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Briton tells other side of 1776 war

By CHRISTINA BARNES
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Jeremy Black, a history professor from the University of Durham in England, spoke to a group of about 40 faculty and students Tuesday night at an Honors Program fireside.

The talk, "Could the British have won the American Revolution?" discussed the political and military issues surrounding the war.

"It was another insight into the Revolutionary War, which I find interesting," said Michelle Ludwig, a sophomore interior design major. "It was interesting to see the war from a British viewpoint since all textbooks are from an American viewpoint."

Black discussed the challenges the Americans faced against the British superpower of 1775. The British fought many uprisings around the globe during that period, including those in the Philippines, India and the West Indies, he said. The American Revolution was the only one it could not successfully suppress, he said.

The British also had a strong public finance system that could support the wars and had the largest and strongest navy in the world, Black said.

The American revolutionaries were fighting against tremendous odds, he said. They were short of manpower, equipment and money.

Black, who focused on the military aspects of the war, pointed out the differences in the weaponry the two used. The Americans had rifles that required experience to use well. The rifles' reloading time allowed the Americans only one shot each minute, and they could hit a target about 200 yards away, he said. The rifles also had better accuracy, he said.

The British used muskets that had a range of about 50 yards, but could be fired about three times a minute, Black said. The muskets also had bayonets on the end of them, which was a deterrent to the American riflemen, Black said.

The goal of the British was not to conquer the Americans but to win a decisive military victory, forcing the Americans to negotiate, Black said.

Black also said George Washington was a significant figure in the war due to his talent combining politics and the military.

"Military decisiveness is not determined by victory," Black said. "A man who knows how to retreat successfully is better than a man who knows how to advance."

Washington pushed the British into a situation where they had to take risks, he said.

It was interesting to see the British perspective rather than the patriotic viewpoint taught in American schools, said Jason Micheletto, a freshman economics major.

Black did his undergraduate work at Queen's College and St. John's College at Cambridge, then earned two master's degrees at Oxford and Cambridge. Black received his doctorate from the University of Durham.

During his trips to the United States, Black said he has found a difference between British students and American students.

"Americans are more articulate," he said. "They are less shy than British people."

Black also said his lectures and travels have made him realize how ignorant people are about their own history, and that people often do not understand what history is.

"History is what you remember when you forget all the facts," he said.



Black lectured in Honors Humanities III on Tuesday and at a History Club meeting last night. Tonight he will present "Britain and Europe — A Long-Term Perspective over the Last Half Millennium" at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Department plans update for language laboratories

By CARRIE SCHUMACHER
TCU Daily Skiff

Imagine sitting in lab for French class, but talking with a student in France instead of watching a video.

The Department of Modern Languages wants to improve their lab with the newest interactive technology. A 3-year plan is forming to add voice interactive computers, satellite and other components that would allow students to learn foreign cultures, not just languages.

Fred Toner and Carolyn Durham have been researching options for a new Culture/Language Center since last spring.

"We want to have a computer system to work with multimedia... where you could interact with information on video and audio components," said Toner, an assistant professor of French. "Students would be able to work at their own pace and work interactively."

Durham, an associate professor of Spanish, said she wants to add the latest software and programs to the "wish list" for an improved Culture/Language Center.

"One of the models I have in mind is used in a lot of schools. It's on the cutting edge," she said. "The faculty does a lot of development with the software programs to find out what is



Michael Moore, a freshman premajor, and Teri Sands, a junior communication graphics major, look at "Best of Friends" during the sculpture's presentation Wednesday.

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Student group helps children of alcoholics

By EMILY LUNZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Students with alcoholic parents are not alone in dealing with their concerns and problems.

Adult Children of Alcoholics helps adult students counter the negative affects of alcoholism they may be dealing with, said Larry Withers, staff psychologist in the Counseling Center.

"When a parent behaves in a disruptive manner the child has not had a good example," Withers said. "As a result they are often less assertive and feel that they are different from other people," he said.

The counseling staff designed the program to help students learn to talk about their relationships with their family and understand their feelings of anxiety and shame, he said.

"Each person telling about their experience helps the others understand where those feelings come from," Withers said.

The group, led by Withers, usually consists of about six to eight people. The majority of the meetings are organized discussions.

"We take what the participants come in with and develop something on that," Withers said.

Students spend time examining the effects growing up with an alcoholic parent has had on their relationships and lifestyles and receive educational feedback and peer support from the meetings.

According to an article in the *Milwaukee Journal*, some children of alcoholics may find it difficult to trust others because of the disappointment they've met in their own lives. As a child they often felt responsible for the problem, or denied that it even existed.

As the meetings progress, the students become less sensitive about having a parent that is an alcoholic, Withers said. "The family is the foundation on which interaction with the rest of the world develops," Withers said. Until the problems are dealt with a repeating pattern can occur, he said.

According to the *Journal*, children of alcoholics tend to marry alcoholics. They are also more susceptible to developing their own problems with alcohol, Withers said. In these cases understanding the past can lead to a brighter future, he said.

For more information about the program, contact Larry Withers in the Counseling Center at 921-7863.

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Friday's weather will be sunny and breezy with a high of 87 degrees.



Jury subpoenas ex-treasurer following alleged wrongdoing

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press

AUSTIN — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is to appear, under subpoena, before a grand jury today, bringing to a boil a three-month investigation into alleged wrongdoing during her tenure as state treasurer.

The grand jury has subpoenaed 10 other people in the past two days, including key aides to Hutchison and some of her top political fund-raisers.

Hutchison, a Republican, calls the grand jury probe a political witch hunt by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat.

But Earle, who has gained most of his notoriety prosecuting Democrats such as former Attorney General Jim Mattox and former Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis, stands by the inquiry.

Less than a week after Hutchison won election to Lloyd Bentsen's Senate seat June 5, Earle's office raided the Treasury and subpoenaed more than a dozen agency employees who worked under Hutchison.

The grand jury on June 10 began looking into allegations that state employees and equipment were used for personal and political purposes during Hutchison's two-and-a-half-

year term as state treasurer.

Texas law forbids public officials from using their office for non-state business. The crime is classified as a misdemeanor or a felony based on the extent of the abuse.

Earle said at the outset of the probe that he had received information some crucial evidence was being destroyed as part of a possible cover-up of wrongdoing at the agency.

But he added at the time that he did not have "hard evidence that Kay Bailey Hutchison committed a crime."

Since then, at least two dozen former Treasury workers have appeared before the grand jury. They ranged from computer operators to personal assistants who have said that Hutchison was an obsessive boss who once hit a worker out of frustration and made a habit of ordering state employees to do personal errands for her.

Prosecutors have declined to say whether Hutchison is a target of their inquiry. But an Aug. 19 letter from Earle's office to the senator's attorneys suggested that she is.

"Your client has been accused of serious criminal conduct and along with others is subject to a criminal investigation," the letter said.

The discord between the senator's

office and prosecutors has grown so heated over the past few weeks that Hutchison's staff delivered documents to each grand juror at home, outlining complaints about Earle's investigation.

Hutchison's spokesman, David Beckwith, replied "yes" Wednesday when asked if he had leaked a newspaper story so the grand jurors could read the senator's contention that she was being entrapped by Earle.

Hutchison's attorneys have advised her to utilize her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refuse to answer questions from the grand jury.

John Dowd, a high-profile Washington lawyer hired by Hutchison after the probe began, said his client "doesn't gain a thing by talking to the grand jury. They don't want information, they want a circus."

Dowd, who represented then-Major League Baseball commissioner Bart Giamatti in the Pete Rose case, said Earle is "bullying Kay because he has more power than she does."

Hutchison's attorneys say they do not believe the grand jury will return an indictment against the senator.

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'And the Band Played On' relates battles during early days of AIDS

By FRAZIER MOORE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "And the Band Played On" is required viewing. Period.

Beyond that simple claim, there are few unqualified conclusions to be drawn from this HBO film premiering at 7 p.m. Saturday (with six additional playdates through September).

No wonder. A dramatization of San Francisco journalist Randy Shilts' 1987 best seller that chronicles the early years of the AIDS epidemic, "Band" arrives on TV with more baggage than a Samsonite showroom.

Just getting the film made was a lengthy, problem-filled and contentious process. (How to boil down Shilts' 600-plus-page book? How to justly depict the gay community, particularly for a broader audience? How to inject action into a story tragically about inaction?)

Now, the completed film triggers all the old familiar questions that cling to any docudrama: How much of what we see is literal truth, how much of it is "massaged" for dramatic effect?

But the biggest obstacle "Band" has confronted, and now confronts the viewer with, is its subject matter. The dark picture painted from "Band's" palette of somber colors is as hard to argue with as it is to behold.

"And the Band Played On" isn't

only about a plague. It also dwells on an even more disheartening condition: Society's unwillingness to pull together for its own self-preservation.

Memories are short, and the film performs a service in recalling for the viewer ancient history (actually, just 13 years ago), when the disease was first observed.

For those who can hardly remember when this affliction wasn't part of everyday discourse, it is also useful to revisit the variety of names it went by — including gay cancer and GRID (or Gay-Related Immune Deficiency) — before "AIDS" was settled on in early 1983.

And it is painful, almost beyond measure, to re-encounter the budget-crunching, the turf battles, the red tape, the foot-dragging, the prejudice and fears, the denial and short-sightedness that all conspired to cripple efforts at containing the disease.

"This didn't have to happen," says Dr. Don Francis (Matthew Modine), a tireless researcher at the Centers for Disease Control who butts his head against one wall after another for much of the film's two-and-a-half hours. "We could've stopped it."

In the film's key role, Modine is joined by an all-star cast that includes Phil Collins, David Dukes, Richard Gere, Glenna Headly, Anjelica Huston, Swoosie Kurtz, Steve Martin, Richard Masur, Sir Ian McKellen, Charles Martin Smith, Lily Tomlin and B.D. Wong.

To their credit, these and the other actors effectively disappear into their roles, bringing celebrity gravitas to the film without showboating.

The one standout performance, and aptly so, is by Alan Alda as Dr. Robert Gallo, the National Cancer Institute heavyweight who has been accused of trying to steal the credit from French researchers for identifying the AIDS virus. The film's crowning flesh-and-blood villain, Gallo is depicted by Alda in a smirking, sinister fashion that never once suggests Hawkeye Pierce.

"And the Band Plays On" is about doctors not healing and politicians not leading. It is a whodunit where the perpetrator is barely identified, much less apprehended. It is a cautionary tale whose consequences we live or die by day after day, and maybe always will.

In 1984, as the film winds down, Dr. Francis proposes a budget of \$37 million a year for prevention, education and cure.

When told this figure is "unrealistic," he argues, "It's cheap. It's about 15 cents per person to make the entire population safer....

"Wait a few years and we'll be talking about billions of dollars in health care."

Troubling though it may be to watch "And the Band Played On," things only get worse after the final credits fade out. Then, fingering a nickel and a dime, you may be asking yourself: What do we do now?

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the and the best."

Durham said Hampton University, where she taught previously, where video, audio, computer and satellite links were used in the lab. Durham said she wants to add these components to the lab in the next three years, a plan she said is "extremely ambitious."

Students would also have access to magazines, cultural studies and business contacts in their language of study, Durham said. She said the department wants interaction with foreign cultures to influence how languages are learned.

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subpoenaed one of Hutchison's key political advisers, three of her fundraisers and Beckwith.

Jim Francis, considered one of the strongest voices in Hutchison's political camp, as well as fundraisers Jeanne Johnson, Sylvia Nugent and Elizabeth Blakemore all were asked to testify and bring documents sent to or received by former Treasury employee David Criss.

Criss resigned from the Treasury

Toner and Durham said they are writing proposals to submit to government agencies for funding.

"It's a very long, very complicated process," Durham said. "I've seen proposals 200 pages long." Once a proposal is submitted, it takes about six months for a government panel to check regulations and look over, she said.

The money required to improve the lab is substantial, Durham said. Funding would include everything from travel expenses for faculty training experts to basic equipment costs; for instance, one interactive

work station would cost about \$5,000, she said.

The department is looking at several federal agencies to provide money for a new lab, Durham said.

A new lab would change how students learn a foreign language, Toner said. Practical uses of their language skills would be put to work in situations other than the classroom, he said.

"We want to make it a cultural assimilation experience as well as learning experience," he said.

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suspension policy in addition to others. The council would not discuss its agenda or possible policy revisions.

If any revisions are made, the University Council will vote on the issues before sending them to the Faculty Senate. Any revisions would not be effective until the fall of 1994.

last year after acknowledging that he had written political thank-you notes for Hutchison on a state computer. He has been subpoenaed by the grand jury and ordered to turn over a bundle of records.

Earle's office had reviewed the Criss matter and concluded any wrongdoing was incidental.

Five other former assistants to Hutchison at the Treasury were subpoenaed Tuesday.

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Women's indoor volleyball team is forming and needs 10 players. Rachel LaMonica at 924-2679.

The young alumni chapter of Fort Worth will meet at 6 p.m. today at the City Club (301 Commerce St.). Reservations are \$6 at the Alumni Office at TCU Box 32921, Fort Worth, TX, 76129.

TCU's International Association of Business Communicators will visit the Witherspoon Advertising Agency. Meet at 9 p.m. behind the Moudy Building. Contact Jerry Grotta at 921-7425.

Learning Differences support group is sponsoring a seminar on "How To Work With Your Admission, Review and Dismissal Team" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Starpoint School. There is a \$2 charge. Call 923-8689 or 737-4818.

The Registrar's Office needs students to notify it of address changes before Friday. The changes will be made in the new issue of Frog Calls, the campus telephone book.

The Gay and Lesbian Student Network will hold its first Get (Re)Acquainted Dinner at 5 p.m. Sept. 12. Call 560-1225.

Phi Upsilon Omicron will hold its first meeting at 4 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Bass Living Room. Call Mary Nell King at 292-5208.

The 1993 Golf Spectacular benefiting the Circle T Girl Scouts

begins at 8 a.m. Sept. 13 at Iron Horse Golf Course in North Richland Hills. Call Ken Hardisty, tournament chairman, at 737-7272.

The Society of Professional Journalists will have its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in Moudy Room 256S. Investigative reporter Byron Harris from WFAA-TV will speak. Free pizza.

Leadership class application deadline for all classes except Senior Symposium is Sept. 17. For more information or applications, check the Student Center Information Desk or call 921-7927.

The AIDS Outreach Center will present the AIDS Awareness Weekend on Sept. 17 and 18. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at AIDS Outreach Center, 1125 West Peter Smith. There is a \$30 fee. For more information, call 335-1994.

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Opinion

Senior offers advice for healthy, happy college experience



**ROB
EIERMANN**

I would like to take this time to welcome all new students to TCU and to my column. I have learned a lot since my freshman year and would like to share some of my considerable insights with you.

First and foremost, you must realize that fake IDs from Vikon Village may work back home, but here they are a source of comic relief for the bouncers. Every freshman year in the book has tried to use one and all have been met with a hearty laugh and a "Nice try, kid."

Beware of the Pizza Hut. It is very easy for a young 'un to eat at least one pizza a day. At such a pace, I guarantee by Halloween the mere smell of "The Hut" will induce vomiting. So use it in moderation.

Beware of the TCU sprinkler sys-

tem. A casual stroll through the grass can suddenly turn into a wall of water spray that tends to hit the pavement more than the grass.

Beware of the local Whataburger. They take all major credit cards. Therefore, a late-night taquito run can turn into a \$20 charge bill when you go ahead and pay for everyone in the car. Believe me, they won't pay you back.

When eating at the Worth Hills Cafeteria (a.k.a. "The Greek"), beware of Miss Jackson. Do not try to sneak extra food out in the to-go box. She will catch you and deliver a look of disapproval that could only compare to mom's.

Beware of Cowtown bars. Even if you do have proper identification, you still may not get in. A bouncer

named Joe Bob wearing some ridiculous 10-gallon hat, may deny you entry because you are wearing a baseball hat. It is better to leave than to go in with hat hair.

Beware of any cafeteria item that has an adjective in its name. You will probably find that the "Savory Chicken" simply isn't.

Beware of anyone "ticking the ivories" in a dorm lobby. I always had a sneaky suspicion that they wanted to start a sing-along.

Beware of anything called a "casserole." It is probably just leftovers from the previous semester.

Beware of fast-food restaurants at lunchtime. You will be greeted by approximately 10,000 teen-age hooligans from neighboring Paschal High School. It is not a pretty sight.

Beware of fire ants. Fellow Yankees take note: These ants are not typical breed you might find at a picnic. They don't want to steal a piece of bread from your picnic basket, they want to eat you. Steer clear of these mutants that God has put in the South as a form of punishment. They really hurt and are out for blood (YOURS!).

Beware of the clam chowder. Trust me.

Beware of the dryers in the dorms. Switching the heat setting to high will activate a proverbial incinerator leaving shirts the size of business cards.

Beware of the toxic waste from a government experiment gone awry that now resides in the pond behind the fraternity houses.

Beware of the miracle "Blue Pills" from the Health Center. It is amazing how all illnesses can be cured with the same medication.

Beware of parking under trees. You figure it out.

Beware of the "Gentle Giant" at Bluebonnet Liquors. The one who stands some 15 feet tall, weighs more than a locomotive and carries 2 kegs in the palm of each hand. He has always been a friendly creature, but for goodness sake let's not irritate him.

Live by these simple laws and you will find TCU is a great place to live for the next four years.

Rob Eiermann is a senior advertising/public relations major from St. Louis, Missouri.

EDITORIAL

New surgeon general confirmed Dr. Joycelyn Elders gets the nod

The Senate's confirmation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders as the next surgeon general is a confirmation that, despite all the talk of reinventing government, some pieces of the American dream still hold true.

Dr. Elders' beginnings are humble. She was born to a sharecropper and teen-age mother in rural Arkansas 60 years ago.

She was 16 before she ever met a doctor.

Today she is preparing to become the country's No. 1 doctor and to take charge of 6,000 Public Health Service employees. She is the first African-American, and only the second woman, named to the post.

Of almost equal importance is the fact that the Senate could overlook party lines to approve one of President Clinton's more controversial nominees.

Dr. Elders' strong opinions on issues like condom distribution in public schools drew heavy criticism from Senate conservatives. Even one of her key supporters, Sen. Edward

Kennedy, D-Mass., acknowledged that the good doctor is quick to criticize opponents of issues in which she believes.

Yes, Dr. Elders has caused great controversy. And that is exactly what makes the prospect of her term so exciting. If America's chief health concern was an occasional flu epidemic, a quiet, reserved surgeon general would be fine.

But America is plagued by far uglier public health problems: AIDS. Teen pregnancy. Sexually transmitted diseases.

Dr. Elders brings a much-needed candor to a position which has in the past been little more than an advocate against behaviors such as smoking, alcohol and drug abuse and poor nutrition.

AIDS, teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases are problems that cannot be wished or ignored away, and Dr. Elders will not let that happen. If it takes someone who, as Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., said, "loves the sound of her own voice" to call attention to these crises, so be it. The past has taught us that silence doesn't work.



**P.D.
MAGNUS**

Racial tensions go beyond skin, athletic ability

Under the rallying flag of political correctness, I regularly hear that people are all the same beneath the skin. Unfortunately for the harbinger of multiculturalism, experience has taught me better than to believe them.

While it is true that we all have things in common, it is also true that most species of insects show less diversity than we do. While it may sometimes be true that our differences are what make us special, it is assuredly true that our differences are what make some of us troublemakers, or criminals or just plain pains in the butt.

I almost hesitate to mention it, if only because the mere raising of the subject is often enough to brand someone a Nazi, KKK, militant, skinhead racist. On the genetic level, there are clear differences between the races going far deeper than just skin tone, eye color and hair.

African-Americans have a much greater risk of suffering from sickle-cell anemia. Some studies suggest white males suffer from impotence more often than Hispanic men. The obvious question is: So what? It may be easy to blow this off, but if there are clear genetic trends in various racial groups, it's absurd to assume that it only affects coloration, disease propensity and potency.

That aside, there is the social significance to consider. In many ways, I can never know what it is like to grow up as part of a minority group, any more than I can know what it is like to grow up as a woman in America. I can read about the experiences of minorities and women, just as I can hear about what it is like to be discriminated against, but can I ever really understand?

The same applies to house pets (No offense intended): They've had experiences I can only imagine.

The social background that makes one group different from another may do better than genetics in explaining clear societal

disparities. While it is true that blacks are represented disproportionately on the pay scale and in prisons, it's also true that they're represented disproportionately in the ranks of the NBA and in the annals of boxing fame. Are blacks better athletes? Maybe, maybe not? While there's Michael Jordan, there's also Larry Bird. Is the disproportional representation of blacks among urban poor to blame for all of this? I don't know; I can't know.

As someone who works hard to maintain a facade of understanding, approaching this issue at all is frustrating. I've already said that as a white male coming out of middle-class middle America, I'm colored to the issue.

I cannot be what I am not.

But perhaps more significantly than that, I can't even trust others to give me an account of what being discriminated against is like. Can a black man tell what actions around him are because he is black, as opposed to the possibility that the perpetrator is just a jerk or that he, as an individual, has been targeted because of something he did or said?

It reminds me of when I was a kid and I stared at my goldfish through the walls of their jar. When they got near the edges, the bowl would act like a lens and they'd look all scrunchered up.

I can't help but think that as they looked back up at me I must've been just as distorted.

The point remains, wouldn't someone who was the victim of prejudice blame some innocent or unrelated incidents for bigotry and still miss more subtle ones entirely?

I can see no solutions to racial tension anywhere, anytime, not because I'm blind, but because it isn't there. Maybe that's what multiculturalism is really about, realizing that there are no quick solutions, maybe even no solutions at all, but working through it anyway.

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Desk carvings more than work of idle hands, minds

Greek letters, love proclamations Freudian graffiti

After doing a considerable amount of studying for finals last spring, I was left with a perplexing question. It didn't involve my classes but rather the chairs and desks I occupied while cramming.

Specifically, I came to wonder why people feel compelled to carve all over things they don't own.

The prevalence and power of the carving impulse are universal, crossing lines of gender, geography, race and other neat things anthropologists like to talk about. Undoubtedly our college library is the epicenter of the carving phenomenon in this region, perhaps in the known universe. The pen knife and Bic ballpoint are its primary agents of expression. So what is the source of all this misguided energy?

Scientists, philosophers and theologians have grappled with that question for a long time. Martin Luther almost carved his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg before deciding it would take too long. And B.F. Skinner reportedly shocked a rat continuously for eight years without making it carve a thing. Personally, I've decided Freud is the place to start.

Because I believe this carving business all traces back to Freud and his theory of the Id, I've coined the term "carvid" to describe the universal carving impulse. On college campuses all across this great big nation, and particularly at TCU, it seems the carvid is most fully developed in Greeks, with Greek of course being a social and not an ethnic designation.

I would hypothesize that acceptance into a fraternity or sorority triggers a change in the life cycle analogous to puberty. Thus the secondary engraving characteristics emerge and students feel compelled to carve their Greek insignia into any and every desk, table, chair or bed available, kind of like a teething dog that chews up your new couch.

Predictably, trips to the library study carrels reveal lots of colorful inscriptions: "This sorority rules," "That fraternity doesn't," "I killed a man and stuffed him in the library dumbwaiter," "Worship Harold," etc., etc. Somehow I doubt that President Lincoln's desk, enshrined in the Smithsonian, is covered with phrases like "Southern Democrats are not Gentlemen," or "Abolitionists Rule." It would seem the carvid lurks deeply in each of us, yet only gains adequate expression among Greeks.

An interesting parallel can be drawn with kids who paint graffiti on concrete. Becoming a gang member might trigger the same hormonal releases and produce corresponding desires. It just so happens that concrete is not particularly easy to carve with a pen knife, so spray paint is used as a substitute.

This conveniently demonstrates the neo-Freudian phenomenon of transference. Carving into your own flesh or rubbing away your skin with an eraser are other examples of transference. (Nose rings and funny wooden lip disks, worn by culturally distant people in Deep Ellum and Brazil, are extreme forms.)

In addition, non-Greeks and non-gang members often suffer from neurotic anxiety as a consequence of their arrested development. Once again, Freud's paradigm is useful. The etching fixation usually occurs after the latency period. Those not reaching this stage are permanently arrested in latency or some earlier period, and frequently become performance artists or other disreputable personages.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the American Psychological Association no longer considers carving all over everything a mental disorder. It has been reduced to a Class C mental misdemeanor, punishable by two weeks of furniture sensitivity training.

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Sports

Men's, women's soccer teams roll in openers

By JOE CONNOR
TCU Daily Skiff

The university has added a new electronic scoreboard to the TCU Soccer Field this year. And the 1993 TCU men's soccer team has added three new faces this season to help light it up.

On Sunday, the Horned Frogs kicked off their '93 campaign with a bang, trouncing the Southwestern Pirates 8-0 in the home opener before a meager-at-best crowd of 200.

Seven different Frogs found the net, including sophomore Chris Wixson, who nailed home a pair of goals.

But it was a trio of transfers that stole the show. Newcomers Ramy Gilani, Pat Mohr and Josh Moore each netted one goal in their first game in a TCU uniform. Mohr and Moore also had one assist each.

Coming off a '92 season in which the Frogs were outscored two to one, head coach David Robinson couldn't have been happier with his team's offensive outburst.

"We did a good job in getting the ball to the end line and getting it in the box and creating scoring chances," Robinson said.

The Frogs came out of the gates swarming but failed to convert until 27:57 of the first half, when Wixson drilled home a feed from sophomore forward Peter Vail past frozen Pirate netminder Lowell McKelvey.

The newest Frogs made their mark in TCU soccer history at 42:64 of the first half when Gilani came off the bench to poke home a centering pass from the left corner by Mohr.

Just over two minutes later, and with just 10 seconds to go in the half, Moore headed home a centering pass from the right corner for his first tally in a purple-and-white jersey.

For the first time in what seemed like years, the Frogs went into the second half up a commanding 3-0.

"It was a good start for us," Robinson said. "We did do well in getting the ball to the end line from both sides of the field, and that is probably the most dangerous call for a goalkeeper."

Despite going to his bench, Robinson's club showed no mercy whatsoever in the second half against a weaker Southwestern club.

"This is their first year to have a



The Lady Frog soccer team marches down the field in TCU's victory over Southwestern last Sunday.

program, and it's tough," Robinson said. "First years are very difficult, but they will only get better."

Just over 10 minutes into the second half, senior defenseman Matt Thorburg hammered home a penalty kick into the left corner of the net past a sprawling Fernando Ahumada to make it 4-0.

From there the Frogs broke the game wide open, going on a torrid scoring spree, netting four goals in a span of just over 12 minutes.

Senior captain Blake Amos, freshman David Redmon, Mohr and Wixson again, put the icing on the cake and then some.

Fellow captain Darrell Frauenheim and sophomore Mark Murphrey combined for the shutout between the pipes.

"As the game went on we got a little hungrier," Robinson said. "(We) certainly deserved the win."

The Frogs continued their winning ways on Monday, ousting Colorado Christian 3-0 at the TCU Soccer

Field.

Wixson, Vail and Mohr each scored one goal as the Frogs outshot Colorado Christian 16-5.

Next up for the Frogs is the annual tournament at St. Edward's University in Austin this weekend. The tourney will feature everyone from NAIA schools to Division I NCAA

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The Frogs will battle Division I

stronghold UT-Pan American Thurs-

day afternoon in the Texas state capi-

tol.

"Pan-Am, without a doubt, is cer-

tainly one of the top programs in

Division I," Robinson said. Last

year, the Frogs edged Pan-Am in a

squeaker, 3-2.

The Frogs have tomorrow off before taking on an always competitive Centenary club Saturday after-

noon. A year ago, the Frogs nipped

Centenary in a nail biter, 2-1.

"We seem to always play that one

goal game (against Centenary),"

Robinson said.

On Sunday, the Frogs face-off against tourney host St. Edward's in their final game of the 4-day contest.

"It's going to be a tough weekend for us," Robinson said. "These games are only going to get tougher."

The Frogs will return home to the friendly confines of Fort Worth on Tuesday to host LeTourneau at 5:00 p.m. at the TCU Soccer Field.

Lady Frogs net 9-0 win

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU Daily Skiff

It's the best way to start off a

season.

The TCU women's soccer team kicked Southwestern University off the field Sunday in a 9-0 opening game victory. The purple and white started strong; the first goal of the season was scored by Junior midfielder Kristen Cathey in no less than the first 30 seconds of the game. Cathey then went on to score three more goals for the team, and ended the game as the leading scorer.

Other goals were tallied by junior Julie Everett, sophomore Cindy Van Zandt, and freshmen Amy Marlar and Dondi Spence.

Coach David Robinson thought the game was a good start to the season.

"We had a good attitude coming into the game," said Robinson. "We were the stronger team, and the girls didn't slow down to Southwestern's level."

Robinson stressed getting behind the ball defensively and possessing the ball to the women before the game.

"Maybe a year ago we wouldn't have put it (the high score) on them," he said. "We would have been too nice."

But the team didn't let up at all on Sunday. They dominated the whole game and stopped putting

pressure on the Pirates only when the final whistle blew.

"We didn't waste time," said assistant Coach Derek Missimo. "We talked about defending in numbers and moving as a unit up the field."

Missimo said that the women are fit and continue to demonstrate a great attitude on the field.

"They have high intensity," Missimo said. "They listen. They're mentally and physically in tune for 90 minutes."

"I thought we played well," said Captain and Senior Shannon Gill. "We came together and moved the ball."

Gill also thought the freshmen had a good first game.

"They fit in and played well," she said. "But the games are going to get harder, and they are going to get hit more."

TCU clearly dominated the whole game and kept the ball in the opposing half. This was what the team wanted, but it didn't give much practice to goalies Michelle Davies and Danielle Shaver, who are playing the game this year with a new rule. Goalies can not touch the ball with their hands unless they are shot at by the opposing team or unless the ball is chested, headed, kneeled or thumbed back by their teammate. Their teammates can not kick the ball back to their

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Cowboy defense shaky in loss

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson tried to deflect criticism of the Cowboys defensive collapse against Washington but admitted Tuesday the Redskins' new offense outlasted the NFL champions.

"Washington did some things differently and adjusted very well to what we did against them," a grim Johnson said.

The Cowboys allowed five touchdowns in the 35-16 thumping Monday night, the most in one game since 1989 during Johnson's 1-15 debut as a rookie coach.

Dallas couldn't stop Washington's short, well-timed passes and knifing runs between the tackles.

Defensive end Charles Haley said, "When we thought it was a pass, it was a run. When we thought it was run, it was a damn pass. They dic-

tated to us what they were going to do and did it."

The game was the debut of Butch Davis as defensive coordinator. Davis replaced Dave Wannstedt, who became head coach of the Chicago Bears.

Johnson pointed out that the Cowboys stopped the Redskins cold on the first three series but that four turnovers kept the defense in constant hot water.

"We got a little soft in the second half," Johnson said. "We gave them four turnovers on the road on a Monday night. You can't do it. We did the same thing at Philadelphia last year and lost."

The Cowboys got little linebacker support. Asked specifically about non-productive middle linebacker Robert Jones, Johnson said, "He could have played better."

Johnson was also asked to explain the absence of tackle Tony Casillas, whose specialty is stopping the run.

"Our guys will be fine," Johnson said. "There's no time to panic. We lost on the road to one of the top teams in the league. We can adjust. I think we'll be a better team."

"We have a lot of tackles and I decided to put him on the inactive list," Johnson replied.

Johnson went out of his way to praise rookie running back Derrick Lassic, who gained 75 yards in his first start while Emmitt Smith holds out in a contract dispute with owner Jerry Jones.

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Panel recommends rapid FDA evaluation of abortion pill RU-486

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An abortion pill widely used in Europe but forbidden in America should be rapidly evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration for sale in the United States, a panel of experts said Wednesday.

A committee of the National Academy of Sciences said that the abortion pill RU-486 has been so extensively tested in France, Britain and Sweden that the FDA should consider it without requiring further clinical trials in the United States.

Researchers also should experiment with RU-486 for other uses, including as a "morning-after" pill and for treating breast cancer and brain tumors, the NAS report said.

Anti-abortion politics kept RU-486 off the U.S. market during the

Reagan and Bush administrations, but President Clinton in January called for research into the drug. The academy received funding from the private Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation to evaluate the science and the clinical uses of the drug.

More than 60,000 women have used RU-486 for abortions in Europe. The NAS report said that health officials there have found the pill in combination with another drug to be "a safe and efficacious medical treatment for early pregnancy termination."

Because of the European experience, the NAS report said, an extensive drug trial in the United States "does not appear necessary" for the abortion use of RU-486 during the first trimester of a pregnancy.

U.S. clinical trials were recommended, however, on using RU-486 for second-trimester abortions. The

committee said these studies should focus on dosage and side effects, such as pain, bleeding, infection and the surgery required if the drug fails.

RU-486 also has been shown to be effective as a morning after pill, the report said. European studies demonstrated that the pill could prevent pregnancy when taken up to 72 hours after unplanned or unwanted intercourse, or after a contraceptive method, such as a condom, has failed.

The report recommended "expeditious submission" to the FDA of clinical trial data on use of the RU-486 as a morning after contraceptive.

Additionally, the committee recommended that RU-486 be studied for use in regulating the menstrual cycle, as a low-dose contraceptive and for treatment of two female pelvic disorders, endometriosis and fibroids. The committee also said

that RU-486 shows promise in the treatment of breast cancer, brain tumors and of Cushing's syndrome, a disorder of the adrenal gland that can cause mental disturbances.

RU-486, or mifepristone, is in a class of drugs called antiprogestins. It is manufactured by the French firm Roussel-Uclaf. Other companies make antiprogestins, but RU-486 has been the most extensively tested.

Antiprogestins work by blocking or inhibiting the action of progesterone, a natural steroid hormone that is essential for maintaining pregnancy. When used in combination with another hormone, prostaglandin, the drugs cause an embryo to be expelled from the uterus.

Progesterone is also associated with other some other female disorders, and with a type of brain tumor called meningioma. Since RU-486 blocks the action of progesterone, the drug has been used experimentally against some of these disorders and has shown some promise, the committee of experts said.

Although RU-486 has been used in Europe since the early 1980s, Roussel-Uclaf did not promote its introduction into the United States during the Reagan and Bush administrations, both of which opposed abortion.

Shortly after he took office, Clinton signed an executive order calling for research in the United States on antiprogestins. And last April, Rous-

sel-Uclaf announced that the Population Council, a nonprofit U.S. organization, would sponsor an FDA application for RU-486.

Though European studies suggest RU-486 is generally safe, experts have cautioned that the drug has to be used only under medical supervision. The academy committee said that the drug has caused side effects, including heart attacks in a small number of patients. As a result, Roussel-Uclaf does not recommend it for patients who smoke or who have heart conditions.

RU-486 also can cause nausea, bleeding and abdominal pain. About 30 percent of the women using the drug for abortion require a narcotic pain reliever, the report said.

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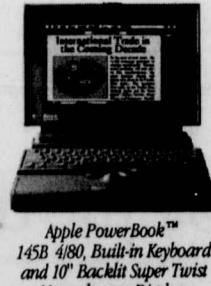
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