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House Parliamentarian Hartman resigns, Behar announces

By **MARICARMEN EROLES**
Staff Writer

President Lee Behar announced during the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday that Parliamentarian Andy Hartman had resigned.

"He (Hartman) took an internship with Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, and there was some conflict with the hours," Behar said.

A new parliamentarian will be appointed next Monday during the executive board meeting, he said.

Applications are being accepted, and the only requirement is that the applicant has had some parliamentary experience, he said.

The responsibilities of the parliamentarian are to attend executive board meetings on Mondays, assist the president with administrative and parliamentary procedure, and attend the meetings on Tuesday, Behar said.

In other business, the House passed a bill to sponsor a mock presidential election.

The bill had been tabled two con-

secutive times so the Elections and Regulations Committee could revise its format.

The revised version includes the names of the presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties and their vice presidential candidates; a box for other -for the people who would vote for the Libertarian and the Black Extremist parties; and a box for undecided voters.

The voting will take place during the election of the Homecoming Queen and her escort on a separate

ballot.

Geoff Turner, Elections and Regulations Committee chairman, said the committee had agreed this was the most representative decision.

"This was the most representative selection, and people who want to voice their opinion can do so by marking 'other,'" he said.

Also, \$892 was allocated to the Student Nurse's Association to send two of its members to the annual mid-year conference.

Liz Kasperek, Ad Hoc Lobbying Committee chairwoman and author of

the bill, said the House should support the bill because it is within its goals to support groups that will give TCU recognition outside the community.

"It would encourage members of the organization to be more and do more," she said.

The bill that would have allocated \$400 to the University Relations Committee to buy purple and white Horned Frog Spirit pens for Homecoming did not make it through the Finance Committee.

Behar said the Finance Committee

had decided the House could figure out a better way to spend the \$400.

But the executive board thought the pens were a good idea and decided during their meeting on Monday to take the money from the Executive Board Publicity Fund, Behar said.

The executive board also has an Administrative Fund to cover such expenses as name tags, name plates, and expenditures that the House has to make, but that do not require the approval of the entire House, he said.

Group renamed, emphasis altered

Racism replaces divestment focus

By **JULIE BETTINGER**
Staff Writer

Students for a Democratic South Africa traded its old name and image this semester for a new one in an attempt to increase student involvement.

SDSA was changed to Students Against Racism Today, or START, and the focus of the club shifted from divestment in South Africa to racism throughout the world.

"Last year, SDSA died," said Guido Climer, organizer of START. "The divestment issue became stagnant."

SDSA was just protesting and not achieving anything, Climer said.

"It (the protests) put us in a bad light," he said. "We decided to become more moderate."

"It was a matter of expanding the base of issues and the students concerned about these issues," said Claudia Camp, assistant professor of religion-studies and adviser for START.

The divestment issue was legitimate, Camp said, but so many issues deal with racism that it is important to

work "on our own turf too."

Climer wants START to promote awareness of racism by trying to stop it within the individual first.

"You work within yourself, so you're aware of yourself and how you stand on racism," Climer said.

"I'm concerned about racism," said Tamara Grau, a freshman theater and TV major and a member of START. "You can still be a Christian and be prejudiced."

Climer would like to see more minority involvement in START.

Last year, minority students came to SDSA meetings on "rare occasions," said Patti Pattison, a junior religion-studies major.

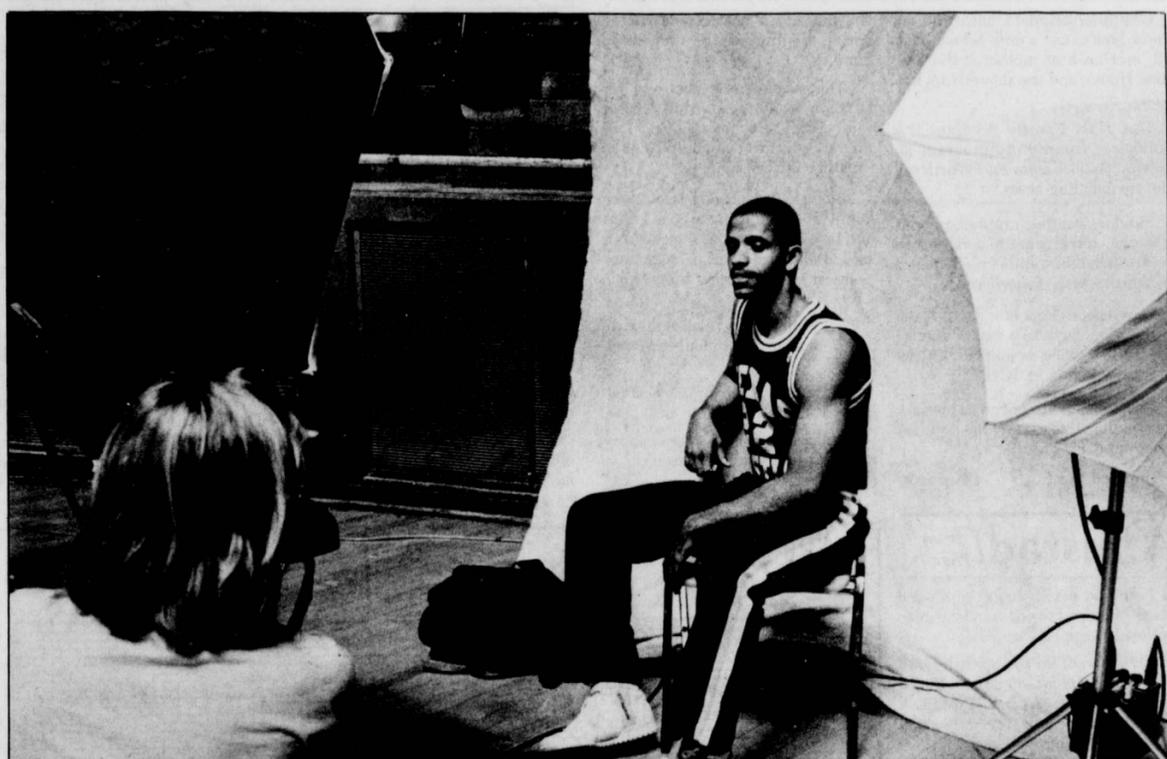
So far this year no minority members have joined START, but START members are attending minority functions, Pattison said.

"I think we have to be careful not to get discouraged" about the lack of minority participation, she said.

Derrick Rodgers, president of Black Student Caucus, said START members had only attended one or two meetings.

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Getting mugged - Freshman Frog forward Derik Martin gets his picture taken for future mugshot references by Star-Telegram photographer Joyce Marshall during Media Day Tuesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Amistad performs

Group touts Latin American tunes

By **ANDREA PHILLIPS**
Staff Writer

Not many people have heard of the classical Latin American music group Amistad.

Not many people know that they gave a concert Monday as part of the TCU Music Series.

But one man, an architect and owner of a print shop, approached the founder of the group, Ruben Torres, and offered his services to the musicians.

"He said, 'I like what you are doing. I believe in it, and I would like to help you in any way I can,'" Torres said.

Most likely, more people will hear about Amistad through posters and advertisements, and more people will know about the next concert Amistad plays.

Amistad is trying to make audiences aware that there is Latin American classical music and several kinds of it from several countries, Torres said.

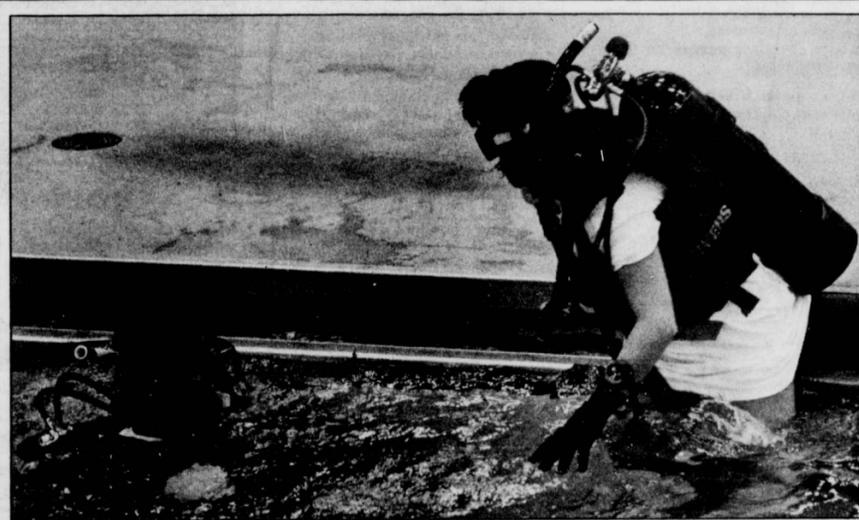
Since its formation in 1982, Amistad has been successful on a minor scale, he said.

"A lot of times, when we perform in places, people react very favorably," Torres said. "Even though they're hearing it for the first time, they like it. That's a positive sign."

The music performed by the five-member group is very much like the classical music played in America. Torres compared it to the works of Aaron Copland.

The program in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Monday night consisted

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Under pressure - Rob Colwell, left, and Shelly Lamb, right, prepare for their open water check during the Monday night scuba class.

Four inducted Friday

to sports Hall of Fame

By **REGINA ANDERSON**
Sports Editor

TCU Lettermen's Association has added four new members to its Hall of Fame.

Former Horned Frogs Mike Renfro, Lyle Blackwood Jr., Dr. Don L. Smith Jr. and Elbert "Flash" Walker were inducted into the Hall of Fame last Friday at the Ridgela Country Club.

"This is a great honor," said John Grace, executive secretary for the Lettermen's Association. "We don't take it lightly."

Grace said the selection process is a three-fold process that begins in June and is usually completed by the first of August.

The selection is based 50 percent on athletic ability while at TCU, 25 percent on contribution to TCU athletics after the athlete leaves, (this includes fund-raising and committee work), and 25 percent on community standing.

Four nominees are chosen, including one that has been out of school for 40 years. The other three have to be out at least ten years.

Blackwood lettered in football from 1971 to '72 and earned All-Southwest Conference recognition following both seasons.

He still holds records for most interception return yardage for a game and a season.

Blackwood was drafted originally by the Denver Broncos but has played for Cincinnati Bengals, Seattle Seahawks, Baltimore Colts and Miami Dolphins.

He played 14 years in the National Football League and was the starting free safety for Miami in two Super Bowl games.

Renfro played high school football at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth.

He earned All-Southwest Conference honors as a receiver from 1975 through '77.

Renfro was the Horned Frogs' leading receiver for three consecutive years. He holds the record for the most pass receptions in a season with 50.

He was drafted by the Houston Oilers and played six seasons before being traded to the Dallas Cowboys.

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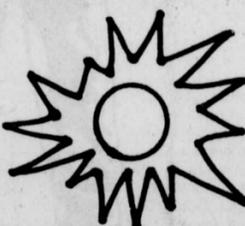
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Today's weather according to the National Weather Service is sunny with high temperatures in the mid-70s and lows in the mid-50s, northeast winds at 10 mph. Thursday's forecast is continued sunny with highs in the upper 70s, cooler at night.

Three from TCU attend conference on business

By **ROBIN SHERMER**
Staff Writer

A trio of TCU students was among 200 students to attend the 14th annual Business Tomorrow Conference in Washington D.C. Oct. 2 through 4 to meet with 200 of the nation's top business executives.

Kristin Chambers, Melissa Garretson and Melissa Sargent were chosen to represent TCU at the conference entitled "Election '88" sponsored by the Foundation for Student Communication.

"The conference puts students in touch with high level business executives in order to discuss ideas and to get people to understand business better," said Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students.

The main part of the three-day conference was the small group discussions on topics like the budget deficit, mergers and their effects, government regulation and its effect on business and the trade deficit and how to improve it, said Chambers, an accounting major.

"It showed me the difference between the textbook and real life,"

Chambers said. "The people there brought out so many points a textbook would not have taught me."

Pre-med major Sargent said the executives and chief executive officers were very receptive to the students' ideas and questions.

"I came away understanding that business has a wider surface than I thought," Sargent said. "It is a combination of political policy, national and international interests."

The students also listened to lectures given by top executives such as Malcolm Forbes Jr., president of Forbes Inc., and Robert Kennedy, chairman and CEO of Union Carbide.

"I learned that business and businesses affect the whole country instead of just a community or the business world," said Garretson, also a pre-med major.

The 200 students who were invited to the conference were chosen from a group of 2,000 from schools across the nation, Proffer said. Each school sends in 10 applications to the conference, and the students are chosen based on outstanding leadership.

Tickets on sale for Kirkpatrick talk on trade

By **KAREN FROST**
Staff Writer

Tickets for a lecture by Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.N. ambassador, will go on sale today at the Student Center Information Desk.

Kirkpatrick is scheduled to speak in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

"She (Kirkpatrick) is going to talk about world trade and how it relates to the affairs of nations," said Laura Puckett Student Activities program coordinator.

This is a four-part lecture series sponsored by Programming Council and AT&T with a topic focused specifically on international trade, said Andy Black, chairman of Programming Council's Forums Committee.

AT&T provided a grant of \$25,000 for a distinguished lecture series on world trade, said Jan Strakele, AT&T's public relations supervisor.

AT&T provided the initial \$25,000 for two programs for the fall semester. There is a possible chance of another \$25,000 for the spring semester under the same topic, international trade, said Don Coerver, associate professor of history and chairman of the department.

"The question of how international trade affects domestic, political and economical affairs is the focus for the series," Coerver said.

"We are anxious for our students, faculty and general public to come to understand the complexities of American competition," said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for University Relations.

"We talk of losing this competition, and many people have opinions about it. This lecture series will give people an opportunity to provide their informed opinions on the topic of international trade," Lauer said.

Kirkpatrick will be the first speaker for the AT&T Distinguished Lecture Series, Coerver said.

President Reagan has said Kirkpatrick "stands a giant among the diplomats of the world... The vision, courage and statesmanship contributed to the free world by women like Margaret Thatcher and Golda Meir

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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.

William C. Conner Foundation's Education Fund meeting at 4 p.m. on Thursday in Tandy Hall Room 126.

Cinema Soiree from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday at 110 E. Third St. Underground film festival sponsored by Tarrant County Arts Alliance. Call 927-8722 for more information.

Please Keep Off The Grass: The Recreational Sports Department asks that no one use the East Intramural Field while it is being renovated.

Biology Seminar at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3. Topic: The cellular regulation of tooth eruption.

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

Canterbury meeting at 7 p.m. today at Trinity Episcopal Church. Everyone welcome. Call 923-6482 for more information.

Pre-Law Association meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 222. Call 921-7468 for more information.

Washington Internship Program meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Woodson Room. All majors welcome. Call 921-7468 for more information.

Rudolf Firkusny to perform Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium as part of Cliburn Concert Series.

William C. Conner Foundation's Educational Funds informational meeting for all interested students at 4 p.m. Thursday at Tandy Hall Room 126.

"Fall Break": Mid-Semester Break is Friday. No classes held, but campus offices will be open.

Film "Cry Freedom" to be shown Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50.

Jean Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations will speak Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission \$2 for TCU students, \$5 for TCU faculty/staff. Tickets available at the Student Center Information Desk. Call 921-7928 for more information.

NEWSlines

KINGSVILLE - Recently appointed U.S. Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos returned to his hometown Tuesday to speak at Texas A&I University and later at his alma mater, H.M. King High School.

SPACE CENTER, Houston - The five Discovery astronauts, finished with a week of official debriefings here, talked with reporters Tuesday afternoon about their nearly flawless four-day mission.

FORT WORTH - New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and Texas Gov. Bill Clements arrived here Tuesday to salute House Speaker Jim Wright, nearing the end of his controversy-filled first term.

DALLAS - Three unions representing construction workers have agreed to drop a lawsuit against the city and a symphony hall construction manager in return for a promise that workers will not be subjected to any more sweeping drug searches.

DALLAS - Attorneys for billionaire H. Ross Perot returned to a state district courtroom Tuesday to fight claims by his two former corporate allies that he violated a covenant not to compete with the companies.

Author explains shifting role of women

By **SUSAN BESZE**
Staff Writer

During the 1960s, a family could expect to spend \$34,000 raising a child to the age of 18. Today, raising a child to the same age could cost at least \$135,000.

Such inflation is only one of many factors contributing to two decades of dramatic change in the contemporary view of the role of the American woman, said Maxine Margolis Thursday.

Margolis, author of "Mothers and Such: Views of American Women and Why They Changed" spoke to about 50 TCU faculty, students and visitors

in a public lecture in Sid Richardson Building Lecture Hall 1 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The presentation, "As Time Goes By: Changing Women's Roles in the U.S.," was sponsored by the department of sociology and funded by the TCU Research Committee.

"The major reason for the retention of a constant standard of living is women's willingness to work. It's crucial," said Margolis, a professor of anthropology at the University of Florida.

A woman 20 years ago only worked if it was necessary financially - there were very few women out for self-perpetuation, Margolis said.

"You were either a full-time wife and mother or a feminist neurotic," she said.

Approximately one-half of American women with children under three years old now hold jobs - a 52 percent increase over the last decade.

Margolis said an indirect result of having the married middle-class woman present in the work force has been an expansion of the conception of fatherhood.

"The mother-child diad has transformed into a triad to include the father," Margolis said. "During the 50s, 10 books were published on fathers and fatherhood, whereas from 1980 to 1986, 61 books were pub-

lished."

Even baby products have gotten on the paternal bandwagon, with the handles of strollers being placed higher and diaper bags being made less frilly, Margolis said.

Eighty percent of "expectant fathers" are now present in the delivery room with their wives, compared to 20 percent in the 1960s.

This increasing trend toward fatherhood does not reflect shortcomings of working mothers, Margolis said.

Children of working mothers were found to be more self-reliant and less anxious than children of mothers who were home all the time.

Hosts, internationals share culture

By **JULIE BETTINGER**
Staff Writer

When freshman Kelvin Yip arrived in the United States from Hong Kong, he did not understand the American use of courtesy titles.

"My host family helped me to know what to call them," Yip said. "They said it was okay to call them by their first names as long as the respect was still shown."

The TCU Host Family Program helps international students deal with homesickness, culture shock and fright, said Vicky Schoch, coordinator of the program.

Host families also explain national holidays and introduce international students to U.S. and Texas culture, Schoch said.

"Host families ease the adjustment (of international students) to American life and school," she said.

One international student did not know how to use a fork, Schoch said. He met his host mother at the Pancake House, and she showed him how to use one.

The Host Family Program is a volunteer-community program involving families from Fort Worth and the surrounding areas.

Singles, couples, retired people, doctors, travel agents and pastors make up the 132 families participating in the program, Schoch said.

"Anyone can be a host family," she said. "They have to agree to contact the student twice a month for as long as the student is at TCU."

Host families are not given to every international student. The student must apply for one.

The program hosts a barbecue in

the fall and a potluck meal in the spring to introduce the students and families.

"The number one goal of a host family is to offer friendship," Schoch said. "They are not to help in immigration matters of any type or job (matters) or loan money."

"Being a student and so far from my family, it's comforting to go to a house and be with adults and see children," said Mahilet Bekele, a sophomore political science major from Mexico City.

The host family relationship can continue after the student leaves college.

"My father still keeps in touch with his host mother," Bekele said.

"It (the host family) doesn't always work out, but when it does it can be really special," she said.

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have now been matched by Jean Kirkpatrick, one of our own."

For the second part of the series, in late November or early December, there will be a faculty symposium of John Bohon, associate professor of history, discussing United States and Japanese competition and John Harvey, assistant professor of economics, discussing United States trade and policy coordination, Coerver and Lauer both said.

"This lecture series can continue if the TCU Forums Committee does a good job and there is good public support for the awareness of the program," Black said.

Prices for the tickets are \$2 for students with an ID and \$5 for faculty and staff.

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of flute and piano duets, violin and piano duets and soprano and baritone performances.

If it were not for the Spanish lyrics sung by Amistad members Karen Earnest and J. Arden Hopkin, a listener might not recognize the music as foreign.

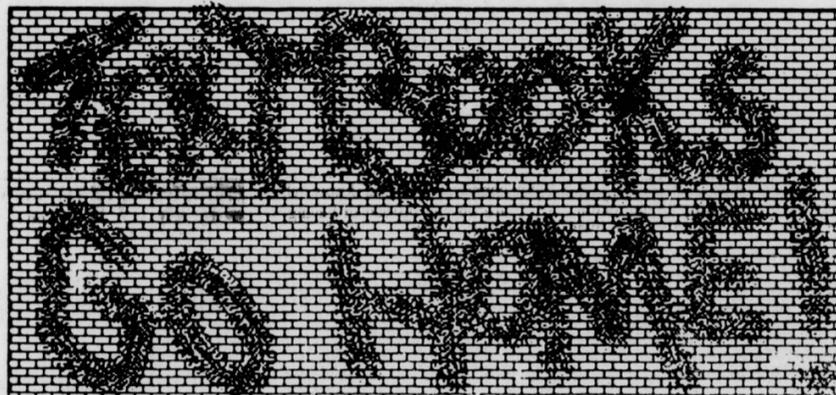
"Eighty percent of the program's tunes come from folk music and popular music that has been recomposed and recreated in a classical manner," Torres said.

The Mexican Embassy, in supporting Amistad's efforts, has invited the group to perform at the Dallas Museum of Art at the opening of the Mexican exhibit on Oct. 23, Torres said.

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TCU faculty/staff, \$5

Tickets available at the Student Center Information Desk beginning Wednesday, October 12. Remaining tickets will be offered to the general public next week.

The lecture is part of a series on World Trade and Its Impact on Human Relationships made possible by a grant from AT&T.



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Commentary

Our View Bad time for a visit

By most people's standards, Parents Weekend was a success. But for those who still had exams the following week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday were an academic disaster if they had to spend the weekend with Mom and Dad.

Not only was there no study time available for the students whose parents came to TCU, but parents and other visitors took advantage of the weekend to tour Mary Coats Burnett Library as well as the Student Center reading room, much to the chagrin of studying students.

The problem rests neither with the parents who visit nor with the students who have exams.

It is a matter of planning.

Parents Weekend should be held earlier or later in the semester than mid-October.

This is the time for mid-term exams - the first tests and papers students are having in some classes. Enough stress exists for students trying to study without being distracted by their parents or their friends' parents.

By holding Parents Weekend even a few weeks earlier, such as the first weekend in October, students would still have an opportunity to adjust to college life.

Also, with fall break this weekend, many students have already made plans to go home and see their family. Scheduling Parents Weekend further away from fall break would give students a chance to space visits with family and friends.

With careful planning and a few changes by the administration, both parents and classes would get the attention they deserve.

Legalization of drugs is not just saying yes

By MELINDA SPENCER
Guest Columnist

In Friday's *Skiff*, Leif Anderson wrote that he "shudders at the thought" of Kitty Dukakis becoming the first lady because she considers the legalization of drugs.

Anderson alleges that legalizing drugs is tantamount to saying yes to drugs. I ask him to look at the drug problem in this country today.

Even after spending billions of dollars and sacrificing hundreds of lives in the battle against drugs, we have lost. The war against drugs is over. Drugs won.

According to *U.S. News and World Report* estimates, there are 1.2 million addicts and 23 million recreational users in the United States. We have lost against drugs when the wholesale price of cocaine in the United States is now at its lowest point in years, and the nation's consumption of cocaine and crack has more than doubled since 1982. Moreover, drug-related homicides are soaring.

Will a lower-class youth just say no when he can make \$1000 a week dealing?

Decriminalizing drug use is not equivalent to saying yes to drugs, as Anderson assumes, but involves redirecting our resources in alleviating the problem of drugs. For example, legalizing drugs is estimated to cut police costs by 75 percent, thereby allowing police more time and money to work in other areas.

Removing the criminality would basically eliminate the black market that breeds gangs and drug rings. Our prisons are overcrowded with drug users, and 85 percent of the cases in the courts are drug-related. Legalizing drugs would eliminate the profit

motive which would decrease drug-related crime and free our courts from the burden of victimless crimes.

According to ABC news, estimated revenues that the government would receive from the sale of drugs is \$14 to 42 billion. With this money, we could educate the public about the hazards of drugs and rehabilitate the problem users.

Through government regulation, the danger of drugs could be reduced. The consumers would know what they are buying instead of having to put their faith in strangers who might sell them drugs laced with poison. Today, ten-year-old children can buy drugs from crack houses where they are unable to view even a stranger, seeing only fingertips extending a vial from a 6-inch slot.

Perhaps the tragic deaths of the casual user, such as Len Bias and David Croudip, special-teams captain for the Atlanta Falcons who died Sunday of a cocaine overdose, could be prevented through government regulation. Also, the threat of AIDS could be reduced by the government administering sterile needles.

The method of legalization worked with alcohol since the repeal of the Volstead Act in 1933. However, opponents of legalizing drugs argue that drugs are more harmful than alcohol.

Little evidence supports this claim. In fact, ABC News reports that 100,000 people have died yearly in alcohol-related deaths, 350,000 in nicotine-related deaths and only 5,000 to 6,000 in drug-related deaths.

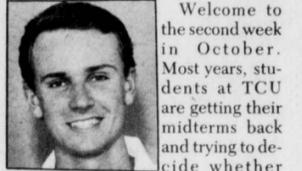
Facing the drug problem in a different arena is not condoning drugs, but it is having courage to admit a failure and the determination to search other areas for a solution.

Melinda Spencer is a senior sociology major.



Previous deadline was fine

By CHUCK HENDLEY
Columnist



Welcome to the second week in October. Most years, students at TCU are getting their midterms back and trying to decide whether

there is any chance of their pulling grades up in certain classes, or whether those classes should be dropped. Not this year, though.

This year, Friday, Sept. 30, was the last day to withdraw from a class for the fall semester. For those of you who were students here last year, this may have come as quite a surprise because this date has moved up considerably from last year.

Now I just want to know why. The decision stemmed from a proposal from the Faculty Senate, but it seems to me that students were never even consulted and asked about moving the date up.

A decision such as this, with the potential to affect such a large number of students, should require more input from students than what was received.

Even though I have never had to drop a class at TCU past the first couple of days, I think students should have more than a month to determine whether or not they are going to remain in a class, and if the time ever comes for me to drop a class late in the semester, I want to have that option.

Last year the drop date for classes was Friday, October 30, a whole month later.

This year students had a little over a month to base their decision on, compared to 2 months last year. Many students had received no graded work by Sept. 30, thus having no indication of how they were doing. There is no way for a student to come to a sensible conclusion in this sort of time frame, and I think that this may be hard for some professors to comprehend.

We all have seen the students who think they can goof off for half the semester before seeing if they have a chance to pass the class. Those people might deserve an earlier drop deadline.

There are many cases, though, where this is not true, and there are some students who will be unnecessarily hurt by this. Every student has surely experienced a class where the professor's lecture and the readings made perfect sense, and there was a feeling of confidence entering the exam room followed by a feeling of utter dread upon realizing that the professor's exam is nothing like what was expected.

When students, or parents of students, are paying \$600 plus for a class, the dropping of a class should be their choice, and should not be determined by the faculty.

If there is no way to convince people of this, then professors need to provide some sort of basis for students to see what their current grade is looking like, giving them the opportunity to make a reasonable decision on whether or not to stay in a class.

Letter to the Editor

Tri-Delt insult

We strongly protest the banner and posters placed around campus by Delta Delta Delta sorority as a "show of spirit" for the Rice vs. TCU football game. The sorority's portrayal of Orientals on these posters was insulting and in extremely poor taste.

The image portrayed was of three bucktoothed Orientals wearing conical bamboo hats. This stereotype dates back to the days of World War II and has no place on this campus or, for that matter, anywhere in the United States today.

We are troubled by the warped and insensitive demeaning of another racial/ethnic group and

culture as displayed on these posters. In the future, any organization should seriously consider the effects of such racist depictions of other people before publicly displaying posters or banners for all to see.

Delta Delta Delta owes this campus an apology.

Roberto Trevizo
Sophomore/nursing

Christine De La Rosa
Freshman/business pre-major

Multiculturalism and misuse

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



It was March of my freshman year when I first became aware of the word 'multiculturalism.' The word was used on a poster advertising a lecture that would be given by Dr. Alvin Pouissant, an adviser to the "Cosby Show" and a recognized expert in the field of multicultural relations.

Back then I did not pay much attention to the word; it was nothing more than an advertisement to me. In fact, it was not until last March that I was again exposed to 'multiculturalism.' This time the circumstances were such that I was more or less required to pay attention to the word.

Multiculturalism was the topic of the International Students Retreat last year, a retreat in which I was a participant. Topics of discussion at the retreat ranged from the reasons for worldwide hostilities to student apathy on campus.

After the retreat, there was a huge bandwagon effect that swept across the campus, starting at the top levels of student government and working its way down to most of the campus organizations.

If this movement had occurred a month earlier, its acceptance would have been viewed by many as a positive occurrence. As it happened, it was seen as nothing more than a shallow attempt at pacifying international students.

A lot of good did come out of this bandwagon movement, but there was little sincerity behind the accomplishments.

One result of the bandwagon that was not of any positive benefit to the student body, however, was the twisting of the word multiculturalism.

Multiculturalism means more than a combination of geographical and international cultures. It is an exercise in experiencing all the subtle cultures and subcultures the world has to offer.

Over the past year, certain factions on campus have taken advantage of the multicultural bandwagon and turned the focus of the movement to promote the Hispanic culture.

OLAS, the Organization of Latin American Students, has worked long and hard to organize events that promote Hispanic culture. In and of itself, that is laudable. But members of OLAS have several times taken advantage of a resolution passed by the House of Student Representatives last year to push through some of their own legislation - legislation that otherwise might not have passed.

The resolution in question was passed as part of the bandwagon effect and pledged the House's support to the growing multicultural movement. It was an empty resolution and set a dangerous precedent for the House.

Several times last year, OLAS presented bills to the House requesting funding for their programs, each time reminding the House of its pledged support. And each time, OLAS got the funding it needed.

Earlier this year, OLAS presented another bill requesting funds for the

Amigo concert that was a highlight of National Hispanic Week. The House passed the bill - after the concert and after striking OLAS' name from the bill.

The bill dealt with nothing more than a transfer of funds from the House's coffers to those of the Programming Council, the organization that sponsored the event. OLAS had no business being on the bill.

OLAS was up in arms over its being removed as sponsor of the bill and went on to criticize the House for not living up to its pledge of support for multiculturalism.

And here we have the crux of the problem.

Over the past year, we have had one culture dominating the multicultural movement. Multiculturalism has become synonymous with the spread of the Hispanic culture.

The Hispanic culture does deserve publicity, but so do the hundreds of other cultures that are represented on campus. We have students from all 50 states, representing 50 different cultures. We have handicapped students, hearing impaired students and students with learning disabilities, each representing a different culture.

And we have students representing dozens of different countries, each with its own culture.

If we are to become a truly multicultural campus, we must begin to recognize all of these cultures. If we focus exclusively on Hispanics, we had better let the vision die and put away all the empty promises and hopes, because we won't be true to them and we won't be true to ourselves.

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THERE MUST BE A VERY GOOD REASON WHY I'M LETTING MY ROOMMATE DRIVE MY NEW CAR.

OH MY GOD! TIM! THOSE TWO TRUCKS ARE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US!!!

HERE HE COMES! HERE COMES SPEED RACER!

... BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I CAN'T THINK OF IT.

AAAAA

AAAAA... NOT BAD!

HMPH! JUST WAIT 'TIL I GET MY DRIVER'S LICENSE.

BY RHETT PENNELL

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