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Third hostage set free; another to be released

American liberated after five-year captivity

By NESHA STARCEVIC
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — American Joseph Cicippio was freed Monday after five years of captivity in Lebanon, and the U.N. secretary-general said another U.S. hostage could be released in days.

Cicippio, 61, could muster only a weak smile and brief remarks when he met with reporters at the Syrian Foreign Ministry. He told of being moved 20 times during his captivity, of undergoing emergency surgery, of being denied newspapers, radio or television by his pro-Iranian kidnapers.

"I have to learn everything all over again," he said.

Hours after being freed in Beirut and driven to the Syrian capital, Cicippio was reunited with his Lebanese wife, Elham. He then was flown to Germany.

He arrived at Rhein-Main air base outside Frankfurt on Monday night, and was taken to an Air Force hospital in nearby Wiesbaden to undergo medical checks and a State Department debriefing.

Two Americans, journalist Terry Anderson and educator Alann Steen, and two Germans are still held.

"I hope that in the next few days I could have one more," said Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. "It will be probably Mr. Steen, and I hope that Mr. Anderson is not too far away from being freed."

He expressed thanks "mainly to the government of Iran, and second to the government of Syria, and of course the government of Israel, but the government of Israel has, of course, its own interest."

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JOSEPH CICIPPIO,
Former hostage

The United States paid Iran \$260 million Monday to compensate for weaponry seized during the 1979-80 Tehran hostage crisis. U.S. and Iranian officials have consistently denied any link between the financial arbitrations and hostages held in Lebanon.

Cicippio told reporters in Damascus he had surgery for a stomach ailment in the past two months, adding, "I'm very happy about that, or I may not have been here this day."

In the United States, Thomas Cicippio said his brother had an intestinal blockage.

Cicippio's family in Norristown, Pa., watched his televised news conference. His sister, Helen Fazio, cried throughout the broadcast, saying, "He's not well. He doesn't look well at all."

On arrival in Germany, Cicippio was greeted by U.S. Ambassador Robert M. Kimmitt and about a dozen military personnel. After descending the airplane, he walked a bit unsteadily, and Kimmitt held him under the arm as they headed to a waiting van.

Cicippio waved to reporters and the crowd standing nearby, but made no comments.

Cicippio was acting comptroller of the American University of Beirut when he was kidnapped Sept. 12,

1986.

On Monday he was clean-shaven, missing the beard he grew while being held by the Shiite Muslim group Revolutionary Justice Organization.

"I'm happy it's over," Cicippio told the reporters in Damascus. "I'd like to put it all behind me. And I'd like to get going to the next day as my first new day of my new life."

"They said they hoped they (hostages) would all be released by the end of this year, that everything has been more or less resolved now," he said.

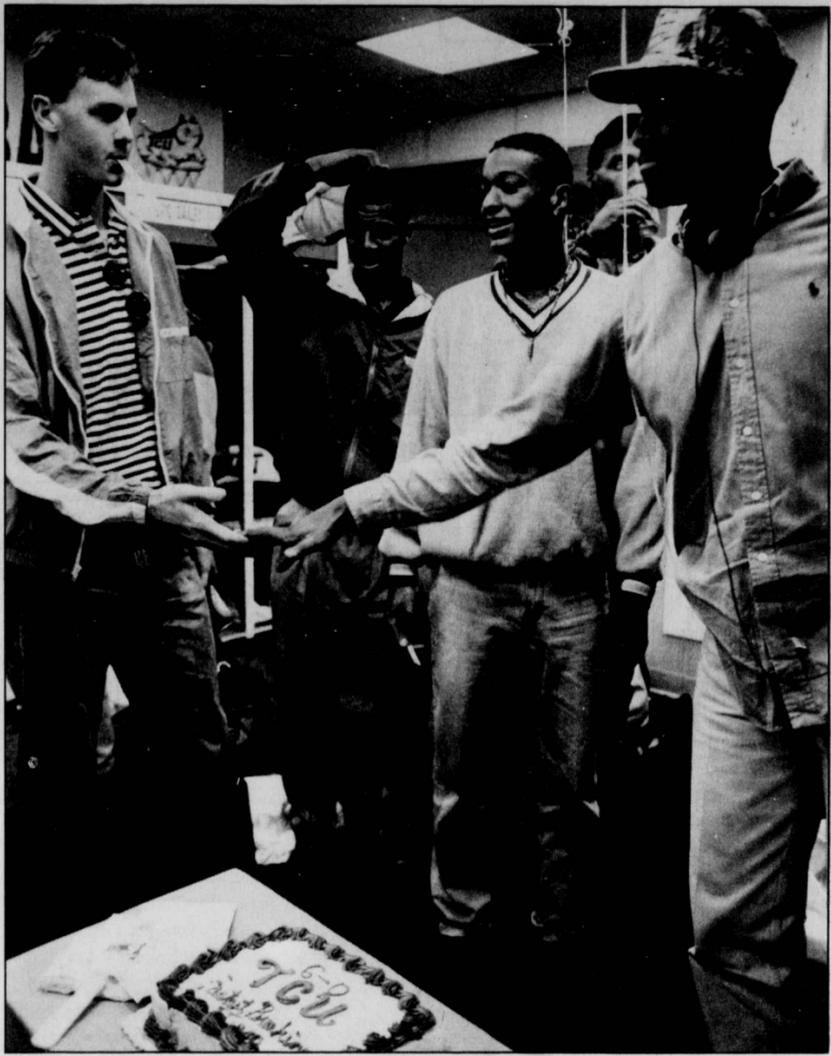
"We hope within a week there will be other hostages to be released," said Syrian foreign minister Farouk al-Sharaa.

Asked in Jerusalem if he thought the hostage ordeal would be over by Christmas, Israel's chief hostage negotiator Uri Lubrani said, "I am continuing to hope so."

Lubrani said Israel would release its key Arab bargaining chip, detained Lebanese Hezbollah leader Sheik Abdul-Karim Obeid, "only after we receive our prisoners and missing."

The remaining American captives are Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, who has been held for nearly seven years; and Steen, a hostage for nearly five years.

Two Germans relief workers also are held. Their release is believed to hinge on freedom for two Lebanese brothers imprisoned in Germany for terrorism. The brothers' elder sibling is security chief in Beirut for Hezbollah, the Shiite faction believed to be an umbrella group for the kidnapers.



TCU Daily Skiff/Jessica Mann

After winning the San Juan Shoot-out in Puerto Rico, Frog basketball players Bobby Frain, David Preston, Allen Tolley and Eric Dailey celebrate with the team in the locker room. The team's record is now 6-0. See story on page 5.

Complications develop in peace talks

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration overcame one dispute with Palestinian Arabs Monday but confronted the possibility of the Mideast peace talks opening Wednesday without Israel.

Despite expressions of confidence by U.S. officials that an Israeli delegation would show up, Israeli sources said their representatives would not arrive until the end of the week, thereby sticking to Israel's insistence that the negotiations be delayed until next Monday.

"There will be no Israeli delegation before then, low-level or otherwise," said the sources, insisting on anonymity.

U.S. officials said the talks probably would be held at the State Department.

Margaret D. Tutwiler, department spokeswoman, said there was no final deci-

sion on the location. Officials were already giving up their offices to make room for the visitors.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III set Wednesday in Washington as the time and place for resuming the peace conference that recessed in Madrid, Spain, on Nov. 4 after a ceremonial and procedural opening.

The main issues to be negotiated include self-rule for Palestinians who live under Israeli control, the Arabs' refusal to accept a Jewish state in the region and Israel's retention of lands captured from Syria and Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day war.

Israel's Cabinet on Sunday demanded the talks be delayed until next Monday to give Israel's negotiators more time to prepare.

Palestinian delegates threatened to stay home unless advisers with strong ties to the Palestine Liberation Organization were given visas. They left for Washington Monday night after six hours of negotiations with U.S.

officials in Amman, Jordan.

Visas may not be issued under the law to PLO officers or others prominent in Yasser Arafat's organization because Congress judged it to be engaged in terrorism. Waivers may be granted for humanitarian and other special reasons.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no need to consider any waivers and that all Palestinians coming here qualified for visas.

They said Palestinians who would not qualify had been persuaded not to apply.

The officials also said Israel would send diplomats to Washington in time for the opening on Wednesday. There were hints last week in Jerusalem that low-level officials would show up but there was no assurance they would engage in substantive negotiations before Monday.

R.O.A.D. Workers win national chapter award

By KRISTIN CORBETT
TCU Daily Skiff

The university's Responsibility of Alcohol and Drug Workers has been honored for the third year as a national outstanding chapter.

The award was given at the Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students (BACCHUS) convention Nov. 15 through 17 in Indianapolis.

"Our strongest point is our programming," said Penny Woodcock, special weeks chairwoman.

R.O.A.D. Workers is responsible for Health Enrichment Week, Safe Break Week and Safe Holiday, Woodcock said.

"We reach a lot of people," she said. "During Health Enrichment Week, 15,000 people participated."

R.O.A.D. Workers also presents Orientation II programs at the request of residence halls, athletic teams, sororities and fraternities. Those programs cover topics such as alcohol use, drinking and driving and dating.

Woodcock said the organization's main goal was to raise alcohol awareness on the campus.

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PENNY WOODCOCK,
Special Weeks Chairwoman

"It was really nice to get the recognition from the national group for our work, but it's not our goal," she said.

Woodcock attended the convention with Cathi Wentworth, alcohol and drug educator, and A.J. Grove, junior R.O.A.D. worker.

"There's a twofold benefit (of the convention)," Woodcock said. "We make TCU's program known, but we also come back with so many different ideas and directions. There are new approaches to an old subject."

The university chapter presented a program about starting and sustaining a BACCHUS chapter.

R.O.A.D. Workers were awarded \$400, which will go into the budget and be used for future programs

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Today's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 48 degrees.
Wednesday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 52.



Cliburn concert

Award-winning pianist, cellist to perform chamber music recital

By LEANNA STALEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Cellist Yo-yo Ma and pianist Emanuel Ax will perform a duo-recital at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Ma and Ax have played music together since they were children. They met while students at the Juilliard School.

They have recorded albums together and two of their recordings won Grammy Awards.

Ma has won three Grammys for his solo recordings.

Together, the musicians will perform chamber musical compositions of Beethoven, Brahms, Bolcun and Chopin.

Chamber music is a different kind of music from performances by an orchestra, said Beth Wareham, marketing manager of Cliburn Concerts.

Essentially, chamber music is written for duos, trios and quartets, Wareham said.

Chamber performances have an intimate characteristic and are played

for smaller audiences, she said.

This concert marks the halfway point for this year's Cliburn Concert Recital Series, Wareham said.

"This is the first time Yo-yo has performed here and Emanuel Ax performed here about six years ago," she said.

The concert is scheduled to last until about 10:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 335-9000. Student tickets are \$10, unreserved seats are \$17.50 and reserved tickets are \$30.

Soldier pleads guilty to espionage

Associated Press

HEIDELBERG, Germany — An American soldier has admitted he spied for Jordan during the Desert Storm buildup and was sentenced to 34 years in prison, the U.S. Army said Monday.

Army headquarters in Heidelberg said Spc. Albert T. Sombolay also admitted getting in touch with Iraqi

officials. He pleaded guilty to charges of espionage and contacting the enemy.

Sombolay was paid "about \$1,300 for his activities," the Army said.

Sombolay was arrested March 29 and sentenced in July, but information about the case was delayed so investigators could continue the probe, the Army statement said. It provided no other details.

"During an investigation prior to his arrest, Sombolay had told an undercover agent he had initiated contact with the Jordanian and Iraqi embassies in Belgium and Germany in December 1990," the American military said.

At the time, the United States and its allies were building up troop

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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.

Barefoot in the Park, will be performed at 7:30 tonight in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased with a mealcard at the door.

Commuter Student Union will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center. For more information, call 478-7221.

Parabola will meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Winton Scott Room 145. Rhonda Hatcher will speak about "Plato's Dice."

\$1,500 Scholarship available for an English graduate or undergraduate student who plans formal study in Great Britain in the summer of 1992. For application information call Professors Keith C. Odom or Neil Daniel at ext. 7240.

New Stamp Machine is now located in the lobby of the south entrance to the Student Center outside the reading room. The stamp machine in the Post Office has been removed. Students may now purchase stamps until midnight, when the Student Center closes.

Adult Survivors of Incest groups are now being organized at the Counseling Center. For information call Barbara Moore at extension 7863 for a pre-group interview.

Adult Children of Alcoholics groups are now being organized at the Counseling Center. Groups are open to students, staff and faculty. For more information call Larry Withers at 921-7863.

TCU StudentHandbook/Calendar is available at the Student Center Information desk. Just ask.

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Volunteers needed to assist with educational activities for children who are developmentally delayed. Available between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers are needed to work with families under stress to help improve parenting skills and help prevent child abuse and neglect. Training begins in January.

Volunteers are needed to help run a recycling center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 5709 Old Granbury Road. For more information, call Mark Germario at 346-8229.

Volunteers are needed at a city agency to assist with a local employment program by telephoning employers and obtaining a weekly job list.

Volunteers are needed at a city agency to greet and register clients and help schedule appointments. Available between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls from latchkey kids — listen, help with homework or read to them. Weekdays 3 to 6 p.m.

Volunteer tutors are needed from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the East Side Boys and Girls Club. Call LeeAnn Williams at 534-1777.

Correction

In the story about the Miss Texas Pageant in the Nov. 26 edition of the Skiff, the age limit for applicants was incorrectly reported as 18 to 20. The actual age requirement is 18 to 25. The Skiff regrets the error.

Greek award recognizes excellence

By BRANDY ANDERSON TCU Daily Skiff

TCU sororities and fraternities will be honored next spring with the Chancellor's Award for Fraternal Excellence.

"This award was created to recognize outstanding fraternity and sorority chapters on campus," said Amy Sturhahn, Greek Affairs program adviser.

In order to receive this award, chapters must meet 10 criteria, Sturhahn said.

"There is no set number of winners for this award," she said. "Any number of chapters could receive the award as long as they meet the requirements."

The criteria include scholarship, finances, Greek relations, community service/relations, campus involvement, new member education, alumni relations, rush, chapter awards and a general category.

The award is based on a chapter's activities for one year, beginning Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31.

Winning chapters will receive a framed certificate and an award announcement sent to the chapter's national organization, Sturhahn said.

A large plaque will be placed in the Student Center, and each winning chapter's name will be engraved on it.

A Chancellor's Commendation award will be given to fraternity and sorority chapters that meet all but one of the required criteria.

"The Chancellor's Award for Fraternal Excellence is a very prestigious award," Sturhahn said. "It alerts the community to all the positive things that Greeks at TCU do."

Sororities and fraternities interested in the award can apply through the Greek Affairs adviser in the Student Activities office, Sturhahn said. The application deadline for the award is Dec. 31.

The award will be presented at the Greek Week banquet in April.

Ye gods & little fishes by Stev Kline



Insanity Fair by Joe Barnes



Siege by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson



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strength in Saudi Arabia before launching Desert Storm, the offensive to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

The statement continued: "He subsequently admitted to providing Desert Shield-Desert Storm deployment information, identification documents and samples of U.S. Army chemical protection equipment to a

foreign intelligence officer from Jordan."

U.S. Army spokesman Jim Boyle said he did not know the soldier's hometown. Sombolay served in an artillery unit and was based with the 8th Infantry Division, which has its headquarters in the central German city of Bad Kreuznach.

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Influenza

The bug has hit campus early this year

The flu season has struck this campus early this year. Students need to be conscious of its symptoms and take care of themselves.

Dr. Burton W. Schwartz of the health center said this campus usually is affected by the virus after the Christmas break, but this year it hit before Thanksgiving.

With the weather changing every day and temperatures dropping several degrees over a short time people are more prone to colds and the flu.

According to the State Health Department and the Tarrant County Health Department, there are two types of influenza (influenza a and influenza b) which have affected Texas and at least 25 other states, Schwartz said.

Although there is a flu shot available, there is a limited supply of vaccine available and the shot will not take effect for six weeks, Schwartz said.

Right now the health center does not have any more flu vaccines available, but other area clinics and private doctors may have some, he said.

However, some clinics and hospitals also have been forced to turn away patients seeking the flu shot because of the short supply.

In Florida, the epidemic is so severe that hospitals and clinics are looking towards out-of-state facilities for more vaccination supplies.

Many schools in New Jersey and other states throughout the U.S. have canceled classes temporarily because of an epidemic or the possibility of one.

Students on campus should be looking for severe cold-like symptoms including severe muscle aches and an unusually high fever, Schwartz said.

Colds and the flu differ based on the severity of the symptoms. The flu usually comes with temperatures higher than 100 degrees, while the fever from the common cold is usually much lower and less constant.

Anyone who thinks they might have the flu should go to their doctor or the health center immediately.

The flu is not just a cold. Influenza is a virus that cannot be treated with medicine.

Antibiotics can be prescribed for any complications like ear aches, sore throats, etc., but other than that there are no cures currently available for the virus.

Influenza needs to be treated immediately because it can develop into more severe illnesses like bronchitis and pneumonia. Pneumonia can be fatal if not treated correctly.

The best treatments for influenza are usually the home remedies familiar to most, like hot soup and lots of orange juice.

One thing students should be warned against is taking aspirin. Aspirin can cause other complications, such as Reye's syndrome, Schwartz said.

Anyone who thinks they may have the virus can take things like Nuprin, Advil, other ibuprofins or Tylenol.

Anyone with the virus should get lots of bed rest, drink lots of nutritious juices like orange juice and Gatorade, and eat foods high in vitamin and protein content.

Coke and alcoholic beverages don't have the nutritional content to help the body battle this virus, Schwartz said.

The virus should not be taken lightly. Students' lifestyles, late nights and poor eating habits, make them more prone to such diseases.

Although this wave of the virus came early, that doesn't mean another can't hit after the holidays.

Be careful, especially with finals and end-of-semester pressures coming up, it is easy to forget to eat or not get enough sleep.

Take care of yourselves, drink lots of nutritious beverages, eat your vegetables and go to bed early.



Accept the marketplace of ideas

By MATT HUNT
Columnist

The letter in *Newsweek* read, "Some people think that David Duke is dangerous. In a nation full of reverse discrimination, I think he is a savior."

When first looking at this comment, there is a temptation to pigeonhole it in the category of the ramblings of idiots. But we cannot do that without being guilty of discrimination.

And we have been guilty of discrimination for far too long, and we remain guilty of it.

The writer of the letter correctly said our nation is full of reverse discrimination. We discriminate against people who have biases, who are bigots.

Actually, it goes beyond that. We discriminate against those who are different; we always have and we probably always will.

This is unfortunate because when we discriminate against them, we discount their ideas.

An idea is a valuable thing, something to be treasured always. Unfortunately, all too often we discard an idea because of who presents it.

Suppose David Duke thought of a plan to get out of the deficit, would we listen? No. Why not? Because he's David Duke.

An idea is a valuable thing, something to be treasured always. Unfortunately, all too often we discard an idea because of who presents it.

Then there's Reverend Rambo. You know him, the guy who shows up on the median every so often telling us we're going to hell. No one respects him; no one really listens to him. He's obnoxious and annoying, our own televangelist.

And he could tell us some great universal truth, but we would dismiss it because he's Reverend Rambo.

In this age of political correctness, we blast racists, televangelists and bigots. This is wrong.

I don't mean they are necessarily right. I don't agree with their views, but I should not dismiss them. None of us should.

David Duke came close to being governor of Louisiana, our next-door neighbor — we'd better not dismiss him. He has started a trend of KKK-minded people running for political office; we cannot dismiss their ideology. I'm not saying I agree with it; I'm say-

ing we should listen.

Here at TCU, there has been much talk of multiculturalism.

The idea of learning the concepts of different cultures and exposing ourselves to new ideas is wonderful. We should always try to look at ideas and go over them carefully. We need to consider every idea that presents itself.

We live in a nation where everyone has rights.

The right to hold religious views, the right to speak freely and the right to be treated as a person. It's so easy to dismiss these rights because someone is a Nazi or a KKK member.

We continually give in to the temptation of ignoring ideas we don't agree with. Just as Reverend Rambo dismisses our arguments when we present them on the median. Just as David Duke dismisses blacks and Jews as part of America.

We can't be like them — we have to be better. We have to accept a free exchange of ideas.

We must learn not to pigeonhole people or their thoughts. We must examine every idea and every belief carefully. We must accept people as people, and their ideas as valid. Then we can make decisions on whether or not their ideas are true.

'Heroes' send wrong message to youth

By JEFF JETER
Columnist

Can we redefine our terms a little bit?

On Nov. 7, Ervin "Magic" Johnson announced his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers basketball organization. In doing so, he revealed he has tested HIV positive and has contracted the AIDS virus.

Immediately, Johnson is praised as a "hero." Teary-eyed sportscasters and emotional basketball players all unite in calling Johnson "a wonderful hero and role model for our nation's youth."

And then on Nov. 23, Freddie Mercury, lead vocalist for the rock band Queen, died as a result of complications from the AIDS virus. His corpse had hardly achieved room temperature before his peers in the media and music industry begin eulogizing him as a hero.

What kind of heroes are these? Both of these men had everything and lost it all because of their own stupidity and irresponsibility. Yes, we should feel sympathy for both of them and should feel compassion for the pain each suffers. Yes, we can revel in the past accomplishments of each. Johnson was a great basketball star and Mercury was a great rock singer. But by proclaiming these individuals "heroes" and "role models," we are sending a dangerous message to the nation's youth.

The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, is a very deadly, expensive epidemic. Each year, more and more money is allotted for AIDS research. Throughout the nation, government and health care officials are left in a daze, trying to safeguard society against the menace of this disease, while "heroes" such as Johnson and Mercury continue to engage in behavior they undoubtedly know is dangerous.

Unfortunately, the answers are self-evident. AIDS is very preventable. But judging from the messages with which the militant homosexual lobby is inundating the media,

"The message being broadcast to the masses is that the practices which transmit these diseases are noble — after all, Magic did it and he is a hero.

AIDS is much more complicated than this.

In June, members of the homosexual organization ACT-UP staged a demonstration in front of the White House featuring men lying on the sidewalk with mock tombstones at their heads to represent the number of AIDS deaths last year. The posters and placards read, "Silence Equals Death."

As always, they were arguing that the federal government is not doing enough to combat AIDS. While AIDS continues to receive more money than any other disease, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta reports that between 1981 and 1991, there were only 116,000 people dying of AIDS, compared to seven million dying from heart disease and four million dying from cancer. Still, the constant refrain from the gay community is that the AIDS virus is somehow the fault of society.

But AIDS victims are not the victims of society — the United States did not kill anyone. The vast majority of these people are victims of their own vices. The CDC also determined that 59 percent of AIDS cases result from male homosexual behavior, 22 percent result from contaminated needles from IV drug use and 13 percent from heterosexual relations with infected drug addicts or infected sexual partners.

The vast majority of AIDS victims have killed themselves because either they could not or would not control their own suicidal appetites. Indeed, the remainder of AIDS cases (a minute minority, in fact) all stem from the negligence and self-indulgence of other AIDS carriers who victimize the inno-

cent. Ultimately, however, all cases of AIDS are the result of someone's selfish irresponsibility.

The answer to the AIDS epidemic is very simple: curb irresponsible behavior. Morality has become passe and laughable at best in contemporary American society. Schools pass out condoms without teaching that there is virtue in abstinence. And then children are bombarded with these ridiculous claims that AIDS carriers such as Magic Johnson and Freddie Mercury are heroes. The message being broadcast to the masses is that the practices which transmit these diseases are noble — after all, Magic did it and he is a hero.

Then there is the "kids will be kids" argument. That is, we cannot possibly expect people to abstain from sex until marriage or even maintain monogamous relations. This is absurd. Such an argument denies an individual's natural capacity for rational decision making. Only animals act upon their natural urges. Humans possess reasoning and discipline which should put us above such reckless behavior. Just as "silence equals death," the simple truth is that self-control equals life.

But instead of saying the things that need to be said, we turn to "heroes" such as Magic Johnson to be a spokesman for AIDS and "safe sex," somehow hoping his celebrity status will be the cure-all for AIDS transmission. But we are allowing ourselves to be deceived if we place all our hopes in this "do as I say, not as I do" sermon preached by a person whose hand was caught in the cookie jar. This a dangerous message to send out to the nation's youth.

This sort of vacuous leadership all but ignores morality, and when coupled with the irresponsible politics of militant special interest groups, it makes for a deadly combination. AIDS is preventable if people stop taking stupid risks with their lives. Just ask our "hero" Magic.

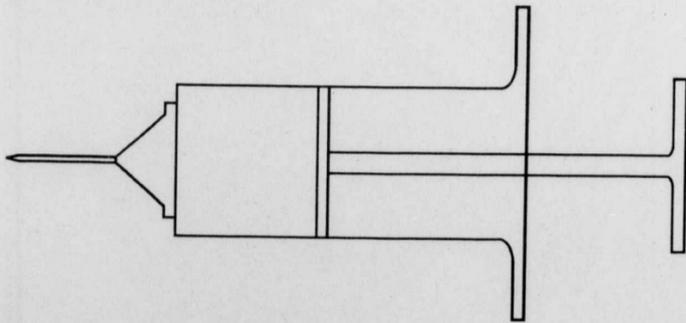
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News

Campus to ring in holidays with tree lighting celebration

Order of Omega to sponsor annual holiday ceremony

By BRANDY ANDERSON
TCU Daily Skiff

The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held at 10 p.m. tomorrow in front of Sadler Hall.

The hour-long ceremony, sponsored by Order of Omega, is traditionally a very popular event, said Amy Sturhahn, Greek Affairs program adviser.

"In the past, over 1,000 people have attended the Christmas tree lighting ceremony," Sturhahn said. "It unites the community, faculty and students in the Christmas spirit."

Bob Bolen, senior executive to the chancel-

lor and former Fort Worth mayor, will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Candles will be passed out to everyone at the ceremony and students will light them as they sing Christmas carols, Sturhahn said.

Order of Omega members will recite lines from "A Texas Night Before Christmas," a twangy Texas Christmas story, she said.

A representative from TeamBank will speak about the Spirit of Christmas project, a program that provides Christmas gifts to needy children.

People who are participating in the Spirit of Christmas project can bring their gifts to the ceremony and place them under the Christmas tree, Sturhahn said.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann
Steve Birdcreek strings lights on the Sadler Hall Christmas tree.

Committee names editors, ad manager

By MATT HUNT
TCU Daily Skiff

The Student Publications Committee, made up of 15 student and faculty members, met Nov. 22 to select next semester's *Skiff* leaders.

After a weekend of deliberation, the committee appointed Alfred Charles and Greg Lynch as co-editors of the *Skiff*.

Debbie Hooker, a junior advertising/public relations major, was appointed advertising manager.

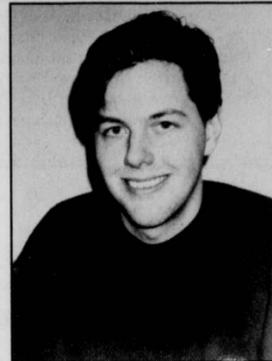
Greg Lynch, a senior English/journalism double major, has had six semesters of experience on the *Skiff*, he said.

reporter this past semester, as well as being an intern at Channel 8 and a publication covering a journalism convention, he said.

Hooker has worked on the advertising staff of the *Skiff* for five semesters, she said.

She worked as a paste-up artist, an account representative, and production assistant, she said. During the summer, Hooker worked on the

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Greg Lynch

He has been a paste-up artist, a copy editor, acting copy desk chief, a columnist, a cartoonist and a reporter, he said. He was also Opinion page editor last year and acting editor of the *Skiff* this semester.

Alfred Charles is a senior journalism major with a news/editorial emphasis, he said. He has served as a



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Sports

Frogs 6-0 following tourney victory

By JEFF LEA
TCU Daily Skiff

Hot off their victory tour in Puerto Rico and their best start since the end of World War II, the Frogs returned home with the San Juan Shootout Championship title and first place in the Southwest Conference.

The Frogs 6-0 start ties their best start in team history. TCU duplicated this feat three other times, the last time during the 1945-46 season.

"Winning five of our first eight road games I think will give the team confidence with the road schedule we have ahead," said head coach Moe Iba.

The Frogs are the only SWC team to bring home tournament titles in this two-week season, having already won the Century Cellnet Classic in Shreveport, La a week ago.

TCU beat Eastern Kentucky 55-48 Sunday night to win the San Juan Shootout Championship. The Frogs beat Iowa State in the quarterfinals Friday in the final seconds of the first round 53-52. TCU then upset tournament favorite Tennessee 73-59 Saturday to advance to the final game.

"Everybody made a contribution and that's the thing you like to see in the type of team we have," Iba said.

TCU's Michael Strickland earned tournament MVP honors for his 51 point effort, 24 of which came in the Frog's narrow victory over the Iowa State Cyclones. Strickland, who scored a season high 32 points against Tulsa a week ago, also moved into third place among all-time SWC 3-point shooters with 174. Strickland, who was good on seven 3-pointers in the tournament, needs only two more 3-pointers to move past Texas' Joey Wright for second place.

"Mike didn't have his usual games early in the season, but he really worked hard in practice working on his shooting and it payed off for him in his last four ballgames," Iba said.

Strickland's play in the first two games, defense and a deep bench were the key to the Frog's success in Puerto Rico. Forward Mark Moton was the only player to score in double figures against E. Kentucky leading the team with 16 points. It was the defense, however, that kept the Colonels at bay.

The Frogs held E. Kentucky to 24 points in each half. TCU, down 22-24 at the half, shot back with 33 points in the second half, despite making good on only 16 of 29 (55 percent) from the freethrow line. TCU listed 10 players with points.

Reggie Smith scored nine points and pulled down 10 of his 29 rebounds in the final game, afterwards earning the tournament rebounding honors.

Smith, who began the season with a 34 point-15 rebound performance against Southeastern Louisiana, scored 28 points in the tournament, but was in foul problems in all three games. Smith fouled out in the championship game and logged four fouls in the first two games of the season. Smith's best performance came against Tennessee with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Defense also kept Tennessee out of the winning picture on Saturday. The Volunteers led at halftime 37-35, but the Frogs limited them to only 22 second half points while pouring on 38 points of their own. Strickland scored 12 of his team-high 21 points in the second half. Forward Kurt

Thomas, who scored a career high 19 points against Tulsa, scored 10 points off the bench.

The Frogs escaped defeat in the final minute against Iowa State Friday. TCU was down 52-50 with 24 seconds left in the game when guard Brent Atwater drove to the basket and was fouled. The Cyclones were charged for goal tending. Ken Fiedler replaced the injured Atwater and sunk the winning basket from the freethrow line.

"The Iowa State game set the tone because it was a war," Iba said. "Both teams played excellent defense and really got after each other and we continued it all the way through the tournament," he said.

TCU has an eight day layoff before their next game against Pacific on Dec. 11 at Daniel Meyer Coliseum. Iba hopes to improve the Frogs even more during this week's practices.

"We are very inconsistent offensively," Iba said. "because we had a number of games in a row, it has been very inconsistent. We need the time to practice."

Lady Frogs nip Tulane

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Thanks to an aggressive full court press defense, the TCU women's basketball team improved to 1-1 and won their home opener 70-66 over Tulane last Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Defense fueled the victory as the Lady Frogs went to a three-quarter press the entire game to harass the Tulane backcourt. Bothered by the press, Tulane shot only 38 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 22 times, which included 15 Lady Frog steals. TCU's defensive intensity was the key to the game.

"We pressed the entire game for the first time ever," said TCU Head Coach Fran Garmon. "We needed to control their point guard, (Roma) Coleman, and make her pass it off and slow it down. But the main reason we did it was to cut down on their shot attempts on the basket."

The Lady Frogs accomplished

both of their goals. TCU limited Coleman to only 12 points on four-of-12 shooting and forced her into five turnovers. This hampered Tulane's offense, as the Green Wave could manage only 63 shots. But more importantly, the defensive intensity helped the Frogs stay focused in a very physical game.

"It was a very physical game and there were a lot of fouls," said junior guard Rachel Hesse, who scored 12 points and nine rebounds. "Both teams played very hard and wanted it badly."

Tulane came out of the dressing room very aggressively and played very physical defense, which led to fouls, and tried to dominate the Lady Frogs on the boards. The Green Wave committed a total of 32 fouls and had three players foul out.

But TCU responded and matched Tulane on the boards, as both teams had 48 rebounds. But the key was TCU's taking advantage

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UT's McWilliams quits

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas football coach David McWilliams, whose Longhorns plunged from Southwest Conference champions to also-rans in a single year, stepped down Monday.

McWilliams, who posted a 31-26 record during five seasons at Texas, said he had asked to be reassigned for the remainder of his contract.

"It's been fun," McWilliams told a news conference called only days after his team finished 5-6.

"I have decided to step aside as head football coach at the University of Texas and have asked to be reassigned for the remainder of my contract ... This certainly has been a tough decision," he said.

McWilliams said he might want to coach again — but not immediately.

"I will not rule out the possibility of coaching again in the future. But for right now, I look forward to doing whatever I can to help the University of Texas and its athletic department and especially our student athletes in whatever way possible," he said.

He thanked the university administration and Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds for their support. "They've always given me 100 percent support and they have given me every opportunity to try to be successful," he said.

Dodds said a search committee was being appointed to find a successor.

"David is a special person to each and every one of us. He is family ... and we appreciate everything he's done," Dodds said.

McWilliams read a brief statement and declined to answer questions.

Dodds said Texas likely would seek a coach with Division I-A experience to succeed McWilliams.

"We're going to look at everybody out there, and we're going to try to find the best football coach we can that fits this program," he said.

Dodds said McWilliams will remain as an associate athletic director through the end of his contract in August 1996.

Cunningham was out of town Monday, but issued a written statement, saying: "I am very pleased that Coach McWilliams will be remaining at the university as associate athletic director. Coach McWilliams has made many important and significant contributions to the university and he will continue to be a valuable asset to this institution."

UT offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee said McWilliams told his assistants of his decision shortly before making it public.

During a meeting with the coaches, Amedee said, "David walked in, said he had asked to be reassigned, then shook hands with everyone on the staff. He said 'I'm sorry it didn't work out as I had hoped.' It all took about 10 minutes. He never did exactly say why. All the assistants are history."

Another source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that McWilliams, 49, was unhappy with criticism of him and his coaches for this year's failures after last year's championship season.

"Remember David said when he took the job that if he decided he wasn't helping the university he would be the first to say so, that he would never have to be told he wasn't doing the job," the source

said. McWilliams was given a four-year, \$1 million contract extension last year by Cunningham in the Longhorn locker room after Texas defeated Texas A&M to claim outright the SWC title.

"I was shocked because when I think of the University of Texas, I think of David McWilliams," said Southern Methodist coach Tom Rossley.

Baylor coach Grant Teaff, the dean of SWC coaches, and McWilliams have been friends since the 1960s, when Teaff was coaching at McMurry College in Abilene and McWilliams was coach at Abilene High School.

"I think he is the epitome of honesty and integrity in our profession," Teaff said. "I'm sad to see a man of that quality and caliber not in our profession anymore. I don't think anybody could characterize him as a loser in any stretch of the imagination."

McWilliams had come under fire because of the Longhorns poor offensive showing just one year after playing in the Cotton Bowl. Texas lost 46-3 to Miami in the Cotton Bowl, starting the alumni grumbles about the offense.

Texas finished the season losing 31-14 to archrival Texas A&M, the seventh loss to the Aggies in the last eight seasons. McWilliams was 1-4 against A&M.

The Longhorns finished 5-6 overall, 4-4 in the conference, tied for fifth with Texas Christian.

McWilliams had only two winning seasons in five years at Texas. His first year, 1987, the Longhorns went 7-5 and defeated Pittsburgh in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

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advertising staff of the *Sacramento Union*.

Hooker said she hopes to increase the number of advertising pages and increase the use of color in the *Skiff*.

She also hopes to increase the role *Skiff* advertising plays in the community.

"The TCU market is still untapped by Fort Worth area businesses, and they could really benefit by advertising in the *Skiff*," she said.

Both Lynch and Charles are ready to work together as co-editors, they said.

"We will each be bringing different things to the *Skiff*," Charles said. "Hopefully, those differences will complement each other."

Both are also interested in increasing the amount of investigative reporting.

"Reporters should not be just going to the assignments editor for stories," Lynch said.

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"They'll all be here," said a U.S. official, referring to Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab delegations.

While the administration is proceeding with extraordinary secrecy, withholding most details just two days before the scheduled opening, the officials also disclosed that the negotiations would be held at the State Department barring a last-minute

change. "We'll be open and ready for business," Tutwiler said without revealing the State Department was the choice.

She also said Benjamin Netanyahu, a senior aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, would arrive here Tuesday on business "not connected or related to the talks."

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tage of Tulane's foul trouble. The Frogs went to the free throw line 46 times, and converted 31 of them for a shooting percentage of 67 percent.

"I was pleased with the way we responded to their physical play," Garmon said. "In the past, we've backed down from physical play, but we didn't against Tulane. Last season they dominated us on the boards, but we did a good job on the boards Wednesday."

Another important thing was TCU's balanced scoring. The offense struggled all night, shooting

only 32 percent from the field, but was able to overcome that by converting 31 free throws and by getting the ball inside to junior forward Liz Zeller, who led the team in scoring with 16 points.

When the Green Wave closed down the inside, TCU looked outside to guards Hesse and senior April Ham and junior forward Traci McKinley.

Hesse led the charge from the outside with 12 points, while McKinley added 11 and Ham scored nine.

"We just took what was open,"

Zeller said. "They gave us the outside shot, and our guards responded by shooting well."

The most important thing about TCU's victory is that the Lady Frogs won a close game.

Last season, TCU faltered at the end of close games, but this year things appear to be different.

"This is a totally different team than last year's," Garmon said. "They don't seem to get down as easily, and fight and scratch until the end of every game."

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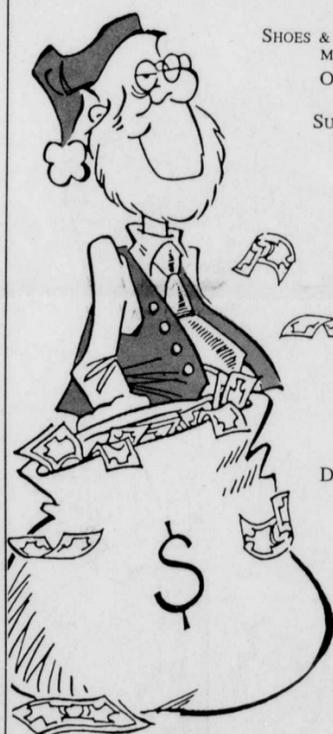
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