains soaked the stadium at one point before halftime, and many of the already sparse crowd began to run for cover - but not the Spirit Marauders.

"We are all fired up," said Mike Kerner, leader of the group and a resident adviser at Clark. "There was no way that the rain could make us stop cheering. Besides, it was a blast."

Spirit Marauders is a campus group composed

of anyone who wants to participate, but the core group comes from Clark Hall, Kerner said.

"The whole idea behind the group is that we want to build some spirit around TCU and create a tradition," he said. "The big complaint coming from everyone seems to be a lack of tradition, and we want to do something about it."

About 30 to 40 Marauders cheered at the Bowling Green game, but more are expected to attend future home events when the weather isn't so bad, Kerner said.

"They seem to be really excited," said junior Angela Ray at Saturday night's game. "I hope they used water-proof paint or it's going to run everywhere tonight."

But apparently thinking ahead, most of the

Spirit Marauders did not have painted faces Saturday, uniformed instead in Clark Hall T-shirts.

"Generally, we begin the festivities on the Friday before each home game by running through the main cafeteria at lunch yelling and screaming," Kerner said.

"Then we usually get together about an hour before the game at Clark Hall and walk over together," he said.

Spirit Marauders tries to be a positive force while cheering at games, Kerner said. "But sometimes we give the opponent a hard time."

"It wasn't difficult against Bowling Green," he said. "We enjoyed getting wild and showing our pride."

Two workers injured in separate cases

By JULIE PALM
Staff Writer

A Marriott Food Service manager and a construction worker on Moncrief Hall were injured in the last two days in two separate incidents.

Matt Anders, of the food service, was assaulted early Sunday morning while he was opening the Student Center Cafeteria.

Douglas Griffin, an employee of ABC Masonry Co., was injured Monday morning when he fell 20 feet while working on a concrete ledge.

Griffin fell from a ladder while working alone on the west side of Moncrief Hall.

He was taken to Harris Hospital by ambulance, treated for a sprained ankle and released, said Mike Gregory, Griffin's supervisor.

In the incident in the cafeteria, Anders said he saw an intruder in the kitchen at about 6 a.m. Sunday.

When Anders opened the doors of the kitchen, the suspect ran out. Anders followed and cornered him in the athletic dining room and asked the suspect for identification.

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Outside



Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is fair and mild with high temperatures in the mid-80s to lower 90s and lows in the mid-60s. Winds at 5 to 10 mph will come from the southeast.

Wednesday's forecast expects little precipitation with highs in the mid-80s and lows in the mid-60s.

Jazz Combo comes back home to The Hop

Group to play through October

By SUSAN BESZE
Staff Writer

On any given night 14 years ago, Michael Pellecchia could have been found at the House of Pizza, crowded with other TCU seniors who were contemplating graduation over the steady beat of a local band.

"It (House of Pizza) used to be the hangout, but it's always been a place to hear good quality bands," Pellecchia said.

Two TCU degrees and a name change later, he is back at the House of Pizza, now called The Hop, on the other side of the stage with Brother Smiles' Jazz Combo, which is performing every Tuesday night through October.

Pellecchia, who received a bachelor's degree in English in 1974 and a master's degree in music in 1988, has been playing under the stage name Dewey Bright since he joined the band a year and a half ago.

The saxophone player was also an advertising and public relations instructor at TCU for three years.

Pellecchia has more than the band in common with members of the Jazz Combo.

Lead guitarist Brother Smiles, known in some circles as Slim Richey, has also taught at TCU. Richey was a fiddle instructor in the extended education department.

Keyboard synthesizer Kathy Kornegay also hails from TCU, having graduated in 1980 with a degree in graphic design.

Forming the band was as easy as a walk to The Hop, which is exactly what Pellecchia and Kornegay did.

"We just showed up with our instruments one day wanting to play and we've been playing ever since," Pellecchia said. "That's the nature of jazz - improvisational. If a musician from TCU strolled over and wanted to play, he could jump right in."

"Jazz is a democracy. If the majority agrees and everyone gives a little, it usually works unrehearsed," he said.

Although music may not pay as much as politics, the Combo does not seem to mind.

"We all have our own careers - jazz isn't a very marketable type of music," Kornegay said.

She said a love of jazz and the fun of playing serve as ample compensation.



TCU Daily Skiff / Rob Robbins

All that jazz - Brother Smiles' Jazz Combo appears at The Hop weekly through October.

CAMPUSlines

College Republicans/Students for Bush meeting to be held today at 6 p.m. in Student Center Room 205-206. Call 294-0721 for more information.

University Democrats meeting to be held today at 6:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 206. Call 924-4462 for more information.

Mathematics Speaker Robert S. Doran will speak today at 4:15 p.m. in Winton-Scott room 147. Program: "Mathematics Made Difficult - A Look at Lines through Origin." Social hour starts at 3:45 p.m. in WSH 171.

Chemistry Seminar featuring Richard Bernstein to be held today at 11 a.m. in Sid Richardson LH4. Topic: "Orientation Dependence of Chemical Reactivity." Coffee served in SWR room 446 at 10:30 a.m.

Panhellenic Study Hall hours: today, Wednesday and Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Cantebury (Episcopal Students Union) meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church. Dinner and program on alcohol awareness. Everyone welcome. Call 923-6482 for more information.

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Career Planning and Placement Center workshop on "Interviewing Techniques" to be held September 26 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up in Student Center room 220. Call 921-7863 for more information.

NEWSlines

Homeless children focus of report

WASHINGTON (AP)- At least 100,000 of America's children are homeless on any given night and that doesn't include those who have run away or been kicked out by their parents, the National Academy of Sciences estimated Monday.

While male alcoholics and former mental patients still make up a large portion of the homeless, the fastest growing group of people with no place to live are children under 18, said the Academy's Institute of Medicine.

"The committee feels strongly the growing phenomenon of homeless children is nothing short of a national disgrace that must be treated with the urgency that such a situation demands," said the report.

Bentsen's opponent banking on Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP)- Republican Rep. Beau Boulter's uphill campaign to unseat Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is banking on a big boost from President Reagan's trip to Waco this week, but Democrats say it shouldn't make much difference in the race.

A spokesman for Boulter's campaign, Joe Fleming, said the two-term Amarillo congressman expects to raise \$100,000 in a private fundraiser with the president Thursday in the conservative central Texas city.

The White House announced Reagan planned to attend a rally at Baylor University and appear at a private fund raiser for Boulter, a graduate of the Baylor law school.

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nomenon in higher education - every university in the country is subjected to grade inflation."

Grade inflation seems to be more prevalent in lower-level classes, he said.

"I'm more willing to accept a larger percentage of higher grades in upper-level courses than lower-level courses," he said.

"They (students in upper-level courses) are in their majors, and it should be something in which they have more proficiency," he said.

TCU needs to be careful about how it approaches the problem. If the grades are dramatically lowered, then students going to graduate school, medical and law school and professional school will be at a disadvantage, Koehler said.

Koehler also discussed the university's position on divestment from South Africa.

TCU has not divested from South Africa, and although the issue continues to be discussed, Tucker remains firm in his decision not to divest, Koehler said.

"It (divestment) has been debated a great deal over the last four or five years. It will be debated until there is justice in South Africa. I still think the decision is the proper one - not to divest," he said.

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"There was no place for him to go. There are no exits. He gave me his Texas driver's license and his TCU ID," Anders said.

Anders said a second suspect then struck him from behind with a chair. Anders dropped the first suspect's ID, which the suspects picked up. The suspects then ran through Eden's Greens toward Sadler Hall.

Anders did not suffer any serious injuries in the assault.

The intruders are suspected of taking a pink and blue neon sign saying "Fast Break" from the cafeteria, said Mark Washburn, a Marriott Food Service manager. The sign is valued at \$2,000.

The food production computer, which Marriott uses to help with inventory and purchasing, was dismantled, Washburn said.

"Because of the sign, we first thought this was just a prank. But with what happened to the computer, we're more concerned now," Washburn said.

There were no signs of forced entry to the cafeteria, according to Campus Police reports.

TCU police are searching for the suspects.

Clarification

Thursday's editorial "Financially careless" was not intended to imply that the House of Representatives' reduction or elimination of funding for certain programs was a direct result of increased leadership retreat funding. Any such implication was unintentional.

The Skiff regrets any misunderstanding.

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Texans clean up after Hurricane Gilbert

By **NANCY ANDERSEN**
Staff Writer

Parts of Texas and Monterrey, Mexico, began cleaning up Hurricane Gilbert's path of debris Monday while the Yucatan areas of Mexico, hit early last week, continued the task.

Donald Frischmann, assistant professor of Spanish, said he has been unable to contact friends living in Merida, Mexico, a city of 6,000 on the Yucatan peninsula.

One of them is Carlos Villanueva, who lectured at TCU in September 1986 and again last March, when he served as the Yucatan coordinator for TCU's Mayan-Yucatan Culture Week, Frischmann said.

"I talked to them last on Wednesday, during the middle of the hurri-

cane," he said. "The telephone connection was perfect - I couldn't believe it."

Frischmann said he has been bothered by the U.S. media's coverage of Hurricane Gilbert in Yucatan.

"The main focus is that our wonderful resorts have been damaged. There's nothing about the natives," he said.

Residents of Monterrey continued searching for the bodies of hurricane refugees who drowned Saturday when the bus taking them to a hurricane shelter was swept away into the torrential Santa Catarina river.

More than 100 people were killed and thousands more left homeless when Gilbert - the most powerful

hurricane on record - struck the city. Meanwhile in Texas, Gov. Bill Clements, visiting the hardest hit areas, declared Cameron County a disaster area eligible for federal assistance in the cleanup effort.

The governor first toured Brownsville, then left for San Antonio,

which suffered more than \$35 million in damage Saturday and Sunday from more than 41 tornados spawned by Gilbert, which leap-frogged Texas.

Clements said Bexar County, where San Antonio is located, may also fall into the possibility of declaring an emergency.

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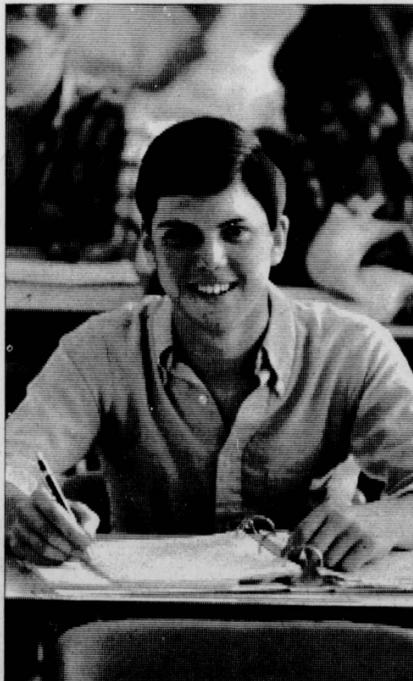
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Commentary

Dating might be nice, but single life has its benefits

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



I dated an airhead this summer. I realize that sounds like the title of a grade-B romance, but it is a fact and, like they say, facts don't lie.

My brother told me every chance he had that she was an airhead, but I did not listen to him. It's a little hard to accept the fact your older brother might actually know what he is talking about.

In a sense, I envy my brother because he has great luck when it comes to girls. I don't.

I have had one very serious relationship in my time. We dated for about 15 months, all told, and actually discussed marriage at one point. Yvette was a great girlfriend; she listened when I needed someone to talk to, she was incredibly fun to be around and she had a great personality. She was also beautiful. Still is as a matter of fact.

To be honest, I don't know what it was she saw in me.

We had a lot of fun while we were together, but college has a way of breaking up relationships and, true to form, it busted ours. A week before I left for TCU, Yvette called to tell me she wanted to break up. Seems she did not want to be hurt when I went off to school.

Great line, don't you think?

But here is the kicker: after my freshman year, I went home and ran into Yvette. She would not speak to me. After several tries, she finally told me that she was mad at me because I did not work harder at keeping her. The guy she dumped me for had

walked on her the same way she had walked on me, and now she was blaming me for our break-up.

I'm still trying to figure that one out.

If you have not figured it out by now, dating is a subject that totally baffles me. I did not start dating until I was on the high side of 16, so I guess I'm still learning.

Here I am, a 20-year-old with the mind of a 12-year-old, trying to cope in the long, cold night of modern relationships. To put it simply, I'm lost. When it comes to interpreting signals, I need a girl with flashlights. I still ask the girl if I can kiss her good-night.

But through all my confusion, one fact shines clear in my mind, I am very happy that I am single.

But not for the reasons that most people on this campus might think. There is a large group on this campus that claims TCU is a haven for single guys. False. Untrue. Nix that puppy. This is a fallacy.

While it is true that this campus has more than its share of beautiful women, it is also true that a large percentage of these women are caught in a huge web of hang-ups.

Every year, we hear the same old stuff about how guys on this campus won't ask girls out. And every year, we hear the same old stuff about how girls on this campus don't go out. When you are single, and happily so, you do not have to worry about this stuff.

From a guy's point of view, this campus is not a haven. It is that small area between a rock and a hard place.

Everywhere you turn, you run into girls who have boyfriends back home. Most guys I know will not ask out a girl who is very vocal about her man-at-home for the simple reason that she

is very vocal about her man-at-home.

And at the other end of the spectrum are the girls who are looking for an instant relationship. One date and you're walking down the aisle.

Then there are the girls that you might ask out and they immediately jump to the conclusion that you are proposing to them.

Basically, we are looking at a no-win scenario. I'm not going to claim that guys don't have any hang-ups. I'm sure we do, I just don't sit around analyzing them.

The single life isn't all that great but you at least don't have to worry about all the stigmas surrounding dating on this campus.

Probably the worst part about being single is the hollowness that accompanies it. I was at a party last week, a big one, and I noticed a very empty feeling there. Lots of people were at the party, and lots of people were having fun. But there was a segment of the population at that party who were looking for something else: not a relationship, just a night.

That is the part that really bothers me about being single, the hollowness.

Dating is a social activity. Nothing more. Dates should be times for two people to go out and just have fun. Nothing more. Romance is not an integral part of dating - it is a benefit, not necessity.

It is when we build up these myths about dating that it no longer becomes a fun activity.

I just got out of a relationship. I dated the airhead for three months. Right now, I'd love to go out on a date and just have fun. But I don't have the desire to go against the grain right now, so I will remain happily single. I have lots of time.

After all, I'm only 20.

FAMOUS SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS...



Letters to the Editor

Economic principles

Welcome to Wonderland. A place where Santa Claus produces economic goods without the problem of labor costs, and tooth fairies increase national income by buying teeth. This is home to many great economists: Ted Kennedy, Michael Dukakis and, of course, David Thoms.

In his letter, which appeared in last Tuesday's Skiff, Thoms states that an increase in the minimum wage would, contrary to Leif Anderson's original column, increase national income and employment, assuming an increase in government spending and/or looser credit conditions. Actually, achieving these goals through an increase in minimum wage would require a great deal of magic that is yet unknown to man.

In reality, which is where we are, wages represent costs to companies that produce economic goods and services. Using the basic equation for profit of "profit equals revenue minus costs," one can easily see that if costs increase then profits will fall. Despite popular belief, businesses are opposed to falling profits and take great pains to avoid them. Therefore, a combination of two things will occur: businesses will seek to decrease costs and increase revenues.

In decreasing costs, companies will lower their costs cutting their total wage bill by employing fewer workers. Quick calculations show that five workers at \$3.35 per hour is approximately equal to four workers at \$4.25 per hour. Just as quickly, this would mean a decrease in minimum wage employment of up to 20 percent. This would most likely be the place for cost-cutting, since most minimum wage-intensive companies have very few other labor related costs. The perfect example is a fast-food restaurant. It hires mostly part-time employees, which means it does not need to pay for health insurance, retirement benefits, vacation time, holidays or sick leave. This only leaves reducing the number of workers if forced to maintain

costs and pay a higher minimum wage.

There are two avenues that a company could follow in order to increase revenues. First, it could raise prices to offset higher costs. This is what happened in the 1970s. When energy costs increased, companies raised prices to offset the costs. Increasing prices was and is the definition of inflation. Hence, some people would be making more money, but paying higher prices for the same goods. I missed Thoms' point as to how this meant that people would be better off and able to save more.

The other way to increase revenues is to increase sales. How this would occur with a smaller workforce and a consumer market cut by unemployment, I have no idea.

National income could not possibly increase under this scenario because we would end up spending more on welfare and unemployment benefits, not to mention fighting inflation.

In the future, I hope that Mr. Thoms reviews his basic economic principles and some recent history before reporting a mishmash of jumbled and false thoughts to the TCU campus.

Jeff Middlestwart
Junior/finance

Thoms wrong

I was both amused and disgusted with David Thoms' response to Leif Anderson's column on minimum wage increases. Leif stated that a minimum wage increase would cause more unemployment.

David said that Leif was unresearched and "mindless," and that this would actually increase employment. It is Mr. Thoms who is incorrect on this matter.

Mr. Thoms, first of all, is guilty of his own labeling - his response was unresearched and unbacked. It is an undisputed fact that small businesses are the largest employer in the United States, and these businesses would simply not employ more people. This destroys his entire argument about increasing

national income (through increased wages) which would in turn increase demand for goods and then increase demand for labor, which would increase unemployment. The first step never happens, he just assumes it does.

I took the time (which he obviously did not) to do a little research. I called five businesses around TCU and five around Hulen Mall and asked them if they would support an increase in minimum wage. Imagine the results: six would not fill any vacancies once they were opened through job turnover, and four admitted that they would probably have to lay off employees.

So it seems that David has been a little slack in his thought process. I mean, logic dictates that the more something costs (for demand-elastic goods), the less one will consume.

We can also look at this from a business view. Most American businesses are "old," non-growth businesses that have elastic demand curves. Most of these also have about a 5 percent profit margin per dollar. David wants labor costs to increase 27 percent. As one can see, it would be economically impossible for many businesses to survive, and the small ones would go down first, since they would not be able to absorb the costs as much. This would increase unemployment since these businesses hire the most people. The only businesses that can pass on costs are firms that have growing demand curves, or inelastic demand curves. So competition would send many firms out of business.

Now one can take this even further and say that increased unemployment would cause increased government spending since welfare payments would increase, not to mention the increase in labor costs that the government would have to pay to comply with its own law. The government would have a decrease in tax revenues, so it would have to increase taxes, which would depress savings and consumption. Using David's analysis in reverse, one can see that businesses would have to lay off even more people since demand decreased.

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Guitar produces peaceful soul

By LISA TOUYE
Columnist



Forget about music soothing the savage beast, music really soothes the savaged mind.

Last Friday night, I came home from work slightly depressed. I couldn't put my finger on the reason, though, so I took my guitar out of its case and started picking out some of the old country songs I'd learned. Somehow playing guitar eases my mind like nothing else can.

After one round of "Malaguena" and two rounds of "Time in a Bottle," I felt better. I was immersed in the guitar's sound when my roommate looked up from her plant textbook and said it sounded good.

Harmlessly enough, I asked her if she wanted to learn to play guitar. A big grin spread across her face.

I'm not a patient person, but the thought of me actually teaching Sherri something was exciting. So her first lesson began.

Since she can sing well and play the piano like a virtuoso, I had her visualize the keyboard with its half and

whole steps and then we worked on notes and fingering.

I watched her make the same mistakes I made when I started, like holding a note down and picking the wrong string or not holding a string down hard enough, which produces a twangy sound. We started on scales, and after she went through "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "Do-Re-Mi," she smiled because she knew she had the notes down.

Her excitement at discovering what the notes were and playing those beginning songs reminded me of when I started guitar lessons at an old church in Scottsdale.

I spent three hours every day after my first lesson practicing my favorite songs and trying to play by ear the songs that my teacher taught the boy whose lesson was before mine. Songs like "House of the Rising Sun" and "Sweet Home Alabama" that I was told were beyond my level. Songs I picked out and played at my next lesson to prove how serious I was.

Sherri's most annoying questions I asked, like why you don't just play the fifth fret instead of jumping to the next string. I remember my teacher giving me a cold stare and telling me it was common sense, then telling me to play my scales again.

After trying to explain it to her, that's what I told Sherri.

I got on her about curving her fingers and cutting the nails on her left hand so she could hold the strings down better, just like my teacher had done. And she talked back to me, just like I had talked back to him.

Then I helped her through "Country Roads" and let her go.

We'd planned to make it an early night, but we stayed up much later talking about music, things we wanted to do and why this semester feels so strange. It was just like when I was 15 and I would stay to talk with my instructor for 15 minutes after lessons because it felt so easy to open up to someone after playing guitar with them.

I used to go to the church early so I could watch the sun set against the mountains and relax. Afterward, I felt like the everyday stresses were locked away for a while.

Sherri must have felt the same way, because when I came home from work Saturday night, the philosophy and plant texts were closed on her desk, sheet music was scattered on the floor and my guitar was lying on a table on top of "Stand By Me."

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Frogs stir 49-12 storm



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Despite mistakes, Frogs slish to win

By TROY PHILLIPS
Sports Editor

With the torrential monsoon that hit Amon G. Carter Stadium Saturday night, TCU coach Jim Wacker was able to incorporate a slight of hand in the second quarter against watered-down Bowling Green.

Leading 14-5 with 3:27 remaining in the first half, the Frogs had just advanced to the Bowling Green 18 off of a Greg Moore fumble recovery, a Bowling Green penalty and an eight-yard pass from David Rascoe to Jarrod Delaney.

During such a deluge, few would have noticed Superfrog in the TCU backfield. And probably just as few noticed No. 32 slipping in next to running back Tony Darthard for the upcoming play.

Most expected Darthard to get the call on the second-and-two play. Moments later, behind the block of right guard Mike Sullivan, Tommy Palmer scored his first touchdown in over a year. The 18-yard scamper was Palmer's first carry since Sept. 5, 1987 against Boston College, when he suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Yes, Tommy Palmer is back. And so are the Frogs - at least for now.

TCU's 49-12 pounding of the Bowling Green Falcons was their greatest margin of victory since the 62-18 win over Utah State in 1984.

Going into the locker room at the game's end, Wacker called the win ugly, but said he'd take it.

"The kids played really well, but I'll feel a lot better when we get things going smoother," Wacker said. "It was a win that we needed. Everybody got to play and that was fun."

TCU wasn't singin' in the rain until after halftime, however. Against the outmanned and outsized Falcons, the Frogs still produced mistakes that better teams would have been able to capitalize on.

On TCU's first possession of the game, Rascoe tried to hit Delaney near the left sideline, only to be picked off by Falcon cornerback Tony McCorvey. Two plays later, TCU defensive tackle Mitchell Benson was called for roughing the passer, which positioned the ball for an eventual Bowling Green field goal.

Ineffective on his first two drives, Rascoe was relieved at quarterback by Scott Ankrum, who fumbled after a 15-yard run. Bowling Green recovered, but ended up punting.

TCU was fooled by a fake punt, resulting in a Falcon first down. Later, an interception by TCU cornerback Stanley Petry was called back

for clipping. The Frog's last major blunder of the half was Chris Becker's blocked punt, resulting in a Bowling Green safety. In all, TCU was penalized 11 times for 112 yards.

"We made some mistakes, but when you're playing aggressive football, you're going to make some mistakes," Wacker said. "The aggressiveness payed off for us."

Penalties aside, this night would belong to both TCU's offense and defense. TCU rolled up 473 yards total offense, 374 with rushing. Rascoe returned in the third quarter and engineered an 80-yard touchdown drive that put TCU 35-5. Tony Darthard finished with 131 yards and one touchdown.

Ankrum, at quarterback and running back, rushed for 106 yards and one touchdown. Cedric Jackson reached the end zone twice, and fullback Scott Bednarski ran one in from the 12.

But none seemed to compare in elation, or surprise, to Palmer's 18-yarder.

"I almost cried on the sideline when he scored on that first carry," Wacker said. "He and Ankrum (a senior who hasn't played a full season since his freshman year due to recurring injuries) are doing so well after going through all the injuries and all the frustrations."

A few plays earlier, Palmer had come in to block for Darthard on an option. Palmer's first chance to take the ball himself came just as the rain hit hardest. Palmer was so emotional he may not have noticed.

"I was elated," he said. "It was just like my first college touchdown. I was so happy being back and seeing all the hard work paying off. Just being out there and at home was a thrill."

As Palmer reached the end zone and his name was called, the drenched 18,706 in attendance let out louder-than-usual praises for the junior from Gilmer, Texas. The 18-yard run cleared the Frog bench, catching several players off guard.

"It's encouraging to see so many people happy for you when you get back out there," Palmer said.

TCU's defense, as a unit and individually, never looked better. Petry had two interceptions, broke up two passes and blocked a punt - all in only his third start. Roscoe Tatum blocked the next Bowling Green punt. Safeties Falanda Newton and Levoil Crump each picked off one Falcon pass.

"We can play better and we'd better play better," Wacker said. "It was kind of ugly, but at least it got prettier."



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TCU Horned Frogs defeat Bowling Green Falcons, 49-12, Saturday, at Amon Carter Stadium. TCU running back Tony Darthard, top photo, cuts right to avoid a Bowling Green defender. Middle photo, Scott Ankrum and Scott Bednarski high-five after Bednarski scores the Frogs' fifth touchdown. A Pep Rally Friday kicked off the football game, with Bobby Williams, bottom photo, leading band Torpedo X.

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Football

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Frog tennis teams tough after Texarkana tourney

By MICHAEL DIXON
Sports Writer

The TCU men's and women's tennis teams got a preview of what could very well be a promising year last weekend at the Texarkana Invitational.

For the women's team, ranked 25th in the Volvo pre-season poll, it was a runaway showing with Horned Frog team members winning both the singles and doubles finals.

For the men's team, a team that won last year's SWC title, it was a chance head coach Tut Bartzten to find out how much they have to improve between now and next May to defend their title.

Freshman Nancy Terrell started her collegiate career in high fashion, winning the women's singles by defeating Arkansas' Joanne Varnum in the finals 6-4, 6-4. The Texarkana tournament marked Terrell's first competitive return to the court since injuring a joint in her back in July.

"I was a little worried going into the first match," Terrell said. "In the warm-up I was really tight, but I loosened up once the match started."

Terrell learned quickly the difference between competing at the collegiate level and the junior level.

"College girls are out for blood," Terrell said. "They use all the tricks they can to get you rattled, especially if you're a freshman."

Terrell was not the only Lady Frog to fare well in singles competition. Senior Tory Plunkett advanced to the semifinals before Arkansas' Varnum knocked her off 6-3, 6-2. However, Plunkett did get a share in the victory celebration when she and Margot van

Overloop teamed up to beat teammates Tracy King and Camilla Svensson 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles semifinal.

"We went to Texarkana to find out just where we are," Bartzten said of the men's team. "It was useful. You can't find these things out in practice."

Although things didn't go as well as Bartzten hoped, he did say there were some bright spots in a very hot and humid weekend at Texarkana.

"Gary Betts played up to his potential as well as anyone," Bartzten said. "Mark van der Donk gave a pretty good account of himself, too."

Betts, a senior from Toronto, Canada, teamed with freshman Jeff Geisea and made it to the doubles semifinals after making the final 16 in singles.

Senior Eric Lingg and freshman Luis Ruetter both got to the singles quarterfinals. Ruetter, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and one of six foreign players on the team, was defeated by Mark Jeffery of Mississippi State 6-1, 6-1. Lingg, a member of last year's conference champions, was beaten by Johan Dysholm of Arkansas 6-4, 7-5.

The Texarkana tournament was an individual tournament in which no team points were kept. The TCU men's team, ranked 13th nationally in the Volvo tennis coaches poll, was without the services of 17th-ranked Clinton Banducci. Banducci chose to sit the Texarkana tournament out because of the new 30-day rule for NCAA tennis players. Banducci, along with one other TCU player not yet named, will represent TCU at the prestigious LSU Invitational Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, a tournament that will feature 32 of the top collegiate players in the country.

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