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## Visiting professor to lecture on exercise among children



Sharon Plowman

By MICHELLE RELEFORD  
Staff Writer

The effects of physical activity on children's growth is one topic that will be covered by the visiting Green Chair Professor this week in the physical education department.

Sharon Plowman is visiting campus from Northern Illinois University where she works as director of the human performance lab in the physical education department.

"What we're concerned with is the area of how an individual responds to a single bout of exercise and then to an exercise regimen," she said.

Extensive studies in this field have led Plowman to an interest in how exercise affects children.

"It's really an area we don't know much about. Children are going to

grow up to be adults, and we are trying to get them to establish habits and patterns of exercise."

"If you get a child to enjoy activity, it will become important to them for the rest of their life. This is extremely important in reference to cardiovascular care in their future," she said.

Plowman is involved in trying to update physical education standards in elementary through high schools.

She said she believes the standards in most schools are unfair to the majority of children.

By showing children that they can do a behavior and gain from it, they'll keep doing it, she said.

Many of the physical fitness programs to this point involve low individual success from it by standards

that a lot of children can't be expected to meet, she said.

Plowman is involved in a Dallas-based fitness evaluation program called FITNESS GRAM.

The program has a more efficient method of evaluating the physical skills of individual children, she said.

"The idea is to encourage children to be active, to enjoy it and to be successful at a level that's equal for a whole population, not just those who are training to be athletes," she said.

Although attention to fitness in children is a big focus in Plowman's work, she is also concerned with the fitness of the adult population.

One of the topics directed at the TCU faculty is "fit or fat," she said.

She will address the recently acclaimed idea of thermogenesis.

The idea is if a person eats dinner and then goes for a walk, they'll burn more calories than if they waited until another time to walk, she said.

The question is if there is a way to trick the body into burning more calories at a certain time than it would at a different time, she said.

A topic aimed at the entire university is the interaction between growth maturation and physical activity in children.

"We'll look at two standpoints—the effect immaturity has on the child's response to exercise and if a lot of physical activity influences maturation," she said.

The free public lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in Lecture Hall 3 of the Sid Richardson Building.

Plowman said it's important for

TCU students to be aware of the effects of exercise on children and on themselves.

"You're going to be parents, and if a parent and child are exercising together, you need to know what the child needs to be expected to do—the next generation of parents needs to be educated now," she said.

She is one of 14 distinguished people who will be honored by the Green endowment this year.

Plowman said there is one message she would like to get across to students, it's the need to adopt a regular exercise routine, even if it's just walking 30 minutes a day.

"After you're finished reading this, go take a walk," she said.

## TCU groups partake in fundraiser

Haunted house scares patrons

By SHELLEY VANDALL  
Staff Writer

The March of Dimes Haunted House is a hair-raising, fund-raising event that TCU students can attend and participate in.

Members of seven TCU groups, including Alpha Phi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Chi Omega, Sigma Chi, Circle K, Student Foundation and the Residence Hall Association have volunteered their time to scare the house's patrons.

"It was a total stress-releaser because you could scream at the top of your lungs and that's what you were supposed to do," said Dawn Prillaman, a senior marketing major and member of Student Foundation. "Besides, you could scare little kids."

Rhodi Hinnant, special events coordinator for the March of Dimes, said she asked TCU organizations to participate because she wanted a mature group of actors who would take the job seriously yet still have fun playing the parts.

"They're having a great time and supporting a really good cause, which is the fight against birth defects," Hinnant said. "They get a sense of worthiness by doing something for



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Making a splash - Freshman breaststroker Deanna Lanhardt of Houston practices Wednesday afternoon in the Rickel Building. Lanhardt is a member of the 1988 women's swim team.

## 'Trade' topic of lecture

Jeane Kirkpatrick to speak at TCU

By KAREN FROST  
Staff Writer

Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will speak on "World Trade and Its Impact on the Affairs of Nations," Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

"AT&T is pleased to be able to bring this series of world leaders and thinkers to the campus and the Metroplex to focus attention on a subject which dominates the nation's front pages and broadcast news," said Carey Pharr, AT&T's Fort Worth manager.

This is the first lecture provided by the AT&T Distinguished Lecture Series.

In 1981, Kirkpatrick was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to be the nation's permanent representative to the United Nations.

Kirkpatrick is the first woman to have served as chief U.S. representative to the world body.

She served the longest term of any U.N. ambassador since the Honorable Adlai Stevenson and resigned

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## Marriott uses service surveys

By KATHLEEN MCKAY  
Staff Writer

Marriott Food Service has been using its surveys to cater to students.

Surveys are conducted throughout the year to find out if students are being offered the foods they want.

"If we aren't serving a favorite or popular item, we try to get it on the menu," said Jim Bitenc, resident district manager of Marriott.

Marriott conducted a survey last spring, which was conducted by members of the House of Student Representatives Food Committee.

"We thought students would respond better if students were doing

the survey," Bitenc said. "We were looking for honest feedback, not just criticism."

"Marriott told us that they wanted us to do it because they didn't get a very good response when they did it," said Mike Whitehurst, chairman of the committee.

Whitehurst said committee members conducted the survey during lunch in the cafeterias.

Whitehurst said the survey was conducted person-to-person because the feedback was quicker and more accurate.

Bitenc said Marriott found that students were interested in an all-you-can-eat meal plan.

Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he was surprised at how much money students spend on food.

"Students really need lower-cost entrees, but they want higher-cost entrees," Mills said.

Mills said the Housing Office conducted a survey that told them where people eat, how often they eat and what kinds of food they wanted.

"We found out that students liked variety and wanted extended hours," Mills said.

Bitenc said Marriott uses student suggestions whenever it can.

Managers at the cafeterias listen to student's suggestions.

## Management programs to benefit TCU students

By SUSAN BESZE  
Staff Writer

A fresh look and a new face has kicked off a series of executive development programs this month that might hold some benefits in store for TCU students.

Located in the newly opened Tandy Hall, the Tandy American Enterprise Center and William E. Campbell, its new director, will host management teams from across the United States seeking to upgrade their performance in the business world.

The center is made possible through a \$6 million gift from the Anne Burnett and Charles Tandy Foundation in 1984.

"The more companies represented on campus, the better chance we have for placing students," Campbell said.

"As we increase the amount of executive training we offer, more and more rapport will be built up between companies and students seeking internships," he said.

The first order of business, Campbell said, is building on established programs to create a library of

courses.

Managing Managers, taking place this week, is a five-day seminar designed to develop executives' skills in dealing with their management teams. The course is taught by John Sheridan, a research professor of management and organizational behavior.

Texas American Bank recently filled all 25 places in the class with its employees, paying a base rate of \$25,000 for the week.

Looking Glass Inc., a four-day simulation course, assigns participants fictional roles in a multidivisional corporation, Campbell said. The simulation allows up to 120 executives a session to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses in the workplace.

"We plan to get downtown and talk to businesses, find out the needs of the business world and meet those needs," Campbell said.

Campbell is no stranger to such "real world" awareness.

A Tandy executive-in-residence for two years, Campbell said he taught from personal experience rather than strictly textbook material.

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### Outside



Today's weather is windy and warmer with a 20 percent chance of rain increasing to 40 percent. Highs will be in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s, winds south at 15 to 20 mph. Friday's forecast is for a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms with highs in the upper 60s, north winds at 15 to 20 mph.



TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

Taking note - Clayton Elementary students Nickie Waterson, far left, and Ashley Green, right, listen to senior journalism major Lucy Calvert discuss reporting techniques.

## Young writers make news

TCU organization helps journalists of tomorrow

By JOHN AREND  
Staff Writer

At a time when many TCU students are struggling to write a term paper, some talented second and fifth-graders at Lily B. Clayton Elementary school are busy putting out their own newspaper and magazine with the help of professional journalists and volunteers from TCU.

The students are advised and counseled by the TCU Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi and some staff writers from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, said Tommy Thomason, the SPJ/SDX adviser and assistant professor of journalism.

"We try to help the kids develop their stories with questions and suggestions," he said. "But all the writing

and reporting is done by the kids themselves."

The volunteers try to challenge the young reporters to think things through on their own from start to finish, said Lucy Calvert, president of the TCU chapter of SPJ/SDX.

"It's a pleasure to work with them," Calvert said. "They're so hungry to learn and excited about what they're doing. Sometimes I wish I had their enthusiasm."

The project began three years ago when a columnist from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram came up with the idea, Thomason said. But the time constraints involved made it difficult for the Star-Telegram to continue its help alone, he said.

"They were looking for someone to help out, and we were happy to be

there," Thomason said.

The SPJ/SDX currently sends about three or four volunteers to the school a week, Calvert said.

"It's difficult to get a lot of people over there because we're all students also. But overall, it's worth the extra time," she said.

"The program is extremely successful," said Rae McGowan, a fifth grade teacher at Clayton. "The students are genuinely interested in making a really good newspaper, and they really enjoy seeing their name in print too."

"Everyone is getting a lot out of it," she said. "We have several speakers come to the school each year for the kids to interview, and we also go to Casa Manana to do a review on one of their plays."

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**CAMPUS**lines

Death penalty debate in the Student Center ballroom at 7:30 tonight. Speakers will include Lisa Haberman, co-founder of the Justice and Mercy Project in Houston, and Ken and Lois Robison, whose son is on Death Row. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society is accepting applications for membership through Friday. Open to anyone with 12 history credits (3.00 GPA) and with a 3.00 GPA overall. Apply in History Department Office, Reed 302. Call 921-7288 for more information.

AERho CD hour will feature the Beatles 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday on KTCU 88.7. Call 927-2239 for more information.

Forums Committee meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Student Center room 202. Call 921-7926 for more information.

Dr. Sharon Plowman lecture on "Influence of Physical Activity on Growth and Maturation of Children," at 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3. Free admission.

Jean Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 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.

Biology Seminar: "Control of Reproduction in Crustacea" by Hans Laufer of the University of Connecticut. Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3 at noon Friday. Free admission.

Fighting Frog 5-K Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday. Sponsored by TCU Alumni Office. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$12 on Saturday. Call 921-7803 for more information.

Chapel Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Robert Carr Chapel. Free admission.

"The Great Big Balloon Thang" spirit competition being held in front of the Main Cafeteria, Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Homecoming. Donate money to your class to buy balloons and win the Homecoming spirit competition. Call 926-7520 for more information.

TCU TODAY auditions being held Nov. 7 through Nov. 10. Students (sophomores through seniors) who wish to audition may sign up in the Admissions Office in Sadler 112.

**NEWS**lines

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Security forces ring polling booths as South Africans of all races, voting simultaneously for the first time, elect segregated municipal councils nationwide. The far right eyes gains in white areas, while many blacks heed a call for a boycott.

MOSCOW - The Soviet Union will release all those regarded as political prisoners within the next 10 weeks, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said after talks with Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other Kremlin officials.

DAMOUR, Lebanon - Israeli warplanes blasted guerrilla bases south of Beirut and hit PLO strongholds near the port of Sidon in one of its heaviest air strikes on Lebanon this year. Five people died, and 40 were wounded in the third day of air raids on Lebanon since a Shiite Moslem suicide car bomber killed eight Israeli soldiers a week ago.

**Correction**

Wednesday's Skiff incorrectly reported that the forum on the death penalty was Wednesday night. The forum is at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. The Skiff regrets the error.

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Mayor Bob Bolen is one of the speakers scheduled to speak at Clayton Elementary this year, she said.

"It's a riot working with these kids," Calvert said. "They are really sharp and we get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from seeing the kids put out such a quality product."

"It's important that we invest some time helping out the journalists of tomorrow," Thomason said. "It's satisfying because these kids are just as excited about having their stories read by others as professionals are."

"It's a way of giving back what we've received all these years," Calvert said.

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someone else and they feel good about it."

Todd Breeding, a junior accounting major who played the part of Freddy Krueger, said people from many different socioeconomic levels and age groups participated.

"It was neat because even though we were all from different backgrounds, we were all working together for the same cause," Breeding said.

Hinnant said a wide range of people participated.

"We have a lot of people that can't afford to give their money, so they give of their time," Hinnant said.

Doug Thompson, a junior accounting major who is president of the Residence Hall Association, said several residents had expressed interest in working at the haunted house, but they weren't sure their hall could take on the commitment alone. So Thompson arranged for the halls to work together through the RHA.

"I played the pumpkinhead Friday night," Thompson said. "I'd like to play Freddy Krueger - it would be fun because the mask and glove are very interesting."

Despite Freddy's presence, Hinnant said it is not their goal to disgust those who attend.

"We play on the element of surprise, rather than the gore and guts," Hinnant said. "We've got all kinds of characters from the classic ones to the modern ones - we've got it all."

Thursday night TCU students can get \$1 off the regular \$4 adult price with their TCU IDs.

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from the position in 1985.

Kirkpatrick now teaches "Pluralism, Competition and Democracy," at Georgetown University said Jerry Nesting, government department secretary at Georgetown University.

Kirkpatrick said she hoped she would have an even stronger voice after she returned to private life.

"I can speak out clearly on behalf of such shared foreign policy objectives as restoring and preserving American strength, supporting democracy and independence in the hemisphere, defending our friends, our principles and our interests," Kirkpatrick said.

During the 1980 presidential campaign, Kirkpatrick was a member of President Reagan's foreign policy and advisory group.

About 200 tickets are on sale at the Student Center Information Desk. It costs \$2 for students and \$5 for faculty, staff and the public.

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**KTCU revises shows with eclectic menu**

By **ANDREA PHILLIPS**  
Staff Writer

When senior radio/TV/film major Scott Tobin first started his radio show "Molecular Beat" on KTCU, no one called the station except his friends.

"It was kind of depressing," he said. "It's sobering to realize that no one listens to our radio station."

"I would like the student body to know that TCU does have a radio station that can play music to the students," Tobin said.

New programs at KTCU are giving the station a more eclectic menu of music.

Students can now hear everything from contemporary Christian selections to progressive dance tunes in addition to KTCU's traditional jazz, big band and classical music.

"There's a lot more of a choice available to the students," said KTCU program director Todd Carruth. "Whatever kind of music you like, you're going to hear it at least one time on KTCU."

Tobin said he wanted to work at KTCU because he noticed the station did not play dance music.

"I want to play something with a good melody and something that moves me," Tobin said.

Tobin plays his own collection of music at KTCU but nine major record companies he contacted are also donating music.

Tobin had no radio experience when he went to KTCU's general manager Constantino Bernardez with the idea for the show.

After hearing a demonstration tape of Tobin, Bernardez agreed to give him airtime.

"Molecular Beat" is now on the air at 10 p.m. Fridays.

Bernardez said there are no restrictions on the type of music a student wishes to play as long as the music and lyrics are in good taste, and it is handled and presented in a tactful manner.

"I think people are getting a lot more sophisticated," Carruth said. "They're more aware of what they can use and make it sound more like a professional radio."



On the air - John Thomas of KTCU handles the controls during a daily broadcast.

The "AERho CD Hour" airing Friday nights at 8 p.m. is hosted by volunteer announcers and focuses on a single band or artist each week.

The program will feature the Beatles this Friday.

The hosts of the show can choose any group they want as long as they have the music on compact discs, said Andrew Wischmeyer, creator of the CD Hour and president of the nation-

wide broadcast honor society, Alpha Epsilon Rho.

Because the show features a different artist each week, it better serves the diverse musical tastes of the campus, he said.

Recently Tobin had trouble juggling phone calls during his show.

"It gets hectic," Tobin said. "But it's a fun kind of hectic because you know people are listening, and you know that you're doing something right."

**Marauders let children share TCU pride**

By **AMY THORNTON**  
Staff Writer

It was love at first sight when 8-year-old Jamie Westerfield, who has cystic fibrosis, and Melissa Myers, sophomore biology major, met at the TCU vs. Texas A&M basketball game last spring.

Nora Westerfield, Jamie's mother, said Jamie was in tears as they drove home from the basketball game because he feared he would never see Melissa again.

Jamie's fears disappeared Saturday as he and Melissa were reunited at the pre-game reception for the children with cystic fibrosis from the Fort Worth Children's Hospital, hosted by the Spirit Marauders.

Myers, who participated in the Spirit Marauders' activities last year, said she decided to participate in the

program for the children again this year in the hopes that she might see Jamie again.

"I definitely came back because of Jamie. It's weird that such a little person can give me strength - I really admire him for his courage (in dealing with cystic fibrosis)," Myers said.

After the reception, Jamie and Melissa walked hand in hand to Amon Carter Stadium where the children met head coach Jim Wacker and the TCU football players.

Although reluctant to leave Melissa for even a moment, Jamie followed the other children into the locker room where they stood, looking in awe at the larger-than-life members of the Horned Frog football team.

When it came time for the players to go on field for a pre-game practice, the children were invited to go along.

Coach Wacker talked to the awe-

struck children who bombarded him with questions while their parents requested pictures.

Jamie and Melissa cheered the Frogs to victory.

After the game, they returned to Clark Hall where they helped finish the pizza and chips left over from the reception.

As the chapel bells sounded at six o'clock, they exchanged phone numbers and addresses, both knowing the end of their day together had come.

The Spirit Marauders had not only given the children an opportunity to participate in TCU Horned Frog pride but had also given one little boy an opportunity to experience his first love.

Wacker said he thought inviting the children to the game was a great idea.

"Any time you can be of service to

your fellow man, you should do it - that's what life's all about," he said.

Although the group of children all had cystic fibrosis, it was not obvious at first glance because the disease has no physical or mental signs.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease which affects the lungs and pancreas and make breathing and digesting food difficult.

Victims of the disease take antibiotics and enzymes to fight infections and aid digestion.

These treatments will continue for the rest of their lives.

Having a child with cystic fibrosis is hard, said Norma Westerfield.

"Every day is a new day, but after eight years, you just get into a routine. If there's a problem, you just treat it like it's the last time (there's going to be a problem)," Westerfield said.

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# Commentary

## British ban bad omen for media

By MARICARMEN EROLES  
Columnist



Great Britain's government has decided that, if it cannot beat the Irish Republican Army and related groups, it will at least silence them.

The intent of the order banning transmission of direct radio or television appearances by members of groups who condone or practice violence in Northern Ireland was to stifle the publicity this group and its members have been getting through the broadcast media.

The ban includes the IRA, its political wing - the Sinn Fein, which is a legal political party in Great Britain, and Protestant paramilitary groups like the Ulster Defense Association.

At first, the gag law passed by the British government under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's au-

spices seems to be an omen of how far the government is willing to go.

But luckily the government cannot go too far concerning freedom of speech. The law, which only covers radio and television, does not prevent these media from showing pictures or reporting statements from the organizations affected.

One of the last appearances by a member of one of these groups was made by Gerry Adams, a Sinn Fein member of Parliament for West Belfast last Wednesday.

Thatcher's attempt to "cut the oxygen of publicity" from these groups has failed its purpose. What it has done is set a terrifying precedent for the media. The British government is trying to silence the problem without having to solve it.

The fact that killings and violence in Northern Ireland cannot be protested personally by either side of the struggling groups does not mean there will be a decrease in the killings and violence.

The BBC has emphatically protested the ban. In one of these pro-

tests, they showed an image of Adams giving a speech while someone at the studio read the text of the speech.

What they did is in accordance with the ban. No matter how many laws the government passes to suppress freedom of speech, the media will find loopholes.

Although the ban law is less sweeping than it appeared at first, there is cause for alarm.

Great Britain is one of the Western countries with a long history of protecting civil liberties, but this ban gives the government a foot in the door to pass other more harsh measures to cover up the problem.

Already, South Africa Prime Minister P.W. Botha has said if Great Britain can pass laws like this one, the world should not criticize his attempts to silence the similar violence going on in his country.

The British people should fight this suppression of free speech and press now. They cannot afford to wait until no news can be transmitted at all about the struggle for independence in Northern Ireland.



## Letters to the Editor

### Not picked on

When I opened the Oct. 25 edition of the *Skiff*, I was pleasantly surprised to see an article about a sports club ("New Water Ski Club to Make Big Splash"). After reading the article, my surprise quickly turned to disappointment. My disappointment was not with the *Skiff*; the article was well-written and a feature on any sports club is greatly appreciated. What bothered me were the comments of Matt Carnes and Chuck Compher of the water-skiing club concerning the sports club budget meeting.

The Sports Club Presidents' Council conducts a single budget meeting each semester in which all clubs requesting funding present their budgets and make necessary cuts until the funding requests equal the funding allotted by the university. Every club is forced to make significant cuts in its initial budget. This semester there was a total of \$8,900 requested and the entire budget allotted was \$3,250.

If Mr. Carnes believes that the length of this meeting coupled with the fact that water skiing is a first year club caused the Presidents' Council to "pick on" the water skiing club, I'm afraid I must disagree with him. The water skiing club's budget was not the only budget that came under scrutiny - every budget presented that evening was questioned and cut.

I believe that the clubs that were active prior to this semester found it a bit overwhelming to see a first semester club's budget exceed the total allotted budget (water skiing's initial request was more than \$3,600). Most of the existing clubs had little or no university funding their first semester. These clubs took their first semester to prove that they had enough interest and campus support to warrant university funding.

In response to Mr. Compher's statement regarding clubs "seeking reimbursement for money already spent," this is a perfectly legitimate practice. It is unrealistic to ask a club not to buy equipment until after the

budgeting process. This could waste up to half the semester and could cause that club not to be able to compete or even practice until certain equipment is purchased or dues and fees are paid.

In closing, I would like to remind Mr. Carnes and Mr. Compher that the water skiing club received \$464 (not \$517, as the article indicated), which is more than any existing club was granted in its first semester. Frog Legs (the running club) got \$45 its first semester, the High Adventure Club received around \$100, and the Volleyball Club had no university funding until its second semester. I do believe that water skiing is a quality club and as it matures and becomes more familiar with the system, it will come to realize that it was not "picked on" in its first budget meeting.

Paige Anders  
Senior/human relations  
President, TCU Sports Club Presidents' Council

### Likes Mike

I was impressed by the strong political column titled "It's the Actions That Count" by Brad Vanderbilt in the Friday edition of the *Skiff*. His words strive to do the job of a political column - that is, to use his knowledge to persuade his reader. His column contains a great number of facts that voters should be aware of.

By harshly criticizing a blemish on what was a fairly efficient program, George Bush continues to dwell on the Massachusetts prison furlough program. But Bush has little "action" to qualify his choice as a good president. For eight years, he has worked under the shadow of Ronald Reagan. If people (voters) become more aware of the issues at hand and less aware of ignorant criticism, then Michael Dukakis would become the next president of the United States.

The Republicans seem to grasp hold of vital issues such as education and the environment. Once again, voters are blinded by the truth that

these policies will change. I fear that the same idea will hold true if George Bush is elected president.

TCU is a university in which the majority of students support George Bush. That, of course, is fine under the First Amendment. One may support or believe anything he or she wishes. In spite of this, many supporters of Michael Dukakis have been criticized for doing just that - expressing their own beliefs. Political tolerance should be extended to anyone. If one looks someone down or doesn't listen to someone's beliefs, then that person lacks confidence in what he stands for. In this letter, I strove to criticize no one; instead, I wanted to acknowledge the good column I read, as well as freedom of speech.

Rob Freyer  
Freshman/biology

### Dukakis defense

Gov. Michael Dukakis finally figured out a few weeks ago that his positions on defense were not popular with the American people. What did he do? He quickly sported a helmet and took a tank for a test drive. The American people thought it was a joke.

Now the Bush campaign has an ad out on T.V. that mentions just a few of the projects and systems that Dukakis does not or did not support, while the background shows Mike's test drive and smiling face when he finishes. Dukakis called foul - why? The ad tells the truth. Dukakis is weak on national defense. As Reagan said at this year's convention, "Facts are stubborn things."

Take, for instance, Dukakis' rejection of building an early-warning radar station to coordinate military communications and operations in his state. Dukakis also scolded Reagan for his invasion of Grenada, an operation that had overwhelming support by the American people.

Gov. Dukakis is against SDI and other weapons systems that serve only to protect the United States. Not only does he have the wrong position on national security, he lacks any position on national security. Dukakis does not favor defense

against missiles; in fact, he calls SDI a fantasy. However, the Dukakis problem only gets worse.

The governor is opposed to the new MX and Midgetman missile systems, the B-1B bomber and expansion of our nuclear navy, both ships and subs. The U.S. nuclear forces rest on a triad of missiles, planes and submarines, and Dukakis wants to cut all three. When you combine Dukakis' stances, you have an America with no offensive or defensive protection from a nuclear enemy attack.

The only defense system Dukakis is for is an upgrade to our conventional forces. While those forces do need help, this is not the only answer. I recently saw a cartoon that had one Soviet soldier talking to another one while looking at a mushroom cloud in the distance. The caption is, "That was the best conventional force I had ever seen."

Continued research on SDI and offensive weapons systems is the only way to bring the Soviets to the bargaining tables. Even Dukakis and Bentsen concede that the only reason the Soviet Union finally signed the INF treaty was because we deployed Pershing 2 missiles in Germany. America needs to keep its "peace through strength" plan that has helped us the last 8 years.

Dukakis has "changed his mind" in the past month, saying that some of these programs might be okay, but do not believe him. He is behind by at least 10 points in every poll, and even his own state is split 50-50 on him. He is trying to con the voters, and so far it is not working.

John LaBoon  
Senior/finance

### Misery index

In yet another letter attacking John LaBoon and his admittedly conservative views, David Thoms left himself wide open for a response that I could not pass up.

Thoms attempted to blast LaBoon for mentioning how the Reagan administration has brought the misery index down. (A quick note: The misery index is the sum of the inflation rate and the unemployment rate.) During the Carter administration, the misery index peaked at 17.9

percent. The Reagan recovery has brought it down to about 9 percent. Thoms plays down such an accomplishment as "not quite the measure of economic well being politicians would like it to be."

Had Thoms done his homework, he would have known that the misery index was first used by then-candidate Jimmy Carter in the 1976 debates. What a shining example of how certain statistics are only good to people like David Thoms when they work in his favor. The truth hurts.

Second, Thoms says that inflation hurts only 2 percent of the nation. David, if that were true, then Ronald Reagan should only have received 2 percent of the vote in 1980, because inflation spiraled upward in the Carter years. The source of Thoms' argument is the Brookings Institute, a liberal think tank that is biased against Reaganomics. He offers no substantial evidence that inflation makes people better off or that unemployment concentrates wealth, which is what the Brookings Institute contends.

If inflation makes people better off, then Carter should have easily beaten Reagan in 1980. I ask Thoms to look at the facts, not the rhetoric of a biased organization. Like I said, if inflation helps so much, why did Reagan win big in 1980? Further, when inflation had fallen by 1984 and people were, according to Thoms' argument, worse off, why did Reagan win 49 out of 50 states?

David, surely one man could not fool so many millions of people. The simple fact is that a vast majority of people are better off today than they were in the days of President Carter's misery index in 1980. President Carter invented the misery index. We remember.  
Joe Gagnon  
Junior/political science

### Competence

At the Democratic National Convention, Michael Dukakis said "this election is not about ideology - it's about competence."

In comparing the two candidates in the *Skiff*, only one is qualified to be president, and that is George Bush. How can a competent government official pull accounting tricks to

place a budget in balance?

Massachusetts has already amassed short-term borrowings of \$1.6 billion this year. Yet Dukakis tells the American people that he views a tax increase as a last resort. The following are a list of programs he endorsed and the cost to Americans.

He has endorsed a bill that seeks to control air emissions at an annual cost of \$5 to 7 billion. He would also expand current state-run adult literacy programs at a cost of \$25 million per year. Dukakis has endorsed Sen. Dodd's bill, which would create federal child care at the cost of \$2.5 billion a year. He would also create regional economic development through the federal government at a cost of \$500 million a year.

Gov. Dukakis has endorsed Rep. Claude Pepper's long-term health care bill. The cost has been estimated at more than \$22 billion in new federal spending over the next four years. He has also endorsed Sen. Kennedy's bill that requires businesses to provide health insurance to employees. The cost for this over the next four years is more than \$27 billion.

Dukakis has also endorsed another of Sen. Kennedy's bills. This one was to have raised the minimum wage. The cost to businesses would have been \$4 billion a year and a loss of 750,000 jobs.

Dukakis supports a plan to have the federal government build 150,000 to 200,000 housing units. The cost is approximately \$3 billion a year. He has also endorsed Sen. Dodd's bill, which demands a 10-week parental leave of absence from work at a cost to businesses of \$194 million a year.

President Dukakis would create a "Teaching Excellence Fund" that would create federal grants and scholarships, which would cost \$250 million in the first year alone.

The additional cost of a Dukakis presidency over four years is over \$115 billion. In a time when the government needs to cut down on spending, Dukakis comes up with programs that would require additional spending. The only option left to Gov. Dukakis to fund these programs is to increase taxes.

Please, think before you vote.

Tom Edwards  
Senior/management

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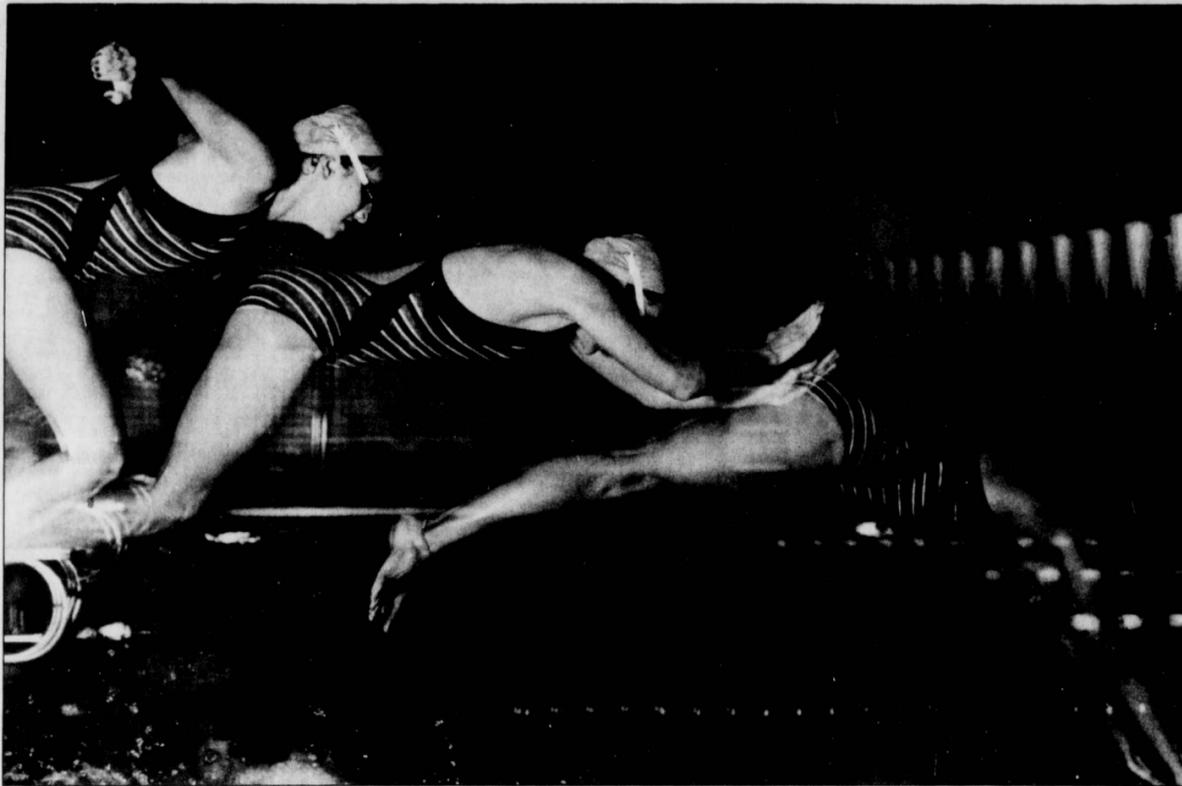
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# Sports



TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Winn

Ghostly plunge - Sprint-freestyle swimmer Cathy Boyd of Houston is a top senior on the TCU women's team.

## Swim team starts season at SWC relays

By SCOTT MACKEY  
Staff Writer

TCU men's and women's swim teams begin their seasons Friday at the Southwest Conference relays in Dallas.

Swimming relays will be held at SMU starting at 4 p.m. The diving events will be held at the Rickel Center diving well, beginning at 3 p.m.

"We jump into it with both feet," head swim coach Richard Sybesma said. "This meet is an introduction to the season. It gives a lot of people a chance to swim."

Last season, the men's team finished fifth in the conference. The women's team finished sixth.

This year, both teams are hoping to finish at least third, Sybesma said.

Texas, the number one team in the country, is expected to walk away with first place. SMU is likely to take second. But third place is up for grabs, he said.

TCU will be relying heavily on senior swimmer Doug Ellis. Ellis is a TCU record holder in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, as well as the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays and the 800-yard medley relay. He also qual-

ified for the Olympic Trials in Austin this summer with a time of 23.79 in the 50-meter freestyle.

Scott Steele and Kevin Irion are also strong returning members of the men's team. Steele holds TCU records in the 100-yard breaststroke. Irion holds records in the 200-yard intermediate.

"Our strength lies in our relays," Sybesma said. "Sprints, butterfly and breaststroke are all very strong events for us this year."

The diving team has also improved. This year's team is the largest, most talented team in recent memory, he said.

"That's an area we needed to get better in and we definitely did," he said.

Jeff Taylor is the strongest returning diver. Taylor holds a TCU record on the one-meter board with a score of 473.50 and he reached the finals in the SWC championships. Taylor has also qualified for the NCAA zone meet three years in a row.

Paige Eaton and Cathy Boyd are two of the stronger returning women swimmers. Eaton is an NCAA qualifier in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Boyd holds the school record for the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:35.52.

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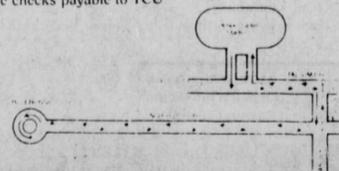
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# TCU defends ranking, routs Rams

By SCOTT HUNT  
Sports Writer

TCU men's soccer team had more than just Fort Worth soccer supremacy at stake in their game with Texas Wesleyan on Tuesday.

The Frogs had a brand new regional ranking to defend.

An NCAA Midwest region committee bestowed upon TCU a No. 10 ranking, which the men successfully defended with a 5-0 victory over the Rams.

Junior forward Todd Groth began the rout, scoring three minutes into the game on a six-yard shot.

Groth was followed by a parade of TCU scorers including senior Rex Roberts, who scored twice to increase his team-leading total to eight goals.

Sophomore Andy Machin and freshman John Johnson also added goals.

"We knew we were a better team than they were," head coach David Rubinson said. "It's nice to be the ones chased."

Junior goalkeeper Steve Johnson had seven saves to record his third shutout in four starts. The shutout lowered his goals allowed average to 0.75.

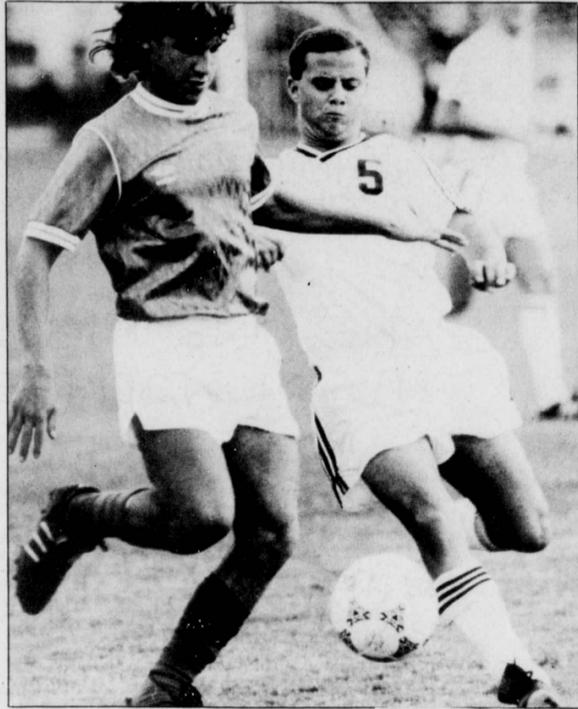
The victory marked another first for the men. With their 7-6-1 record, they have a winning record for the first time this season.

"We've got to win a few more games to be there (over .500 for the season)," Rubinson said. "Our goal is to stay in the rankings."

The win continued a TCU hot streak that began with a 2-1 victory over Centenary on Sept. 25.

With wins against Texas Wesleyan, Texas-San Antonio and a tie with Tulsa, the Frogs have won or tied eight out of the last nine games.

The Texas-San Antonio and Tulsa



TCU Daily Skiff / Michael Dixon

Attack! - TCU fullback Jack Whitten (5) tangles with UTSA's Derek Deavors during Friday's game at TCU.

games preceded the victory over Texas Wesleyan.

On Sunday, the men continued to avoid the loss column with a 0-0 tie with Tulsa.

The Frogs' best chance to win the Tulsa game came with time running out in the overtime period.

Truman Blocker took a penalty shot from 20 yards out but Hurricane goal-

keeper Rich Mottl made the save. The ball rebounded to freshman Huvishka Ali, whose shot hit the crossbar.

"I thought I had the goal," Ali said. "I thought I could get it up and over him and I guess I lifted it."

Goalkeeper Mark Walgren continued to shine with nine saves. The game was Walgren's third shutout of

the year and lowered his goals-against average to 1.00.

The tie was both good and bad, Ali said.

"I think we played well against the higher ranked team; that's positive," Ali said. "But we had a chance to win and that's, I guess, negative."

"That's another game I was disappointed we didn't win," Rubinson said.

The tie followed the Frogs' 5-0 win over a young Texas-San Antonio team.

UTSA head coach David Olmos attributed his team's loss to youth and inexperience.

"This team started nine freshmen," Olmos said. "We try to learn from situations like this, learn where the mistakes are."

Roberts led TCU with two goals against the Roadrunners.

Freshman Troy Helling and senior Tim Deegan also added goals, and Ali scored his first collegiate goal in the game.

Roberts credited his recent tear to a change made in TCU's offensive scheme.

He said the switch to three forwards instead of two frees him up more to score.

Roberts' explosion parallels the success of the whole team.

"At the beginning of the year, I was swarmed," Roberts said. "But things have changed for the Frogs who overcame an 0-5 start."

"(Now) we're on a streak (and) our confidence is way up," Roberts said. "I wish we could play those first five games over again."

"It would be nice to have another shot at 'em," said Rubinson.

The Frogs have remaining games with North Texas, the University of New Mexico, Pan American and a rematch with SMU.

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## Lady Frog netters find it tough going in Austin

By MICHAEL DIXON  
Sports Writer

Eight members of the 25th-ranked TCU women's tennis team competed individually in the 1988 Rolex ITCA Southwest Regional Tennis Championships last weekend in Austin.

Freshman Nancy Terrell led all Lady Horned Frog competitors by advancing to the final 16 on Friday before losing 6-2, 6-1 to her former junior doubles partner, Lynn Staley of Texas A&M.

Terrell won her first two matches

on Thursday, unaware she was seeded in the top 16.

"I was just taking it one match at a time," Terrell said. "I didn't want to be thinking ahead. Sometimes if I look at the draw, I tend to look too far ahead."

Terrell defeated SMU's Kim Gaido and Debbie Ceccato in the first two rounds and then easily advanced to the final 16 with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Texas Tech's Barbara Fitterer.

"I got to where I was supposed to," Terrell said. "I really wasn't pleased with how I played."

Fourth-seeded Tory Plunkett was knocked off in the second round by Michelle Bogaard of Trinity 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Freshman Margot van Overloop made it to the third round where she lost to sixth-seeded Katrina Crawford of Trinity 6-0, 6-3.

Freshmen Christina Tee and Tracy King also advanced to the third round where they were defeated by seeded players.

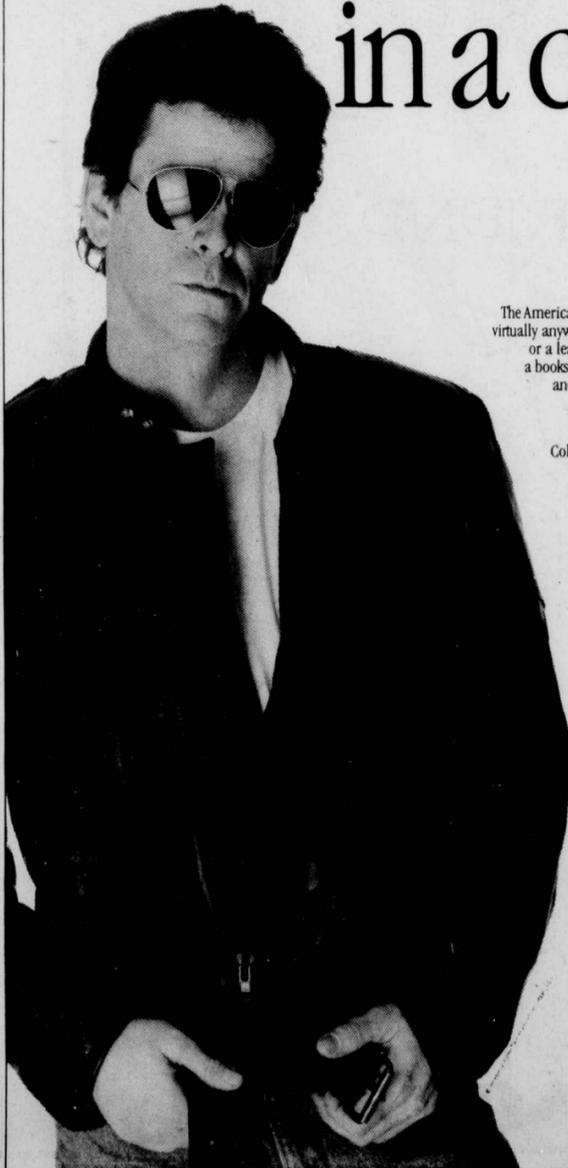
King won her first match over Jennifer Jones of Texas A&M and then defeated Stacie Otten of Texas 7-6,

6-1. Third-seeded Carla Cossa of Texas defeated King in the third round 6-1, 6-1.

After a bye in the first round, Tee defeated Texas Tech's Karen Biggerstaff in the second round 6-3, 6-3. Tee lost her third-round match to eighth-seeded Cindy Churchwell of Texas A&M 6-4, 6-2.

In doubles action, fifth-seeded Tory Plunkett and Margot van Overloop advanced to the quarterfinals where they lost to No. 1 seeds Jane Holdren and Allison Fleming of Trinity.

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