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Support group forming to help children of alcoholics

By KRISTEN GOULD
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Adult Children of Alcoholics is seeking members who come from dysfunctional families and are interested in participating in a therapeutic discussion group.

The organization, which is open to students, faculty and staff members, helps its members deal with concerns including relationships, intimacy, decision-making, goal-setting, anger and depression, said Larry Withers, a

psychologist at the Counseling Center and ACOA facilitator.

"The group is to provide support for persons who might be struggling in some areas of development and to help them understand how living in a dysfunctional family may have contributed to the concerns that they have now," said Withers, who came to TCU in August, 1989. He also has conducted ACOA groups at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Houston, he said.

"If a person grows up in a home in

which one of the parents is an alcoholic, or if they just grew up in a family that didn't function well, there's a higher chance that they will have more difficulties as an adult adjusting and being able to accomplish the things they want to accomplish," he said. "The purpose of the group is to help people live more effectively."

ACOA members typically develop coping mechanisms in order to survive in their dysfunctional family, Withers said.

Some people become perfection-

ists, thinking since they can't perfect their family, they'll perfect themselves, he said. Others rebel and turn to drugs or promiscuity, while others become clowns, joking around in order to lighten the family mood, he said.

"We learn to feel and think and behave in our early life, typically, and then we carry those patterns. . . right into our adult lives," Withers said.

"So when the child gets out of the family in which the alcohol is being used, they don't really leave the fam-

ily behind; they take the family with them," he said.

A student who participated in ACOA meetings last semester said that she planned to participate again this semester because she learned a lot from the group.

"We basically would talk about our problems each week—coping with friends and family on a daily basis. We would talk about big and little problems—whatever someone needed to get off their chest," she said.

"You can say anything to the people in the group and it doesn't shock them because they've probably dealt with the same problems themselves," she said. "I learned a lot about myself by listening to the other students talk and bouncing my ideas off them."

About 20 people have expressed interest in ACOA so far this semester, Withers said. Those interested will be divided into two groups, one for undergraduate students and one

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TCU Daily Skiff/Jessica Mann

Senior Mark Walgren, goalie for the men's soccer team, makes a save at the game Sunday against Eastern Illinois.

Changing policy alters Soviet life

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
TCU Daily Skiff

The old system of economic, political and social policy-making in the Soviet Union is not working, and the new system is not yet operational, said Soviet spokesman Gennady Gerasimov Tuesday night in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

"The old system rewarded mediocrity and punished initiative," Gerasimov said. "We realized a long time ago that there was a need for change."

Gerasimov stressed economic reform in the Soviet Union as the key to solving most of the country's problems. However, he said that President Gorbachev has received tremendous pressure and criticism from the Soviet people for being too slow in pursuing these reforms.

At a press conference before his speech, Gerasimov said the Soviet people needed to reorient their thinking on economic issues.

"People were taking things for granted because they had been cared for from cradle to grave," he said. "They lost initiative."

The 500-day plan to switch to a



Gennady Gerasimov

market economy has a catchy sound to it, Gerasimov said, but in reality, the length of time is merely an estimate. Gerasimov said the original plan was to start the program of economic transition on Oct. 1, but bureaucratic red tape has postponed it.

In addition to the bureaucratic

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Rifle team gets one more shot

By ABIGAIL DALBEY
TCU Daily Skiff

After about 10 years and \$6,000 in donations from about 30 Fort Worth businesses, the Army ROTC rifle team has returned to campus.

The first thoughts of rekindling a TCU rifle team began in the spring, said Lt. Col. Frederick Terasa, professor of military science. The rifle team, which won the 1976 national championships sponsored by the National Rifle Association, collapsed from a lack of support in the early 1980s, said Bill Kavorik, a coach for the team.

"Three things happened that made this (the return of the rifle team) possible," Terasa said. "First, we (the ROTC) had maintained a relationship with Neal Stepp, who had interest in TCU riflery. Second, Captain McCoy recruited Mark Rash (captain of the rifle team), and third, funding was made available to us."

The funds for the reorganization of the rifle team were solicited by the Fort Worth chapter of the Association of the United States Army, Terasa said.

Chuck Hornick, a TCU alumni member, father of two ROTC members and a United States Army veteran who now works for General Dynamics, was responsible for prompting donations given by many Fort Worth sponsors.

The new rifle team is made up of nine male ROTC members.

Presently, only ROTC members may join, since the TCU Army ROTC initially funded the team with the help of sponsors, Terasa said.

Women are encouraged to join, Terasa said.

"Rifle shooting is a sport that women and men can participate in equally," said Neal Stepp, a coach for the rifle team. "No women in the ROTC have joined yet, but I

hope they will."

Three coaches assist in training the shooters. Two are former members of TCU's winning 1976 rifle team — Kavorik and Bob Hays. The third, Stepp, is the owner of International Shooters Service, a local highly specialized weapons supply store.

"Team members spend about ten hours a week practicing their technique," said Kavorik. They will practice longer as the team improves, he said.

"Because of the quality of the coaching staff, the team is being taught how to shoot correctly the first time, so bad habits will not form," Rash said.

Rash is ranked as the number one freshman collegiate shooter in the United States. A freshman from Granbury, Texas, Rash was inspired to become a marksman by his father at age twelve, he said.

"Shooting is the most mental sport and is the only sport in the Olympics that deals with keeping the body still," Rash said. "Physical fitness is important, though, because the more fit you are, the lower your resting heart rate so the more still you can be. You also have to have the muscle tone to hold the rifle."

"Because of TCU's rich shooting heritage, and its world-class coaching staff, we've been able to put together an exceptional team for relatively little money," Hornick said.

The rifle team has many long term goals, Kavorik said.

"By the spring we will have the best rifle team in Texas," he said.

When the team becomes a school-sponsored sport, it may be

eligible to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association riflery championships held yearly in April, Kavorik said.

"That will probably be a realistic goal in two years," he said.

House to provide leader training

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD
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Members of the House of Student Representatives are looking forward to the leadership retreat this weekend at the D/FW Airport Hilton.

The topic, global issues and the challenges which the college-age students of today will face in the years to come, was chosen in January, said Ernie Ross, vice president of the House.

The agenda of the retreat will "sight specifically in what ways we can make TCU a better University," Ross said.

"When we chose the topic, we had no idea how timely it would be," Ross said.

The weekend will follow TCU/Fort Worth Week, which also is concerned with global knowledge.

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin, president of SANE/FREEZE: Campaign for Global Security, will be participating in the retreat. SANE/FREEZE is the largest peace and justice organization in the United States.

Coffin will give a key-note speech on Saturday "giving us the scope of the issues, problems and challenges in the world today," Ross said.

In addition, Coffin will lead an open forum and discussion at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom. The forum is open to anyone wishing to attend. General admission tickets are \$5, but students

can get in free with a TCU ID.

Coffin is likely to address the topics that come up most often at the retreat, Ross said.

The 120 to 150 students representing various campus organizations will work in small groups to discuss major global issues and how they effect the TCU community. They will meet in larger groups on Saturday with Margaret J. Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs; Nowell Donovan, professor of geology; and Coffin, who will teach leadership skills.

At the House meeting Tuesday, the food service committee chairwoman Roxi Cantu announced that she is taking volunteers for the committee.

At the committee meetings, which

occur about once every two weeks, committee members talk directly with the representatives of Marriott Food Service, Cantu said.

Cantu served on the committee last year and said almost all of the suggestions she made were acted upon within a week.

"They (Marriott Food Service representatives) don't know what's wrong unless somebody says, 'Hey, this isn't working right,'" she said.

The number of improvements made in TCU's food service is proportional to the number of suggestions they receive, she said. Anyone interested in either serving on the committee or making a suggestion about the food service should contact Guido Climer, committee chairman.

"Demon" makes U.S. debut

Theatre TCU first to perform Russian drama

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD
TCU Daily Skiff

Theatre TCU will perform the American premiere of Anton Chekhov's "The Wood Demon" beginning tonight, to celebrate TCU/Fort Worth Week and to complete a directoral trade with Fort Worth Theatre.

The play will run at 8 p.m. on Oct. 3 through 6 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. Tickets can be purchased in the theater box office and are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens or free with a TCU ID.

"Wood Demon" was chosen for several reasons, said Andrew Harris, chairman of the TCU theater department.

"It is a very interesting play that gives us an insight into the time it was written," he said. Chekhov wrote the play at a time when people in Russia were interested in returning to the land, he said.

"The Wood Demon is a man who seeks to protect the Russian forest



Photo courtesy of Theatre TCU

Jim Hopkins, a TCU senior, and Wendy Powell, of Harker Heights, perform a scene from Chekhov's "The Wood Demon."

from being destroyed," he said. "It was an early version of the green movement."

The showing of "Wood Demon" was also meant to be a forerunner of the Dallas Museum of Modern Art's exhibit, "The Wanderers," Harris said. The exhibit's paintings will be from the same time period and include the same idealism of going

back to the land, he said.

TCU is presenting the play in an attempt to "highlight that moment of commitment to the environment," Harris said.

Toward the turn of the century, when it became clear that they were not bringing about the changes they

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Today's weather will be cloudy with thunderstorms and heavy rain likely. The high temperature will be 80 degrees.

Thursday's weather will be cloudy with morning showers and will clear up in the afternoon. The high temperature will be 80 degrees.

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problems of switching to a capitalist-based economy, Gerasimov said entrepreneurs face difficulties in trying to start businesses in the Soviet Union.

"We must relearn these tricks of capitalism," he said. "It doesn't happen overnight."

Although there are many problems with socialism, Gerasimov said, there are some advantages as well.

In a socialistic society, the ruler has the opportunity to concentrate power in different areas, Gerasimov said. There is a way to centralize power, he said.

This centralization leads to deve-

lopment for the country, Gerasimov said, but the development is often one-sided. There tends to be an emphasis on technology and arms but a neglect of the people's every day needs, Gerasimov said.

In the end though, socialism is really the longest road to capitalism, Gerasimov said.

Gerasimov did not discount the philosophies of Lenin, but said leaders that followed Lenin, like Stalin, were power hungry and caused the ideals of socialism to falter in the Soviet Union.

He also said many Soviets today have lost faith in the idea of the uto-

pian society that Lenin envisioned.

Many of Lenin's monuments across the Soviet Union have been removed by angry crowds, Gerasimov said, and citizens of Leningrad have protested to have the name of the city changed back to St. Petersburg.

"This anti-Lenin feeling is completely new," Gerasimov said. "This change of heart reflects dissatisfaction with the system."

As for the future of the country, Gerasimov said the Soviet Union is rich in talent and will be able to overcome the obstacles before it.

German reunification starts party, ceremonies, protests

By LARRY THORSON
Associated Press

BERLIN — The Western Allies ceded their post-war occupation powers Tuesday as the clock ticked toward the historic moment when East Germany was absorbed, with all its problems, into a new united Germany.

A vast party across the land of 78 million people was getting under way in anticipation of the midnight unification of Germany, with fireworks and ceremonies to last through Thursday. Today has been declared a national holiday.

Police in Goettingen near the disappearing East German-West German border reported 1,000 leftist protesters opposed to unification rampaged through the city late Tuesday, breaking store windows and chanting "Never Again Germany!" and "Nazis out!"

Police were gearing up for trouble from rightist and leftist radicals planning demonstrations in central Berlin, where the Berlin Wall used to stand. Hundreds of riot police assembled near Leipziger Street in East Berlin, a march route for radicals from the west.

City authorities banned demonstrations near the Brandenburg Gate, the 200-year-old monument that will be a focus of celebrations, which start

at the nearby Reichstag, the old German parliament building.

The broad thoroughfares east and west of the Brandenburg Gate were thronged with tens of thousands of people hours before the historic occasion, and many vendors were selling food, drinks and souvenirs.

Dixieland jazz, street musicians and organ-grinders played music that rang in the chilly fall air.

Searchlight beams waved in a cloudless sky, and a tall crane dangled an old East German "Trabi" car 50 feet in the air just south of the massive stone gate.

About 150 to 200 leftist radicals lined a police barrier outside the Schauspielhaus, blowing whistles and jeering at dignitaries arriving for a formal state ceremony hosted by the departing East German government.

The radicals chanted "Germany, drop dead!"

The arriving dignitaries included West Berlin Mayor Walter Momper and Hans-Jochen Vogel, chairman of the Social Democratic party.

They were rushed into the historic house, under heavy police guard. The Schauspielhaus is in the eastern part of the city, a few hundred yards from where Checkpoint Charlie used to be.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in a statement to the Frankfurter Allge-

meine newspaper that the new Germany will help stabilize Europe, and that it would not be a "restless Reich" like Nazi Germany, which plunged Europe into its most disastrous war.

The unification of Germany is a "European, indeed a world event of historic rank," Kohl said.

Several German newspapers published the approved verse of the national anthem to be sung in unified Germany — not the old "Deutschland Ueber Alles" verse — but the third verse, which starts: "Unity and Justice and Freedom for the German fatherland."

The Soviets agreed to let united Germany remain in NATO and to remove their troops by the end of 1994, although Germany is paying Moscow \$9.5 billion to finance the withdrawal. The Allies will keep troops in West Berlin until the Soviets leave.

The last formal steps to clear the way for unity were taken mostly by the foreign powers who defeated Nazi Germany and retained legal powers as occupiers in Berlin.

In New York Monday, President Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze were present for the signing of a declaration of a suspension of the Allies' special powers.

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desired, the artists of the movement including Chekhov were disheartened. At this time, unrest was beginning that would spark the Russian Revolution.

"The play was written when he (Chekhov) was young and more upbeat as a person," Harris said. "It has a different mood than is usually associated with Chekhov."

"No one would say this is a masterpiece," Harris said. "This is an interesting study leading to a masterpiece."

Harris said it is also a first.

"To my knowledge it has never been done professionally in America," said Cliff Harville, a local playwright who was responsible for adapting the play for Theatre TCU.

It was adapted from a "very literal translation done in the early 1900s,"

Harville said. "Some of the lines were not actable."

His job was to Americanize the play and make it more acceptable to modern audiences, he said.

Brynn Bristol, associate artistic director for the Fort Worth Theatre, is guest-directing the production.

Her participation is being made possible through a trade begun when Gaylan Collier, a TCU theater professor, directed the Fort Worth Theatre's presentation of "Steel Magnolias" in September.

It was an even trade, Bristol said.

She said she enjoys working with students because it forces her to think more about what she wants from each character. Students are always asking why, she said.

"It has put the demand on me to express myself better, make myself

more clear," she said.

Her actors seem to like her approach.

"We're being given a little more leeway to experiment with our characters," said Jim Hopkins, senior theater major who plays the Wood Demon. "Personally, it has given me a little more freedom to try some things dramatically."

"Brynn, as a director, treats us like actors rather than students," said Jolie Moreland, junior social work major, who plays Elena.

There is a difference in the way Bristol, as a working professional rather than an educator, approaches her art, she said.

"I never select a play for a learning tool," Bristol said. She selects a play for its box office draw or because she always has wanted to do it, she said.

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for faculty and staff members and graduate students, Withers said.

Each group, which will consist of six to eight members, will meet once a week for an hour and a half, he said. The size of each group is kept small to insure that each person has an opportunity to contribute, he said.

The exact day and time of the meetings will be decided depending on the schedules of people who wish to join the group this semester.

Membership in ACOA is open to all interested persons at the beginning of each semester, but is closed after its second meeting, Withers said.

"This is to aid the group process and allow for the development of each person," he said. "It's hard to progress from the initial stages if the group is not closed."

All students must have a pre-group interview with Withers before they join, Withers said.

"They get to meet me, ask questions and determine, too, if they're appropriate for the group," he said.

For the most part, topics of discussion in the group meetings will be determined by the members, he said.

Withers will use some short activities to get the group talking, and eventually, they will be able to generate the discussions themselves, he said. Videotapes and handouts also may be used periodically.

Some students find it difficult to talk about their experiences, but many of the participants have wanted to talk for a long time and never had anyone to talk to, Withers said.

"I think, for all, it's a difficult subject for them to talk about," Withers said. "In a sense, they want to talk about it, but it's a painful thing to talk about."

Withers feels the group offers help that cannot be obtained from reading a book, watching television or listening to a lecture, he said.

"It's more of an active involvement rather than passively reading or listening to something," he said.

"I think reading the books or going to the lectures or anything like that

can help, but I think this is more powerful for a person," he said.

Members also benefit from meeting and interacting with people who think and feel like they do.

"It will help them solve the current problems they may be experiencing, but also help them better understand how their style of thinking or style of life will be impacting the quality of their life," he said.

Members also will learn to "maximize their potential and free themselves to achieve what they're capable of achieving," he said.

People can generally tell they're on the road to recovery when they stop worrying as much, don't feel as depressed, are able to set goals, or get out of a bad relationship, Withers said.

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Board should rethink divestment

By KEVIN WILLIAMS
 Columnist

As I was walking into the Main the other day, I heard someone talking over the sound of my Walkman. I'm not usually an eavesdropper, but she made a statement that caught my attention: "You white people are so stupid."

It turns out that she had a rough morning class that morning and someone had made some racist comments to her. Obviously, I didn't feel her statement was justified, but at the time it got me thinking.

Then I remembered a letter to the *Skiff* a few weeks ago that included a poem about garbage. The man was making an analogy from the way many African American people feel about themselves to garbage.

Both incidents have been on my mind lately, and I've wondered if there was any connection. With some thought, it's not hard to see that there is a problem of race relations on this campus. Rather than go into the hows and whys of the problem, perhaps we can trace the problem to its source, and save a lot of confusion.

Perhaps the leadership at TCU can provide some answers. Many of the ideas and goals of a university come from the organizational core: the administration and faculty. For years now, the TCU staff has emphasized the importance of cultural diversity and cultural awareness. They have placed cultural awareness high on their list of academic concerns. It would seem logical that if this is the way they truly feel, that one would perceive cultural diversity as a major topic of discussion on this campus.

Ask any student, whatever the nationality or background, and you will know that this is blatantly false.

So, where is the problem? If the TCU administration truly cares about cultural diversity (i.e. racial relations), then why is there such a lack of commitment in practice? Why don't we see more action and less talk?

The problem lies in a seldom-discussed economic policy held by the TCU Board of Trustees, the group that dictates TCU's policies and guidelines. The TCU Board has a very large amount of money (they won't tell exactly how much) invested in corporations that support the South African government. These corporations, including Coca-Cola Enterprises and the Ford Motor Company, profit from the economic oppression of blacks in South Africa. The reason these corporations have not left South Africa is due to the financial support they continue to receive from wealthy investors. TCU is one such wealthy investor.

The question is, does the TCU Board know or care how TCU students feel about their support of apartheid?

The TCU administration knows how students feel about its investments in South Africa. It knows because not so long ago there was a group on campus called SDSA--Students for a Democratic South Africa. It knows because the University Ministries office continues to support Black South African students through the Black South African scholarship program. It knows because a few caring faculty have spoken out against TCU's divestment policy.

The reason TCU has not divested is the result of one thing: a lack of student action against this blatantly racist policy. Don't get me wrong, I'm not calling the TCU administration racist; I don't have to. They are self-proclaimed racists in their support of corporations who do business in South Africa. Apartheid is not dead, and no one in

South Africa is any more free than they were before Nelson Mandela was released. The blacks in South Africa still cannot vote. They still do not have the right to move around freely as whites do. They still live in the poorest of the poor areas of South Africa. And they still are refused the opportunity of education, and therefore refused meaningful, well-paying jobs.

We all know that TCU is not a political entity per se. It cannot send political envoys to speak with F.W. de Klerk. What it can do is limited to economic investments. But it can do something. The reason TCU hasn't divested is due to the fact that it is not in their best interest to do so. In other words, students continue to pay them, and as long as they are being paid, they don't need to change.

I'm not suggesting that we stage a sit-in or do some kind of hippy protest. TCU proved their lack of interest in student opinion last semester with the tenure policy issue. The TCU administration doesn't care about what the students think or feel. Worse than that, they don't care about the effect this is having on the South African blacks, especially the children.

What I am suggesting is that we all start inquiring into the transfer requirements of other schools. We have one vote here at TCU - the almighty dollar. "Money talks and (something else) walks." If one hundred or one thousand undergraduate students started transferring out because of TCU's apartheid policy, they might start listening. And, then again, they might not.

The point is that TCU supports apartheid. TCU profits from apartheid. Apartheid is killing people. And as long as we support TCU's apartheid policy, we are effectively supporting South Africa's apartheid policy. And that bothers me.

Only the start

German survival a lesson for world leaders

Like a marriage that had been postponed for far too long, the reunification of Germany is finally a reality. Berlin is again one city, the world map is now a little less divided, and the rejoicing rightfully continues.

Events in Germany should be considered the first major achievement in the long process that still remains of restoring the culture of the German people—a culture that was ripped by the social and economic devastation of two bloody world wars and shattered by the pie-cutting tactics of the victors of the second.

When placed in a global perspective, Germany's survival of the powers that divided its land and people in the name of preserving world peace, to emerge as a country capable of re-establishing its own cultural beliefs and values is more than just a victory for one nation.

It should highlight the importance each culture has in the world and serve as a constant reminder to world leaders who feel compelled to manipulate and dominate other cultures that such endeavors are sometimes less than successful and never justified—a timely lesson given the current status of world events.

Letter to the Editor

Sex in the media

I watched the "Oprah Winfrey Show" about date rape last month. Men in the audience asked for women to be more specific in their "no." Women asked men to figure out what "no" means. But rape and sexual crimes, both mental and physical, don't stem from mixed signals or misinterpreted body language.

Stuart Minnis hit the mark in the Sept. 27 *Skiff*: our media provides mismanaged coverage of the female body. Most ads say less of "Where The Flavor Is" than, "Women Are Great Hunks Of Meat, Aren't They?" C.S. Lewis is right: the man with an obsession is the easiest consumer to please.

Imagine an environment in which all it would take to get Nielsen ratings would be to flash a tableful of four-star meals across the TV screen. Such a society would indeed be overindulgent in its

mental appetite for food. Food is healthy, and it gives both nourishment and pleasure, but enough is enough. Natural instincts must be controlled in some way or sanity is thrown to the wind.

The lie we've been told is that all our sexual instincts are healthy, so we watch the women and think, not "I love you," but, "You sure would be a great object of manipulation." And there goes our appetite again.

There is something wrong. Sex is nothing to be ashamed of, quite the opposite: it is a darned good way to populate the day-cares. It is our perversions and over-indulgences that will lead us into destruction. Date rape is not about misinterpretation; it is about the call of the wild and our response.

Go watch television.

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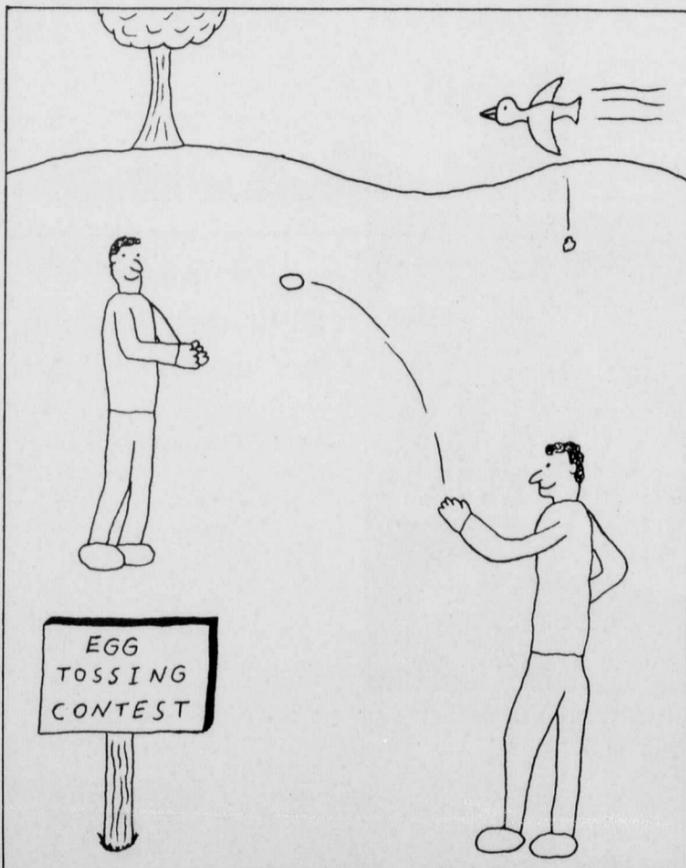
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The 8th Dimension by Edward Patton



Clothes don't make the gentleman

By SCOTT WALLACE
 Columnist

Cary Grant is out, my friends. Remember, he's dead. Jimmy Stewart is also out. Besides, he's boring.

As I look around at my parents and the way they raised me and compare that to what is correct socially to do now, I cannot help but wonder if it is worth it to be the impossible anymore.

A gentleman. From my vantage point, the ideal of being a true gentleman seems laughable and absurd. Why open a door for a girl if she won't thank you? Not that all won't; it just seems more and more they don't care.

My mom, bless her heart, always likes to correct me for inappropriate table etiquette. You know, stuff like, "That's not where you put your fork."

The truth is, I probably do know that's where my fork is supposed to go, but it doesn't really make much sense just the same. In my mind, you use your fork to eat, not to impress others by where you place it upon your plate.

The truth also is, however, that I have an infinite amount of respect for those who do those respectable things.

I admire a man who really knows how to dress well. It doesn't have to be a thousand-dollar suit, but it is essential that the true gentleman be neat and proper in his style of dress.

My dad is one of those men who seems to have this knack. He has a quiet dignity not unlike Cary Grant or John Forsythe. He looks at least a healthy ten years his younger, and much of it is due to the fact that his clothes, though not flashy, are not faddish, either. It is essential that the gentleman have

that timeless look of excellence, conservative tastes.

Putting the superficiality of mere appearance aside, a true gentleman is much more than externals. I have known a fair amount of people who can look the part. A man can dress dapperly in the finest of textures, wear a richly luxurious watch, be thoroughly knowledgeable in the latest sophistication, and epitomize the essence of worldly class. He still could not be a true gentleman.

In fact, as is often the case, he could be a complete, for a lack of a more appropriate word suitable for print, jerk.

No, the really true gentleman knows that half the challenge lies within the heart.

The art of being a gentleman has got to come from how one views others. It is a simple thing to express one's views in a hostile or profane manner. However, the more noble way is to learn or listen, reflect, and then calmly and intelligently state one's position without belligerence.

The gentleman must always hold others with dignity, even when emotions plead for a different response. It is disgusting to see how my beloved sport of tennis (once a gentleman's game) often is turned into an inexcusable release of rudeness and volatility. Winning is one thing; winning in a classy manner is quite another and much harder to find these days.

The gentleman has got to be a man of untarnished honor. In short, he is a man of conscience, a strong and good one. A gentleman's code of morality must be above reproach but never, ever in a prudish way. A gentleman is a man who carries himself quietly and respectfully, neither commanding attention for himself nor denying it from those to whom it is due.

Knowing all that, then, is there any hope

for the gentleman to rise out of the ashes? Was the ideal of the perfect gentleman buried with Cary Grant?

I think not. Here, then, are five men who continue to uphold that fine tradition of the gentleman.

One is Pierce Brosnan. The former "Remington Steele" star, like him or not, is a sharp dresser. The man ought to do a movie opposite Jane Seymour.

Second, Tom Landry. All right, so what if the man got fired? How many men can win a Super Bowl and suffer through a humiliating end to a career both with equal dignity and grace?

Third, Charles Gibson. Who actually crawls out of bed to watch "Good Morning, America"? Those who do know mild-mannered Charlie is a testament to all those quiet, intelligent men everywhere who leave their wife and kids behind every day to go earn an honest man's living.

Fourth, Peter Jennings. Some argue he is the most trusted man in television. The man is a living example of urbane sophistication. Give him a pistol and an English accent and you've got James Bond.

Finally, George Bush. The President courageously overcame the former slanderous term of "wimp" to become a man high in credibility with the American public. I admire this man who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth but insisted it would not go to his head. He is exceptionally temperate and tactful for a man of his position.

Yes, there are a few gentleman left. Good, gracious men. The problem is that there are exceedingly fewer and fewer of them around. I look hard into the night and ask myself whether it is worth it to become one.

The answer, of course, is yes. Is there any better way?

Sports

Cross country team places second, third

By JENNIFER KRIDER
Special to the Skiff

TCU finished third in a men's and women's cross country meet at SMU Saturday with a score of 111 points. Lubbock Christian College took first with 21 points and Texas-Arlington took second with 69 points.

Sophomore Glen LeGros finished fourth with a time of 25:56.22 in the men's 5-mile race. Sophomore Chloe Schuetzberg placed eighth in the women's 5-kilometer race with a time of 19:28.52.

Out of the 11 people on the cross country team, the seven runners with the best practice times participate in a meet. Only the five best times in the meet are used in scoring. Points are determined by the place the runner finishes.

The teams' fourth-place finish follows a second-place showing in a men's and women's cross country meet at Baylor, Sept. 17, against Baylor, Abilene Christian and East Texas State. Baylor took first place. LeGros took first and senior William Maru, placed third.

"The team isn't as strong as it was last year," said John McKenzie, TCU cross country coach.

TCU's chances were hurt because the team's top runner, junior Ron Dennis, suffered a foot injury at the beginning of the season, McKenzie said. The other runners are improving.

"Nobody's going to touch Arkansas this year," LeGros said. "Arkansas basically has first place."

Both men and women cross country runners are looking forward to the next meet, Oct. 5, at North Texas. The meet is especially important for the women's team because the course they will run Friday will be the course used for the district meet. "It will be a tough meet, bigger than

last week's," McKenzie said. "We will train hard all week and work on weaknesses that were seen in the last meet."

Both the men's and women's teams lost only one runner from last year's teams, and the women also have Toni Sythes, a junior who is returning to the squad after missing last season because of an injury.

LeGros, Maru and Dennis are keys to a strong Frogs season. Dennis was the team's first runner last year, and Maru is an All-American in the 800-meter race and holds the TCU record in that event. He also was the team's second runner in the 10,000-meter race last year.

"Cross country running takes teamwork, and when there are injuries the whole team is not as good," Maru said.

"The team is not as strong as last year's (team) but we did surprisingly well in the meet at Baylor considering the injuries on the team," LeGros said. "This year will be a year the squad will use as a preparation for next year."

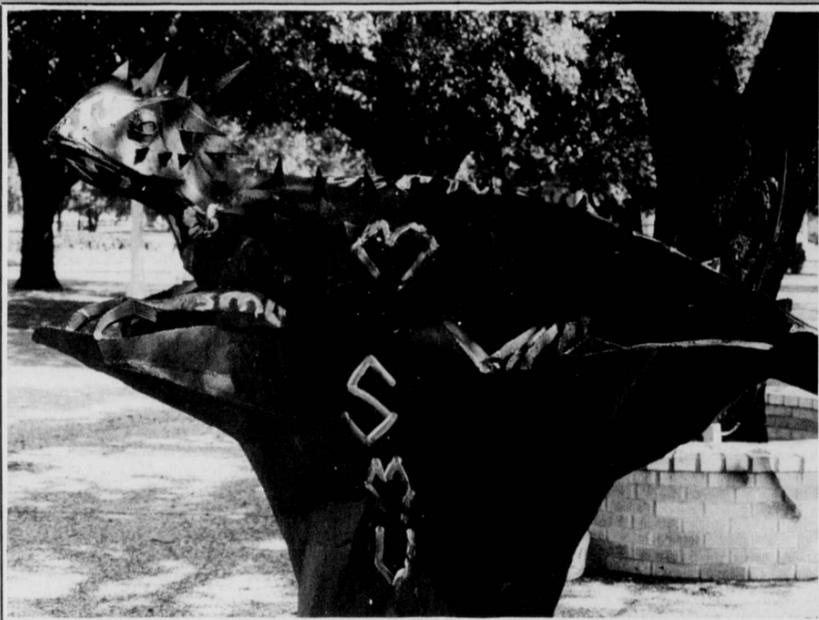
"TCU won't be in the top two this year but maybe the top three," Leving and McKenzie expects the team to be much stronger by the end of the year.

"We (TCU men's team) could finish second or third in the SWC if Dennis' nerve injury in his foot heals and a fifth man is found to complete the team," McKenzie said.

McKenzie said the TCU women are capable of finishing in the top four teams in the conference.

"There are five good women runners who are very close to each other in their times and ability," McKenzie said.

The men's team finished fourth last year, and the women finished sixth in the SWC.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Suzanne Dean

Lady Frogs net singles, doubles titles

By AUBREY ABBOTT
Special to the Skiff

The TCU women's tennis team captured both the singles and doubles championships at the Westwood All-American Invitational this weekend in Austin.

Lisa Beard, a transfer student from Tyler Junior College, was unseeded, but defeated three of the top four seeds to capture the singles championship. Beard, an aggressive baseliner, was ranked ninth in the nation last year among junior college players.

In doubles, TCU's Leigh Ann Smith and Teri Martin defeated Michelle Boggard and Stephanie Desmond of Trinity, 6-4, 6-1, to capture the championship.

"We really played well," said TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram. "We have a better team this year than last. It was a great team effort."

Ellie Stark, a freshman from Arizona, was another finalist, losing in the consolation championship to Boggard, 6-1, 6-3.

"With this many people doing well at the first tournament, it should give us a lot of confidence," Nancy Terrell said. Terrell, a junior, played in the number two slot for the Lady Frogs last season and is expecting the fall tournaments to help them improve for the spring season.

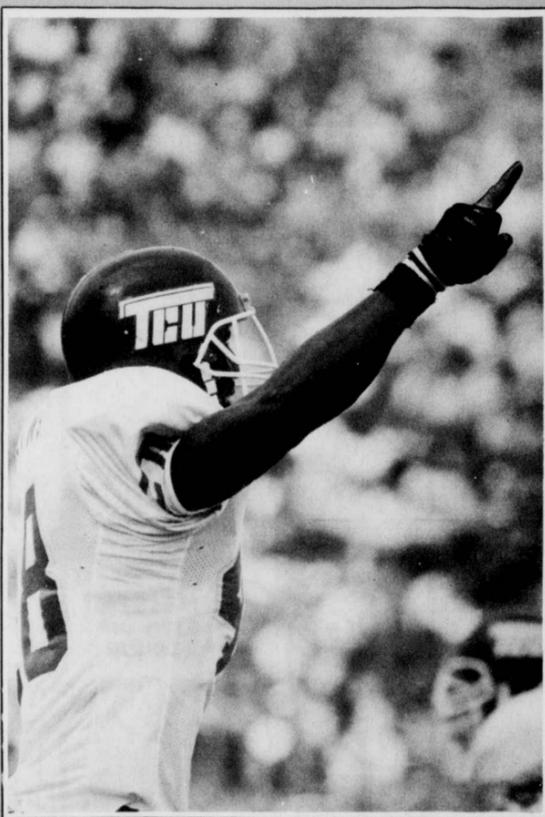
"The results at Westwood show that anyone on the team is capable of beating someone else on a given day," Terrell said. "That will be our strength in the spring. From number one all the way down to six, everyone will be able to do well."

Meanwhile, the Lady Frogs' number one player, Karen Hoosen, competed in the Texas All-American Invitational in Austin. After losing in the first round to Carla Cossa of Texas, she went on to win two rounds in the consolation bracket before falling to Julie Exxum of Duke in the semifinals.

The Lady Frogs' good performance this weekend may be a result of Ingram's scheduling fewer tournaments each month of the fall season.

"We have only one tournament a month this fall and no practices on Saturdays," Ingram said.

This way the Lady Frogs will be able to concentrate on school, tennis and other extracurricular activities before the busy spring schedule starts.



Cleaning up

What's wrong with this statue?

On Friday night the sacred TCU Horned Frog, located in the Reed-Sadler Mall, was defaced by vandals. The frog has since been cleaned, but students were offended by insulting comments and the letters "SMU" painted on the frog.

TCU's football team defaced the Mustangs in their own special way.

The Frogs defeated the Mustangs at SMU Saturday, 42-21.



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