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South African author's lecture highlight of Freedom Week

By **MARICARMEN EROLES**
Staff Writer

South African author and activist Donald Woods will be speaking at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today.

Woods is a fifth-generation white South African who was banned for publishing editorials about the black South African activist Stephen Biko's death in 1977.

He escaped from his homeland

three months later with his wife and five children to London where he now lives.

He has published two books concerning his involvement and friendship with Biko and his banning, "Biko" and "Looking for Trouble." Richard Attenborough's movie "Cry Freedom" is based on the two books.

Lucy LaPage, Woods' public relations manager, said she does not know what his lecture will be about, but he usually speaks about divestment.

"He thinks the bottom line is that economic pressure on the (South African) government is the right thing," she said.

"I've heard him say - and I don't know if he'll say it tomorrow - that people who are against divestment because they'll lose money and their only concern is their investment, should invest in prostitution and drug dealing, which brings a higher return," she said.

She said she has known him for 11

years since he escaped from South Africa and she thinks he is a very special person.

"His is an incredible story, and now he is very involved in spreading the word," she said.

Andy Black, chairman of Programming Council's Forums Committee, said it does not matter if Woods' opinion on divestment is different from TCU's, because Forums Committee tries to present ideas so people can form their own opinions.

Black said he is not expecting a demonstration the night of the lecture.

"We think it's an issue that will bring reaction," he said.

Bringing Woods to speak at TCU was suggested by the committee as a complement to the showing of "Cry Freedom" during the Distinguished Films Series, said John Butler, university minister.

After that, a group of people got together and decided to have a week

dealing with the South Africa issue.

Black said Woods' role in Freedom Week is putting the spotlight on the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Woods was one of the most important figures in the struggle against apartheid during the late '70s in South Africa.

Tickets for the lecture Tuesday are available at the Student Center Information Desk and will be available at the door before the lecture. They are \$2 for students with an ID.

Awareness hope raised with videos

Student Center site for apartheid displays

By **JULIE BETTINGER**
Staff Writer

Throughout Freedom Week, two videos about life in South Africa will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Freedom Week is a week of activities focusing on the lack of freedom in South Africa.

In addition to the videos, a table has been set up for the scholarship fund for black South African students.

The table provides background information about South Africa, apartheid and the cost of living for blacks as well as requests for funds, said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

"We're trying to raise not just consciousness but also money," Butler said.

It costs \$2,800 to attend college for one year in South Africa, he said.

The money is given to the Open Society Scholars fund, which pays for the schooling of black South Africans at a variety of South African schools, such as the University of Cape Town or Rhodes, Butler said.

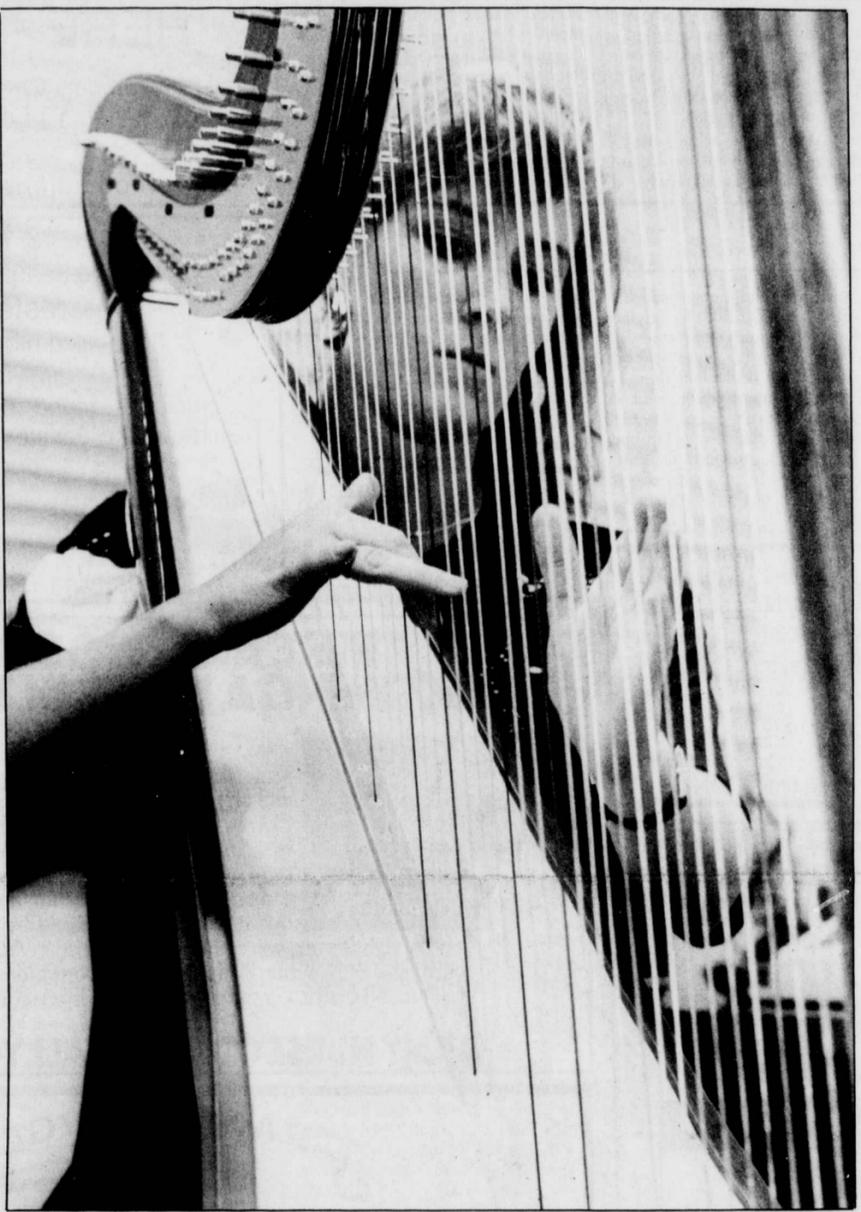
There are currently 197 U.S. colleges and universities involved in fund-raising for this organization, he said.

"A lot of people stopped just to see what it (the video) was about," said Carolyn Roper, a sophomore religion major. "It was very informative."

Display panels providing historical information about South Africa were not finished, Butler said, but they might be up later in the week.

Paper chains hanging from the Student Center ceiling will be added onto each day until they cover the Student Center, Roper said.

"The chains represent the dollars we're hoping to raise for the scholarship," said John Rodenberg, a senior religion-studies major.



The sound of music - Monica Minshew, junior psychology major, practices her harp in Ed Landreth Hall.

Apartheid situation explained

By **ROBIN SHERMER**
Staff Writer

Apartheid means apart or separate. It is a system of legalized racism in the Republic of South Africa where all persons are classified by the color of their skin.

"We are an interdependent world because we rely on each other economically, socially and politically," said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

"We are involved in this problem, and by educating people about South Africa and apartheid we can get rid of this monster," Butler said.

Under apartheid, blacks are denied all political, economic and social rights.

They are denied by law the right to vote, to receive a decent education or decent employment. They are forced to live in inferior housing and have inferior hospitals.

Blacks are told by the government where they can live, who they can marry, which churches they can attend and on what bus they can ride.

The white government controls blacks through a passbook which contains fingerprints, a photograph and employment records. If the passbook is not produced upon demand, blacks are jailed and fined.

Freedom Week	
Date/Time	Event/Place
Monday	"Cry Freedom" Student Center Ballroom
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	South African journalist Donald Woods Ed Landreth Auditorium
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	Simulation Game Student Center Ballroom
Thursday 8 p.m.	"Broadway Strutters: An Evening of Elegance" Student Center Ballroom
Friday Noon	Peace rally and march Student Center

Graphics: Diane Wooldridge

The South African government's policy is to preserve white power. Its long-term plan is to forcibly remove blacks from their homes and place them in barren reserves called "bantustans" by taking their land and forcing them to work for cheap labor.

"The United Nations and many other countries including the United States have taken action to encourage the South African government to abandon its policies," Butler said.

Ways that countries have responded to apartheid include legislative sanctions against South Africa, international trade agreements against South Africa and personal and corporate divestment from South Africa, he said.

Currently there is a bill in the U.S. Congress calling for additional sanctions against South Africa, Butler said.

"The one thing that concerns me is that it appears that the current South African government will lose the next election to a more radical right wing group," said Daryl Schimdt, associate professor of religion-studies.

"A compromise seems so necessary, but with the way things are going, it seems impossible," Schimdt said. "I don't see how the white minority can win in the long run."

Information from the Washington Office on Africa Educational Fund was used in this article.

Publication wins excellence award

Academic Services Center honored

By **SHELLIE DAGOO**
Staff Writer

TCU's Center for Academic Services received a National Academic Advising Association award Wednesday for its outstanding materials related to advising.

Academic Services was given the award for its freshman student publication, commonly dubbed the Apple Book.

All freshmen going through orientation are given an Apple Book to help guide them through the maze of departments, majors and core requirements.

The association presented the award in Miami to all advisers on staff at the Academic Center. The panel of nine judges considered such things as creativity, content and layout.

The Apple Book was on display in Miami not only as a winning entry but also as a model to professionals in the field.

"The award is an indication of the quality work we're doing," said Michael Brooks, director of the center.

Academic Services serves the entire campus - all entering freshmen, transfer students and pre-majors.

The Apple Book is especially aimed at helping pre-majors, Brooks said. He said students who declare a major usually go to their departments for academic advising, while pre-majors use Academic Services.

"I was worried about what classes to take, and they helped me," said Robert Hill, a freshman pre-major.

The staff of four professional advisers and more than 50 faculty members, who are actively involved with academic advising, helped about 950 students this year, Brooks said.

He said although advising is the core of their services, they are also responsible for the Writing Center, study abroad program, study skills, time management, decision-making and the self-assessment and career exploration course.

All this starts with the advising process, Brooks said.

The Center for Academic Services is now in its second year. It was started as a response to general criticism over the years that higher education lacked academic support services, he said.

"Better students need and expect more services. They're wiser consumers. It's not a remedial service. Most TCU students don't need remedial work. It helps students maximize their potential," Brooks said.

The most common problem students encounter is not making a career decision until one semester prior to graduation, he said.

"It's not an uncommon phenomena for students to be uncertain. Some may choose a major prior to deciding exactly what to do with it," Brooks said.

"About 95 percent of students change their major at least once. There is nothing wrong with that," Brooks said.

He said although some people get upset about the lack of structure, college should be a time for discovery, growing and development.

"The biggest satisfaction I get out of advising is seeing students progress from uncertainty to commitment," Brooks said.

He said the university core is an excellent program.

"It allows you to achieve exposure in some areas you might not try at all. Were it not for core requirements, I might not be here," Brooks said.

Brooks, who has a doctorate in sociology, said he majored in that discipline even though it was not well recognized until he became a sophomore.

Brooks gave an example of an advisee who developed computer skills but majored in sociology and finally went to work in an accounting firm.

"I hope more students see their adviser as a best friend. The adviser is

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Center helps seniors find jobs

By **ANDREA HEATON**
Staff Writer

As graduation gets closer and the panic of the ominous job search sets in, seniors are getting a head start on their peers by having interviews now.

The Career Planning and Placement Center is sponsoring recruiters from a variety of companies and organizations in the Metroplex as well as around the nation.

"Interviewing through this program is highly beneficial for seniors, but it's just one approach to the job search," said Mickey Choate, former assistant director of CPPC.

Seniors received a letter in August informing them of the Placement Orientation seminar and resume writing orientations to prepare them for the interview, said Marylou Barringer, scheduling coordinator.

"About 350 students each semester take advantage of (the program) and interview," Barringer said.

Approximately 35 percent of those students get jobs through the interview compared with about 20 percent nationally, Choate said. One reason for this may be the quality of students at TCU.

"TCU students in general have well-developed social skills as well as

a good academic background," Choate said. Recruiters are also impressed by the number of students from other areas.

"These students bring an appreciation of other cultures and are more willing to adapt to a move, for instance," Choate said.

Students come into the interview with a resume and letters of reference as well as good communication skills and "self-initiative," Choate said.

Every Monday at 8:30 a.m., a list of the week's interviewing companies is posted. The companies will be on campus through November and into December.

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Outside

Today's weather is partly cloudy and windy with high temperatures in the 80s, winds from the northeast at 15 to 25 mph.

Tomorrow's weather will be mostly fair with highs in the mid-70s.

Students express ideas about freedom in essays

By **MEGAN LEE**
Staff Writer

The Freedom Week essay contest will give students the chance to decide if freedom is worth a thousand words.

"We hope it (the contest) will help develop a solution and evaluation of what must be done for the freedom of all people," said Guido Climer, president of Students Against Racism Today.

In 1,000 words or less, students can express their ideas on the essay theme "Freedom in South Africa - What Sacrifices Must We Make?"

Climer said he hopes the essay contest will raise awareness and will make people think more about the

issue of freedom in South Africa.

Essays must be taken to the University Ministries office in the Student Center by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The winning essay will be printed in the TCU Daily Skiff next week.

The judges of the contest will be Dwayne Woods, of the political science department; Neil Daniel, English department director of composition and Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department.

People already know about the issues of freedom in South Africa, Climer said.

"We'd like to bring new views and new insights on the problem," he said.

CAMPUSlines

In conjunction with Freedom Week, an essay contest will be held on the topic, "Freedom in South Africa: What Sacrifices Should We Make?" Essays should be 500 to 1,000 words and turned in to the University Ministries office by 3 p.m. Wednesday. The winning essay will be published in the *Skiff* on Oct. 21.

Le Cercle Francais will meet to view *Trois Hommes et Un Coffin*. Call 924-4462 or 924-6155 for location and more information.

TCU Dukakis/Bentsen '88 meeting today at 6:30 in Student Center Room 205. Call 924-4462 for more information.

TCU Today auditions, Nov. 7 to Nov. 10 students, sophomores through seniors, who wish to audition for TCU Today may sign up in the Admissions Office in Sadler 112.

TCU Cecil and Ida Green Honors Professor Judith V. Grabiner, professor of mathematics, Pitzer College, will speak today at 4 p.m. in Winton Scott Room 215 on "Descartes and Problem Solving," and at 7:30 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1 on "The Centrality of Mathematics in the History of Western Thought;" Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 256 on "Partisans and Critics of a New Science . . ." Thursday at 3 p.m. in Winton Scott Room 215 on "Women in Mathematics History."

College Bowl 1988 will be held Nov. 9 through 11 in the Student Center. Team applications are due by Oct. 26 in the Student Activities Office. Call 921-7926 for more information.

TCU Hunger Week CROP Walk will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in front of the Football Stadium. The walk is 10k and sponsor sheets are available in the University Ministries office in the Student Center.

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

Jeane 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

Republican bashing

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, stalking Reagan Democrats on the Texas-Arkansas border, scoffed Monday at Republican charges that Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis favors harsh gun controls and would weaken the military.

"I saw those ads about Mike Dukakis going to take the guns away from you, confiscate the guns, not even pay for them," Bentsen told 200 supporters at an airport rally during a refueling stop on his way to California.

"Let me tell you, a fella like Lloyd Bentsen likes to go quail hunting like I do," said the Democratic vice presidential candidate. "(I) sure wouldn't be running with any fella if I thought he was going to take my shotgun away from me, no way."

While Dukakis does support gun control, Bentsen said, he believes sportsmen should have guns and people have the right to defend their homes.

Corrections

Thursday's *Skiff* incorrectly reported the location of the speech given by Donald Woods tonight. Woods will speak at Ed Landreth Hall, not the Student Center Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

Also, the film "Cry Freedom" ran Monday at 6:30 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.
The *Skiff* regrets its errors.

Programs teach wellness
Groups work to solve health problems

By DIANE WOOLDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Campus provides many opportunities for those who want to become health-wise.

For alcohol, stress, drugs, eating disorders and any other health problem imaginable, programs to help students both before and after the fact are available.

Nutrition and dietetics is sponsoring guest speaker Dr. Victor Herbert today at 7:30 p.m. in Moudy Building Room 141N.

He will discuss "Separating Nutrition Facts from Fictions," said Nell Robinson, chairwoman of the department of nutrition and dietetics.

He is both a lawyer and doctor who is a recognized specialist on quackery, Robinson said.

He has written books about this topic including, "Nutrition and Culture: Facts and Fiction," and "Vitamins and 'Health' Foods: The Great American Hustle."

Another program available to stu-

dents is TCU recreational sports with its many opportunities to exercise.

Frog Fit is a student fitness program in aerobics dance and weight training with unlimited access for \$25 per semester, said Christine Brinkerhoff of recreational sports.

Students also can sign up to have a fitness assessment, which measures body fat, strength and flexibility.

The intramural sports program includes 35 sports every year, she said.

Anonymity is an important characteristic of some other programs available to students.

At the Counseling Center, Dr. Hap Klienfelter said everyone is anonymous. It has support groups for students with eating disorders and alcohol, yet they deal with any problem.

It will provide a support group or program any time a request is made, he said.

Healthy dieting is one program the center is concentrating on.

"It's dangerous to fad diet," Klienfelter said. "The reason is that it often sets people up to develop a eat-

ing disorder."
Everyone with an eating disorder started with a fad diet, he said.

Presently, one group is helping students with alcoholic parents. They meet on campus and are also encouraged to go to 12-step groups off campus.

Barbara Herman, coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Education, said they also hold confidentiality as a top priority.

As a wellness resource center, the department of alcohol and drug education has literature available with the latest scientific facts on issues.

They also design programs for classes and student groups. Some of the topics in the past have been the relationship of alcohol to breast cancer, the liability issues for hosting various events and the relationship of alcohol to the reproductive cycle, Herman said.

"Someone is not labeled by just walking through here," Herman said.

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the one who writes letters of recommendation for jobs and helps the student negotiate the maze of higher education. A good adviser can save time and money," Brooks said.

Brooks said he plans to develop resource files containing syllabi and other helpful information on courses to aid students in their decisions.

He also hopes to add programs including a research skills center patterned after the Writing Center and a

teaching enhancement component.

Teoby Gomez, a full-time adviser at the center, said many students have unrealistic expectations about possible careers available to them.

He said a student who is weak in math may want to major in accounting because of parental pressure but may not be willing to put forth the extra effort necessary to get a tutor.

"We help them set realistic goals," Gomez said.

He said many freshmen have problems handling the amount of freedom and mismanaging their time.

"We can help them learn time management skills. But what we can't do is when the alarm clock goes off in the morning, push them out of bed," Gomez said.

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Commentary

Campaign teasing, not pleasing

By JERRY MADDEN
Columnist



What would you do if someone called you "stupid"? You'd probably punch them in the nose, right?

Well, what would you do if someone implied that you were stupid by saying something obnoxious like, "Oh, don't take that class. It's too hard for you"? You'd still sock them in the nose, right?

Well, then it's amazing George Bush and Michael Dukakis (along with their press handlers) don't have their noses splattered from one end of their faces to the next, because they've been doing just that throughout the campaign.

No, they haven't gone on national television and said, "The American people are stupid and unable to understand the complexities involved

in formulating governmental policies."

That, of course, would end their campaigns.

Rather, they hand out slogans and phrases and tantalizing tidbits instead of explaining their positions on major issues. (No, the pledge of allegiance is not a major issue.)

And when you're about to vote for who will be the most powerful person in the world, it helps to know where the candidates stand on the issues.

Why don't they explain their positions to the voters? Why don't they discuss issues in detail? Why do they avoid answering "hard questions" posed to them by reporters?

Because discussing policies is not as entertaining or of as high a "photogenic quality" as is opponent bashing or standing in front of the Statue of Liberty extolling the virtues of an immigrant past.

At least, that's what the PR people will tell you.

If you explore that idea a little, you'll find the true meaning: Amer-

icans want entertainment, not substance.

The PR people say that you'll remember a candidate better if you can attach an idea or picture to the candidate's name.

They also say television and print media don't allow for in-depth discussions of issues. They also say people won't listen to that if they have something else like the Cosby Show to turn to instead.

And finally, certain media critics - like Jeff Greenfield - say the real reason the campaigners don't explain issues is that the average American doesn't understand what they're talking about.

Basically, they say you're stupid. They'll entertain you just to keep you happy, but they don't give you any meat (real issue explanation) because they feel you're not ready for it.

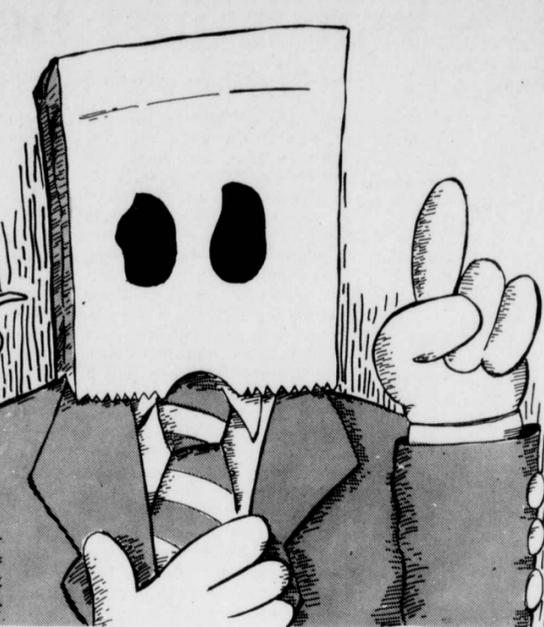
In the entertainment industry they call that "teasing without pleasing," and that's bad.

Real bad.

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YOU SHOULDN'T BE ASHAMED TO SAY!!!

Uh... Well... Yes, I think my candidate IS the BEST CHOICE.



MATTIENI/GUEST TCU DAILY SKIFF OCT. 18

Letters to the Editor

Unconcerned Koehler

This letter is written to express my concern over the comments made by William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, in two separate issues of the Skiff last week.

On Oct. 4, the Skiff printed an interview with Koehler regarding the parking problem at TCU. Koehler's answer to the situation was to "ship all those students (who drive between classes) to the University of Texas at Austin and then they will realize there is no parking problem (here)."

An article in the Oct. 7 Skiff dealt with the proposed plus/minus grading system adopted by the Faculty Senate. As the Skiff reported, "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."

For a person who has made university administration his career, Mr. Koehler seems to have little regard for the needs and concerns of the students who attend this institution. In both instances mentioned above, Mr. Koehler has taken a standoffish attitude toward important issues which affect TCU students. The problems arising from these issues demand creative solutions with input from all portions of the university. To flippantly dismiss the views of students as being without merit is to lose the chance for receiving many valuable ideas and suggestions that could be used to help resolve the important issues that the university faces today.

I am not, of course, suggesting that Mr. Koehler should necessarily agree with the opinions students put forth on every topic. I merely believe that a more tactful and inclusive approach toward the views of students would prove to be beneficial for both Koehler and the entire university.

Rick Mitchell
Senior/political science

Give no credit

John Moore's column titled "Credit to Campus Police Because Credit is Deserved" overlooks several major problems the Campus Police have.

To begin with, Moore says "Campus Police is not responsible for the parking problem... the police only enforce laws that maximize the use of existing parking spaces." Moore is partially correct, the problem being the frequent use of student and 30-minute parking spots by Campus Police. Hardly a day goes by that I don't see a Campus Police car occupying a student spot.

Moore also comments that "The officers who issue tickets are convenient targets... we need to remember the police are only doing their job." It seems, though, that many of the tickets Campus Police issues are for feeble-minded reasons. Every morning as I leave to walk to class, I see the same officer meticulously checking each car in the parking lot (even those legally parked) to make sure it is not overlapping another spot and that it has the proper parking sticker applied to the proper area of the window - two issues of extreme importance to the safety of TCU students.

The appeals process Campus Police uses for students wishing to appeal their violations is also deficient. I appealed a ticket two weeks ago and was informed that my appeal would be heard by a committee of students and faculty. I arrived at my appeal at the scheduled time and was informed that unless at least two committee members were present, my appeal would not be heard.

Ten minutes later, the second committee member appeared. My appeal was heard by two faculty members, no student reps and ten minutes late.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am in favor of giving credit where credit is due, and it is definitely undeserved in this situation.

Brad Davis
Junior/finance

Tri-Delta spirit posters: insensitive TCU pride?

Lack of concern

I am deeply disturbed about the lack of awareness of racism here at TCU. Every day, I walk past the Tri Delta house on my way to classes. I couldn't help but notice their "Fry Rice" sign. It depicted three (supposedly) Oriental people in a very demeaning manner.

I'm not sure if this was done intentionally or not, but in any case, it was in very poor taste. I was personally offended. I am also ashamed that this kind of thing happens on our school's campus. It showed a definite lack of concern for other people's feelings on the Tri Deltas' part.

People must learn to look deeper than the skin or physical appearance

of another. When one does look deeper, he or she finds that everyone has something to offer. I'm not saying that we have to like everyone on the face of the earth. At least we can give everyone the same chance.

I am not saying all the Tri Deltas are racist, or that this has been the only instance on campus that I've seen. There are plenty of people who don't realize that stereotyping of an entire race is totally unfounded. And I think it is up to those who realize the pitfalls of such an attitude to try and bring these people around.

I'm asking that we all become aware of such problems in the future and try to open our minds a little bit. Who knows, you might make a new

friend in the process of simply giving everyone an equal shot.

Finally, the "Tri Delt Insult" letter Roberto Trevizo and Christine De La Rose wrote last week was not a stab at the Greeks. It was simply asking people to wake up and come out of the clouds. I'm a Sigma Nu novice, and the last thing I would do is put down the Greek system.

Scott Stirts
Freshman/business finance

Tri Delta response

In reference to the Tri Delta insult letter: Although your constructive criticism is appreciated, our signs were in

no way meant to constitute a racial slur. They were meant to support the Horned Frogs. Furthermore, we do not believe most people perceived such a slur.

To those readers who found any of our signs offensive, the ladies of Delta Delta Delta apologize.

This is the official Delta Delta Delta response to this issue. Nothing else that has been printed in the Skiff on this matter has been by Delta Delta Delta.

Kimberly LeBlanc
Senior/political science
President of Delta Delta Delta

Betsy Glass
Senior/fashion promotion
Vice president of Delta Delta Delta

LaBoon wrong on ACLU, group's defenders say

Absurd distortions

May I comment on the letter headed "ACLU Issue," which John LaBoon had printed in the Oct. 11 Skiff?

First, I commend the writer for listing aspects of six specific "policies" of the American Civil Liberties Union. I condemn him, however, for giving his personal interpretation of what he thinks these policies are, rather than quoting the ACLU's actual declaration of policy in its own words.

How he can interpret Policy 242 as urging "that all criminals except those found guilty of murder and treason be given suspended sentences" staggers the imagination. Nothing is further from the truth. Every other policy statement described is not the ACLU statement, but the writer's personal interpretation of that statement.

Such absurd, hyperbolic distortions of the ACLU positions do a disservice to the organization and to the distorter alike.

The writer condemns the ACLU by saying "they hide behind (the

First Amendment) all the time." Does anyone ever need to "hide behind" any portion of the Constitution? Is not the stated purpose of that document to protect American citizens from undue interference by the government, the courts or other individuals?

The ACLU hides behind nothing. Its fundamental purpose is published openly for any thinking person to consider. This fundamental purpose is to ensure that each and every American is guaranteed certain basic rights offered them by our Constitution without regard to their color, race, creed (including avowed atheists), financial position, influence, intelligence or social position.

Mr. LaBoon's interpretation of the policies of the ACLU is so far from the truth that one wonders if he has even read the ACLU position papers. His unfounded accusation that "the group has mangled the Bill of Rights so badly" makes one wonder if he has even read the Bill of Rights.

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Republican logic

It is truly disconcerting to realize that John LaBoon, an individual enrolled in an institution of higher learning, is unable to present a logical argument. Instead, he is forced to make broad inferences which, when evaluated closely, do not follow. I am referring specifically to Mr. LaBoon's letter (Oct. 11) in which he tries to infer that Michael Dukakis, and consequently his supporters, approve of various stands which the American Civil Liberties Union supports simply because Mr. Dukakis has professed to being a member of the ACLU.

Mr. LaBoon assumes that because an individual is a supporter, or member, of an organization, that he or she agrees with all of that organization's positions. This viewpoint demonstrates not only incredible naivete, but it also reflects a limitation in the individual's ability to form a logical argument.

If one were to engage in Mr. LaBoon's type of argument, the following "logical" guide would apply to all individuals who support, or are members of, the Republican Party.

■ Policy 1: Since some members in the current administration approved of selling arms to terrorists, then all Republicans must approve of selling weapons to terrorists.

■ Policy 2: Because the president of the United States has had dealings with a known drug dealer, this means that not only Mr. Reagan supports the sale of illegal drugs, but that his supporters do also.

■ Policy 3: George Herbert Walker Bush committed an incredible faux pas in choosing J. Danforth Quayle as his running mate; therefore, Mr. Bush is incapable of making any intelligent decisions short of deciding which breakfast cereal to eat, which also means that all of his supporters are equally unintelligent.

There is nothing wrong with Mr. LaBoon holding an opinion which is not in line with my own, or that of anyone else. But if he feels the desire to express his views, he needs to be cognizant of the fact that he must argue according to certain rules instead of simply spewing forth his ideas with little or no regard to logic.

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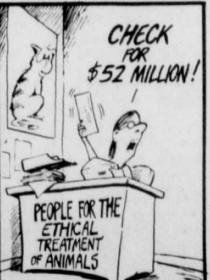
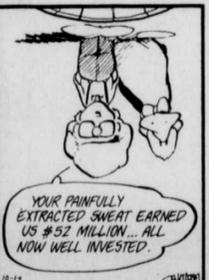
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Sports

BYU's win is just begging for some answers

By TROY PHILLIPS
Sports Editor



It could be worse. There could be more than two road games left on TCU's 1988 schedule. Fortunately, there aren't.

Some teams can play out of their element. BYU, like Arkansas and Georgia, showed just how important Fort Worth is to the Horned Frogs, avenging last year's 33-12 loss with a 31-18 welcome to Provo, Utah. No, TCU cannot play out of its element.

Or at least it's yet to prove it can. To win all five remaining games at this point would be a miracle. Maybe to win four out of five is more realistic. What we do know is 1988, thus far, has been a glaring disappointment.

For years, Jim Wacker has tried to inspire the Purples with optimism, wise words and an understanding nature. Something brought out the ugly side of Jim Wacker last Saturday. In three road games, Wacker's blood pressure has no doubt quadrupled. Several players agreed that Wacker

had every right to be as furious as he was Saturday.

"He (Wacker) knows we have more potential as a better football team than we showed," cornerback Andre Spencer said. "Everybody on this team has got to look at themselves and do what it takes to get ready for Baylor."

Spencer is no doubt one of those who will have some serious adjusting to do, especially in moments of quick decision making. Twice Saturday Spencer went for the interception at the wrong time, instead trying to make the tackle or bat away the ball. Twice Spencer was burned for touchdowns. That's not to say he isn't a capable cornerback. The entire TCU secondary is capable, and no one defender deserves full blame for BYU's 490 yards of aerial folly. They all do.

But there are serious problems with no easy solutions. Puzzling is how the TCU defense held BYU to two field goals in the second half. Why does it take so long to get on track? Why is it always too late for the Frogs' Veer offense to play catchup when TCU is down late?

There is a clear lack of balance in the TCU offense. Passing is only a necessity of desperation, which more often than not doesn't cut if you're

down late. TCU did stop BYU in the second half, but without the experience of a balanced attack, the offense didn't have a chance.

In a nutshell, the Veer's triple-option is a gamble. Success depends solely on that one open hole in the line or that one cut through an open seam for a big gainer. To hope for this through an entire 60 minutes of football just isn't enough, especially with TCU's young offensive line. TCU has become so skilled at operating out of the triple-option, that anything else is an unheard-of risk on third-and-long. BYU, if no one else, proved that more is needed.

TCU tried to pound the same thing at BYU time after time. Once the Cougars were confident enough and

familiarized with TCU rushers, they retained the upper hand. The elusive open seam remained clogged most of the game, and TCU had nowhere to turn. Fact: The Frogs must be ready for this against any opponent. Again, lack of balance.

This isn't one of those whining pleas to trash the option and throw 30 passes a game. That's not TCU. It's just that too much is riding on TCU's current offensive scheme, with too little guarantee for results. Some new adjustments need to be made, perhaps mixing it up more.

As long as the defense allows points, TCU's offense has to rise to the occasion, and not too late. TCU didn't lose three games because opponents scored too many times. TCU

lost because it couldn't keep up. The defense has answered the call late several times, but the offense's lack of balance makes the effort futile.

Jim Wacker was wrong when he barked that the TCU running game stinks right now. Actually, it just needs something to build around.

And for too long, TCU coaches and players have been saying, "I don't know what the answer is," and "We just don't have the answer at this point." If TCU supposedly has just as much, if not more, talent than any SWC team (as it seems everyone in the program has boasted at some point this season), then the answer should have been found already. Every week it seems to become more of a mystery.

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