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2 students injured in grease fire

By JACQUIE MAUPIN
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Two students suffered second- and third-degree burns from a grease fire that occurred about 10:15 p.m. Sunday in their first-floor Bellaire House apartment.

Cam Johnson, a senior broadcast journalism major, and Laura Kehler, a junior political science major, were taken by ambulance to Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital after being burned by grease that was to be used to cook french fries in a large Dutch-oven pot, Johnson said.

Kehler was treated for burns on one foot and released about 12:30 a.m. Monday. She said she will be on crutches for a few days.

Johnson, who carried the flaming pot across the apartment and threw it outside, was transferred early Monday morning to an intensive care unit at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital because she suffered more extensive and severe burns.

"My hands were toasted," Johnson said.

Johnson's hair was slightly singed and her face, lips and chin looked like she had a bad sunburn, she said.

Skin grafts will be performed on Johnson's left leg and possibly her right foot during plastic surgery Wednesday morning, Johnson said.

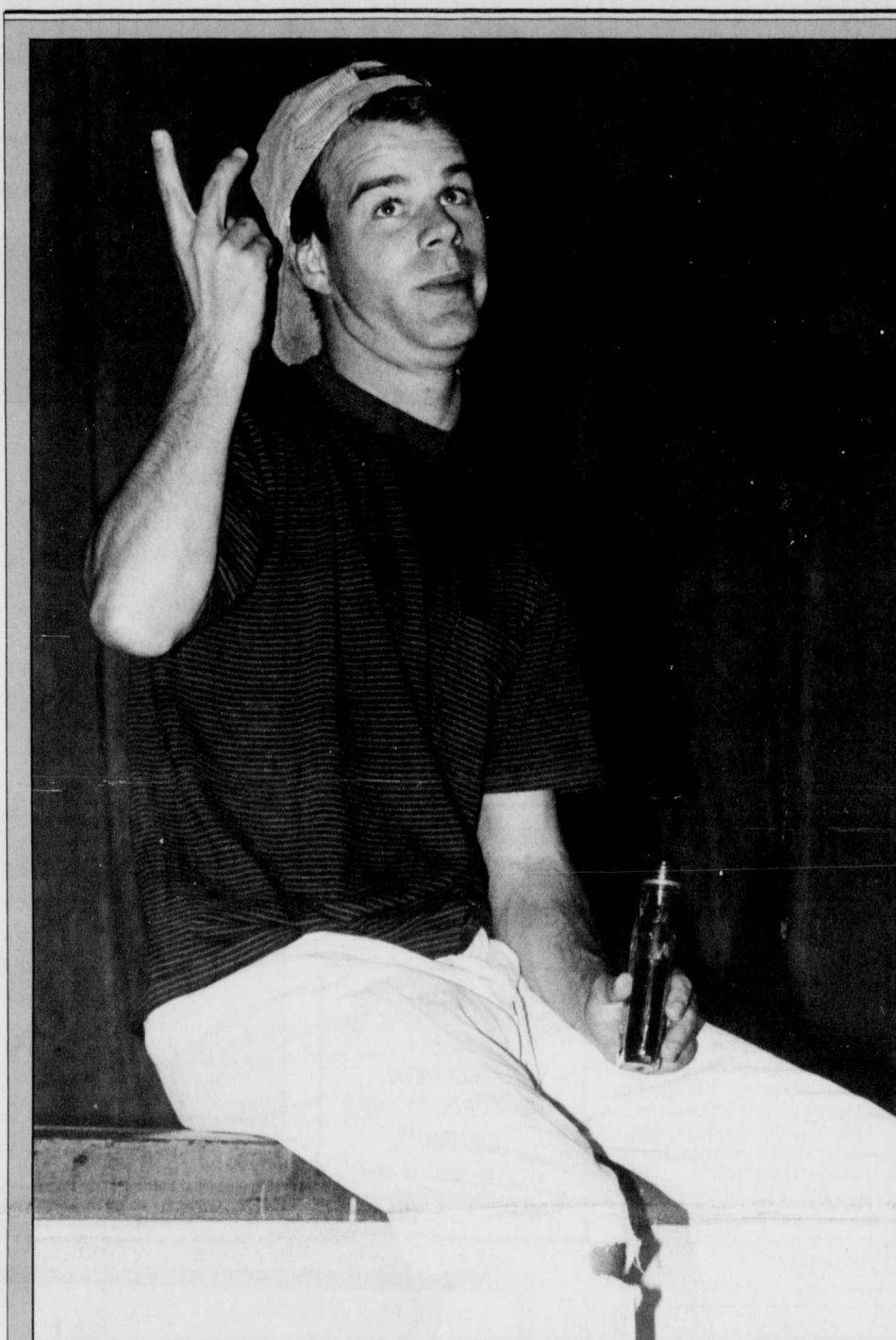
"I was lucky I got away with so little damage," she said. "I know this seems vain, but the flames were right in my face, and if I had gotten scarred or burned up badly that would have ended my career."

While Johnson was boiling the oil Sunday night, she was called away for a few minutes to answer a phone call, she said. Later, she thought she smelled something burning, and when she returned to the kitchen the flames were about three feet high, she said.

Johnson and Kehler tried to put the fire out by covering it and then beating it with towels, Johnson said.

"I just pictured the whole building going up, and I decided that I had to

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David Leschke, director for chapter services BACCHUS U.S., Inc. spoke at the "Issues of Concern to Greek Leaders" seminar in the Student Center Ballroom Monday.

Excess alcohol use has price

Greek program gauges problem

By PATRICIA PATTISON
TCU Daily Skiff

Irresponsible drinking is a common practice for many Greek-affiliated college students, but ignoring or silently condoning the behavior only helps the problem grow, David Leschke, director of chapter services for BACCHUS U.S., Inc., told Greek leaders Monday afternoon.

The acronym BACCHUS stands for Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students.

"I know this isn't the most exciting topic in the world to talk about," Leschke said. "When it comes to alcohol use, we tend not to ask questions."

The program titled, "Issues of Importance to Greek Leaders," was co-sponsored by Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council as a part of Alcohol and Drug Education's Health Enrichment Week.

About 50 fraternity and sorority members attended the program by Leschke, who Don Mills, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, introduced as, "a writer, presenter, educator and comedian."

Leschke, who received a bachelor's degree in English and theater from Saint Mary's College, Minnesota, in 1985, began his presentation in character as a 'typical' fraternity member, Eddie Thompson.

"You are the best of the best, the leaders," Leschke said. "I just got here."

Carrying a small bottle of whiskey and staggering, Leschke as 'Eddie' progressed from sober to drunk as he told audience members why he drank and why all the information he knew about alcohol really didn't affect his drinking.

"Hey, I know facts. But facts don't change what I do."

Acting as an accuser, 'Eddie' went on to tell the audience members how they encouraged his behavior.

"I say everybody does it (drinks irresponsibly)," Leschke said. "But I know everybody doesn't do it and so do you. But the more you let me get away with it, the more I begin to believe it."

Leschke opened the group discussion by talking about the connection between Greek leaders and responsible or irresponsible drinking by members of their sororities or fraternities.

Noting that the slang words used as synonyms for drunk on campus are usually negative, Leschke encouraged leaders to reexamine the words and think about why they are used.

"Wasted, hammered, bombed, trashed, plastered. Those are negative, destructive words," he said. "It's no accident that we use them."

Drinking games, while often seen as fun, are often really manipulative ways to make people drink more than they want to and encourage irresponsible behavior, Leschke said.

"We have to reexamine what's 'fun'. Drinking games become vicious. It's as if we are saying, 'Since we can't haze anymore, let's play quarters,'" he said.

Decisions about drinking and driving were also discussed as ways Greek leaders can help affect decision-making by their peers.

"Drinking and driving is a tradition we have to stop," Leschke said. "When you are going out, how you are getting back needs to be just as important as how you are getting there."

Recognizing the campus drinking problems that exist and Leschke's confrontational style

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Campus Mentor program looking for coordinator

By KRISTEN GOULD
TCU Daily Skiff

A search committee sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Education Center is looking for a project coordinator for the Campus Mentors program.

The coordinator will be responsible for working with a \$149,000 grant awarded to the center last month by the Fund for Improvement for Post Secondary Education, said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor

for student affairs and chairman of the search committee. The grant allows the center to develop Campus Mentors programs at other colleges and universities.

The Campus Mentors program is a group of students, faculty and staff who have been trained by the center to help other students on campus with problems.

"We train campus mentors on a variety of issues — substance-abuse issues, eating disorders, depression, how to intervene and how to talk to

people if they come with a problem," Mills said.

"We don't try to turn people into counselors . . . but make sure they can work with someone and refer them to the appropriate resource," he said.

The committee has received approximately 60 applications for the project coordinator position, said Mills.

"We are in the process of going through all the resumes, deciding who most closely meets our require-

ments, and then we will do follow-up calls to references," he said.

The search committee is made up of people who are active in the Campus Mentors program, Mills said.

Committee members include Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports; Felix Mira, assistant director of publications for admissions; Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the Honors program; and campus mentor students Tammy Goos, Patricia Pattison, Darren Carlton, Jon Buell and Janet Trepka.

The committee is looking for someone who can effectively communicate both written and orally and someone who has a familiarity with training, Mills said.

The coordinator will be responsible for training people at other colleges and universities interested in establishing a Campus Mentors program. Fifteen colleges and universities across the nation have contacted the Alcohol and Drug Center and have expressed interest in the program.

"The schools range from Texas Wesleyan just down the street, to the University of Miami in Florida," he said.

"The program itself has helped us to get a lot of people across the campus who can help students in their problems no matter what kind of problem they have, and this is what we're trying to use as a model for other schools," Mills said.

The coordinator will also work

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Japanese language, culture accessible with new program

By RICK HOGREFE
Special to the Skiff

When Americans want to summon someone, they raise a hand and wave it toward themselves.

But the Japanese consider this the sign of a deceitful character.

Instructor Carole Sherman, who teaches Japanese, uses this everyday occurrence to show her students the vast differences between Japanese and American culture.

Sherman, in her first year at TCU, is establishing a new Japanese program at the university.

While her job has proved challenging, so has the work required of the students in her freshman-level Japanese language classes and her junior-level culture course, she said.

"Japanese is an inaccessible language," Sherman said. "The grammar and writing systems are not the same. There are different cultural assumptions that must be considered as well."

These differing assumptions are what first interested Sherman in Ja-

panese culture, she said. While attending high school in California, she observed the way students treated a Japanese foreign exchange student.

"I was fascinated by the culture clash between many Japanese Americans and a native Japanese girl attending my school through an exchange program," Sherman said.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from Stanford University, Sherman underwent "intense, advanced study of Japanese" at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Tokyo, she said.

"The program is sponsored by schools like Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, Berkeley and Stanford — some of the best Japanese programs in the nation," Sherman said.

The Inter-University Center requires students to have taken a four-year program in college level Japanese. Sherman hopes one day TCU can have such a program.

Sherman was drawn to TCU by the unique opportunity to develop a program where one did not exist, she

said.

"At a language mill — with 300 first-year students in one large lecture hall — there is little room for creativity and flexibility," Sherman said.

Despite the stress and time requirements that have come with her new position, Sherman is excited about the program and is happy to be in Texas, she said.

"I wanted to move west, and I love country and western music," Sherman said. "My secret dream is to own a pickup truck."

It is the integration of this American culture with her Japanese background that Sherman encourages, she said.

"Americans are isolated, insulated and tend to be provincial," Sherman said.

This isolation, she said, has placed the United States at a disadvantage in the world marketplace, she said. Americans must depend on translators and interpreters to compete suc-

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That's all, folks
Columnist says farewell to baseball season.

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Men and women teams succeeded at SWC meet.

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Outside

Today's weather will be sunny with a low temperature of 45 degrees and a high temperature of 72 degrees.

Wednesday's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 68 degrees.



Alpha Psi conducting search for new plays

By MEREDITH FANE
Special to the Skiff

Unpublished playwrights can submit their plays for possible production in the New Play Search, a new project sponsored by Alpha Psi Omega, the theater fraternity.

The organization will conduct the search, then produce one of the plays submitted, said Jeff Bateman, a junior theater major and vice president of Alpha Psi Omega. The search is not connected with the TCU theater department, Bateman said.

"We just wanted to show the TCU community that we are an independent organization and can do a project on our own," said Debbie Pagan, a senior education major and president of Alpha Psi Omega.

Plays must be an original, unpublished work of any length submitted to the theater department office by Nov. 15, Bateman said.

An Alpha Psi Omega committee will pick not necessarily the best play, but the play it feels the organization can most easily produce with limited costumes, sets and money, he

said. After the committee chooses the play, they will hold auditions for the production of the play, which will be open to the public.

An original production is a good opportunity for an actor or actress to create an original character without being compared to other performances, Bateman said.

The playwright's involvement in the production of the play will depend on how much the director decides to involve the playwright, he said.

Three performance dates are tentatively set at undetermined times between Feb. 14 and 17, Pagan said. Any money the production earns will be put into an Alpha Psi Omega scholarship fund, she said.

"This is really excellent because playwrights never see what their play looks like on stage," Pagan said. "This will help them to work out the kinks in their script."

"It gets scripts off the bookshelves and onto the stage," Bateman said

CAMPUSlines

TCU CAN (Community Action Network) meets at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Reading Room A.

Amnesty International meets at 5 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 202.

Operation Desert Shield Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 216.

TCU Waterski Team meets at 9 p.m. Tuesday nights in Rickel Room 316. New members are welcome.

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was helpful, according to some in the audience.

"I've really begun to notice that around here people are either sober or drunk," said Kate Seinsheimer, a junior accounting major and member of Chi Omega. "It's like no one on this campus has an 'in between' attitude."

Leschke discussed ways that Greeks could approach members of their chapters who are drinking irresponsibly and create the least amount of tension between the 'accused' and the 'accuser.'

"If you think someone has a problem, you talk to them," Leschke said. "But don't 'tell' them anything."

Leschke said the best thing to do in that situation is to ask them questions about their behavior.

"I notice you go out four nights a week and come home drunk every-time. How do you keep your grades up?"

That approach at least keeps the confronted person listening and forces the person confronting them to listen and try and understand and see the best way they can be of help, Leschke said.

Most important, Leschke said, was that while people who are accused of irresponsible alcohol use often tell the people confronting them that they have, 'no right telling them how to live,' those who do confront have good reason to be intrusive. They are acting for the benefit of themselves and their fraternity or sorority.

"David is right," said Keith Loudon, president of R.O.A.D. workers and member of Kappa Sigma. "It's totally valid for us to approach someone and tell them they have no right to represent our chapter like that as well as treat themselves that way."

Leschke ended the program by challenging the leaders to be open and honest in talking with their chapter members about alcohol and its affects on both themselves and their sorority or fraternity.

"Don't tell me you aren't powerful enough to change attitudes," he said. "I don't believe you."

"If you allow someone in pain to continue hurting themselves what does that say about your brotherhood or sisterhood?"

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carry it out," Johnson said. "I was running with it, and the flames were in my face and the grease was spilling on the carpet."

Johnson threw the pot onto the concrete outside her apartment, and the oil continued to burn for about 45 minutes, she said.

"Maybe it was stupid for me to do that, but I could think of a lot worse things that could've happened if I hadn't done it, like the whole building burning," Johnson said.

After calling 911 for assistance, Johnson and Kehler waited about 40 minutes because the ambulance could not find the correct apartment, Johnson said.

"We were both hysterical," Johnson said. "I was watching my leg from the knee down melt, and that was pretty scary."

Johnson said she will be back at school in about two weeks, but she will be in a wheelchair or on crutches because "both feet are melted."

Friends visited or phoned Johnson on Monday, she said.

Current visitation hours are 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Flowers are not allowed in her room because they may carry bacteria that could cause infection.

ECHO ECHO

by Stev KlineToBe



MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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cessfully, she said.

This disadvantage is illustrated by a number of joint-venture industrial plants throughout the United States, Sherman said. Sherman said one General Electric plant in Virginia has no one who can speak, write, or read Japanese — a fact Sherman said is "our fault."

The Japanese, on the other hand, are required to take six years of English, she said. They understand and read English well, even if they cannot speak it with ease, she said.

However, if the roster in Sherman's class is any indication, Americans are becoming more interested in studying Japanese.

"I have students in my night class from Tandy Corporation, American Airlines and Alcon," Sherman said.

Both students and professors associated with business are taking Sherman's courses. Sandeep Patel, an assistant professor of finance, is auditing Japanese.

"The reason I am taking the class is need-based," Patel said. "The Japanese are gaining an increasingly important presence in American business."

In addition, many Americans of Japanese or other Oriental heritage are enrolled in Sherman's courses.

Bob Ware, a junior finance major, was born in Japan but lived there only a short time.

"I'm taking Japanese to understand my Japanese heritage," Ware said. "The opportunity to learn the language was something I couldn't pass up."

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with the Campus Mentors very closely and will have to gain knowledge of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center fairly quickly, he said.

"It's an interesting mix of a person who's going to have to do a lot of outside exposure, be representing TCU on other campuses to professional people elsewhere, and a lot of internal exposure with the TCU Campus Mentors and working with them," Mills said.

The committee hopes to choose someone by the end of the first week in November.

Mills will give the final recommendation to Margaret J. Barr, vice chancellor of student affairs, who will make the final appointment.

"I will have the opportunity to interview the candidates when they're on campus," Barr said.

She will be looking for a person who understands the program and meets the requirements as set by Mills, she said.

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Midnight tonight is the deadline for our nation's politicians to compromise on a budget. Again.

The Gramm-Rudman Act mandates that if a certain governmental spending level is not achieved, automatic cuts will reduce governmental spending.

This is the second extension Washington has enacted to avoid such cuts while politicians attempt to compromise on a budget that will satisfy both Democrats and Republicans.

The problem is that there is no satisfying both Democrats and Republicans at the same time, because if one party is happy, the other automatically is unhappy, or so the mudslinging and pettiness of the past few weeks of talks seem to indicate.

Such dilly-dallying on lawmakers parts has more than a few citizens up in arms. Their frustration stems from a system where compromises between the two parties lead to mediocre solutions to all problems, not just the budget.

As a concerned citizen, demand that your lawmakers do more constructive compromising and less political maneuvering by re-electing only those who prove themselves in the ranks. Until American citizens demand that their politicians be held accountable for both what they do and do not do, people will continue to have to wait to see if their government will be running in the morning.

Letters to the Editor

What is news?

A nude man in Reed Hall is news. Personal columns on the opinion page can focus on the topic of the author's choice, including declaring one's homosexuality.

As a news/editorial major, I wanted to state those two facts for all of the Brian W. Buege computer science majors and the Larry K. Jordan pre-med majors out there.

I'm not trying to imply that these two gentlemen aren't intelligent. In fact, they took great pains to make sure everyone knows that they have mastered the use of a thesaurus.

However, unbeknownst to them, the majority of the *Skiff* is news.

To answer their question, the jump words, "See NUDE, page 2" are truly objective. The line simply linked the main issue of the story to the next page.

No one who knows what he is talking about would call that "Excessive injections of sensationalist journalism." I guess computer science and pre-med majors don't learn that, though.

Buege and Jordan went on to say the *Skiff* was biased because it focuses on the more interesting news.

Well, the *Skiff* is a student newspaper with a limited staff. Many things happen at TCU, but only the most important events are reported. The most important news is defined by timeliness, proximity, prominence, consequence, rarity and hu-

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Letter policy

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The hidden benefits of recycling

By KAREN SINGLETARY
 Guest Columnist

Did you know you personally could reduce the use of fossil fuels in this country, thereby reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air?

Carbon dioxide is the major gas involved in global warming. Global warming causes an increased rate of climate change. An increased rate of climate change has a detrimental effect on wildlife, habitat and people. Everyone would like to do something about this, but we can't just stop driving or change our utility systems overnight, though we can cut back.

So, what can you and I do? It's simple, we can recycle! NO, not recycling, not that subject again! Yes, recycling AGAIN. All right, most of us already know recycling saves landfill space and natural resources, both of which are running low. But how does recycling save energy?

Well, three of the most common recyclables are newsprint, glass and aluminum. Let's start with newsprint. Recycling a ton of newsprint saves 4,100 kilowatts per hour (kwh) of electricity as well as 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water. It takes 143 barrels of oil to produce 4,100 kwh per hour of electricity.

In 1986, paper recycling in the United States saved over 30 times as much energy as the total output of the Austin electric generating system. Pretty impressive. But, we can do better. Remember, paper other than newsprint can also be recycled — bond paper, computer paper, junk mail, it's ALL recyclable.

The production of glass from recycled material uses 32 percent less energy than the conventional manufacturing process. Recycled glass also replaces high-grade sand, soda ash, limestone and feldspar in making new bottles.

Now what about aluminum? Recycling aluminum saves 95 percent of the energy needed to produce new aluminum from bauxite. This means you can recycle 20 cans into new ones with the energy required to make one aluminum can from scratch.

What else can we recycle that translates into an energy savings? Well, what about steel? You know, tinned cans. They can be recycled.

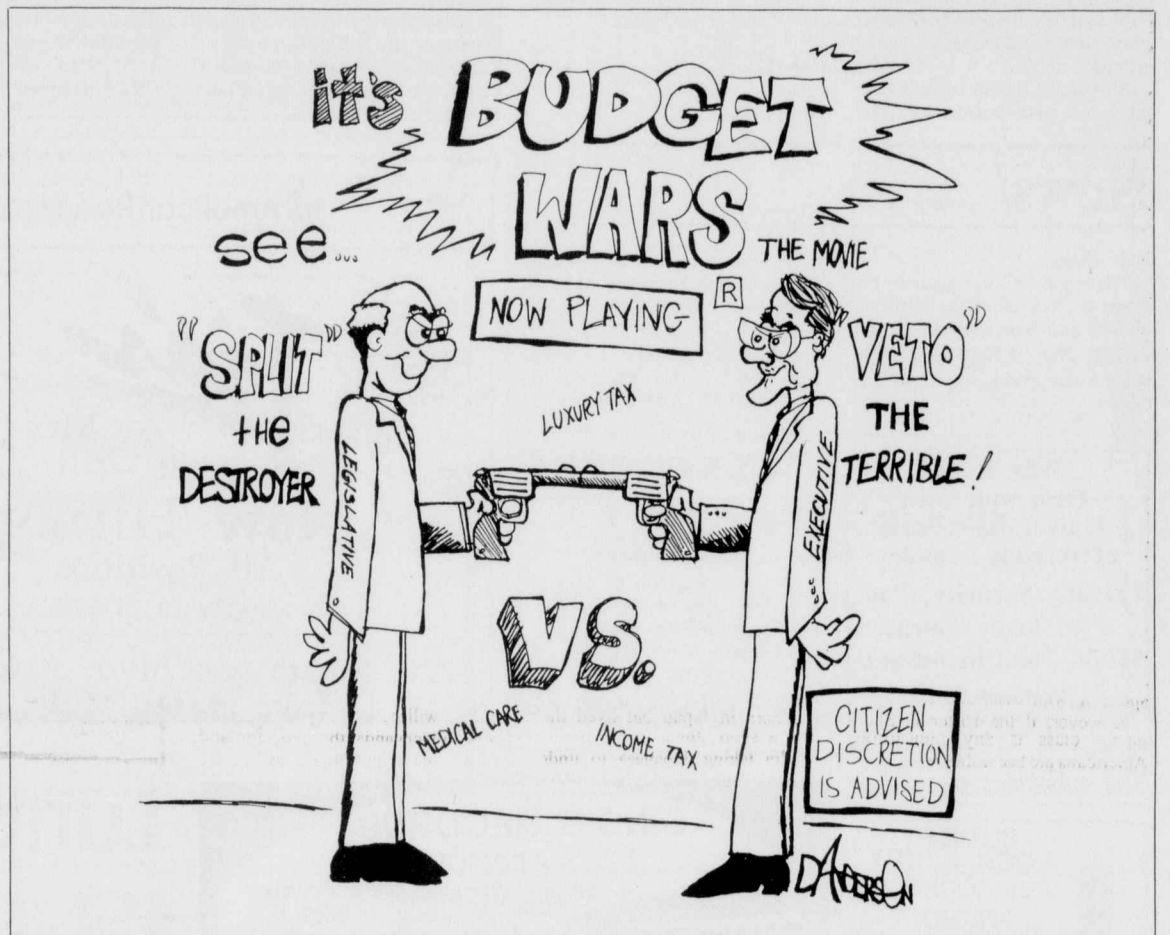
Through recycling, the steel industry saves an average of 600 trillion BTU (British thermal units) each year (102 million barrels of oil), enough to electrically power more than 18 million households. The British thermal unit is the energy needed to warm one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Basically, it takes four times as much energy to make steel from virgin iron ore as it takes to make the same steel from scrap. As a sideline, tin, an expensive, imported component in most steel cans is separated from the steel and resold. Also, recycling produces no environmentally harmful oxides which are by-products during the initial chemical manufacturing of ore to metals.

Okay, so we are saving energy by recycling, but what does that mean? Saving energy means reducing the use of fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas. Reducing the use of fossil fuels translates into reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the environment. Reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the environment slows the rate of global warming.

If you and eight friends recycled your newspapers for one year (approximately 240 lbs. paper/person) 143 barrels of oil would be saved. If 500,000 people recycled newspaper year round, over 8 million barrels of oil would be saved. This could be done just in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolis easily. Think how much oil would be saved if everyone recycled.

Recycling - a small price to pay for helping retain our quality of life for ourselves and the next generation.



Minor league ball not the same

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
 Columnist



When I was a young boy, my favorite time of the year was summer, and my favorite summer moments were those spent watching baseball games. Not just on television, but actually seeing games

at the ballpark.

Preparation for the journey was ritual: digging out my glove for catching foul balls and finding my Padres cap to attain the proper mental state. Yelling for my dad to get in the car while he searched for reading material to pass the time (being an immigrant, he neither understood nor liked the game).

Tugging my little brothers up the stairs and leading everyone else in my family to the car. Counting down while the engine revved up, and watching the sky turn purple on the trip over. Baseball was an obsession that I could never fully satisfy — I couldn't play it, but that sure didn't mean I couldn't watch it. The difference here is my trips weren't to a glistening, major-league baseball palace, like most of you city slickers. My quests led to the very essence of the game.

The only team I could go to see with any regularity as a boy in Arkansas was Little Rock's own Arkansas Travelers — A-minor-league ball without any of the major-league trimmings. Their ballpark isn't a stadium; the name itself is Ray Winder Field.

It seats only five or six thousand people, with space for maybe a few hundred more on the grass behind the bullpen. There are no outfield seats, so every kid's dream of catching a home run ball is impossible. We were left to scramble for foul balls; I never caught one.

The park is "hosted" by the general manager. Bill Valentine is a fat guy in his 50s with a skinhead shave who roams the park with a walkie-talkie, greeting everyone present when he isn't filming television commercials for "the greatest show on dirt."

That show often includes performances between doubleheader games that were featured every Saturday. An old-timers' Dixieland jazz band used to play but eventually they all died. They weren't replaced, because

who plays Dixieland anymore?

Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller came to town at age 65 to pitch to "lucky contest winners." The intent was to get people to try their hitting prowess against a Hall of Famer. What actually transpired was the pathetic sight of 20-year-olds hammering balls thrown by a 65-year-old. The Chicken shows up once a year, but the biggest act of all is Captain Dynamite, who blows himself out of a coffin. What more could you ask for?

But wait, there is more. Every game is free with each night sponsored by a local bank, Jiffy Lube, or a Kentucky Fried Chicken. The food is also cheap — hot dogs still only cost a dollar, and the same for a plastic extra large souvenir cup of Coke. And yet the Travs always turned huge profits. Bill Valentine is the Master of Volume — not of sound, but of sales.

Speaking of sound, though, Ray Winder Field doesn't have electronic hand claps or other thundering sound effects. They just have an old-fashioned organist, playing old-fashioned songs on a decades-old organ. The fans, of course, were part of the sounds as well. Seats give way to bleachers along the third-base line, and with the bleachers come the bums. Drunk men in torn jeans, alongside drunk men in suits (since all games are played at night, some people come after work).

The Battery Pack has ceased to exist, now that anyone throwing batteries and other heavy metallic objects at the opposing players is permanently barred from the park. Hook Slide is gone, too. An 83-year-old man with no common sense and no known name would set a newspaper or box top down on the concrete in front of the bleachers and run 20 feet towards it, actually hook sliding in the "base." He's finally dead too, but apparently not from injuries.

Some of the players never seemed to die. For every Darryl Strawberry or Ozzie Guillen to come through the Texas League, there were five guys like Gotay Mills, who played seven years as the Travelers' center fielder, knowing he would never make it to the big leagues. He was from the Dominican Republic, and simply had nothing better to do with his life.

Or Jesus Mendez. While the announcer would pronounce his name the Hispanic

way, the rowdy crowds made him the star of the team for two years. "JESUS," "Praise Jesus," and "We GOTTA win now! We got Jesus batting for us!" were among the cries that pierced many a night.

The players, however, saw it differently. Sure, the kids in the park would scramble for autographs at every possible break — before games, between innings, after games. Usually, there was no accounting for the most popular players — they invariably were the .200 hitters hanging on for a few more months, never to be seen again the next year or any time after. But for that time and at that level of baseball, those players were IT — and they loved the attention.

But there was sadness there, too. I spent countless nights talking to the men in the bullpen, the ones who wait nervously for the chance to pitch and add up some stats. Most nights the chances never came for four of them. Just as on the major-league level, there was always one star "closer." The other guys just went along for the ride, feeling time tick away, feeling their lifelong dreams end. If you asked them "What's life in the minor leagues like?" they used to say "How many hours you got, kid?" Now they just tell kids to see "Bull Durham."

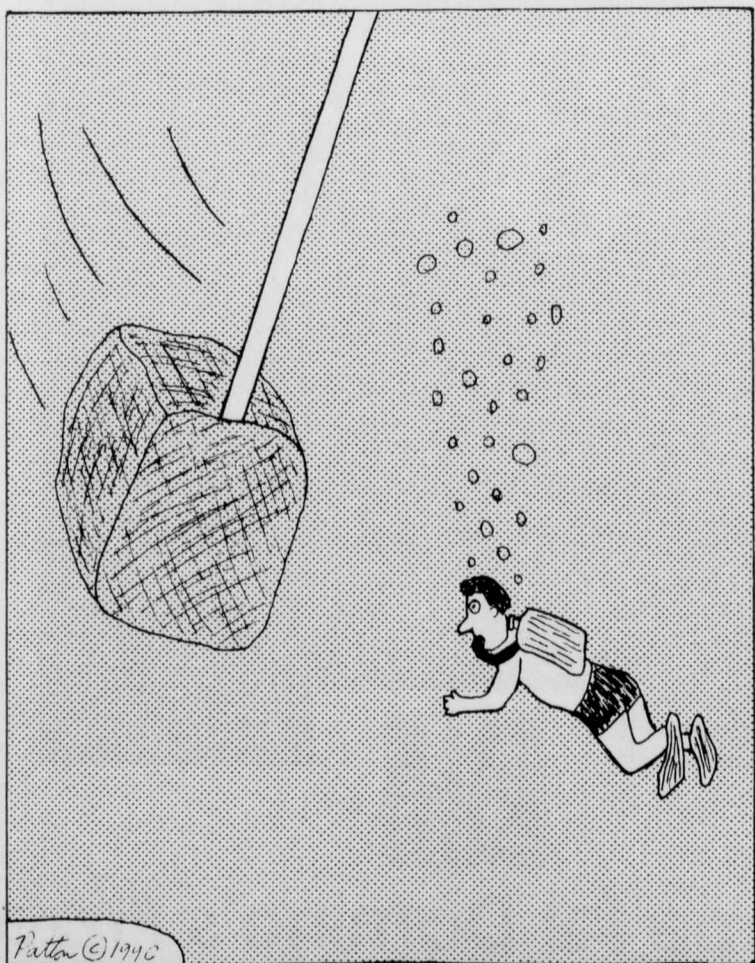
But September always brings hope. In September, each major-league team can add 15 players to their 25-man rosters. Thousands of players on the AA and AAA levels pray for that chance. Most are disappointed. The ones called up are thrown into the heat of the final month's race for first place or, at least, respectability. They're given three or four weeks to prove themselves. Most don't, and are never heard from again.

Baseball is no longer an obsession for me. While I still read the box scores faithfully, and catch Padres games when I visit San Diego in the summer, and wear a Padres cap and jacket, the game will never be the same for me. I got older, and met the men in the bullpen. I wrote features for my high school paper, and hung out in the clubhouse. I saw "Bull Durham." I saw my dream wasn't so dreamy after all.

And now that CBS has robbed me of weekly baseball games, showing only 16 games a year, the magnetic pull of Saturday afternoon television is gone. The season just ended, and with each one goes a part of me.

The 8th Dimension

by Edward Patton



More letters to the Editor

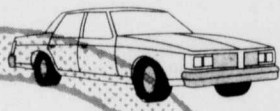
Students deserve parking equality

Do I not pay \$230 for every quality class hour here at TCU? Shall I not be respected by our administration for being a TCU student? Sorry, I am mistaken. I forgot "student" status meant I am on the lowest rung of the systematic totém pole. Therefore, who cares where I park? Right?

I feel TCU and their meager rendition of the Keystone Kops (Campus Police "Force") has distanced the student to a level of worthlessness as far as parking is concerned. With or without the meaningless \$15 student parking decal, we, the students, should be valued for the money we pump into our private, profiteering institution.

There should not be reserved parking spaces for the annual tuition hike Board of Trustees meeting, or the Alumni Scholarship get-together, or any other group, regardless of their reasons for crowding our campus. Neither should there be parking restricted for hall directors or "administration only."

All parking should be on a first-come-first-serve basis for everyone.



Everyone knows finding a suitable parking place at TCU is like finding Dean Proffer wasted at The Pub—not very good odds! So why barricade the minute number of parking places we have to fight over, for the cars of people with outside interests? Why restrict parking from students for any university titles at all? Rise up students! We are the heart of this school!

If we cannot park on our own campus to attend our costly classes, then the blood in this school will eventually cease to flow accordingly. An old saying sums up my opinion best: He who adorns himself as more righteous and privileged than others, will by the same belief, die for his unequal concern for others.

Greg Lemen
Senior
English

Tragedy lies in lack of understanding

In honor of Coming Out Week (albeit a little late), I too have decided to write an article for the Skiff. Those of you who are heterosexual may now be sitting there saying, "Great. Another homo." Well, you are wrong. And I hope those of you who are homosexual aren't fearing another ignorant letter regarding the rightness (or perhaps wrongness) of homosexuality. You see, proclaiming the benefits or detractions of either sexuality is not my purpose here; writing a letter just for receiving some warped pleasure out of telling the world one is or is not homosexual is not the issue at hand (contrary to a prevalent opinion on campus). Rather, I think the issue is the failure of us "normal" people to see the real intention behind Coming Out Week, and our failure to respond accordingly is nothing less than tragic.

I don't know how many of you have ever known anyone who is homosexual. It has been my experience that those friends of mine who go through finding out they are homosexual, experience a very confusing time. And, although I think

Brad Vanderbilt did take a couple of unnecessary shots in his column, his point, I believe, was to illustrate some of the difficulties homosexual people go through. All of us have the desire to be wanted, to be accepted, to be cared for. We all seek intimacy and companionship, because, as most of us who have experienced it will tell you (and I think most of us really have), loneliness can be a terrible thing. But to wake up in the morning knowing that society as a whole generally doesn't approve of you must be a tough thing to live with. For those homosexual persons who can admit that fact publicly, it must take a tremendous amount of courage, knowing that because they choose to exercise their rights, they will be ostracized and outcast by some of society. It is a tragedy that instead of being aware of the tremendous spirit some of these people possess as a result of their struggle, we heterosexuals continue to condemn them and think of them as "wrong," "less-than" or just "strange."

And why do we continue to do this? I think the answer lies in our

lack of understanding, and the tragedy is born in our lack of desire to understand. Instead of making the effort to try to understand what homosexuality is and how it "fits-in" to the human world, we find it easier to sit back and scream, shout and condemn those who have the courage to admit it not only to us, but to themselves as well. Instead of making the effort to care about these people, we find it easier to avoid them, simply because we are afraid of the unknown, and homosexuality really is the unknown to most of us. We don't understand how one person can be attracted to another of the same gender, and our reactions often are violently against it. But instead of admitting that fact, instead of admitting that we don't understand, we simply put up a wall of condemnation toward those who we can't understand, and frankly don't want to. And this lack of awareness, our inability to perceive that we don't truly understand, is tragic.

I am a heterosexual person; I do not understand homosexuality. That lack of understanding cer-

tainly doesn't allow me to "condone" homosexuality, but neither does it give me the right to condemn it. I can, however, acknowledge the fact that there are friends of mine, who I care about, who are homosexual. I can recognize their struggle and their spirit, and if for nothing else than that, I can admire them for their courage, a courage I don't know if I would have were I in their shoes.

Instead of condemning the next homosexual person you meet, try asking questions instead. It doesn't mean you have to become homosexual; you don't even have to "condone" it. Simply treat fellow humans with the courtesy with which you would treat anyone else, and try to understand, as best as you can, something that is probably as quite incomprehensible to you as it is to me. Perhaps then the world will truly be a kinder, gentler place to live.

Russ Strader
Senior
Religion

News/ from page 1

man interest.

The rest of the occurrences are not reported since the little details of classes and homework keep staff writers from running around 24 hours a day getting interviews and stories.

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Sports

Cross country race season's best

By JENNIFER KRIDER
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women finished fourth and men finished fifth at the SWC Pre-Conference Cross Country Meet at Texas A&M Thursday. The women ended with 111 points, and the men ended with 124 points.

Sophomore Chloe Schuetzeberg placed 13th in the women's 5-kilometer race with a time of 19 minutes, 2.2 seconds. Sophomore Glen LeGros finished second in the men's 5-mile race with a time of 24:48.3.

"Both the men and women ran the best they've run all season," said TCU cross country coach John

McKenzie.

"The course at A&M is very fast," said junior Toni Sythes. "There aren't a lot of hills like we're used to running on."

The team had two weeks to practice for Thursday's meet and to rest from its meet Oct. 5. Many runners said the break was needed.

"The two-week rest between meets helped the team's times a lot," said sophomore Keith Pickett. "We weren't as tired as we were last year when we had three to four meets in a row. Plus we were able to get a lot of good workouts in."

In their workouts, the Frogs emphasized being able to run farther

with higher endurance.

One of the exercises they did was called a high-steady-state. They run a 10-mile course, trying to simulate racing conditions and improve their race pace. Their goal is to run each mile between 5-6 minutes, but closer to 5, McKenzie said.

The course the team ran at Texas A&M is the same course they will run in the 71st annual SWC Cross Country Championship, Oct. 29.

"If the team puts it all together, we could finish in fourth place, which would be good," McKenzie said. "But the main thing is to improve each meet, which the team has been doing."

While the rest of the school has been concentrating on midterms, the Frogs continued to practice two to two and a half hours a day.

"Around midterms it is easier to over-train, which is a coach's biggest concern," McKenzie said. "I observe a lot to see how the runners are doing. But by the time I can see that they are tired and stressed it's too late."

"I rely on a lot of communication with the runners to see if they need to relax and do some easy workouts."

"He (McKenzie) is real good about it if you have a test or have to study," Schuetzeberg said. "He lets you work out a schedule that is the best for you."

No. 9 Houston outruns, outshoots Ponies, 44-17

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
TCU Daily Skiff

Six NCAA records were set Saturday at Ownby Stadium, but don't ask Houston quarterback David Klingler, the man who set them.

He couldn't tell anyone. He didn't know.

"The records don't matter," Klingler said. "You could set all the records in the world, and if you're not winning, it doesn't matter."

Klingler and the ninth-ranked

Cougars did win, 44-17, over SMU. The victory was Klingler's sixth straight as a starter and stretched Houston's win streak to 10, the nation's longest active streak.

Klingler's 76 pass attempts broke the NCAA record of 73 set by North Carolina State's Shane Montgomery in 1989. His 48 completions were a new record. His 82 total plays, which is the total of his passing and rushing attempts, were also a new record.

He also set new records for a single half with 48 attempts, 32 com-

pletions and 52 total plays.

Klingler also threw for 461 yards, a personal best and the seventh-best passing day in SWC history.

"If I do my job and I'm 100 percent, then all the records will be broken," Klingler said. "A win is all I'm looking for. Just putting together a scoring drive and putting some points on the scoreboard."

"I could have broken 30 records, but if he had lost, it wouldn't have mattered," he said.

Klingler put together four first-

quarter scoring drives as his Cougars rolled up 209 yards of offense and took a 20-0 lead. Klingler threw touchdown passes of 17 and eight yards to wide receiver John Brown III. Roman Anderson made field goals of 27 and 22 yards also in the first quarter.

The Cougars were helped by four SMU turnovers in the first quarter, three fumbles and an interception.

"It could have been much worse than it was," said SMU head coach Forrest Gregg.

SWC Wire

SWC Football

TCU	SWC	All
Texas	3-0	5-1
Texas	2-0	4-1
Baylor	2-1-1	3-3-1
Texas A&M	1-1-1	4-2-1
Rice	1-3	3-4
Texas Tech	1-4	2-5
Arkansas	0-3	2-4
SMU	0-3	1-5
x-Houston	5-0	6-0

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AP Top 25

Record	Team	Points	Record	Team	Points
7-0	Virginia (45)	1,469	1	6-0	Houston (1)
5-0-1	Auburn (4)	1,370	5	6-1	Washington
5-1	Notre Dame (5)	1,369	6	4-2	Miami, Fla.
7-0	Nebraska (5)	1,352	4	5-1	BYU
5-1	Illinois	1,219	8	6-1-1	Colorado
6-0	Houston (1)	1,180	9	4-1-2	Tennessee
6-1	Washington	1,106	13	4-2	Florida State
4-2	Miami, Fla.	1,061	2	4-1	Texas
5-1	BYU	972	12	6-1	Florida
6-1-1	Colorado	930	14	5-1	Iowa
5-0-1	Tennessee	899	3	5-0-1	Georgia Tech
4-2	Florida State	795	7	6-1	Ole Miss
4-1	Texas	689	19	8-0	Wyoming
6-1	Florida	681	17	6-2	Clayton
5-1	Iowa	665	23	3-3	Michigan
5-0-1	Georgia Tech	628	11	5-2	Southern Cal
6-1	Ole Miss	606	18	5-2	Oklahoma
8-0	Wyoming	426	21	5-2	Arizona
6-2	Clayton	414	22	5-1	TCU
3-3	Michigan	373	10	5-2	Oregon
5-2	Southern Cal	300	15	5-1	161
5-2	Oklahoma	196	16	5-2	98
5-2	Arizona	172	—		
5-1	TCU	161	—		
5-2	Oregon	98	—		

The Longhorns prolonged the Razorbacks three-game slide, 49-17, by scoring 29 unanswered fourth-quarter points on the shaky Hogs defense. Texas QB Peter Gardere passed for 209 yards and a touchdown in the Horns' most lopsided victory over Arkansas since 1970.

Baylor fumbled five times, and A&M turned it over twice, but neither team was able to capitalize. Baylor QB J.J. Joe passed for 134 yards and a touchdown, while A&M's RB Darren Lewis rushed for 179 yards.

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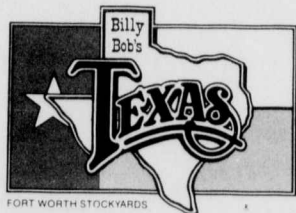
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News

Professor uses tanks to study impact of insecticide on lakes

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

While many may have seen the columns of white tanks near the intramural fields, few may have asked why they are there.

For the TCU geology department, the white tanks play an essential role in the research of lake ecology.

Ray Drenner, professor of geology, recently concluded an experiment using the tanks on the effects of Bifenthrin, an insecticide, on lake food webs.

A lake food web describes the interdependency of all living things in a lake environment. When one creature in the web is affected, the entire web is affected.

Bifenthrin is used worldwide on crops to destroy insects. The goal of the experiment was to determine the effects of the insecticide on water ecology.

Drenner said he experimented on water samples taken from Worth Hills pond.

Drenner said the pond has a nor-

mal plankton composition, containing two types of plankton, zooplankton and phytoplankton.

The experiment revealed that Bifenthrin killed one type of plankton and fish.

If the plankton and fish are killed, then animals that feed on them will have less to eat. These animals will die out. This process will continue along the food chain. The entire food web will be altered, Drenner said.

"This would cut down on sport fishing as well as continuing fish population," Drenner said.

"The conclusion of the experiment was not that Bifenthrin should not be used. Rather, if used improperly, that Bifenthrin will have serious effects on the food web of lakes," Drenner said.

Bifenthrin does not have a harmful effect on humans, birds or other mammals, Drenner said.

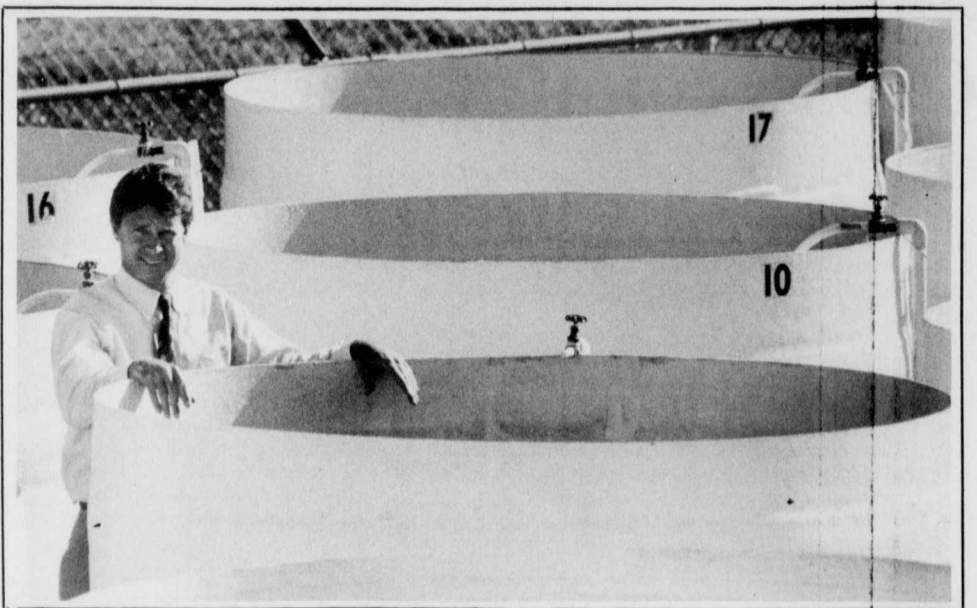
The experiment on Bifenthrin, which lasted six weeks this summer, is an example of the type of experiment Drenner has been conducting at the outdoor laboratory.

Drenner, who has been at TCU for 13 years, has conducted ten experiments in the tanks since they were first installed in 1987. TCU is one of only six institutions that have experimental facilities comparable to the tanks, Drenner said.

"The facility has 30 tanks that hold up to 1500 gallons of water," Drenner said. "When an experiment is being conducted, water from lakes across the state can be brought in. This allows researchers to perform experiments on lake ecology without having to conduct the experiments at an actual lake setting. This reduces the possibility of lake contamination."

The facility also can hold up to three separate lake communities at one time, which allows a researcher more insight into the different effects of the variable being studied, Drenner said.

Once an experiment is completed, Drenner says he prepares his findings and conclusions for publication. But the process of having a work published is a long one, he said.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

Ray Drenner conducted an experiment on the effects of insecticides in lake ecology.

"After the report is finished, it will be evaluated by colleagues in biology," Drenner said. "This usually takes six months to a year. If any changes are to be made, revisions that take up to six months are necessary before the final report is sent to

be published. There is usually a year-long backlog of reports. Basically it takes two years for your findings to be published."


While Drenner oversees many of the experiments, he has help from students and other professors.


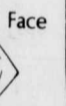
"Dr. Durward Smith and myself have worked on many experiments together," Drenner said. "Dr. Smith is a microbiologist and biochemist and we compliment each other. I also have a lot of student input while conducting experiments."

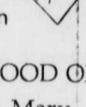
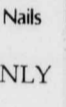


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