

Shuttle explodes, killing crew, teacher

Challenger explodes; nation mourns dead

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Space shuttle Challenger exploded into a gigantic fireball 75 seconds after liftoff today, killing its crew of seven, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

"I regret that I have to report that based on very preliminary searches of the ocean where the Challenger impacted this morning, these searches have not revealed any evidence that the crew of Challenger survived," Jesse Moore, NASA associate administrator, told a midafternoon news conference.

It was the first time American astronauts had been killed in flight, although three died on the launch pad during a training exercise 19 years ago.

The disaster destroyed the \$1.2 billion shuttle, one of four in NASA's fleet, and jeopardized an ambitious 1986 schedule of shuttle flights.

At midafternoon, flags at Cape Canaveral were lowered to half-staff. The countdown clock that marks the progress of the mission continued for hours to tick off the seconds after the launch.

"We salute those who risked and gave their lives to serve our country at the last great frontiers," Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. told his colleagues on the floor of the House of Representatives. "We salute those who died performing exploits that the people of my age grew up reading about in comic books or in fiction."

McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school teacher from Concord, N.H., was the first person picked for a shuttle flight under NASA's citizen-in-space program.

The other crew members were commander Francis R. Scobee, 46; pilot Michael J. Smith, 40; Judith Resnik, 36; Ronald E. McNair, 35; Ellison S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

The explosion occurred as Challenger was 10.35 miles high and 8.05 miles downrange from the Cape, speeding toward orbit at 1,977 mph.

Fragments of the spacecraft fell into the Atlantic Ocean 18 miles southeast of the Kennedy Space Center launch pad.

The shocking spectacle was witnessed by family and friends of the astronauts who had gathered at Cape Canaveral, and by millions more

around the country who viewed the launch on television.

President Reagan postponed Tuesday night's State of the Union speech for one week and instead addressed the nation from the Oval Office about the tragedy. He sent Vice President George Bush to the Cape to observe the investigation.

Reagan told reporters at the White House: "It's a horrible thing all of us have witnessed. I can't rid myself of the thought of the sacrifice of the families who were there at the Cape and watching this tragedy also. I can't help but think what they must be going through."

One of four shuttles scheduled to take part in 15 space flights this year, the Challenger had been delayed on the launch pad for several days. The most recent delay came about because of fears that icicles on the launch pad this morning could harm the shuttle.

It was the first in-flight disaster in 56 U.S. manned space missions, although three astronauts were killed in a launch pad fire during a test-19 years ago Monday.

"We've become accustomed to success. It's been an amazing success story so far," said Sen. John Glenn, a former astronaut who was the first American in orbit.

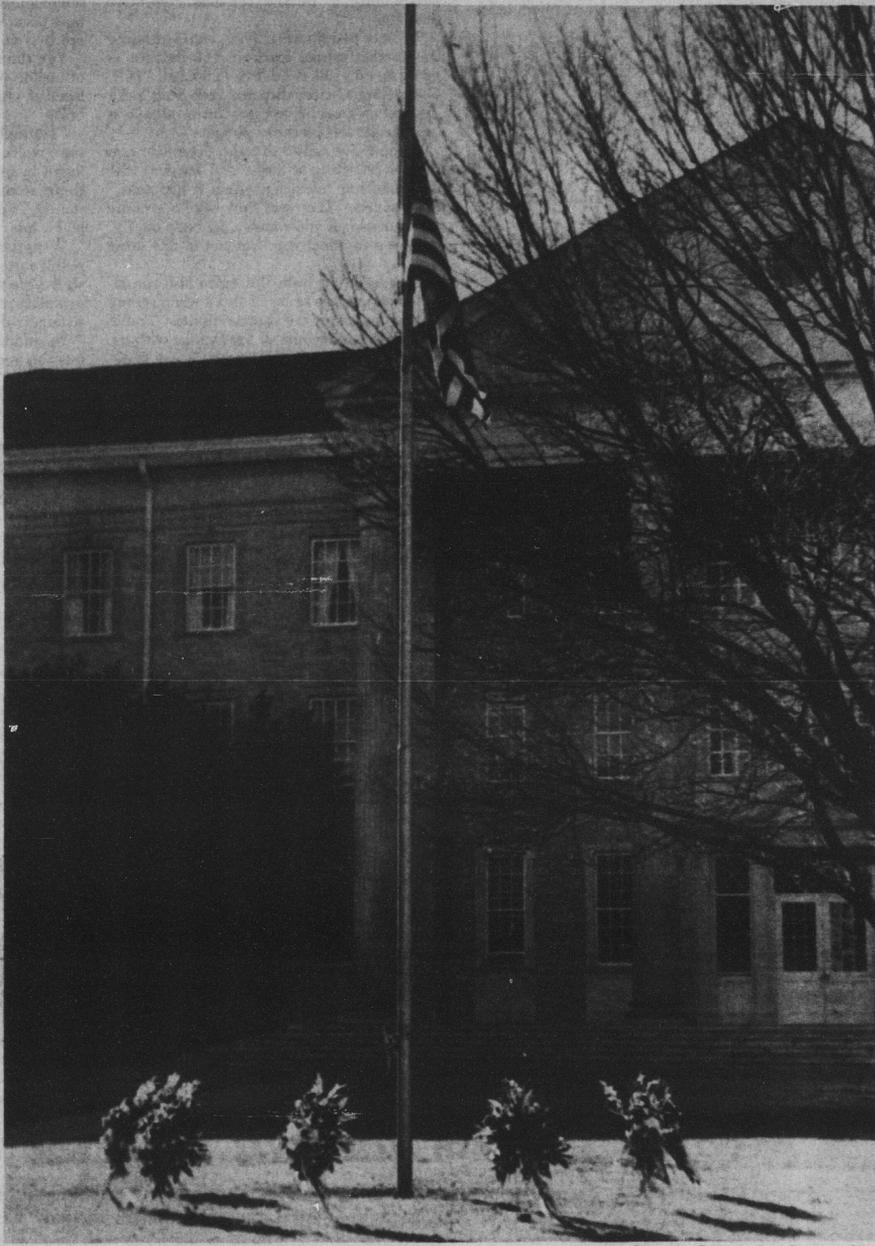
On a slow-motion video rerun of the explosion, it was difficult to determine the source of the explosion. But unmistakably, when the huge fuel tank with nearly 500,000 gallons of volatile propellant ruptured, it tore Challenger into many pieces.

NASA said the fine pieces of debris continued to fall into the impact area for nearly 45 minutes, and recovery boats and aircraft had to wait until it stopped before entering the area. Paramedics leaped into the water in an effort to find any trace of survivors.

After the explosion, the two solid fuel booster rockets separated and continued to fly crazily out of control in the clear sky, trailing long tails of smoke before they plummeted into the sea.

Moore said that an interim investigation board would be formed and that all data, including photographs, printouts and notes from Challenger's instrumentation, will be impounded for further investigation.

A formal investigation board will be formed at a later date, he said.



In memorium - Flags on campus flew at half mast Tuesday to honor the crew members of the ill-fated Space Shuttle Challenger, which exploded during

take-off at Cape Canaveral earlier in the day. Wreaths surround the flag at Sadler Hall. Jacquelyn Torbert / Staff Photographer

Students maintain optimism

By Patrick Walker and Kim Tomashpol

Staff Writers

Small transistor radios demanded rapt attention in several classrooms Tuesday.

After initial news reports of the explosion and disintegration of the space shuttle Challenger aired just before 11 a.m., word spread quickly. Students, uncertain about what had happened, rushed to television sets to catch up on the NASA disaster.

Radios as well as small, portable televisions updated small groups of students on the latest findings on the explosion.

The mood on campus was one of despair and regret, but students still seemed optimistic about NASA's flagship shuttle program.

"It's a tragedy, but we can't let it stop the program," Howard Yesnes said, sitting with friends on the front steps of Waits Hall. "If you let setbacks like this stop you, nothing will ever happen."

Diann Burgener, sitting beside Yesnes, agreed.

"When everybody first hears about it," she said, "there's obviously shock and then everybody questions the program. But the program is necessary because in testing technology, there's always a risk involved."

Bill Burns and Drew Adams, freshmen, heard about the accident when they came back to their Pete Wright dorm room after morning classes.

Several residents in their second-floor wing had shouted for people to turn on the television to hear what was happening. Burns and Adams complied.

"It freaked me out when I first saw it," Adams said. "But I don't think they would have gone up if they had any doubt."

Burns said he felt that too much was being made of the explosion, though it was unfortunate.

"I can't see it as a catastrophe. Mexico was a catastrophe. What it was is a loss to the government and the victims' families. It shouldn't be blown out of proportion," Burns said.

"Besides," Adams said, "it's worth it for the future of mankind. We can't just stay here and stagnate."

Adams and many others said that many things people have today were made possible because of those willing to take risks.

But sophomore Lisa Racina said some of the risks may have been unnecessary.

"The shuttle had so many delays. Maybe they were just too impatient to get started," she said. "I've also heard that sabotage may have been involved," she said.

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Paid tuition an employee benefit, not financial aid

By Rhonda Hicks
Staff Writer

Fringe benefits offered TCU employees include not only vacation time, sick leaves and bonuses, but also paid tuition for employees and/or their dependents.

Under this benefit TCU faculty or staff members, their spouses or dependents can enroll at TCU under an employee paid-tuition program, said Leo Munson, director of financial aid.

"However, like any benefit, there are some limitations," Munson said. "This applies to tuition only and does not include book costs, university fees or meal plans."

Lois Banta, associate director of personnel, said that this is an employee benefit and not a type of financial aid.

Banta said that once TCU policy required employees other than faculty to work at the university at least six months before qualifying for this employee benefit. Now all employees qualify once hired.

Munson said that just because a student is enrolled at TCU under this type of employee benefit, it does not mean he is excluded from some type of financial aid.

"It's just that not many students here at TCU under this employee program do qualify for financial aid,"

he said. "I can count those that are on one hand."

As a part of this program, the children of TCU employees are allowed to enroll only in undergraduate studies. Employees can enroll in graduate and undergraduate studies, he said.

Banta said the only stipulation is that the employee must be employed on a 30-hour week.

This type of employee program for faculty members is fairly common at many colleges and universities, Banta said.

Director of Personnel Raul Armendariz said that TCU's paid-tuition program is extremely beneficial be-

cause TCU offers it to maintenance and housekeeping workers, secretaries and other similar staff members.

Armendariz said records show that during the last school year, from June 1984 until May 1985, about 493 students were attending TCU under the employee program.

"Last year, there were 194 employees, 94 spouses and 206 dependents," he said.

Armendariz added that if these individuals were billed the cost of their tuition, the accumulated price for the last school year "would be somewhere in excess of \$1 million."

An addition to this employee program is an agreement TCU has with

Southern Methodist and Baylor universities.

Munson said TCU has a "reciprocal agreement" with Southern Methodist University, each sending employees and/or their dependents to the other schools on this employee program.

"If a TCU employee's spouse or children have been accepted into SMU, TCU will send a check to SMU in the amount that it would cost that individual to attend TCU," he said.

"Because SMU is more expensive than TCU, the money that we send SMU for that spouse and/or dependent usually does not pay the full amount of the tuition," he said.

Thomas sworn in to office during first House meeting

By Denise Van Meter
Staff Writer

Former Student House of Representative President Jack Larson took his final bows Tuesday night as Donnie Thomas was sworn in to office to serve his 1986 term as House president.

Larson was presented with a plaque by Thomas from the Student House of Representatives for his year of "hard work and determination."

The House voted to support a bill allocating \$200 for the TCU Model United Nations Club.

The money will be used to help cover the registration fee the club needs to attend the international convention in St. Louis.

Programming Council announced that it will sponsor an "Almost All Night Party" on Feb. 8.

"This is one of the biggest events in Programming Council's year and it should be a whole lot of fun," said Joe Jordan, vice president of the House.

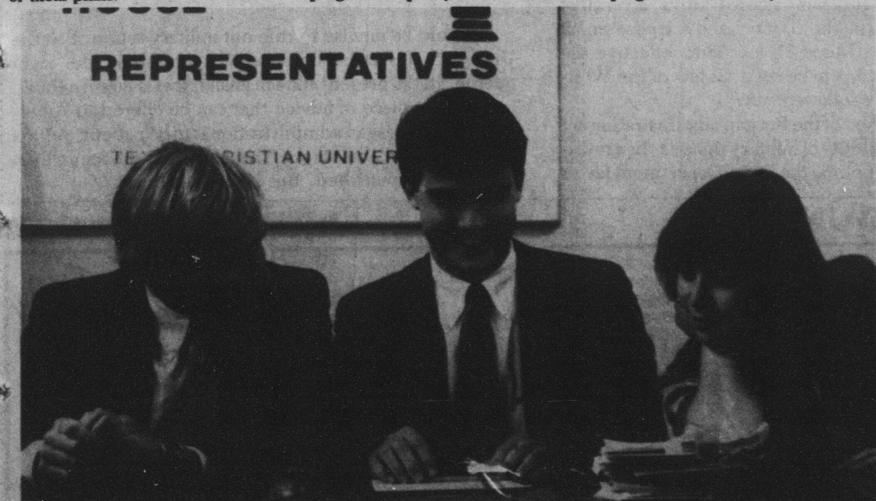
The party will be in the Student Center and the theme will be "Mardi Gras."

The University Relations committee announced that it is planning a "Teacher's Appreciation Day" this semester.

"The purpose of the day is to give appreciation to past teachers you have had," said Amy Gribble, committee chairman.

University Relations is also planning a Town Student Caucus in an attempt to make town students aware of what is happening on campus and involved in campus events.

Academic Affairs and University Relations are planning a "Meet the Administration" reception to help students become familiar with who the administrators of TCU are.



Past and present - Incoming Student House of Representatives President Donnie Thomas confers with former president Jack Larson prior to being sworn in at

the first House meeting of the spring semester Tuesday evening at the Student Center. Beth Hamilton, former secretary of the House, looks on.

INSIDE

The Fort Worth Stock Show offers residents of the city an opportunity to see what life in the country can be like. See Page 4.

The explosion of the space shuttle Challenger Tuesday morning stirred the emotions of all who watched the event. But the reactions to such events are as varied as the people. See Page 2.

WEATHER

The weather today should be sunny and cool with a high in the low 60s and winds from the north at 10-20 mph. Skies tonight will be cloudy and the low should be near 40.

OPINION

Shuttle tragedy affects Americans in unique ways



W. Robert Padgett

More Americans died in an interstate highway pileup in eastern Arkansas last week than did on the space shuttle Challenger, which burst into flames Tuesday morning just a minute after takeoff.

Eight people were killed in the traffic accident, which was caused by thick fog, while seven died on the shuttle.

Obviously, though, the reaction by the media and the public to each event differed significantly—one of complacent sorrow and one of sentimental grief.

Whereas the traffic accident was given minimal space in the local newspapers, occupying, for example, a small setting on the front page of the *Dallas Morning News*, the Challenger tragedy was covered on the spot during mid-morning and early afternoon prime time by all three television networks.

Whereas the day-to-day events in the nation's capital were not altered last week the day of the auto accident, President Reagan announced after being informed about the shuttle disaster that he would cancel his State

of the Union address, which was scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Finally, whereas the victims of the traffic accident in Arkansas were unknown names to the majority of the country, the crew and passengers of the shuttle represented this country's committed and progressive aura. This, more than anything, explains why so many people were shocked, dismayed and even traumatized by the space shuttle disaster, while few gave the traffic accident a second glance.

"Those people killed in the traffic accident were anonymous to most of us. But as far as the people in the shuttle were concerned, we all felt like we knew them," said TCU psychology professor Thomas Rocklin.

That feeling of closeness to those on board the shuttle was epitomized in Christa McAuliffe, who—had the mission been a success—would have been the first teacher in space. We probably all saw McAuliffe at a television press conference at one time or another during the past few weeks.

The New Hampshire school teacher, often flanked by her husband, Steve, and two children Scott, 9, and Caroline, 6, told of her excitement of thrusting into space, something she said she was not the least bit apprehensive about. She was the essence of what we all aspire to be: bold in the face of uncertainty

and willing to pursue the unknown with tenacity.

"A lot of people were living out their fantasies in that school teacher. The thought of going up into space—I'd love to do that," TCU Counseling Center director Jack Scott said. "It was an unachieved goal in us that was being achieved by these people."

"People I've talked to today (Tuesday) said they were sitting at home and watched (the explosion) on television when it happened," Scott added. "They said they were overcome and shocked. If you watch a car crash on TV, it's going to affect you, but not in this same way."

The deviation from the norm also contributed to people's sense of shock when seeing or learning about the shuttle disaster. Traffic fatalities have become all too familiar with us. Some people have even created a new game

of guessing the number of auto deaths that may occur on a holiday. Even airline crashes are becoming commonplace.

Yet, the names of the deceased on a long list of airline passengers differ greatly from the faces of what Scott terms our "idealized symbols."

"Throughout the history of the space program, we've identified with the people who've flown in space. They're heroes to us, and by their accomplishments, we have been enriched," Rocklin said. "And by their loss, we feel a loss."

Witnessing these heroes cataclysmically being absorbed in a massive inferno 10 miles above the earth forces us to react with more intensity than simply reading about eight strangers dying on an Arkansas highway.

In addition, this particular space shuttle mission received so much publicity simply

because McAuliffe was aboard. Had it been a regular expedition, attended solely by astronauts, it is doubtful much attention would have been given to its launch.

"How many people paid attention the last time the shuttle went up? People probably said later, 'it went up, it circled around the earth and it landed—so what?'" Scott said.

Furthermore, the fortunate lack of spacecraft accidents and disasters in the past left us unprepared for the recent calamity. Not since 1967 had anyone been killed during a manned spaceflight. Three astronauts died that year when their Apollo 1 spacecraft exploded on the launch pad. Tuesday's disaster was the first in-flight fatality in 56 manned U.S. space missions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blacks must begin fight now

The time has come for black students at TCU to stand up to problems on our campus, in our community and in the world! The stance starts when each black man or woman finds the love and pride that desperately desires to shine.

For too long, we have been satisfied with a double-edged acceptance on this campus! For three years, I have withstood the lack of black faculty members, the ignorance of prejudiced attitudes and the complacency of black students.

In case you haven't heard, people died in order for us to have the opportunities we have. What does that mean? It means we should die for others who don't have the opportunities we have. It means we should die for others to have better opportunities.

There is a war on poverty and injustice waiting on you; no, it's going on without you. Educate yourself on the issues and make a difference.

As black collegiates, we must begin the U.S. must stop terrorism

Since 1945, the United States has been considered the policeman of the world. I am a strong believer in Ronald Reagan and his efforts in keeping peace.

The Soviets have continued to build nuclear weapons far beyond the limits of the arms reduction agreements. And, in order to prevent our own interests from being swallowed up, we must use equivalent strength tactics to meet "the bully down the street."

However, we have come across another obstacle—terrorism. Other nations have been pushing us for years and testing our tolerance. They have threatened our ways, abducted our families, murdered our servicemen and slaughtered our friends in nations abroad. Dictators such as Khadafy aiding terrorists

fight now. Tomorrow is too late. Our people are suffering, and if current trends continue, you will too. We are just generations away from the worst slavery man has ever known.

Time is a neutral factor. It neither promotes nor destroys love and justice. Through slavery, warfare and the threat of nuclear holocaust, man has shown us he is capable of great evil.

Are we doomed to suffer, never overcoming the shackles of psychological slavery? Black men in prison want to know. Black boys and girls, living on welfare in our city ghettos want to know. Starving tribes in Ethiopia are interested, too. And South Africans who continue to suffer from legalized hatred want to know.

Do something for your people! First, realize you are black. Second, love that fact! Third, help others appreciate your blackness! Finally, love your brothers and sisters by caring. The Black Student Caucus is your organization, isn't it?

—Marlon W. Frazier
Junior, Political Science

and raiding neutral territory have become a threat to world peace.

I realize that experts such as former Secretary of State George Ball disagree with interfering in other nations' business. We should not put our foot down every time someone acts differently from our expectations, but when their interests conflict with our own, we have to put a stop to it.

We should round up the terrorists who terrorize our people and have them tried in our judicial system. We must use our power to control this danger before it prompts war. If terrorism lingers, we are just inviting it into our own country. This would destroy order, and we would no longer be safe to walk our streets.

—Jim Bob Barber
Junior, Finance

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Caution crucial in response to Libya

Few current political leaders have received the amount of contempt that Libya's Moammar Khadafy has, and justifiably so.

There is little doubt that the Libyan leader supports terrorism. In particular, his support and justification of the recent terrorist attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports has aroused the anger of practically all Americans. President Reagan probably understated the feelings of most people when he called Khadafy "flaky."

The question now is: What can the United States do about Khadafy? While the Reagan administration has been busy on a response, other Americans have come up with answers of their own.

For example, a Maine disc jockey suggested that Americans should mail their their garbage to the Libyan embassy in Washington, D.C. And a San Antonio used-car salesman has offered a \$100,000 reward—for Khadafy's nose.

It is not difficult to understand the feelings people have expressed, as many Americans feel a sense of frustration at the seeming lack of a strong response to terrorism. But what to do?

As a first step, President Reagan announced the imposition of economic sanctions against Libya, a recall of the 1,500 Americans in the country and a freeze on all Libyan assets in the United States. How effective the sanctions will be remains to be seen, as few of the Western democracies have followed suit.

Meanwhile, members of the Reagan administration are divided over the possibility of military options. In a reversal of traditional viewpoints, the State Department favors

retaliation against Libya, while the Department of Defense urges restraint.

At present, there are significant drawbacks to military action. First, intelligence sources have found it difficult to track down the exact location of the Abu Nidal terrorist group, credited for the Rome and Vienna attacks. This means that a bombing raid stands a good chance of killing the wrong people. And with the presence of Soviet military advisors in Libya, such uncertainty is even more dangerous.

Second, Libya has a large air force and supply of Soviet anti-aircraft missiles. This would almost certainly mean casualties among U.S. servicemen, a politically risky proposition at best.

Third, an attack now could create sympathy for Khadafy both at home and abroad. The world oil glut and Khadafy's erratic behavior have caused a great deal of discontent in Libya, and Reagan could actually help Khadafy by attacking him.

Despite such disadvantages, the Pentagon has drawn up a list of potential targets in Libya, mostly terrorist camps. And American warships are currently conducting military exercises off the Libyan coast, in international waters.

It would be unwise to rule out military action. But the United States must be sure it is punishing the right people. In the present state of affairs, that is no sure thing.

The best piece of advice that can be offered to Americans by the Reagan administration is to be patient. Action will, and must, be taken. The loss of 15 innocent lives cannot go unpunished. But it will take time.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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Shuttle disaster a personal tragedy for Texas man Students still hopeful after shuttle disaster

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP)— Tuesday morning's explosion of the space shuttle Challenger was a tragedy for the nation, but one that reached even more personal proportions for Longview's Richard Johnson.

Johnson, a professor of chemistry at LeTourneau College, has spent a good part of two summers, including 10 weeks last summer, working in research at the nation's space program at the National Aeronautic and Space Administration in Houston.

Among the people that Johnson

came in contact with in his most recent stint in the space program at NASA's Johnson Space Center was Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, commander of the Challenger on Tuesday's flight.

"It was a shock," Johnson said this morning after hearing of the accident. "It's a tragedy to the nation, the families of those involved and to the space program."

Johnson met Scobee and visited with him on the subjects of the space program and the role of education in

furthering the nation's position as a dominant force in the program.

Scobee may have made an appearance in Longview later this year, Johnson said. The LeTourneau professor said he had been in contact with NASA officials "within the last couple of days trying to make arrangements for him to speak here."

Johnson said the Challenger commander had a keen interest in the role of education and especially of science education. Scobee indicated last summer that he enjoyed opportunities to

speaking before groups of young people and might be able to make a trip to Longview.

Johnson had hoped to have the shuttle commander speak to a group of college students.

"He felt we need to do all we can to motivate students in the area of science," Johnson said.

"That was one of the reasons he was looking forward so much to this flight," Johnson said of Scobee and the occasion of the first school teacher to make a space flight.

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Racina said that NASA should stop and seriously reconsider some different options, such as moving the launch site from Florida to one with more favorable weather conditions.

But junior Adam Benson said, "Their record speaks for itself. I think they should figure out what happened this time and continue as they have been."

The presence of schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe on board Challenger made the news harder for some. "(McAuliffe's) death will probably touch the lives of more people," Racina said. "The astronauts are trained to be prepared for the dangers involved. She wasn't."

"The saving grace was that they never knew what hit them," Benson said, as he watched a news report on a big-screen television set up in the Moody Building.

As the sun rose in the afternoon sky and temperatures peaked near 80 degrees Tuesday afternoon, students began to stray from their television screens and radios and venture outdoors to the warm spring-like weather.

But those who walked in front of Sadler Hall were served a grim reminder of the day's event as solemn faces

glanced at a half-mast flag and seven memorial wreaths which marked NASA's losses.

Mary Jane Balch Hagler of the Texas School of Floral Design remembered those who were killed by having seven floral arrangements placed at the front of TCU under the flagpole.

Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the school called to see if TCU would accept the floral arrangement.

"We graciously did," Barr said. "It was a nice gesture on their part."

Hagler, who has been arranging flowers for 50 years, said the students were making easels as part of their class.

They had used red and white flowers and Hagler thought it would be a nice gesture to place them on campus in memory of the shuttle victims. She added blue ribbon and put the name of each person aboard the shuttle on a ribbon.

"I didn't do it for publicity. I did it because I wanted to," Hagler said. "It was so sad."

But Bill Burns summed up his feelings on the death of the seven shuttle passengers in another way.

"If it were me, I'd take the risk," he said.

Selection committee member gave McAuliffe 'A'

DALLAS (AP)— A member of the committee that selected Christa McAuliffe as the first teacher in space said Tuesday he thought the program was a "silly idea" until he saw the enthusiasm of the candidates.

Richard Berenson, president of American University in Washington, said McAuliffe achieved what the selection panel hoped by highlighting the importance of education.

Berenson, who was awaiting an in-

terview at radio station KRLD in Dallas when space shuttle Challenger exploded, immediately went on the air to explain the teacher selection process.

"When I first heard about that, I thought it was a little bit of a silly idea—until I met the teachers, until I saw the enthusiasm they had," Berenson said.

"The competition among teachers nationwide was phenomenal. It in-

cluded tens of thousands of people," he said.

Berenson, who grew up in Dallas, described McAuliffe as the best candidate of the 114 finalists.

"She was bright, articulate. She obviously would have been and was, up to this point, a very good spokesperson for education," Berenson said.

The explosion occurred Tuesday morning shortly after Challenger

was blasted off. McAuliffe was one of seven people on the shuttle.

"The main thing that we learned from the disaster of today is that even though the system seemed somehow routine, and most Americans at this point have become terribly blasé about the space program in general and the shuttle in particular, it's still cutting-edge technology," Berenson said.

Shuttle astronauts without inflight escape

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)— The astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger Tuesday had no means of escape once the vehicle had left the launch pad, a NASA spokesman said.

Astronauts aboard Apollo, Gemini and Mercury missions could be ejected from their spacecraft, as well as those in the first four missions had ejection seats as well, spokesman Terry White said.

But the ejection provision was removed once the program advanced from the testing phase and the size of crews grew, White said.

It is doubtful any escape mechanism would have been any help to the Challenger crew in Tuesday's explosion, the NASA official said.

"After launch, there is no egress except for an intact landing," White said. "It's basically like a commercial aircraft. How do you rescue 300 people?"

The shuttle and other NASA space vehicles had emergency slides on launch pads for the crews, and the shuttle had hatches through which the crew could escape in the event of an emergency landing or a belly crash into the ocean, White said.

Mercury and Apollo space capsules had an escape rocket that would blast the crew's capsule to safety in an emergency. Gemini astronauts had ejection seats, White said.

"With small craft that was practical, but the shuttle was too big. You had

people on two decks and crews of up to eight. How would you arrange something like that?" White said.

The Apollo escape tower never was used, even in the flash fire that killed the crew of Apollo 1.

The first flights of the shuttle Columbia, each carrying two-man crews,

were equipped with ejection seats much like those on a jet fighter, where the pilot can "punch out," White said.

But there never was any intent in the shuttle program to allow for in-flight ejection and there were "no provisions for escape in a catastrophic failure like we had today," White said.

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Stock show gives exposure to bulls, boots

By John C. Paschal
Staff Writer

Entering through the front gate, one wonders why in the name of Roy Rogers this thing was called the Fat Stock Show.

Sounds of grinding gears and smells of greasy food invade the senses—not moos and "phews" from the bovine kingdom.

Spinning carnival rides, bits of cotton candy scooting like tumbleweeds across the ground, and irrepressible carnival noises surround the visitor.

Walk a little farther, pardner to be there. Barn 8 is all of definitive Texas coiled into one little building with a floor full of dirt and air full of yahoos.

Whether one is there for the Hereford Show, the Cutting Horse Competition, the Heifer Show or the Pig Races, the Stock Show is something unique.

"Well, this is Texas, bud," Bill Bruce of Fort Worth said. "Things might be a little different in here than what you're used to down the road."

You bet they're different. Sunday afternoon features the Junior Heifer Show in the wooden stands of Barn 8. A heifer is a young cow that has not yet borne a calf.

The competition brought teenagers, hauling their four-legged friends behind them on oversized leashes, from all over Texas.

It brought spectators from all over, too. They weren't just from all over

Texas, but from all over the Texas-sized realm of possible lifestyles.

"I just came down here to see what it was like," Fort Worth's Tracy Pearce said. "I don't know anything about cattle, not a darn thing. But I guess I'm learning. Sort of."

"I just like livestock," said Ed Harris, who now lives in Fort Worth but grew up in Waxahachie. "I was raised in the country and I try to get down here as much as possible—every year if I can."

Harris said he used to show cattle when he was a young boy, and said the Stock Show brings back memories of the farm.

"That's a different lifestyle, all right. It's a whole different atmosphere," he said. "Not the worries, not the pressures. But city life probably looks better to the country folk."

The country folks were in the stands and on the show floor, however, not riding in wide-eyed amazement up and down Tandy Center elevators.

While his sister showed her heifer, Alan Banes of Athens spit tobacco juice, tugged on his Gimme cap, and watched. Banes smiled when he talked about the previous night. He said he rode his horse across a prairie under a full moon.

"Man, it was great," he said. He said it's sad that some city dwellers never get the chance to ride horses or live in the country.

"You can't make a living doing it, but it's fun," said Banes, who rides for

a rodeo team. But some of it sounds fun only to a gritty cowboy who thrives on pain.

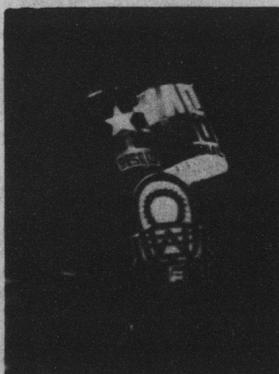
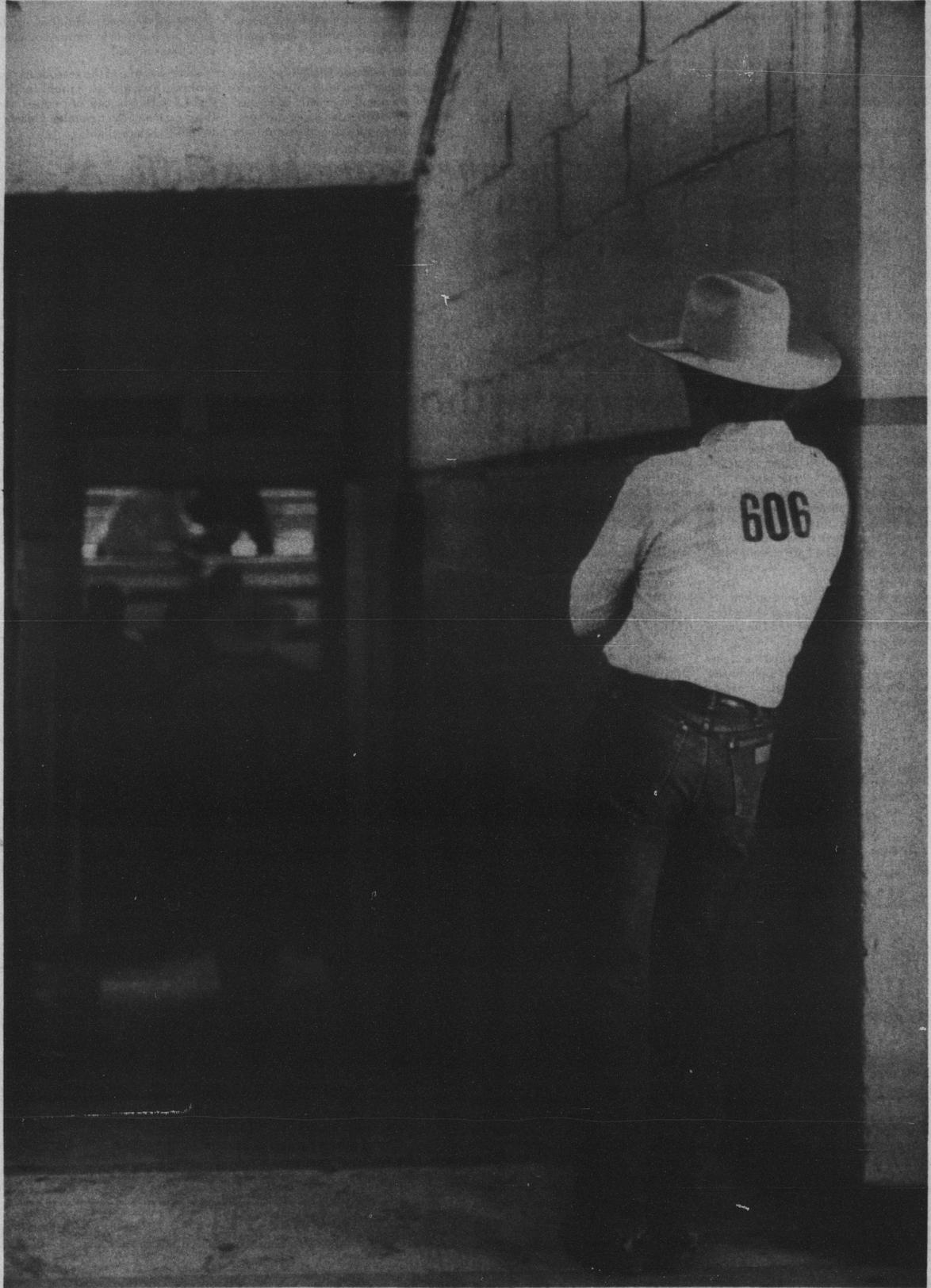
Banes talked about heifers, who can cause—if you aren't careful—pain.

"You got to respect 'em. If they kick you, it'll hurt. When you get lazy, that's when you get hurt," he said. "Most of 'em are so used to people that they won't kick. But you can't

ever tell." And you can't ever tell because, in the descriptive words of Banes, cows "ain't got no sense."

Heifers are judged on "calving ease," their physical capabilities for bearing calves, he said. Judges look for high hip height, a straight back, and a good gait.

"They used to like 'em stalky, but



A Cowtown tradition - (Clockwise from top left) Luke Jordy grooms his entry in one of the beef events. Jeff Switzer waits his turn in the saddle bronc competition Friday at the rodeo. The Texas Sesquicentennial gave this year's Stock Show added significance. The midway was crowded as usual, thanks in part to the calm, though somewhat chilly, weather. Trent Taylor draws a bead on a prize at one of the midway booths while father Mark Taylor (a 1972 TCU graduate) offers some advice.

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Show exposes city to outside world

now they like 'em trim," Banes said. "Kinda like people." He spat again and laughed.

Bill Hammons came to the Stock Show all the way from Michigan. He said his wife was showing quarter horses and appaloosas, and he was "just killing time before the football game."

His lifestyle gives him a chance to kill time. Hammons, who has been in Fort Worth nearly two weeks, said, "I love the country. Life is great there."

He has six horses on his Michigan ranch and he and his wife have been showing horses for 15 years, he said. When his 5-year-old son heard the word "horses," his blue eyes sparkled.

"I like horses," the boy said, who was sitting on a fence post watching the heifers. "I can ride a horse."

"He thinks he can," his father said. "He's a little piston."

On the floor, a couple of heifers got loose and the announcer enlightened any stupefied city slickers. "For those of you who aren't in the ranching business, these heifers can get real athletic. And when they weigh 300 pounds more than you, they can be a little hard to control," he said.

He was a man of his word.

Five minutes and seven men later, the heifers were under control. A pint-sized round of applause came from the crowd, but most of its members had seen it all before. It was old hat to the folks in old hats.

But a baby's cry showed a common bond among people there. They were, after all, moms and dads, sons and daughters.

But this baby, held by a mama in boots and wranglers, looked like he had his life custom fit. This mama was gonna let her baby grow up to be a cowboy, not a doctor or lawyer, or such.

The Stock Show has also grown up cowboy. Ninety years after its inception, the internationally known event has held fast to its founding idea—an

'I don't know anything about cattle, not a darn thing. But I guess I'm learning. Sort of.'

TRACY PEARCE, Stock Show patron

educational showcase for the great livestock industry."

It began with a name after "a quest for better meat for the nation's tables prompted early day ranchers to originate an exposition in Fort Worth in mid-March, 1896," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram recently reported.

In 1918 its current name was chosen, and that year "the World's Original Indoor Rodeo" was held in the new North Side Coliseum because it was the only area large enough to house a rodeo.

The front page headline of the March 10, 1926, Fort Worth Record-Telegram read, "Old Time Cowmen Dance and Make Merry."

The story's sub-head said, "Night's Not the Time To Do Business, So They Call Off Serious Things and Have Party in the Hotel Lobby Instead."

During the 1926 rodeo the Record-Telegram reported, "Stillness reigned and breaths became short as Shorty Kelso, Watongo, Okla., came near being gored by a wild steer after Shorty had thrown the animal." Shorty did, however, manage to escape.

The March 11 headline read, "Everybody and His Cow at the Stock Show, Some to See and Some to be Seen."

But the March 12 headline stole the headlines. In the accompanying picture, five smiling men stood behind a huge steer. The headline: "This Price Glory! Champion Today, Steak Tomorrow."

In 1926 stories of the Stock Show filled the front page. In 1945, however, stories of World War II exploded across it.

But there were Stock Show stories. Like when Tools Mansfield "roped his little Brahma" for a new calf-roping record, and when Bernice Taylor hit her head on a cement wall while trick riding.

Both Bernice and the Brahma got up after a while, the paper reported.

But 1958 brought the greatest Stock Show excitement in Cowtown history. Weeks before the show, however, Fort Worthians were disappointed.

Roy Rogers, the scheduled headlining performer, reported he wouldn't bring "the beloved Trigger."

"Trigger is hale and hearty for his age," said the namesake of one of America's favorite non-alcoholic beverages, "and moves around like a colt. I'm giving him a 25th birthday party in March and after that Trigger Jr. will do most of the work."

Along with Rogers, Dale Evans, Gabby Hayes, The Sons of the Pioneers, and TV's Annie Oakley also participated in the show, which on the last night of the Stock Show garnered a national TV audience.

The show was seen in 23 other countries, capturing an audience of millions. The headline the next day read: "Before millions, TV rodeo presented flawlessly." The article called the event a "\$600,000 plug for Fort Worth."

The Stock Show is still a plug for Fort Worth.

The event annually attracts more than 17,000 head of cattle and with them almost as many head of rancher from all over Texas, America and the world.

No price for advice

**By Denise Van Meter
Staff Writer**

Tom Wilson Lowe III, attorney and counselor at law, has a special place in his heart for TCU students with legal problems.

A graduate of TCU and a former Student House of Representatives president, Lowe offers free legal advice for students every Tuesday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Lowe has been helping students in a legal capacity since 1979. He started out giving telephone legal counseling, but he said he discovered that some problems cannot be dealt with over the phone.

Consumer problems, such as health club contract disputes, vehicle oriented problems, criminal problems on the misdemeanor level and landlord/tenant disputes are Lowe's most frequent complaints.

In the summer of 1979, Lowe was approached by the Student House of Representatives president and treasurer about advising students on legal matters.

"When I was in student government I was trying to make a case for students at least having access to some legal advice. I probably made the comment at some point that if I was a lawyer I certainly would want to do it," Lowe said.

"So when I moved my practice back to Fort Worth from Austin, the student government happened to be looking for someone to provide this service," he continued.

"I'm sure that someone around here remembered my comment, my attitude and suggested that they might want to call me."

"How could I say no? I still felt that there was a need when I was a student," Lowe said. "I did then and I still do. I'm more aware of it now than I ever was when I was a student."

Occasionally in dealing with the students, Lowe will encounter a complaint by a student directed to-

ward another member of the university community.

Lowe is not a university employee, but it is a matter of university policy stated in the University Handbook that Lowe cannot advise a member of the university against another.

"Often with student-student disputes or student-university disputes, I will offer to try and mediate those. I'm one of the very few attorneys in this part of the state who has some training in mediations," Lowe said.

"A lot of times, helping a student is just referring them to the right person or place to go," he said.

"I try whenever I can to help the students help themselves and do the right thing. I won't judge the student, but try to help them become more independent and self-sufficient," Lowe said.

Lowe said he likes to draw on his own experiences to help students now.

"I had some of the same kinds of contractual problems when I was a student that these students have," he said. "If there had been somebody like me available to me when I was a student, that would have been great."

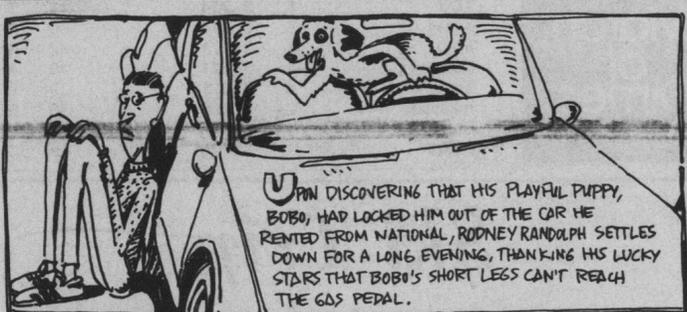
The "counselor" part of his title means a lot to him, Lowe said.

"I try to give some direction and some guidance to help that student, if I can, solve his or her own problem," Lowe said.

Lowe's regular charge for an hour of legal service is \$150, thus he said he feels his time is valuable to him.

"I don't make a profit out of this by any stretch of the imagination," he explained. "There are a lot more things I could do with the time that I use helping students that would benefit me a lot more, financially, than this."

"This is fun. To me this is just fun," Lowe said.



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'Killer' is going on SWC prowl

By Kathryn Fuller
Staff Writer

The Chicago Bears may be popular with their Super Bowl Shuffle on MTV. But TCU Head Coach Jim Killingsworth is becoming just as popular since his Horned Frog basketball team has shuffled into the thick of the Southwest Conference race.

"With a record of only two losses in the Southwest Conference, I can't complain," said TCU Head Coach Jim Killingsworth. "I attribute much of the success to the return of good players, more experience, better talent, and the coaching, of course."

Matt Minnis' return has certainly helped the team, Killingsworth said. Minnis has been sidelined for four years with a knee injury.

"It's unbelievable that he's doing so well after not playing for the past four years. His ability to play so well is the reason we redshirted Tony Papa," Killingsworth said.

Papa, a 6-9 senior center and three-year letterman, had been a spot starter during the three previous seasons. But the emergence of Minnis has given Killingsworth the chance to redshirt Papa, allowing him to play center next season. Killingsworth was also able to redshirt 6-8 senior forward Tom Mortimer and 6-2 sophomore guard Randy Parker, thus brightening prospects for a successful 1986-87 team.

This year's prospects are looking bright, too.

"So far, so good," he said. "We've been pretty successful up to our last

few games. I hope we continue to be throughout the season."

Killingsworth said he is encouraged by the fact that the conference leaders must still face the Frogs in Fort Worth.

"It is not finished yet," Killingsworth said. "TCU can still win the Southwest Conference. The Aggies and the Longhorns still have a visit to make to Killer Frog territory."

Killingsworth said Killer Frog fans can help the team in Killer Frog territory.

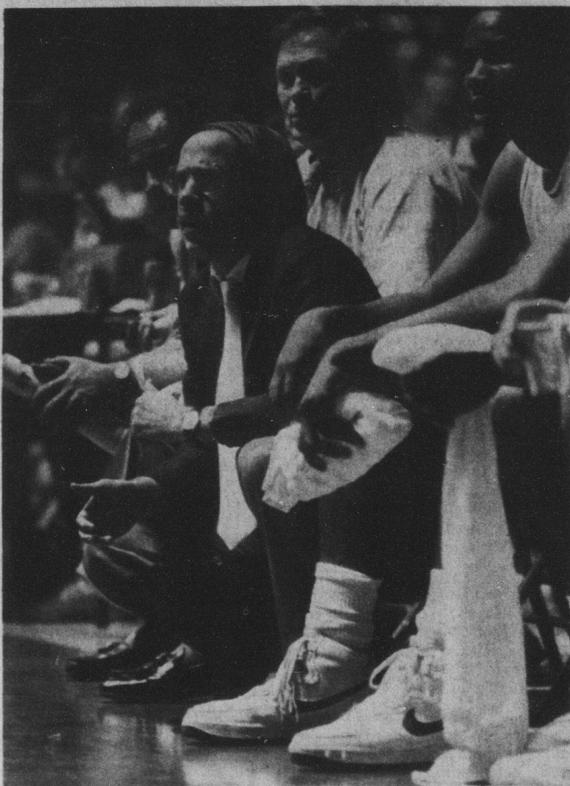
"The crowd is definitely an important factor in college ball. I have noticed more people attending the games," Killingsworth said. "The players love to see the coliseum full, especially with pretty girls."

Last season, Killingsworth recorded the 200th victory of his 14-year career in the major college ranks. And on Feb. 8, when TCU faces Baylor in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, "Killer" will be coaching his 1,000th official game at all levels in his long career. And the streak won't stop there, Killingsworth said.

"I plan on staying here until I'm forced to leave. I want this to be my last coaching job," Killingsworth said.

The coach said he expects next year to be even more successful. TCU will have only one senior graduating after this season, 6-11 starting center Greg Grissom.

But recruiting will still be an immensely important task for Killingsworth and his staff next year. And the team's accomplishments this season may have a big effect on the incoming recruiting class.



Eyes on the ball - The Horned Frog bench watches as the Frogs move into SWC contention. / File photo

"The progress of the team shall make recruiting a success," Killingsworth said.

The dismal 1985 football season may have been a book with a sad ending. Some people have put it on the shelves and pretended it never happened.

However, the Horned Frog basketball team just might be a best-seller.

Richard, Frogs battle Houston

By Grant McGinnis
Staff Writer

Larry Richard may have been the star attraction in Saturday's TCU victory over Texas Tech, but the latest Frog favorite would gladly exchange that fame for another win tonight.

Richard will have a chance to show his stuff when the Horned Frogs host the Houston Cougars at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Would the 6-foot-7-inch forward from Baldwin Park, Calif., like another game similar to his 20-point, 9-rebound performance against the Red Raiders?

"Oh yes. Of course," Richard said. "Any time you have a halfway decent game you want to play it just like you did."

Being a scoring star isn't what Richard really wants, however. "I'm out there trying to play a role," he said. "I'm not out there trying to score points or do this or do that. I'd just rather let the other guys score. I'd rather go out there and play defense."

Well Larry, if defense is what you want, defense is what you'll get tonight. Houston has one of the most potent offenses in the country, an attack that features three outstanding individual talents—Greg Anderson, Alvin Franklin and Rickie Winslow.

Anderson, Franklin and Winslow have been piling up gaudy numbers

all season for the Cougars, and have led Houston to a four-game winning streak and a 4-3 conference record.

Anderson and Winslow are 1-2 in Southwest Conference rebounding statistics with averages of 12.3 and 10.8 rebounds per game, respectively. In conference scoring, Franklin leads the way with a 22.3 points-per-game average, Anderson is averaging 19.1 ppg and Winslow 16.4 ppg for a 1-2-3 Houston sweep.

Those kind of numbers are bound to make for an interesting ballgame, with Houston relying on offense to win the game and TCU depending on defense. Richard said the key will be stopping the Cougar rebounding machine.

"That seems to be their key," Richard said. "Cadillac (Anderson) is one of the leading rebounders in the nation and Rickie Winslow is really a great leaper."

Richard said TCU would try to force the Cougars to the outside shot, keeping the ball away from Anderson and Winslow under the hoop. At the same time, the Frogs will try to victimize a Cougar defense that has given up nearly 70 points a game in conference play.

"They seem to relax on 'D,'" Richard said. "If we can force them to play some defense, we'll be in good shape."

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