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Manager claims no responsibility in tanning salon closing

By KATHLEEN MCKAY
Staff Writer

The former manager of The Magic Tan Machine, Mike Sirianni, said he had no idea the salon was closing when it did.

The owner of The Magic Tan Machine, Shannon Gajdica, left town in November with the money of several TCU students and without

notice to his employees.

Sirianni said he called Gajdica in Denver.

"He's got a place in Aurora just outside of Denver," he said. "It's called The Perfect Tan."

"I called and talked to him and he told me he had filed for bankruptcy," he said. "That's about all he had to say."

Sirianni said he did not ask Gajdica

any more about his leaving town without notice because, "that's just the way he does things."

"I was supposed to open on Monday morning," Sirianni said. "I went in and the couches were gone. I thought, 'they're probably being steamed.' Then I saw that the ceiling fans were gone. I thought, 'maybe they're being oiled.' Then I went in the back and looked and the (tanning)

beds were gone, and I said, 'I'm getting the hell out of here.'"

Denwood Butler, the property manager of the building, said he discovered that Gajdica was gone when he went by the salon to pick up a rent check.

Sirianni said he was suspicious of Gajdica.

"I got suspicious when Shannon started making regular trips to De-

nvier, and Trammel Crow Development in Denver started calling a lot," Sirianni said. "When Shannon said, 'Don't sell anymore memberships for more than one month, I knew something was fixing to happen.'"

Sirianni said he tried to help the people to whom he had sold memberships.

"I felt personally responsible for those people," he said. "I got all their

postdated checks that were left in the postdate file."

Terry Marini, who was manager of The Magic Tan Machine before Sirianni, said he heard about Gajdica's leaving "through the grapevine."

"The tanning industry is an up-and-down type industry," Marini said. "Unless you are absolutely sure what's going on, you really can't do anything."

Mortar Board gives award to professor

Lawrence named 'Top Prof' again

By SUSAN BESZE
Staff Writer

Kenneth Lawrence, chairman of the religion studies department, has been named "Top Prof" by Mortar Board for the second time in his 16 years on campus.

"It was such a complete surprise - an extraordinary honor," said Lawrence, a graduate of TCU and Brite Divinity School.

Mortar Board members selected Lawrence largely because he is extremely enthusiastic and accessible, said Phillip Hartman, Mortar Board senior faculty adviser.

"They (Mortar Board members) discussed the virtues of the nominees before voting, and many of Dr. Lawrence's students said that no matter what time they showed up he was always talking with students," Hartman said.

Lawrence said being interested in students as individuals is one of the most important qualities an effective professor can have.

"When I believe in them (students), in their potential, they see they can believe in themselves," Lawrence said.

"Just today I recognized a woman standing in the office doorway. She graduated around '77. She said, 'I came to tell you what I'm doing.'"

"I was startled to see her, but I was immediately exhilarated to observe within two minutes her maturity and the confidence she had about her," he said. "It was a tremendous experience."

Lawrence said the qualities of a good professor vary with different fields and the subject matter one is trying to communicate.

"I try to find ways to bring as many class members into direct and personal involvement with the subject as I can. There are innovative approaches

to any topic," he said.

"Teaching isn't just pouring information into students' heads to be spouted back," he said.

"Dr. Lawrence is very receptive to anyone's ideas or comments and usually finds a way to incorporate them into the lecture," said Karl Hillstrom junior philosophy and religion studies major. "He's always giving positive feedback."

"I try to reduce the fear of making mistakes - mistakes can be helpful things to learn from," Lawrence said. "I find I change with every course I teach, learning new things. Students teach me a lot."

Lawrence described teaching as great fun and said he never runs out of energy for it.

"Students love him," said Mortar Board President Clark Jones, a senior biology major who attends the same church as Lawrence.

"He is a fantastic teacher. You know he's incredibly intelligent, but he doesn't come across too lofty," said Tracy Sommers, a senior English major.

Sommers said she and her religion class have been invited to Lawrence's home on the last day of classes for "a discussion to wrap up the semester and to socialize."

"He makes such an effort to get to know all his students personally," she said.

"He just went to his 30th TCU reunion, so he's truly a part of TCU. You couldn't ask for a better influence," Jones said.

Awards are nothing new to Lawrence, who is a past recipient of the Brachman Hall Innovative Teaching Award, the T.A. Abbot Award for Faculty Excellence and the TCU Student Body Award for Teaching Excellence.



On the ball - William James Learning Center students play soccer during their physical education class

Student sexually assaulted

Incident follows campus rumors

By JULIE PALM
and BRENDA WELCHLIN
Staff Writers

A female TCU student was raped in a house near campus early Wednesday morning, and Fort Worth police have suspects in the case, police reports show.

No arrests have been made, Fort Worth police Sgt. C.D. Timmons said.

"Probably, next week the investigation will be resolved," Timmons said.

"TCU takes the issue of rape very seriously," said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. "While there is no recent event to cause women to fear attacks from strangers on the campus, this incident should serve to indicate that all persons should be alert to their personal safety at all times and should make decisions that will assure as much as possible their personal safety."

A letter explaining university procedures for handling rape cases was drafted before this incident occurred and was sent to all student mailboxes this week by Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. She said the letter was an attempt to quell rumors this semester that rapes had occurred on or near campus.

The letter discussed both acquaintance and stranger rape.

Mills said acquaintance rape occurs when the victim knows the assailant for any length of time, even if it is only an hour. Stranger rape occurs when the victim does not know the attacker,

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Controversy caused by Board of Trustee's closed meetings

By ANDREA HEATON
and STACY FRYE
Staff Writers

Students, trustees and faculty have differing views on TCU's closed Board of Trustee meetings.

Since TCU is a private institution, the Board of Trustees has the right to close its doors to students and the press.

Some students and faculty say this closed-meeting policy limits their

knowledge of decisions affecting them.

"We're paying \$195 (per semester hour)," said Mellie Denney, a junior education major. "We have a right to know what's going on at our school."

"People whose lives are affected by a decision must be a part of the process of arriving at that decision," writes John Naisbitt, in his nationwide bestseller "Megatrends."

In his book, Naisbitt refers to the corporation/employee relationship and states that the consumers should

be a part of the process - but not necessarily make the decisions.

Trustees don't agree with this approach.

"The Board discusses too many matters that are too delicate," said trustee Marvin Gearhart.

Gearhart cited an example using children and grandchildren. He said there have been times when parents make decisions in the best interest of their children but against the children's wishes.

"The situation is the same thing,"

he said, referring to the trustee/student relationship.

"The Board needs the right to discuss issues without the press being at their elbow," said trustee Albert M. Pennybacker.

Issues such as tenure appointments, fiscal affairs and policy matters are "confidential business" that are discreet to the trustees, Pennybacker said.

"Students impede on the ability of the Board to fully discuss issues," said trustee John Roach. "Students may

bring undo pressures to the situation and decision-making process."

Andrew Fort, chairman of Student Organizations Committee, said open meetings would allow people to feel nothing is being done secretly.

"In the long run, (open meetings) can build trust," Fort said.

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for University Relations, said students are able to give their input through the Student Relations Committee.

This committee is made up of 12

trustees and 14 student representatives from major organizations on campus, said Lee Behar, president of the House of Student Representatives.

"The process that we have here works pretty well," Lauer said.

"It seems to me that there are issues which should involve no need for confidentiality such as curricular matters as the UCR (University Core Requirements)," said Pat Paulus,

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PC Christmas Fair to offer novelties

By KAREN FROST
Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming a little early for the benefit of TCU students, faculty and staff.

Programming Council's Special Events Committee will be sponsoring its annual Christmas Fair in the Student Center lounge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

"We have 24 different groups that will be selling Christmas novelty items ranging from woodcrafts to jewelry," said Larry Markley, director of the Student Center and the committee's programming adviser.

Along with woodcrafts and jewelry, hand-painted clothing, ceramics, etchings, quilt dolls and TCU Christmas ornaments will also be sold, Markley said.

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"Foreign trade" subject of second AT&T event

By CAROL DICKEY
Staff Writer

A symposium titled "World Trade and Its Impact on the Affairs of Nations" will be held 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

The forum is the second event in the 1988-89 AT&T Distinguished Lecture Series, which sponsored the

appearance of Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Rather than feature an outside speaker, this symposium will involve TCU faculty members, said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for University Relations.

Don Coerver, chairman of the his-

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Today's forecast according to the National Weather Service is mostly sunny with high temperatures in the lower 60s and lows in the 30s, northwest winds at 10 mph.

Friday's forecast is mostly clear with highs in the mid-60s.

House honors five profs

Students acknowledge teachers' excellence

By ROBIN NOBLE
Staff Writer

Some professors are more than teachers in a classroom or lecture hall - they're the stars.

The House of Student Representatives honored five TCU professors at its meeting Tuesday by awarding them the student-body elected House of Student Representatives Teacher Excellence Award.

The sociology department's star is assistant professor William Head.

"The award shows that I'm making an impact. Students are picking up on what I have to say," Head said.

He said popularity and personality play their parts in the election, but that's not all.

"I have a desire to make each class the best class a student has ever taken," he said. "I let them know that I'm excited about what I'm teaching and it rubs off."

"I want students to know that criminal justice is an available career option, and some students aren't aware

of this," he said.

Head said he not only provides current examples to illustrate lessons, but "we'll do whatever it takes to get them involved and interested. Every class is different."

Head, who is the faculty sponsor of the criminal justice honor society, said he likes to get to know his students.

"I like to get familiar with students so I can focus teaching techniques to the students," he said. "I do it so I can tailor my classes to fit the students' needs."

His early experiences as a teacher taught him a lot.

"I learned that you have to have your act together," he said. "When you walk into a classroom, you'd better be prepared. You don't want to blow it by not having the answer to a question."

The M.J. Neeley School of Business is not without its stars either.

Senoa Hensley, assistant professor of accounting, also was among the honored.

"I think the award means that somebody out there thinks you're a good teacher," she said. "If the students like you, you've got a better chance of getting through to them."

The fact that Hensley does get through is probably the reason she's so well-liked.

"I love her," said Heather Host, a junior finance major. "She makes me feel like she cares. She keeps us interested and is always coming up with something else to keep us entertained."

Hensley said her skill in the classroom is not a conscious effort.

"It's not something that you try to do," she said. "Teachers can polish their skills, but good teachers have always been good and just get better. A terrible teacher probably won't become a great teacher later on."

Hensley makes it a goal to try to see things through her students' eyes.

"They can't possibly have all the right answers, and they have to know early on that it's okay to be wrong -

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CAMPUSlines

CBN University will have a representative on campus Friday in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Preparing for Finals" workshop today from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rickett Building room 106. Open to all students. Call 921-7486 for reservations.

Frog Follies videotapes available in the Student Activities office until Friday. Cost \$20. Call 921-7926 for more information.

TCU AT&T Distinguished Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. Featuring John Bohon, associate professor of history; John Harvey, assistant professor of economics; and Don Coerver, associate professor of history, as moderator. Bohon's theme will be "Two versions of International Competition" and Harvey's theme will be "U.S. Foreign Trade and International Policy Coordination." Free admission.

Christmas Fair Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center lounge. Featuring area artwork and crafts. Everyone welcome.

Jazz Ensembles concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Student admission: \$3.

Films committee presenting "Three Men and a Baby" Friday and "Snow White" Saturday in the Student Center ballroom. Shows start at 7 and 10 p.m. Admission is \$1.50. Call 926-1929 for more information.

Young Choreographers Concert, featuring ballet, modern and Chinese dance, at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the University Theatre. Free admission.

Orchestra and Choral Union concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Free admission.

Financial Aid Forms for 1989-90 available in the Financial Aid Office, Sadler Hall room 108.

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NEWSlines

WASHINGTON - The chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. calls for spending \$30 billion next year to shut down the "worst losers" in the savings and loan industry. Some analysts say a bailout could reach \$100 billion as the \$9.27 billion in S&L losses through September top last year's post-Depression record of \$7.5 billion.

UNITED NATIONS - The General Assembly is expected to vote Wednesday on a resolution deploring the U.S. denial of a visa to PLO chief Yasser Arafat and urging the United States to reconsider. Delegates also are preparing a second resolution to call for the assembly to meet in Geneva to hear Arafat.

WASHINGTON - The Soviet Union has stopped jamming Radio Liberty broadcasts for the first time in more than 30 years and has also stopped trying to block some other Western broadcasts into the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, government broadcast officials say.

MOSCOW - After two days of rare debate in the Soviet parliament, the Kremlin leadership meets behind closed doors to decide which of dozens of suggested amendments will be incorporated into the final version of a proposed restructuring of the government.

Spirit of Christmas sensed in 'Scrooged'

By DAVID ANDRIESEN
Film Critic

Bill Murray has been out of the public eye for the last four years, putting in only minor roles in films like "Little Shop of Horrors" to keep from being forgotten completely. But thanks to what he calls "the greatest script I've ever read," the public's coolest funnyman is back for Christmas in Paramount's holiday extravaganza, "Scrooged," a modern-day takeoff on Dickens' immortal story "A Christmas Carol."

Frank Cross, played by Murray, is television's youngest network president and a real jerk. He sees Christmas as just another way to get an extra ratings point. He's the kind of guy who fires an employee on Christmas Eve for looking at him funny and then times how long it takes security to throw him out of the building.

And as the title implies, he is visited by three ghosts who show him that he must change his ways.

Not since "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World" has such an array of cameo appearances been seen in a comedy film. Among those with small roles are Lee Majors, the late Sir John Houseman, Mary Lou Retton, John Forsythe, Buddy Hackett and Jamie Farr, just to name a few.

And if you go to see it, take a close, quick look as Murray passes by a group of street musicians, and you'll see that they are none other than David Sanborn and "Late Night's" Paul Shaffer. Even the film's director and screenwriters are in it.

Murray is better than ever as Cross. He plays the role with flair, class and a ton of humor, making even the Scrooge-like character a likeable

guy whom we as an audience come to care about.

Murray may even get the token Academy Award nomination sometimes given to a comedy. With "Scrooged," he certainly will add to his list of one-word smash successes - "Meatballs," "Caddyshack," "Ghostbusters."

The only parts of this film that don't belong entirely to Murray are the scenes with Carol Kane ("The Princess Bride," "Racing With the Moon").

Kane, a two-time Emmy Award winner (for "Taxi"), combines the characteristics of Tinkerbell with Mike Tyson to get a Sugarplum Fairy Ghost of Christmas Present who really knows how to get her point across. Her section of the film is full of non-stop laughs.

Great performances also are given by Bobcat Goldthwaite as the nerdy employee whom Cross fires, and by David Johansen as the Ghost of Christmas Past.

The direction and post-production work in "Scrooged" is also excellent. In short, it's a great final package.

The most notable thing about "Scrooged" comes at the end of the film. Murray interrupts a live broadcast and gives a speech over the air that is a touching, heartfelt and riveting social commentary.

You'll leave the theater touched and with a renewed sense of Christmas spirit and goodwill toward mankind. A comedy with a conscience - what a refreshing change of pace.

I'm giving it an 8, and while you may not like it quite as well as I did, I think everybody who sees it will be glad they did.

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tory department, will moderate the symposium. Speakers will be John Bohon, associate professor of history, and John Harvey, assistant professor of economics.

"This was designed to be a follow-up to Dr. Kirkpatrick's speech," Lauer said.

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"We do this (Christmas Fair) for the convenience of the students on campus, especially those without cars," said Lisa Cruse, committee chairwoman.

The Christmas Fair has been an annual event for about the past 20 years, she said.

"It provides an opportunity to purchase artsy-craftsy gifts for Christ-

mas that you may not be able to find elsewhere," Markley said.

A few faculty and staff members or their spouses are vendors in the Christmas Fair.

Most other vendors are individuals from off-campus who make crafts as a hobby and sell them at Christmas time, Markley said.

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what's not okay is to make the same mistakes over and over," she said. "I never embarrass or belittle a student in class - they have to be at ease," she said.

"Students know in the beginning that they're on my turf and that I know a lot more about accounting than they know," Hensley said. "But I have to know that I have an awesome responsibility to try and make those students understand my discipline."

Hensley also said she is an entertainer in class.

"I call it my dog and pony show," she said. "I don't know what it is really, but it seems to work."

William Moncrief, assistant professor of marketing, also was given a pat on the back by students.

"I think I am able to treat a student as an equal and as an individual," Moncrief said. "I'm involved in many student activities, and I get to know many students that way."

Moncrief, who is the marketing department chairman, has been involved in student orientation and the publication, *TCU Today*.

He said he felt the award somewhat reflects a teacher's likeability but also is a reflection of effective teaching.

"You hope it's not just popularity," he said. "I try to know all my students by the second week of school. I think students consider me a friend and I really do care about them."

Moncrief's first teaching experience was enlightening - in a way.

"The first thing I noticed when I walked in the class was that as an instructor, you can see the entire class," he said. "It made me think of the things I did as a student who sat in the back of the class and thought the instructor couldn't see."

Moncrief uses humor in the classroom as an attention-keeping device.

"If you can make a class funny and entertaining, students will pay attention," he said.

Moncrief's tennis rival, Charles Becker, an associate professor of economics and finance, accepted congratulations for his inclusion among the honored.

"My main claim to fame is my ability to thrash Bill Moncrief within an inch of his life at tennis," Becker said, with a laugh.

Concerning the award, Becker said, "There are some things that mean a lot in a teaching career. If the students think a lot of you, that means everything."

Modesty colored Becker's words, and he gave all the credit for the award to his students.

"Good students make good teachers," he said. "I have very bright kids that make me and others look very good."

"When I look at some of the other (winners), I'm so honored to be among them," he said.

"He establishes a respect for his students as adults," said Pam Hand, a sophomore economics major. "He's very intelligent, but he makes you feel at ease."

But Becker said that oddly enough, his secret method stems from the fact that, comparatively, he's not as bright as some other professors.

"There's some members on this staff that belong to MENSA and are very, very intelligent," he said. "In school, I preferred sports to learning. There's a great advantage to being a little bit dumb."

"I understand where students have the most problems because I was there in school," he said. "To me, nothing was automatic, so I'm more understanding and patient with students because I understand their problems."

Teaching wasn't such an easy thing for Becker to do in the beginning, but he got a piece of advice from a friend years ago.

"He told me to relax and enjoy the kids," he said. "When students become individuals and cease to be numbers is when you begin to understand them and define their needs."

Hand said, "He's entertaining. He makes you feel you're doing something relevant. He's very straightforward, very dedicated and always available to students."

Anatha Babbili, assistant professor of journalism, also is a member of the group.

Babbili, who is on his third House award and has numerous awards from various student groups, said his teaching style is provocative.

"I play the devil's advocate in class which stimulates the group and makes teaching exciting," said Babbili, of one of his larger classes. "I try to stimulate questions and debate ample stuff everyday. I create controversy in the classroom and students learn through that."

"His story-telling makes the class exciting," said Susan Besze, sophomore journalism major. "His lectures aren't lofty, they're exciting and

down-to-earth - very practical."

Babbili admits to being an entertainer in the classroom but said it's not a conscious technique.

"It comes naturally - you can't fake a teaching style," he said. "We all have bad days when we don't want to get up and do our thing, but you get past that."

Research is important to Babbili, but students come first.

"Caring that students learn is important, and I think that's the way I am," he said. "I don't want to stop caring. If I do that I think my competence in the classroom will deteriorate."

"Some of the best teachers are not performers, some are the hardest graders," he said. "If students want to get the best out of a class, they will."

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assistant professor of biology. She also said matters such as choosing honorary degree recipients should not be made public.

Linda Moore, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate, said most boards she has served on kept committee meetings closed and board meetings open without the problem of people not speaking freely.

"Open meetings facilitate a free flow of information between different publics and organizations," said Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department. "They stimulate debate and discussion on important issues of the day."

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and a surprise attack is often associated with the rape.

The last reported stranger rape on campus occurred six years ago when a female student was raped in the computer center, Barr said at a news conference Nov. 11.

At the news conference, she said two acquaintance rapes had been reported in the TCU area in the last year, with one of those on campus.

A report made to the Counseling Center, Health Center or University Ministries is not considered an official report, Barr said.

Official reports can be filed with Campus Police, the Dean of Students office or the Student Affairs office, Barr said. She said she urges students to file official reports and submit to legal rape examinations to keep their legal options open.



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Commentary

Our View Praising the good

Good news is no news, says the old line. Bad news is more interesting, and criticism is more newsworthy than praise.

But many deserve praise and recognition for their accomplishments over the past semester.

Foremost among these is the Programming Council's Forums Committee, which helped bring noted newsmakers/personalities Jeane Kirkpatrick and Ted Koppel to campus. Last year we heard, among others, Caspar Weinberger and Henry Kissinger.

The TCU administration should be commended for opening up lines of communication with students. In particular, Vice Chancellor Margaret Barr deserves credit for her efforts toward easing concern about the recent rash of rape rumors.

Outgoing Student House of Representatives president Lee Behar deserves recognition for his efforts to improve the House as well as working with the administration on students' concerns. His low-key, behind-the-scenes efforts were greatly appreciated.

Marriott has made strides to improve the variety of food offered as well as asking for more feedback from the students.

Marriott also took over concessions at football games and deserves praise for bringing Domino's Pizza, TCBY and Dairy Queen stands to the Stadium. The variety was an improvement.

The improvements in the Pit were also a nice touch.

And, as usual, the Hunger Week committee and the TCU community did an outstanding job on this year's Hunger Week. Once again they raised the consciousness of the campus and area to the problem of hunger.

Of course, no praise editorial would be complete without mentioning all those individuals who took the time to do those "little things" like helping a fellow student, working with charities, donating money or just being there to help. All your efforts, while sometimes unnoticed, are definitely as important as everything we've mentioned before.

Thanks go out to all of you.



Letter to the Editor

Appalled

To say the least, I was appalled at the *Skiff's* view of the House of Student Representatives' support of Hunger Week. I am a town student representative and a member of Finance Committee and would like to say that the House did in fact support Hunger Week.

Bill 88-21 was presented in the new business section of the House meeting on Sept. 27. Bill 88-21, "A Bill to Send Student Representa-

tives to National Hunger Conference," requested \$969 to send three students to Chicago for this conference. Two of the students were asked to lead workshops at the conference.

This bill was sent to Finance Committee and passed. On Oct. 4, 1988, Bill 88-21 was brought up before the House and passed.

Yet the *Skiff* dares to say the House does not support Hunger Week because we did not give \$100. We may not have donated during

Hunger Week, but I do think passing Bill 88-21 was enough.

I agree with and fully support the House's decision not to give \$100 to Hunger Week because of its practice to work the Meal Card donation table.

If the *Skiff* were half of the newspaper that it believes it is, it would have known about the bill. Next time before you accuse the House, do some research.

Tom Edwards
Senior/management

Contra aid is immoral

By MARICARMEN EROLES
Columnist



Armando Martinez was a college student in his 20s when he decided he wanted to do something with his life.

In December 1987, he joined a group of other students who were going to Nicaragua to pick coffee near the Honduras border. He felt the efforts of the Nicaraguan people to reconstruct their economy and their lives was worth supporting.

He wrote sporadic letters to his parents telling them how good he felt because he was helping.

In July the letters stopped coming. The family tried to search for him, but that part of Nicaragua is under constant attack from the U.S.-backed contra forces and it is hard to find missing people.

In late October, his family got news of Martinez' whereabouts.

He had been killed during a contra raid with a group of about 15 men and women who were out in the coffee fields.

His death was a tragic example of what U.S. military aid to the contras is doing.

Many of the people like Martinez who pick coffee in Nicaragua, teach the peasants to read and write, provide some sort of trade training or medical assistance. They do not do it for political reasons, but because it needs to be done.

President Ronald Reagan leads people to believe the contras are the freedom fighters in Nicaragua, but for the people who have been crippled or who have lost a relative during one of the raids, they are far from being any kind of freedom fighters.

Many political and economic reasons have been presented by all parties to justify or deny U.S. intervention and military aid to the contras, but the most important reason to be touched on is the morality of the problem.

The children in Nicaragua, and most of Central America, who have grown up in an atmosphere of constant war have as much a right as American children to a decent living; Yes, the Sandinistas are fighting for their country. Would American citizens not defend their country if a hostile force were to invade the United States?

The bottom line is whether the United States has a moral right to intervene in other countries' development - not to enhance it but to stop it. It does not.

People tend to forget that Reagan's communism paranoia is responsible for hundreds of dead children - killed with American arms - and hundreds more who have been left orphans because he feels the security of the Americas is threatened by the situation in Central America.

Perhaps the security of the Americas would not be as threatened if the United States would keep from threatening the self-determination of the countries that make up Central America.

If this happened, people like Martinez would not have died in vain, and more people will not have to die in vain.

Animal rights groups headed down wrong road

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Trans-Species Unlimited is out to save the animal world.

Trans-Species is only one of the scores of animal rights

groups gaining strength all over the country. In the name of preventing cruelty to animals, these groups protest the fur trade, factory farming, medical research using animals and consumption of meat for food. Their tactics have ranged from political pressure to picketing to arson.

The groups play on people's sentiments, especially for cute, cuddly animals. But many fail to see either the starting point or the destination of the path that animal rights groups take.

Trans-Species, a group based primarily on the East Coast, recently scored a victory for its cause when it pressured a Cornell University researcher into returning a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. No research grant has ever been returned to NIDA except in cases where the researcher died.

The researcher, Dr. Michiko Okamoto, was doing research on barbiturate addiction that her contemporaries say would be valuable in helping doctors prescribe barbiturates without pa-

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tients becoming addicted to them. Unfortunately, her research used cats.

Trans-Species targeted her work because people easily become emotional over cats. Cornell eventually bowed to the pressure and, from all indications, pressed Okamoto to discontinue her research.

The goals of Trans-Species and other animal rights groups go beyond ending unnecessary cruelty to animals. Their aim is to bring to an end all animal research, all factory farming, all use of fur in clothing and, in many cases, all consumption of meat as food.

"We're an animal rights group against all kinds of animal cruelty - basically toward a vegetarian society," said Ronney Berinstein, a volunteer with the New York office of Trans-Species.

Berinstein's comments might not be so troubling if they were merely the words of a too-highly motivated volunteer. But what Steve Siegel, New York director of Trans-Species, told me was just as disturbing.

"We're against all experimental medicine," he said. Animal research of any sort is "all totally unjustified on ethical grounds.

"It's the same thing as sexism or racism. It's the way we used to treat blacks and women in this country. They (animals) are the feeling subjects of lives."

Siegel calls his group "nonspeciesist." He believes that any sentient creature possesses the same rights as humans.

"I personally don't think they (humans) have more rights than animals," he said. "I think in 10, 15, 20 years, people are going to look back on this era, and they are going to compare it to the Holocaust."

Groups like Siegel's gain support with their pictures of rabbits having their eyes burned in cosmetics testing or monkeys being maimed in other tests.

They tell people that there are testing alternatives that are more reasonable and more effective than the present system, and that animals need not be used in testing.

They lie. Or, what is even more misleading, the tell half-truths using distorted facts.

"We claim there's not one thing we advocate that hurts humans," Siegel said.

He claims wrong.

The original aim of the animal rights movement was to end unnecessary testing and abuses by researchers. That does occur, and it should be stopped. But animal research conducted under proper guidelines is necessary.

According to Siegel, Trans-Species would possibly consider medical testing on crustaceans or mollusks to be ethically acceptable, though he admits that he's no biologist and would have to look into it further.

I'd like to see the scientist who can test a new transplant technique on an oyster. Or the one who can predict how a new drug will affect humans based on testing with brine shrimp.

"For the majority of animal research purposes, we do not have alternatives - the only alternatives would be humans," said Barbara Rich, executive vice president of the

National Association for Biomedical Research.

"I'm not saying to you that we need to use a laboratory animal for every research purpose, but in some we

do," especially in the areas of surgery and drug testing, she said.

The position that animals have rights is consistent with two of the world's major belief systems: pantheism and evolutionary materialism.

Pantheism declares that all is a part of the One and that both a human and a mollusk are a part of the One. In many forms of pantheism, this translates into the belief that it is wrong to injure any form of life - in extreme forms, even plants.

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Steve Siegel begins with evolutionary theory, though he told me that many of his followers are devotees of Eastern pantheistic religions. Both conclude that human life is no more precious than animal life, and that there is no justification for using animals to save or improve human lives.

Protecting animals from needless suffering is a worthy aim. But the animal-rights road is a dead-end, one-way street that we need to avoid at all costs.

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Sports

Let the (basketball) games begin ...

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Although the Southwest Conference basketball season is a month away, the *Skiff* is way ahead of the pack and will dedicate this issue to the teams of the Southwest Conference. According to the critics, the Houston Cougars will soar above the rest with Arkansas and SMU close behind. This is our official selection of how the teams will finish.

HOUSTON

Although the Houston Cougars finished last season 10-6 in a tie for fourth place they have been picked to finish the season on top.

They have four returning starters and seven returning lettermen.

This year the Cougs will be led by forwards Craig Upchurch and Richard Hollis.

Upchurch, 6-foot-8 195 pounds, said the Cougars won't have a weak point this year.

Upchurch was voted Freshmen of the Year by the SWC. He finished the season as the SWC's fifth most accurate shooter for all games with 56.5 percent.

Senior forward Richard Hollis was the team's leading scorer with 17.1 points per game. He scored in double figures in 29 of Houston's 31 games.

The talented newcomers on the squad include Derrick Daniels, Eddie Cumbo and Rob Monaco.

SMU

The Mustangs will begin the season with a new coach and one of the toughest schedules in the conference.

Former Notre Dame assistant John Shumate was named head coach during the summer.

The Mustang's road schedule includes Oklahoma, Wyoming and North Carolina State.

They have three starters back from last season's SWC Championship team and will probably give Houston a run for it's money in the conference.

Senior guard Kato Armstrong will probably have one of his best years and guard Todd Alexander will provide plenty of support.

ARKANSAS

Lack of experience will be a major factor in deciding a winning or a losing season for the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Hogs are returning only three starters (Ron Huery, Mario Credit and Keith Wilson) from last year's 21-9 team.

They were tied with Baylor for second place in the SWC with a record of 11-5.

"We lost some big guys," junior guard Ron Huery said. "We have ten newcomers that have never played college ball in their lives. If our young guys can adapt to college basketball we should do well."

Huery, 6-foot-6 and 200 pounds,

last year he played a swing position a guard/forward. He was a concensus second team all-SWC choice as a sophomore. He was the Hog's leading scorer last year with a 13.4 average.

BAYLOR

Baylor head coach Gene Iba will have his hands full this season. He is returning only one starter (Michael Hobbs) from last year's 23-11 team.

Baylor finished second in the SWC with a record of 11-5.

This year they have five freshmen and two transfer students joining the squad.

But junior guard Michael Hobbs, the only returning starter, says don't count the Bears out.

"I thought it (the loss of four starters) would have a big impact on the team) but it hasn't everyone has adapted well," he said. "We are picked to finish way down there but that doesn't mean much."

One of the biggest pluses for the season will be junior college transfer Julius Denton.

Denton, 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds, was a first team NJCAA All-American. He who helped his squad to the NJCAA tournament championship game. He averaged 15.4 points per game and 6.3 rebounds and 6.2 assists.

TEXAS

This year the Longhorns will welcome new head coach Tom Penders from Rhode Island.

Penders lead Rhode Island to a 20-10 record in 1986-87 and a NIT bid. In 1987-88 he lead Rhode Island to a 25-7 record and a NCAA bid.

One of the top returning players for the Longhorns is junior Travis Mays. The 6-foot-2, 175 pound guard, was a concensus all-SWC selection last year and was the Longhorns leading scorer with an average of 18.1 points per game.

He earned SWC Player of the Week honors three times during the 1987-88 season.

Senior forward Alvin Hegg said the Horns will be a tough team to contend with on conference play.

"Basically, I think we can finish at the top of the conference, where we positioned our self last year," said Hegg. "We have a better chance (this year) because the guys coming out of redshirt are more experienced than the freshmen."

Texas ranked second in field-goal defense with 77.2 field goals out of 1724 attempted. They also ranked second in bench points with 635 points for the season and last in turnovers.

TEXAS A&M

The Aggies don't have much to cheer about during basketball season.

Senior forward Donald Thompson, 6-foot-7 225 pounds, A&M leading rebounder last year with 7.5 average, leads the team this season and it will be up to him four transfer students to

make the Ags a top contender.

"We lost three players and gained seven juco players," Thompson said. "Out of the eight, three are in starting rotation."

Last year the Aggies were 8-8 in conference and 16-15 overall.

The Aggies are expected to be a quicker team but will have problems at the center position.

TEXAS TECH

The Texas Tech Raiders finished the season in seventh place with a 4-12 record in conference play and a

9-19 record overall.

Although they are returning four starters the Raiders still have a long way to go.

One of the main problems is winning on the road. Last year they posted a 0-14 record.

This year the Raiders have one of the toughest schedules in the SWC. They face UCLA, Purdue and Kansas.

But senior guard Sean Gay said the Raiders will be a better team this year.

"We will do a lot better than we did last year," Gay said. "We have an experienced team coming back. And

we have a couple of key players that will help us out."

TCU

The Frogs have five junior college transfers on their squad this year.

Inexperience will be a factor for the Frogs.

A winning or losing season will be determined by how well the transfers adjust to Division I basketball.

Last year the Frogs finished 9-19 overall and 3-13 in conference.

Head coach Moe Iba is very optimistic about the outlook for the season

and the Frogs are ready for competition.

Top newcomers include Craig Sibley and Kelvin Crawford.

They Frogs may not be a contender this year but in a few years Iba and his Frogs will be a big threat in the conference.

RICE

The Rice Owls don't have a secret game plan going into the beginning of basketball season. They just want to improve from last year's 3-13 record.

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