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Editors, managers assigned

By KERRI CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

The Student Publications Committee appointed fall editors and advertising managers for "Image" magazine and the *TCU Daily Skiff* Wednesday.

Regina Anderson will be editor of "Image," and Lani Jones will be advertising manager of "Image."

Brenda Welchlin and Matt Hood, respectively, will be editor and ad manager of the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

"All of the applicants for these positions reflected a high caliber of preparation, dedication and commitment," said Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department and member of the Student Publications Committee.

Anderson, a junior news/editorial journalism major and current sports editor for the *Skiff*, has also worked as a reporter and a paste-up artist in the backshop.

"I know how to work with several reporters at a time, tell them what to cover and help them put a story together," Anderson said. "But I don't have the experience in dealing with budgets and setting salaries, so I think the faculty advisers can help me with that."

Anderson hopes to work on more in-depth reporting and feature articles for "Image" as well as work more closely with the art department, she said.

"I want to reach the students and put stories in that affect college people so they will read 'Image' when it comes out," Anderson said.

"Regina seems to have the background, knowledge and motivation to manage a team of people as an editor," said John Freeman, chairman of the Student Publications Committee.

Jones, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, has worked for four semesters at the *Skiff* as a classified ads representative and as an ad sales representative. She also developed contacts to advertise in "Image," she said.

"I would like to see more student organizations put ads in 'Image' as well as more and bigger businesses," Jones said.

"Lani also had the background and qualifications for this position," Freeman said, "and I think the committee just had a sixth sense that she can handle it and do a good job."

Welchlin, a junior news/editorial journalism, math and sociology major, will continue her position as editor of the *Skiff* from this spring. Welchlin has worked as a reporter, assignments editor, production and design editor and managing editor of the *Skiff* in the past and wants to provide continuity in production of the *Skiff*, she said.

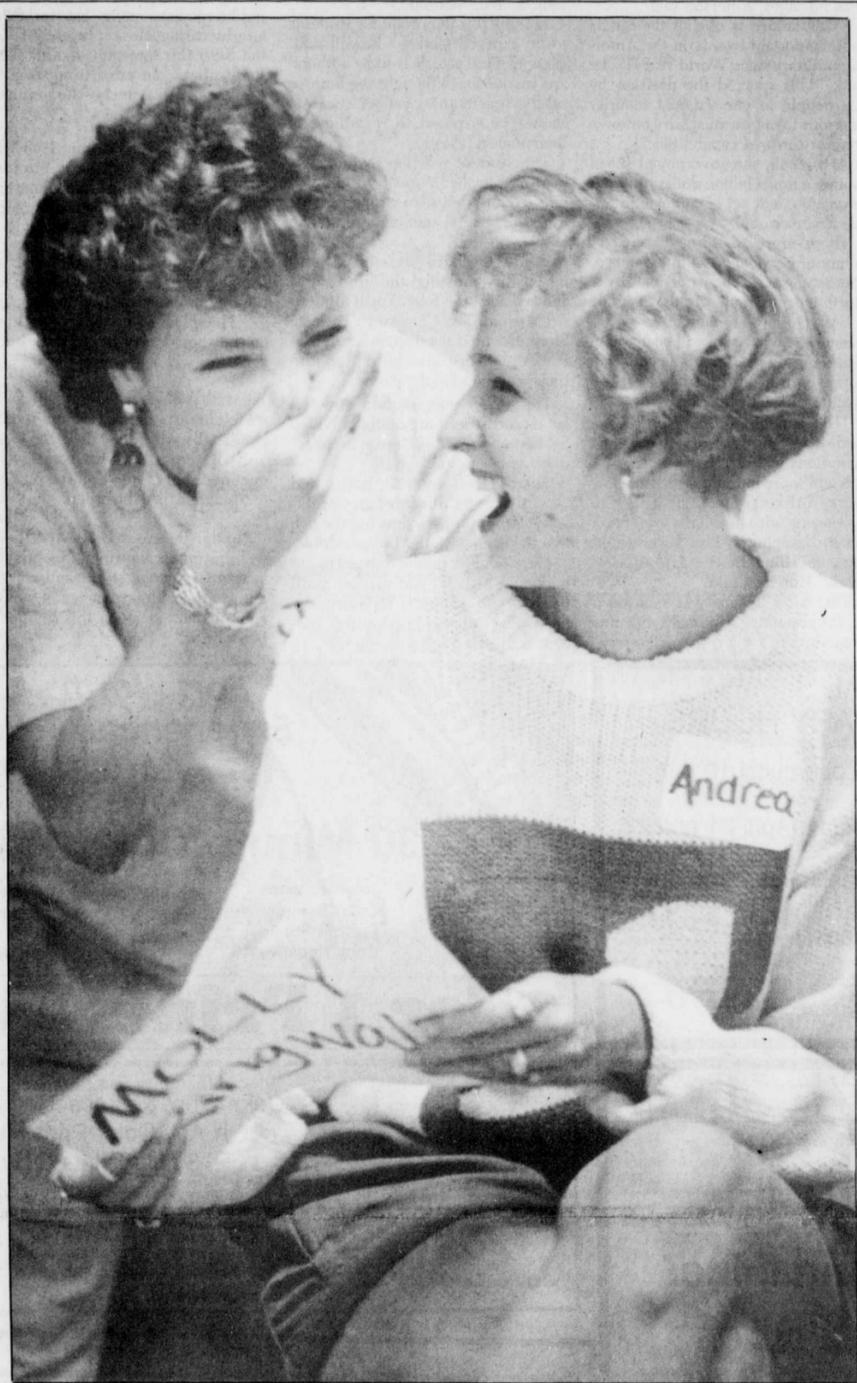
"Although I miss reporting, I like editing because it gives me more influence on the content of the paper and makes it easier to introduce new ideas," Welchlin said.

Welchlin works about 50 hours a week in the newsroom of the *Skiff* on top of taking 17 hours of classes, she said.

"It can get frustrating when we have production problems," Welchlin said, "but I think that what we're doing is important."

"Brenda is bright, smart and can really lead people," Freeman said,

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Jill Farah, a sophomore pre-major, and Andrea Peterson, a sophomore communication graphics major, represent Waits Hall in the "Roommate Game" at noon Wednesday in The Pit.

Habitat receives partial approval

Group must show insurance

By JENNIFER DOLT
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A campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity can be started at TCU after verification of insurance and liability policies from the national organization are provided, the Student Organizations Committee decided Wednesday.

About 12 students went to the SOC meeting to present the idea and ask permission to start the new charter at TCU. More than 150 students had shown interest in a campus chapter.

"My concerns are for them, and I don't want to kill the momentum seen by the group today because that's wonderful," said Jill Estes, director of business services and committee member. "I am concerned about the liability."

Habitat for Humanity is a national, nonprofit organization that builds homes for families in need. It was founded as a Christian organization although all faiths are welcome to participate.

The first campus charter was granted to Baylor University in Waco in November 1987, and some of the students at TCU who are interested in the organization went on a trip to Waco April 1 to see what Habitat is all about.

About 19 students helped the Waco

affiliate and the Baylor chapter tear down one house for reconstruction and paint another house that had already been built.

"We wanted to have an event to generate interest," said University Ministries intern Bruce Fowlkes, who went to Waco. "We worked on the houses and got a general idea of what it feels like."

Campus charters include the students, faculty, administration and staff who help the local city affiliate recruit volunteers and raise funds and awareness about projects.

Junior Suzy Hall, who is representing the students for a TCU chapter, has contacted the director of the Fort Worth affiliate, Arlon Voldness, to send liability information to present to the SOC.

In addition to recognition from the SOC, a new campus organization must have a faculty representative, and at least 50 percent of the members must be students, Fowlkes said. Fred Oberkircher, assistant professor of design and fashion would be the faculty representative for Habitat.

The final move by the SOC was a provisional approval that will be resolved when written documentation of Habitat liability policies is approved by committee members.

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Straus calls family most violent group

By JULIE PALM
Staff Writer

The family is the most violent group any ordinary citizen is likely to belong to, Visiting Green Professor Murray Straus said Tuesday night.

Straus, a noted family violence researcher and author, told an audience of about 200 students, faculty, social workers and family specialists that 30 percent of American couples reported at least one incidence of violence during their marriage.

"All of these figures are lower bound, which is a way of saying the real figures are higher. In my own opinion, the figures are roughly double this," Straus said.

"Where else do you have a 60 percent chance of being hit? Nowhere except in a family, by your own husband or wife," he said.

The figures are from a 1985 nationally representative study of 6,002 American families.

Also in the study, 97 percent of parents reported hitting their children. The study did not ask parents to include spanking or "normal" physical punishment in their responses.

"One-third are still hitting their (15-year-old) kids. And these are parent's reports. When I interview kids, I get exactly double that," Straus said.

Straus said the family serves as a training ground for violence.

"The family is the first place people learn about violence. The main vehicle for learning is the physical punishment of a child," he said.

Physically punishing children teaches them that it is morally right to use violence later in life, he said.

"We teach kids that 'those who love you are those who hit you.' That's easily reversed to 'those you love are those you can hit,'" Straus said.

Straus said family violence can be triggered by high levels of conflict within families, binge drinking, economic inequality between the sexes or several other factors.

"Each factor contributes a little. No one of them determines the incidence of violence completely. When combined in the proper mix, it causes violence," Straus said.

Straus said that despite the increasing number of people seeking help for and reporting family violence, the incidence of child and spouse abuse is actually decreasing.

"Child abuse and wife abuse are actually going down because of the increase in the number of people getting protective services," he said. "This shows that intervention, that these services and shelters have an effect."

Child abuse has decreased more than spouse abuse because of child abuse campaigns begun in the 1960s, Straus said.

"There's been a large public education campaign to change views," he said. "That's not the case with wife beating. That (campaign) didn't start until the 1970s, and it's never been as well-funded or as widespread."

An increase of women in the work force and higher divorce rates also may have helped to decrease family violence, Straus said.

Straus said there are several preventive measures that can be taken to

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Reporters walk fine line

Emerson emphasizes importance of press

By JADA THADANI
Staff Writer

The role of the press in uncovering government secrets has been a very important one, said Steven Emerson, senior editor and investigative reporter for *U.S. News & World Report*.

National security reporting is at times very difficult and is not to be taken lightly, Emerson told an audience of about 100 Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

Emerson recalled an incident involving a conflict of interest between the press and national security that occurred several years ago.

Army Col. William Higgins had been taken captive in Beirut, Emerson said. Within two hours of the cap-

ture, almost every reporter in Washington knew that Higgins occupied the third most privileged spot in the military, Emerson said.

Higgins had access to classified documents concerning some of the most secret operations undertaken by the government. But this fact was not mentioned when Higgins' capture was reported in the newspapers.

This was because the Army was planning a covert rescue operation for Higgins, Emerson said. Once the American public learned the importance of Higgins' position, it was certain that the Lebanese would also know. Then the rescue mission was sure to fail, he said.

Higgins' position was not disclosed in the United States until after a

Lebanese reporter in Washington sent the information to his newspaper in Beirut three days later.

"There is a definite tug of war between the First Amendment and national security needs, between government and press," Emerson said.

Divulging classified materials is a crime, he said, but the First Amendment gives people the right to know.

When this right is exercised responsibly by the press, more good comes from it than harm, Emerson said.

"Free press keeps the government honest by acting like a police force of sorts," he said.

"When we (the press) do go over

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Exhibit offers students look at Ramses' temple

By KELVIN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

"The Photographic Essay of Ramses' Mortuary Temple" on exhibit in the Student Center Lounge is providing students a chance to experience Ramses the Great.

"This is a southwestern exhibit," said Margaret Jarvis, media relations coordinator for the Dallas Museum of Natural History. "We wanted to make the Fort Worth community feel a part of it."

Steve Rowell, an art history major, played a major role in bringing the exhibit to the TCU campus. Rowell contacted the Dallas Museum of Natural History along with the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum and Chicosky's Package Store in an effort to bring as much of the exhibit to campus as possible.

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Geoff Turner, a junior biology major, and Kevin Williams, a senior marketing major, view the Ramses exhibit in the Student Center Lounge Wednesday. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily through Friday.

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Today's weather is clear and sunny with winds out of the south at 10 mph. High temperatures will be in the mid-80s and low temperatures in the 60s.
Friday's weather will be warmer, with high temperatures near 90 and low temperatures in the lower 60s.

CAMPUSlines

TCIF presents - caricatures. Two artists will be on campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge. Cost \$1.

Yearbook applications still available in the Student Activities Office for salaried positions on next year's staff. Deadline is Friday. For more information, call 921-7926.

SWC Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday at TCU. Anyone interested in sitting courtside and posting game scores for men's and women's tennis contact Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, 921-7960, for details.

Wish-bone YWCA 8K co-ed run/walk Saturday at White Rock Lake. Also included is a 2-mile fun run/walk and a little wish-bone run. Proceeds will benefit low income, homeless and latchkey children throughout the Metroplex. Contact Diane or Rebecca at 821-9595 for more information.

Volunteer Center needs volunteers to answer the phone and greet visitors at a seniors center. Must be available from 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 860-1613 for more information.

P.O. boxes - The Post Office will be renting P.O. boxes through May 12. Students wishing to re-rent the same P.O. box must keep their key and leave a forwarding address with the Post Office. Students who do not plan to return to campus in the fall should complete a forwarding card and return their key to the post office. Prices for P.O. boxes are \$18 for the fall and spring semesters, \$10 for either the fall or spring semester and \$5 for summer. Box rental fees are non-refundable.

Become a Docent at the Cattle Baron Mansion known as Thistle Hill, located at 1509 Pennsylvania Ave. A spring orientation for prospective docents interested in learning more of the history of the Cattle Baron families will be held at Thistle Hill April 29 from 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Jane Harvey at the Thistle Hill Docent Guild at 924-4349 for more information.

AMA - Tandy Night April 20 at 6 p.m. in Tandy Hall Rm. 325. Tim Fritts with Tandy Corporation will speak.

Stephen Laughlin, RTVF student, presents his student film "Almost A Kiss" on April 21 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. before "Tequila Sunrise" in the Student Center Ballroom.

Beach Bash at Colby Beach on April 23 from 1-6 p.m. Culture Shock will be the band.

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the line, however, we ought to be condemned," he said. "The role of the press is not to be taken lightly."

Bad reporting comes from deadline pressure and unconfirmed sources, Emerson said.

An example of this is the press coverage of accusations against former Texas senator John Tower, he said.

"It was a shark frenzy," he said. "There was allegation after allegation by an anonymous source with no confirmation. Too many reporters didn't care."

Emerson told of an incident in which he almost exonerated four Army officers charged with conducting unauthorized covert operations.

"Had I not been the obnoxious reporter that I am, I would have written a book exonerating these officers. They used me and convinced me of their innocence," he said.

In his persistence, he was able to get the truth from intelligence officers, even though the information was classified, he said.

"Reporters have a tremendous obligation to find out why they are used by the government as conduits for information leaks," Emerson said.

"I think the government and the press are the two most important institutions in the U.S. - but they both have lots of blemishes. They fight like

cats and dogs, yet they need each other like parents and children.

Monday will be the ninth anniversary of the failed attempt by the administration of former President Jimmy Carter to rescue the Iranian hostages, Emerson said.

"This failure is one of the single most important events in the American military since World War II," he said. "This spurred the decision by the people in our national security divisions to say we must have our own counter-terrorist capabilities."

As a result, the government set in motion a multi-billion dollar program to create a new set of commando units, Emerson said.

There must be a fine balance of failure of nerve and too much nerve, Emerson said. The trial of Oliver North is an example of this, he said.

"Within the next week, a monumental decision will be made in Washington - the final outcome will be announced in the trial of retired Marine Col. Oliver North.

"The actions of Col. North have made the task of conducting covert operations within the law more difficult and more bureaucratic. It is now more unlikely for U.S. allies to cooperate with us. This has been more damaging to the government than anything in the last several years," Emerson said.

Emerson's lecture was sponsored by Programming Council's Forums Committee.

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Jarvis said.

"We hope it will ignite an interest, an incentive to see what the real exhibit is like," she said.

"I think it is important for students to be exposed to this," Rowell said. "One of TCU's goals is to be a liberal arts institution. I thought the Ramses exhibit is something college students should be exposed to regardless of their major."

The student reaction to the TCU exhibit has been positive, Rowell said. He also has seen strong interest from the faculty, staff, and public, he said.

While the Dallas Museum of Natural History provided the lithographs and artifacts, the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum and Chicotsky's Package Store provided the display cases. The Package Store also provided the transportation for the cases.

The video presentation and the laminated articles are being provided by Rowell from his personal collection.

To spark more interest, Rowell and Student Center director Larry Markley are sponsoring a drawing for two free tickets to visit the Dallas exhibit.

The traveling exhibit opened to the public on Monday and will run until Friday. The exhibit is sponsored by the Dallas Museum of Natural History, and it is free to the public.

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"and she has the maturity and patience of Mother Teresa."

Hood, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, has worked as an advertising sales representative for the *Skiff* this semester and for G.V. Publications, an advertising firm in Lubbock, Texas, during the summer, he said.

Hood has served on the House of Student Representatives, Student Foundation, the TCU Today Recruitment Program and various other activities on and off campus, he said.

"I think my biggest challenge as ad manager is to increase ad sales so we can increase the size of the newspaper," Hood said. "And that is all resting on the shoulders of the ad staff, but I know we will achieve that goal."

"Matt is obviously a go-getter and we felt his experience told us he could handle the job well," Freeman said. "All of the candidates were well-qualified, but Matt was just a bit better qualified than the others," he said.

"I hope these newly filled positions will continue to improve student publications in every aspect and contribute to a healthy exchange of views, opinions and ideas on this campus," Babbili said.

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Estes and Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports.

The group can be given wings as a club, but they can't fly yet, Kintigh said.

"I can understand it," Fowlkes said. "It's something we need to work through. The event of an injury could destroy an organization pretty quickly when it just starting."

To be recognized nationally, the group must understand the Habitat bylaws and codes of social responsibility and submit a request to the national headquarters in Americus, Ga.

If a charter is granted at TCU, the first step would be to elect interim officers, who are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, until next fall.

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help stop family violence.

"If I had to choose the two most important (preventions), I'd say equal pay for men and women - because so much violence occurs because of economic inequality - and putting an end to physical punishment," Straus said.

In 1979, Sweden enacted a law that made it illegal to spank children.

"The Swedish example shows what can be done. I hope that's what's in our future," Straus said.

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Commentary

Our View Wright treated fairly during investigation

House Speaker Jim Wright is now attempting to mount a strong defense against the House ethics committee report, which amounts to an indictment on 69 charges of ethical misconduct. That is as it should be. The speaker has every right to present evidence in his defense. But Wright's defense campaign is going far beyond the evidence.

Wright is attempting to rally all Democrats in the House to his support. He is attempting to sway them not only with the argument that he is innocent of the charges, but also with the argument that Democrats should stand behind the leader they have elected.

This is not just Wright's line. Ron Brown, chairman of the Democratic Party, has also said as much, though he left himself short of committing a full-fledged effort—a tactic which allows him to abandon Wright if Wright becomes too much of a strain on the party's image.

Many of Wright's supporters in the House have also said the same thing. Various Democrats have lofted fine-sounding speeches in the House chambers and elsewhere, calling the charges politically-motivated. They have accused the Republicans of trying to sabotage "our" Speaker. They blame the Republicans. They blame the media. They blame everyone but Wright.

These charges are far more than politically motivated. True, they were originally publicized by Newt Gingrich of Georgia, now House minority whip and Wright's greatest political adversary. But not even Gingrich is gloating over what is happening to Wright. In fact, the Republicans seem less at ease than the Democrats about the proceedings.

The charges against Wright were investigated by a Democratic lawyer, Richard Phelan, who had a history of being active in the party. His investigation lasted more than eight months.

The House ethics committee, composed of six Republicans and six Democrats and chaired by Democrat Julian Dixon, voted 12-0 to accuse Wright of the violations.

Wright now has another chance to defend himself before the committee. If the committee finds him guilty of the charges, the process goes to the House floor to consider the committee's recommendation of punishment.

Wright has had no shortage of chances to present his side to the investigator and to the committee. He will have more. The process has been meticulous and it has been performed primarily by Democrats.

Wright's supporters should quit crying politics and start looking for the truth.



Letter to the Editor

Easier said

Throughout the past four years as a student at TCU, I have seen the administration attacked for every policy it has implemented or position it has taken on an issue. I suppose I joined the guilty ranks when I wrote about the university's commitment to the church, especially concerning the divestment issue.

While I still think my letter raised important questions, I forgot to mention one important fact. It is always easier said than done.

There is no simple solution to any problem or issue. It is easier to speak for the chancellor when we are not directly responsible for the university.

Chancellor Bill Tucker is one of the most personable and dedicated men I have ever known. He is in a difficult position, like any man or woman who works in a top administrative position.

You see, he must please a student body of thousands who have very different concerns and needs, while keeping those who donate money to the institution and the trustees pleased. It is many times like walking on a tightrope. It is easy, as a student or a professor, to complain about something like divestment or the raising of tuition when you are not responsible for the financial stability of an entire university.

Whether you are president of the United States or chancellor of a university, there are many times you cannot please everyone. What you do that is good becomes the expected, and someone is always on the lookout for what you did wrong.

In other words, Tucker is in a "no-win" situation. He cannot address every student problem; I believe he has tried to address the major concerns of students. Put yourself in his position. Or can you, really?

You'll quickly understand that an institution cannot be run on the whims of emotion. Tucker has many people to answer to, each voicing different concerns.

I cannot say I agree with everything the administration has done, but I can tell you that being chancellor is not an easy position to hold. I must respect the chancellor for his hard work and concern. There are many times I have walked by Sadler Hall at 11:30 p.m. (even on Friday nights) and seen his car.

He has done much for this university. Possibly we should give credit where credit is due and should try to see TCU from his perspective.

It is really easier said than done.

Landon Winstead
Senior
Religion

Anglos not first people in America

By MARICARMEN EROLES
Staff Writer



Friday nights can bring out the worst in people. About 12:30 a.m. someone knocked on the door and wasn't very polite about it.

Mahilet Bekele went to the door thinking it might be a friend, but she was confronted with a different situation.

At least three girls who were driving a white car — which looked a lot like a BMW — began to insult her and demand a black purse be returned.

Bekele proceeded to tell them they had the wrong apartment.

This brought more insults. Bekele said to me, "Come listen to this."

But she said it in Spanish. Big mistake, because the harassment only grew more acute.

The girls said, "You Mexican b---, go home; you don't belong here."

Then, as if the ignorant insult had not been enough, they began to kick the door.

When Bekele called the police, they decided it was time to leave.

"It is bad enough to have to stand racism, blatant or not, outside everyday, (but) to have it come to your doorstep," Bekele said. "When you are ethnically different, being at home is a time when you are not different."

"What right do they have to be angry because I spoke Spanish?" she said. "In most places, speaking a second language is considered a virtue, not something to hide." It is understandable that college-age females decide to get so drunk during the weekend that they cannot even recognize an apartment where they probably had just been.

It is understandable that they would feel the need to be rude, even when they had been told repeatedly they were in the wrong place.

Unfortunately, it is understandable they would find it necessary to use racial slurs to vent their frustrations.

However, it is beyond comprehension that they would have the nerve to tell someone they do not belong in this country — to go home.

The only people who have a right to say, "You don't belong here, go home," are the American Indians, because, unless history lies, most whites came to the United States via Europe.

Further, until the mid-1800s, Mexicans were right at home in Texas because Texas belonged to Mexico.

Texas was not colonized by U.S. citizens; it was taken by force.

To take the issue even further, whites did not build the South. The South was built with the blood of the Africans who were forcefully brought from their homes to do what the lazy southerners would not.

As for building the West, it was not the whites who built the intricate railroad tracks, it was the Chinese.

The 1960s are long gone, and although racist slurs are sometimes ignored — as if by ignoring their racism would disappear — it is the '80s. It is time to get a grip on reality.

One can hope that next time a person decides to send someone else home, they should look at their own background, because it was not precisely the white immigrants who made it "home."

What would life be like without a good roommate?

By LISA TOUVE
Columnist



There was a pale blue envelope on my pillow when I got in from work yesterday morning.

Strange, it's not my birthday, I thought. I don't remember doing anything particularly wonderful lately, and I haven't been seriously evil in at least a week.

I opened the envelope and found out it was Roommate Appreciation Day.

That's one of the better Hallmark holidays, I thought. After all, roommates are like family after a while.

Then I started thinking about how lucky I was that my roommate is still living with me.

I tried to set her up with a guy I had an ice fight with at The Pit once.

I subjected her to a round-the-clock schedule our junior year that would have driven a lab rat to the brink of sanity.

While everyone else in plant class was looking at plant slides, I yelled out to her that I'd found these neat

microscopic bugs that looked like this and wiggled my fingers near my mouth and above my head. The teacher liked it, too.

She learned early, too, never to feed her roommate any sugar after 10:30 p.m. because I get hyper and have to be peeled off the ceiling.

And she was ambushed by a blanketed creature with goggles and a voice like a radio announcer named Creatine Phosphatase when she was studying for her organic chemistry final.

She still hangs around. Either she's crazy, or she likes my entertainment value.

Our first caper together was to explode orange jello across the chemistry lab onto the sophisticated lab set up by the class brown-nosers.

One Halloween, she decided to be a pillow, and I sewed her into her costume, and we laughed when she couldn't bend to sit because she was stuffed so well.

Under the stress of our first semester of our freshman year, we dressed up in loud shirts, satin jackets, tacky jewelry and lace gloves and took pictures near the frog statue and on the sign in front of the school.

Not everything is like that. We spent five hours editing her

first philosophy paper arguing about what she meant to say and what she said. I still think "clear and distinct" is redundant.

Once, when she knew someone she didn't want to go out with was calling, she ran down the hall when the phone rang. At least I didn't have to lie when I said I didn't know where she was.

When I'm stuck for a column idea, I ask her for a topic. We work on it. She helps me temper my acid tongue and gets to see some of her opinions in print without getting letters or rude phone calls in the morning.

Then there's our differing approaches to life.

I like an audience. She doesn't like to be singled out.

She likes drama and movies with a story line. I like comedies and juvenile humor.

I think studying for finals means playing on dead days, studying for three hours and crawling home from a concert at 3 a.m. the morning of my first final.

She studies during dead days and then wants to play when I'm scrambling.

She's usually calm and in control. I'm calm when heavily sedated.

We've got some things in common, though.

Our friendship is a priority.

We can say anything we want about each other, but we don't let anyone else say it.

We both feel that there's nothing wrong with having papers and notes covering every inch of carpet in the room.

And flashlight games are a good way to relieve tension before going to sleep.

It's not always idyllic living together, though.

She hates my habit of letting dishes go until there are no forks left.

I'm not quite sure why it takes someone so long to get up and be coherent in the morning.

We've had two major fights in the past four years. One was my fault, the other hers — equal opportunity wrath. A lot of anger, a little screaming and a little throwing of things, then a calming word, some support and a lot of laughter.

Sometimes we're not exactly sure where the other one is coming from.

She doesn't understand how other people base their decisions on emotions, and I can't understand someone who doesn't feel something one way or another and make a decision on it.

Sit-ins and demonstrations rock 21st-century TCU to the core

By JERRY MADDEN
Columnist



The time: the early 21st century. The place: Texas Christian University, in front of Sadler Hall.

"This is Wonda Wohman of Channel 4 News reporting live from the TCU administration building where hundreds of students and teachers are holding a sit-in to protest a recent raise in tuition and low professor salaries.

"With me now is Jay McMadden, one of the protest's leaders. Mr. McMadden, why are you protesting the administration's fiscal policies?"

"Because they stink! How would you like to pay \$2,120 a semester hour like I am now? When I first came here, tuition was only \$1,650 a semester hour. That's quite a raise!"

"I'll say. Joining us now is Art S. Professor, a sociology professor. Dr. Professor, what is so bad about faculty pay here?"

"Well Wonda, consider this: I could probably make as much money teaching kindergarteners to sing songs and color Donald Duck between the lines as I can teaching criminal justice to the best and brightest in America."

"That's something. As you hear behind me, students are now chanting, 'Hell no, we've got no gold!' a reference to the new tuition plan that accepts only gold or platinum for tuition payment.

"Some students are now burning blanket-sized dollar bills in protest. The dollar bill, as you know, is the sacred symbol of the TCU administration.

"Joining us now is the president of the House of Student Representatives. Ms. President, do these protesters represent the views of the entire

campus?"

"Well, yesterday the House tabled a motion that proposed a vote which postponed a previous bill that said we don't wholeheartedly support either the protesters' or the administration's bill. We would have done more on this, but we couldn't get a quorum."

"And what have you done to voice these concerns to the administration?"

"Well, I had lunch with the chancellor yesterday. He said he understands the protesters' position, and I told him I understood the administration's. We want to work with the administration, not against it."

"Are you surprised at the outpouring of spirit at this demonstration?"

"Well, I always knew TCU students had a lot of spirit, but I was hoping they'd use it a pep rallies or House mixers! By the way, the House is selling 'If you're a House member, stand up and cheer!' T-shirts over there. Would you like one?"

Chancellor is now here to add some of his thoughts. Mr. Vice Chancellor, what do you think about this?"

"I don't know what these students are complaining about! If they want to see a real tuition problem, they should go to Harvard!"

"Wonda, as chancellor I'd like to say I sympathize with their demands, but because research, I mean education, is so important to TCU, they need to stop protesting and get back to class."

"And Wonda, as a trustee member I'd like to say that we stand behind the chancellor. He speaks for us. However, I'd like to add that I don't think \$100 is too much to pay a semester hour."

"But, Mr. Trustee, the price is now

\$2,120 a semester hour."

"It is? Well, that's just pocket change to someone like me."

"There you have the scene from Texas Christian University. Stay tuned to see if things change. For Channel 4 News, this is Wonda Wohman reporting from Texas Christian University."

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Sports

Tennis team opens SWC tournament as top seed

By WILL FRAME
Sports Writer

What once looked like an improbable dream has become reality for the TCU men's tennis team.

The Frogs, who began the South-west Conference season with a disappointing loss to Rice on March 11, regrouped and won their first-ever SWC regular-season championship Tuesday with a 5-4, come-from-behind victory over Texas in Austin.

"It wasn't pretty, but we got out of there with a win," men's coach Tut

Bartzen said. "I just felt relieved, because the match lasted five-and-a-half hours and it seemed like we were struggling the whole time. And Texas was playing really well."

The afternoon was indeed an uphill climb from the start. After Clint Banducci, Luis Ruetter, and Eric Lingg lost the first three singles matches, TCU trailed 3-0. But with Tony Bujan, Sandon Stolle, and Gerard Ronan winning the final three singles matches, the Frogs leveled the match at 3-3 heading to doubles play.

"We won the No. 1 doubles (with

Banducci and Lingg) rather quickly," Bartzen said. "But then in the No. 2 doubles (Stolle and Ruetter), we won the first set, were up 5-3 in the second, and had match point on Texas' serve, but we missed it. Later, we got another match point with Sandon serving and we missed out on that one, too."

"We ended up losing the second set in a tiebreaker, and things were really looking bad, because by that time, we were losing our No. 3 doubles match 3-0 in the third set. Momentum definitely wasn't going our way."

"But then Sandon and Luis got it going again, got up a couple of breaks early in the third set, and then Sandon served out the match. It was a great, great win for us."

With the victory, TCU's 11th straight, the Frogs earned the top seed in this weekend's SWC tournament at TCU's Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. They will play the No. 8 seed, Baylor, at 1 p.m. Friday.

The SWC women's tennis tournament is also being held here this weekend. The TCU Lady Frogs will take on Arkansas in a 9 a.m. quarter-

final match Friday. Semifinal matches in both the women's and men's tournaments are Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the championship matches set for Sunday at 1 p.m. Admission to each day of competition is \$3 with TCU I.D.

"It's a great chance for people to see some of the best men's and women's teams in the nation," TCU women's coach Roland Ingram said. "In the

women's draw, you've got Texas, SMU, and A&M all ranked in the top 25, and we should probably be there too by now."

"And in the men's play, there's Texas and Arkansas and TCU (all ranked in the nation's top 15)."

"I hope playing the tournament at home is an advantage for us," Bartzen said.

Water ski club wins in slalom division

By ANGIE COFFMAN
Sports Writer

While most people may think of lake sports as relaxing and tanning excursions, the TCU water ski team takes a different approach.

The team competed Saturday in the Bobcat II Open hosted by South-west Texas State University with last

year's National Collegiate Water Ski Association champions, and placed first in the men's Class B slalom division.

The meet pitted approximately 20 teams from all over the south-central region of the United States in team and individual standings. The competition took place in the Aquaplex, a specially designed lake created for the

purpose of skiing. There were three events included in the meet: slalom, trick skiing, and jumping.

TCU freshman Chuck Compher placed second in the individual standings, missing first by one-half a bouy. The four members of the team who skied were Ron Camp, Matt Carnes, Compher, and Michael Epping. The team standings were tabulated

by the number of total bouys made by the entire team. There are six (bouys) per run and scores are based on the speed of the boat and time of the skier.

The team will now prepare for their next tournament which is the south-central regionals hosted by the University of Mississippi in Duck Hill, Mississippi on April 29 and 30.



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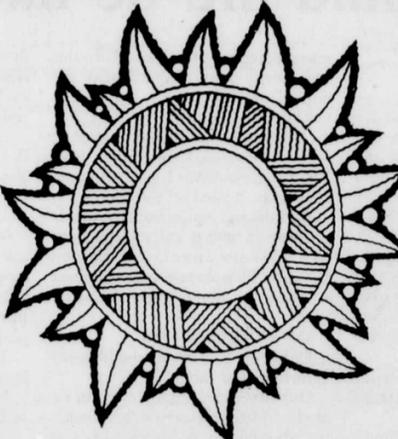
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