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Conquering dyslexia: an ongoing challenge

By SUSIE STAPP
Special to the Skiff

At a Monday night staff meeting, Waits hall director Kimberly Robinson conducts business as usual. Work orders, problems and office hours are among the normal agenda items. But later in the meeting, a staff member wants to trade duty nights, and the room is filled with talk of dates.

"Now wait a minute. Did you say Friday the 21st or Saturday the 22nd?" Robinson asked.

It is not unusual for Robinson to get confused when people start talking about numbers. Robinson, along with over 250,000 other Americans, suffers from dyslexia.

There are a quarter of a million people in the United States who are diagnosed with dyslexia, said Cathy Collins, associate professor of education.

"Dyslexia is the most misunderstood, misdiagnosed and underestimated language disorder we have," Collins said.

Dyslexia is a reading problem that

causes people to put written letters and words in the wrong order. There are many kinds and forms of dyslexia, Collins said.

"My brain criss-crosses," Robinson said. "I was very ambidextrous, which means that both sides of my brain were fighting over which letter or number goes first."

While some people do get help with a dyslexia problem when they are young, many manage to go through the school systems without ever being noticed, Collins said.

"People who have dyslexia learn

to work through the context of sentences to learn what word goes where," Collins said. "Many times, teachers don't ever notice that students are doing this."

Robinson was not diagnosed with dyslexia until she was a junior in high school, she said.

"Dyslexia is not something that people knew much about when I was a kid," Robinson said. "People were just labeled 'problem children' if they were disruptive, and since I wasn't disruptive, I was never pegged."

While most children learn to read in the first grade, Robinson was unable to master the skill until she was in the third grade.

"My first grade teacher was the kind of teacher that just said, 'It's OK,' so I just thought school was for fun," she said.

Robinson's mother was upset with the school system and saw to it that she was placed in "the best" second grade class. At that time, however, the concept of the "open classroom"



See Dyslexia, page 2 Kim Robinson



Manday mania

(Above) Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority cheer on their members as they participate in Phi Kap Manday events.

(Right) Angel Long, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, bobs for an apple in the Manday obstacle course.

The week-long annual event to benefit the Phi Kaps' philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, included a sign-hang and a skit performed by each sorority. The Manday field activities were held at 3 p.m. Friday at Forest Park.



Photos by Trip Meade.

House resolution supports petition

SPJ pleased with endorsement

By PATRICIA PATTISON
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives passed a resolution of support Tuesday for the TCU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists' petition to open the Board of Trustees meetings to the public.

Introduced by the Student Concerns Committee, the resolution reads, "The opening of the trustee meetings could create better relations between trustees and students, thus promoting a more positive outside image of this campus."

Student Concerns committee member Chris Kelly read the resolution, and committee chairman Guido Climer answered questions in relation to the resolution.

"Having open meetings could really help students' feelings about TCU," Climer said. "One of my goals as chairman of Student Concerns was to improve graduating student's feelings about TCU. This is a way that could happen if students feel like they have access to what is happening to the university."

The bill passed with little discussion and only nine dissenting votes from representatives. After the vote had been taken, however, Ernie Ross, vice president of the House, attempted to have discussion on the bill reopened and have the house reconsider the "hasty action," not on the vote, but on the closing of debate.

During the original debate only one "pro" comment was offered and no "cons." Debate was closed by House president Matt Hood after no representatives chose to speak against the resolution.

Because Ross abstained from the vote on the resolution, it was against parliamentary procedures for him to ask for discussion to be reopened after the vote so another representative made the motion. With the motion made, Hood called for a vote to reopen discussion which failed and the resolution remained standing.

Katherine Thompson, vice president of the TCU chapter of SPJ said she was pleased with the House resolution.

"I think it's great," Thompson said. "With their support I think more students will know what we are trying to do. The House represents a broad base of people, so I think the resolution will help us meet our goal."

A bill to place the House of Representatives fee increase on the student body officer election ballot was introduced by Ross and will be tabled to the Elections and Regulations committee for discussion until next week.

The House failed to pass a \$2.00 increase in their \$18.00 fee last November. The fee, which is charged to students each semester, makes up the budget that the House uses to allocate funding to student organizations and Programming Council.

Hood reminded representatives of Wednesday's Chat with the Chancellor. The chat, which will begin at 3 p.m. today in the lobby of Tom Brown Residence Hall, is open to all students and is sponsored by the House and Tom Brown.

The informal gatherings with Chancellor William E. Tucker were instigated by last year's House president Kristin Chambers, and were once opened only to students who filled out an application that included what topics they wanted to discuss with the chancellor.

The meetings were held in the chancellor's office in Sadler Hall. In an attempt to make the meetings more accessible to students, the House began moving the meetings to different campus locations and making them open to anyone who wished to come.

"These meetings are a chance for you to ask the chancellor about anything," Hood told the representatives. "Why we aren't divesting, why

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Committee educates campus about rape

By ABIGAIL DALBEY
TCU Daily Skiff

The acquaintance rape prevention committee is designing new programs to continue educating the campus and the community about rape.

One of the new programs is a mock trial, which will be held Oct. 25 in the Student Center Ballroom, said Jack Scott, director of the Counseling Center and chairman of the committee.

In the trial, TCU drama students, a local judge and two local lawyers will act out an acquaintance rape trial.

"What we are trying to do is get people of both sexes together to communicate," Scott said. "The mock trial will be an opportunity for us to really have some community involvement."

Another program the committee is discussing would involve distributing whistles as rape prevention tools. The committee has not reached a decision on whether it will follow through with the whistle campaign because of the financial cost of carrying out such a project, Scott said.

Scott does not expect the committee to reach a decision on the whistle campaign until after the mock trial, as the committee is devoting most of its time to the trial, he said.

In the past, the committee has given numerous presentations in various TCU residence halls and has compiled a pamphlet on rape prevention titled "Acquaintance Rape: Some Things You Need To Know."

"The pamphlet is intended for both men and women," said Oscar Stewart, chief of Campus Police and member of the committee.

The committee was formed in 1986 by Margaret J. Barr, vice chancellor of student affairs. Barr appointed Scott chairman of the committee.

The committee has about 15 members, including faculty and staff members and a few students who have expressed a concern for the issue of rape, Scott said.

"Our main focus is to enhance the awareness of the problem of interpersonal communication between the sexes," Scott said.

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Campus police ponder the theft of their anti-crime banner.

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Lady Frog's soccer team drops to a 3-9-2 record for the season.

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Thursday's weather will be sunny with a low of 45 degrees and a high of 74 degrees.



Task force to investigate ways to attract minorities

By STACEY KOSIER
TCU Daily Skiff

A minority affairs task force has been appointed by Chancellor William E. Tucker to identify the problems TCU has in attracting and retaining minority staff, students and faculty.

"We simply want TCU to be as inclusive as possible," Tucker said. "It's important for all of us."

"In a school the size of TCU, sometimes there are issues in one segment of the campus that are not always evident," he said. "The task force will bring it all into focus and get a profile of the situation."

The committee is a result of combined concern from the Faculty Senate, administration, students and House of Student Representatives, Tucker said.

"They will be exploring where we are now and submit findings and recommendations that will help us," he said.

"The members of the task force have a large responsibility," he said,

"There are no role models here on campus for them."

Tisha Coleman,
Student task force member

"because in addition to taking inventory of the situation, they are in charge of surveying other institutions and identifying successful programs."

"Our task is to discern what is actually happening to retain minorities," said University Minister John Butler, who will serve as the combined chairman. "We want to see what is being done around the country and identify what will work here."

The main concern is retaining minority students, said Tisha Coleman, a senior political science major serving on the committee.

The small number of minorities on campus and the lack of support programs available are problems for mi-

nority students, Coleman said.

"A lot of minority students come from situations where they are in the majority, and it's a culture shock when they come here and are so outnumbered," Coleman said.

Coleman said during the first week of school, the "traditionally white" fraternities' and sororities' rush can be discouraging to minority students.

Although rush is open to minorities, Coleman said it is usually very expensive and not an option for a minority student who might be just scraping by financially.

The lack of minority faculty and staff on campus is also difficult for students who are used to having teachers of their own race, she said.

"There are no role models here on campus for them," she said. "There's no one who is aware of or can explain their experiences as a minority."

"I think minority students are forced to walk a fine line when they get involved in activities on main campus," she said. "It's hard because you're seen as black on the outside, white on the inside."

CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

Resumes for Real, a workshop on writing resumes, will be taught by Margaret-Rose Marek at 3 p.m. today in the Writing Center. Call 921-7221 to make reservations.

Creative Writing Wing meets weekly at 9:30 p.m. Mondays in Colby Hall Lobby. For more information, call David Morgan at 921-2334.

The International Faculty Reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Faculty Center in Reed Hall.

The TCU Catholic Community meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in Weatherly Hall. For more information contact University Ministries at 921-7830.

The Physical Plant Subcommittee will hold a student input meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the Physical Plant. Call Nick Padilla at 923-0475 for more information.

The Pre-law Association will host a representative from South Texas College of Law. He will speak on tax, accounting, and law at 5:15 p.m. Friday in Student Center Room 202.

AAIDS will sponsor a canned foods drive to benefit the Community Outreach Center of Fort Worth. Food or money donations can be made at the AAIDS table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15 through Oct. 17 in the Student Center.

Self-Help Group information is available from the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County. For more information call (817) 335-5405.

Program welcomes, lends an ear to new students

By LISA YONCO
TCU Daily Skiff

Incoming freshmen and transfer students today may have an edge over those of earlier years as a result of a new program developed by the office of housing and residential living.

The program, "Calling New Frogs," is designed to help new students settle in on campus by providing them with someone to talk to. "Students realized that someone cares," said Kay Higgins, assistant director of residential living and

coordinator of new student orientation. "We just wanted to reinforce the fact that we are here, and if a student encounters difficulty as the year progressed they need to know that there is someone to contact."

The goals of the program, according to the program's introduction manual, are to welcome new students to campus, show them the university is concerned with their well-being and assist students by answering their questions or referring them to the resource that can help.

The students were called by one of the 17 orientation student advisers,

Higgins said. About three-quarters of the new students were called. The program ran from Sept. 24 to 27 and Oct. 1 to 4, Higgins said.

"Sometimes it just takes someone asking," said Samantha Green, a junior speech communications/human relations major and one of the OSAs who participated in the calling. "We tried to point out the resources that were available to them and direct them to who they needed to talk to."

The problems encountered ranged from trouble with professors or needing tutors to roommate problems and being homesick, said Robert Clancy,

a junior marketing major and OSA caller.

"We just called to make sure everyone was adjusting well to college," Clancy said.

The callers contacted the students and explained to them who they were and what the program was about, Green said.

"There were mixed emotions from the students," Green said. "Some were really excited that someone cared."

The callers would encourage the students to talk about their problems using "caller prompts." The manual

listed several topics including questions about living on or off campus, campus activities and academics the callers could use to prompt the students to talk.

"You could usually tell if everything was OK or if they needed to talk," Green said.

The callers held conversations with the students, asked questions and related to their problems with their own experiences, Higgins said.

"TCU is unique in that area," Green said. "We add that personal touch that most large public colleges don't."

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had evolved, and Robinson was basically allowed to do as she pleased.

Robinson relied on learning by what she calls "sponging," or mimicking others and memorizing from their example.

Robinson continued through her school years in New Jersey without her problem being noticed by teachers.

"My parents had always told me I was lazy and that I wasn't trying hard enough. I took all of the college prep classes and did fine in them, but I just started accepting that I could wait until the last minute to do something because I was lazy," Robinson said.

But Robinson's mother finally realized why her daughter was having trouble with directions and spelling one day when she was watching a TV show.

"This show my mom was watching was all about dyslexia. All of a sudden, it just dawned on her," Robinson said.

Robinson then went for testing. After almost three days of different testings, there was no doubt that she was dyslexic.

"The people who gave me the tests were totally amazed that I had made the grades I did," she said. "My parents felt so bad for telling me I was lazy."

"My parents really felt like it was their fault. My mom was in a bad car accident when I was younger, so a lot of time was devoted to her being sick. I guess they thought if they had looked closer they would have seen what was wrong," she said.

After Robinson was diagnosed, she was able to take an untimed SAT test, and she improved her scores tremendously, she said.

When she started looking at colleges, Robinson knew she wanted a small, private school where she could get individual attention and decided on Elon College in North Carolina.

"I would tape all of my lectures, go

home, listen to my tape, and recopy my notes," Robinson said.

Robinson took 12 hours at a time, and many of her teachers at Elon gave her verbal tests instead of written ones.

"It wasn't that I didn't know the answers. I just didn't understand the way questions were phrased sometimes," she said.

But, after two and a half years at Elon, Robinson decided to transfer to TCU.

"I sort of outgrew Elon," she said. "TCU had an excellent social work department, which was my major, and there were small classes here as well."

While at TCU, Robinson always got to know her professors, she said. TCU professors are willing to work with dyslexic students if they know about a student's problem, Collins said.

"Students are really encouraged to notify their professors and offer suggestions as to how the professor can help them without giving them special favors," Collins said.

Robinson graduated from TCU in 1987 with a degree in social work and went to work at Big Brothers and Sisters in Dallas.

"The most challenging part of working at Big Brothers and Sisters was directions," Robinson said. "I had to do a lot of visits to homes and I would get lost a lot. That's the only time I get really frustrated."

Robinson said she has never been "labeled" and people are very accepting of her and her dyslexia.

"I am not abnormal. I just have a different way of learning things," she said. "Too many parents are in fear of their child being labeled, or that they won't get the best jobs. That is not true. People are kind of, well, in awe of me because I can do all the things they can do."

Robinson still has problems with directions, and when she is tired things are a little rough for her, she said.

"Phone numbers are the worst," she said.

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Blow the whistle

Distribution of whistles could prevent rape

Rape by an unknown attacker is a dangerous possibility for students who have to walk the TCU campus alone at night.

Those students may soon have something to protect themselves with, if the TCU acquaintance rape prevention committee carries through with its plan to provide female students with whistles that they can carry on their key chains.

The TCU acquaintance rape prevention committee is searching for ways to educate and help prevent students from being attacked by rapists. The committee has proposed distributing whistles free of charge to female TCU students.

Although this protection would probably be ineffective against acquaintance rape, it would be useful for students walking the campus at night. Because the TCU campus lacks bright lightning in many places, whistles might substitute as a safeguard.

The committee might not carry out the whistle campaign because of the cost involved. Surely the cost of a whistle is far less than the physical, emotional and societal cost of being raped.

Even a whistle will not stop rape on campus, especially acquaintance rape. Students must take care of themselves and not walk alone at night when it can be avoided. Students must educate themselves about the circumstances usually involved when acquaintance rape occurs.

Letter to the Editor

Insensitive language

Jeff Jeter seems to have missed the point of the University of Missouri journalism school's Multi-Cultural Management Program. Aside from the particular words and phrases that the Missouri program suggests journalists avoid, my guess is that the larger warning would be to avoid the use of stereotypes in one's writing.

Mr. Jeter's statements like, "Since when do we care what an immoral person thinks (unless of course you're a democrat (sic), and then you have to vote for him/her)?" and his reference to Gypsies as "those loveable, happy-go-lucky, decent, fun-loving nomads who meander

from town to town, ripping people off and generally making a nuisance out of themselves" would seem to suggest as much. Are statements like these any more acceptable than stereotypical descriptions of blacks as lazy, Irish as drunks, or Jews as cheap?

Mr. Jeter seems to think that as long as we don't offend too many people by the use of such stereotypes, then it's all right. Somewhere along the line, I thought we were supposed to learn not to condemn a whole group of people by the actions of a few. I guess some of us were absent that day.

Michael R. Butler
 Assistant Professor of Economics

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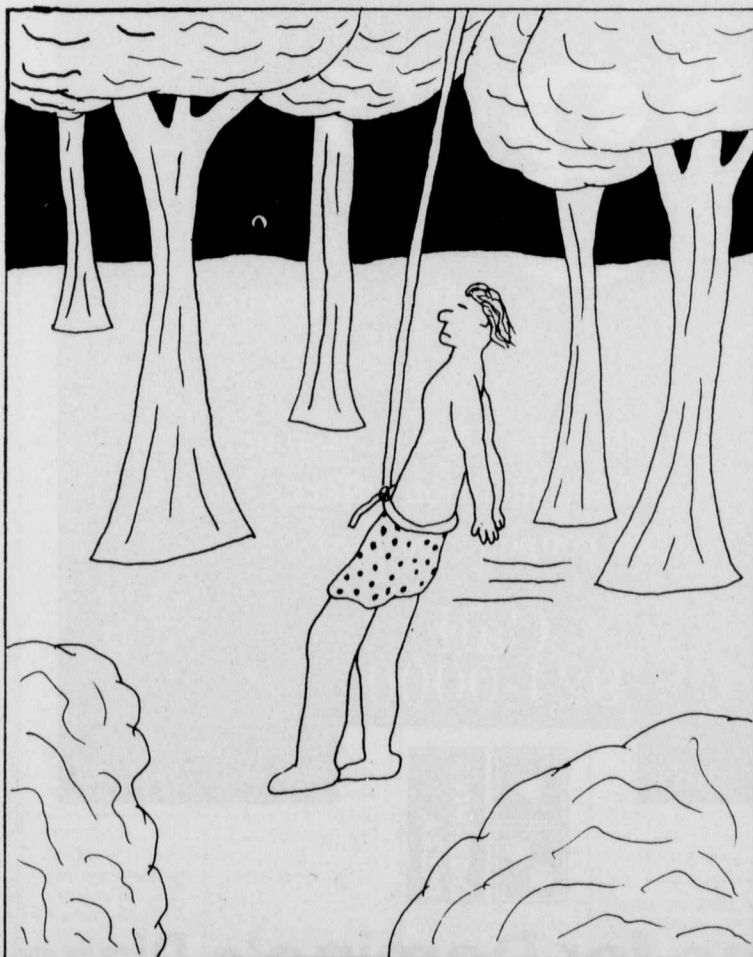
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The 8th Dimension

by Edward Patton



Tarzan on cruise control.

A user's manual for the Skiff

By ROBYN E. ADAMS
 Columnist

Let's talk about the Skiff.

Obviously you have some sort of vested interest in this newspaper or you would not be reading this column. Whether your interest in the Skiff is entertainment, information or finding something to complain about, you picked up this paper for a reason.

So I will assume since you are interested in the Skiff, you are also interested in the quality of the paper. If the quality of the Skiff is low, then the quality of your entertainment or information also will be low. And if your goal is to criticize, then low quality would provide you with ample opportunities to accomplish this goal.

For argument's sake, let's assume you are interested in the quality of the Skiff. The next logical question is, "Is there anything I can do as a reader to improve the quality of the Skiff?"

I'm so glad you asked.

You may be saying, "Hey, wait a minute, I never volunteered to help improve the Skiff." True, but you need to realize that as a reader, you have an obligation to contribute a little something if you expect the Skiff to provide you entertainment, information and to not give you anything to complain about.

As managing editor, I perceive our job to you to be to bring you unbiased information you should know to function effectively on campus. We also would like to provide entertainment, and for that purpose, we offer such features as the Mosaic page, cartoons and columns.

But the "unbiased information of interest to you" is where you as the reader come in. First of all, we need to know what's going on on the TCU campus. We need people "in

the know" to call us and say, "Hey, we're doing this cool thing next week, and we'd like the Skiff to cover it."

Note the time element here. Calling the Skiff the day of or after an event makes it virtually impossible for us to cover it. We are a student newspaper. Those who work for the paper go to class and have other obligations beyond the Skiff. Many people on staff also work at other jobs on or off campus.

Therefore, everyone who works for the Skiff is not in the newsroom all day long. So the assignments editor has to know about planned events at least a week in advance in order to have time to let a reporter know to cover it.

After we know what is going on on campus, we have to decide what is of interest to our readers. We decide what to write news stories about based on how many people that "news" will effect on campus.

Often, organizations are unhappy with us because we don't cover all of their events. They should realize that, first, the Skiff would have to be the size of Fort Worth Star-Telegram (with the corresponding size staff) to cover all the varied, interesting things that go on every day around here. Thus we have to limit ourselves to the biggest, widest-reaching events.

There is also the principle of "news" to consider when we narrow our coverage. An event that is closed to the members of a group is "news" to that group, but not to anyone else on campus. Some people would like us to do public relations for groups, but we have a principle of newsworthiness to fulfill as an independent newspaper.

Now, if a group is doing something new or unusual, such as recycling or community charity, that is interesting to people because of its human element, we try to cover those

events. Again the factors of knowledge, timeliness and available reporters come into play.

Available reporters. Those are two more key words. The Skiff staff goes in cycles. Some semesters we have more reporters than we know what to do with. Others we are desperate for any warm bodies we can find to work for us. This semester we fall into the latter category. Thus, although we have a superb advertising staff this semester that is pulling in more advertising than we've had for a number of semesters, we have precious few reporters to fill those pages with stories.

The same goes for the opinion writing that appears daily on page three. If you believe you have something pertinent to say about world, U.S. or campus issues, we're waiting to hear from you. We would eagerly accept you as a weekly columnist, or if that is too great of a time commitment, we also accept guest columns, just as we accept letters-to-the-editors.

So there is one more thing you as the reader can do. If you're sitting there thinking, "I can write better stories than these," hey, come prove it. We would love to have you and I mean that with all sincerity. We do not discriminate on the basis of major or classification.

That's where you, our readers, come in. The other problems chronic to newspapers, like accuracy and fairness, are our responsibility. We accept that responsibility and always are open to suggestions as to how to improve this paper. We, like most people at a university, have an ideal. Help us achieve that ideal.

Robyn Adams welcomes people who would like more information or to air complaints to contact her at home (924-3708) or at the Skiff (921-7428).



Obscenity no excuse for censorship

By ELIZABETH LUNDAY
 Columnist

What strange places principles will take you.

I always seem to have trouble with my values conflicting. You see, it's easy for me to believe in something. It's harder for me to stand by my beliefs when they interfere with my lifestyle (for example, I am always reminded that my dad's job in a defense plant is paying for my college education when I start to talk about being a pacifist), or when my beliefs interfere with each other.

For example, I believe in freedom of speech. You can say anything you want, and I'll support you, by golly. Free and open discussion of issues makes the community a better place. God help the First Amendment, etc., etc.

How much of this has to do with introductory level journalism classes where the value of the free press was beaten into my skull with a rolled-up newspaper I am unprepared to say. Nevertheless, I will argue myself red in the face against any form of censorship.

So I am naturally supporting 2 Live Crew. Naturally I think their rights are being violated.

Of course I was angry when I heard last week that the owner of a record store in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was convicted of obscenity for selling a copy of *As Nasty As They Wanna Be* to undercover police.

Of course I was furious. This is freedom we're talking about here. Liberty. What this country was founded on. The First Amendment, for George Washington's sake.

Start restricting one person's right to expression and before you know it, no one will be able to say anything. Newspapers will be government-controlled. Citizens will be

thrown into gulags for muttering against the government. Let's all move to Canada before it's too late.

Wait a minute.

This is 2 Live Crew we're talking about. 2 Live Crew. You know, come here, (obscenity), let me (obscenity) slap you around and beat you up and rape you and maybe even (obscenity) kill you if I'm (obscenity) in the (obscenity, obscenity) mood.

I don't like 2 Live Crew. As a matter of fact, I find them extremely offensive.

Just like I find Andrew Dice Clay and even Eddie Murphy offensive. I have a big problem with anyone who uses the word "bitch" as a synonym for "woman." Degradation of women even in comedy offends me.

Violence also offends me. No, I don't like horror movies or war movies or crime movies or any kind of movie where people are beaten, maimed, or killed frequently and indiscriminately. No, I don't go the movies very often.

Nor do I watch Andrew Dice Clay very often, if ever. Nor do I listen to 2 Live Crew.

When I get right down to it, 2 Live Crew makes me mad. They're insensitive, not very funny, and terribly offensive. I don't like them.

But I get worked up and hysterical when someone tries to censor them.

Isn't this conflicting?

But it's not conflicting - and that's the point.

I don't like Andrew Dice Clay, so I don't listen to him. I don't like Rambo, so I don't have to watch his movies. I don't like 2 Live Crew, so I don't have to buy their albums.

I decide what I buy and watch and listen to. Everyone in this country decides what he or she buys and watches and listens to. We're capitalists, right?

This is freedom we're talking about here. Liberty. What this country was founded on. The First Amendment, for George Washington's sake.

The people who want 2 Live Crew banned seemed to have forgotten this fundamental point. These people don't have to listen to the music and be offended by it. And if someone else listens to the band and isn't offended, what business is it of theirs?

Ironically, the sales of *As Nasty As They Wanna Be* have gone up drastically since the album was banned in Florida. But this was really to be expected. The people who want to ban the album have given it the best kind of free advertising.

If the crusaders against 2 Live Crew were to spend their time working against violence in society and the degradation of women, I would be behind them all of the way. I would join them in their efforts.

But as long as they are urging someone's silence, I will fight them all of the way.

I will continue to complain about violence and degradation of women in entertainment. But these problems are for society to change, not for the government to censor. When our culture no longer accepts violence and degradation, then our entertainment media will no longer present it.

And I will continue to complain about censorship of 2 Live Crew. The First Amendment has to protect everyone, no matter what they want to say.

So I'll fight for the First Amendment, and I'll fight against obscenity, and I'll not feel like a hypocrite.

This is where principles will get you.

News

RA describes duties, benefits of position

By DEBBIE HOOKER
Special to the Skiff

A dark-haired girl darts down the dorm hallway, knocking on doors as she calls out to residents.

"Come to the Moncrief mixer," she shouts. "All the buffalo wings you can eat for just \$2 at Main Street!"

Mikee McDonald, a Waits Hall resident assistant, persuades students to put aside their studies on a Wednesday evening in order to socialize with the football players.

"It's harder to get to know the upperclassmen residents because their activities conflict," she said. "That's why I schedule a variety of mixers and events — so I can become better acquainted with the students."

McDonald attended high school in London, England. She said there she realized the need for student involvement on campus.

"Life in London was so much different — no one did much in school. As an RA I try to involve all of my residents," McDonald said.

While spending time abroad, she said she noticed her own potential to become a collegiate leader.

"I heard of the RA position last year as a freshman and decided that's the kind of thing I want to do — the person I want to be," she said.

She sits at the Waits Hall office desk, drawing her RA duty sign. Markers clutter the desk along with messages for students, a calendar of events and a vacuum sign-out sheet. A resident signs her name and leaves her identification card.

"Which vacuum works best?" the resident asks while staring at the ancient machines.

"Pick one — believe me, you'll have to work about as hard as it does," McDonald said jokingly.

She continues cutting out paper hearts to complete the sign.

"Other leadership positions on campus are limited in time," she said.

"RAs are in absolute live-in positions. I have to be above, yet beside my residents."

Mikee McDonald,
Waits Hall RA

"RAs are in absolute live-in positions. I have to be above, yet beside my residents. There is a fine line in between."

"Mikee is put in a difficult situation," said resident Katherine McCraw, sophomore pre-major. "She knows we have to look up to her, yet we can still get along on a friendship basis. She helps everyone become involved in campus activities. I think her goal is for her residents to have the best college experience possible."

McDonald's leadership potential is what caught the eye of Wanda Olson, assistant director of residence life.

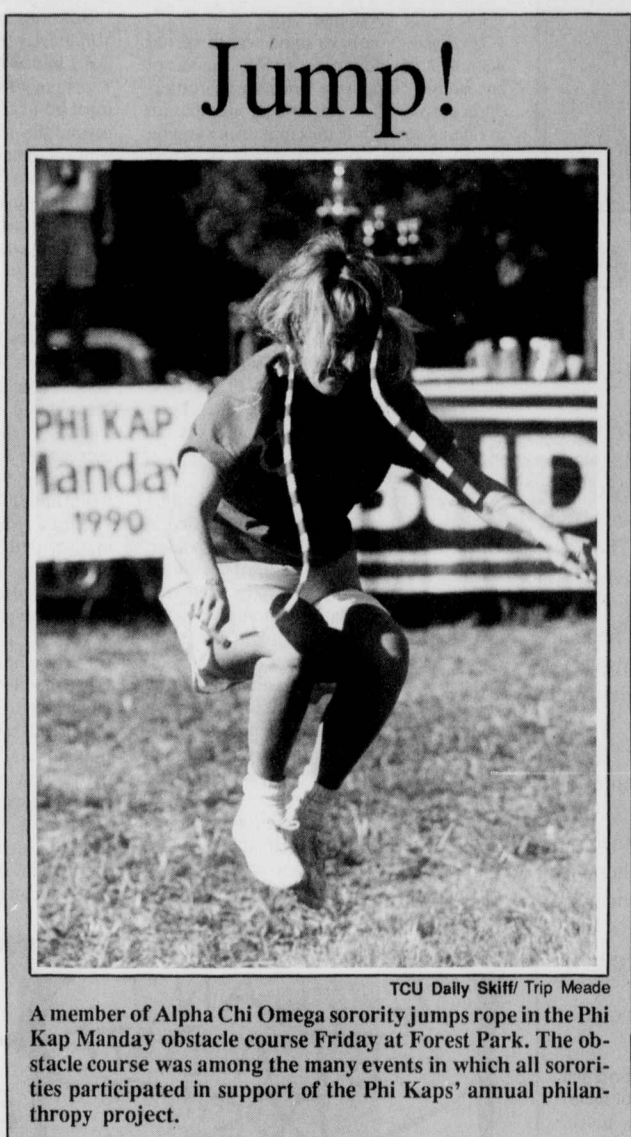
"Mikee had moved from the Midwest to London and back. She knew what it is like to not know people," Olson said. "I knew that through personal experience she would do a good job at helping new students get involved."

"I wish it was more common for students from abroad to become resident assistants. They bring new experiences and cultures to TCU," Olson said.

Out of more than 100 RA applicants last year, 33 were selected to fill positions, Olson said. McDonald was contacted over the summer when a position was vacated.

"Mikee had less than one week to prepare after she was contacted," said Kim Robinson, Waits Hall director.

"She flew in on Thursday, her UPS boxes came Friday and RA camp



A member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority jumps rope in the Phi Kap Manday obstacle course Friday at Forest Park. The obstacle course was among the many events in which all sororities participated in support of the Phi Kaps' annual philanthropy project.

started Saturday," Robinson said. While classwork is the first priority for RAs, their job should be next, Robinson said.

"Not all students have this big of a commitment," she said.

"I find myself putting classes second to RA, and then my work on Programming Council," McDonald said. "I tend to lose the purpose of

school." "My life is contained in a File Facts. Without my calendar, I would be lost," McDonald said.

"Patience and a good attitude keep me from losing my sense of humor," she said. "I like the role of an RA. I want to be a friend, yet be respected. I don't want to be the long arm of the law."

Jump!

Stop thief!

Police on lookout for stolen sign

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

Campus Police's crime prevention campaign, "Join hands against Crime at TCU," suffered a setback when a sign advertising the campaign was taken from the Student Center sometime over the weekend of Sept. 14 through 16.

The sign, which was first hung in the Student Center on Aug. 20, features a drawing of Superfrog, a campus police officer, students and kids holding hands. Above the figures the campaign slogan, "Join hands against Crime at TCU," is printed.

Sgt. Pat Jones of Campus Police first noticed the sign was missing Sept. 17. However, sources at the Student Center reported the sign was last seen Sept. 15.

"As of now, we don't have any leads," said Jones. "Nobody knows the location of the sign and the incident has been classified as an under \$200 theft."

The sign was made of white vinyl, and the lettering and the people are printed in purple. The total cost of the sign was \$126.

"I don't think whoever has the sign realizes the dollar value attached to the sign," Jones said. "Right now I'm just more interested in getting the sign back than in getting somebody in trouble."

"For all we know, the sign may have fallen down and somebody picked it up and took it with them,"

Jones said. "Maybe they will read this and realize how much we would appreciate the sign being returned."

Larry Markley, director of the Student Center, said his staff hung the sign, but it is difficult to keep up with signs hanging in the Student Center.

"The sign was about 3 feet by 6 feet and hung in the southwest corner of the center," Markley said. "I was unaware the sign was missing until Sgt. Jones asked me if I knew where the sign was."

"It was an attractive sign," Markley said. "Somebody had to take the sign down because it was pretty securely hung. I doubt the sign fell down."

Campus Police have posted flyers around the campus detailing what the sign looks like and where the sign may be returned.

The "Join hands against Crime at TCU" campaign has been overseen by Jones and includes flyers and other handouts made available by Campus Police.

"I was upset at first simply because we are trying to remind people that they have to be careful with their belongings or they may get stolen," Jones said. "The sign would help people remember to lock their room and car doors and be more aware of crime prevention. Now that little reminder is gone."

"Right now the main objective is to try to let whoever has the sign know that its safe return is very important to us," she said.

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the board meetings are closed; those are just examples."

Hood, along with Dave LeBlanc, chairman of the Elections and Regulations committee, also encouraged representatives to file for the November House elections.

Filing, which began Oct. 1, closes on the 15th. The offices available include president, vice president, vice president of Programming Council, treasurer and secretary.

Hood encouraged representatives to run for office as well as inform their constituents about the opportunities for leadership available within the House.

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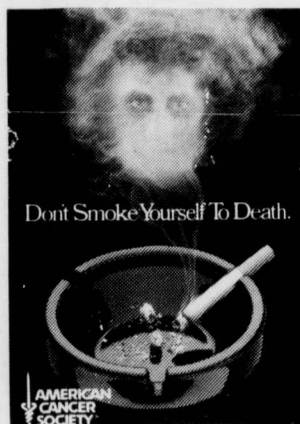
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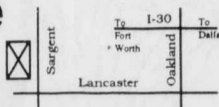
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FBI agent convicted as a spy

By LINDA DEUTSCH Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former FBI Agent Richard Miller was convicted Tuesday of espionage for a second time by a judge who rejected Miller's claim that he romanced a Soviet agent in the interest of the United States.

U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi said he concluded that Miller once intended to use his relationship with the Soviet woman, Svetlana Ogorodnikov, to enhance his position with the FBI by becoming a double agent.

But the judge said that after Mrs. Ogorodnikov enticed Miller with money and sex, the agent yielded to her demands for classified information.

"In the battle of wills, Mr. Miller finally succumbed, begrudgingly perhaps," Takasugi said. "He became entangled with Svetlana and compromised his position in the FBI."

Takasugi, who presided over Miller's retrial without a jury, said the most convincing evidence was a tape recording of Miller and Ogorodnikov in a private conversation that was recorded by the FBI.

He said the tape clearly demonstrated her domination over the agent.

"The court does find Mr. Miller guilty of counts one through six," the judge said of the six charges that alleged espionage, conspiracy and communication of classified material for the benefit of a foreign power.

Miller leaned forward on the defense table, stared straight ahead and looked surprised.

Homeward bound

Discovery heads to Earth as probe moves sunward

By MARCIA DUNN Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — *Discovery's* astronauts, flush with success from a near perfect mission, packed up their gear Tuesday for their return to Earth while the satellite they released streaked deeper into space.

The *Ulysses* satellite, which will study the sun, was 1.7 million miles from Earth three days into its five-year journey and hurtling through the solar system at more than 24,000 mph.

Discovery was scheduled to land at 9:57 a.m. EDT Wednesday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., to conclude NASA's first shuttle flight in almost half a year. Good weather was expected.

"This flight is probably as close to perfect as we can get," said flight director Ron Dittemore.

The biggest problem occurred Tuesday when a heater on one of *Discovery's* three auxiliary power units failed. Mission Control in Houston said a backup heater was activated and working fine. The heaters could be operated manually, if necessary.

Discovery's commander, Richard N. Richards, and pilot, Robert Cabana, completed a series of tests Tuesday to make sure the shuttle's systems were ready for the fiery descent into the Earth's atmosphere.

The astronauts later retracted *Discovery's* 50-foot-long robot arm, which was extended Sunday as part of an experiment to measure the deteriorating effects of space on an Intelsat satellite stuck in a useless low orbit. Attached to the boom is material identical to that used on the satellite's solar panels.

Intelsat, an organization of countries that owns the communications satellite, will study the amount of decay and decide whether it is worth sending astronauts on a rescue mission in 1992.

The \$157 million satellite is orbiting about 345 miles above Earth, 22,000 miles lower than intended. An unmanned rocket failed in March to boost the spacecraft to its proper altitude.

Before stowing cabin gear, astronauts Bill Shepherd and Bruce Melnick ran a third and final test of an experimental voice command system.

The system would allow astronauts to move shuttle TV cameras by spoken commands, freeing their hands for other tasks.

Shepherd had trouble getting the system to recognize his voice on his previous attempts. He reported complete success Tuesday after recording his voice again, and speaking louder and more directly into a microphone.

The crew also wrapped up an experiment involving ozone measurements in low Earth orbit. The data will be used to calibrate ozone-measuring instruments aboard weather satellites.

The highlight of the four-day mission came shortly after liftoff Saturday, when the astronauts started *Ulysses* on its 1.86 billion-mile journey. The satellite was accelerated out of Earth orbit at 34,130 mph, the fastest speed ever for a manmade object.

The \$250 million European spacecraft is expected to reach Jupiter in February 1992. *Ulysses* will use the planet's strong gravity to sling it back through the solar system and into an unprecedented orbit over the sun's poles.

Bentsen to ask Senate to OK Bush's tax cut

By JIM LUTHER Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chairman Lloyd Bentsen will ask the Senate Finance Committee to accept President Bush's capital-gains tax cut and to increase income-tax rates on wealthier Americans, aides said Tuesday.

Bentsen, D-Texas, endorsed those tax changes as part of a deficit-reduction plan on which the committee will begin working today.

Disclosure of Bentsen's position on capital gains — he had been opposing a cut — came a few hours after Bush said he would accept higher tax rates on the rich in exchange for the capital-gains reduction. Another key lawmaker, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee, has not disclosed whether he will support the capital-gains cut.

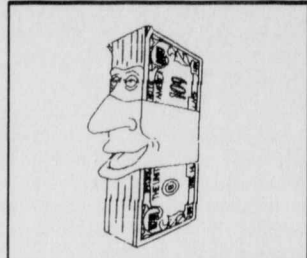
Bentsen's package follows in considerable detail the plan worked out over five months by the White House and congressional leaders. But it eliminates some provisions that had been especially distasteful to many lawmakers.

Bentsen's proposal, which envisions tax increases of up to \$150 billion over five years, would:

- Avoid increasing the premiums that retirees pay for insurance coverage of doctors' fees under Medicare.
- Drop a proposed 2-cent-a-gallon tax on refined petroleum products, including home-heating oil and gasoline.
- Cut from 10 cents to 9 cents the increase in the 9-cent gasoline tax.
- Drop \$12 billion worth of tax incentives for small corporations, which had been attacked as a new system of tax shelters for the rich.

Bentsen's plan retains: a 10-percent tax on part of the price of expensive cars, furs, jewelry and boats; an 8-cent boost in the tax on cigarettes and similar increases on other tobacco products; doubling of the beer tax to 32 cents a six pack; raising of the wine tax considerably — from 3 cents a fifth to 25 cents for table wine, for example; raising the liquor tax by \$1.50 a gallon, to \$14.

Bentsen also proposed to raise from the present \$51,300 to somewhere in the \$85,000 range the maximum annual wage to which the 1.45 percent Medicare tax applies. That



tax is withheld from paychecks as part of the Social Security tax.

Senate aides said preliminary estimates indicate that Bentsen's proposal would be considerably fairer to low- and middle-income taxpayers compared with the bipartisan plan written by congressional leaders and the White House.

Complaints that the bipartisan plan was overly generous to upper-income people were a major factor in its being defeated by the House last weekend.

In past years, Bentsen had endorsed taxing capital gains — which are profits from the sale of investments — at lower rates than apply to wages. But he has opposed such a change recently because most of the benefit would go to those with incomes over \$100,000 a year.

The fight between Democrats and Republicans over capital gains has been a major impediment to completion of a deficit-reduction plan this year. Bentsen's plan would:

- Exclude from taxation 30 percent of the profit from the sale of an asset held three years or longer. A 20 percent exclusion would be given two-year property; one-year property would get a 10 percent exclusion.
- Eliminate a quirk in tax law that allows the 600,000 wealthiest Americans to pay a maximum tax rate of 28 percent, even though people making slightly less pay a top rate of 33 percent. Under the proposal, those in the wealthiest category would pay a top rate of 33 percent.
- Raise the individual alternative minimum tax rate, now 21 percent, to 25 percent. This tax is paid by about 150,000 people with incomes who, by using legal deductions, are able to reduce their tax liability to near zero. They are required to give back some of their deductions and pay the minimum tax if it is higher than their regular income tax.

40 lose jobs in American's layoff

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — American Airlines has sent layoff notices to about 40 employees as part of the company's plan to eliminate 1,000 jobs and reduce costs.

The Fort Worth-based airlines, which employs more than 90,400 workers, took the action because of

rising jet fuel prices and a weakening U.S. economy. Spokesman Al Becker said the notices had been sent to about 40 people systemwide.

"The move is an effort to reduce costs," Becker said Tuesday. "The (cost-cutting) plan isn't completed yet and won't be for several more weeks."

It is the first time in several years

that American has been forced to make such a move because of rising fuel prices, Becker said.

Several American workers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the largest of the carrier's seven connecting hubs, were included in the layoffs, he said. He did not know the specific number, he said.

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Sports

Outshot Lady Frogs lose two on West coast

By ALAN DROLL
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's soccer team was outshot a combined 69-2 and outscored 11-1 as the Frogs lost both of its games in the Stanford/Security National Bank Soccer Invitational tournament this weekend.

The overmatched Frogs watched their record drop to 3-9-2 on the season.

TCU held 11th-ranked host Stanford (10-2-0) scoreless for the first 30 minutes of Saturday's game until the Cardinal's Elizabeth Joneschild scored two goals off TCU's Beth Wilson just 89 seconds apart.

TCU's leading scorer Jamie Wolff's seventh goal of the season off of a Keri Riley assist cut the Stanford lead to 2-1, but Jennifer Rowland scored a goal just before halftime to give Stanford a 3-1 lead after 45 minutes. Rowland scored again early in the second half.

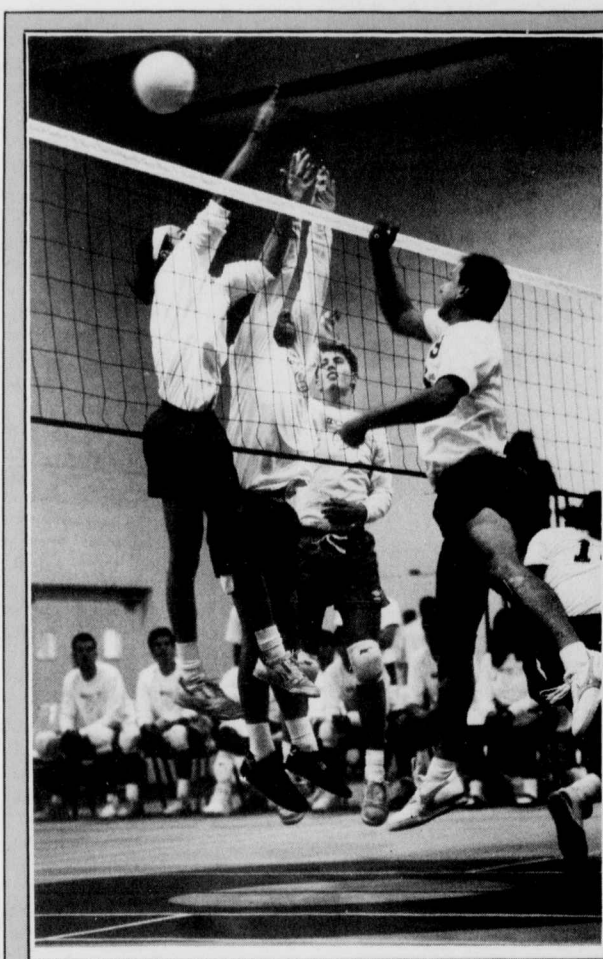
Stanford outshot the Lady Frogs, 35-1. In her third game as goalkeeper, Wilson was called upon to make 12 saves to keep the score respectable.

On Sunday, the Lady Frogs were beaten soundly by fifth-ranked University of California-Santa Barbara. The Gauchos' Trisha Kimble began UCSB's scoring deluge just over 10 minutes into the match.

By halftime, the Gauchos (9-0-1) held a comfortable 4-goal lead en route to a 7-0 blowout triumph over the Lady Frogs.

Phronic Franco scored twice to lead the Gauchos. Wilson was bombarded with 34 UCSB shots on goal but managed nine saves, giving her 21 for the tournament.

Neither head coach David Robinson nor his players said they were discouraged by their effort in California. Robinson said he hadn't expected the Lady Frogs to beat UCSB and Stanford.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

A Texas Tech volleyball player foils a TCU club players' block attempt by tipping the ball over their outstretched hands Saturday in the Rickel gymnasium.

"Playing top teams lets our players know what it's about and what the level of play is for a playoff team," he said.

Sophomore fullback Carrie Jackson said, "Considering that they're both real good teams, we did well. We stuck together and tried hard. It was embarrassing, but in the long run it'll help us."

The TCU football team is ranked No. 25 by the United Press International, but Arkansas is still ranked higher (23rd).



Frogs earn weekly honors

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

When it came to the best offensive performances of the week in the Southwest Conference, it came down to Leon Clay's arm and the churning legs of Darren Lewis.

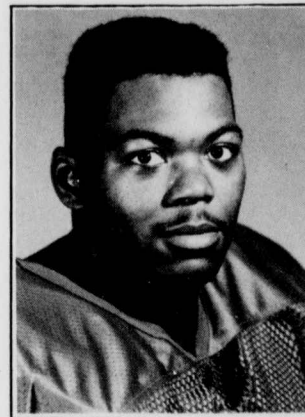
Their feats were so spectacular that the heroics couldn't be separated, so they share The Associated Press SWC Offensive Player of the Week award.

TCU's Clay, who won the award outright last week by accounting for five touchdowns against SMU, did it again Saturday. But this time it was against a more formidable opponent, the Arkansas Razorbacks.

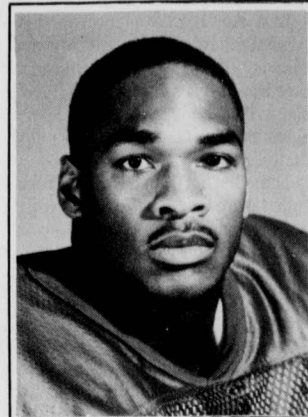
Clay threw four touchdown passes on scoring plays of 18, 88, 57, and 7 yards and scored on a 1-yard run. He completed 19 of 28 passes for 322 yards as the Horned Frogs obliterated Arkansas 54-26.

"He's been on an incredible roll and I hope it never stops," said TCU coach Jim Wacker. "He's just a sophomore, too. Imagine what might happen when he gets some experience."

It's the first time a player had won



Leon Clay



Tony Rand

the award in back-to-back weeks since Andre Ware did it for the Houston Cougars in 1989, his Heisman Trophy winning season. The last Horned Frog to win the award in consecutive weeks was running back Kenneth Davis in 1984.

Texas A&M's Lewis was no less a force in the Aggies 28-24 victory over Texas Tech, but he did it the old-fashioned way — on foot.

Lewis rushed for a career-high 232 yards on 34 carries, the third best rushing day in school history.

The AP's SWC Defensive Player of the Week is TCU's sophomore safety, Tony Rand, who blocked an Arkansas punt and fell on the ball for a touchdown. The 5-11, 176-pounder from Aldine also intercepted a pass that led to a field goal and made six tackles in the Frogs' upset win.

TCU places fifth, sixth in meet

By JENNIFER KRAIDER
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's cross country team finished fifth and the men's team sixth at the North Texas Invitational cross country meet in Denton Friday.

The women ended the meet with 153 points and the men with 138 points.

Cross country coach John McKenzie said that the TCU women have running times very close together.

"It's a plus to run together in a meet," said sophomore Chloe Schuetzeberg. "We all have pretty good placement so the five scores

close together add up to be lower than they would if one or two people ran ahead of the rest."

Sophomore Kim Baker finished 11th with a time of 18:16 and Schuetzeberg placed 19th with a time of 18:48.

"Everyone ran better than they did at SMU, which is good," said sophomore Glenn LeGros.

LeGros finished fourth with a time of 25:15, and senior William Maru came in 10th with a time of 25:46.

"We really trained through this meet and used it as a practice for the next meet at A&M Oct. 18," said sophomore John Nichols. "Arkansas has the conference meet wrapped up,

but a race is a race — anything can happen."

There is not a meet scheduled for this weekend and TCU runners are looking the break as a much needed rest.

"The two-week break is excellent," LeGros said. "Last year we ran three races in a row, and by the third meet people were worn out. We have one meet every two weeks for the next six weeks, and that's going to be very beneficial for the team."

Nichols said one exercise the team uses is called a "high-steady-state." The team runs 10 miles and tries to simulate racing conditions and their pace while running competitions.

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