

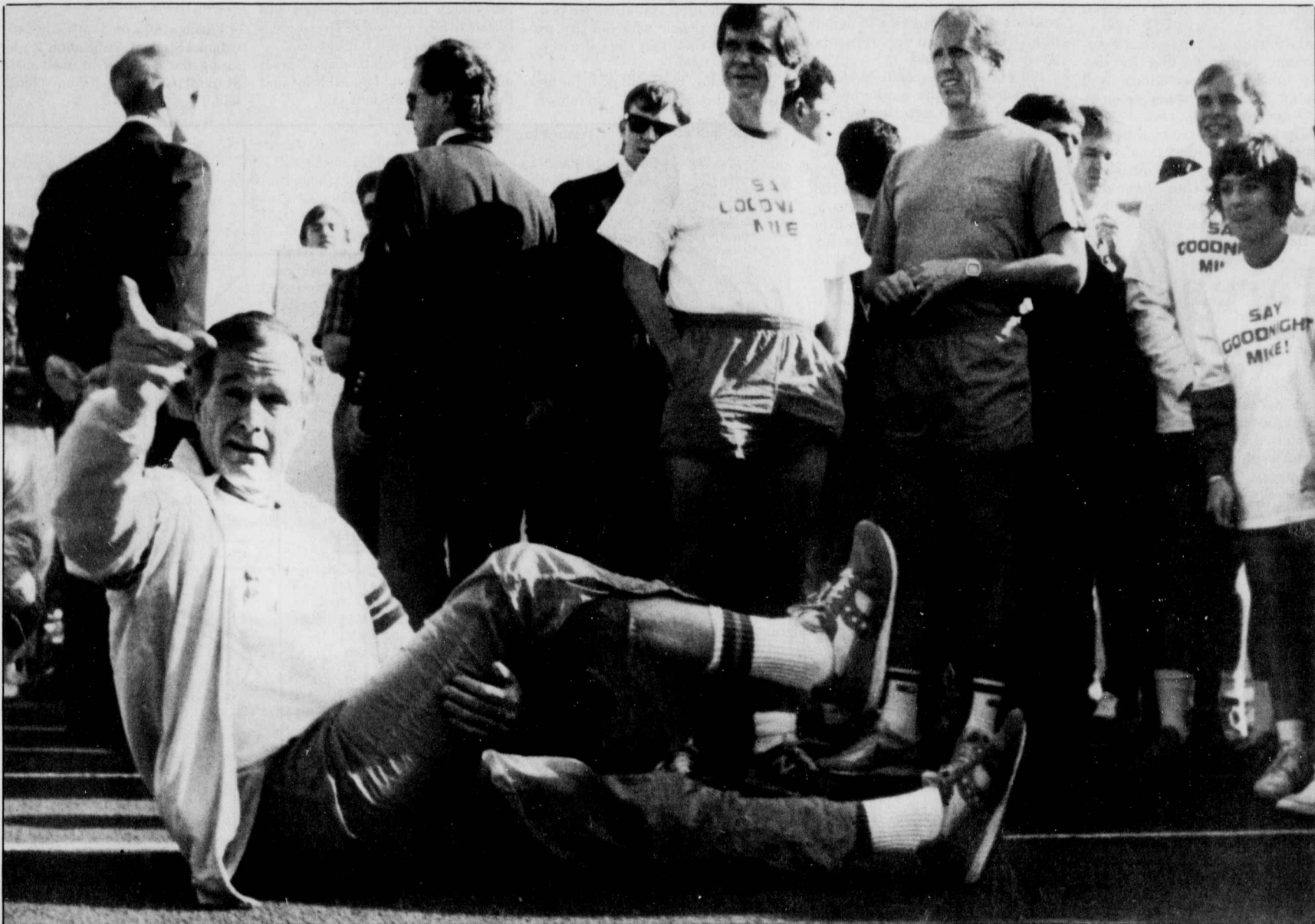
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On the campaign trail



All in a day's work - Vice president George Bush reacts to a question posed by a reporter before a morning jog at the track behind Daniel Meyer Coliseum. TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

Koehler channels new policy

By AMY THORNTON
Staff Writer

The plus/minus grading system will continue on its way through the proper channels, said William Koehler, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, Thursday.

The policy was given to him informally after it was adopted by the Faculty Senate on March 3. The Senate decided Thursday that it should now be considered formally.

Koehler said he really does not feel strongly enough about the issue of plus/minus grading to put up a fight.

"It seems to me that grades are merely symbols by which we attempt to differentiate," he said.

Koehler said if the plus/minus grading were adopted to gain more precision in grading, he did not know what the proper precision should be in the classroom. He said he also did not know how much precision is necessary or beneficial.

"If it's precision we want, why not go numerical?" he said.

Koehler's main concern was using the minus mark with a grade of C or lower.

He said he was concerned with what a 2.0 grade point average used to mean. His main concern was that students with a C minus average, which is a 1.75, would not be able to graduate even though they were C students.

Koehler said he would caution the use of plus/minus grading with a grade of D or F. He said he would not want to lessen standards by further categorizing grades below standard.

While he will send the policy on through the proper channels, Koehler said he would like to get an idea of the feeling of the faculty as a whole if it is different from the feelings of the Senate.

C. A. Quarels, chairman of the Academic Excellence Committee last year, said 86 percent of the faculty responses he received were in favor of the plus/minus grading system.

In a survey given by the House of Student Representative last year, 55 percent of the 100 students asked gave negative responses to the plus/minus grading system.

When asked what he would do if the students reacted negatively to the plus/minus grading system, Koehler said he really didn't care what the students thought.

"If the students decided they wanted all classes to be pass or fail, would it be changed? No," he said.

Also on the agenda was a report from the Academic Excellence Committee on the formation of the Undergraduate Council which will replace the University Courses of Study Committee. Changes will be made in the structure and nominating practices for members of the committee.

The Academic Excellence Committee also announced that it will discuss the appropriateness of vice chancellors and academic deans chairing committees and the issues of implementing the new core requirements.

The Role and Function members of the Senate committee reported that they think executive committee liaisons should have the right to attend the committee meetings as voting members.

They also think that if the constitution and bylaws should be revised, See Senate, Page 11

Debate sparks disagreement among voters

By CHUCK HENDLEY
Staff Writer

Democratic vice presidential nominee Lloyd Bentsen and Republican candidate Dan Quayle squared off Wednesday night in a nationally televised debate in Omaha's Civic Auditorium.

The first televised debate between the men gave the candidates two minutes to respond to questions from a panel of four media personnel, one minute for a rebuttal and time at the end for closing remarks.

Among issues discussed by the two candidates were social security, environmental protection and campaign reform laws.

The debate, held in front of a crowd of more than 2,000, gave the candidates the opportunity to reveal the three books that have influenced them and relate experiences that have shaped their political views.

Opinions of who actually won the debate, were greatly varied.

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for Development and University Relations, said he was disappointed with the debate.

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CONTRA AID

Bentsen supports the Arias peace plan for Central America.

ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY

Bentsen said Quayle is not John F. Kennedy.

HOSTAGES

Bentsen will not trade arms with Iran for hostages.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Democrats will protect Social Security

SEMINAL EXPERIENCE

Bentsen's Rio Grande background encourages him to work hard on welfare reform bills.

ENVIRONMENT

Democrats have passed Superfunding and they are endorsed by environmental organizations.

Source: Associated Press



Quayle favors U.S. intervention in Nicaragua.

Quayle said he has had as much experience as President John F. Kennedy had when he sought the presidency.

Quayle will not trade arms for hostages, but he is open to suggestions.

Quayle supports the delayed cost-of-living adjustment program.

Quayle bases his life on common sense advice from his grandmother.

Quayle has voted to protect the environment.

Bush visits TCU track, jogs voters' memories

By CHUCK HENDLEY
Staff Writer

TCU got a jolt of just how close the presidential campaign is as well as a closer look at one of its candidates, Thursday morning when Vice President George Bush came on campus to take a morning jog.

Following a speech delivered at 9 a.m. to private guests and law enforcement officials at the Worthington Hotel, Bush made the trip over from the hotel in a brightly colored jogging suit, where he was greeted by approximately 500 cheering students, faculty and staff.

Bush then proceeded to stretch on the track while he answered questions from the press and students about last night's debate.

"I feel just as good as I did last night, but right now I'm out here to have some fun," he said.

Bush then led a group of College Republicans and Students for Bush, wearing "Good Night Mike" T-shirts, around the track for a mile-plus run.

Along the way he talked with students and answered questions, and afterwards paused for photos with students.

John LaBoon, former College Re-

publicans president and TCU Bush Campaign chairman, thought the event went over really well.

"We got a phone call last night from Bob Keetch, the Youth Coordinator for Texas Victory 88, at 10 p.m., so we went to the hotel last night and got as many people as we could out here today," LaBoon said.

Jennifer Wendt, a junior deaf education major, skipped class for the event, saying, "It was the chance of a lifetime."

Troy Neasbitt, a senior criminal justice major who ran with Bush, said, "It was great, and Bush runs pretty good for his age."

Bush was in town to present his plan on crime and law enforcement to law enforcement officials and other Texas politicians, including Fort Worth Mayor Bob Bolen, Texas Gov. Bill Clements and Tom Windham, Fort Worth chief of police.

Bush's program, which he calls a "common sense program," is based around the principle of fighting crime.

"I believe strongly that swift and sure punishment is a deterrent," Bush said. "Criminals need to know that they will pay a price - and vice-

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Midway seasonal home for State Fair 'carnies'

By MICHELLE RELEFORD
Staff Writer

The midway is a collage of lives crisscrossing each other in a frenzy to establish a temporary home for the 102nd State Fair of Texas.

What seems like fun and games to most patrons of the fair is a way of life to the hodge-podge of lights, shows, booths and laughter.

The carnival workers are a shy crowd, attracted by the lights and fanfare, yet afraid of the publicity it brings. They often are not seen until the sun subsides behind the backdrop of Big Tex.

They seek neither camera flashes nor conversation with strangers.

They just want to make their quota, have a few laughs and move on.

Terry Tucker is one of the many ride owners who travels from fair to fair establishing a business with his portable crowd thrillers.

A man in his 50s with deeply tanned skin, not unlike the boots he wears, Tucker can be seen putting around the midway on a scooter, inspecting his rides.

Tucker is a lifetime veteran of the amusement park rides business.

"My parents were in it when I was born," he said.

"People get trapped in an occupation because that's what they know," he said. "In part, that's what happened to me."

Ironically, one of the oldest rides at the fair, the Holiday Bounce, belongs to Tucker, who is participating in the Texas State Fair for the first time.

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Outside



Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is partly cloudy with high temperatures in the mid-70s and lows in the mid-50s, winds from the southeast 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday's and Sunday's forecast calls for the same as today, with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s.

Circus of fun begins with parents' arrival

TCU Jazz Band to welcome parents

By KAREN FROST
Staff Writer

Parents are in for a circus of a weekend.

Programming Council's Parents Weekend Committee has provided a number of activities for students to entertain Mom and Dad with an overall circus theme this weekend.

"We, by far, have exceeded our expectations for this weekend - two- and three-fold on some of these events," said Jason Riddle, Parents Weekend chairman.

"This is a Parents Weekend of many firsts. It is the first time for the first-night dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and Juanita's, the first softball

tournament, the first time we've provided shuttles and the first party given at the Worthington," said Laura Puckett, Student Activities program coordinator.

The TCU Jazz Band will kick off the weekend with a variety of jazz tunes in the Student Center Lounge at noon Friday. This is sponsored by Programming Council's TGIF Committee's noontime series, Riddle said.

At the same time, check-in will begin in the lobby of the Student Center and last until 6 p.m., Riddle said.

The parents will receive survival kits, containing information about all of the events, to help get them through the weekend, Riddle said. See Parents, Page 2

CAMPUSlines

Programming Council needs convertibles. If you have a convertible that you would like to be in the Homecoming parade, please contact Dave Honey at 924-1277 or Student Activities at 921-7926.

AERho Compact Disk Hour featuring U2, tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. on KTCU 88.7 FM. Featuring unreleased "Hollywood mix" version of Desire. DJ's Tracy Martin and Andrew Wyszmeier. Call 927-2239 for more information.

The TCU Criminal Justice Association meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Sociology Building. Guest speaker: Van Smith, U.S. probation officer. Everyone welcome. Call 921-7471 for more information.

Pianist Steven De Groote will perform a recital at 8 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Free admission.

Psi Chi Breakfast Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Main cafeteria. Pledge/Active mixer.

University Democrats will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in front of the Student Center before leaving for the Jim Wright appreciation dinner. Call 924-4462 for more information.

1988-89 Frog Calls available at the Student Center Information Desk.

NITelines

Music

Maxwell Top, rock, Friday and Saturday at The HOP, 2905 W. Berry St. Group formerly: Swantz Lefantz. Show starts at 10 p.m. Call 923-7281 for more information.

Tommy Alverson Band, country, Saturday at The White Elephant Saloon, 106 E. Exchange Ave. Call 624-1887 for more information.

Angel Shepherd, top 40, Friday and Saturday at MTD at West Side Stories, 3900 Hwy. 377 S. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Call 560-7632 for more information.

Dickie and the Valentinos, '60s and '70s rock, Friday and Saturday at Music Street at West Side Stories. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. Call 560-7632 for more information.

Theater

Sam Shepherd's MAD DOG BLUES, adult comedy, Friday through Sunday at the Hip Pocket Theater, 1620 Las Vegas Trail 820 N. Show starts at 8:15 p.m. Cost is \$5-\$8 for students. Call 921-3040 for more information.

Art

"George Bellows: The artist and his lithographs" at the Amon Carter Museum, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd., through Nov. 13. "Images of Plants" from the photography collection and "Views of Texas, 1852-1856: datercolors by Sarah Ann Lillie Harding" also the other exhibits on display. Admission is free. Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Call 738-1933 for more information.

"Poussin: The Early Years in Rome — The Origins of French Classicism" at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd. through Nov. 27. Paintings and drawings by Nicolas Poussin, 17th century French painter. Admission is \$3, \$2 with student ID. Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 332-8451 for more information.

Correction

The Skiff incorrectly reported in Thursday's paper Paul Withey received the Ida M. Green Fellowship in June at the University of Calgary. Withey received the fellowship at TCU this fall. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Calgary in June.

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Starting at 4:30 p.m., shuttle buses will leave for the Old Spaghetti Warehouse in the Stockyards and Juanita's, which is located downtown, Riddle said.

People who are participating in this activity are asked to leave for the restaurants early.

"Over 800 people have expressed an interest in the event," Puckett said.

At 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, "Under the Big Top" begins. Comedian James Gregory will host the talent show being put on by TCU students, Riddle said.

"The talent show is going to be phenomenal. James Gregory is nationally famous and has been on a number of television shows, 'Late Night with David Letterman' and 'The Tonight Show,' to name a few," Puckett said. "He is deemed the funniest man in

America," Puckett said. The talent show is almost sold out. To receive the few remaining tickets, people have to go to the Student Center Information Desk by noon Friday, Riddle said.

At 7:30 a.m. Saturday in front of the Student Center, the Fun Run/Walk will begin, Riddle said.

"Over 100 people have registered for this event. These people will receive free Parents Weekend T-shirts," Puckett said.

At 9 a.m. in Reed Hall, three teachers will be giving two 30-minute mini-lectures each for those interested, Puckett said.

Bill Moncrief, associate professor and chairman of the marketing department, will be lecturing in Reed Hall Room 100.

Ken Lawrence, associate professor of religion-studies and chairman of the department, will be in Reed Hall Room 117 and Kelly Vaverek, assistant professor of management, will be in Reed Hall Room 103, Riddle said.

Parents book ahead

By MEGAN LEE
Staff Writer

Parents Weekend 1988 hasn't even begun and some people are already looking forward to next year.

Hotels near campus have been booked for this weekend for months in advance.

"We sell out a year in advance," said Pat Perry, director of sales for the Residence Inn on University Drive. "I guarantee there will be parents here this weekend making reservations for next year."

Holiday Inn Midtown has been booked for Parents Weekend for a month and a half, said Steven Marley, guest service manager.

"Parents were booking reservations at graduation in May," Marley said.

The Worthington Hotel in downtown Fort Worth has sold out "practically all of our rooms," said a reservations clerk.

ISA gives parents brunch

By JULIE BETTINGER
Staff Writer

The power of advertising triumphs, as more than 460 parents indicate an interest in the Parents Weekend International Students Association Brunch.

A record number of parents have returned reservations for the ISA brunch, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday, in the Student Center Lounge.

"The advertising (for Parents Weekend) sounds better and looks better this year," said Jason Riddle, chairman for Parents Weekend. "We are turning people away."

"Before, it (the ISA brunch) wasn't listed as one of the events during Parents Weekend," said Kenneth Bus, assistant director of International Student Affairs.

"This year they (Student Activities)

If Worthington guests say they are in Fort Worth for Parents Weekend, they receive a \$77 weekend rate with complimentary use of the athletic club, newspaper, coffee and valet parking, the clerk said.

Residence Inn is offering Parents Weekend visitors a special rate and complimentary breakfast, Perry said.

There have not been many parents calling TCU about hotel information since six hotels paid to advertise in a brochure sent to parents for Parents Weekend, said Laura Puckett, program coordinator for Student Activities and Parents Weekend adviser.

Parents Weekend brings the most visitors to campus, except for graduation, Marley said.

Perry said she has noticed an increase in visitors this year because of more TCU publicity.

Marley said he had not noticed any increase this year but he said the Holiday Inn sells out every year.

put a price on the brunch and listed it among the other events for Parents Weekend," he said.

ISA hosts the brunch in order to introduce U.S. students' parents to international students, their parents and the international students program at TCU, said Al Mladenka, director of International Student Affairs.

"It's a cultural exchange opportunity for parents," Mladenka said.

The brunch, to be catered by Marriott Food Service, will cost \$3 per person. It will include quiche, Danish rolls, muffins, fruit trays, juice and coffee, Mladenka said.

International music and flags will be used "to give it (the brunch) an international flavor," Bus said.

ISA's main role in the brunch is to mingle with parents, Mladenka said. The International Students Office actually organizes the brunch, he said.

Also beginning at 9 a.m. at the intramural fields will be first Parents Weekend softball game, Riddle said.

At 10:30 a.m., everyone is invited to the Chancellor's Reception in the Student Center Ballroom, Puckett said.

Trolley tours of Fort Worth will begin at noon and continue through 1:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. in front of the Student Center, Riddle said.

"This has already sold out. We have 576 people signed up to go, and we had to turn away 114 interested people. Those people who did sign up will choose their tour time at check-in," Riddle said.

"The trolley tours will go to the art district, the Stockyards, downtown

and the Water Gardens," Riddle said.

Beginning at 2 p.m. "The Midway" will kick off. More than 12 TCU organizations and Fort Worth businesses will be around Frog Fountain passing out information, prizes, and raising money for their philanthropies, Puckett said.

Following "The Midway," a barbeque will begin at 4 p.m. by Frog Fountain, Riddle said.

"We are expecting more than 1,000 people for this event, and there will be enough barbequed chicken and brisket to feed everyone. The cost will be \$5.50 a person," Puckett said.

"The Fanatics will be playing great music throughout 'The Midway' and the barbeque," Puckett said.

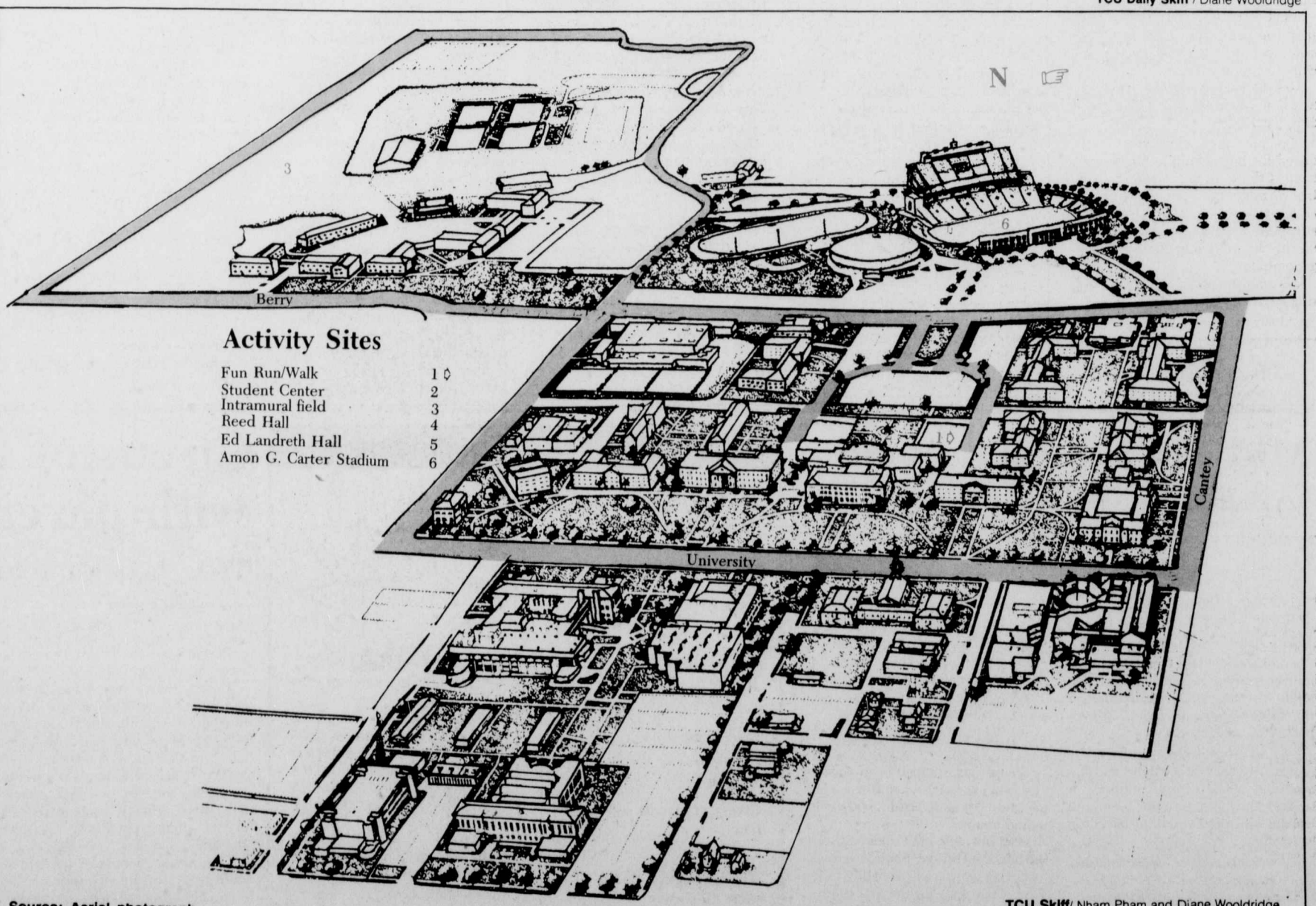
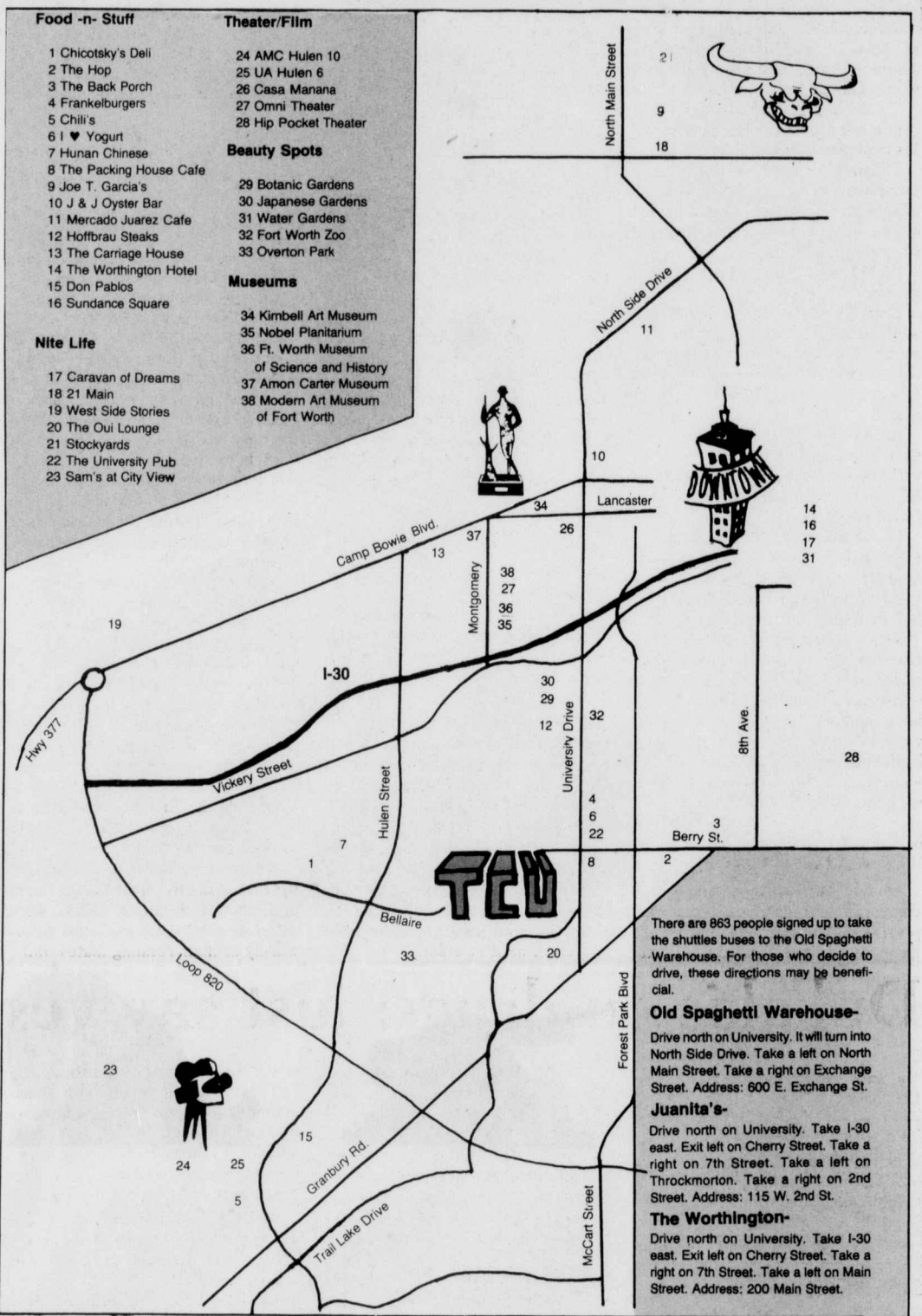
The Pep Rally will begin at 6:10 p.m. on the Student Center steps, Riddle said.

"This year we will have a spectacular release of purple and white balloons," Riddle said.

"The Main Event," the Horned Frogs vs. Rice Owls football game, will kick off at 7:30 p.m., Riddle said.

Following the game, "The Grand Finale" will take place at the Worthington Hotel, Riddle said.

Finally at 10 a.m. Sunday the International Student Association is sponsoring the Goodbye Brunch in the Student Center Ballroom, Riddle said.



Commentary

Quayle plays in big league

By MICHAEL HAYWORTH
Columnist



Immediately after Bush's announcement of Dan Quayle as his vice-presidential candidate, I was deluged with people asking me what I knew about Quayle. They assumed that, being from Indiana, I would know a lot about him.

"Not much," I had to reply. "He's pretty solid, but nothing spectacular. He beat Birch Bayh in 1980.

"Strong on defense issues, and there was some question about an affair with a lobbyist, but that turned out to be the press chasing after a story that wasn't there.

"Basically, he's just pretty generic."

Dan Quayle is still a privileged white male who hasn't exactly had life rough. But then, so are the other three candidates, no matter what Lloyd Bentsen says about his "farm roots."

In Wednesday's debate, though, Quayle proved he can hold his own with the big boys. In fact, he showed me several reasons to prefer him over Lloyd Bentsen.

Quayle was dogged throughout the night on the issue of his qualifications. Questioners returned time and again to ask Quayle what he would do if he had to assume the presidency.

They were unsatisfied with Quayle's answer that he would pray and then call a staff meeting - exactly what Harry Truman says he did when he became president. Of course, they weren't very specific with their hypothetical - was Bush ill for months? was he assassinated? have we gone to war with the Soviets?

Probably Quayle would take the oath of office, then go to the funeral. What would Lloyd Bentsen do?

Quayle also made a mistake by comparing his qualifications as a vice-presidential candidate to those of Jack Kennedy as a presidential candidate.

It left him open for Bentsen's perfectly executed one-liner.

Obscured by the zinger, though, is that Quayle's statement was pretty accurate. Kennedy's qualifications were not resounding when he was elected, and he turned out to be an excellent leader.

His death, though, has built such a mystique around him that for Quayle to point out the similarities is sacrilegious.

Quayle was straightforward in acknowledging his academic record. He was straightforward in pointing out that he really was the sole author of the job-training partnership act.

He was convincing in arguing for his record on the issues, especially in opposition to the record of Michael Dukakis. Bentsen, on the other hand, spent the night tap dancing around the question of who's right in the major issues that he and Dukakis disagree on.

When Bentsen argues his side in the Senate, he certainly argues as if there is a right and wrong side.

But when Bentsen campaigns as Dukakis' running mate, issues such as aid to the contras and the death penalty lose their right and wrong sides and become mere "disagreements" in perspective.

On a similar note, Bentsen was able to sting Quayle on the issue of the environment. Quayle's record is not particularly strong, as was noted by the crowd in Omaha.

Bentsen could talk about his record of votes on the environment, but his running mate is an albatross on that issue. Been swimming in Boston Harbor lately?

Quayle spent more time attacking Dukakis than Bentsen, and he did an effective job on this issue, pointing out not only Boston Harbor, but also Dukakis' request to dump sewage off the coast of New Jersey.

Quayle came out the winner on the Social Security issue, pointing out that Bentsen's record was quite similar to Quayle's own and charging the Democrat with politicizing the issue to scare America's elderly.

Quayle was also a clear winner on the issue of money from political action committees. Bentsen receives more of that than any other member of Congress.

Quayle reminded viewers of Bentsen's "Breakfast Club," where lobbyists could pay \$10,000 each to eat breakfast with Bentsen.

"I'm sure they weren't paying to have corn flakes," Quayle said.

Bentsen's reply was only that what he did was not illegal, that everybody does it and that he disbanded the club as soon as the press raised a cry about it.

His cries for campaign reform, coupled with his record of taking PAC money, seemed amusing. "I took the money because it's legal, but I hate every dollar I take," is the sum of his reply.

Bentsen was a solid debater, seeming comfortable in front of the cameras. He projects an image of a grandfatherly, confident Senator.

He does not, though, project the image of an inspiring leader. Bentsen is the consummate committee chairman - a detail man with lots of experience in administrative duties. His effectiveness in committee is one reason he gets so much PAC money.

There is question, though, as to whether that is qualification for the presidency. Jimmy Carter was also a detail man with lots of administrative experience.

Neither Quayle nor Bentsen would be my first choice to be leader of the free world. Come to think of it, though, neither would Bush and certainly not Dukakis.

Dan Quayle held his own Wednesday night against a man known as one of the Senate's premier debaters. And, for the most part, the two confined their arguments to the issues.

Democrats had hoped to show George Bush's first major decision to be a laughable mistake. Quayle showed that it was not.

It's time to refocus the campaign on the men at the top of the ticket, and to hope that, in their next debate, they will deal with the issues as straightforwardly as their running mates did.

Dukakis on drugs: just say yes

By LEIF ANDERSON
Columnist



On May 20, 1988, Kitty Dukakis, wife of presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, had a small talk with the press concerning the drug problem in the United States.

What Mrs. Dukakis stated is of great concern to me, since her views would certainly have an impact in a Dukakis administration.

Mrs. Dukakis conveyed uncertainty when reporters asked her about drug legalization.

"I'm not sure," she said. "I have mixed feelings about it. On the one hand, I think there are certain drugs that we might think about making legal because of the whole issue of the attractiveness of a substance when it's illegal, in particular for a younger generation.

The reporter asked if she was referring to marijuana.

"Yeah," Mrs. Dukakis said, then added, "I don't know. I just don't know. On the other hand, I'm not sure that we want to start with that."

I guess it would seem that we should legalize other illegal drugs, then work our way up to marijuana.

Let's turn to her husband, Michael Dukakis. On many occasions, Dukakis has stated that the Reagan administration has not done enough to battle drugs in America.

The best way to present Michael Dukakis' "tough on drugs" stance would be through the drug trafficker's eyes. Take Joe Pusher, a large-volume cocaine dealer in Boston.

Joe makes \$20,000 a week selling cocaine to adults, children, the rich and the homeless. Unfortunately for him, Joe is arrested by the Boston Police during a "transaction."

Lucky for Joe, he won't have to worry about capital punishment.

"I have always opposed capital punishment and will continue to do so," Gov. Dukakis stated in a letter to a constituent.

Since Joe was arrested in Massachusetts, he might even be able to take advantage of the furlough program there if he goes to prison.

The furlough program? This "management tool" gave weekend passes to convicted drug dealers, murderers and other criminals. On an unsupervised weekend vacation, Joe Pusher could continue his drug dealing.

In 1976, Gov. Dukakis was given the opportunity to sign a bill which banned the furlough program. He vetoed it.

By 1987, the citizens of Massachusetts had had enough. Enough petition signatures against the furlough program would have placed the issue on November's ballot.

Realizing the strong opposition to the program, Dukakis reluctantly signed a bill banning the program.

Take a moment to picture a Dukakis presidency. The candidate is soft on drug pushers, while his wife would consider legalizing the same drugs Mike says he's against.

TCU voters, please realize that "tough on crime" does not mean furlough programs or drug legalization.

Asked what role she expected to play as first lady, Kitty Dukakis said she would be an "adviser."

I shudder at the thought.



MATTHEW SWEET TCU DAILY SKIFF PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE - OCTOBER 7, 1988

Letter to the Editor

No big deal?

I am writing in response to the article published in Wednesday's Skiff concerning the stealing of food from Marriott. I was alarmed by the cavalier attitude taken by the managers of the food service centers and of the students interviewed toward such obviously wrongful behavior.

Stealing is not a mere inconvenience of running a business, it is a moral issue. For students of a supposedly "Christian" school to

boast about the quantities stolen and the methods they employ in stealing is regrettable. The ambivalent comments of the various food service managers will hardly serve to deter stealing.

I wonder how many more hundreds of dollars of food will have to be stolen before it becomes a "major" problem. Perhaps the "three main methods" of stealing should be included in our student handbook so that no one will require a meal card after his or her freshman year.

The students interviewed seem to think that because food service workers are either too trusting or too busy to catch them, their stealing is justified. Stealing is wrong regardless of the circumstances. High prices and long lines are poor rationalizations for it.

The air of flippancy projected by the students in this matter suggests an arrogance which becomes even more unsettling when one considers how comparatively wealthy most TCU students are.

Janet Jakobe
Junior/business

'Tis the season for food bank

By LUCY CALVERT
Columnist



'Tis the season to be hungry. What? Did I say that right? Unfortunately, yes.

This is the season to be hungry for many people in Fort Worth because the Food Bank of Greater Tarrant County is practically empty. That's right - empty.

The Food Bank is a non-profit, independent agency that collects and distributes food to soup kitchens and neighborhood relief agencies. It serves 148 agencies, some of which provide groceries to more than 5,100 desperate households a month.

But the cupboard is bare. People are starving just a few blocks away from this campus because the food they need to survive is drying up at the source.

Last year the pantry had collected 300,000 cans of food. Now they are down to a two-week supply of Bisquick, baked beans, and Cheerios.

These folks are in a crisis. They're desperate. We cannot wait until the Salvation Army lady is ringing her bell in the mall to be reminded of the need.

33 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas?

Agencies like Urban Ministries, who fill one grocery bag a month for needy families, have nothing left on their shelves but diapers, corn chips and denture cream. But, as one agency administrator said, "you can't eat diapers."

TCU is rich. This campus is a rich resource of manpower and money. The food bank's crisis is an opportunity to live up to the "Christian" in Texas Christian University.

Our efforts during TCU Hunger Week have been nationally recognized. But why wait until the second week in November to be kind? Why wait to buy two cans of Ravioli when a six-year-old child will go to bed hungry tonight? Must we require a pat on the back before we'll take the five minutes to help out?

I have faith in this campus. I know there are a lot of you who will organize your groups, who will have canned food drives to help rescue the food bank and those it serves. But there are specific things the bank needs.

SOS pads are great. Tide is nice. Dish-washing soap is dandy. But have you ever tried eating SOS pads for dinner? Neither can the needy.

It's not that these items aren't necessary; they are. But the immediate demands are for high-protein can-

Make a difference

'Tis the season to be helpful. How can TCU make a difference? By asking members of your group to bring cans to your meetings. Go to Staples down in the Pit and put the cans on your meal card. It's convenient, it's easy, and it doesn't require cash. Or pile a bunch of friends in the car and go to Tom Thumb or Minyard's for a can-buying trip.

Canned soup only costs about 80 cents per can. Will two dollars spent on canned soup break the budget of someone who drives a BMW to class? Think about it. But more important: Do something about it.

The food bank needs 26,000 cans of food. There are about 5,000 undergraduate students at TCU. We can make a significant difference.

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Sports

Owls try to avenge 30-16 loss Both teams lose season openers

By REGINA ANDERSON
Sports Editor

Last year when TCU and Rice met in Houston, both teams were looking for their first conference victory after losing their season opener.

The Frogs won 30-16. This year both teams lost their season openers, and Rice will travel to Fort Worth to try to avenge last year's loss.

Rice center Courtney Hall said the key to a Rice victory lies in the offense.

"We feel we haven't been playing as well as we are capable of," Hall said. "We haven't been putting any points on the board. It's not the fact that we aren't good enough, but once we get inside the 30 yard line we can't seem to put it in the end zone."

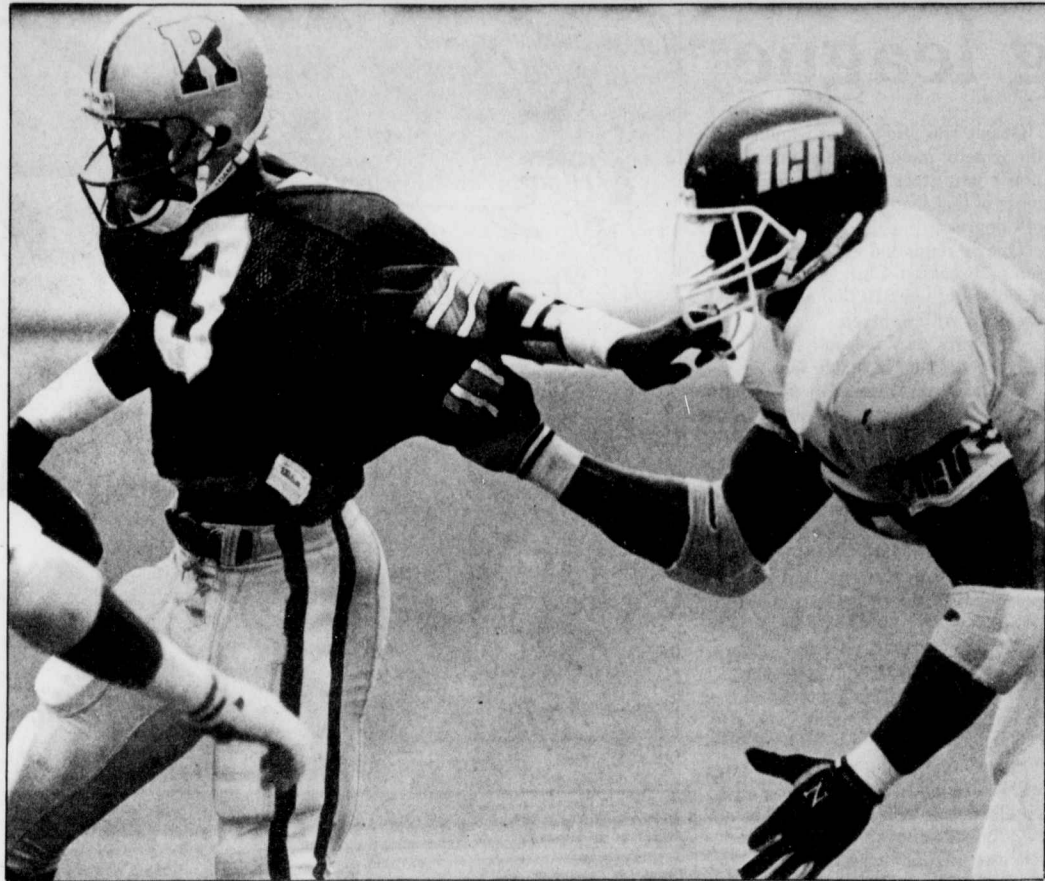
Last year against the Frogs, the Owls passed for 301 yards. This year they have averaged 234 yards passing and 155 yards rushing in three games.

Rice quarterback Quantis Roper has completed 22 of 45 passes for 316 yards for the season. He also plays five other positions for the Owls that include receiver and punt returner.

"It's bad enough to have worry about an opponent which is averaging nearly 400 yards a game (total offense) when things are going good," head coach Jim Wacker said. "But, here we are trying to regroup, and at the same time, having to worry about Rice's explosive offense."

TCU's offense is averaging 334.5 yards a game. They have 261 yards rushing and only 73 yards passing after four games.

One of the key match-ups in the game will be center Courtney Hall



The heat is on. - Rice's quarterback Quantis Roper tries to get away from a Horned Frog defender in last year's football contest. The two teams meet again Saturday.

and TCU defensive tackle Mitchell Benson.

Last week against Texas, Hall played center and a "little guard."

"I'm excited about it (match-up)," Hall said. "This will be my fourth year playing against him (Benson), and the toughest thing about playing against him is his size. It's going to be a rough game."

One player the Frogs offense will have to be on the lookout for is Rice linebacker O.J. Brigance. Brigance has a total of 37 tackles in just three games - 25 unassisted.

This is more than any one player on the Horned Frog roster has done. Scott Harris leads the Frogs with 28 tackles.

Last week in the loss to Texas, Brigance had 15 tackles and 10 of them were solo.

"So far things have been going well," Brigance said. "If it hadn't been for the defensive linemen I wouldn't be here."

This is Brigance's first full season at linebacker. Last year he was basically a "fourth quarter" player. He played center in high school but was recruited as a linebacker.

But Brigance isn't taking the Frogs lightly.

"Every game is do or die for us," he said. "We are looking for first conference win. This week we have to learn

to play assignment football against TCU's option offense."

Wacker said the it should be a great football game.

"I really believe Quantis Roper and Donald Hollas are super athletes. They can be responsible for a lot of big plays," Wacker said.

Rice coach Jerry Berndt said the Owls will have their hands full.

"TCU is a fine running football team," Berndt said. "The Arkansas game can be misleading because they can play well defensively."

TCU cornerback Stanley Petry summed it up simply.

"If we play well, we should win."

Arkansas loss is history, Rice can hang it up now

By TROY PHILLIPS
Sports Editor



It was, needless to say, a very silent, gloomy plane ride back from the hills of Fayetteville last weekend. None of us had much to say. I was still hoping it was just a dream. Grinding away in the back of my mind, was the cackling, hillbilly voice of that UA sports editor who just happened to be seated next to me in the press box. They really know how to treat out-of-towners well. Picture Bozo with an Ozark drawl.

Enough. Time for what's on hand this week - great Southwest Conference action, and on television no less. Oklahoma (3-1) and Texas (3-1) overall, 1-0 SWC clash in the classic State Fair matchup. This game could be slightly more interesting than the last two OU blowouts in Dallas. Maybe UT can keep up.

After resurrecting from the bowels of nowhere against Tech (a 50-15 win), A&M (1-3 overall, 1-0 SWC) visits the Astrodome and Houston's (3-0 overall, 1-0 SWC) run-and-shoot, one of the nation's most effective and exciting offenses.

And just appearing over the Interstate 45 horizon are the Rice Owls (0-3 overall, 0-1 SWC). Senior Frog offensive tackle Jeff Hopkins said the Owls "don't have a chance against us." Hopkins, who hopes to see his first action of the season against BYU next week (knee injury rehabilitation), said Rice players consider TCU (2-2 overall, 0-1 SWC) their best chance for a win every year.

Hopefully then, Rice will understand when TCU thrashes the Owls' defense, offense and everything-else-ense. If 53-10 ain't enough to hack off a Horned Frog, then nothing will.

The Razorbacks ruined a perfect slate last week, not to mention my

glorious two-day jaunt to lovely, scenic Fayetteville. For all you parental units out there, welcome to the cutting edge of Las Vegas and Billy's Bookie Barnyard:

Houston over Texas A&M

We will know after this game, win or lose, just how good the Houston Cougars are. Credit Jack Pardee for finally bringing to life the kind of talent UH had all along. I didn't think that many bad players could come from the Houston area.

On the other hand, 1988 could be shaping up to be the ugliest season (could it get any uglier?) in Jackie Sherrill's reign at A&M. The Aggies, still a good team, aren't national contenders - just SWC contenders. If that.

Oklahoma over Texas

Eighty-eight years of state-bashing, and it all stems from this rather nasty rivalry. In 1900, OU and UT began what could be known as the "other Civil War." The rivalry has been anything but civil since.

Now everybody together. "Barry Switzer is a jerk." Everytime OU loses, I get this feeling of justice. Brian Bosworth has already admitted that the OU program is dirty, and he should know. One of these years, UT will get back at OU for all those Texas blue-chippers Switzer paid off to defect across the Red River.

Baylor over Southwest Texas State

The Bears (3-2 overall, 0-2 SWC) have shown us all how misleading a geek preseason is. Yep, you got it. Three non-conference games, three wins. Two conference games, two losses. Baylor will be 4-2 Sunday morning. Any confidence gained at the expense of SWTS (2-3) shouldn't be much of a factor in the Bear's next game.

Arkansas over Texas Tech

What a shame. Spike Dykes' Raiders have to learn two hard lessons in two weeks. Look forward to Rice on Oct. 15, Spike, because you can kiss your season goodbye this week.

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Berndt still looking for winning answers

By TROY PHILLIPS
Sports Editor

During their 20-13 loss to Texas last week, the Rice Owls were able to put a dent in the Longhorns' offensive scheme. But Owls coach Jerry Berndt is convinced that none of Rice's problems can be solved until his team taps the elusive win column.

"First of all, close only counts in horseshoes and hand-grenade throwing," Berndt said. "The biggest problem is that we haven't won in three games."

Berndt stated two factors in his team's lack of success thus far. No. 1 is the other team, obviously.

"No. 2 is that we've still not played as well as we're capable of playing," he said. "I'm more worried about our attitude and things we do on the field than what the other team does."

Rice (0-3 overall, 0-1 in SWC) will mix it up with TCU (2-2 overall, 0-1 in SWC) at Amon Carter Stadium this Saturday. TCU leads the overall series 34-29-3 since 1914. More recently, Rice has snatched two out of the last three, including a 37-31 upset in Fort Worth in 1986. Last year, TCU took a 30-3 lead at halftime, but wrestled a bit with the Owls in the second half en route to a 30-16 victory.

And as for last week's 53-10 bludgeoning at the hands of Arkansas, Berndt thinks the real TCU stayed home.

"The first thing I look at with TCU is that 53-10 is totally misleading," Berndt said. "We all know that TCU is a very fine team. They're (TCU) gonna be sky high for this game after last week."

Any possibility of the Owls going 0-11 this season seems out of the question at this point, Berndt said. Southwestern Louisiana, which figured to be Rice's weakest opponent on schedule, romped the Owls 41-16. Like any coach, Berndt refuses to concede an entire season, regardless of any possibilities.

"It (going 0-11) was never a concern of ours," he said. "We go into every game intending to win, and we're

only concerned about that game."

Lately, the Owls have been sputtering - not making it through four solid quarters of football. Berndt said it's not the Owls' beginnings and endings that concern him. It's their middles.

"I don't think it's (getting tired during) the fourth quarter," he said. "It's part lack of concentration and intensity when we've struggled. We lost it in the second quarter in our first two games, and we lost a little in the third against Texas."

Now in his third year as head coach and athletic director, Berndt's success at Rice has already placed him atop his recent predecessors. In 1984 and '86, Watson Brown (now at Vanderbilt) led Rice to only four wins. In the six seasons previous, Ray Alborn (now at Lamar) compiled only 13 wins. Though marginal, Berndt's record speaks for itself.

And as always at Rice, success on the playing field is only guaranteed by success in the classroom.

"We're further along in that respect," Berndt said. "Last year we were ninth in the nation in graduation rate. This year we expect a 90-94% graduation rate, which would put us at second or third in the nation."

Still for Berndt, the job of fielding a successful team is at hand.

"We're behind schedule (in building a program)," he said. "I really felt we'd be a better team than at this time last year. The whole program - coaches, players and staff - needs a win."

What does Jerry Berndt tell his Rice Owls, underdogs week in and week out, before they head out of the locker room? No inspiring pep talk. No Knute Rockney. No wooly-bully.

"I'm not one of those coaches who tells his players things like that," he said. "We just ask our players to give their best effort. That's the bottom line. Play to the best of your ability and do what the coaches taught you. Everything else will take care of itself."



TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

Out of my way - TCU's Rex Roberts tries to kick the ball past two Midwestern opponents during last Friday's game. The Frogs travel to Illinois this weekend.

Lady Frogs defeat Aggies 1-0

By SCOTT HUNT
Sports Writer

The TCU women's soccer team braved bad field conditions and a three-hour ride to College Station to defeat the Aggies 1-0, Wednesday.

"Yesterday (Wednesday), we were getting the monkey off our back," head coach Dave Rubinson said. "We've never beaten them before."

Junior midfielder Sarah Campbell scored the game's only goal about 30 minutes into the game on a pass by junior midfielder Libby Tappan.

"Libby laid a perfect pass over the head of the defender," Rubinson said.

The one goal victory was important Rubinson said, and he added that the Frogs had to overcome difficult conditions for the win.

"The conditions were horrible," Rubinson said. "It was a difficult game

to play because of the conditions." Tappan described the field as "all dirt, no grass."

Tappan added that it was a "dust-bowl" with the dirt blowing into the player's eyes.

The field conditions were not the only problems the Frogs faced.

"It's tough to drive three hours, change clothes, and play a game," Rubinson said.

The fact they were facing a team Rubinson termed "tough" did not make it any easier.

"A&M is a good team," Rubinson said. "(But) our fitness was a little better."

"We make mistakes, but we do a lot of things right," Rubinson added.

One of the things the Frogs did right was play defense. TCU recorded its second straight shutout after hold-

ing the University of Texas scoreless on Saturday.

Part of the credit for the shutouts belongs to goalkeeper Maribeth Forrest who is having a good year, Rubinson said.

"Defensively, we're not a bad soccer team," he said. "We're limiting teams to just a few chances."

Another thing TCU did right was manage to beat a team while not playing at their best, Rubinson said. He said this was a sign of maturity in the young players.

The women now take their consistency and maturity to Florida for three games. They play Florida International, Florida State University, and the College of Boca Raton, which is ranked in the top 10 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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Metcalfe, UT	291
Darhard, TCU	355
Rouse, Arkansas	271
Gray, Tech	262
Ankrom, TCU	258

Receiving

Name, School	Rec/Yards
Phillips, UH	33/417
Dixon, UH	23/257
Williams, UH	16/229
Harris, A&M	13/148
Thurman, Tech	16/213
Jones, UT	15/298

Passing

Name, School	Comp/Att/Yds
Tolliver, Tech	55/114/960
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Kelley, UT	44/84/645
Grovey, Ark.	33/54/478
Ware, UH	28/55/392

Team Offense

Team	Yds/Game avg.
Houston	1454/484.7
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Rice	1167/389
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A&M	1410/352.5
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TCU	1338/334.5

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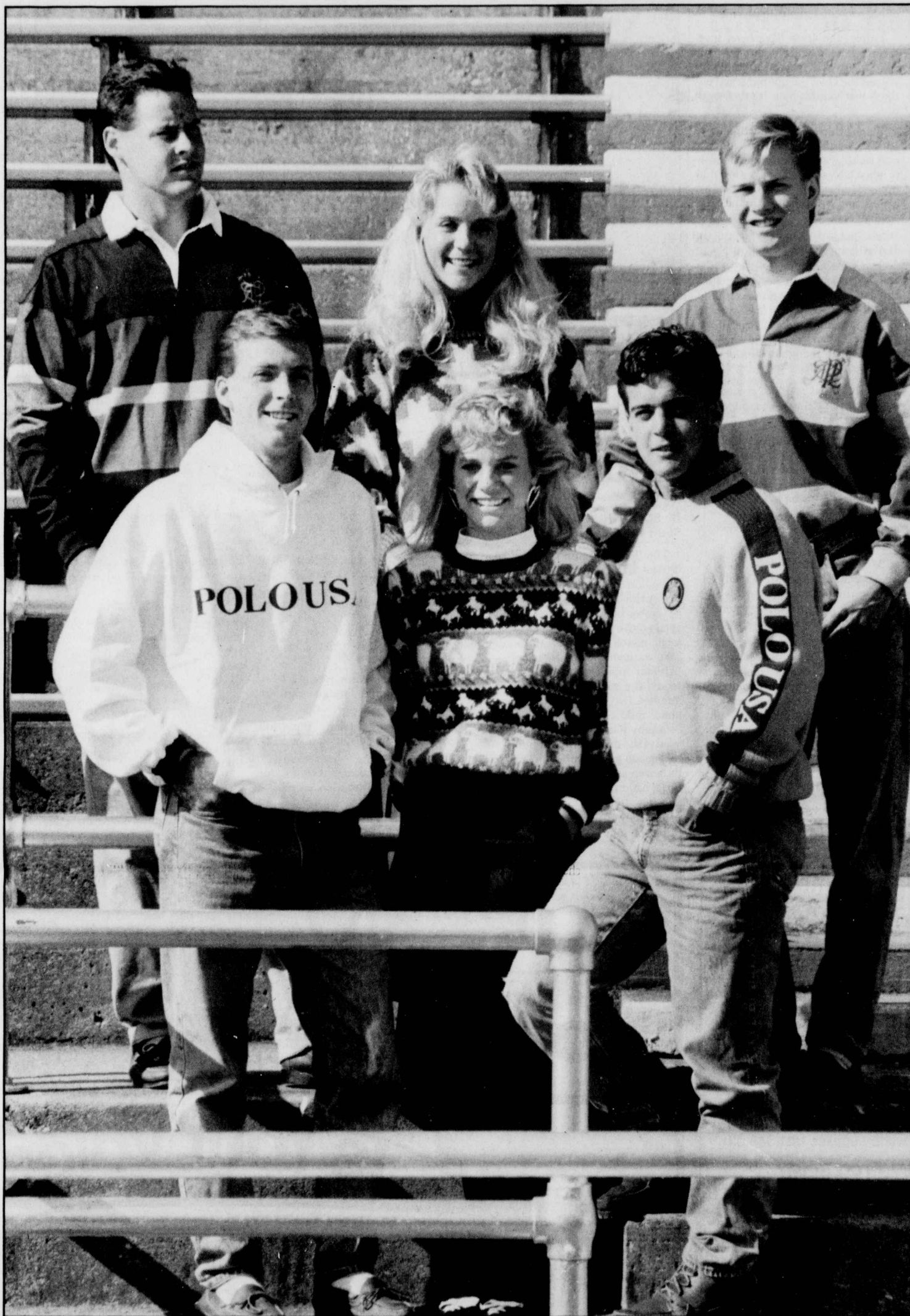
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News

Choate resigns TCU position for career in Dallas

By ANDREA HEATON
Staff Writer

Mickey Choate, assistant director of Career Planning and Placement, will leave TCU after only one year for a similar position at the University of Texas at Dallas.

"It was a hard decision to make. I love TCU, but I have to look to the future," Choate said.

Choate will replace the recently re-

tired coordinator of career services in the Career Planning and Placement Center at UTD while working under the director whom he describes as his mentor.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Jerry (Moore, director of Career Planning and Placement Center at UTD)," Choate said. "We've known each other for a long time."

UTD is an upperlevel graduate

school, enrolling only juniors, seniors and graduate students who have already completed their first two years of school. Because the needs of these students are different, counseling and program designs will be more of a challenge, Choate said.

"Many students at UTD are adults going to school on a part-time basis. Many times their maturity and experience enhances their marketabil-

ity when it comes to career choices," Choate said.

Choate said he will change his approach to career counseling at UTD by concentrating on the importance of time scheduling.

"His duties will be stretched to include more involvement with the center," Moore said.

He will be instrumental in the expansion of a center that already

actively serves between 950 and 1,000 students, Moore said.

Choate came to TCU after three years in the career center at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"He has an exceptional background. We're thrilled to have him back in the UT system," Moore said.

Choate said he regrets he could not stay at TCU long enough to get to

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NEWSlines

Polls show closer race

NEW YORK (AP) — A second national poll has found Democrat Michael Dukakis closing on George Bush in the presidential race, although a newer survey released Wednesday gave the Republican a slightly better lead.

Both surveys found many voters expressing concern about Bush's running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana.

The newer poll, an ABC News-Washington Post survey conducted from Sept. 28 through Tuesday, put the race at 51-44 percent with the Republicans in the numerical lead. The poll of 1,196 likely voters had an error margin of about four points.

In the other survey, a Harris poll conducted last week, the Republicans won support from 49 percent of 1,235 likely voters, to 46 percent for the Democrats. It also was a dead heat, given the three-point margin of error.

County files lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Nueces County officials Thursday filed a lawsuit asking that the state be ordered to remove inmates who have been sentenced to the Texas Department of Corrections but are being held in the county jail.

"We want every single state prisoner removed from our jail. We don't want to pay for them any more. We've been paying for them for too long already," said Nueces County Attorney Carlos Valdez.

Valdez and Nueces County Judge Robert Barnes said they think theirs is the first county to file such a suit, although court action has been contemplated by others. Travis County, defendant in a federal jail suit, has asked that the state be brought into that suit.

"I feel like the little kid in the schoolyard who was the first one to stand up to the big bully who's eating everybody's lunch," Valdez said. He and Barnes said they would welcome participation by other counties.

TDC, under a federal court order because of crowded conditions, limits the number of admissions with a quota system for counties. The suit — which names as defendants the Texas Board of Corrections and TDC Director James Lynaugh — says the state has a duty to take its prisoners.

Barnes said an average of 50 sentenced felons were in the Nueces County jail in September 1987. The suit says there are now about 167.

Racism still exists

AUSTIN (AP) — The former federal official who personally confronted then-Alabama Gov. George Wallace in one of the most dramatic civil rights showdowns during the 1960s said Thursday the United States remains racially separate and unequal.

Former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach said anti-discrimination laws of the 1960s have helped some, but the nation continues to march toward a racially divided society.

"If we really open our eyes, we've learned that the problems today are worse than they were 20 years ago," Katzenbach said in a speech that kicked off a two-day seminar on urban problems being held at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library.

He said the country has moved backward since 1968 when a presidential panel, the Kerner Commission, reported a national crisis in race relations. "We have indeed moved further toward those two societies, black and white, separate and unequal."

"I hope that all of you are prepared to face and accept the fact that our urban problems, and their resolution, are inextricably tied to the problems of race," Katzenbach said.

He said most whites refuse to tie the two problems together, while blacks "are too eager to exploit it."

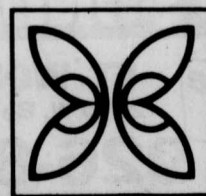


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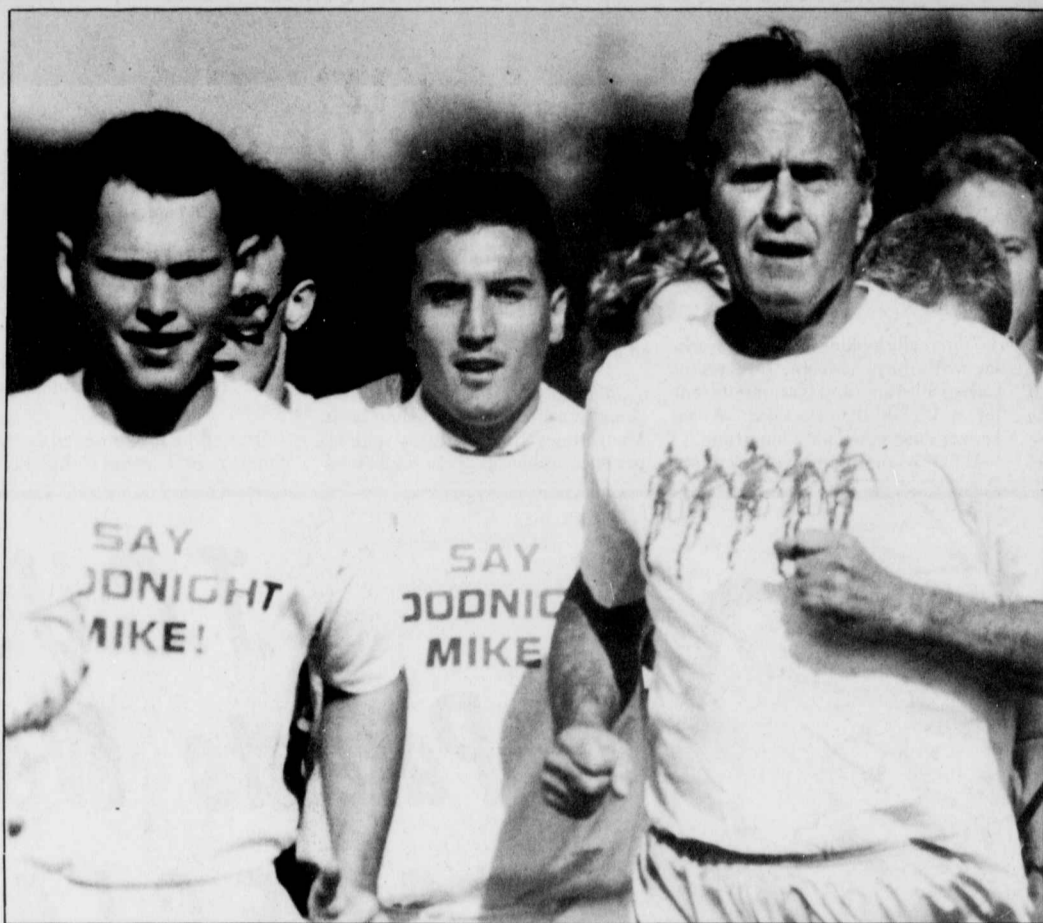
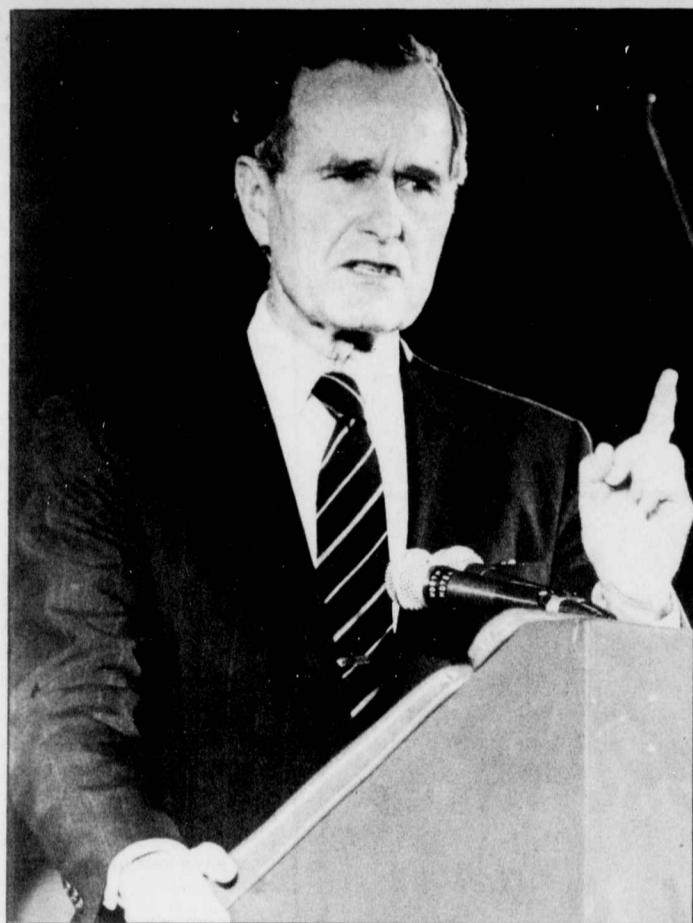
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Out for votes - Vice President George Bush speaks at the Worthington Hotel Thursday morning before taking a two-mile jog at the track behind Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

New voters' registration date nears

One weekend left for applications

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Students have one more weekend to register to vote in the Nov. 8 presidential election.

Robert Parten, election administrator for Tarrant County, said applications postmarked on or before Sunday but not received in the Election Administrator's Office at 100 Weatherford St. don't count.

Applications for voting within Tarrant County can be picked up at most banks, libraries, social service agencies and Fort Worth City Hall at 1000 Throckmorton St., he said.

An application can also be requested by calling the Election Administrator's Office at 334-1115. To accommodate last-minute registrants, the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and may be open on Sunday as well, Parten said.

A student whose permanent address is not within Tarrant County can request an absentee ballot by calling the election administrator in his or her home county or by calling 1-800-526-VOTE.

Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by noon Nov. 8.

Absentee ballots can also be cast in person Oct. 19 through Nov. 4 at the County Annex West, 600 W. Weatherford St.; the Southeast Subcourthouse, 724 E. Border St. in Arlington; the Poly Subcourthouse, 3212 Miller Ave.; and the Dick Andersen Subcourthouse, 3829 Altamesa Blvd.

Ballots can also be cast at the Northeast Subcourthouse, 645 Grapevine Highway in Hurst; the Northwest Subcourthouse, 6713 Telephone Road in Lake Worth; the White Settlement City Hall, 214 Meadow Park Drive; the Mansfield City Hall, 1305 E. Broad St.; and the Haltom City Recreation Center, 4839 Broadway Ave.

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"The answers were oblique and off the subject, but in terms of presence and grasp of issues, I thought Senator Bentsen was more able to articulate," Lauer said.

Michael Fentiman, former head of the community programming unit for the British Broadcasting Corporation and visitor to campus, observed the debate during his visit, and found it appalling.

"Nobody won in my view," he said. "The candidates were patronizing to the American public because they try to simplify all the issues," Fentiman said.

He said, "The candidates say they are a heartbeat away from the presidency, when the intellectual quality of their debate was a heartbeat away from 'All in the Family.'"

Brad Vanderbilt, coordinator of TCU Dukakis/Bentsen 88, said he

thought Bentsen "blew Quayle away." "Several people from the Honors Program gathered at Sally Bohon's home to watch the debate, and I think the overall consensus is that Quayle lost, and I think the debate will help us (the Democrats) a lot," Vanderbilt said.

John LaBoon on the other hand, said he thinks people will call the debate a tie.

"Everyone was expecting a total blowout on Bentsen's part, but I think Quayle managed to establish his credentials," said LaBoon, former College Republicans president and current chairman of the TCU Bush campaign.

One comment made by Bentsen during the debate caused many present to applaud but caused others to view the comment negatively.

When Quayle compared himself to a young John F. Kennedy, Bentsen responded by saying, "I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. And Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy." Quayle then attempted to express his opinion of the statement and Bentsen offered an explanation for his attack, but some felt the comment was a downfall for Bentsen.

"That Jack Kennedy comment will go around the world today," Fentiman said, "It will be on the BBC too."

Lauer said, "Bentsen blew the opportunity to be a statesman in the debate with some of his snide comments."

Another issue that sparked controversy following the debate was whether Quayle failed to answer a question he was asked four times.

When Quayle was asked what he would do if he

came president, the panel of questioners seemed dissatisfied with his responses.

"Quayle does have the credentials, but he couldn't answer the question directly because there is a lot of national security involved," LaBoon said.

Bentsen's answer to the questions directed to him about his \$10,000 breakfast also received some slack.

The Senator was asked if he hadn't been caught, would he still be doing the program today, and many said he never addressed the question.

But when Bush was on campus Thursday to partake in a morning jog following his speech to law enforcement officials at the Worthington Hotel, he said, "I feel just as good (about the debate) as I did last night. 'Very, very good.'"

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tims and their families have a perfect right to want them to pay."

"Our society simply cannot afford any more liberal experimentation with crime. It is time to get serious about serious crime," he said.

Bush said that the differences between himself and Dukakis are great on many views, but more on crime than anything else.

He was greeted by favorable cheers by the 100 or so campaign button-clad Bush supporters attending the speech. Following the speech, law enforcement officials lined up to shake the vice president's hand and to present him with an Honorary Texas Deputy Sheriff of Tarrant County certificate.

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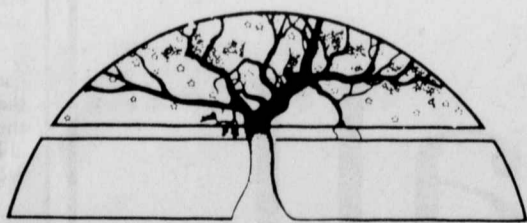
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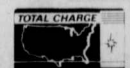
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Letterman's late show imitated

By KAREN FROST
Staff Writer

Mike Austin thinks he's got David Letterman's number.

The sophomore was the organizer of a team to develop a parody of "Late Night with David Letterman" - "Late Night with Michael Numberman."

The Numberman show will be videotaped in Tager TV studios at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"We wanted to do something that people were familiar with, so instead of Letterman, we chose Numberman," Austin said.

The parody will be very similar to Letterman's show, Austin said.

"I'll be dressed like him (Letterman) and acting like him, but I won't be using his material. All of our stuff is original," Austin said.

The format is the same as Letterman's, but the expansion of new ideas and a different style of humor is the true goal of the entire project, said Khris Kesling, head writer for the show.

"We'll have humorous guests and serious guests for our first show. Friday night we'll have a parody of Elvis, Pat Sajak and Vanna White and then Super Frog as himself," Austin said.

They will also have a "Super Mike" campaign instead of "Super Dave." Numberman will go out on location and do ridiculous stunts such as running with the track team in his business suit, Kesling said.

These stunts have already been videotaped, he said.

"We even have musician, Paul Waffer - a parody of Letterman's Paul Schaffer," Kesling said.

"I lead the band. When things get dry, we fill the gaps with music and I banter back and forth with Mike," said Scott Kuehn, musical director and actor who will play Paul Waffer.

"Letterman is so popular among college students," Kesling said.

"We're trying to appeal to the college audience. However, we're not making our jokes exclusive to the college crowd," Austin said.

If this is successful, the group is hoping to broaden their repertoire and possibly get on David Letterman's show to air 10 minutes of the Numberman show to Letterman, Kesling said.

The group is even considering de-



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Safety in numbers - Cast and crew of "Late Night with Michael Numberman" rally around organizer Mike Austin, back row, second from right.

veloping their own show with Samson's Cable Company, Austin said.

"Maybe we can have a duel contest of Late Night shows," Kesling said.

The group doesn't want to keep their jokes exclusive to TCU. They want to illustrate worldly views of humor so more people would understand, Austin said.

"As long as we use our own material, there shouldn't be any copyright or producing trouble at all," Kesling said.

"Our stuff may be a little controversial. We want to make a pre-apology to anyone we may offend. It's just good clean fun," Austin said.

If their goals are reached, they are hoping that the visibility on Letterman's show would be good for TCU, Austin said.

"It would be a big boost for the university," Kesling said.

"We're trying to get people involved and promote some unity on

this campus," Kesling said.

But the group has had problems with unity on campus already. The radio-TV-film department denied their request for Studio A in the Moudy Building because it already had a set previously established, Austin said.

Tager TV has agreed to do the taping of show in their studio, said Deana Murhude, production technician for Tager TV.

The first videotaping is going to be closed to the public and open to the parents of the Numberman staff, Austin said.

"This is a gimmick for Parents Weekend. We want all of our other taping audiences to be really rowdy crowds," Austin said.

The idea began to take shape last spring when they started the first "Late Night with Michael Numberman" show, Austin said.

Austin approached Andy Haskett,

instructor in radio-TV-film and video production supervisor, last year.

"He encouraged us to proceed with the project," Austin said.

"Our staff last year had 17 members. Now we are well over 50. We have writers, technicians, actors and artists but we are always looking for more people," Austin said.

"This show is going to be better than last year. We have better questions for the guests and we're more organized," Austin said.

However, Haskett said, "I am ambivalent about the whole project."

"David Letterman is probably the most popular nighttime show around and repeating the stuff that's already out there has serious limitations," Haskett said.

The first showing of the video for the TCU audience will be on a Friday afternoon in the Student Center in conjunction with Programming Council's TGIF program, Austin said.



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Performing arts - Guest artist Thomas Enckell watches Daryl Fowkes and Elizabeth Cruger execute a shoulder sit at the Pas de deux ballet class.

Dance group performs

By ANDREA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Chi Tau Epsilon, the dance honor society, will present a studio concert Friday featuring the works of students and faculty of the dance department, said Michelle Reagan, vice president of Chi Tau.

The studio production will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Dance Studio One in the Ballet Building.

The informal studio showing will consist of 13 to 15 pieces including everything from song and dance numbers to classical ballet, tap and post-modern dance, Reagan said.

"The studio is an opportunity that gives people the chance to perform and choreograph that wouldn't otherwise get a chance," she said.

The studio will also give parents visiting for the weekend a chance to see what goes on at an informal level offstage and without lights and costumes, Reagan said.

Shelly Jaudes, a sophomore involved in the studio, said the performance will let the students' parents see what they're paying for.

"A lot of parents don't understand why (dance) is so important to us, and this is our chance to show them," Jaudes said.

By working on the studio, students get the opportunity to experiment with techniques that are not focused on in the department, said Ellen Garrison, associate professor of modern dance.

One Taiwanese graduate student

will present some classical Chinese dance, she said.

Garrison's modern technique class will perform some of the material they have worked on in class, she said.

"The studio gives the students the experience of performing in a non-formal concert, so they have a chance to try things - steps and ideas - that they would usually not have the chance to," Garrison said.

Garrison said students watching the concert should be able not only to get ideas for future works and performances but also to see "what they are working toward and for."

Choreographers have volunteered to show their works, many of which are not complete but "in progress," Reagan said.

"This gives the ballet people a chance to do ballet," said Elizabeth Cruger, a junior ballet major who will present an unfinished piece performed to Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

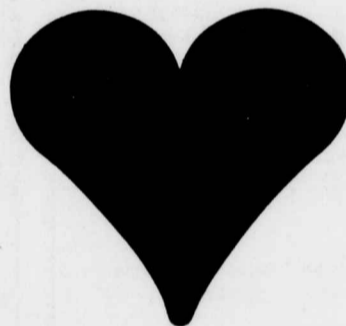
"They don't choreograph a lot of ballet in the (dance) department. They do a lot of modern," Cruger said.

Cruger plans to add to her piece for the dance department's Brown Bag performance in November.

Stephanie Brooks, a sophomore ballet major performing in Cruger's piece, said although the piece is not finished, it can stand alone.

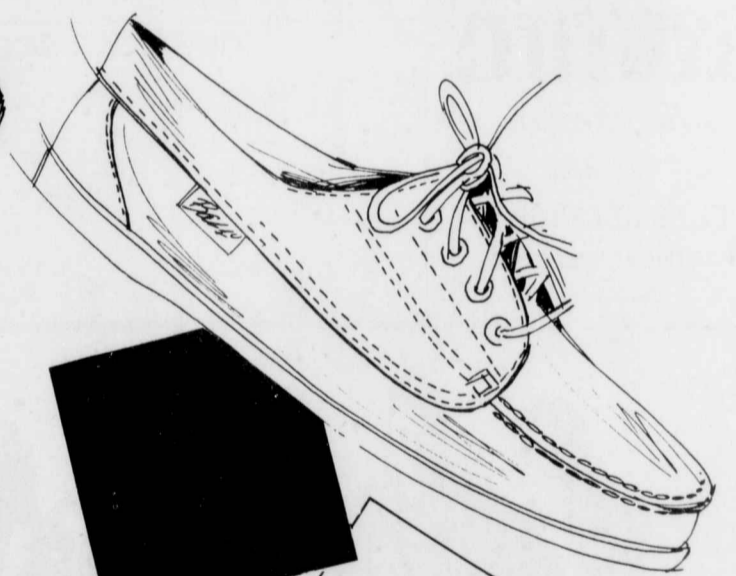
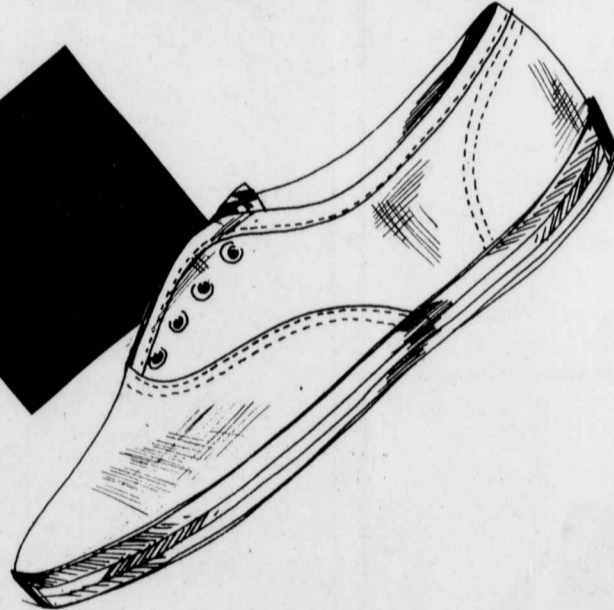
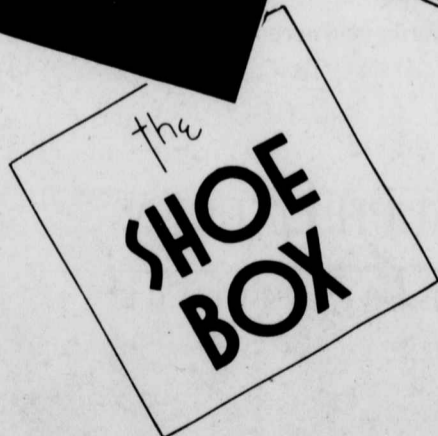
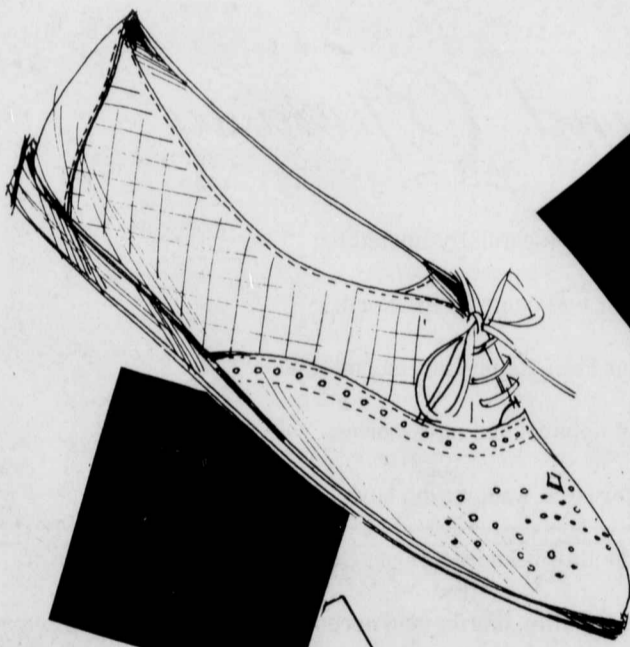
"I'm not in a classical ballet for the fall concert," Brooks said. "So this is a chance for me to do ballet and dance to some of my favorite music."

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Count Basie Orchestra

Basie jazz tradition endures

By ANDREA PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

A man about 65 years old came into Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium and sat down to watch the Count Basie Orchestra. He waited patiently, very still and quiet, for the concert to begin.

When the band began to play, a grin crept across the man's face. And as the band continued, the grin grew into a wide smile.

During the second number, the old man's foot began to tap with the beat. Then his head began to bob with the rhythm of the big band jazz.

By the fourth number, his hand was waving as if he were conducting the band himself from the 25th row of the auditorium.

"Happiness. That's the main objective," said trombonist Bill Hughes. "If you look out there and you're seeing someone who's really enjoying it, and you get the feeling that the music really makes them happy, then it's worthwhile," he said.

By Hughes' standards, the performance must have been worthwhile. According to Curtis Wilson's estimates, there were about 800 feet tapping and heads bobbing to the big band sound.

Wilson, an associate professor for jazz studies, said he has seen the band five times, and this was its strongest performance by far.

"The audience was beside itself, and the band picked up on that," Wilson said.

Fort Worth resident Bill Reed said

the performance by the Orchestra was "excellent."

Reed, who has seen the Count Basie Orchestra about 12 times, said he recommends that anyone who has the chance to see the band "within 100 miles or 200 miles" should see it.

"They're mixing old players with the new players. They're playing some of the new things and some of the old things," Reed said.

"I'd like the audience to recognize big band jazz as music of today," said Frank Foster, director of the Count Basie Orchestra.

Foster joined the band in 1953 as a saxophone player and stayed with Basie until 1964 when he started freelancing.

He was elected 22 years later by Count Basie Enterprises to be the band's director, Foster said.

Foster said very little has changed since he first joined the band.

"Since then the orchestrations have been more elaborate, more graphic, but the basic ingredients - simplicity and the swing - still remain," Foster said.

Chip Coons, a graduate assistant in the jazz department, said he could tell a difference in the band from the last time he heard it six years ago.

"There's a little more emphasis on the players in the band and a little less on the guy leading it since Basie's gone," Coons said.

"I don't think there's anything you'll ever hear that's finer than that," Coons said.

"Right now we're just as evil as we ever were," Foster said with a chuckle.

"A lot of people talk about big bands as the music of yesteryear," Foster said. "I'd like the audience to overcome the tendency of Americans to call something old because it wasn't invented now and realize the longevity of good music. It goes on forever."

"We're playing songs that are three decades old," Foster said. "But anything good is always good. And we'd like to be appreciated for the listenability and the danceability of the music."

"I wanted to dance," said Lee Barton who had not seen a big band before Friday's performance. "It was a good first time. I want to see them again if they're ever back."

"I see a big interest in a nostalgia-type thing with the dance bands re-occurring," said Daniel Stewart House, saxophone and flute player. "People want to dance to the music so there's a call for dance bands."

House, a 27-year-old Californian, has been with the Basie orchestra for four and a half years and plans to stay "as long as it's right."

"It's great to learn the characteristics of the Basie style from the actual guys who experienced (working with him)," he said. "Besides playing experience, I grew up with these guys showing me how to be a gentleman and not just a college kid."

Hughes, who joined the orchestra when he was 23 in 1953, said there really aren't enough bands around for musicians to get the experience of performing. Most of the big bands working today carry the name of a former leader such as Glen Miller and Count Basie, he said.

Pianist De Groot to perform in Landreth Hall Auditorium

By SHELLIE DAGOO
Staff Writer

Steven De Groot, artist-in-residence at TCU, will perform a piano recital at 8 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

The performance has been moved up from Oct. 24 because De Groot is going to Spain, South Africa and Taiwan and will not return until November.

The 1977 Van Cliburn Gold Medalist, who has been called "a superior pianist" by *The New York Times*, is scheduled to play several piano pieces.

De Groot will begin the concert with Beethoven's Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 7.

Two Schubert works - Four Impromptus, D 935, and Drei Klavierstücke, D 946 - will be next on the schedule.

The concert will end with Ravel's Gaspard de la Nuit.

"They're among my favorite pieces," said De Groot.

The South African-born pianist graduated in 1971 from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, Belgium, where he won his first prize with highest distinction.

He studied at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia with Rudolph

Serkin, Mieczyslaw Horszowski and Seymour Lipkin.

De Groot said he had no idea if he would ever return to South Africa to live.

"The availability of a career in solo piano is not what people think it is," De Groot said.

"The biggest shame is that nobody wants to do it because they love it," he said. "They all want to do it to succeed. Success becomes more important than the love (for music)."

"This has created competition. The (large) number of people who are in competition have eliminated the possibilities (for success)."

"There are so many people out there doing it that there's no room for anybody to actually make a living performing solo. Except for a few. You'd be surprised how few," De Groot said.

He said he pursued a musical career because, like so many students, he was unaware of the competitiveness of the business.

"I had a privileged musical education because my family performed regularly. I grew up without any fear of performing," he said.

De Groot comes from a family of professional musicians. His father is a violinist and conductor of Cape Town University Symphony in South

Africa.

His two brothers - Andre, a cellist, and Oliver, a clarinetist - also are respected musicians.

De Groot began at a young age to play solo and chamber music concerts throughout Europe and South Africa with his father and brother.

"I teach piano to my students because I assume they want to learn how to play," De Groot said.

"The reality of career opportunities is a myth, and it would be wrong for me to tell my students otherwise. The problem is, when I try to enlighten my students, most of them don't want to hear," De Groot said. "They nod earnestly, but they're not listening."

"It's not like law or medical school. The entrance requirements for those are very rigid. For music school it's practically non-existent. It (music) is a liberal art in the sense that anyone can do it."

"You need to study music for about 25 years before you can become good enough to enter the professional world. Then you find that professional world does not exist."

"If you're not doing it for the love of music, you shouldn't do it," De Groot said. "But if you're doing it for love... I'll teach you piano."

Cruise plays veteran in 'Fourth of July'

By ROBIN NOBLE
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Staff Writers

Tom Cruise and Oliver Stone held a press conference announcing the filming of a new movie about the life of a Vietnam veteran Thursday morning.

"The Fourth of July" will star Tom Cruise and portray Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic's life. The movie will be filmed in Dallas beginning Oct. 12.

Cruise has starred in "Top Gun," "The Color of Money" and "Cocktail."

Stone's most recent directorial project "Wall Street" followed his Oscar-winning "Platoon."

The reason for this movie is to "turn our hurt into hopefulness, and our wounds into wisdom," said Kovic. "We did not let this tragedy (the Vietnam war) stop us from living."

"It's about his (Kovic's) life, and I want to portray him accurately to teach this story to my generation," Cruise said.

"We want to tell the truth to the American people. We want them to know what happened there and what happened when we came home, so it

will never happen again," said Stone, a veteran of the Vietnam war.

Kovic was born on July 4, 1946. In 1964, he went to Vietnam.

He returned as a paraplegic to a country divided by the war, and found adjusting to American society difficult in the wake of the controversy over the war.

"Everyone here was busy making money. It wasn't that we got off the plane and were yelled at or spit on. It was that we got off the plane and no one noticed," Kovic said.

Cruise said preparing for the role of Ron Kovic has been an intense process, especially the portion of the movie when Kovic is in a wheelchair.

"I've got a new appreciation for the wheelchair - an appreciation for the disabled," he said.

"Whenever I have a problem shooting a scene, I just call Ron and he helps me out," Cruise said.

Stone will direct and co-produce the film with Alex Ho. The two also worked together on "Platoon," "Talk Radio," and "Wall Street."

Dallas was chosen as the main filming location because it is easily disguised as Long Island, Miami, Syracuse, and other east coast locations

portrayed in the movie. The film will eventually move to the Philippines for action filming, Stone said.

Stone said he likes the talent in Dallas. Dallas-based casting director Ed Johnson said there are 104 speaking and feature roles performed by Dallas actors.

Filming in Dallas will save approximately \$3 to \$4 million over filming in New York or Los Angeles. The movie has an approximate budget of \$15 million, he said.

Cruise would not say where he is staying in Dallas during the filming. He also would not disclose the amount he is being paid for the part.

It has taken 10 years to get the movie to Dallas for the actual filming, with the production phase beginning in 1978.

According to Stone, Al Pacino had originally been cast to play Kovic, but two other directors did not work out and the project seemed to be falling apart.

The projected cost for the movie at that point was \$6 million and that was too much at the time, Stone said.

Kovic will coach Cruise on and off the set with the more difficult scenes.

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The Holiday Bounce dates back to 1938 when it was known as the Custard Bubble, said the ride operator.

The ride was built in Cuba and was renovated sometime in the 60s. Tucker is the third owner.

It's the people like Tucker who enchant the empty shell of the midway and bring it back to life for the tremendous crowds of gawking spectators and laughing children. But the constant travel that comes with the job is nothing to laugh about.

"You get tired - it's hard," he said.

"Most of the people you meet, you never see again. Sometimes workers follow a similar trail, and you meet again somewhere down the road at the next fair.

"If there was another fair, say in Beaumont, then when you get there from here, there might be others you meet here," he said.

Tucker has been all over the United States and Canada following the same

endless trail of carnivals and fairs that brought him to the State Fair of Texas with his wife and son.

"My other son now has his own ride business, so he isn't with us here," he said.

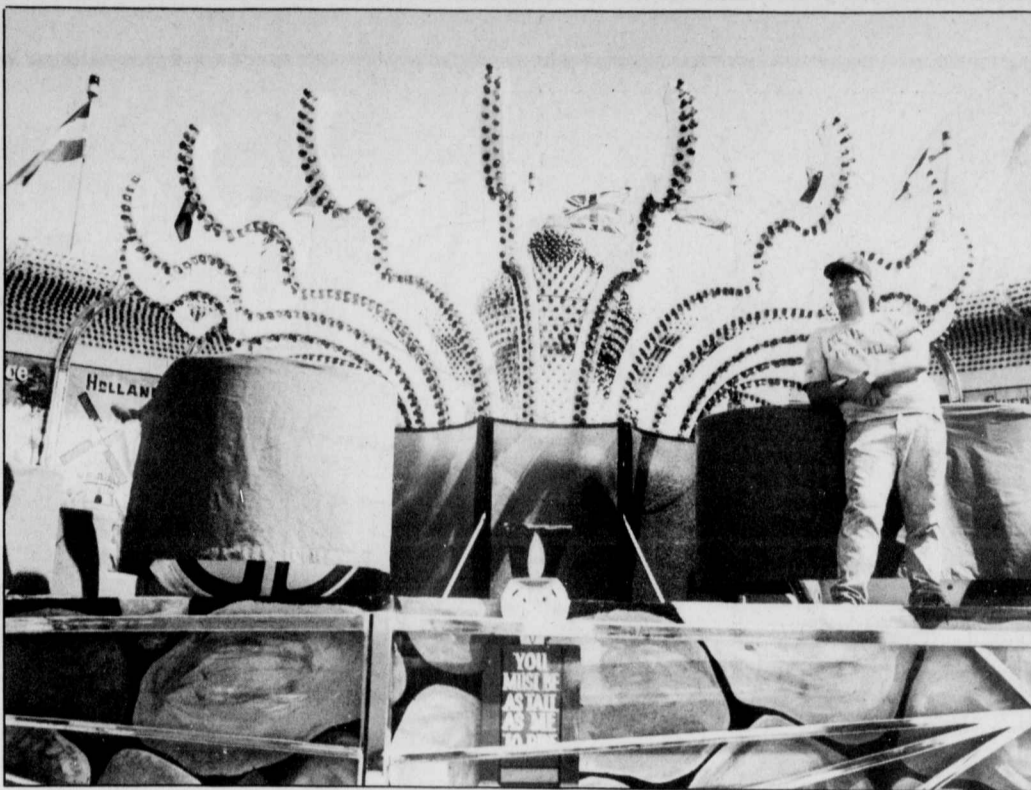
Thus, the tradition of father to son continues.

Tucker's new rides operator, who did not wish to be named, joined Tucker on this trip.

A recent high school graduate from New Jersey, he said he joined the carnival atmosphere because "you get to travel around and see some things," he said.

There are plenty of things for a youth from New Jersey to see this year at the fair, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. beginning Friday through Oct. 23.

The midway boasts its usual conglomeration of rides, games, foods and attractions ranging from "lobster people" to "the world's smallest



Fair day - A ride operator takes time out of his busy day to take a break by one of the oldest rides in Dallas.

man."

At the Music Hall, a rendition of "Elvis: An American Musical" promises to thrill Elvis fans and non-Elvis fans alike.

Plenty of animals will grace the fair too.

The traditional State Fair Horse Show boasts a line-up of palominos, Arabians and appaloosas, as well as miniature horses.

The newest additions to the livestock activities are performance and halter classes for llamas and draft horses.

Other highlights of the exposition include a 15,000 square-foot pavilion

housing art, handcrafted products and manufactured goods from the People's Republic of China.

On Saturday, the Texas-Oklahoma football game will kick off at 1:40 p.m., in the Cotton Bowl, next to the midway.

In the Creative Arts Building there will be a celebrity and family look-alike contest, a pie contest and a Texas cake walk.

Fair-goers also will enjoy daily entertainment, fashion shows and cooking demonstrations.

But the main attraction, the traditional midway, will be carried on as long as there are people like Terry

Tucker.

"Any job is fun if you like what you're doing," he said.

The rule for his business is the same as for any business, he said.

"Try to treat people how you expect to be treated and things work out," he said.

But when the last weekend is over and the fair fades away like the end of a cowboy movie into a blazing Texas sunset, Tucker will go fading away with it, riding on a small black motorcooler and wearing a red cap that says it all: "Holiday Amusements."

U.S., allies plan for space station

By **SHELLEY VANDALL**
Staff Writer

The same day the Space Shuttle Discovery put America back in space, the United States and 11 allied countries signed an agreement to build a \$23 billion permanently-manned space station.

The station, known as Space Station Freedom, will serve as a stepping-stone for human exploration of the solar system.

The United States is contributing \$16 billion to the program, and the other partners are contributing more than \$7 billion.

The station will be designed, developed, operated and used by all of the partners, including the United States, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Great Britain.

Ken Morgan, associate professor of geology, said one reason the United States agreed to build the station with

the allies is that the program will be so costly.

"It's hard to justify politically with the budget deficit," Morgan said. "When we have problems with housing and homeless people, the space program becomes a political football. Even for a country like ours, it's a big drain on resources."

Richard Lysiak, associate professor of physics, said another benefit of working with other countries is that the other scientists will bring more expertise to the project.

"The more international cooperation you get, the more scientific ideas you get," he said.

Morgan said he believes the success of the space station lies in pooling resources with others, including human resources, vital natural resources and money.

He added that the United States has always had an "open skies" policy, whereby other countries can help fund the programs and share in benefits such as access to photographs

and new technological advances.

Morgan said NASA should focus on the "commercialization of space" - allowing companies to invest in the space program so they can use the technology that is developed in space.

For example, certain chemical extracts needed for research can be developed much cheaper in the absence of gravity, he said.

"We have to be concerned about the welfare of the people on Earth, both in the developed and underdeveloped countries," Morgan said. "This research contributes to the welfare of the human population. The space station isn't just for looking at funny asteroids."

NASA predicts that construction of the space station should be completed by 1998, although it will be permanently inhabited from late 1996 on, according to current plans.

In the meantime, NASA has already scheduled seven shuttle flights to be completed by 1989. Discovery's sister ship, Atlantis, is sche-

duled to roll onto the launch pad in late October.

Future shuttle crews will be dispatching spacecrafts to orbit Venus and Jupiter, deploying a communications satellite, and completing classified defense department missions.

Ralph Carter, assistant professor of political science, said rumor has it that the classified missions might involve spy satellites, "killer" satellites, and laser testing for the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars).

"It is easy to presume that some of these classified shuttle missions are designed to help us catch up with what the Soviets are doing," Carter said.

Morgan said, while he would prefer NASA to be less military-oriented and more open to working with industry, he realizes that the defense program has a place in the space program.

"We know the Russians are working on the same programs," Morgan said. "If we don't keep up with them, we could lose space."

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they should spell out the role of the executive committee members.

The Select Committee on Divestment presented its answer to the charges made by the Senate. The answer included intentions to facilitate discussions on the issues of divestment and to present information about the issues to the university community.

The Select Committee on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination presented its revision of the policy on sexual harassment to the Senate for its approval.

Important parts of the policy were highlighted for consideration before discussion at the next meeting.

The Search Committee Document for Administrative Positions Above the Level of Department Chair has received a response from Chancellor Bill Tucker and will be discussed at the next meeting.

More students live in dorms this semester

By **MELISSA DORMAN**
Staff Writer

A new record for residential living at TCU is being set this fall with more than 2,997 students living on campus.

"The primary reason is that in the past years we've been so crowded that we've turned people away," said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "This year, especially in men's housing, we were able to accept more students."

Approximately 56 percent of all full-time undergraduates, live on campus.

There are 1,847 women housed on campus, the largest number in history. There are fewer freshman males in residence this fall, causing an overall decline of 4.4 percent in freshmen living on campus, Mills said in a housing report.

The opening of Moncrief Hall relieved the problem of overcrowding in residence halls.

For the first time in several years, the occupancy rate is lower, at 94.2 percent of optimal capacity.

The extra space will be used for study areas and to provide single rooms for students who want more privacy, the report said.

Moncrief Hall houses both men and women, with 50 spaces designated for women, Mills said.

The number of transfer students who live on campus has increased by 19.3 percent, from 88 students last fall to 105 this semester.

Women occupy 101.7 percent of the available female residence hall spaces, with some rooms accommodating three students and some residential advisers having roommates.

Men's residence halls are at 86.9 percent capacity.

Fraternity residence halls are occupied at 82.7 percent of capacity and sorority halls are at 95 percent of capacity.

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know more of the students on a personal basis.

"It's always rewarding to stay at one school for a period of time to watch the students change and mature from freshmen to seniors," Choate said.

"It will be a big loss," said Holly Crews, a work/study student. "He gave a real personal touch to the office. It will take a while to adjust."

Choate is very optimistic about the future of the TCU center.

"We've worked on many improvements including an alumni information referral program and a long-term plan to computerize the office," Choate said. "I enjoy the environment, the students and the people I work with. It's been an interesting and productive year."

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