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Homosexual students face fear of isolation, prejudice

Editor's note: This is the first story of a three-part series looking at the situation of gay students at TCU.

Because of the sensitive nature of this topic, the names of the TCU students in this article have been changed.

By KRISTIE AYLETT
Staff Writer

For some students at TCU, being gay is a secret they don't want out of the closet.

"I have a set of friends who know and a set of friends who don't," said

Charles, a TCU student who is about to graduate. "It's a very schizophrenic kind of life."

"All my good friends know, but my friends from class and stuff, I don't think have any idea," said Jim, a sophomore at TCU.

"We have our own little clique," said Xavier, a freshman. "There's a group of us who all know about each other."

"We have an underground network, and that's the best thing at this campus," said Troy, a TCU senior.

Paul, a TCU sophomore, said, "I've

gotten to a point where I don't lie to people. It's not something I'm ashamed of, but I haven't gotten to the point of broadcasting it."

Alfred Kinsey, one of the first scientists to study sexuality, found that "10 percent of the males are more or less exclusively homosexual" in his 1948 study of 12,000 men, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*.

Kinsey also found that one of three men who are past adolescence has "at least incidental homosexual experience."

Michael Katovich, associate profes-

sor of sociology, said several recent reports have upheld Kinsey's 10 percent estimate.

Katovich also cited studies and textbooks that place 14 to 16 percent of the adult population as either gay or lesbian.

But even though homosexuals make up a substantial part of the population, they were seen as abnormal in the past.

"C.S. Ford and F.A. Beach, in their 1951 cross-cultural sexuality study, found that in 64 percent of the human cultures they studied,

homosexuality was considered a normal variant of sexual behavior," Paul said.

He also said that by 1975, the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association had removed homosexuality from their list of mental illnesses.

The psychological organization released a statement saying homosexuality involved "no impairment in judgment or general social or vocational capabilities," Paul said.

But to the general public, homosexuality is still something

strange and abnormal.

Katovich said, "I'm pretty much confident that homophobia is alive and well. Once a person is known as a homosexual, people tend to see only that label and not the person behind it."

"They don't want to get to know them or talk to them because of the stigma that society attaches to homosexuals."

Gay students agreed. They said they feel being gay places

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Fountain additions approved

By MELINDA HARTMAN
Staff Writer

The 1989-'90 budget of \$198,000 was passed without any debate in the House of Student Representatives Tuesday.

"I think this is going to serve its purpose next year," said Tom Ivester, treasurer.

However, the bill to develop and beautify Frog Fountain with \$14,912 passed by a vote of 16 to 12 after extensive debate.

Four seating areas will be built around Frog Fountain. Each seating area will have two benches, a high planter and a low planter.

A survey was signed by 96 students concerning the bill. Eighty-six were against the bill and 10 were for it, said Ernie Ross, representing Milton Daniel Hall.

"A lot of people said they wouldn't use it," Ross said.

"The Fountain stands for something at this campus. The chance to beautify it is important," said Tisha Coleman, secretary. "It is an opportunity we can't pass up."

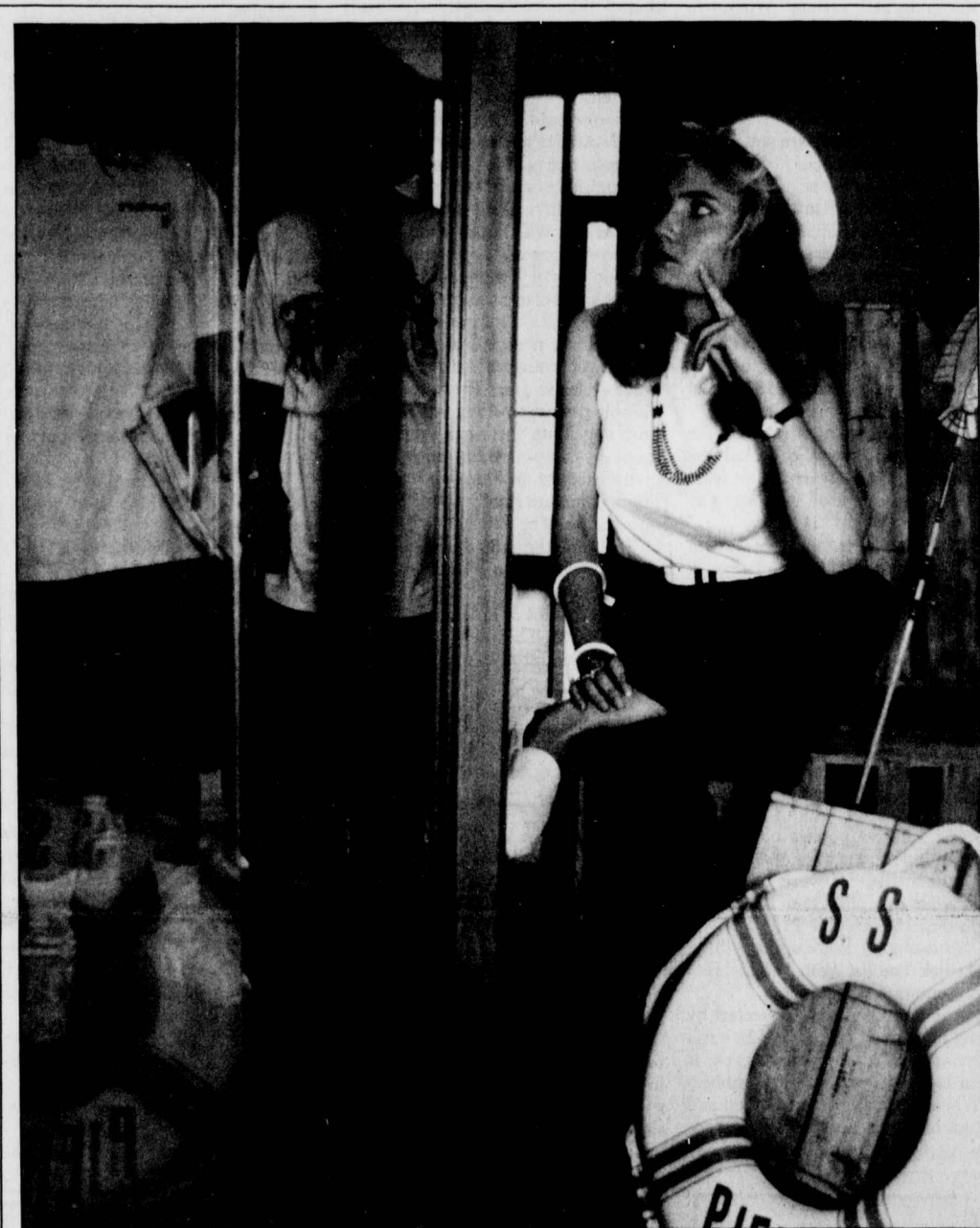
One of the recurring concerns about the bill was that there are plans to extend the Student Center in the future, and representatives said their constituents thought it might interfere with the Frog Fountain area.

"My constituents are overwhelmingly against this bill," said David Hatchell, Clark Hall representative.

Laura Chance, representing Foster Hall, said once she explained to her constituents that the money came out of money budgeted to the Permanent Improvements Committee, they supported the bill.

Several members recommended

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Junior Wendy Wiggs poses as a live mannequin Tuesday in a display case in the Bass Building. Melissa Maesti, middle, was one of the designers of the display for a fashion promotion class.

Christian Church considers penalty for investments

By BRENDA WELCHLIN
Staff Writer

The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will consider two resolutions beginning Saturday that call for economic and other sanctions against universities that have not divested from South Africa.

The first resolution calls for the Church to withhold funds from any of its related entities that have not begun divestment by January 1990. The funds would be placed in escrow until divestment is 75 percent complete, or until Dec. 31, 1993, at which time funds in escrow would be reallocated to other areas of the Church if divestment were not 75 percent complete.

The second resolution urges all Church entities to return any promotional material from TCU and to write the TCU Board of Trustees, explaining their own divestment experiences and encouraging TCU to reconsider its decision not to divest.

"This kind of decision would be precedent-setting," said Chancellor Bill Tucker. "There has been no action of this type (withholding funds) in the recent history of the Disciples. I think far more than TCU would be involved."

"I guess I feel like that nothing less than pressure - and probably economic pressure - is going to make any difference whatsoever, unfortunately," said Kenneth Kennon, pastor of the Arizona City Community Church and author of the second resolution.

Kennon said that one reason he did not include economic sanctions in the resolution submitted by the Arizona City Community Church congregation was that he was unsure if withholding funds would be possible, given the organization of the Church.

Don Manworren, deputy general minister and vice president for administration of the Disciples, said that such action was legal for the Assembly to take, but it would break the covenant that the Division of Higher Education has with its related colleges and universities.

"It would be a maze through which the Church would have to walk," Tucker said. "If it were passed, of course, it would negate the covenant."

The covenant signed with the Disciples recognizes the Board of Trustees of the university to be the highest decision-making authority, Manworren said.

"There is a kind of mutuality of respect and responsibility," he said. "It (the Church) can only counsel the university and call for a response from

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Alumnus authors resolution

By BRENDA WELCHLIN
Staff Writer

A man who said he has raised tens of thousands of dollars for TCU and has encouraged students to attend the university is now urging others to return any promotional material they receive from TCU.

Kenneth Kennon, a pastor at the Arizona City Community Church in Arizona who received his undergraduate and divinity degrees from TCU, has authored a resolution that takes a stance against TCU's decision not to divest from South Africa.

The resolution asks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) members and entities to return promotional material, write the TCU Board of Trustees and support TCU if it changes its decision.

The resolution is being considered by the General Board of the Church beginning Saturday, and it or a similar substitute resolution will be considered by the General Assembly this summer.

"My concern is not as an outsider," Kennon said. "I really do love TCU. I've helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for TCU."

This is not the first time Kennon has publicly shared his disagreement with TCU's decision not to divest, however. In early 1988, Kennon fasted on the steps of The Robert Carr Chapel for 25 days of a 33-day hunger strike. That action grew out of a message he said he received at the last General Assembly in the fall of 1987.

Kennon heard questions about TCU and divestment raised from the floor of the Assembly and heard Chancellor Bill Tucker's explanation of TCU's stand at the TCU/Brite luncheon later in the biannual convention.

"I was just absolutely floored by it (Tucker's speech)," he said.

On the last night of the Assembly, Allan Boesak, a

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Sophomore grabs Truman scholarship

By BRENDA WALLACE
Staff Writer

The thought of paying for college beyond the financial-aid norm of four years can be a scary notion.

One TCU student, who is only a sophomore, can forget that fear.

Political science major Bruce Wirin has won the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, which will cover his books, fees, room and board up to \$7,000 for four years.

Unlike many scholarships, the Truman covers not only the last two years of undergraduate study, but extends to two years of graduate school.

The scholarship is awarded to students who have a firm commitment to public service at the national, state or local level.

Wirin wants to work in a European embassy of the United States after graduate school, he said. He wants to share his views as well as work to achieve the goals of the United States, he said.

"I always tried to see how I could find ways to show people how to help people," Wirin said. "That way, I'm not doing it all myself because you can't do it all yourself."

Wirin's past experience in service probably helped him win the scholarship, he said.

His experience includes membership on U.S. congressman Joe Barton's student advisory committee; in the TCU Big Brother program; in refugee tutoring at Tremble Tech High School; in Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity; in the Boy Scouts of

America; and in Responsibility of Alcohol and Drugs Workers.

Wirin was an exchange student in Germany, where he learned to speak the language fluently, before he came to TCU, he said. He is currently learning French and will begin studying Russian next semester, he said.

Wirin's love of languages and his experience in Germany helped him with tutoring refugees because he could empathize with their troubles with the language barrier, he said.

"When I was in Germany, it was very hard for me to go to the store to buy something because I was still learning the language," Wirin said. "I was trying to help them (the refugees) through a hurdle that was hard for me to get through."

Wirin heard about the scholarship

last October, he said, when Dwayne Woods, the Truman representative in the political science department, sent sophomores a letter about the scholarship.

The scholarship stresses strong leadership and service, Wirin said.

"I knew I was interested in public service and thought this would provide me with an opportunity to find funding for my future education," he said.

"Last week, on the 19th of April, I heard from Dr. Woods that I had received the scholarship," Wirin said.

"My first reaction was that of surprise and thanks because I couldn't have done it on my own," he said. "In all, I thank the Lord for this scholarship. He's the one who has given it to me."

Program to honor staff, faculty for dedication

By TY WALKER
Staff Writer

The annual retirement/service recognition awards program will honor 100 university faculty and staff members for years of service today in the Student Center Ballroom, said Sally Armstrong, director of special projects within university relations.

The event will begin with a reception at 3 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

"It (this event) is just as important to TCU as it is for the individual who receives the award," Armstrong said.

"For the recipients, it gives public recognition and appreciation for their services. For the university, it re-

minds all of us that we are part of a strong and loyal group working together toward a worthwhile goal."

Chancellor Bill Tucker will present opening remarks at the ceremony, and vice chancellors Peggy Barr, Edd Bivin, Bill Koehler, Leigh Secrest and William Wehner will present the awards to members of their staffs, Armstrong said.

People being honored for 10-25 years of service will receive pins with a TCU emblem on them, and 30-year honorees will receive a Cross pen and pencil set. Engraved Bulova Ships Clocks will be presented to 35-year honorees and, retirees will receive engraved plaques, Armstrong said.

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Today's weather is partly cloudy and warm with high temperatures in the upper 80s and low temperatures in the upper 60s.

Thursday's weather will be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the upper 80s.

On their toes

Senior studios final step before dance majors' graduation

By KERRI CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

Senior dance students put their training to the test this past weekend in their production of the TCU Senior Studio Works, which included their own originally choreographed pieces.

Senior ballet majors Melanie Boyd, Susan Stubbs, Katrina Witzke and senior modern dance major Gina Trentman applied their knowledge from technique, choreography, music and lighting classes to produce a concert of six individual dance pieces as part of the requirements for a bachelor's degree from the dance department, Stubbs said.

"This was really a culmination of all

of their course work in the past four years, and I think it is an invaluable experience for these students to combine all the aspects of production and learn to make choices that they will have to make later," said Ellen Garrison, associate professor of modern dance and adviser of this year's project.

Boyd choreographed a piece titled "Symphonic Dialogues," which contains neo-classical ballet steps with a modern flair, she said.

"My true love is classical ballet," Boyd said. "But my piece had no story line, and it really is dance just for the sake of dance."

Boyd's idea came from an original score of contemporary classical music

composed by a friend's father, who is a symphony conductor, and her desire to create a ballet piece, she said. The piece is in the form of a concerto with three movements: fast, slow and then fast again, she said.

"I began in March on the choreography of my piece, and after spring break I began working with the dancers," Boyd said. "But I feel we were really rushed and needed more time."

Boyd liked seeing her ideas come together in the performance of her work, and Garrison helped to improve the dance, she said.

Garrison gave her opinion of all the

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CAMPUSlines

Pre-law meeting in Student Center Room 202 at 5:15 p.m. Thursday. Judge John Street will discuss the recent media-publicized case involving Walmart and Sam Walton, the nation's wealthiest individual. For further information, call 924-3846 or 921-7468.

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 Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Jane Harvey at the Thistle Hill Docent Guild at 924-4349 for more information.

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way, needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about volunteer opportunities as a tutor for adults in reading on a one-to-one basis, to work in a Fort Worth museum's gift shop, and to provide structured activities for children whose mothers attend support group meetings for battered women on Wednesday evenings.

"Smoking Cessation Clinic" May 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Family Services, Inc. 401 W. Sanford in Arlington. \$10 a session for nine sessions. For more information call 277-1337.

University Leadership Reception honoring students and faculty leadership and service May 3 at 3 p.m. on the lawn in front of Sadler Hall. Entertainment by Too Much Sax will start at 3 p.m. The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will last about an hour. For more information contact Peggy Smith in the Student Activities Office, 921-7926.

Open forum for all individuals who want to express concerns about rush and pledging of fraternities and sororities Thursday at 6 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom. For more information call Susie Batchelor at 921-7926.

Activities Carnival! It's time for your organization to reserve a table for next fall's activity carnival set for Thursday, August 24. Reservation forms are available in the Student Activities Office and must be returned by May 1. Don't let your organization be left out. For more information call Janet Trepka at 927-7406.

"Preparing for Finals" workshop by Center for Academic Services May 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. or May 4 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Rickel Building Room 106. To register call 921-7486.

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them in a minority that would be subject to discrimination and exclusion from campus society.

"The tragedy of being gay at TCU is that you're not able to express yourself fully," Paul said. "Overhearing slurs about your sexual identity, even when they're not directed at you (is a part of everyday life)."

"Once people label you as a homosexual, whether you are or not, they ostracize you," Troy said. "They put you in a different category."

"The scary thing about TCU is the large Greek population," Jim said. "Conformity is a big issue here. If you don't conform, you're ostracized."

"I'm sure discrimination would happen (if gays came out of the closet) because homophobia is rampant," Charles said. "Homosexuality is considered a sin in a lot of churches, so discrimination (against gays) is being approved of in a way."

"Discrimination against gays is considered okay by a lot of people," he said.

But with 10 percent of the male population estimated to be homosexual, discrimination is hurting a lot of people at TCU.

With the 2,957 male students that assistant registrar Mary Kincannon said were registered in the fall of 1988, TCU would have a gay population of almost 300 men.

"I could almost buy into (those numbers)," Troy said. "There's probably less than 10 percent now, but the bisexual numbers are probably higher than back then."

"I would say the Kinsey ratio is perhaps representative," Paul said. "I'm sure we have our 10 percent, but a good part of that 10 percent is probably experimenting with bisexuality."

Charles said he thinks the numbers reported by Kinsey are close to TCU's number.

"But whether that 10 percent are acting on their desires or not is another matter completely," he said. "When you go into a bar, you see a lot of young men and realize the truth in the numbers."

"I see a lot of TCU people when I go to the bars, but I don't go up and

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PAUL,
TCU sophomore

talk to them," Charles said. "I don't know if they're gay or not, and I'm not going to risk telling a stranger that I'm gay."

"This is a strange time in a lot of people's lives - they're experimenting with their sexuality," he said.

"I think TCU has about the same proportion as other campuses," Jim said. "But when you get into a private university, there's a lot of social mores, and you just can't open up."

Xavier agreed, saying, "Whenever they want to come out, they'll come out, and that's the only way to meet people."

But homosexuals don't view themselves as gay students - they want to be known for who they are and not for their sexual preference.

"I don't think my sexuality is the central element of my character," Paul said. "It's an important part, but not the dominant part. I'm here for intellectual and academic pursuits, not sexual ones."

"I hide it. It's kind of an uncomfortable situation sometimes," Jim said. "But when I'm with my gay friends, it's about all we talk about. It's almost non-stop."

He said that is mostly because the one place gay students can really be themselves and not worry about what people think is around their gay friends.

"It really is weird to be in a room and have people talk about gays if they don't know you're gay," Charles said. "They'll be sitting there talking about faggots and how strange they think it is and won't know they're talking about you."

When people who don't know Jim is gay talked about homosexuality, he said he just acted nonchalant.

"I just acted open-minded and

tried to enlighten them," he said. "If people were to come out on this campus, they would be ostracized because people are so conservative in their beliefs," Troy said.

"Gay people would be scorned by their peers, the faculty, the administration," he said. "It would be disastrous. I don't think that anyone here is equipped to deal with it - not the people at the Counseling Center, not anyone."

So gay students have to deal with their own problems - problems different from those of straight students.

"I've had a couple of girls fall in love with me while I've been here," Jim said. "Finding out I'm gay really crushes them."

"One problem that I haven't had to deal with is the fact that Clark Hall has open showers," he said. "I'm glad I don't live there because that would really bother me."

"A lot of straight guys are terrified of having a gay guy make a pass at them," Jim said. "They think 'What if one comes on to me? How will I handle it?' But they don't need to worry - it's the gay guy who is going to be rejected."

Charles said, "It's hard to meet people at TCU who are gay, and that's my main regret. It's almost impossible, and it's very frustrating."

"Every day, I see good-looking guys as I'm walking to class, and I wonder if they're gay or not. But I have no way of finding out."

"It's hardest to meet that first contact," he said.

"First, one person drops a hint like 'I'm never going to get married' - that's a classic one. Then, the other person drops another hint. After dropping hints for what seems like forever, they usually talk about homosexuality in the third person. Then, someone finally opens up and says that they're gay."

"I always thought that if I had a choice, I would be straight, just for convenience' sake," Xavier said. "There are a lot of girls, and it's easy to meet them. There aren't that many men, and definitely, not a lot of gay men."

But being straight was never a choice for most of these students.

"It's not a matter of knowing - it's a matter of accepting," Xavier said. "I

"I've gotten to a point where I don't lie to people. It's not something I'm ashamed of, but I haven't gotten to the point of broadcasting it."

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accepted it when I was about 16.

"When people used to ask me, I would flat out lie, but I stopped that," he said. "I always played it straight in high school, and I said to myself, 'In college, I'm not going to play this game.'"

Paul said he realized he was homosexual when he was in the fifth grade, maybe even before.

"I realized I didn't feel the same way as the other guys. I would call it a vague uneasiness," he said.

Xavier said, "I was straight when I was younger - I was attracted to girls. When I was about 12, things started to change."

Jim said he had felt the emotions for a while but realized he was a homosexual in high school.

"I had been thinking thoughts like these for a long time. I just didn't know what to call them," he said. "I identified what I was about the 10th grade, but I thought if I had the right sexual experience it would go away."

"My whole freshman year, I fought it, but I gave up about April," Jim said. "I finally accepted it in the summer of 1988 and almost had a nervous breakdown."

"I never had any control over this," he said. "I tried that and it didn't work."

The summer after he came to college was a time of acceptance for Charles too.

"I figured myself out in the summer between my freshman and sophomore years," he said. "Before that, I had always rationalized my feelings. I was walking around in a fog."

But for Troy, acceptance is a stage he hasn't reached yet - nor does he know if he wants to.

"I haven't really decided yet what I am," he said. "I call myself sexually ambivalent."

When he was about 9 years old and in the fourth grade, people started labeling Troy a homosexual.

"I wasn't like the other guys - I was creative and not really interested in the same things that they were," he said.

"I had to deal with that label all through my formative years. In my case, it was largely socially induced because people say I have that 'look.'"

"There have been periods in my life where I've thought, 'All these people think I'm a homosexual. All of them can't be wrong.'"

"Whether I wanted it or not, I've been thrown into this world, and I don't know how to deal with it," Troy said. "It doesn't threaten me anymore, but it used to."

The causes of homosexuality are disagreed upon in scientific circles and even among gays themselves.

"There are many theories," Troy said. "The most common is that there's a lack of male parental guidance or a domineering mother, but there's a lot of possibilities."

"I don't think it's a genetic or psychological disorder," Jim said. "From my own experience and from what I hear from some of my friends, something happened when we were children, and we can pinpoint that one event. Like 'Uncle Joe' asking you to play. You don't know what he's doing - you just know it feels good."

"It's before you know what sexuality really is - what you're supposed to do and what you're not," he said. "I believe it's psychological, but I have friends who agree and some who disagree," Jim said.

Paul is one who disagrees. "I would consider it a combination of genetic and social factors," he said. "Prejudice is mainly manifested by stereotypes, by the straight community and by some in the gay community as well. Stereotypes that we're all pervers or child molesters - yes, there are some, but 90 percent of child molestation is committed by a straight adult male upon a female child."

But Paul's not worried about what causes homosexuality. "The problem for me, and a lot of other gay people, is 'Where do I go from here?' and 'How do I integrate this into the other aspects of my personality?'"

"I think people can change their actions but not their sexual orientation."

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that the money be held until next year to be spent on a different project.

"If we keep deferring projects until a better one comes along, then we will never do anything," said Jim Werth, town student representative.

"I think personally it would beautify the campus, but our first and foremost responsibility on every bill and every issue is what do our constituents want," said Matt Hood, chairman of the University Relations Com-

mittee. "I do not believe our constituents support this bill."

"My constituents were overwhelmingly for this bill," said Waits Hall representative Debbie Pagan.

"No one in my dorm supports this," said Nick Padilla, Pete Wright Hall representative.

A roll call vote was requested by Craig Johnson of Clark Hall. In a roll call vote each representative's vote is recorded and is open to the public.

When the mall between Reed and Sadler halls was originally proposed, it was opposed by the student body

under the argument that it would not be used. But the House passed the bill, and it is definitely used by the student body, said Steve Rubick, chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee.

Construction on the Frog Fountain project is expected to be finished by August 16, 1989, Rubick said.

Committee chairs for next semester were elected in Tuesday's meeting. Todd Royal will be the new University Relations Committee chairman.

Sarah Normand ran unopposed and

will continue as chairwoman of Academic Affairs Committee. Andy Black was re-elected as the Student Concerns Committee chairman.

Permanent Improvements will be chaired by Jim Werth, who also ran unopposed. And Kevin Williams is the new Elections and Regulations Committee chairman.

Three bills to change the House documents, which were proposed by Geoff Turner, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, have been tabled again.

The meeting ran longer than usual,

and by the time the bills came up, several members had left.

"I believe these are important issues, and I think more than a handful of members should vote on them," Hood said.

A resolution was passed to support a study facility that would be safe, available to students and open late at night.

"Dr. (Peggy) Barr (vice chancellor for student affairs) would like to see a show of support and research before she makes a decision about a facility next year," Normand said.

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OPEN HEARING

The Committee to
Study Rush, Bids, and Pledging
at TCU is conducting an
OPEN HEARING

Thursday, April 27, 1989
6:00 PM, Student Center Ballroom

The Committee solicits all comments and opinions
from the University community concerning:

The Rush Process

Timing of Rush

Pledge Programs

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**YOUR COMMENTS AND
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COMMITTEE**

Commentary

Our View

Protesters worked, didn't just complain

Students at TCU manage to find a great deal to complain about, but it is not often that they do something constructive with their complaints. The group of students who distributed literature at "Monday at TCU" last week deserves credit for putting action behind their words.

The group, called the Association of Concerned Students and Professors, distributed pamphlets containing several articles and letters to the editor that had been published in the *Skiff*. High school students and their parents who were visiting the campus received information critical of both TCU's recent raise in tuition and the discrepancies between salaries of teachers in business and salaries of teachers in arts and sciences.

Members of the ACSP said they felt the only way to get any attention from TCU was to hit the school in its pocketbook, urging prospective students to consider all aspects of TCU — not just the happy campus they are shown during "Monday at TCU."

The ACSP deserves to be commended because its members were willing to put their convictions out in the open for consideration, unlike others who complain only to those who share their opinions.

The ACSP realized that institutional change occurs only when voices opposing the status quo are heard — and heard loudly enough to demand attention.

Whether they agree with the beliefs of ACSP members, students should recognize the value of the ACSP's public protest and should follow its lead in airing their complaints openly.



BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



University, newspaper interaction makes quality

By JERRY MADDEN
Columnist



You've probably heard it said many, many times. "That *Skiff*! They can never get anything right. Look at this screw-up, and that screw-up."

"And how dare they try to criticize anything on this campus. They can't get things right themselves."

The *Skiff* makes many, many mistakes throughout a semester. Much of this comes from the fact that the reporters are new, the editors are new, the copy editors make mistakes, the backshop pastes up a story up wrong, the printer switches things and there are too many other things going on at one time that we allow things to slip by.

However, all of these are excuses we try to use to cover up mistakes.

What's really important for TCU, however, is that the *Skiff* is an improving newspaper while at the same time one of the top university newspapers in the Southwest. This was demonstrated at the recent Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention, which took place last weekend.

At the convention, the *Skiff* and its sister publication, *Image* magazine, walked away with 27 awards in the Division II category. These awards included a sweepstakes award for the number of awards won at the convention and an overall second-place award for newspaper excellence.

In every category, from news stories to columns to sports analysis to layout design to graphics, the *Skiff* and *Image* captured awards. It wasn't like we were extremely good in one

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area and extremely poor in another. These two publications were good in every way.

What really makes these two publications as good as they are, and will make them even better in the future, is their interaction with the university community. Without this mutual support, both the publications and the university suffer.

Every time someone writes to the *Skiff*, either to complain, praise or raise concerns, we listen and try to react.

Every time someone points out errors or grammar mistakes or misquotations, the staff becomes more aware of these problems and tries doubly hard to keep it from happening again.

Every time someone talks to an editor personally, we take time to listen and explain why things happened as they did. When possible, we correct the situation immediately.

Most importantly, we want to know of upcoming events so we can cover them accurately and fully. We always try to run advances to let the university know of future events.

In the last two years, the interaction between the publications and university has increased tremendous-

ly. This directly shows in the quality of the newspaper.

The *Skiff* runs on a beat system where every reporter covers a certain campus group or area. This helps to make sure every aspect of campus life is publicized. If you feel your group isn't being covered well, call the *Skiff* or *Image* and let them know. They will work to correct that.

With many student newspapers in the southwest, and I've read most of them, the university newspaper is little more than a public relations/calendar-of-events rag for the university. Unless the story absolutely demands to be covered, like people attacked every night on campus, there is very little negative publicity printed in the newspapers.

This is not made up or exaggerated. Last year at the University of Oklahoma, a number of women were assaulted on campus, but it wasn't until after the fifth such incident in a week that the university paper decided to run a story. Even then, the administration tried to halt the story.

Friends from Texas A&M tell me similar things happened to them last year. Instead of running stories of assaults, the university paper ran stories on award recipients.

As the commentary page editor, I have been on the forefront of this interaction, receiving letters and guest columns. Whenever an issue is raised by a member of the university community which I think is of interest, I'll suggest to the editorial board or a member of the news staff that it be investigated.

For instance, the paper now talks more and more about problems faced by the staff, whereas before they were ignored and forgotten. This came as a result of many letters sent to the paper by concerned staff members.

I am also intrigued every time an issue is debated by many people on the page. It shows that there are many, many people on this campus who care about different subjects. While people argue that some of the letters and guest columns are picky, I argue that all debate is good and strengthens all the participants and interested parties.

For those who show more than just a passing interest in voicing their views, I suggest they apply to be a columnist for the *Skiff*. Good writers who can argue difficult issues logically are always wanted and needed.

While the *Skiff* and *Image* aren't always perfect and don't tell everything that goes on, there is a concerted effort to get out all the information if the story is a concern to the university community.

Much of this reflects badly upon the university, like car thefts taking place or the right classes not being offered. The administration must hate these articles at times, but it is to be commended for letting the truth be told.

I know I often take potshots at the administration and ridicule it no end, but all things considered, it has never

censored the *Skiff* or *Image* on any story in memory. That's unlike Baylor, which fired some of the paper's staff because it wrote an editorial condemning the university for not allowing *Playboy* magazine to photograph students.

If the administration followed this policy for every negative story, editorial and column, there would be no journalism department.

The *Skiff* and *Image*, therefore, have a pretty free hand about what to write. This free hand has resulted in a number of problems being confronted, problems which otherwise might be glossed over or completely ignored in the day-to-day activities of the university.

Problems like racism, fiscal mismanagement in the Student House, AIDS, tuition hikes, low professor pay, sidewalk maintenance, parking, grade inflation and sexual harassment are now all at the forefront of examination. As time goes on, more and more problems will surface and will be dealt with, if it is constantly highlighted in student publications.

Sadly, though, this mini-revolution could be lost in upcoming years. After a period of time, the writers and editors may become lax and complacent about gathering the news. They may even stop caring altogether about what goes on here at all.

That's where the readers come in. By writing letters and columns, by sending in Campuslines and by sending in story ideas to editors, the university community guarantees the *Skiff* and *Image* will never stop addressing university concerns. After all, the publications are the servants of their audience and readership.

You can guarantee they stay at the top of their field and put out publications the university community can be proud of.

Prejudice needs to be unlearned

By AISHA SALEEM
Columnist



More than 100 years ago, the representatives of the citizens of this country decided to define equality.

They also chose to define who should experience this phenomenon.

The 14th Amendment to the Constitution says "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

This means as citizens, we all have certain rights. It does not mean some citizens have rights and can choose to deny those rights to other citizens in the same standing.

On the surface it does not seem like a complicated idea. People with ethnic or racial differences should be treated like those with ethnic or racial similarities.

Yet this issue is confronted daily by many minorities — racial and ethnic — and suddenly the issue becomes complicated.

Racial conflicts and tensions do not exist only in institutes of "higher" education. Nor do they exist only on the institutional level. It's more personal than that.

We have been confronted by this inequality right in our backyard, when an Arlington junior high school experienced a racial brawl this past week.

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Children decided their peers were unequal.

It wasn't some sophomoric teasing or children just having fun with each other. It was hatred, a hatred among children who knew nothing about each other but what they could visually observe.

It was also fear. If your friends were the "wrong" color, you too could be subject to persecution.

These are feelings experienced by children. It does not make sense. Childhood years were relatively carefree. Adults so often yearn to be back there once again. Not any more.

Too often these attitudes stem from ignorance. Children mimic what they hear adults say or what they see on television. That there are so few minorities in politics or positively portrayed on television leads to fewer role models for both minority and majority group members to observe.

It cannot be passed off as a freak incident, either. The tension, according to parents quoted in newspapers, had been occurring for a week.

These misguided attitudes are dangerous. They are not only self-destructive, but they have the potential to lead to damaging consequences for society.

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Prejudices created during the child's formative years do not have to run unchecked. They could be altered.

Ignorance stemming from a lack of education need not exist.

An institution developed for the specific goal of education today also needs to become involved in teaching children the ramifications of prejudice and discrimination.

It is a matter of rights.

It's also a matter of doing what is right.

It's easier to face death when your eyes are closed

By REGINA ANDERSON
Sports Editor

I wasn't hysterical.

This was the thought filling my mind as I lay flat on my back in the back seat of the car. We had just had a terrible car wreck.

The driver had lost control of the car, and we were sent spinning into traffic.

My hands were still over my head, the position I assumed when I saw us quickly approaching the Maxima. I remember the driver screaming, and the car swerving off the road.

It was at this point I lay down in the back seat. The car went on for what seemed like hours. I was tossed and turned in the back seat.

At one point I was thrown into the door and hit my head. The car continued to swerve.

I waited to die.

I soon grew impatient and wanted it to be over quickly and painlessly. I wanted us to hit something big and hard so the car would stop moving, but we continued.

Finally, the car stopped. I didn't move. My hands were over my head, and I realized I couldn't move.

The driver bolted from the car and ran towards a pasture by the access road.

I looked up, and two older gentlemen were peering through the window at me, asking if I was all right. This scared me. They were talking as if I was dead.

A friend of mine peeked around from the passenger side and asked if I was all right. I mumbled incoherently that I was.

One of the men opened the door. I managed to crawl out and stand

upright. I was greeted by two other passengers, who inquired if I was all right. My hands were still over my head. I again mumbled I was all right.

I looked around and tried to grasp what had happened. Cars were lined up in front of and behind us. There were two trucks ahead and a van behind.

My first thoughts were, "God, we hit all those people." I later learned that no one had been injured.

One of the elderly men that helped me out of the car inquired if I was okay. He then proceeded to tell me about his wife and the wrecks she had encountered.

Traffic whizzed by.

I couldn't remember what side of the road we had been on. I stood, with my hands still on my head,

trying to make sense out of it all.

I asked the nearest person what side of the road we had been on. They said we were still on the same side of the road.

The old man in the van sent for the highway patrol. Our driver was still over by the pasture. He was in shock.

A lady from the telephone company stopped and gave us a play-by-play on the accident. It seems we went off the road, and our driver lost control of the car. We went spinning in the gravel, came back out on the road and bounced off a semi-truck.

We then went back off the road and finally stopped.

We were lucky we weren't hit by oncoming traffic.

The conversation drifted around about how lucky we were and if I was all right. My hands were still on my head.

My friend and I returned to the car, which had had its front end banged up. We sat and tried to make light of the situation to ease the tension.

We both became quiet. Each reflecting on the events that had just taken place.

My head began to hurt.

I had heard at least three versions of the accident, and after listening, I knew why I wasn't hysterical. I hadn't seen it.

I took my hands off my head, finally. I was going to be all right.

I had the easy job. I just had to lie there and wait to die. Everyone else had to watch.

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TCU pitcher Chris Ellis unleashes a pitch during the Frogs three game series against Texas A&M this past weekend.

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SWC players taken early in NFL draft

By JOHN CLEMENTI
Sports Writer

The Southwest Conference returned to National Football League draft day prominence this weekend. Twenty-six SWC players, including three first-round picks, were chosen in the NFL's two day raid on collegiate talent.

Only two conferences had more players drafted. TCU had four players selected, two on each day of the draft.

Defensive tackle Mitchell Benson was the first Horned Frog to get the call on Sunday. The Indianapolis Colts used their third round pick, the 72nd overall choice, to take the Fort Worth native.

Defensive back Stanley Petry was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs just 16 picks later in the 88th spot. Petry has 4.35 speed in the 40.

On Monday, two more TCU players were selected. Punter Chris Becker, a pre-season All-American before his senior year, was picked by the Phoenix Cardinals in the 10th round.

Becker's statistics dropped off during his final season as he switched from a three-step to a two-step punting technique. He was the third punter selected in the draft.

The last Southwest Conference player drafted was TCU quarterback

Scott Ankrom.

Ankrom, who worked out for several pro coaches this spring, will not have to travel far to meet his new teammates. He was taken in the 12th round by the Dallas Cowboys.

Ankrom's versatility will help his chances of sticking with the Cowboys. He has played free safety, halfback and receiver in addition to sharing the Frog's quarterbacking chores.

He will be given a chance to make the team as a wide receiver, but no one is ruling out a transition to defensive back.

With 4.45 speed and experience at safety, Ankrom could stick as a special teams player.

Texas running back Eric Metcalf was the first SWC player chosen. The Cleveland Browns, in need of skill position players, negotiated a trade with the Denver Broncos for the right to move up seven places in the first round to select Metcalf with the 13th pick of the first round.

Metcalf, the son of former Phoenix Cardinal star Terry Metcalf, should see a good amount of playing time next season. The Browns traded incumbent starter Earnest Byner to the Washington Redskins shortly after drafting Metcalf.

Arkansas defenders Wayne Martin and Steve Atwater were first round picks.

Frogs stun Aggies in first game of series

By REID JOHNS
Sports Writer

David had his Goliath. Jack had his Giant. The Dodgers had their A's and Kerry Knox had his Texas A&M Aggies.

The Aggies entered the game last Friday with a 44-2 record that was good enough for a No. 1 ranking in both of the college baseball polls.

Knox pitched nine full innings of seven-hit ball and walked away with a 4-2 victory over the stunned Aggies. "It was a big win for us," Knox said.

TCU first baseman Tom Hardgrove knows what the pressure is like being

on the No. 1 team in the nation. He's played for the Oklahoma State and San Jacinto Junior College, both of which spent time at the top of the polls.

"The toughest thing about being No. 1 is that everybody's going to go after you," Hardgrove said.

For one of the few times this season, the Frogs played completely errorless baseball on the field.

"We were making the defensive plays," said Hardgrove. "Everything was working right."

Hardgrove continued to terrorize Southwest Conference pitchers with a 2-for-4 afternoon. His two doubles included the game winner in the fifth

inning.

It was only the third loss of the season for Texas A&M. Oklahoma State and Texas are the two other teams that beat them.

"I feel like I'm in good company," said Knox.

Texas A&M head coach Mark Johnson said that he considers Knox to be one of the conference's top three pitchers.

Johnson also said that Knox proved his ability on Friday.

Aggie starter Pat Sweet took the loss for A&M, dropping his record to 7-3. He's been the losing pitcher in all of A&M's losses, but that statistic is deceptive.

"Sweet is their best pitcher," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "But, he's got face everybody else's best pitcher."

Knox moved his record to 8-4 with this victory.

"This is the best game that he (Knox) has pitched all season," said Brown.

The win, as sweet as it was, was like stirring up a hornet's nest.

On Saturday, the Aggies avenged the loss with a 14-3 and 10-5 double-header sweep.

A&M jumped on Frog pitching early for 14 runs in the first four inning en route to a 14-3 blow out.

The Frogs were hampered by five

errors that led to six unearned Aggie runs. A&M also recorded eight walks from TCU pitchers.

"We made a lot of errors and walked a lot of batters," said Brown. "When you do that against a good, you just can't win."

A Scott Loeffler grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning of the second game kept TCU in the game, but Aggie reliever Scott Centala made sure TCU got no closer than 8-5.

Centala pitched two and two-thirds innings of shutout ball to record his conference leading seventh save of the season.

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prominent South African church leader, spoke to the full group. Kennon said that it was during that talk that he received a message.

"I received what I would call a 'call,' he said. 'The message was very direct and to the point.'

He said the message told him to fast on the steps in front of The Robert Carr Chapel.

"This scared me," he said.

He spent about three months thinking about the 'call' he had received in Louisville, Ky., at the Assembly.

"I thought it was a rather stupid thing to do when I first received this message," Kennon said.

Nonetheless, he began reading about the effects of fasting, and he visited his doctor to discuss the possibility. Finally, he decided that if he was ever going to begin the fast, he might as well do it.

Kennon started fasting eight days before he got to TCU, and his arrival on the steps of Robert Carr on Feb. 8, 1988, coincided with the opening day of Ministers Week.

Before he started the fast, he wrote to colleagues across the United States and to Tucker explaining what he was going to do and why.

"I basically simply asked the Board and Chancellor Tucker to reconsider (the decision not to divest)," Kennon said.

During the fast, Kennon sat on the steps from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, talking to passers-by who asked what he was doing.

"I didn't put up any signs. I didn't have a bullhorn," he said. Kennon was eventually asked into some classes to explain why he was fasting on the steps.

"When I went into the fast, I did not know how long the fast would be," he said.

Before beginning the fast, Kennon had made a commitment to a speaking engagement in mid-March in Kentucky. Because of his study of fasting, he also knew that he had to work his way off the fast gradually and that his body would need time to build up the stamina required for the speaking engagement.

He also noted that a day that held special significance for him and his relationship with TCU was approaching.

"March 3 was the 20th anniversary of my ordination into the Christian ministry in The Robert Carr Chapel by Chancellor Tucker," Kennon said.

Students for a Democratic South Africa, the forerunner of Students



TCU Daily Skiff / File Photo

Kenneth Kennon, TCU alumnus, has written a resolution calling for protest against TCU for its decision not to divest from South Africa. Kennon is shown here during his 1988 fast on the steps of The Robert Carr Chapel. That 33-day fast was also in protest of the university's stance.

Against Racism Today, arranged to hold a service in the chapel on that day, and Kennon went off his fast after 33 days.

He said he believes the fast accomplished something, although he will never know how much because of other efforts before and after his.

"I realized that I would never know exactly what the effects of the fast were," he said. "What I wanted to raise up was the moral imperative of why you would do something like divestment of your investment portfolio."

"I was just one person among others who were concerned," he said.

Kennon was able to pass part of his message along to the executive committee of the conference of regional board chairs during his fast. Because he is on the committee, he flew to St. Louis during the fast to talk to other members and spread word of his fast

around the country.

He said he received letters from throughout the United States supporting his efforts.

Because Kennon received two degrees from TCU and was ordained by Tucker, he said he sees the chancellor as a friend and somewhat of a mentor. That was one of the reasons Tucker's speech at the Assembly shocked him.

Tucker said he thinks that Kennon is doing what he thinks is right.

"I think he feels very strongly that he is right, and therefore, this action is appropriate on his part," Tucker said.

The chancellor also said that the history of the Church included people on a regular basis who strongly believed in what they were doing.

"In every generation, there are those who know precisely the will of God," Tucker said. "I have never been so sure that I did."

Although the response (to donate clothing) has been minimal so far, they expect it to increase quite significantly by the end of the week, Charles said.

The Kappas held a faculty reception Tuesday to introduce the administration and faculty to Kappa Alpha Psi, Belk said.

Today, the Kappas will sponsor a Step Show at 6 p.m. in front of the Student Center.

Thursday, the Kappas will sponsor a lip-sync contest at noon in the Student Center Lounge.

The group will close Kappa Week Saturday at an all-campus picnic in Forest Park after the Purple and White Football Game and will also sponsor a party at 10 p.m. in the Rickel Building.

Monday, the fraternity began collecting clothes in the Student Center to donate to the Salvation Army. The fraternity will collect clothes until Friday.

Charles said the fraternity members feel it's their duty to provide services for the community and clothes for the needy.

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the university's legitimate decision makers. It is a kind of persuasion the church has to carry on - not an ability to legislate what our universities have to do."

A local Disciples pastor explained that the covenant differs from a contract in that a contract is a two-party agreement about specified terms for a specified period of time. A covenant, on the other hand, is more of a choosing, similar to a marriage.

He said that the question to ask in the case of TCU and divestment may be, "Who is breaking the covenant?" suggesting that TCU is doing so by failing to follow the recommendation of the Assembly.

Manworren, however, recognized that the first resolution does need to be reworked for it to meet the covenantal requirements from the Church's side.

"While many of us would agree that this may be the final hour for a non-violent, nonracist solution (to apartheid) . . . , the action they call for is just structurally unworkable," Manworren said.

Therefore, Manworren said he thinks the General Board will draft a substitute resolution that encompasses the concerns in both the original resolutions. If that is done, the substitute resolution will be placed before the General Assembly for consideration this summer, although the original resolutions would appear in full on the docket of business and could be considered if the substitute failed.

If the Board does not draft a substitute, the original resolutions will be placed before the Assembly for consideration first.

"I think they will draft some sort of substitute," Manworren said. "They may not."

The second resolution would probably be included in the substitute because it names TCU specifically for protest action, although TCU is only one of seven Disciples-related colleges and universities that have not divested.

The rest of the 18 Disciples-related colleges and universities have pulled their funds out of the seven corporations targeted by the Disciples - Chevron, Control Data, IBM, Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, Texaco and Unisys.

Tucker said he did not know which of those are included in TCU's investment portfolio.

The six colleges besides TCU that retain investments in at least one of those corporations are Atlantic Christian College in North Carolina, Drury College in Missouri, Lynchburg College in Virginia, Midway Christian College, Northwest Christian College in Oregon and William Woods College in Missouri.

TCU is the only major university of the seven, Tucker said.

"They (the General Board members) recognize that the one (resolution) targeting TCU alone is inappropriate in selecting one out of seven colleges and universities that have chosen not to divest," Manworren said.

Manworren said that the General Board, in drafting a substitute resolution, must pick up the concerns expressed in the original resolutions while creating a resolution that keeps with the nature of church life.

The Board's other options in handling these and other resolutions include recommending that the General Assembly accept, reject or refer them. Referral includes options such as sending the resolutions to specific committee or units for further development or implementation.

The first resolution that the Gen-

eral Board will consider at its annual meeting Saturday through May 2 reads as follows:

" . . . it is resolved the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana July 28 through August 2, 1989, declare the issue of apartheid a moral issue and further declare apartheid is an evil and oppressive system.

"It is further resolved the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) acknowledge its stance in solidarity with church leaders of the South African Council of Churches, who are working in the name of Christ to end the oppression of apartheid by nonviolent means.

"It is further resolved the General Assembly commends the organizations, institutions, general units and regions which have divested according to the General Assembly Resolution 8329.

"It is further resolved the General Board and the Commission on Finance be instructed by the General Assembly to withhold all financial support from organizations, institutions, general units or regions associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which have not begun divestment of their financial portfolios involved with companies doing business in South Africa by January 1990.

"It is further resolved the General Board and the Commission on Finance be directed to put the withheld funds into escrow until divestment by said organizations, institutions, general units or regions is 75 percent complete.

"It is further resolved if divestment is not 75 percent complete by December 31, 1993, the General Board and the Committee on Finance will reallocate the withheld funds to other segments of our church body."

This resolution was submitted by the Board of Directors of Bethany Christian Church in Lincoln, Neb.

Resolution 8329 is a resolution approved by the General Assembly in 1983 that expresses the Disciples current stand on divestment.

"It is basically an encouragement to our general units and institutions to divest from our select list," Manworren said. He said the bill expresses the Disciples' "moral outrage at apartheid" and supports all efforts to find a nonviolent and nonracist solution.

The second resolution reads as follows:

"Be it resolved that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

"1. Express its profound distress and excruciating anguish over Texas Christian University's decision not to divest, and deplore TCU's continuing economic support for this apartheid government which causes the untold suffering of millions of our South African sisters and brothers.

"2. Ask all members, congregations and regions to consider returning promotional material from Texas Christian University with a letter stating that, in the face of grim realities in South Africa in these days, we cannot in good conscience support and promote a Church-related institution with a policy of nondivestment.

"3. Encourage Texas Christian University, our covenanted partner in ministry, to prayerfully reconsider this assembly's request.

"4. Request all members, congregations, regions, general units, related agencies and institutions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada to write the Board of Trustees of Texas Christian University, sharing the story of their own divestment experience, and urge TCU to enter likewise into a process of divestment of their

investment portfolios without further delay.

"5. Support Texas Christian University if it chooses to divest while maintaining a minimal stock portfolio in corporations doing business in South Africa in order to allow TCU to take stockholder action urging corporate disinvestment there.

"6. Urge all members, congregations, regions, general units, related agencies and institutions to write letters of appreciation to Texas Christian University when it does start a process for divestment from their investment portfolio of all shares of stock of companies continuing to do substantial business in South Africa."

Tucker said that even if the first resolution were passed in its original form, he does not foresee the TCU Board of Trustees responding before its regularly scheduled meeting in November. He also said that the trustees' stance on divestment would be the same whether or not TCU had money invested in South Africa through the seven companies on the Disciples' list.

However, he affirmed TCU's commitment to its relationship with the Disciples of Christ church.

"TCU is church-related by tradition and intention," Tucker said. "I, as the chancellor of the university, feel very strongly about the church-relatedness of the university. I support it wholeheartedly. I really care very deeply about the denomination, and it's very important to me as a person."

"TCU is not interested at all in severing its ties to the Church," he said. "But if the Church should choose to do that, I'm sure the university would honor the will of the Church."

Besides the symbolic significance of the action called for in the resolutions, the first resolution would have an impact on TCU financially, Tucker said.

"I would see the decision of the Church to withdraw it (funding) as more than a symbolic gesture," he said.

TCU receives about \$180,000 annually from the Disciples, with the amount based on a formula including enrollment, Disciples enrollment and other figures, Tucker said. That amount is equal to less than two-tenths of 1 percent of the university's operating budget.

Some of that money has been used to fund scholarships for children of ministers as a way for TCU to return something to the Church, Tucker said. He was unsure, however, of the specific financial or other implications of the resolutions, if passed in their original forms.

"I'd just have to wait and see what happens," he said.

Brite Divinity School receives more than \$200,000 from the Disciples, Tucker said. Jack Suggs, dean of Brite, could not be reached for comment about how the resolutions would affect the divinity school.

Tucker said he is not surprised that TCU and divestment are being targeted by some of the 60 to 65 resolutions that will be considered at the biannual assembly this year.

Two years ago, several questions were asked from the floor about TCU and divestment, and Tucker discussed TCU's decision not to divest at the TCU/Brite luncheon later in the assembly. He said he did not have any plans as of now to speak to the Assembly when he attends the conference this year.

"It is likely that I would not take the microphone and urge the Church to take action or not take action," Tucker said. "The Church has a right to do what the Church wants to do. My present inclination is not to speak to the issue (at the assembly)."

Fraternity first

Kappa Alpha Psi aims for campus awareness

By TY WALKER
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For the first time, the TCU chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, a national social fraternity, is participating in the fraternity's annual Kappa Week, which continues through Saturday.

"Kappa Week provides a chance for the fraternity to set a week aside to spread awareness of what our fraternity is about," said Ralph Belk, president of the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Kappa Week is designed to make others aware of Kappa Alpha Psi as well as give the Kappas an opportunity to interact with and do more for the campus, he said.

Logan Hampton, minority and program adviser, said he thinks Kappa Week will benefit the entire campus.

"I think it's good that the fraternity is getting itself involved in promoting itself to TCU," he said.

"They are an established fraternity that does positive things for the cam-

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Animal rights, rites remain controversial issues Dance/ from Page 1

By JADA THADANI
Staff Writer

Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy has no hair—because someone is wearing it as a coat.

By today's standards, it is considered glamorous to own a fur coat. Leather shoes are the norm. And it is impossible to drive down a major street without passing at least one fast food restaurant that deals primarily in hamburger meat.

Many people go through life without worrying about the origins of their coat, their shoes or their hamburger. But for others, it's a major concern.

People have been struggling with animal rights issues for ages.

One native American Indian tribe from northwestern New England considered themselves a part of the natural world. This was reflected in their attitudes toward the animals they killed.

When a hunter killed a beaver, for example, proper respect demanded that its bones be returned to the water, with a request that more beavers be placed on the earth.

Many present-day fur trappers and ranchers show little or no respect for beavers and other animals, according to animal rights activists.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is an animal rights group strongly opposed to the use of animal furs or skins.

"We have been trying to emphasize that furs are not fashionable and that it (fur trapping and ranching) is a cruel trade," said Dan Mathews of PETA.

Fur coats are a luxury, said Kristin Mack, a sophomore broadcast journalism major who works in the fur salon at Foley's in Hulen Mall.

"Do you need a Ferrari when you can buy a Ford Escort? It's the same thing," she said.

Mathews, who is a vegetarian and does not wear fur or leather, said he believes it is wrong morally for people to wear either.

Materials that PETA publishes say that animals kept on fur farms are driven insane by their confinement before being killed by gas, poisoning or electrocution. Animals caught in traps either die from exposure or starvation, chew off a limb and escape or are beaten to death by trappers, PETA says.

"We (PETA) encourage people to take the easiest first step—not to buy fur," Mathews said. "If they're going to spend thousands of dollars, they should do something to help the world, not hurt animals. There are more humane and more fashionable things to buy."

"We've got our own skin," he said. "Why would we want to wear an animal's?"

In conversation, most people usually say they agree that trapping is not a perfect idea, Mack said.

"A good example is with beavers," she said. "They are in abundance, and they also cause a lot of damage. Trapping is not ideal, but neither is their starvation due to overpopulation."

"We need to maintain the balance of nature," Mack said.

Bob Willing, assistant district supervisor for the Fort Worth division of the Texas Animal Damage Control Service, said there is a fur season in Texas.

Fur trapping occurs all over the state, he said, because Texas is mostly a private land state. People get permission from land owners to trap, he

said.

Fur and the methods used to obtain are issues of concern to animal rights activists, but leather brings up some different issues.

There is a difference between the methods used to obtain fur, and those used to obtain leather, said Margaret McWhorter, chairwoman of the design and fashion department.

"There is a certain amount of leather from cowhides and pigskins that is obtained from animals who are not killed for the leather. They are killed in slaughter houses for beef or pork," McWhorter said.

"I consider fur coats barbaric," she said. "I do not like the idea of wearing an animal on my back. This is not the same as wearing leather shoes—they don't look like you're wearing an animal."

"I am not against using the hides of animals who are used for furnishing meat because I am not a vegetarian. There are those who would argue differently," she said.

Willing said, "A lot of people who say there is a difference between using cows for food or for leather are hypocritical. Fur isn't necessary, but neither are tender loins or filet mignons. We could survive without them."

Bob Price, a junior sociology major, said, "It is okay to eat meat—for the most part it's nutritious. If you're going to eat them, then it's okay to wear them."

Bob Taylor, general manager of the Bifano Fur Company of Dallas, said, "The whole issue is emotional."

"It is not an issue of right or wrong," he said. "It's kind of like I can say there is a God, and you can say there's not—and who's to say which of

us is right or wrong?"

"Even without fur trapping, there are animals who will starve to death, get sick or become rabid," Taylor said.

The Bifano Company sells mostly mink coats, and 80 percent of its coats come from animals that are raised on ranches. This is the norm in the United States, Taylor said.

Some suggest wearing natural fabrics like cotton or synthetics like nylon and polyester instead of fur and leather.

PETA claims that it is not necessary to buy watchbands, basketballs, upholstery, belts, coats, shoes or anything else made of leather. There are many alternative materials, including cotton, rubber and canvas, that cost less and do not subsidize industrialized cruelties, according to PETA News, a bimonthly magazine published by PETA.

However, environmentalists say synthetic materials and the chemicals used to process them cause great harm to the earth's atmosphere and pollute water supplies. Soil conservationists say that cotton exhausts soil, falls victim to pests and requires high quantities of fertilizers and pesticides.

According to PETA News, silk is bad news, too. Many people think of silk as natural and benign, not realizing that silkworms are boiled or steamed alive in silk production. It is now an established fact that silkworms feel pain, according to PETA News.

Mack, who maintains that fur is a luxury, suggests wool coats as an alternative to fur.

Another article in PETA News says that sheep are often nicked during

shearing and that some freeze to death after being shorn.

For those who deem it necessary to avoid animal products, there are now companies which specialize in non-leather and other products.

Aesop of Cambridge, Mass. specializes in briefcases, wallets, belts and other accessories. Heartland Products, Ltd., of Dakota City, Iowa, and Payless Shoes sell non-leather shoes.

A booklet titled "Shopping for a Better World," which is published by the Council on Economic Priorities, a research group in New York, provides a look at 138 companies and 1,300 products, evaluating them on issues like animal testing, protection of the environment and charitable contributions.

Many people say they do not support mistreatment of animals to manufacture products for humans, but nevertheless buy animal products that have been tested on animals.

"I think cruelty to animals is wrong, but it's not something that I struggle with too much because animals don't have souls. They were made to be companions for man," said Jeff Sherman, a freshman business pre-major.

"I have a problem with excessive cruelty, but not with things like animal experimentation," Sherman said. "I see that as a benefit to humans. If it benefits the human race, I don't see how anyone could oppose it."

In the meanwhile, groups like PETA will continue to publish their literature, and people like Mack and Taylor will continue to deal in the fur business.

Many people will probably continue to buy their furs, wear their shoes and eat their hamburgers without giving Fuzzy another thought.

seniors' dances, but let them do what they felt was best, she said.

"I was much more nervous watching my piece being performed than I had ever been dancing myself," Boyd said.

Boyd hopes to dance with a regional ballet company for a few years and then apply her second major of nutrition to the area of dance, she said.

Stubbs' piece came from listening to the soundtrack of "Chariots of Fire" when she was a junior in high school and realizing the music could encompass the story of creation, she said.

"My biggest stress was the deadline because we were so involved with the dance department's Spring Concert that we couldn't begin working on this production until after spring break," Stubbs said. "If we had more time, a lot more could have been done."

Stubbs relied on the story of Adam and Eve to create her ballet titled "In the Beginning," she said.

"I thought I was going to cry when the performance went on," Stubbs said. "I couldn't believe I had pulled this off, and it had come together so well."

Stubbs plans to return to her home state of Florida for one month after graduation and then audition for the Ballet Magnificat, a Christian dance group in Jackson, Miss., she said.

Trentman used movement from her choreography class to create her modern dance piece, titled "Keep on Pushing Me," and reworked a dance she choreographed last year to produce "Behind the Wheel," she said.

"Both of these pieces were full of high energy and a lot of fun," Trentman said.

Trentman said her biggest problem was trying to make sure the show went smoothly, but she said she felt everything came together well.


"I was so excited to see my pieces performed, but I just stood there and sweated, gripped my hands together and watched," she said. "My dancers did an excellent job with it."

Trentman plans to backpack through Europe for one month after graduation, take dance classes in Europe and improve her technique, she said.

Witzke, choreographer of "Decadence" and "Love, Peace, and Harmony," which were both performed in the studio, was unavailable for comment.

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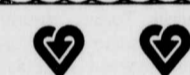
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