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Hyperfrogs cheer on the TCU Horned Frogs in a neck-and-neck game against the Texas Longhorns Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

House to vote on party bill

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A debate and vote on a bill to give \$840 to Brachman Hall for a Christmas party will be held at the House of Student Representatives meeting today.

Bill 95-31, written by Lindsay Dayton, a Brachman Hall representative, requests the money for the annual party which helps underprivileged and orphaned children.

The money will be used for food, stockings, candy and presents. The Rickel Building is providing the use of their equipment and facilities free of charge, giving \$90 to provide for Rickel Building employees and donating \$60 for the party, Dayton said.

The residence hall has received decorations, a Christmas tree and games donated for the party, and has received donations from residents of the hall.

Shawn Groves, House treasurer, said the Finance Committee had approved the amount in full.

A bill will be introduced at the meeting today which was submitted by the House Executive Board to help pay for the construction of a jogging track around the Worth Hills part of campus.

Scott Wheatley, House president,

said the bill requested \$40,000 from the House's General Reserve Fund to give to the university's Next Frontier Campaign, a \$100 million fund raiser which has specified some of its money to be used for campus improvements.

The estimated cost of the track is between \$78,000 and \$100,000, according to the Physical Plant. The bill states the House will give \$40,000 and the administration will pay for the rest of the project.

"At the 1995 University Retreat, participants voted to adopt a Worth Hills jogging track as a student project," the bill states.

The bill also says the track, if the bill is passed, will be agreed upon by the Executive Board and the administration.

"A commitment by the House of \$40,000 to the Next Frontier Student Project is a necessary first step in a long line of steps which must be taken for this project to be begun and eventually completed," the bill states.

Also at the meeting today, committee chairpersons for Academic Affairs, Elections and Regulations, Permanent Improvements, Student Concerns and University Relations for spring 1996 will be elected.

The Food Service chairperson and Computing Affairs chairperson are appointed positions.

Safety tips for holidays may help prevent crimes

By SARAH DUNCAN
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Shawna Ross, a junior movement science major, was shopping for Christmas gifts last year when a thief snatched her purse and ran.

"It happened so fast," Ross said. "I was just trying to organize my bags before walking outside. Suddenly, this guy took off with my purse in hand."

Extra caution during the season of gift-buying and holiday rushes can prevent people from becoming victims of crime, said TCU Campus Police Sergeant Connie Villela.

"Theft and burglary go up around Christmas time," Villela said. "It doesn't take a thief long to take something and be gone. People are rushed. They don't take time to lock their doors or pay attention to their surroundings."

College students should take special precautions when preparing to travel home for the holidays, Villela said.

"When you're packing your car, don't leave the trunk open or suitcases sitting on the sidewalk," she said. "Students think because this is a college campus no one will walk off with their bags."

Cars should be tuned up before traveling long distances, Villela said.

"I tell people to bring fix-a-flat for their tires and if possible, a mobile phone to call for help," she said. "Always have a quarter in your car, so if someone stops to help you can ask them to call a relative for you."

The following tips can prevent

people from becoming victims to holiday crime, according to TCU Campus Police.

- Always lock doors and windows in your house and car.
 - Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window. "Displaying gifts tells the bad guy there's something there to steal," Villela said.
 - Have a neighbor pick up papers and mail for you if you are away from home during the holidays.
 - Put timers on lights to give the illusion people are at home.
 - Mark new gifts with your drivers license number. In case the items are stolen, the police will have a way to track them.
 - Be wary of solicitors going door to door asking for charitable donations. They may be collecting for themselves.
 - Be alert to your surroundings. Unorganized shoppers are prime targets for criminals.
 - Don't overload yourself with packages when shopping. Make several trips to the car and lock packages out of sight in the trunk.
 - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with checks or credit cards.
 - Carry your purse under your arm and your wallet in an inside pocket. Better yet, use a fanny pack.
- The stress of the holiday season may push people to do things they normally wouldn't, Villela said.
- "People who might not normally steal will steal around the holidays. If you put the opportunity there, it's easy for desperate people to cross over," she said.

Exhibit to feature senior artists

Student exhibits blend artists' personal struggles, social issues

By HEATHER HOGAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

From daydreams to social issues, a myriad of themes and images — as well as a variety of artistic media — are incorporated in display in the Senior BFA Exhibition on display in the Moody Exhibition hall from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1.

The exhibit features works from studio art majors Bobbie Shosty, Lory Taylor and Kim Lovelace, and art education major David Hernandez.

Shosty said her work for the exhibition, which is a blend of printmaking and collage, was a chance for her to explore ideas learned in religion and political science classes at TCU about women's roles through time.

"My work is really an outlet to help me understand my emotions and how I feel about what I've learned about the way women are

treated in society," she said.

Combining printmaking and figure drawing techniques, Shosty joined images from ancient Greece such as Athena Nike, the goddess of victory, with contemporary themes dealing with such issues as eating disorders.

"People should look at the body as beautiful as it was created, not just as an object to be exploited," she said. "It's about respect for women's bodies and for women as human beings."

Lovelace's work includes a variety of media, including prints, sculpture and plaster pieces.

Her sculpture involves materials such as plaster, branches, and even sausage casing, which creates an almost translucent effect when stretched over a spiral framework made of branches and allowed to dry.

The art of prehistoric, aboriginal man has become a fascination for

Lovelace, she said, and this is reflected in her creations.

"My pieces could be said to resemble some of the aboriginal art that did not withstand the test of time," she said. "The art we still have that dates back that far is mostly stone and metal, but they created other works that would not have withstood the elements."

Lovelace said the themes in her art represent humanity's collective unconscious and the archetypes society has formed through time.

"We all have the same ideas of what a priest or a goddess is, and of many of our rituals," she said. "I want it to be multi-level so everybody can get something out of it."

Hernandez said his installation consists of seven tables and chairs, arranged like a schoolroom, each with sculptures depicting a different daydream or nightmare scene on top. Hernandez said he also

incorporated two paintings and an audio track into the installation.

Hernandez said because of his emphasis on education, he included one empty desk with no sculpture on it as a symbol of unreach children.

"That's for the child the teachers can never reach, whether because of a learning disability or any other kind of problem," he said.

Shosty said Taylor's work was a combination of photography and drawing and also reflected many of her own personal feelings and struggles. Taylor could not be reached for comment by press time.

Senior art students are required to put an exhibition display together before graduation to show the work leading up to their final achievements as seniors, Hernandez said. The exhibition is an indication of what the students have learned and the direction they'll take after graduation, he said.

Lambda Chi completes annual food drive

By SHANNON LOCKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity recently completed their annual food drive and collected 2,345 pounds of nonperishable food for the needy, contributing to their national fraternity's overall 529,311-pound total, according to a news release.

The community's contribution was good this year, said Adam Ayer, a sophomore engineering major.

"We had a really good response," he said.

The third annual food drive was

adopted as Lambda Chi's national philanthropic project, which has raised over 1.2 million pounds of food for North America's needy.

The fraternity targets local neighborhoods several days prior to the collection, said Atila Ali, a senior finance major.

"We hang bags on door knobs of neighborhoods around TCU," he said, "and then, days later, we go back and pick up the cans of food they have put outside."

The theme this year for the North American Food Drive was "Brothers Feeding Others." The efforts involved more than 15,000 members

of the fraternity, including international members.

"Our entire chapter gets involved," David Kinder, a senior finance major said. "We all go out in groups of two to hang the bags. Each group is responsible for about 60-90 bags."

This year's sponsor for the southwest regional efforts of the food drive was Tom Thumb grocery stores, Kinder said.

"They provided all the bags and donated a certain number of cans," he said.

Lambda Chi tried to get the campus involved this year, said Clark Davis, a senior accounting, finance

and Spanish major.

"We initially wanted to get the campus involved to donate food," he said, "but it was during Homecoming Weekend. There were just too many other conflicts."

In efforts to raise the large numbers, the fraternity passed out approximately 2,000 bags to residents in the surrounding areas, Ayer said.

"We actually raised more this year than we did last year," he said.

All of the food collected was donated to the Tarrant County Food Bank to be distributed to the needy, Ali said.

NEWS DIGEST

Di: divorce would be royal pain

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana does not want to divorce Prince Charles, but is willing to discuss the possibility with him if he feels differently, she said in an interview broadcast Monday night.

"I await my husband's decision on which way we're all going to go," she said. "... To date, neither of us has discussed this subject, though the rest of the world seems to have."

In her first public comments about her private life, Diana said she had desperately wanted her marriage to succeed, in part because of the painful separation of her own parents.

Balkan talks break down

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A U.S.-imposed deadline for settling Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II passed without agreement Monday. Negotiators suggested a new round of talks might be needed to resolve the issue of how to divide Bosnia.

As the talks teetered on the verge of collapse, President Clinton intervened with a telephone call to Croatia's President Franjo Tudjman.

Senior members of both the Bosnian and the Serbian delegations confirmed that the talks had run into trouble but stressed that negotiations were continuing into the night.

Bill might change U.S. 59

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill awaiting President Clinton's signature would redesignate parts of U.S. 59 in and around Houston as Interstate 69, the major trade highway that eventually will link Montreal and Mexico City.

The National Highway System bill approved Friday by the Senate and Saturday by the House includes the U.S. 59 language inserted by Rep. Tom DeLay, a Republican from Sugar Land. Portions of U.S. 59 in and around Houston that meet interstate standards will be designated as I-69, allowing for future upgrades to the "NAFTA superhighway."

Texans could gain from scam

AUSTIN (AP) — Some Texas long distance telephone customers caught in a scam could recover up to \$1.3 million, Attorney General Dan Morales says.

Morales said a settlement had been reached between owners of a defunct long distance company and officials from Texas, California, New York and Illinois.

Morales and officials from the other states charged the former Atlanta-based Sonic Communications, Inc. and its officials of illegally switching customers' long distance service without their permission.

More youth being jailed

AUSTIN (AP) — More of the state's juveniles are being incarcerated and receiving longer sentences in correctional facilities, according to the Texas Youth Commission.

The commission on Monday reported a 6 percent increase in the number of incarcerated youths from fiscal year 1994 to fiscal year 1995 (2,005 to 2,123).

The number of youth committed for violent offenses increased by 4 percent, from 758 to 792.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Tuesday, Nov. 21
8 p.m.: TCU Democrats meet in Student Center 203
9:30 p.m.: TCU College Republicans meet in Student Center 202

Wednesday, Nov. 22
5:30 p.m.: Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) meets in Student Center 202
5 p.m.: Thanksgiving Recess begins

Brite/TCU Thanksgiving Chapel Service

Advance Registration for Spring 1996

TCU Percussion Ensemble

Exhibit—Thomas Walsh: Sculpture and Drawing, final day

Advance Registration for Spring 1996

5:30 p.m.: TCU Circle K International meets in Student Center 205

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ORDER OF OMEGA will meet at 10 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, in the Zeta Tau Alpha house. All members are required to attend.

STUDY ABROAD All students planning to study abroad in the Spring 1996 semester should stop by the Study Abroad office in Reed Hall 113 no later than Nov. 22 to confirm their acceptance, receive credit

approval forms and pick up the schedule for pre-departure orientation.

TCU STUDENT ALLIES, a group for students who wish to learn more about and support gay, lesbian and bisexual students, meets at 7:30 on Tuesdays in Student Center 204. Everyone is invited. Call Joel at 336-2431 or Carrie at 926-7257.

MUSICIAN MAGAZINE is now accepting entries for its 1996 Best Unsigned Band Competition. The program offers unsigned bands and artists the opportunity to get their music heard by people in the music industry — from top music critics and editors to established artists and producers. Deadline

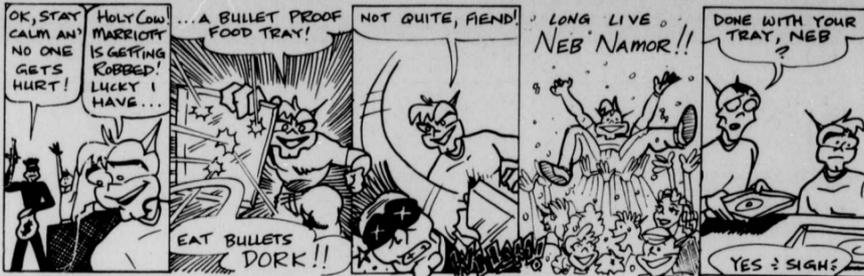
for entries is Dec. 31, 1995, and interested bands/artists can receive information, rules and official entry form by calling 1-800-BUB-7096.

PSI CHI PSYCHOLOGY HONORS SOCIETY is having a Christmas book drive to benefit a downtown homeless shelter. Anyone with new or old, adult or children's books is encouraged to donate. There will be a box in the Psi Chi library in Winton Scott Hall for donations. Contact Jenny at 738-3538.

TARRANT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION offers a FREE Legal Advice Hotline between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Call (817) 335-1239. Lawyers and callers remain anonymous.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today and will be clear with a high in the upper 60s and a low in the 30s. Winds will be blowing out of the North at 10 to 15 mph, decreasing in the afternoon.

Wednesday will continue to be clear, with a high in the mid 60s, and a low in the 30s.

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■ SCOTT BARZILLA

Pondering the importance of time is just a waste of time

Time. Time is on my side. Only time will tell. Time creates and time destroys, or something like that.

There are so many ways in which we waste our time talking about time. We spend countless hours and days studying in many fields that deal with time. Discussing history is one of our favorite ways of talking about time.

We historians (it happens to be my minor) spend more time talking about when things occur than almost anything else in the field. You see, timing is crucial in development of history. Here are a few examples.

Have you ever wondered how amazing it is that the Declaration of Independence was signed by the Second Continental Congress on July 4 while it was finished the day before? Do you think that they knew that the



fourth was Independence Day? Perhaps, but I wouldn't waste my time worrying about it.

Another fine example is the fact that Christopher Columbus discovered America on Columbus Day. He sure must have been a great sailor to be able to negotiate the seas and land in the West Indies at precisely that time. These historical feats are not by accident. They take a lot of time and effort to figure out.

Another fine example is the fact that Abraham Lincoln and George Washington were both born on holidays. If they had not

been born on President's Day then would they have not been president? Would we have a democracy? A coincidence, you say? I think not; it's all in the timing.

On to more noble pursuits, isn't it amazing that Jesus was born on Christmas Day? God really has that timing down doesn't He?

I could waste your time with other countless examples, but in the interest of time conservation I will move on to other fine examples.

Interestingly enough, this is the perfect time to bring up two other major fields preoccupied with time: religion and science. Time is a major preoccupation of both of these areas of study. Christians believe that the Earth is just over 4,000 years old while geologists believe the age to be in the millions.

The discrepancies keep the groups utterly

opposed to each other and the conflict will probably not be resolved any time soon.

It's amazing how such groups can keep themselves preoccupied with such questions. It seems that as soon as someone has a breakthrough, they run out of time and end up kicking the bucket.

Philosophy is another major field which preoccupies itself with such questions. Time. What is time? Isn't time timeless? How much time do we have? Meanwhile, time just keeps passing us by.

Even civilizations are distinguished by their time. The age of the nation is one way of telling how a nation is doing — even though most of the people starve to death, thus, their time is short.

In addition, there are so many ways of telling time. For example, Stonehenge is thought to be a calendar, and when is the

Russian new year anyway?

The preoccupation with time goes even further than that. Is it a coincidence that we measure longitude and latitude in minutes and seconds when degrees is just not good enough? Time can do so much.

While we worry about time, time just keeps wasting away. We are always pressed for time or time is too short. Time is so flexible, it is long, it is short, it is past, it is future.

Now that I have sufficiently wasted your time, it seems my time has run out. If you don't take time to ponder the vast wasteland of time then you can do something worthwhile with your time.

Scott Barzilla is a junior political science major from Houston, and is the opinion editor of the Skiff.

■ CHRIS SMITH

TCU's TV ad is uninventive and fallacious

This past Saturday, I witnessed something very strange during the TCU vs. Texas game. No, it wasn't Max Knake actually connecting a pass with one of his own players. This wonder of all wonders was the commercial featuring TCU.

The theory behind these college commercials is to attract students to the specific college. So one might expect an exaggeration of the truth in order to recruit students. But we here at TCU have been privy to the most blatantly unoriginal and downright deceitful commercial ever to bear the semi-unfaded name of Texas Christian University.



The commercial consists of those wonderful campus sights and then has ten-second sound bytes of students proclaiming the gnarliness of TCU. I have a few questions for the content programmer of this commercial.

- 1) How long did it take you to travel the world and find a campus just like TCU to take pictures of?
- All things being equal, TCU is a truly beautiful campus. But grounded in reality, the beauty is hidden behind a sentient sprinkler system with a vindictive personality, enough political signs to make the Western Hemisphere a fire hazard, and an infinite number of pseudo golf carts who think the sidewalks are an invitation to speed and/or run down unsuspecting students.
- 2) How much did you pay these students to lie about TCU?
- At least I hope they were paid because if anyone is that naive, they need to look at some of my oceanfront property in North Dakota. One student mentioned something about TCU being a big, happy family (or something equally as insipid).
- If a family consists of homophobes, anti-greeks, anti-independents, Jesus haters, Jesus hater haters, and enough anomalies to keep Geraldo going ad infinitum, then TCU certainly fits the bill. Of course dysfunctional families are the order of the day, so maybe the student was just referring to our ability to keep up with the times.
- 3) What other school commercial did you steal from? TCU's commercial is analogous to pulling a rotten tooth out of a dead horse's mouth. Every single college featured in one of these SnackMaster-esque farces has the same tired old quotes from students and the same aesthetically pleasing pictures to show. So leave it up to TCU take the most inane and banal choice possible.
- Yet there remains a solution. This will put Texas Christian University on the road to everlasting fame, and we might even pick up some integrity along the way. The new and improved commercial will consist of real-life students with semi-intelligent opinions (warning: may be hard to come by) and real-life campus situations devoid of marketing appeal.
- The commercial will begin in a dimly lit room with a man sitting in a chair with his face blacked out. He begins with, "Hello, Fools. I am a member of TCU's Board of Trustees. Come to my school and I promise to raise tuition then slink back into the shadows." This is followed by a maniacal laugh.
- Next comes the student quiz in which people are asked why they chose TCU. They can choose from a) It was my 10th choice, but they gave me the most money, b) My daddy said he would buy me a car, c) I couldn't get into Greasy Ralph's School of Beauty, or the ever popular d) I am an idiot.
- This is finished off with a pull away shot of our inhumanly ugly "Spikey Frog." Although this project is only in the preliminary stages, the outcome will prove to be far more truthful and original than the pathetic slab of triteness proffered up to the brainless every Saturday.
- And as the picture fades away, our motto comes blazing onto the screen. "TCU: We suck and are damn proud of it."

Chris Smith is a junior history/sociology double major from Burleson, Texas.



■ EDITORIAL

TRUSTEES

Thanks for your help, but let us get involved

Last week, the Board of Trustees met to make decisions about the future of TCU. We often don't take enough time to thank them for their efforts.

The members of the Board of Trustees have donated over \$31 million to the Next Frontier campaign. They donate their time and energy to TCU, and it became readily apparent in last week's Intercom meeting with the students that they genuinely care about the future of TCU.

It is important to keep this in mind when discussing the performance of the trustees because it is easy to forget that they donate their money and time to improving life at TCU.

However, the trustees tend to think of ways to improve TCU in the long run. This is certainly understandable because they are involved with TCU for a greater period of time than most students. Even though the long run is an important thing to keep in mind, they are losing the students' perspectives.

This lack of student perspective is why it is so important for the Board of Trustees to bring students closer to the process.

Probably the most important way of getting the students' perspective is to allow them into the trustees' meeting. Most students are here for only four to five years, so this perspective could only help the board make better decisions that will impact the current student body directly.

It is so easy for the trustees to get wrapped up in campaigns like the Next Frontier. While these campaigns are very important to the future of TCU, the students who are presently on campus will reap few benefits from it.

The trustees need to realize that students who feel like their needs are being addressed and who feel apart of the process are much more likely to be a part of the TCU process as alumni.

■ LETTERS

Phi Kaps should be praised, not blamed

I am writing as a female member of the Greek system. I would like to clear up several "misunderstandings" that have apparently confused several females who have been complaining of various forms of "abuse" the Phi Kaps have inflicted.

First and foremost, Phi Kap Manday Week is a voluntary event that benefits the MDA. Phi Kap does not require participation. For those who think it is mandatory, please explain how it would be enforced under TCU regulations.

So for all those girls who feel they have been degraded, it's not by the Phi Kaps, but by their own sorority. The sororities are the source of the demands. It is well known that most sororities require their pledges to participate in Greek events such as Phi Kap Manday.

This may be viewed as unfair or hazing, but any way you choose to interpret this incident,

blame should not be placed on the Phi Kaps. If pledges and/or members are unhappy with their sorority they need to deal with the problem themselves and not blame others. Those who don't enjoy Manday need not participate.

I am tired of hearing about the event revolving around female sexism. The event is a competition involving several events and in no way did I ever feel degraded or sexually harassed.

We need to praise the Phi Kaps for working so hard for their philanthropy and not punish them. The Phi Kaps should be an inspiration to other organizations for their efforts in supporting a national charity.

I am sure those who benefit from the MDA are grateful to contributors like the Phi Kaps. For without these donations, the research, medical attention and medicine would be unavailable.

Jennifer Mladenka
junior, deaf education

■ BECKY PRETZ

Female gender roles continue to hamper women

I've been told I drive like a man. Now, what in the hell does that mean? How in the world can the basic skills such as pressing one's foot on the gas or brake pedal and turning a wheel be distinguishable on the basis of one's sex?

The person who described my driving ability explained that it's because I drive fast, switch lanes a lot and swear enough to make any Scorsese movie seem more like a Disney cartoon. But, why does it mean I "act like a man," if I drive aggressively?

In my political science class, we've often discussed why a woman must take on male characteristics in order to get elected. Honesty, openness, integrity and stamina are all used to describe a strong or powerful man. Those same qualities for a woman can often cause her to be labeled.

However, men and women don't necessarily have to be equal in all respects. It's okay to have differences as long as they don't discriminate or make others feel less worthy. For instance, the long-standing theory is that women love to get flowers and men don't.

Nothing's wrong with that, but society shouldn't criticize those who don't conform to those old-fashioned stereotypes. If a man likes to get flowers, people shouldn't think any less of him. If a woman decides to take up hunting as a hobby, more power to her.

Predetermined differences between sexes based upon medieval ideologies are unjust when it comes to characteristics that both men and women share, like driving. Basic skills and coordination don't depend on an X or Y chromosome for success. Tasks that require a great amount of physical strength and stamina are generally the only sort of real differences between the sexes, but even that's not always true.

Many of the stereotypes have yet to be broken down because there aren't very many role models. Rumors circulate that Janet Reno is a lesbian just because she's single and has no children. Women still occupy a disproportionately small percentage of the number of executive positions in businesses.

Hollywood has done nothing to help. Women seem to be either pushovers or they're ready to pick up a machine gun and destroy the enemy. Even female actors are constantly complaining that there are few good roles for them.

Another problem is that women can't even agree on what's fair or "proper." When Jamie Lee Curtis starred in "True Lies," I thought her character was believable, even in the action scenes.

On the flip side, a number of women protested because they thought her character stagnated women's advancement more than ever. Her character was deemed as submissive to her husband and viewed as if she had no mind of her own.

There aren't just two categories for women: those who know martial arts and those who are there to satisfy the all-important love scene. Many people look to movies as a cue on how to behave. Fashion trends, new slang words and behavior in general have all been affected by movies.

Until stereotypes are broken down, there will always be a wedge between the two sexes. Most of it stems from a lack of understanding or frame of reference for the other, but what complicates the issue more is the fact that women themselves can never agree on what's more important for their cause.



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Parliamentarian's humor adds lighter side to House meetings

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When the House chamber echoes with laughter, usually it is because of something Nathan Digby said or did.

Digby, the House of Student Representatives parliamentarian, partly sees his role as working to make meetings more fun.

"A lot of people have this misconception that House always has to be formal and boring," he said.

Digby, a senior political science and speech communications double major, has presented "TCU Trivia" during his parliamentarian reports for the past two years.

"TCU Trivia" is Digby's own invention of giving the House a little piece of the university's history.

At one House meeting, Digby told the members the story of "Old Tex," a gardener who was very protective of the front lawn of Sadler Hall in the 1960s.

At that time, Digby said, no one was allowed to walk on the grass at TCU, and "Old Tex" reprimanded everyone, including the chancellor, who walked on his special lawn. To combat people from treading, he sometimes sprayed them with a water hose.

At the end of Digby's report, he said, "Here's one more for the cowboy," and took out a water gun and sprayed House members.

"I've gotten some standing ovations for 'TCU Trivia,'" he said.

He said his most memorable moment in House meetings was during his first year as parliamentarian, when Anitha Nair was House secretary.

He said Nair was trying to get House members to read the minutes distributed at each meeting, and she had been adding little "facts" — some of which were about Digby. Some examples were that he stood on a table and did a tap dance or played a harmonica solo.

A few meetings later, Digby said he actually brought a harmonica and had learned "Home on the Range."

Digby said he played the song at the meeting so he and his harmonica could officially make the minutes.

Digby has been parliamentarian for two years. When he arrived at TCU in Fall 1992, he campaigned for Milton Daniel Hall representative, but lost, he said.

"But I didn't miss a meeting," he said. Digby attended the House meetings his freshman year and was a part of the Elections and Regulations Committee.

In the spring of his freshman year, he was the chairman of that committee, and in the fall of his sophomore year, he was the Academic Affairs Committee chairman.

"Scott McLinden (1994 House president) took applications and interviewed several people" for parliamentarian, Digby said.

He served under McLinden and

current president Scott Wheatley. Digby said Wheatley asked him, before he got into office, to be the House parliamentarian for another year.

He said his job description included helping the president in fulfilling his or her agenda.

"The good part of the job is that you get to do things behind the scenes in the university," he said. "Sitting on the Executive Board and helping to make those decisions is a real honor for me."

But there are a lot of gray areas in student government, he said. The president may take the heat, but he often makes important decisions.

Digby said he had mixed feelings about leaving the position, but other students deserve the opportunity.

"I've contributed what I can," he said.

He said his definition of TCU is intertwined with student government.

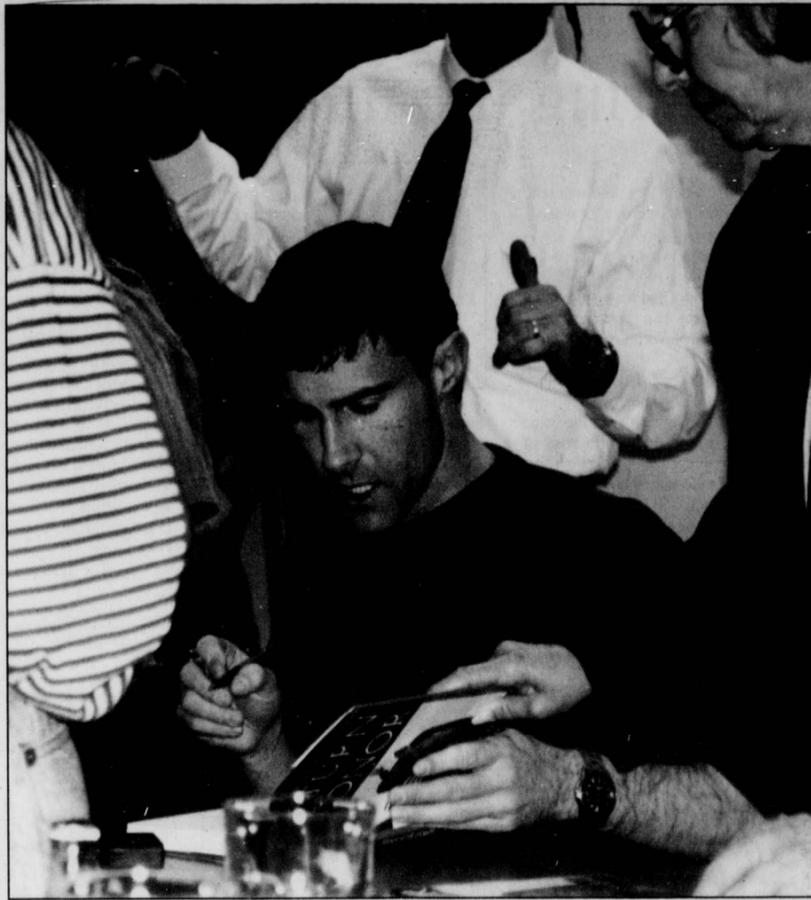
"I would encourage anyone interested in House, parliamentary procedure or basically having a good time to apply" for the position, he said. He said the new president would be taking applications.

Digby has served TCU in many ways, including being a Frog Camp counselor, a resident assistant and a member of the Disciple Student Fellowship, among many other groups.

Digby said he hopes to go to Latin America for a year to do some volunteering after he graduates. He may then go to seminary with the intent of teaching religion at the university level, he said.



Nathan Digby



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Capt. Scott O'Grady signs his new book, *Return with Honor* at 6 p.m. Friday at Borders Bookstore.

Statewide resistance to weapons law will not affect TCU handgun policy

By CHRIS HAYS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Although a law taking effect Jan. 1 will give Texans the right to carry concealed weapons across the state, many communities, transit systems and public buildings are currently drafting regulations prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.

Many municipalities have vowed to prohibit the carrying of guns on all or most city-owned property, an action that authors of the law claim violates the law's intent.

TCU is currently checking the legality of any person carrying guns on campus, but students will be expected to follow the guidelines in the student handbook.

The handbook prohibits students having weapons of any kind on their person, in their dorm room or in their vehicle while on TCU property. TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said despite the new law, this policy will remain in effect.

"The policy that is currently in effect will not change," McGee said. "What the legal staff is looking into is whether faculty and staff will be allowed to carry handguns, as well as those visiting campus. But the bottom line is that no student will be allowed to carry a gun at TCU."

The law has fallen under criticism because of the allowance it makes in

permitting city governments to override the weapons law. However, the Texas Senate, which is responsible for any changes made to the law, does not meet again until 1997, and no special session is expected to be called until then.

An opinion by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has recently allowed cities to impose restrictions on those carrying handguns from bringing the weapons onto any city-owned property. Under Texas law, the attorney general's opinion is upheld as law until challenged and overturned in court.

However, Morales, according to published reports, has urged lawmakers to clarify the law "as soon as possible." Morales, who could not be reached for comment, recently told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that until changes are made, Texans can expect to see "a confusing patchwork of laws and rules to govern their gun toting on streets, in businesses and on public property."

The law directly prohibits the carrying of guns at amusement parks, churches, airports, sporting events, bars, racetracks, courts, government meetings and schools. Cities and privately-owned businesses that prohibit guns in certain areas must post signs stating the prohibition. Failure to post such signs would result in a Class A misdemeanor.

But cities have recently applied the provision against government meetings to other properties. Arlington, Austin, Dallas, Carrollton, Colleyville, Grand Prairie and Grapevine are among communities so far that have proposed banning handguns on their property. The Fort Worth City Council last week offered its staff to enact the "most restrictive ordinance possible."

Such declarations violate the intent of the law, say Texas lawmakers. Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, said cities have overstepped their bounds recently by banning handguns in city parks, buses, and bus stops.

"We specifically prohibited municipalities from further restricting where permit holders can carry a concealed weapon," said Patterson, who was the primary author of the new law. He said municipalities banning handguns were "basically useless," and any citizen with a permit should disregard such prohibitions.

At TCU, McGee said he feels the ban will legally stand up, although the school is a private institution. It is unclear whether or not the university will be required to post signs or will be able to prohibit faculty, staff and visitors from bringing weapons onto campus beginning Jan. 1. McGee said he is expecting a ruling from TCU's legal counsel by late November or early December.

"Our legal people are themselves debating the issue," McGee said. "The vagueness of the law is presenting the same problems to us that it is all across the state."

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Texas spoils Frogs' upset attempt

Brackens, defense lead No. 9 Longhorns to 27-19 win

By Thomas Manning
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU Horned Frogs probably put together their best overall performance of the season last Saturday, but it wasn't enough to beat a Texas squad that has slowly become one of the best teams in the nation.

A couple of costly mistakes and an inability to stop the Longhorn offense on key third-down plays led to TCU's 27-19 loss in Austin that dropped the Frogs to 6-4 on the season and 3-3 in the Southwest Conference.

The loss, coupled with Baylor's win over Rice later in the day, officially eliminated TCU from contention for the SWC's final championship.

"I think this is the best Texas football team we've played since I've been here," TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said. "They've got a lot of weapons on both sides of the ball. But we couldn't afford to turn the ball over, and we did that a couple of times."

TCU didn't go down without a fight Saturday, as it did the previous week in Lubbock against Texas Tech, and remained close to the 'Horns all game. But when tailback Andre Davis fumbled on the Frog 2-yard line and Texas defensive end Tony Brackens recovered, Texas was able to put TCU away. One play later, freshman Shon Mitchell barreled into the end zone giving Texas the 27-19 lead with 2:08 to go, and the Frogs couldn't drive down the field to attempt to tie the game.

Those two plays symbolized Texas' success Saturday. Brackens was a monster on defense all game, and Mitchell, along with fellow-freshman Ricky Williams, combined to lead the Texas offense while quarterback James Brown was ineffective and then injured during the game.

Brackens recovered two fumbles in the game, including the one by Davis that set up the game-sealing touchdown. He also collected 12 tackles, including three for losses, and recorded a sack and a forced fumble.

"Tony is one of the best defensive players in the country," TCU quarterback Max Knake said. "He plays hard and makes a big difference in every ballgame."

Brackens disrupted Knake and the



TCU Daily Skiff/ Micha Cortese

Teammates race to congratulate TCU's John Washington (center, No. 3) as referee Doyle Jackson signals a touchdown on the junior's 65-yard punt return in the second quarter of Saturday's game. TCU lost to Texas, 27-19.

Frog offense all day, but TCU still managed to put up solid numbers.

Andre Davis, playing in his first game since Oct. 14 after serving his four-game suspension, rushed for 141 yards and caught eight passes for 51 more to lead the TCU offense. The Frogs set the tone early in the game with Davis, giving the senior the ball nine times on the first drive of the game. He rushed seven times and caught two passes on that first drive, a drive that ended with the first of four Michael Reeder field goals and gave the Frogs a 3-0 lead.

"It (Davis' return) has a lot to do with the confidence of this team," Knake said. "He brings the level of play up a notch. It has a big effect on the other 10 guys on the field."

But Texas' offense woke up later in the first quarter, led by the freshmen

running backs. After a Phil Dawson field goal capped a 12-play, 73-yard drive to tie it at 3-3, Knake threw an interception on TCU's next possession, and Texas took advantage on the very next play when Mitchell broke free for a 24-yard TD run to make it 10-3 Longhorns.

Mitchell and Williams finished the first quarter with 91 combined rushing yards, and would offset Davis' successful return to the Frogs by rushing for 177 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

But TCU got a boost on what was the most exciting play of the game in the second quarter. Trailing 10-3, wide receiver/punt returner John Washington took a punt at the TCU 35 and outran the Longhorn special teams unit for a 65-yard touchdown return that tied it at 10-10.

Sullivan said Washington's return was just one of many big plays the junior has been making in recent weeks.

"John is developing into one of the premier players in the conference," he said. "He just makes big play after big play."

But Washington's return provided TCU with the only touchdown it would score all day, as the Texas defense continued to come up big on drive after drive.

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TCU GAME NOTES

Sullivan dismisses rumors

TCU head coach Pat Sullivan answered rumors Saturday that he is a frontrunner to replace Ray Goff as head coach of Georgia at the end of the season by stating his priorities for the rest of the season.

"I've got the biggest football game of my life next week and that's all I'm worried about right now," he said after Saturday's loss.

TCU plays Texas A&M in its season finale next Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

Goff will not return to Georgia at the end of the season. His Bulldogs have not lived up to expectations in recent years and are struggling at 5-5 in the always-difficult Southeastern Conference this year. Goff has been head coach at Georgia for seven years.

Sullivan was a serious candidate last year for the vacant head coaching job at Louisiana State, but obviously decided to stay at TCU.

Reeder remains phenomenal

Placekicker Michael Reeder was a perfect four-for-four on field goal attempts Saturday, and has now hit 21 of 22 on the season. He made field goal of 20, 39, 22 and 23 yards against Texas, and accounted for 13 of TCU's 19 points in the game.

Reeder, a sophomore, is one of five finalists for the Lou Groza National Kicking Award, given to the nation's top placekicker. He has been the most solid kicker in the country this season, and hasn't missed a field goal attempt since Oct. 14 at Rice. He has made 12 straight field goals, a TCU record, and has also never missed a point after attempt for the Frogs, connecting on 52 straight, also a TCU record.

Mistakes continue to hurt

Again Saturday, mistakes in key situations continued to plague TCU. TCU committed four turnovers Saturday, two on Max Knake interceptions and two on fumbles (Knake once and Andre Davis once). Two of those turnovers resulted on Texas touchdowns on the very next play.

The Frogs also had some key penalties in the game, and all those factors added up to a frustrating day for Davis and the Frog offense.

"I felt like we hurt ourselves because every time we got close to the end zone we got a flag," Davis said. "It got frustrating because it felt like every time we got close something happened to us."

The Frogs did struggle in the red zone again, another problem they've had all year. TCU drove inside the Texas 20-yard line four times and got Reeder field goals every time.

So does credit go to the Longhorn defense for that? While Knake and Sullivan praised the Texas defense, Davis wasn't so quick to give it as many accolades.

"I'm not going to say they were great," he said, "but that's a pretty good D."

GAME SUMMARY

Texas Christian Horned Frogs vs Texas Longhorns

DATE: Nov. 18 AT: Memorial Stadium ATTENDANCE: 63,342

	1	2	3	4	Total
TCU	3	10	3	3	19
Texas	10	3	7	7	27

TEAM	PER	TIME	SCORING PLAY	PLAYS	YDS	TCU	Texas
TCU	1	6:56	Reeder 20 FG	14	67	3	0
Texas	1	2:19	Dawson 24 FG	12	73	3	3
Texas	1	0:39	Mitchell 24 run (Dawson kick)	1	24	3	10
TCU	2	6:37	Washington 65 punt return (Reeder kick)			10	10
Texas	2	4:56	Dawson 43 FG	4	2	10	13
TCU	2	0:20	Reeder 39 FG	13	60	13	13
TCU	3	8:17	Reeder 23 FG	5	21	16	13
Texas	3	1:17	McGarity 1 run (Dawson kick)	15	71	16	20
TCU	4	11:51	Reeder 23 FG	10	74	19	20
Texas	4	2:08	Mitchell 2 run (Dawson kick)	1	2	19	27

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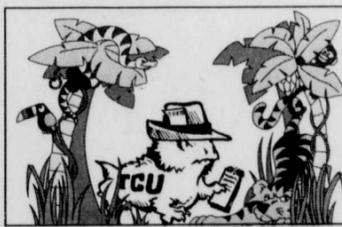
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GOP, Democrats relieved about government restart

By ALAN FRAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With a budget truce reviving the government back to life, the White House and congressional Republicans pledged Monday to use December talks to champion divergent spending priorities that have so far been irreconcilable. The GOP signaled possible give on its prized tax cut.

Democrats and Republicans alike seemed relieved that the longest-ever partial federal shutdown was ending, a six-day ordeal that had both parties fearing retribution by disgusted voters. But there was doggedness, too, and White House spokesman Mike McCurry warned, "We'll be right back where we were" unless the two sides strike a budget deal by mid-December.

A day after bipartisan leaders shook hands on a pact reopening government through Dec. 15, the House overwhelmingly approved the measure 421-4 and shipped it to President Clinton for his signature. The legislation commits both sides to seeking a balanced budget in seven years using congressional economic calculations, which Republicans had demanded for months, and to protect social programs, as the White House insisted. It was approved Sunday by the Senate.

Before recessing for Thanksgiving, the House also gave final congressional blessing to the GOP plan for balancing the budget by 2002 on a mostly party-line 235-192 vote. It would overhaul Medicare, slice scores of programs and trim taxes for millions.

Clinton's long-promised veto of that measure will serve as the starter's flag for bargaining that Republican leaders said they hoped would begin next Monday.

The president had long said that the GOP's seven-year, budget-balancing timetable would force overly harsh spending cuts. Democrats said Monday that to meet that schedule, the key in upcoming negotiations would be to force Republicans to shrink their planned \$245 billion tax break for families and businesses.

"Well, I think that has to be on the table," responded House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., on NBC's "Today" program. Trimming the tax cut would make things easier for politicians and bureaucrats, but "harder for parents," he added.

Both sides said they were mulling plans for the structure of their negotiations. But for now, each stressed that going in, they had achieved what they wanted.

"If we do what we should do between now and Dec. 15, it won't make any difference who won and who lost," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. But he couldn't resist adding: "I think we won. We didn't blink."

That's not how Democrats saw it.

"The president got what we wanted," boasted White House staff chief Leon Panetta on ABC's "Good Morning America," saying the administration got Republicans to promise to protect Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment and aid to working families from severe reductions.

Panetta insisted that the administration had surrendered little in

accepting the GOP's timetable, saying it was spending levels for important social programs that really counted. On NBC's "Today," he even seemed to hedge a bit on the timetable itself.

"If we can work out an agreement that protects those priorities, we can do it in seven years or eight years," Panetta said. "But the important thing is protecting those priorities, and that's what we got in the agreement last night."

Those remarks infuriated Republicans, who noted that the Sunday agreement called for an elimination of annual deficits "not later than fiscal year 2002."

"Seven years is not going up," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La. "He committed to seven years last night, and we're going to hold him to it."

Though the talk was tough from both sides, it was serene compared with the testy mood that had dominated the Capitol for days. In one indicator of easing tensions, Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., apologized to Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., for shoving him Friday just outside the House chamber, saying the parties' "battle of ideas" should be settled "in a non-violent way."

Sunday's agreement sent about 700,000 federal workers back to their jobs Monday, following another 100,000 who returned earlier as bills financing several agencies were signed. That meant that the Grand Canyon and Smithsonian museums reopened to tourists, the Commerce Department resumed tracking economic statistics, and overseas embassies could issue visas to travelers.

Drug and alcohol use may lead to problems in the workplace

By JILL TAYLOR
TCU DAILY SKIFF

People who enjoy a party-filled lifestyle as college students may have to make difficult adjustments when they enter the work force or else lose their jobs, said a TCU alcohol and drug education official.

Students typically experience a time of newfound freedom when they move out of their parents' homes and off to college. Some respond to this freedom by experimenting with drugs or alcohol, assuming they are on their own and thinking no one can tell them what to do, according to Angie Taylor, coordinator for alcohol and drug education.

An alcohol and drug education survey revealed 90 percent of TCU students have experimented with alcohol, and 42 percent of those respondents considered themselves binge drinkers.

In addition, 27 percent of TCU students have used marijuana, and 10 percent have used another illegal drug.

"By the time these students graduate from college, many times they have started a pattern that will carry over into their professional lives," Taylor said.

She said students' drinking for fun in college can often turn into drinking to relieve job-related stress or to celebrate the days of no more homework, Taylor said.

But even though their parents no longer make the rules, these students are likely to find there is someone who can and will tell them what to do: their employer.

According to an article in the April 1995 issue of *Newview* magazine, nearly nine million employed Americans are current drug users. This study, conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, found that drug use and employment do not mix well. Drug use "impairs performance, hindering productivity in the workplace and threatening the safety of other employees and the public," according to the *Newview* article.

Furthermore, the article said drug users surveyed in the study "used medical benefits at three to four times the rate of nonusers, were absent three to four times as often, used sick leave three times as much, were tardy three times more often than the nonusers, left work early twice as often, performed at about two-thirds of their normal capacity and filed five times the number of worker's compensation claims."

The same study showed instances of drug use were consistently higher among people in the 18-to-34 age group than in any other group.

Wayne Lehman, a TCU research scientist at the Institute for Behavioral Research, conducted a federally funded study concerning drug use in the workplace.

Lehman also found an obvious

relationship between accidents, absenteeism, and behaviors related to low productivity and drug and alcohol use at work. His results were published as part of the same article in *Newview* magazine.

The article in *Newview* published a U.S. Chamber of Commerce study that estimated drug abuse cost American industry \$600 billion every year.

These statistics of poor productivity are undoubtedly part of the reason drug testing in the workplace is a prevalent issue.

Bill Stowe, associate director of career services, said drug testing is something students, as future employees, need to be aware of.

"Most any major corporation or government agency has mandatory pre-employment drug screening," Stowe said.

Stowe noted that drug testing is more likely to be done in the initial phases of the job application process than once the applicant has been hired.

Job applicants must show absolutely no signs of substance abuse to be eligible for employment at any of the major corporations or government agencies, regardless of any positive qualifications they may hold otherwise, such as a high GPA or strong recommendations, Stowe said.

"Signs of anything illegal are grounds for dismissal. It's a no-tolerance issue," Stowe said.

Authorities focus on Mexican gangs

Youth cross border to assault, rob U.S. citizens, police say

By EDUARDO MONTES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO, Texas — Federal and municipal authorities have joined forces to take the offensive against Mexican gangs that have been slipping across the Rio Grande to assault and rob U.S. citizens.

The combined efforts, which include sting operations using decoys, yielded only one arrest during a weekend rife with criminal activity. But authorities said Monday their assault will continue.

The bandits are thought to be associated with gangs from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, that have been looting trains in nearby Sunland Park, N.M.

More recently, they have begun waylaying and assaulting motorists and pedestrians along Paisano Drive, a well-traveled El Paso road that parallels the Rio Grande.

Border Patrol agents have long complained of attacks in the area, which is just across the river from a large Mexican neighborhood. But they now are reporting increasingly violent incidents, including attempts by well-armed bandits to stop cars by shooting out tires or erecting roadblocks.

Authorities are responding on several fronts, including construction of a 7-foot-tall, chain-link fence along the mile-long stretch where most of the attacks have occurred. They also are forming partnerships with Mexican authorities.

As an example of the problems, officials showed videotapes at a news conference of two assaults and a successful sting, recorded during the weekend by a Border Patrol night-vision camera.

In one segment, three men waded across the Rio Grande early Saturday morning and attacked a pedestrian, who was struck at least once with a rock and then beaten.

On the tape, the men are shown dragging their victim toward the river, presumably in an attempt to

take him into Mexico. They also strip him of his pants before fleeing an approaching Border Patrol vehicle.

Authorities said the victim, who was not identified, was treated at a hospital and released.

The other attack occurred on the Mexican side of the river, where several bandits pounced on a man, stripped him of his underwear and kicked him before fleeing.

"They clearly have no respect for human life," said Border Patrol Chief Silvestre Reyes. "They're a very violence-prone gang."

A third videotape illustrated the authorities' reaction. The camera focused on an undercover officer posing as a motorist whose vehicle has stalled on Paisano Drive.

As the officer is approached by two men who had just recently crossed the river, he draws his weapon and several other officers spill out the vehicle.

They tackle one of the men and the camera follows as at least 10 other suspected bandits who were hiding in the brush on the riverbank begin fleeing across the Rio Grande.

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"We did some things to counter them (on defense)," Knake said. "They were just one of the toughest defenses I've ever played against."

With the score tied 13-13 in the third quarter, Sullivan made his biggest decision of the game. On fourth-and-1 from the Texas 6-yard line, Sullivan opted to send Reeder out for his third field goal instead of trying to pick up the first down and score a touchdown. Reeder connected to give TCU a 16-13 lead, but Texas scored a touchdown on its next drive to make it 20-16 and the frogs would never lead again.

Sullivan said the decision to kick a field goal was a "no-brainer."

"At that point in the ballgame you've got to take the points," he said. "When you can get the lead and put the pressure on them you do it. You've got to get on top on the road whenever you can."

Knake said he agreed with the decision.

"At that point I thought it was a wise decision to take the points," he said.

The Frogs had opportunities to climb back into the game after Texas took the 20-16 lead. But despite having a first-and-goal at the Texas 7-yard line on their first drive of the fourth quarter, TCU could only manage another field goal by Reeder, and the sophomore's fourth successful kick of the game closed out TCU's scoring.

After Davis' fumble on the Texas two and the 'Horns subsequent touchdown, TCU's 14th consecutive loss in Austin became official.

"The reason I like this team is because of what you saw today," Sullivan said of his team's effort. "These guys are fine human beings and I'm proud of all of them. I just ache that we couldn't get a 'W'."

Knake offered a more hopeful approach to the loss.

"I'm going to go back to Fort Worth and think about the game tonight and then it's done," he said. "I want to think about Texas A&M. I haven't beaten them since I've been here and I want to focus on doing that."

The Frogs finish their regular season schedule with the Aggies at home next Saturday, and it appears only a win in the finale will bring bowl considerations for TCU.

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