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Nuclear threat may help



Editor's Note: This is the final segment of a three-part series dealing with the possibility of a nuclear war.

By Jim McGee
Staff Writer

Living under the threat of nuclear holocaust may not be so bad, according to a TCU psychologist.

Hap Klinefelter of the TCU Counseling Center said many people, especially college students, are better off psychologically because they have to live under the threat of a nuclear war.

"It sounds crazy, but I look at it in very positive terms for psychological growth," Klinefelter said. "Coming to terms with a person's death is a good thing."

Klinefelter said increased exposure to the topic of nuclear war has given the public a more accurate perception of its consequences.

Research has shown that surviving such a war is highly unlikely. The result is that many people now equate nuclear war with death, he said.

"Not only students, but everybody is afraid of death," Klinefelter said. "And people don't like to think of death—they've just shunted it out of their consciousness."

College students are even less likely to come to grips with death, despite the threat of nuclear war being a constant reminder that life is finite, he said.

"It makes it harder for people to live with the fantasy that they are going to live forever. And college students, predictably, have that fantasy," he said.

A person can take the concern of nuclear war too far, Klinefelter said, and an overwhelming preoccupation with nuclear war would be unhealthy.

"But I think that would be very rare," he said. "I've never had a student, in all the years I've been counseling, ever bring it up."

Although it is in everyone's awareness, some people appear to have a great fear of nuclear war while others seemingly couldn't care less, Klinefelter said. Those reactions are different ways of dealing with the same problem, he said.

"Subconsciously, everyone's scared," he said. "The student who is scared to death doesn't have a very good defense system. The student who blows it off and goes to the other extreme—that's a defense that helps him."

"One is overreaction to the stimulus, and the other is using a defense system called 'reaction formation,'" he said.

Klinefelter said students might be more likely to turn toward religion as a refuge for their anxieties than to politics, although a few individuals

may choose to become heavily involved in the nuclear freeze movement.

But if the minds of college students are affected by the possibility of nuclear death, young children are affected to an even greater extent, he said.

"Children's levels of defense against death anxiety are less well-developed than adults," Klinefelter said.

He said parents should not shelter their children from the knowledge of a nuclear threat, but should not overexpose them either.

"If a little kid saw one of these movies that graphically depicts what would happen if the bomb drops, it would really be upsetting," he said.

Klinefelter said children should receive a healthy amount of "stress inoculation."

"If you expose children to a certain amount of stress growing up within their tolerance levels, then that's healthy," he said. "It's like a muscle—it gets stronger by using it, and it leaves a person better able to cope."

Each person must learn to cope with the knowledge that nuclear death could occur at any minute, Klinefelter said. But that knowledge can positively alter people's views of life and death, he said.

Klinefelter parallels the experiences of people who have emerged from near-death encounters with a different, healthier look at life.

Campus extends to Washington

By Paula Prince
Staff Writer

For some students, TCU has extended its campus by 1,500 miles.

TCU is one of 600 schools participating in the Washington Center internship program, which started in 1977, said Eugene J. Alpert, associate professor of political science.

Alpert said each year 15 to 18 TCU students are selected to participate in the fall internship program in Washington, D.C.

Internships are available for students in any major field of study offered at TCU, provided they meet the internship requirements.

Sixteen interns were chosen to go to Washington for the fall semester of 1986. Three of the future interns are sophomores and the others are juniors. Interns are not only political science majors, but also finance, journalism, English, music, French, history and speech communication majors.

Applicants for the internship program are interviewed by Alpert and a former Washington intern. Alpert said he looks for students with clearly defined goals and a strong sense of purpose.

TCU senior Lynn Gentry, who participated in the program during the fall of 1985, said he enjoyed the program because "you see what the real world is like for a semester before you have to face it."

Gentry interned in the Department of Health and Human Services, where he worked 40 to 45 hours a week writing articles for *Human Development News*, a national magazine distributed to child welfare workers.

Gentry also wrote commercials on child abuse and helped coordinate the Seventh National Conference for Child Abuse and Neglect, which was held in Chicago last fall.

Beth Bohon, a senior international affairs major, interned in Washington at Coopers & Lybrand, an accounting firm. She worked as a research analyst advising major corporations on international ventures.

After traveling to Europe, Bohon decided to apply for a Washington internship. After observing the politics of other nations, she said she wanted to "take a look at her own country and see how policies were made."

"Washington D.C. is one of the most international cities I'd ever been to," Bohon said. "I heard everything from Swahili to French to Russian."

Bohon said few women worked at Coopers & Lybrand and "a woman had better be three times as good as any man out there; she must be on her toes, dynamic and quick."

Brian Doeren worked on the psychiatric ward of the National Institute of Health.

"It was good to get off campus into a more realistic setup," the senior neuroscience major said.

Doeren applied for the internship because he wasn't sure about the direction he wanted to take in his career.

Doeren said he was glad he interned at the hospital because he realized he wasn't as interested in psychiatry as he had originally believed.

"I had a really good experience, which allowed me to mature in a way that is just not possible sitting behind a book," Doeren said.

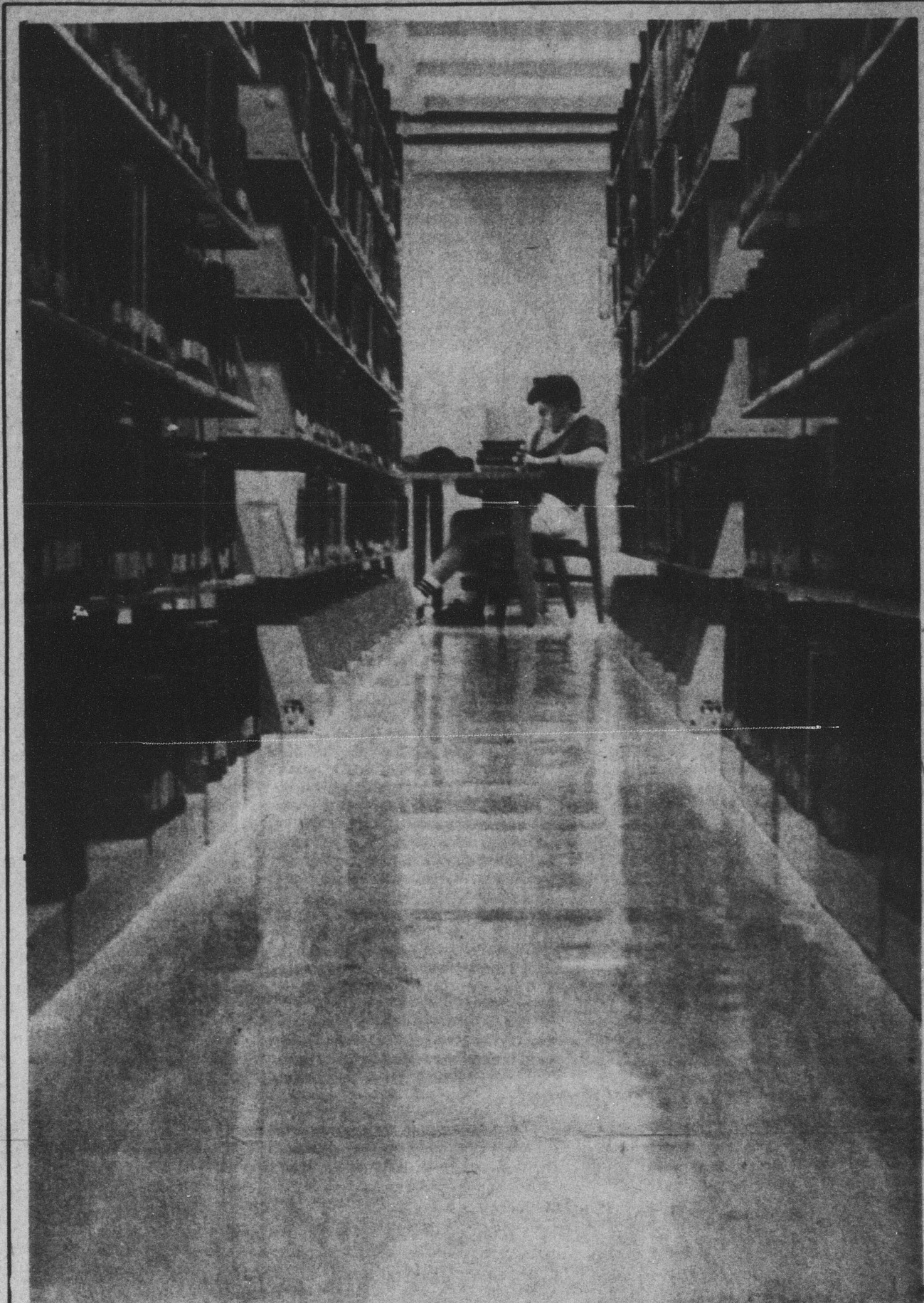
While in Washington the TCU interns lived at the Woodner Apartment Complex, where the majority of the Washington Center interns reside.

Although some internships are paid positions, most are not. Interns pay TCU for 15 hours credit and for housing costs.

The hardest part about coming back to TCU for the interns is getting motivated to study and go to class, many said. After being in such a structured, professional atmosphere the interns said they are ready to get out in the real world and pursue their careers.

"It's tough, but you don't have a choice. You have to look at the future," Bohon said.

Doeren agreed. "I was ready to come back, but not to TCU," he said. "I'm ready to move in to medical school. Coming back and hitting the books is hard to adjust to—you get spoiled by being away from it."



Hitting the books - Senior political science major Bill Mahoney spends Tuesday afternoon doing research for an ethics paper in the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

Court acquits man in his daughter's slaying

AUSTIN (AP)—The state's top criminal appeals court Wednesday threw out the conviction of an Arizona man found guilty of strangling his 4-year-old daughter, a girl he said was in a fight with the devil.

In a 6-3 decision, the Court of Criminal Appeals ordered David Schuessler acquitted. The court barred further prosecution of Schuessler, who had been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the Jan. 24, 1980, death of Collette Marie Schuessler.

The girl's body was found by a Border Patrol agent alongside Interstate 10 near Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Schuessler offered an insanity defense, but was convicted. The El Paso Court of Appeals later reversed the decision and sent the case back for retrial. But the Court of Criminal Appeals said Wednesday there should be no retrial because the reversal was necessitated by insufficient evidence.

Defense lawyer Charles Mallin of El Paso said his client faces several years of psychiatric treatment in a mental health facility.

"He won't be on the streets. The man is mentally ill, extremely mentally ill. He should be in a mental institution. At this point I think he has a problem for many years to come," Mallin said.

In 1980, Schuessler took his daughter from an Arizona Indian reservation and drove toward Texas. He was stopped by a Texas deputy and fined for driving without a license. The girl was not with him.

Schuessler told deputies he and his daughter were "hexed" and that "a devil in the form of a black horse was trying to take his daughter's soul, that he had seen her head swell and her arms and legs shrink, and that he had killed her quickly to save her soul."



A girl's best friend - Sophomore Jill Taylor aids freshmen Jennie Garot and Mary Jane Seif select class rings. Rings have been available for selection in the Student Center main hallway this week.

Fire alarms spark new policy

By Clay Cavin
Staff Writer

False fire alarms at TCU have been a recurring problem recently, drawing the attention of fire officials and the TCU administration.

"One-third of all our calls are to TCU," said Capt. Lynn Clark of the Fort Worth Fire Department Station 21. "That's an abnormally high number for any one place. We go to TCU on calls about 20 to 25 times a month."

Dean of Students Libby Proffer said she is concerned with the frequent and intentional triggering of fire alarms in the dormitories. She said TCU has recently adopted new policies on the subject and is distributing copies of the policy to help curb this activity.

"In the past, we dealt with them (false fire alarm offenders) strictly as a discipline matter," Proffer said.

"Generally, even first-time offenders are suspended immediately. We've already had one person suspended this year."

Proffer said a fine was also going to be attached to the suspension because the evacuation of TCU buildings costs time and money.

She said complete evacuation of residents will become mandatory for any building in which a fire alarm goes off, presumably making false alarms less likely.

"When there's an alarm now everybody will be evacuated. People will be less likely to cover for one another when they have to stand outside in their pajamas at 1 or 2 in the morning," Proffer said.

False fire alarm offenders may not realize all the ramifications of their actions, she said.

Clark estimated the cost to the city was about \$600 every time the fire department responds to a prank fire alarm at TCU. It is a class C misdemeanor for anyone to tamper with fire alarms.

Also, someone elsewhere may really need the fire department's help, Clark said.

"We could have a fire right down the street from us and if we're out on a false fire alarm they have to call another station four or five miles away," he said. "If you stop and think about two or three people caught in a house that's on fire, the extra miles that have to be traveled could easily cost lives."

INSIDE

Students are responding to "What do you think?" on the issue of adding an engineering program to TCU. This week's "What do you think?" asks your opinion on an issue that has stirred much controversy on campus, as well as nation-wide. See page 2.

John McEnroe has had his share of problems in many of his recent matches. Sports Co-editor Jim McGee thinks the ill-fated luck is McEnroe's own fault and that he deserves it. See Page 4.

WEATHER

It will be cloudy and colder today with the high in the upper 40s and north winds at 10 to 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of rain.

OPINION

Experts' views differ as Dow Jones climbs

By John Cunniff

NEW YORK (AP)— Now in its fourth year, the economic expansion is old by historical standards, but Wall Street likes what it sees.

The most convincing evidence of this is the charge of the Dow Jones average toward 1600 points, a height that, if forecast in 1981, would have placed the forecaster among those seeking to sell the Golden Gate Bridge.

Though a growing group of doubters maintains that something has to give, considering that the budget remains in deficit and some tall banks are teetering, the core of the investment establishment obviously is happy.

Merrill Lynch has just raised its estimate of 1986 GNP growth to 4.5 percent, which is higher even than that put out by the White House (4 percent), contending that "lower oil prices should be a spur throughout the year."

And Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., adviser and broker, has gone on record as saying gross national product will surge to 7 percent, a rate that if achieved would triple 1985's growth and constitute an economic boom.

The leading indicators of economic activity have had much to do with the mood, rising in December by a mighty 0.9 percent, the eighth straight month of growth in that sometimes accurate barometer.

Albert Cox Jr., Bil Management's top economic adviser, as he was in the past for Merrill Lynch, offers the theory that over the past two years "vest-pocket" or limited, rather than general recessions, have relieved pressure.

These small, contained recessions, which occurred among capital goods makers and

semiconductor manufacturers, among others, "are now winding down," helping to prevent a general recession for the economy as a whole.

It can be argued also that recessions, or declines in economic activity that approach that definition, have occurred in geographical as well as industrial categories, such as in certain areas of the Sunbelt.

There are many who just don't accept such explanations, and several market analysts contend that some investors might accept almost anything that occurs in the most favorable light.

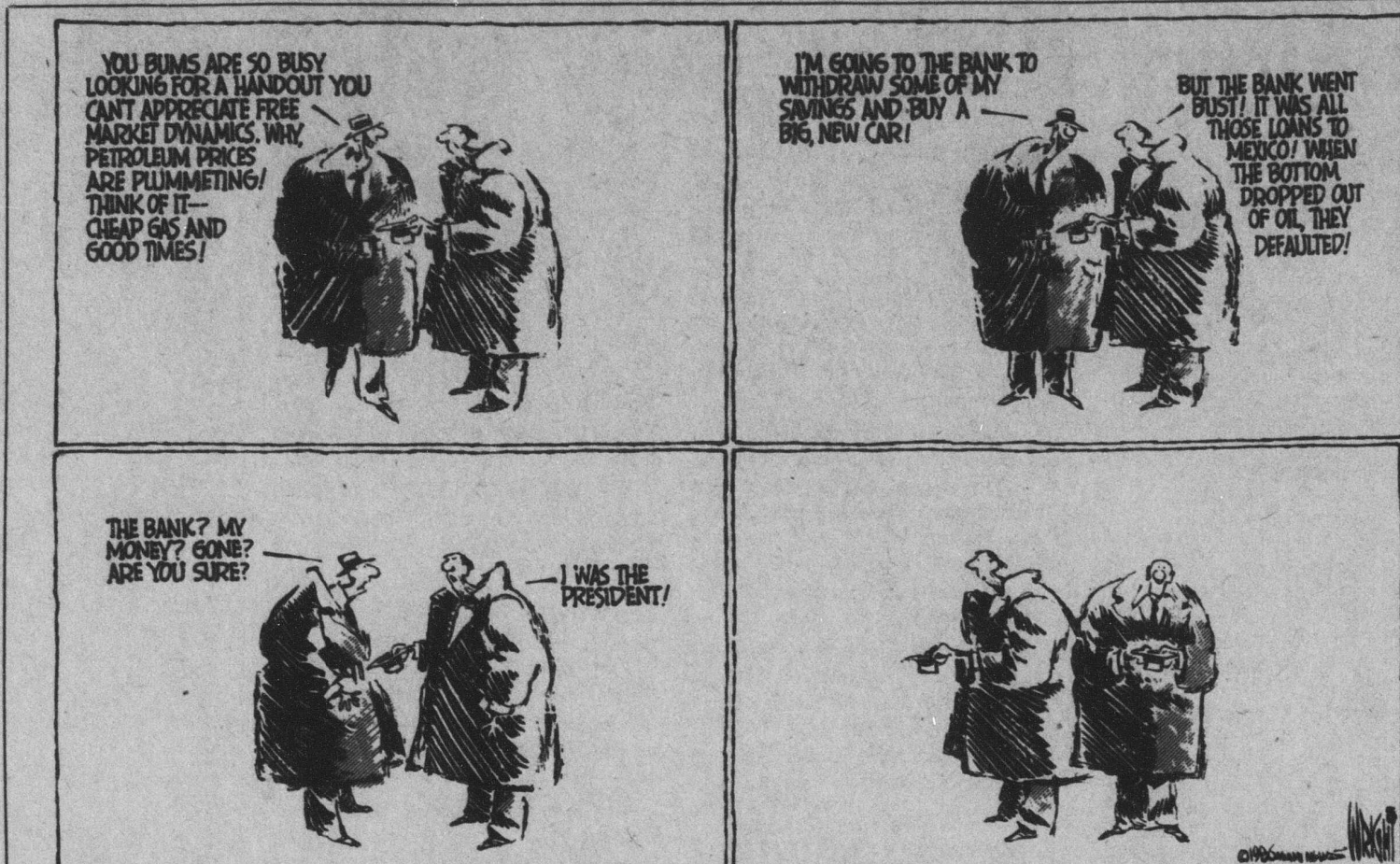
They point to the prominent mention by "bulls" (active buyers of stock) of the sharp drop in oil prices, which the "bulls" contend will reduce inflationary pressures.

But, the doubters ask, isn't that same decline likely to imperil the ability of oil-producing nations to repay their loans to American banks and—in fact—bring nearer the day when those banks might have to write off assets?

Thomas Holt of Holt Investment Advisory, a longtime "bear," (active seller of stock) warns investors to "get out of the stock market." Banks will fail and disinflation will follow, he says. He speaks of depression. Less than straight talk, he says, "would be displeasing to the Lord."

Wright Investors' Service questions the meaning of some of the bullish indicators. "Favorable employment statistics and a surge in orders for durable goods in December are highly suspect at this point," it says.

John Cunniff is a business analyst for The Associated Press.



Engineering school a good idea

TCU is a rapidly expanding university in the rapidly expanding Metroplex. The Board of Trustees is now looking into another expansion—the addition of an engineering program to TCU's curriculum.

It would be a wise choice to expand into such technology-related professional fields, as several committees looking into such an addition have testified.

As with all other major expansion projects at TCU, if this one is taken on it will be independently funded. Furthermore, such a program would financially affect only those students pursuing an engineering degree.

Engineering majors who study at TCU could take advantage of an opportunity rarely available with specialized professional degrees—a liberal arts background, particularly if the new core curriculum proposal is adopted.

More and more company executives are recognizing the value of a liberal arts base to a professional skills degree. Professionals with poor communication and independent thinking skills and without a proper understanding of the world around them are much less effective than those with such skills, which are readily obtained in a liberal arts background.

At the same time, engineering courses could offer more depth to a geology degree, anthropology and environmental science minors, as well as other degrees already available.

However, if TCU undertakes the project, it needs to be done well. There will be serious competition in this field from almost every other university in the state.

Adding engineering to the curriculum is not as easy as simply hanging a sign outside Reed Hall saying, "Engineering now offered." Engineering is a multi-faceted discipline.

There are many different fields of engineering, including mechanical, aerospace, chemical, civil, industrial, petroleum, and engineering technicians. The programs are interdisciplinary in that each specialty usually requires some courses offered in other areas to be complete.

To begin an engineering school at TCU would certainly be no small undertaking. But even if begun on a smaller scale, such a program has the potential to become a unique offering for the area and could offer enough advantages to draw high-quality students.

What Do You Think?

This is an editorial question to you, the student. The TCU Daily Skiff would welcome your response on the form provided below. The response must be signed to be valid.

In recent months, many of the world's thoughts have been turned to South Africa and its policy of apartheid—the official separation of the races.

Apartheid allows a minority of whites in South Africa to rule a predominantly black nation.

The human rights violations which take place as a result of the policy have stirred, in this nation in particular, cries for divestiture—the removal of corporate investments in South Africa.

Proponents for divestiture believe that

foreign capital helps keep the white minority government in power. Opponents don't believe divestment would end apartheid, but would instead serve only to hurt the primarily black labor force in South Africa.

At TCU, a number of students—including members of Students for a Democratic South Africa—have called upon the administration to divest its holdings in corporations that do business in South Africa, saying that the decision reflects a moral stand.

But Chancellor Bill Tucker has said the administration has no plans to divest, and the decision is based on financial, not moral, reasons.

What do you think? Should TCU divest?

Yes No
comments:

signed:

Readers disagree on engineering school issue

Presented here are the responses received to the Jan. 30 "What do you think?" question, "Should TCU incorporate an engineering program in its curriculum?":

Yes
I am minoring in archaeology (anthropology) and have a great interest in geology. I think engineering classes would be interesting and help teach mapping/surveying skills and designing.
—Susan Zodin, senior

Many students want to study engineering at a non-giant school where the liberal arts are honored. Such programs are rare; my son uncovered only two possibilities in all of Texas during his college search a year ago. TCU could help fill that need.

I know your poll is directed at students—as it should be—but I thought you might be interested in the opinion of a father (me) of a student at another college.
—John Ohendalski, Director of Editorial Services, Editor, This is TCU magazine

I know many students look over TCU because we do not have an engineering program. We definitely need one.
—Ladonna Dale, sophomore

No jokes can be made to the Aggies since they have the highest-ranked engineering de-

partment in Texas. Let's join the race. TCU is expanding and remodeling externally at a phenomenal rate. If it is to get even in the academic competition of other schools in Texas, internal changes need to take place. It would be a change for the better. The liberal arts aspect of TCU is doing fine but TCU needs to have more specialized fields to offer.
—Beth Stauch, senior

No
Who will catalog the books?
—Ruth W. Roult, Catalog Department, Mary Coats Burnett Library

I believe there are enough schools offering engineering degrees in this area; there's no need for TCU to compete. I believe the additional funds should be devoted to improving and broadening our liberal arts program. After all, TCU is supposedly noted as a credible liberal arts college, is it not?
—Krisa Johnson, senior

No indeed! I think it is a wrong-headed notion (and a very expensive one, too) to try to compete with state institutions already offering complete engineering certification.
—Tommy Richardson, Catalog Department, Mary Coats Burnett Library

TCU should not incorporate an engineering school. The only conceivable reason to do such a thing is greed.

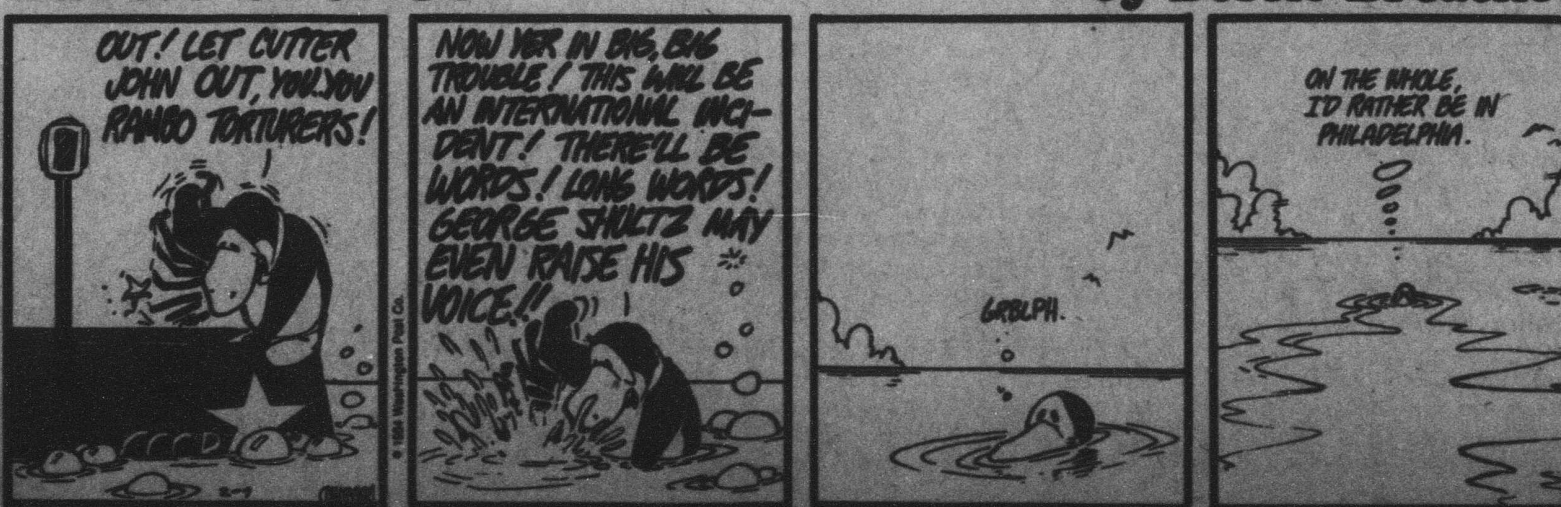
If TCU were to have another trade school it might very well generate a lot of money in the form of grants from various high-tech industries such as General Dynamics and Bell Helicopter. But there are plenty of engineering schools in the state of Texas to train interested people.

A vocational school at TCU would do nothing to improve the university. The curriculum at the existing engineering schools is so restricted that engineering students know very little about politics, art, history or fine arts. What they do know are mathematics, sciences, and how to apply them to a specific area.

It is expensive to train someone to be an engineer, and TCU's recruiting efforts would be altered drastically to encourage students to choose TCU's engineering department over the already established ones in Austin, College Station, Houston, Dallas, Arlington and Lubbock.

One of the unique aspects about TCU now is that it still offers a traditional liberal arts education and that it stresses teaching in a time where colleges and universities are selling out to vocational training programs because of the grants that they can get. People who are truly educated can apply these skills and knowledge to any situation and not have to narrow their focus to one specific area.
—Suellen Wolf, senior

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Railroad Commission candidate calls for campaign fund restrictions

AUSTIN (AP)— A Democratic candidate for the Railroad Commission called on his primary election opponents Wednesday to refuse political action committee donations and accept unprecedented campaign finance restrictions.

Dallas lawyer John Pouland said that voluntarily limiting campaign spending to \$500,000, rejecting contributions of more than \$5,000 per donor and refusing to borrow money

for campaigns would greatly reduce special interest influence.

"It's simply not in the public interest for major industries to be able to buy a seat for whichever candidate indicates a willingness to vote their way," Pouland said.

"And it's certainly not in the public interest for a candidate to go deeply in debt to ensure victory and then extort money from the industries he regulates to pay off those loans," he said.

In a letter to his three fellow Democratic candidates Pouland also asked them to agree to pay all campaign bills by election day and to make daily reports of contributions received during the last 10 days of the race.

"Too many campaigns conspire with controversial contributors to delay their contributions until the last days of the campaign so the money doesn't show up on the campaign finance reports until after the election.

It makes a mockery of campaign finance disclosure," Pouland said.

Pouland's opponents in the May 3 primary are state Sen. John Sharp of Victoria, Houston lawyer Bill MacNaughton, and P.S. Ervin, a Dallas oil and gas consultant.

Sharp's press secretary, Mike Simms, noted that Pouland already has taken contributions well above his suggested \$5,000 limit—two of \$25,000 and one of \$50,000.

"He's already accepted \$100,000 from three people. That sort of flies in the face of his (proposed) limit," Simms said.

Pouland said he would be willing to return those three contributions.

He said he suggested the total spending limit because \$500,000 seems adequate for Democratic candidates to tell voters their positions. Should he win the nomination,

Pouland said he would make a similar proposal to the Republican nominee before the general election.

Regardless of whether his opponents agree, Pouland pledged to refuse contributions from political action committees.

"PACs are simply mechanisms for people with similar concerns to maximize their influence with elected officials," Pouland said.

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SPORTS

John McEnroe: what comes around goes around



Jim McGee

John McEnroe has always been infamous for losing his temper, but lately he's been losing a lot more than that.

Johnny Mac has lost five of the last six tournaments he has entered. And he isn't losing in grueling, five-set matches with highly-ranked contenders. He's losing in the early rounds to tennis legends like Brad Gilbert and Slobodan Zivonjovic.

And the losing doesn't stop there.

He's lost his No. 1 ranking to Ivan Lendl. He's lost his credibility to the *National Enquirer*. He's lost respect from fans and critics. He's losing his bachelorhood to Tatum O'Neal. And if he doesn't watch out, he may even lose his razor endorsement.

John McEnroe has lost his composure.

Mac has been paranoid for a long time. Of course, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean somebody's not watching you, and every tennis player who's ever executed a drop shot has been shooting for Johnny Mac for years.

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Doesn't anybody care about this man? He may never take home

another winner's paycheck in his whole life. He'll have to support himself, Tatum and Little Mac for the rest of their days, and with what?

Oh, sure he's had a seven-figure salary for close to a decade. Sure he rakes in millions more through endorsements. And surely he'll be considered articulate or opinionated enough to be a network commentator. But somebody ought to pass a hat around for Johnny.

And look what the media have done to him. The press can't seem to stop criticizing the guy for the littlest things. So maybe he does shout expletives at the crowd. Maybe he does make obscene gestures at umpires. Maybe he does spit into flower beds.

But who cares about conduct, anyway? This is the pro wrestling generation. Paying fans want to be insulted. And maybe he's right. Maybe the electric eye that makes calls on the serve is wrong. We can't assume that an electronic device is going to be objective.

And just look at all the hard work that McEnroe has put into his game. Tennis is such a harsh way to make a living. What punishment he must take, spending all that time in the sun, having to put up with country club life and always being forced to mingle with those celebrity types.

Never mind that he works out less than any other pro tennis player. Never mind that he rarely practices longer than an hour and a half. Never mind that he barely has the flexibility to

touch his toes. McEnroe deserves better than being relegated to the No. 2 ranking.

But John McEnroe was warned.

He knew it could happen. He knew the pressure could get to him. He saw the crippling effects before. It's a condition known as *Bjornis Borgia*.

The story is much the same. Unarguably the best in the world. On a good day, can dominate any man in the world. Then suddenly it's gone. Perhaps it's the pressure. Maybe it's age, or attitude. But it will never be like it was before.

And McEnroe knew it could happen. Borg wasn't an isolated case. Muhammad Ali had it the worst of all. The fall from No. 1 is a long one, and the impact painful.

Mac isn't taking losing lightly. He's looking for someone, or something, to pin the blame on. He still yells, he still whines, he still questions the motives, ability and lineage of line judges. But now he's got to be questioning his own abilities.

And although he still has lots of fans, most love him because of his court prowess, not because of his obscene finger gestures. And soon he'll find fewer and fewer people rallying behind his cries of disdain. Folks won't appreciate his treating people like the toilettries he endorses.

Oh, he won't have any trouble finding things to occupy his time—or his wallet. But John McEnroe must learn to deal with being second-best.

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