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Default rate caused by banks, not universities, director says

By NANCY ANDERSEN Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Education's proposal to penalize colleges with unacceptably high student loan default rates does not take into account the banks giving out the loans, said Leo Munson, TCU's director of scholarships and student financial aid.

Munson said the program being targeted is the Guaranteed Student Loan, in which the Department of Education reports defaults have risen from \$290 million in 1982 to an estiConcerning the GSL, Munson

said, "TCU is not the lender. A student declared eligible for the GSL by the Financial Aid Form can borrow from a bank, savings and loan association, credit union or other

The program allows a student to borrow up to \$2,625 during the first two years of college and up to \$4,000 per year for other years of study. Under this program, a student can borrow up to \$17,250 during his or her college career.

Repayment of the GSL begins six

months after the student stops attending college at least half time – that is, carrying at least six semester hours.

A yearly 8 percent interest rate is charged during the first four years of repayment with a 10 percent yearly interest rate being charged during the fifth and following years of repay-

In addition, the bank or lender charges a 5 percent, federally-mandated origination fee as well as a servicing fee to be deducted from the proceeds of the loan at the time of disbursement. This fee may differ between lenders.

Munson said although the Financial Aid Office will help a student find a bank or lender, "what is being levied as an institutional default rate is really the bank's fault.

We (the Financial Aid Office) just tell the bank if the student is eligible," he said. "It's not based upon a banking principle but the student's need."

He said 423 TCU students, most of them undergraduates, received a total of \$931,000 for the GSL during the 1987-88 school year.

During the same period, about \$3.3 million was put into loan programs where TCU is the lender, he

The largest of these is the Carl Perkins Loan Program, formerly the National Direct Student Loan Program

Like the GSL, eligibility for this program must be determined by the Financial Aid Form.

The Carl Perkins program charges a yearly 5 percent interest rate, and no payment of interest is required, nor does the interest accumulate until the student stops attending TCU at least half time.

Repayment for the Carl Perkins loan begins at the same time as the GSL, but early repayment is possible. Munson said the Department of Education's proposal would impose penalties - including limiting, suspending or terminating participation in federal aid programs - against col-

leges that have default rates above 20

percent beginning in 1991. Although an 8 percent default from loans is taken in the state of Texas, he said, "We don't view that as our de-

"You can't disgree with the fault rate," he said. "But institutions and banks should work together to ensure the lowest possible fault rate.

Alumnus supplies legal aid

By DIANE WOOLDRIDGE

Students have the opportunity to seek consultation concerning legal matters with the help of Tom Lowe, a lawyer who comes to campus every Wednesday.

"He will consult on any legal matter at all," said Anne Trask, associate director of Student Activities.

Appointments are not necessary and student walk-ins will be seen from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., although he will stay until everyone is seen, she

If someone needs advice on lease agreements, traffic tickets or court cases, Tom Lowe is a valuable source of information, Trask said.

The first meeting is free and if a student wants Lowe to represent him or her in court, there will probably be a fee, Trask said.

The House of Student Representatives on campus sponsors the services, Trask said.

Tom Lowe graduated from TCU and was president of the House of Student Representatives, said Libby Proffer, dean of students.

That's probably the reason he has

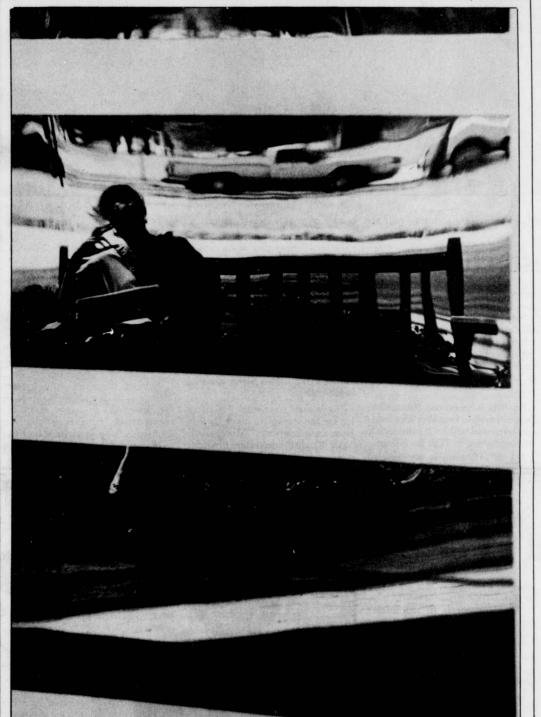
offered his services to TCU, Proffer said. He can make much more money being a lawyer than the House of Student Representatives can offer. Laura Wilckens has been at TCU

for three years and hasn't heard of Lowe, but she hasn't had a reason for legal council here.

In Kansas City this summer, she had a need for legal consultation to petition a prosecuting attorney to bring a case to trial.

"If something like that were to happen here, he would be my choice,' Wilckens said.

If a student has a lease agreement or any other document that they have to sign, it may be a good idea to talk to Lowe first, Trask said.



Through the looking glass - A reflection of Pidge in a glass window of the Moudy Building. Jones takes advantage of the warm weather to study.

Committee chair resigns position

Studies take priority, he says

By MARICARMEN EROLES Staff Writer

House of Student Representatives Student Concerns Committeee Chairman Gregg Groenemann resigned from his position Tuesday during the House meeting.

He said he was resigning for a lot of different reasons, among them finances and his studies.

"I got an apartment this year, and I have to work," he said. "My freshman year I went in head first, but didn't devote enough time to my studies. He will stay involved with the

House as an elected member, he said 'If you don't have a good GPA, it will hurt you in the long run, but it will also affect you in your leadership involvement," he said.

A new chairperson for Student Concerns Committee will be appointed by the House executive board during their meeting Monday, said Vice President Kristin Cham-

Also in the meeting, a bill to allocate \$1,450 to Frog Finder was brought out of committee by Frog Finder Ad Hoc Committee Chairwoman Amy Stevens although it had not been approved by Finance Committee.

She said Finance Committee had not approved the bill because she had not been able to go to their meeting to speak up for the bill.

But Frog Finder Committee needed the money this week because the printer has to be paid, she said.

Approximately 500 hundred students were surveyed about the effectiveness of Frog Finder, and Stevens said 86.3 percent of them knew what it was, and 86 percent said they wanted Frog Finder to continue.

Professors were also surveyed, and she said most of the professors who answered the survey agreed it was a good idea to have Frog Finder.

"One of them wrote, 'It is the best project the House has ever done in all

the years I've been here," she said. Chambers said Academic Services

might be interested in helping to gather information for Frog Finder, and it would be a shame to stop the project now because a lot of effort had been put into it.

Stevens said, "It (Frog Finder) has grown. It started with AddRan, and now it includes Fine Arts, but if you stop it now, it won't (grow).

Also after several amendments to it, the bill to have the House host a mock presidential election was tabled one more week and sent back to Elections and Regulations Committee.

The initial ballot would have had presidential candidates George Bush's and Michael Dukakis' names on it and the question of whether or not the voter is registered to vote. The amended format will have

running mates and an "other" slot for voters to include other candidates on the presidential ballot.

added the names of the candidates'

This amendment passed 39 to 33 with one abstention.

Town student representative Seth Winick said if the bill was meant to educate people on the voting process it would fail its purpose if it failed to show there are more than two candidates on the presidential ballot.

Colby representative, Laura Beth Hutzelman, who introduced the initial amendment to include the Libertarian Party candidate, said only having Bush and Dukakis on the ballot would not be fair to the people who would want to vote for another candidate.

Finance Committee Chairman Eric Anderson moved to have the bill tabled to include the names and parties of all the candidates on the presidential ballot and to make it look "more professional."

If the bill passes, the ballot election will take place at the same time as the Homecoming Queen and Escort elec-

Off again

Shuttle to launch Thursday

By SHELLEY VANDALL Staff Writer

After more than two years of preparation, the Space Shuttle Discovery is scheduled to be launched Thursday at

The Challenger disaster of 1986 has made NASA officials extremely safety-conscious and caused the delay, said Ralph Carter, assistant professor of political science.

They are bending over backward to make sure everything is double-checked for safety," Carter said. He added that the delay in laun-

ching another shuttle is based on the complicated technology required to build and launch it.

Part of the reason that the Soviets have been able to continue launching spaceships, despite accidents, is that their spaceships are not as expensive or difficult to produce as shuttles, he said.

"What the Soviets are doing is very crude compared to what we're doing," he said.

James Head, a senior astronomy and physics/mathematics double major, said shuttles are more sophisticated because they are designed to be reusable, unlike the Soviet ships.

"The Soviet ship is a very simple spaceship that just gets them up and back," he said. Another reason for the long delay is

Jones, senior elementary education major, appears

that the Challenger accident was so visible to the public, Head said.

"People know billions of dollars are going into it, and then they see it fall into the ocean," he said. "That image is hard to erase.

Ken Morgan, associate professor of geology, said the public probably reacted more strongly because a civilian, teacher Christa McAuliffe, was a victim of the Challenger disaster.

People view astronauts and cosmonauts as more willing to accept the risks involved, he said.

'Successful cosmonauts have very comfortable and prestigious positions in society, even after their mission is complete," Carter said. "They probably do a cost-benefit analysis and decide it's worth the risk.

The five Discovery crewmen arrived Monday at Kennedy Space Center to begin preparation for Thursday's liftoff.

Morgan said he is very optimistic about the space program, and thinks the launch should go well.

"I think we'll be doing fine once we get rolling again," Morgan said.

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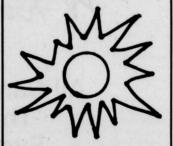
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Outside



Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is mostly sunny with high temperatures in the 80s and lows tonight in the 60s.

Increasing cloudiness is the forecast for Thursday with north winds at 10 mph and high temperatures in the 80s.

Condom Committee members seeking campus recognition

By JOHN AREND Staff Writer

With the modest beginning of a homemade condom dispenser slung from the door of their room, two TCU sophomores have brought the condom crusade to campus. The words, "Support Safe Sex."

blaze across a banner hanging conspicuously above a cardboard condom dispenser and paper cup for donations on the door of Brad Toland and Brett Ballantini's room in Tom Brown Hall.

"Donations for the condoms we're providing have definitely decreased, and we're having to dip into our own pockets to purchase them," Toland said. "We want to get the university to recognize us as a group so that we can get funds from the House of Student Representatives.

"The idea of providing the condoms seems to have been received really well," Toland said. "We go through about a box a week right now.

The two roommates got the idea to start the Condom Committee last year when Ballantini received a care package from his mother full of condoms, they said.

'We weren't sure what we were going to do with all of them at first,"

Toland said. "But we have some friends at the University of Illinois

who began a group and eventually persuaded the university to provide condoms to the whole school, so we decided to try it here at TCU.

The TCU Condom Committee endeavor mirrors similiar efforts taking place at college campuses across the country ranging from awareness campaigns to university sponsored distribution of birth control.

The University of California at Berkeley recently began promoting school spirit by making condoms available at the university bookstore in the school's colors.

"I think that having purple condoms is a great idea," Toland said. 'But we're primarily concerned with just making the item available right

'Condoms are an important issue at TCU because sexual activity is happening a lot more than people want to admit," said Kristie Mitchell, senior nursing student. "Also, there are more people with diseases than people want to believe.

Sexually transmitted diseases are not confined to social class," said Dr. Burton Schwartz of the Health Center. "Right here at TCU, people driving BMW's and wearing shirts with alligators on them might have herpes, chlamydia, venereal warts or some other communicable disease.

"I believe that TCU has the responsibility to educate students about responsible sex," he said. "But I'm not sure that the university should provide rubbers for every guy on campus. 'The same people who can afford to

drive a nice car and wear nice clothes can afford to buy a \$5 box of condoms," he said. Condoms are distributed upon request from time to time by physicians

at the Health Center to both male and female students, Schwartz said. 'We're taking this one step at a time," Toland said. "In order to get funds from the university we need to

find a faculty sponsor and apply to the House of Student Representatives. So far, the Condom Committee hasn't completed the necessary forms and submitted them to the Student Organizations Committee yet for con-

sideration, said Anne Trask, associate

director of Student Activities. 'In addition to that, the Condom Committee needs a faculty sponsor and at least 10 interested members wishing to be a part of the group," she

The Condom Committee is made up of only two members right now, but they're hoping interest will grow when the word gets out, Toland said.

CAMPUSlines

Pre -Law Association meeting Thursday at 5 p.m.in Student Center Room 222. Guest speaker Betty Arvin. Call 921-7468 for more information

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

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

Panhellenic Rushee Romper Room Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center. Open to all women who participated in Rush.

Films Committee to present "Frantic" Friday night and "Suspect" Saturday night at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Cost is \$1.50. Half price special for bringing a sticker for giving blood, trying to give blood or working at the blood drive. Call 926-1929 for more information.

College Republican Students for Bush meet in front of the Student Center at 8:45 a.m. Saturday to walk to precinct to register voters. Finished by noon. Call 923-7637 for more information

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.

Harvard Law School Representative will conduct interviews with interested students on Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Set up appointments in Career Planning and Placement Center. Call 921-7860 for more information.

Count Basie Orchestra will perform Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at Ed Landreth Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 with TCU ID, \$8 for non-TCU students and \$12 to general public. May be purchased at Student Center Information desk or at the door.

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 proofreading 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" through Sunday at University Theatre. Performances will be at 8 p.m. through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Free admission to TCU students and faculty. General admission is \$5. For reservations call 921-7626.

Career Planning and Placement Center workshop "Advanced Interviewing" Thursday at 1 p.m. Sign up in the Student Center Room 220. Call 921-7860 for more information.

Registrar's Office notice: Last day to withdraw from classes is

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting tonight at 9 p.m. in the varsity room of the coliseum. Open to everyone.

NEWSlines

Debate energy

AUSTIN (AP) - The chairman of Michael Dukakis' Texas campaign, charging that the Republican administration has ignored energy industry problems for eight years, Tuesday challenged his counterpart in the George Bush campaign to debate the issue.

A spokesman for Bush's Texas effort said the challenge would be reviewed and added, "When it comes to energy, Michael Dukakis may as well come from the planet Mars.

Railroad Commissioner John Sharp, Dukakis' Texas chairman, said he wanted to debate his candidate's position with former congressman Tom Loeffler, co-chairman of Bush's cam-



Taste of the orient - Takeo Minami, left, and Maya Matsudaira, right, are officers of a newly formed Japan Club. Matsudeira is president of the club; Minami is vice president.

More Japanese students come to United States

By MEGAN LEE

Attending an American university seems to be a growing trend among Japanese students.

There are more and more Japanese students coming to the United States. Part of the reason is that parents see the advantage of a U.S. degree," said Kenneth Bus, assistant director of International Student

Five Japanese students are new to TCU this semester, raising the number of students from Japan to an alltime high of 10.

'My personal view is that in lower education – primary to middle school – Japan is more advanced, but from high school to college, Japan still has more to learn," said Nobuo Matsunaga, Japan's ambassador to the United

Japanese businessman Naoya Matsumoto travels to Fort Worth for business often and said he is considering sending his son to TCU for college.

A U.S. education is more useful and gives an advantage in finding a

job, Matsumoto said. TCU would also be less expensive than a college in Japan, he said.

Three years ago, Japanese students graduating from TCU had difficulty finding jobs in Japan, said Takeo Minami, a radio-TV-film major who moved to the United States when he began college.

'Now some companies will pay a fee for the student to come back to

Japan for an interview," Minami said. An English education provides good opportunities for the students because business negotiations are

conducted in English internationally, Bus said.

"I think to some extent, there is an emphasis on education of technology in Japan because Japan has become so sophisticated in high technology,' Matsunaga said.

Although these U.S.-educated students may in the future compete in the international market with U.S. corporations, "there is nothing prohibiting U.S. students from studying in Japan to be more competitive with the Japanese," said William Koehler, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Health classes can substitute for PE activity

By SUSAN BESZE Staff Writer

It is now possible to graduate from TCU without lifting a finger. Or at least exercising one.

According to the updated University Core Requirements, the freshmen of 1988 and all those to follow will not be required to take any physical activity courses if they instead elect to take two health concepts classes to fulfill the two-hour physical education requirement.

You cannot by any means underrate the importance of physical activity, but we see the instituting of health concepts classes as a positive move," said Nell Robinson, chairwoman of the nutrition and dietetics department.

Nutrition and Weight Control. Sports Nutrition, and Nutrition Concepts, each averaging an enrollment of 40 students, are three such alternatives being offered for the first time this semester.

'Many students are already conscious of the need to exercise but don't want to be forced into working out at a specific time," said Mary Anne Gorman, assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics. "These courses are still a direct application to overall physical education.

Gorman, who teaches the Nutrition Concepts course, said she stresses the application of nutrition to everyday life by examining such topics as food fads and fallacies and advertising ploys.

The neat thing about these courses is that they are designed to cover issues which are important to the students," said Mary Hager, assistant professor of nutrition and diete-

Hager, who teaches Sports Nutrition and Nutrition and Weight Control, said her two classes are not aimed at athletes and overweight students but are geared more toward those who want to maintain allaround physical fitness.

Gorman and Hager said student reaction to the option of health concepts courses is positive, and the nutrition and dietetics department is making arrangements to handle as many as 70 students in each class next

Emperor's sickness seen as end of era

By JULIE BETTINGER Staff Writer

TCU Japanese students accept Emperor Hirohito's illness without anxiety simply because he is removed from their daily lives, but older generations see the loss as much greater.

"Everybody knows he will not last long," said Takeo Minami, a senior radio-TV-film major. "Everybody

"The older Japanese generation see it (Hirohito's illness) as an end of an era," said Kenneth Bus, assistant director of International Student

Hirohito, who was in serious but stable condition Monday after vomiting blood last Wednesday, is the only World War II leader still living.

He was considered a god by the Japanese people until 1947 when the United States forced him to "de-god himself," said John Bohon, associate professor of history

The sacredness of the emperor still remains, Minami said. But the Japanese never know him privately,

'The emperor is in a different dimension, out of daily life," Minami

The emperor has never held real political power, ruling instead as the head of a constitutional monarchy similar to the English queen.

Unlike the English royal family, the Japanese imperial family is not written about in gossip magazines, and the emperor would never be called by a nickname, such as Princess Di, Minami said.

"The emperor is a symbol of the Japanese people," said Masayasu Matsudaira, a freshman business

He is an important figure in the preservation of the Japanese culture, Minami said.

'The (Japanese) culture is made out of wood and paper, so it is not expected to stay," Minami said.

The Japanese do not recognize the importance of maintaining their cul-

Japan Club emphasizes cultural understanding

By JULIE BETTINGER Staff Write

The president of the Japan Club wants all TCU students to know that he will not be driving home for Christmas

Masayasu Matsudaira, a freshman business major, started the Japan Club this semester to spread knowledge about Japan and its culture.

"I would like to let the students and faculty know a little bit about our culture, so people won't ask me how long of a drive it is from here to Japan," he

"You look around, and you see Japanese cars, Japanese motorcycles and Japanese radios, but nobody knows where Japan is," said Takeo Minami, vice president of the club.

Originally, Matsudaira formed the club for the 10 Japanese students at TCU, but he expanded the membership when other TCU students and community members showed an

"Anybody can join if they're interested," Matsudaira said.

The club meets one weekend a month and plans to hold language classes for members interested in practicing or learning Japanese, Minami said.

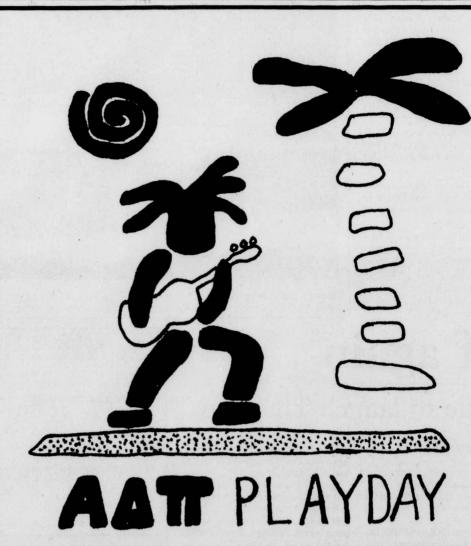
The organization is not funded by TCU and does not want to be because of the stipulations they would have to follow otherwise, Minami said.

The Japanese Society in Fort Worth invited the club to the Autumn Festival Sunday, Matsudaira said. The club also is planning an old

Japanese tea ceremony for late October, Matsudaira said. "They are proud of their culture and want to share it," said Kenneth Bus, assistant director of Internation-

al Student Affairs.

"I'm happy they have organized this club," he said.



What a Party!

All-Campus Party at 21 Main Thursday, 9:00 p.m. **Events at Forest Park** Friday, 3:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Commentary

Distasteful way to victory

By LUCY CALVERT

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Last week I suggested we hold our own olympics here at TCU. That idea was just in fun. But something happened Monday in Seoul that

cast a sober shadow over the spirit of friendly competition.

If you haven't seen the papers or watched the news lately, you may not know that Ben Johnson, the Canadian track star, was stripped of his gold medal in the 100-meter dash.

Johnson's manager claims he was set up, that someone must have sabotaged his urine sample. Opportunities for that foul play may have come from tainting the water and beer he drank after the race to produce that urine

Olympic officials aren't placing too much weight on that argument. It seems that the case is closed; they have ruled out appeals of their deci-

So now Carl Lewis gets the gold. That makes his second one in the same event. But has that gold been tarnished by Johnson's actions?

Was Johnson really guilty of taking the anabolic steroid called Stano-

Think about it. Why would someone risk losing everything he's worked so hard for? Johnson knew he would be tested for drugs if he placed others have also tested positive.

in the top five. His goal was to be first. He trained for years, entered numerous meets to get him to the finish line first and fastest in the world.

So why would he jeapordize everything? Is it possible to be so driven by desire, so obsessed by one's goal that one becomes blinded to the reality of

Maybe that's what happened to Johnson. Maybe he wanted the gold so badly that he was willing to do anything to get it, regardless of the

It would be a terrible shame if that were the case. As it is, Johnson has, according to Canadian officials, disgraced his country and himself.

But how does this development affect how Carl Lewis looks at his newly-acquired gold medal? Is it, as I asked before, tarnished? Might he feel that he didn't really earn it, that it became his by forfeit?

Some would say not. If, in fact, Johnson was on steroids, then he won the gold by superhuman means. His was a dishonorable victory. Therefore, those who competed strictly on their own merits ran an honest race.

If Lewis came in second, but on his own merit, then isn't his second place worth more than Johnson's artificial first? Didn't Lewis, then, really win

But what a shame that the 1988 Olympics have been tainted by dishonesty. Johnson has not been the only athlete who tested positive for drug use during these games. Six

The Olympics have always had a quality of purity and forthrightness. To do anything but compete on your own merits seems to break the honorable tradition begun so long ago.

Maybe I am naive. But it just seems wrong to be mirch what should be the pinnacle - the last bastion-of true, nonest competition.

But while Johnson is chastized, he should also be pitied, not in a condescending way but in one tempered with compassion and understanding.

Most of us will never know the pressures of international competition. We will never know what it's like to have our entire career depend on what we do in the next ten seconds.

If Johnson did take the steroids, then I am not condoning his choice. I am merely saying that it is tragic to be put under such pressure as to compromise one's values or the values of

There is nothing you or I can do to change what has happened. But we can make a difference in Olympics to come. Your future son or daughter may be the next world record holder in swimming or track or rifle marksmanship. It sounds strange, but who

It is therefore necessary for us to instill in the children we may have someday the values necessary for honest competition. It is up to us to make sure our children know that no loss is dishonorable if they have done the very best they could.

They must know that victory is only truly sweet if it is not soured by dis-

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Congress, not NASA, guilty for current space race woes

By JAMES HEAD **Guest Columnist**



What would you think of a system where success breeds termination?

The Apollo program - the ultimate response to Presi-

dent Kennedy's 1961 challenge - was a success beyond dreams. For its reward, NASA was cut off at the knees.

Between the first and last Apollo flights, NASA'a budget was cut in half. Three moon missions were cancelled, even though the necessary hardware had been built. NASA even had plans for a manned Mars missions. Scheduled landing date: 1984.

Why this cowardly retreat from space? The reasons are not scientific and straightforward, but emotional and political. They are too complicated to consider here, but you might think about the effect of a misinformed public, infighting between scientists lobbying for their own projects and the seemingly endless war in Viet Nam

As a result, Apollos is still the only adequately financed project in NASA

Throughout the 1970s, NASA managed to launch several important unmanned missions - Mariner, Pioneer, Viking and Voyager - while developing the space shuttle for manned flight. Around 1980, faced with a budget one-third the size of its Apollo heyday, NASA made the decision to complete the shuttle over all other

We got a truly beautiful ship. The shuttle is the most complex machine ever built, pushing aeronautical engineering to its very limits.

Its only drawback thus far has been reliability, but after 100 or so flights, we'll be ready to challenge the Soviets' extraordinary record of con-

But the cost has been very high, especially to planetary scientists. In

American, James Van Allen details the "slaughter of the innocent," his expression for the many programs which have been canceled, cut back or delayed as a result of the NASA space shuttle decision.

The International Solar-Polar Mission, a cooperative venture with the European Space Administration, was to send two spacecraft into highly inclined solar orbits, thereby providing the first reconnaissance of the sun's polar regions and the solar system outside the ecliptic plane.

The United States reneged on its part of the agreement, leaving ESA to go it alone. The ESA spacecraft will be launched in the next year or so.

It is clear that our current unfavorable position in the space race is our own fault. NASA is not to blame, but the short-sighted, childish way that Congress treats the space program is disgusting.

Most of you recall that humans sent a small armada to greet Halley's comet. Unfortunately, no U.S. space mission took part.

NASA had at least two welldeveloped proposals, one of which would have used electric ion propulsion and actually rendezvoused with the comet. The U.S. mission would have provided much more information, studying the comet as a whole for several months.

However, Congress refused to finance the mission. Perhaps we shouldn't have told them Halley would be back in 2061

Galileo, which would have made a much-delayed launch in 1986 but for the Challenger disaster, is designed to orbit Jupiter and study the planet, its moons and its environment for about two years. This spacecraft is greatly advanced over its Voyager predecessor, and its data will keep scientists hopping for decades.

Galileo is now scheduled to arrive

the January, 1986, issue of Scientific at Jupiter in 1994, 10 years after the original date

Perhaps the most disheartening aspect of this is Congress' willingness to withhold funding from spacecraft which have exceeded their designed lifetimes. The Pioneer and Voyager spacecraft continue sending us information, and NASA is forced to contemplate turning them off.

Fortunately, celestial mechanics is independent of politics an we have gotten as a bonus a flyby of Uranus, with the Neptune encounter approaching next August. All this has been accomplished with inexpensive, off-the-shelf technology.

Most tragic of all is the tale of the demise of the Viking Lander 1 spacecraft (the Mutch Memorial Station) in 1982. VL1 set down in 1976 and happily exceeded all performance expectations. It was so dependable that JPL engineers entrusted a longrange observation program to the onboard computer, with instructions to report weekly until 1994.

However, budget cuts reduced the Viking team from a peak force of over 1,000 to a mere handful. Without the triple-scrutiny characteristic of the earlier mission phases, a slight miscalculation got through and ended the

Viking would still be working today had Congress not cut its budget to the bare minimum - a shameful waste of machinery and a slap in the face to those who devoted 10 or even 15 years to the project.

It is clear that our current unfavorable position in the space race is our own fault. NASA is not to blame, but the short-sighted, childish way that Congress treats the space program is

These are not the only problems the story gets worse before it gets

better. And it is not likely to change. The fact that neither Michael Dukakis nor George Bush have spent much campaign time discussing the space program is a bad omen for

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Doctors who desert patients Still, a physician is not bound to

By LISA TOUYE



Galen fled Rome when the bubonic plague struck in A.D.

Some physicians who didn't flee Venice during the plague in 1347 locked themselves inside their

houses and refused to come out. Today, the threat is AIDS. Sadly,

history sometimes repeats itself. The unreliability of doctors to stay and treat people who needed care in 1382 during the plague in Venice resulted in a law that forbade physicians to flee the city during the plague and

revoked their citizenship if they did. The American Medical Association recently made a similar response to health care professionals who refuse to treat patients who test positive for HIV, the virus known to cause AIDS. In the Oct. 9 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the AMA issued explicit ethical guideline concerning the treatment of HIV-infected patients.

The AMA is promoting a virtuebased medical ethic that doesn't allow to treat HIV-infected patients based on their fear of personal risk. Rather, it recognizes that these patients need healing, and because of a prior voluntary commitment to healing, the physician is obligated to take care of these patients.

This rightly honors physicians who treat HIV-infected patients, and condemns those who don't for not living

unacceptable letters or columns.

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up to their commitments.

In making these guidelines, the AMA realized professional tradition has not been consistent. Sometimes people have remained to treat the ill not from professional ethics, but from personal conscience.

Benjamin Rush, who treated patients during the summer of 1793 when Yellow Fever broke out in Philadelphia, wrote to his wife that if he should get sick "it would be as much your duty not to desert me in that situation as it is mine not to desert my

patients. Also, previous plagues have posed more actual risk for the physician who stays behind to treat the ill than AIDS does today. Those plagues were truly contagious, whereas AIDS can be transmitted only through bodily

And attitudes toward civil rights now protect the physician as well as the patient. Central to the new guidelines are the right to health care and the patient-physician contract.

The patient's right to health care creates a duty on the part of society to provide health care. But under that model, only physicians employed in emergency departments and public hospitals are obligated to treat a pa-

tient with AIDS. They are society's agents, while other physicians free to choose their work settings and patients are not obligated to treat AIDS patients.

The patient-physician contract implies that patient and physician are bound voluntarily to pursue the patient's care, thus giving the physician free rein in deciding whether to treat a patient with AIDS.

treat a patient just because that patient is in need. Section 6 of the 1912 AMA Code of Ethics reads: "A physician shall, in the provision of appropriate patient care, except in emergencies, be free to choose whom

Both models allow physicians to refuse care for patients with AIDS. This partly explains why one man with AIDS said "there's not a dentist in Tarrant County that will treat a person with AIDS

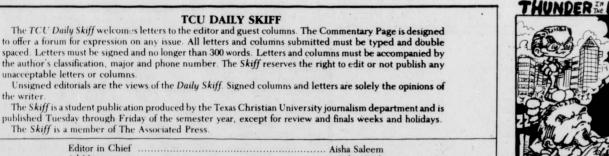
This behavior is described by Surgeon General C. Everett Koop as "unprofessional conduct of the fearful and irrational minority.

Police can't leave a scene just because a gunman is waving a gun at them. Firefighters can't walk away from people trapped in burning buildings because of the danger to themselves. The risks are part of their job, just as risks that may involve contracting AIDS are part of a physician's

If police and firefighters were allowed to beg off those duties because of the personal risk involved, the public would be up in arms. For some reason, though, physicians' denial of the inherent risks of the job projects. oesn't bother people as much.

It should.

Daniel Defoe had the right idea when he said about the physicians who fled the Great Plague of London in 1665: "Great was the reproach thrown on those physicians who left their patients during the sickness, and now they came into town again nobody cared to employ them. They were called deserters.



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Petry finds his niche on defense

By REGINA ANDERSON

When senior defensive back Stanley Petry accepted the Most Valuable Player on defense award at the annual Frog Club Luncheon on Tuesday, he gave special thanks for the man who made it all possible.

"I thanked Coach Long for being there at the right time," he said. "I'm proud of myself. I needed someone to believe I could and Coach Long believed.

Petry was awarded MVP based on his performance in the Bowling Green game. He intercepted the ball three times.

To date Petry has had five passes broken up, one blocked punt and ten tackles. But the four years that Petry has

spent at TCU hasn't been rosy.
In 1985, Petry entered TCU with

some of the most talented players in the state of Texas. "I was excited about coming to

TCU," Petry said. "I read in the paper about J.D (Jarrod Delaney) and Ron (Iiles) and Darryl (Davis) all signing and I was excited. Plus that was the year that TCU went to the Bluebonnet Bowl

Soon after Petry and the class of 1989 arrived on campus adversity hit. Seven key players were kicked off the team and the Frogs were placed on probation.

"After the players left it didn't seem like I belonged," he said. "Before it was a winning program and suddenly we had to rebuild.

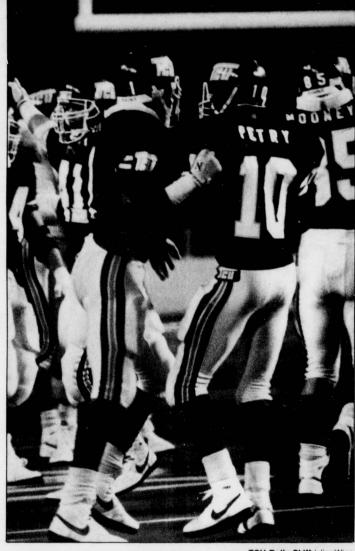
During his freshmen year Petry mostly played on specialty teams. But he also had a brief stint as quarter-

"I played in the Texas Tech game for about two minutes," he said. "I snapped the ball and went the wrong way-twice.

After that Petry decided he should stay with what he does best so he switched back to defense.

"I decided not to play quarterback," he said. "It wasn't a position that I could further my career with. Defensive back was my first varsity position in high school and that year I finished with 10 interceptions.

During his sophomore year Petry had limited playing time. He participated in only six games. A broken finger in practice before the Texas game put him out for the season.



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Good Catch - Senior cornerback Stanley Petry is congratulated by senior Falanda Newton after an interception in the Bowling Green game.

Things didn't get better the next year. A conflict with the defensive coordinator (Rick Johnson) and a move to wide receiver kept Petry off the field. He played in a total of six

"It was a terrible year," he said. "I didn't know the routes too well. Plus I had to try and forget all the D.B. stuff. But I felt that I was the best corner out there or at least had the ability to.

The following spring a new coordinator was hired on defense along with a new secondary coach and Petry finally got a chance to prove himself.

"I give all my credit to Coach Long (secondary coach)," he said. "He believed in me. I enjoy performing for him because he doesn't ask for too much. He just lets you play.

Petry said that if Long hadn't come to TCU he probably would have had a"miserable year"

"He gave me the benefit of the doubt," Petry said. "I put my mind to it and I had a good spring.

This week when the Frogs travel to Arkansas Petry will start for the fifth time. He didn't play last year when the Razorbacks came to Fort Worth and admits the game will be tough for the Frogs.

'Arkansas is the strongest team, as far as being the dominant team in the Southwest Conference," He said. But on any given day any team, including Rice, in the Southwest Conference can beat you. We know they (Arkansas) will be a test for us"

Now that Petry has found his place in the sun his main focus is getting the Frogs to the Cotton Bowl.

'I want a ring on my finger," he said. "We will do it this year or we won't do it. We have the seniors and the leadership. Winning is everything. We know what losing is like.

Games boost morale of team

By MICHAEL DIXON

Both the TCU men's and women's golf teams got a boost of confidence from their performances in tournaments last weekend.

Senior Ellie Gibson won the first collegiate tournament of her career and led the Lady Horned Frogs to a second place finish at the All-College Kickoff in Edmond, Okla.

The men's golf team bounced back after a disappointing second round and finished ninth place at the William H. Tucker Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

Gibson shot rounds of 71-70-69 for a three-under-par 210 total, nine shots ahead of second place Amy Fruhwirth of Arizona State Uni-

'She won it in style," TCU women's coach Kristi Arney said of Gibson's wire-to-wire victory. "She had her confidence up going into the tournament. She had a winner's atti-

The Lady Horned Frogs trailed SMU and tournament co-host Oklahoma State after the first two days of

tude and that's what it takes.

play.
"We went into the last day six shots behind the leaders (OSU) and five shots behind SMU," Arney said. "We played tough the last day and shot a 297 and beat SMU by 16 shots the last round.

TCU's 902 three-day total left them eight shots behind OSU, who shot a 12-over-par 295 Sunday at Kickingbird Golf Course in Edmond to clinch the tournament victory.

The Lady Horned Frogs topped all the SWC teams participating in the nine-team event including SMU (913), Texas A&M (954) and Baylor

Backing up Gibson individually by finishing in the top 20 were Barbara Pestana (226), Tricia Allen (230) and Chris Miller (236). Annette Kealoha finished in 29th place with a total of

'We opened a lot of eyes in Oklahoma," Arney said. "I had lots of compliments (on the team's play) from the other coaches.

The Lady Frogs will travel to Albuquerque, N.M. Sept. 29 through Oct. for the University of New Mexico -Dick McGuire Invitational.

We're going to be seeing some top teams in Albuquerque," Arney said. We'll definitely see how we stack up there.

The men's golf team opened up the University of New Mexico - William H. Tucker Invitational in Albuquer-

que by firing a five-over-par 293 the first day to put them in fourth place.
The 7,246-yard University of New

Mexico golf course got the best of them the second day, however, when they faltered on the back nine and shot a 19-over-par 307, dropping them to ninth place.

The Horned Frogs rebounded the last day with a 296 but were unable to make up any ground on the top eight teams.

"Other than those nine holes (the back nine the second day), we played awfully well," men's head coach Bill Montigel said. "Those nine holes kept us out of the top four. I think being in fourth after the first day showed the guys we are capable of competing with some of the top teams.

Freshman Ren Budde shot 71-75-75 for a 219 total and a 14th place individual finish. Budde started the first round just as he had in his first tournament at Fairfield Bay in Arkansas, by holing out from the fairway for an eagle. Budde had two more eagles during the tournament, both coming on the par-5 ninth hole.

Montigel said he was pleased with the way the team has progressed the last two tournaments and looks forward to the spring when the young players have a few more tournaments

Men's soccer beats Centenary 1-0

By SCOTT HUNT

Sports Writer

The TCU men's soccer team finally broke into the win column Sunday with a come-from-behind 2-0 win over Centenary.

"Yeah, we pulled one out," head coach David Rubinson said.

Despite finally getting a victory, Rubinson said the monkey was still on the backs of the Horned Frogs.

'No (the monkey's not off our backs)," Rubinson said. "The next four games are extremely difficult.'

At first, it looked as if TCU (1-5) might keep its winless record for 1988 when the Gents (2-4) jumped off to a 1-0 lead at the 18:15 mark of the first

Rubinson said Centenary played 'the best first half they've had all year" to take the lead into halftime. He also said he felt fortunate that Centenary didn't play quite as well in the second half.

Even though it was a long time in coming, Rubinson said the it was still nice to get that first victory. "Maybe it did build their confidence to win a one goal game," the relieved coach said.

Centenary held the lead until the 74:25 mark of the second half in the tightly contested game which suffered six vellow cards. That is when sophomore Truman Blocker scored on a 12-yard free kick to tie the score.

TCU sealed their inaugural victory when senior forward Rex Roberts scored from 15-yards out with under eight minutes remaining to give TCU its margin of victory. Blocker contributed the assist on the play.

The difference between this game and the other five games was that TCU "put the ball on target," Rubinson said.

TCU outshot the Gents 18 to 10, and the Frogs got more of their shots to go in than the opposition.

Also, TCU got strong play in the midfield from Blocker and Andy Machin, Rubinson said.

Before the season Rubinson had stressed that midfield play would be a ey to any Horned Frogs success.

Whether or not this victory would turn into further victories is still a mystery, Rubinson said. But he said that the team needed to "get on a roll" in the next four games.

The Frogs also can not afford any more losses, Rubinson said.

Even with the losing record, Rubinson said he was not disappointed with the play of his team this season.

"Out of the five losses, I thought we had a chance to win four of the games," he said.

TCU's record has also been hurt by a tough schedule that features many of the top programs in the region.

The teams that the Frogs have lost to this year have all been ranked as one or two programs on a scale of five, Rubinson said.

TCU puts its first winning streak of the year on the line Friday in a rematch with Midwestern State University. TCU lost to Midwestern earlier in the year in a game that was shortened by lightning in the area.

Today, the women's team travels to SMU for a game with the Mustangs. The women have been practicing in Amon Carter Stadium to get used to playing on artificial turf. TCU must face SMU on the turf of Ownby Stadium at 7 p.m.

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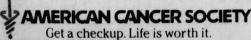
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