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Wehner replaces Hartman

By MELISSA DORMAN
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Chancellor Bill Tucker announced his final choice for vice chancellor of Development and University Relations Monday.

William Wehner, vice president for Development and University Relations at Drew University in Madison, N.J., was selected from a group of more than 100 applicants.

"I am very pleased that Mr. Wehner has said 'yes' to Texas Christian University," Tucker said.

Wehner made his decision during the last three to four weeks, after being one of three finalists for the position in late August.

Although an advisory board reviewed the candidates and offered their suggestions and advice to Tucker, he (Tucker) made the final decision to hire Wehner, said Ann Gee, assistant vice chancellor for Development.

"There's a chemistry that has to go on between chief of development and the chancellor," Wehner said. "We both felt good about each other, and that was a very important hurdle to overcome."

Wehner plans to "follow the good works of Paul Hartman," he said. "The groundwork has been laid - I want to continue to build on all fronts."

Alumni programs, fund-raising programs and improving university relations will be high on his agenda, he said.

The primary function of the development office is advancement for the university and the specific programs, he said.

Wehner grew up in Dallas and is excited about returning to the Metroplex.

"I have a sister in Rowlett and my mother lives in North Dallas so it will be an added bonus to be near family," he said.

Wehner was named vice president at Drew University in 1980. He had served as vice president for Development and College Relations at Mary See Wehner, Page 2



We're No. 1 - TCU sophomore safety Levoil Crump expresses his joy after the Frogs beat Boston College 31-17 Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium. See related story and photos on page 4.

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Prof calls debate press conference Dukakis doesn't get boost

By JERRY MADDEN
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first in a weekly series of articles on the campaigns of the 1988 elections.

What the American voter saw Sunday wasn't a real debate between presidential hopefuls George Bush and Michael Dukakis, but a joint press conference between the two, according to Eugene Alpert, associate professor of political science.

"It seems any debate for which you rehearse isn't a debate - it's a press conference," Alpert said.

Alpert said this presidential "debate" does not stand out as memorable because it did not give Dukakis, who's currently trailing in the polls, a big boost and because no single memorable line stands out.

"This debate won't give Dukakis the kind of boost it did Mondale (in 1984) after his first debate," he said.

"However, Dukakis did give a very credible, competent performance."

Alpert said Bush is advantaged because he has seized the "peace and prosperity" issue and because he has "wrapped himself around the flag."

Alpert said the debate will help both candidates galvanize supporters, something which is necessary to capture the presidential crown.

At TCU and other parts of Tarrant County, Bush and Dukakis supporters were quick to proclaim their candidate as the night's winner, although they did have some criticisms about the debate.

Leif Anderson, president of the Students for Bush organization, said the most outstanding aspect of the debate was that there were no surprises.

"Neither one did anything surprising," Anderson said. "They simply did not answer the questions."

Anderson said he thought Bush made Dukakis look bad on defense issues and that Bush better defined his views on domestic issues like abortion.

"Everyone knew (going into the debate) where Bush stood on the issues, and all he did was re-emphasize that," Anderson said.

Brad Vanderbilt, coordinator of TCU Dukakis/Bentsen '88, said Dukakis was specific about what he stood for while Bush "stumbled" around with facts.

The question of nuclear forces showed that Dukakis knows what he's talking about when it comes to defense items, Vanderbilt said.

Vanderbilt, who watched the debates with other Dukakis supporters, said Dukakis' closing statement was inspirational.

Registration deadline nearing for elections

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Students have until Oct. 9 to register to vote in November's presidential election - either in Fort Worth or by absentee ballot.

Robert Parten, election administrator for Tarrant County, said students must be registered to vote in the county of their permanent address 30 days prior to the election.

"Even if you live nine months of the year in Fort Worth, you should register where the university sends your bills and report cards," he said. "You must live here all year to vote here."

In order to cast an absentee vote, students who are already registered should call the election administrator of their home county and request an application for a ballot by mail, he said. Applications will be sent to students' TCU addresses.

Parten said students are readily approved because an absentee ballot allows a provision for absence from the home county on election day.

"The application is simply a formality," he said.

Students should receive a ballot with instructions on voting absentee within two weeks of sending off the application, Parten said.

They must complete it and send it back to the election administrator in their home county at least a week before election day.

He said students who have made their TCU address their permanent



"Dukakis showed he's not all doom and gloom," Vanderbilt said. "He realizes there are problems in America, and he wants to be the one to lead us through them."

Vanderbilt said Dukakis still came off looking like a technocrat and that he needs to be more personable during the next debate.

Rita Palm, the co-chairman of the Bush campaign in Tarrant County, said Bush appeared as the experienced candidate who was comfortable with his positions.

"Bush spelled out the issues," Palm said. "He showed his experience in foreign policy."

Palm said the nation saw "Dukakis the liberal" and that the debate would continue Bush's upward momentum in Tarrant County.

Carolyn Neal, the executive secretary of the Democratic Party of Tarrant County, said Dukakis was very sure of himself and appeared "calm, intelligent and informed."

"Some people had thought he was not as informed (on issues) as he is," she said.

"Every time I see him (Dukakis), I like him better and better," said Neal, who said she was not a Dukakis supporter to begin with.

Tarrant County Democratic Chairman Dennis Sheehan said Dukakis "outshined" Bush with his ability to understand the complexity of issues while at the same time showing compassion towards the people.

Sheehan said the Republican party has "made efforts to hide behind the flag" while ignoring the severe economic and social problems afflicting most Americans.

Sheehan said the debate showed a clear choice between the candidates and that Dukakis represents the views of the majority of voters.

"The Republicans can no longer preach the same gospel that's been preached for the last eight years," he said.

address can register to vote in Tarrant County by calling 334-1115 and requesting a voter registration application.

They will receive one by mail, which they must complete and mail back, he said.

On election day, students only need to bring their voter registration number to the polls, Parten said.

"Texas does not have universal same-day voter registration, where you can register just prior to voting at your precinct," he said.

According to the National Student Conference on Voter Participation, approximately 50 percent of the 18-24 age group went to the polls in 1972 when the national voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.

Although the conference reports that usually only 80 percent of students and other youth vote once they are registered, it predicts, based on past performance, that 15 to 16 million people in the 18 to 24 age group - registered and unregistered - will not vote in November.

The percentage of those voting in the 18 to 24 age group dropped to 39 percent in 1980.

Parten said typically young people vote only in national and, to a lesser extent, state elections where the issues and candidates have been highly publicized.

"In a way, it's better to stay home than to vote if you're not informed," he said. "But every little vote counts."

AIDS vaccine researched by alumnus

By SHELLEY VANDALL
Staff Writer

A TCU alumnus, who is researching AIDS at Vanderbilt University, said his work with antibodies may someday lead to a vaccine for the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Ed Robinson, who is obtaining both medical and doctoral degrees from Vanderbilt University, presented his findings at a biology seminar held noon Friday in the Sid Richardson Building.

He and his fellow researchers have found evidence that certain kinds of HIV antibodies may actually make the virus spread faster, he said.

"If we can identify which are good antibodies and which are bad ones, we ought to be able to produce vaccines that have only good antibodies," he said.

However, there is not much chance of such a vaccine or cure being available before the year 2000, Robinson said.

In the meantime, AIDS education and practicing safe sex are the key to stopping the spread of AIDS, he said.

"It is still my opinion that education and understanding are the only things right now that can prevent the disease, especially on a college campus," he said.

Robinson added that Dallas has one of the highest number of AIDS cases in the United States.

"Students are the ones at the most risk," he said. "It's a disaster waiting to happen."

Biology seminars are held on a regular basis throughout the year, said Pat Paulus, assistant professor of biology.

They are open to anyone who wants to attend.

High school students come to TCU for youth fellowship

By STEPHANIE MILLARD
Staff Writer

High school students representing Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) from five area states took part in TCU's Christian Youth Fellowship Day Saturday.

About 1,700 young people from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma attended the annual event.

"CYF Day is the largest gathering we have, except for athletics, of people coming to TCU," said James Atwood, a university admissions and religion studies counselor, who has coordinated the event for the last six

years. TCU was founded by the Disciples of Christ 117 years ago, and this event helps to reaffirm the relationship between the Christian Church and the university, he said.

Christian Youth Day also gives prospective students a chance to see the campus and to become familiar with TCU.

"The event is also a sort of reunion for many of the kids," said Pam Foster, TCU student and area youth group minister. "Some of the students hadn't seen each other since summer."

The event began in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with catered box-dinners

and a program featuring the cheerleaders and Super Frog. Local Disciples of Christ students, who served as regional executives, led the group in singing.

"Atwood led a spectacular program," Foster said. "We were all excited and fired up to watch the game."

Afterward, the students, along with their sponsors, were seated in a special section in Amon Carter Stadium for the TCU-Boston College game.

Before the evening activities, a pre-game dance was held for the students in the Fellowship Hall of University Christian Church, sponsored by the Trinity-Brazos area youth.

Mars to be its brightest, closest to Earth tonight

By RAEANNE HUNT
Staff Writer

If you miss your chance to see Mars tonight at its brightest, you won't get another chance until at least the year 2003.

Mars-watchers have their best chance to see the red planet while it remains bright until Oct. 4.

Richard Lysiak, associate professor of physics, said Mars-watchers can find the planet easily in the eastern sky.

Mars will rise at the same time the sun is setting, he said.

"Mars will be the brightest tonight that it will ever be in the next 30 years," Lysiak said.

"The best time to see the red planet is, right after twilight; if you look southeast, it will be the brightest object in the sky next to the moon," said Don Garland, a spokesman for the Planetarium at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Mars will be in horizontal opposition to the sun on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

Every 15 to 17 years, Mars, at its

opposition, passes especially close to Earth.

"Viewing of Mars will be good all during the month of September and throughout the next four to five months," Lysiak said.

He said Mars is a rust-colored planet that can be distinguished from a star because "it will not twinkle like one."

The bright polar caps of the red planet can easily be seen, together with dusky surface markings that gradually change in outline and intensity from season to season.

The public was given a chance to view the phenomenon at a Mars party given by the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History last Friday.

"3,000 people showed up between 8:30 p.m. till 11:30 p.m. We looked at Saturn and the moon - it was a very festive occasion," Garland said.

"There has always been an interest in Mars, and people have noticed seasonal changes for a long time now. Significant changes do occur through the Martian season, so there is speculation that there is life on Mars," Lysiak said.

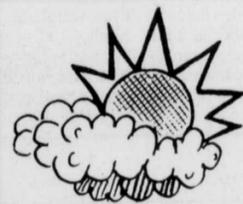
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Outside



Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is partly cloudy and warm, high temperatures in the 90s, lows in the 60s. Wednesday's forecast is also partly cloudy and warm.

CAMPUSlines

Pre - Law Association meeting to be held Thursday at 5 p.m. in Student Center Room 222. Call 921-7468 for more information.

Programming Council Forums Committee meeting to be held Thursday at 4 p.m. in Student Center Room 202. Call 921-7926 for more information.

TCU Dukakis/Bentsen '88 meeting to be held today at 6:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 206. Call 924-4462 for more information.

Le Cerele Francois to meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at La Madeleine. Call 924-4462 for more information.

Flute recital by Janis Grannell at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday. Free admission. Broadcast live over KTCU-FM 88.7.

Canterbury Overnight Retreat at Trinity Episcopal Church from 7 p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Saturday. Food and movies provided. Everyone welcome. Call 923-6482 for more information.

Free Tutoring Workshop available every Monday through Friday in the Rickel room 100. Open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Help available for proof-reading and editing any kind of paper. Open to students, faculty and staff. Call 921-7221 for more information.

Theatre TCU will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" Tuesday through Oct. 2 in University Theatre. Performances will be at 8 p.m. through Oct. 1 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 2. Free admission to TCU students and faculty. General admission is \$5. For reservations call 921-7626.

Registrar's Office notice: The last day to withdraw from classes is Friday.

Yearbook Staff needed. Photographers expressly needed. Salaried and commission positions available. Applications available in the Student Activities office. Call 921-7926 for more information.

Career Planning and Placement Center workshops: "Meet the Recruiters" today at 4 p.m.; "Advanced Interviewing" Thursday at 1 p.m. Sign up in the Student Center room 220. Call 921-7860 for more information.

Newsline

Steroid test positive for Canadian runner

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (AP)—Canadian Olympic champion Ben Johnson tested positive for anabolic steroids after breaking the world record in the 100-meter dash, the International Olympic Committee's medical commission said Tuesday. Johnson's manager said it was a mistake or sabotage.

Dr. Gustavo Tuccimei, president of the Italian Sports Doctors Association and a member of the medical commission, said the IOC executive board was given the test result late Monday night and was to decide Tuesday what action to take.

"The only thing we can say at this stage is that it is a tragedy, a mistake or a sabotage," Johnson's manager, Larry Heidebrecht, said.

Johnson won his long-awaited showdown with American rival Carl Lewis on Saturday in an astonishing 9.79 seconds, four-hundredths of a second under his own world record set at the 1987 world championships in Rome. Lewis was second in an American-record 9.92 seconds.

If Johnson is disqualified, it could open the way for Lewis to be awarded the gold medal, reviving his bid to win an unprecedented four gold medals in two successive Olympics. The decision would be made by the International Amateur Athletics Federation, the sport's governing body.

Lewis became the first person to win two straight Olympic long jump titles on Monday and also won his qualifying heat for the 200-meter dash. He is scheduled to run the anchor leg in the 400-meter relay, starting Friday.



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Gunned down - Pioneer Days includes a staged shootout. Fort Worth's 32nd annual three-day festival was held weekend.

Shortage not cause of parking problem

By ROBIN SHERMER
Staff Writer

Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart said there are enough parking spaces on campus for everyone.

"If everyone tried to come all at the same time, there would be a parking place for everyone - just not where they want it," Stewart said.

"Location is our problem, not lack of parking places," he said. "We have plenty of spaces in the coliseum, but people do not want to walk that far."

So far this semester, Campus Police has issued 4,753 parking stickers to students, staff and faculty, but the campus has "well over 6,000 spaces available," Stewart said.

"It is causing a lot of frustration because everyone wants to be as close to their building as possible," he said.

"Students pay to come to this school. Faculty are paid to work here, and I think we should have the same parking opportunity as faculty," said Jaye Sanford, a senior education major.

Some parking spaces were lost during the construction of Moncrief Hall,

but they have been restored now, Stewart said.

There was a reconfiguration of the parking lot behind the Bass Building, but there was no loss of spaces, he said.

Stewart suggests students park their cars closest to their last class and walk.

"It's a circus out there - the 10 minutes between classes when everyone is trying to move their cars to a different space," he said.

Campus Police has been offering free parking stickers and a free space to any three faculty or staff who will carpool to school.

"Unfortunately, no one has taken me up on the offer," Stewart said.

"We have given over 150 faculty and staff their own parking permit free if they agree to park in the remote areas of campus," he said.

Stewart stressed the importance of students registering their car for safety purposes.

"If we see a break-in or someone suspicious around a car, the sticker lets us know the car belongs to someone at TCU," he said. "We can then track down the owner and verify if there is a problem."

Theater season opens tonight with 'Earnest'

By ANDREA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

What's so important about being earnest? Obviously, being earnest has no importance to the characters in Oscar Wilde's play "The Importance of Being Earnest" opening tonight in University Theatre.

"Being Earnest, however, has a great deal of importance for the characters and the play. Therein lies the plot.

"It is a divine name. It has a music of its own. It produces vibrations," Gwendolen says in Act 1. Cecily expresses the same admiration for the name in Act 2.

Therefore both of the male leads vying for the ladies' affections go to great lengths to become Earnest.

John "Jack" Worthing, played by Matthew Guidry, owns a country home in turn-of-the-century England. There he keeps Cecily, his 18-year-old ward, and her governess who know him as Jack.

As he tells them stories of his fictional brother Earnest, the young Cecily, played by Ruku Banashek, becomes infatuated with the character of Earnest.

When John is in the city, he is known as Earnest Worthing. So he is called by his best friend Algernon (Kelly Smith) and his fiancée Gwendolen (Sharon Smith).

A series of deceptions leads to Algernon's arrival at the country house pretending to be the infamous Earnest without John's knowledge. Here he meets, falls in love with and

proposes to Cecily.

To add to the confusion, Gwendolen shows up at the house and discovers that both she and Cecily are engaged to Earnest Worthing.

The mismatched identities and misleading conversations result in a delightful comedy classic that satirizes England's upper class.

One of the characteristics of TCU's production that gives it quality is the use of the proper British dialect, said Lucile Davis, the theater department secretary.

The players punch up the comedy giving the usually dry and monotone dialect more ups and downs, said Smith, a senior theater major who plays Algernon.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is as high in intellectual content as entertaining content," Davis said.

According to the notes of director Gaylan Collier, "Earnest" is a "high comedy with touches of farce (that) blends on elegant style with all out preposterousness."

Smith quoted Wilde in calling the play "a trivial play for serious people." Things that are so trivial become so important to the characters, Smith said.

The play is "pure silliness," Smith said. "Attitude does fly."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" will open at 8 p.m. tonight and run through Saturday. There will also be a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office in University Theatre or by calling 921-7626. TCU student and faculty tickets are free with TCU ID.

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Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. from 1977-1980. He was a development officer at Drew from 1971 to 1977.

Paul Hartman, former vice chancellor for Development and University Relations, had served TCU since 1977. He left Aug. 12 to become the

president of Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro.

The chancellor's office started searching for a new vice chancellor in May, when Hartman announced his new appointment.

Wehner plans to begin his position Jan 1.

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Commentary

Shuttle mission is crucial

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



Seventy-three seconds into the flight of STS-25, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded miles above the choppy waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Seven astronauts died in the explosion, among them Ron McNair and Judith Resnik, America's second black and second woman astronaut respectively. Much was made over the death of high school teacher Christa McAuliffe, the first so-called civilian-in-space, but each death was a tragedy, no one more significant than the others.

And the loss of Challenger reduced the United States shuttle fleet to three; barely enough to support the grand dreams that the NASA had hoped to achieve before the end of the century.

The loss of Challenger was certainly a tragedy and a serious blow to the nation's morale and the outlook for the country's future in space. However, it was quite possibly the best thing that could have happened to the United States space program.

Prior to the Challenger accident, the space shuttle had become little more than a high-altitude trucking service, as evidenced by the STS designation used on shuttle flights; STS stands for Shuttle Transport System.

The American public had grown ever more complacent as time wore on. After the end of the Apollo missions of the late '60s and early '70s, space flight had become passive. Shuttle missions, even when they accomplished something spectacular, were given little more than a two-minute blurb on the evening news.

NASA's budget was consistently cut back by the Federal government, leaving NASA to rent space in the shuttle bays to commercial enterprises in order to generate the much needed revenue to bolster the shuttle program. Profit became a large motivating factor at NASA, and the scientific community suffered for it.

Media pressure was building against NASA in the form of complaints about flight delays and allowable coverage.

In the end, NASA gave in to the mounting pressures and chose profits over safety at the expense of seven astronauts and one quarter of the nation's space capability.

In the two and a half years that have passed since operations resumed at NASA, the Space Shuttle Discovery has undergone 210 alterations including electrical rewiring, restructuring and strengthening of the wings and engines, and new landing gear and brakes. The support structures for the orbiter, the booster rockets and external fuel tank have also been totally reworked to improve the safety and performance of the craft.

One improvement that stands out above the rest is the addition of an escape system to the shuttle itself. The system consists of a simple blow-away hatch and a 12 foot pole that would allow the astronauts to slide out of the craft and parachute to safety. This system would not have saved the Challenger crew, but it does show the seriousness with which NASA has approached this project.

Away from the spacecraft, a great deal of internal restructuring has taken place within the ranks of the NASA administration. A new director was chosen shortly after the accident and the first two shuttle astronauts, Richard Truly and Robert Crippen, were appointed to executive positions.

The final decision to launch now lies solely with Crippen. As a former astronaut, he has a much greater feel for what happens on the launch pad.

When Discovery blasts away from Cape Canaveral this Thursday, it will be a new beginning for the American space program. The spacecraft is almost totally new, the administration behind it is almost totally new, and the goal of the space program is also new.

The people who are making the decisions for our space program have finally realized that we can no longer

play around in space. In the late '70s, the Carter administration cut the proposed Shuttle fleet from seven to four and did away with the nation's supply of disposable heavy-lift rockets. All of the country's grand hopes were tied up with the four shuttles.

Now we have only three and are in danger of falling far behind the Soviets, a 19th century nation with a space program that works. We will not have a replacement for the Challenger until 1990 at the earliest, and current plans call for the completion of the space station, tentatively named Freedom, by 1996.

We can accomplish these goals — they are not unreasonable. But we cannot allow ourselves to ever again take the space program for granted.

The Soviets are now talking about going to Mars. Similar plans have also been drawn up by NASA, as have plans for returning to the moon. And even though the Soviets have had three years to work unchallenged, we still possess the edge in technology.

As a nation, we have long been committed to exploring space. We became involved in the space race as a challenge to the Soviets, but we have accomplished much since then.

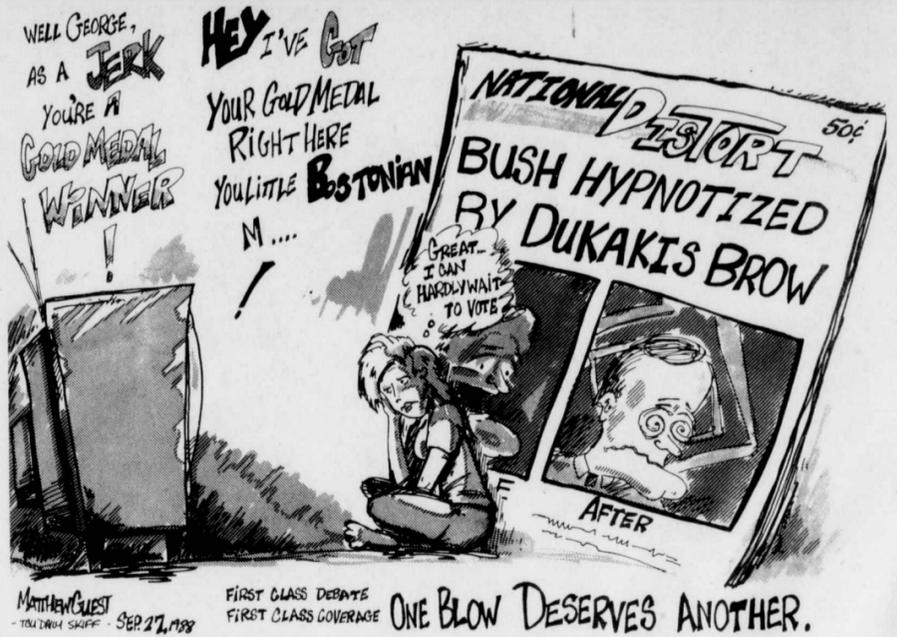
John F. Kennedy set the stage for U.S. involvement when he called for landing a man on the moon before the end of the '60s. Every president since then has re-affirmed the United States' stand as the front-runner in the space race.

Ironically, regardless of the successes of our astronauts, it is the space program that receives the least support in government.

This has to stop and it has to stop now. In a very real sense, all the hopes and dreams for America's space program are riding on Discovery. This is our big chance.

A failure now could very easily knock us out of the space race. A success, regardless of how small it may be, will put us back on track and will allow us to prove whether we mean what we say when it comes to space.

We cannot afford to fail.



Asking crucial questions

By MICHAEL HAYWORTH
Commentary Editor



It is no secret that scientific and technological developments normally precede the moral considerations that arise from them.

But "we can" does not necessarily imply "we should," and an alarm should sound when science hits the ground running, leaving moral considerations far behind. This alarm should sound loudly when the issue in question involves human life.

Alarms should be sounding about abortion. The question most crucial to determining the morality of the issue is the one that few of abortion's proponents have been willing to address.

When does human life begin? The Supreme Court evaded that question in its ruling on Roe vs. Wade. Instead, it focused on the issue popular with abortion proponents, "a woman's right to choose."

The court divided pregnancy into trimesters, a division not particularly correlated to the development of a fetus, and ruled that states could not prohibit first-trimester abortions.

The development of abortion science continues. Doctors now believe that transplanting tissue from aborted fetuses may be helpful in the treatment of Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease and other degenerative illnesses.

An advisory committee of the National Institute of Health concluded earlier this month that there is nothing morally wrong with using tissue from elective abortions in such treatments.

Right-to-life groups are worried that this finding may encourage or lend legitimacy to abortion. And they are right — it may.

But the committee's ruling is also right. Tissue from legally aborted fetuses should be treated no differently from any other cadaveric tissue.

If abortion is a morally acceptable practice, then there should be no taint to using tissue from elective

abortions. But is abortion morally acceptable?

That depends on when human life begins.

Last week brought another significant development in abortion science, as both France and China approved marketing of a new drug that induces miscarriages when taken within two to three months of fertilization. The drug, marketed as RU 486, is expected to replace up to half of the surgical abortions done in France.

Effectively, the drug makes possible do-it-yourself or outpatient abortions with fewer physical dangers than surgical abortions.

Interestingly, though, some experts say that the drug might increase the emotional trauma suffered by the woman having the abortion. An anesthetic would not be required, and the woman would be able to see the tiny, yet fully formed fetus after the miscarriage.

That fetus was fully formed. Its heart had most likely started beating. Was it a human being?

The principal presidential candidates took differing stances on abortion in Sunday's debate. George Bush said that he favors "the sanctity of life," and thus opposes abortion.

Implicit in this statement is the belief that human life begins at conception.

Michael Dukakis, though, spoke of a woman's right to decide what to do with her body. This position also has a clearly fundamental assumption — that a fetus is not a human being, but merely a part of its mother's body.

Alarms should sound here. Those holding this position must answer a fundamental question: If human life does not begin at conception, when does it begin?

This question has not been answered. Amazingly, abortion continues to be legal. We know that an abortion kills something, but we have yet to decide whether that something is or is not a human being.

"If there is a chance for error, err on the side of preserving (human) life," says one of the foundational maxims of medical ethics. We have ignored that wisdom. We continue to

ignore it at the level of about 1.5 million abortions per year.

Translate that a little bit. Each year in the United States, we abort around three times the population of Fort Worth. And we have not yet answered the question of what constitutes a human life.

Those who oppose abortion are not ignoring the question. They proclaim that a human life begins at conception. This belief can be founded in science, scripture or common sense.

For the most part, abortion proponents not only fail to answer the question, but also fail to acknowledge that it is the fundamental question.

Some scientists, like Carl Sagan, argue that human life begins when neocortical activity begins. Others argue for other various stages in the fetal growth process.

Many medical ethicists are moving in the direction of Michael Tooley of Stanford University, who argues that self-awareness should be the criteria for personhood. This *Brave New World* criterion would mean that the earliest age at which a child becomes a human being would be 18 months.

Tooley's position that "human fetuses, or even newborn babies... do not possess a right to life" should be frightening to anyone who believes in the sanctity of human life. It is even more frightening when one realizes that medical ethics is moving in Tooley's direction, but at least it addresses the fundamental question of the abortion debate.

Violently ending an innocent human life is generally known as murder. Yet an estimated 22 million abortions have been performed since Roe vs. Wade, and we continue to perfect the deadly art without answering the question of when life begins.

If a fetus is not a human being at the point of conception, when does it become a human being?

If a fetus becomes a human being at some point after conception, what was it the day before it became a human being?

Four thousand abortions will be performed in the United States today, as these questions remain unanswered.

Wright was wrong in info leak

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Columnist



House speaker Jim Wright's latest disclosure about the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement in Nicaraguan demonstrations may add seasoning to the continuing debate over U.S. involvement in that Central American country.

A year from now, however, the fact that Wright leaked classified information for his own political gain will mar the public's perception of Jim Wright's character more than its perception of the Reagan administration's policy on Nicaragua.

Speaking in Washington last week, the speaker said the CIA had started demonstrations aimed at provoking the leftist Sandinista government and hampering peace talks with the Nicaraguan rebels. Not saying where he had learned of the covert operation, he maintained it was known already through news reports.

"I didn't say anything that was re-

vealed to me as classified information," Wright said. "The question of greatest importance is not what I said and whether I should have said it. The question is what our government has done and whether we should be doing it."

He then justified his error by saying "everybody" leaks political information.

Sounds just like a teenage kid explaining his Mohawk haircut, earring or drunkenness to his flabbergasted mother — "But, Ma, everybody does it!"

Most moms would reply, "Well, if everybody jumped off the Statue of Liberty, would you do it?"

But maybe Jim Wright never flabbergasted his mother.

It's true that government officials do leak political information all the time. Remember the Bay of Pigs, Watergate and, most recently, the Iran-contra fiasco?

Government officials do not, however, spill the details of classified briefings for which they have been sworn to secrecy.

The fact that the House ethics panel, formally known as the Committee on Standards of Official Con-

duct, is already investigating Wright on unrelated allegations digs his grave even deeper. Now no one can ignore Wright's ethical shoddiness.

Not only is Washington outraged, so is Nicaragua. Leaders of the Sandinista Government say Wright's assertions prove that the opposition is a tool of the White House, and so fundamentally illegitimate.

Meanwhile, angry opposition leaders are accusing Wright of tacitly encouraging the Sandinistas to practice political repression.

Therefore, Wright's latest spill-the-beans remarks are his own political loss rather than political gain. Instead of personally scheming to undermine the CIA for supporting democratic opponents of the Sandinistas, he should be planning legislation to do the same thing.

It's bad enough to have a vice president and presidential candidate who has forgotten basic American history and who now jokes about his mistakes.

But to have a Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives who's forgotten when and when not to open his mouth is even worse.

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Frogs 31-17 roll flipside of '87 loss

Bednarski has best game ever, Defense looks ready for Hogs

By SCOTT HUNT
Sports Writer

TCU running back Scott Bednarski waited patiently three years for his chance at the spotlight.

His chance to appear on center stage came with his first start at halfback. During Saturday night's 31-17 win over Boston College, Bednarski took the starting job, the ball and ran like never before.

Bednarski knows what happens when someone with talent finally gets a chance to use it.

"Like they say, dogs will hunt," he said.

Bednarski wasn't dogging it Saturday when he compiled 102 yards on 13 carries for an average of 7.8 yards a carry.

He said that his first goal was for the team to win. But throughout the game and in the back of his mind was a personal goal for 100 yards rushing.

Included in his 102 yards was a 45-yard touchdown run along the left sideline which put TCU up 7-0 with 1:43 left in the first quarter.

"It (the touchdown) felt pretty good. It's about time," Bednarski said. "I've been looking to take one downtown."

In the past Bednarski had been the Frogs' wishbone fullback, during which the TCU offense featured names like Davis and Jeffery. In other words, he had carried the ball slightly more often than a man without arms. But Saturday he was given a chance.

"If given the opportunity, I will rise to the occasion," Bednarski said.

However, the senior from Austin was a star among a constellation of offensive performers. TCU's 451 yards total offense was more than enough to avenge last season's 35-20 loss to BC.

"Our offense really came alive

tonight," TCU coach Jim Wacker said. "I thought David Rascoe really executed the offense well. We had two backs over a hundred yards (Tony Darthard and Bednarski)."

Darthard continues to perform in ways that could make TCU fans forget Jeffery - the other Tony.

Leading the Frogs' ground game for a third consecutive week, Darthard rushed for his second straight 131 yard performance on 22 carries and two of TCU's four touchdowns. He now has 332 yards on the season.

"Coach (Wacker) said to gain respect, I would have to have great games against great teams, and I did," Darthard said.

Scott Ankrum, a.k.a. Mr. Versatile, saw most of his playing time at running back, as Rascoe handled most of the quarterback duties. Ankrum gained 99 yards on 13 carries, one of which was a 44-yard touchdown.

All told, the Horned Frogs rushed for a season-high 393 yards, enabling Rascoe and company to dominate the time of possession with 36:15.

Boston College (1-3) may be wondering what it takes to run the ball after being held to 25 yards by TCU's defense, which is the fewest yards allowed by TCU since last year's 24-0 victory at Baylor. In four games, BC's entire rushing corps has amassed only 481 yards.

Also, out of BC's 16 first downs, one came on the ground.

"I thought we did a good job against their running game," Wacker said. "You knew going in they were gonna throw the ball well."

TCU's defense did allow BC 317 yards passing, but 136 of those yards came in the fourth quarter as the game was firmly in hand.

"With the score and how far we were ahead, the defense has a tendency to back off a little bit," senior free



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Come back here! - TCU running back Tony Darthard drops the ball as he is tackled from behind by Boston College's Kevin Pearson.

safety Falanda Newton said.

The defense didn't back off in the first three quarters. TCU's pass rush was in BC quarterback Mark Kamphaus' face so much he left the fourth quarter with a broken jaw, following a hit by Frog defensive end Fred Washington.

"As tough as this loss was I'm really disappointed for him (Kamphaus)," said senior split end Tom Waddle, who played in high school with Kamphaus at Cincinnati Moeller High. Waddle led the Eagles with 13 receptions for 118 yards and a touchdown.

In all, four Frogs celebrated in the "joy of sacks," end Tracy Simien, tackle Mitchell Benson, middle linebacker Paul Llewellyn and linebacker Scott Harris.

"I didn't think they'd be able to pass rush like they did," BC coach Jack Bicknell said. "We got beat up front and they guessed right a couple of times."

The hard-hitting defense also caused two fumbles and pressured Kamphaus into two interceptions,

one into the hands of Levoil Crump and the other to Andre Spencer.

"Our emphasis this week was getting major heat on the quarterback," Simien said. "And I think we did that tonight. The constant pressure and great coverage by the secondary was a key to our success."

"I don't know what you've got in the Southwest Conference because I'm not around here, but I don't think you have very many better teams than TCU," Bicknell said.

TCU's often suspect kickoff coverage was this week's only major blight. The Frogs afforded BC good field position several times. On the night, the Eagles returned five kickoffs for 147 yards.

"That's three games in a row now we've come out and dug our defense deep in a hole time and time again," Wacker said. "That's one area where we have to come up with some answers."

TCU opens SWC play this Saturday against Arkansas at 2 p.m. in Fayetteville.

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