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## Nations react to disaster with questions

WASHINGTON (AP)— "Everybody's scared."

That brief comment by a State Department official summed up the mood here this week after the perils of life in the nuclear age shifted from academic theory to grim reality.

After the Chernobyl accident in the Soviet Union, news from elsewhere seemed less compelling. For now, Michael K. Deaver's travails looked like a minor footnote by comparison and so did Maria Shriver's wedding. Even the adventures of Moammar Khadafy appeared to be tame stuff next to what happened in the Ukraine.

Terrorism usually directly afflicts only small numbers of people but a nuclear disaster can affect thousands,

perhaps millions. And for the dozens of other countries who rely on nuclear power, the response was universal: Could it happen here?

Once again, the mind-numbing lexicon of nuclear energy was filling newspapers, with its array of baffling terms like meltdown, millirems, fuel rods and containment structures. To most people, the accident meant one thing: huge amounts of cancer-causing radiation particles were spilled into the atmosphere.

In the U.S. government, officials began talking about nightmarish scenarios. Would milk for Swedish and Polish children be safe? Would a wind shift endanger the countries along the Soviet Union's western border and beyond?

Would contamination rob the Soviets of some of their most productive terrain? Would the Black Sea, with its resort towns and rich fishing waters, suddenly be off-limits? Would all four reactors in the Chernobyl area go up in smoke?

There were other types of questions. Why were the Soviet authorities being so secretive about the incident? Were they overwhelmed by the magnitude of the disaster?

What about the four nuclear reactors being built in Cuba less than 200 miles from Key West, Fla., with the help of Soviet technology? Will they be safe?

If Reagan administration officials felt smug over the Soviet misfortune, they weren't indicating it publicly.

The official posture was: don't gloat, extend deep regrets and offer assistance.

For the Reagan administration, the disaster transcended ideological boundaries. Much like the outpouring of U.S. food aid last year to drought-stricken Ethiopia, a loyal ally of Moscow, the administration felt this week that the usual criticism of the Soviets should be set aside and replaced by offers of help.

Since the halcyon days of their World War II alliance, there have only been rare instances of Soviet-American cooperation in life-threatening situations. Thus it was something of a novelty Tuesday when Assistant Secretary of State Rozanne Ridgway told Soviet diplomat Oleg

Sokolov the United States was prepared to offer doctors and other forms of assistance.

But when the administration asked for details of the disaster, Soviet diplomats have gone no further than the scant information that has been carried in the Soviet media.

For once, it was the Europeans who were criticizing the Soviets more than the Americans.

"The Soviet Union has an obligation and duty to the international community to give the fullest possible explanation of what happened and why," Britain's foreign secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, said at a West European ministers' meeting in Italy.

The State Department offered only a hint of criticism about Moscow's un-

responsiveness, mindful that a more confrontational approach might make the Kremlin even less inclined to cooperate.

Meanwhile, the administration was in the dark about radiation levels in Moscow, where about 250 U.S. diplomats, businessmen and journalists reside.

There was a nagging suspicion that the Soviets were keeping the world in the dark, a concern that was reinforced by a Dutch ham radio operator who quoted an English-speaking Russian as saying from the disaster site:

"We heard heavy explosions... you can't imagine what's happening here (with) all the death and fire. Please tell the world to help us."

## Lariats close gap between students

By Kurt Goff  
Staff Writer

There are those who say fraternity and independent men will never have a common bond. At TCU, that idea is becoming a thing of the past.

An organization that calls itself "the Lariats" has arrived on campus to improve relations between fraternities, independents and the university.

Darrell Rogers, president of the organization, said the purpose of the society is to be a service group comprised of fraternity and independent men.

He said there is also a strong emphasis on improving university-community relations.

Rogers said the Lariats strive to uphold high social, academic and moral standards while working toward a common goal.

Ryan Hill, vice president of the Lariats, said most of the groundwork for getting the group underway began last fall.

"A group of guys got together and discussed the possibility of forming a special organization for male undergraduates," he said. "Everyone was very positive and enthusiastic."

Despite all of the enthusiasm, the group had to go through TCU's approval system, and that took a little time.

Joe Lamb, a Lariat charter member, said even though it took a while, it was all worth it.

"You have to work for the things you believe in," he said. "And this takes patience and a lot of hard work."

Because one of the main objectives of the organization is community service, Rogers said fund raising will play an important part in the Lariat's future.

## Women stop jury, then plead guilty

GALVESTON, Texas (AP)— Two women interrupted what was stacking up to be a hung jury Thursday and pleaded guilty in the fire deaths of their seven children, officials said.

The two El Campo women—Jacqueline Williams, 24, and Marsha Taylor Owens, 30—were at a bar in a nearby city when their unattended children perished in a house fire Feb. 13.

Jurors had entered their second day of deliberations Thursday and were snagged 11-1 on whether to convict the women on the injury-to-a-child charges, said court coordinator Anita Irwin.

But shortly after noon, the two women abruptly changed their minds and entered guilty pleas on all seven counts, Irwin said.

State District Judge Daniel Sklar, who issued a gag order on the case after the women pleaded, scheduled sentencing for June 16 in Wharton County. Each charge carries a maximum prison term of 10 years.

During closing arguments, a defense attorney said prosecutors were trying to analyze the case from hindsight and convict the two women for doing something they thought was acceptable.

Both women testified that Williams' oldest daughter, Monica, 8, was left in charge of six children while their mothers traveled to nearby Bay City with friends to distribute pla-

"All of the money we raise will be donated to the children's cancer wing of Cook's Children's Hospital in Fort Worth," he said.

Another goal for the Lariats is to improve relations between the university and the community. Hill said an important part of this is spreading school spirit.

"We want to help make the TCU student body become active and excited about campus life," Hill said.

Lamb said the Lariats will do all it can to be an important link between students and TCU, as well as between TCU and Fort Worth.

Group membership is open to fraternity and independent men with high leadership potential and a desire to uphold social, moral and civic standards.

Grade point average is also taken into consideration in the selection process. Lamb said the minimum required GPA is 2.25.

All prospective members must go through a one semester observation period. It is during this time that they are required to demonstrate their leadership skills, strong commitment and civic dedication.

If, for any reason, someone doesn't meet Lariat standards during this time, current Lariat members can terminate his participation with a majority vote.

Once the observation period is over, those who are considered qualified will be initiated into the society.

Lamb said there has never been an organization like the Lariats at TCU.

Jeff Roemer, vice president of TCU's Interfraternity Council, said the organization is a great idea.

"There has been a need for a group like this for a long time. I think it is a step in the right direction," Roemer said.

card's advertising a Valentine's Day event.

The women ended up at a Bay City bar and left before 2 a.m., they testified. Owens said she drank whiskey that night, while Williams said she had soft drinks.

When they arrived home, they found their children, ranging in age from 2 months to 8 years, had died and the house gutted by fire.

One defense witness explained that leaving children unattended is "not nothing new. It's done all the time in the black community."

"Let me break it down for you. You're white," the Rev. G.L. Griffin told District Attorney Daniel Shindler. "My race of people have been leaving children with the oldest in charge for a long time. You all have babysitters because you can afford it. The only babysitters we have is ourselves."

Defense attorneys Richard Mancke and Robert Ramsey said prosecutors were "talking about finding people guilty of a criminal offense for doing something they thought was acceptable."

Shindler, however, rebuffed the argument.

"If we don't say their conduct is wrong, then who's going to protect those children in the community where they say that's the custom? And I don't think it's as widespread or customary as they've indicated to you," he told the jury.



Solidarity rally - About 100 students gather in the Student Center lounge Thursday for a solidarity rally sponsored by campus organizations.

Speakers included the Rev. Jesse Truvillion of the campus minority ministry, and Coach Jim Wacker.

## Student to research meteorites

By Biff Bann  
Staff Writer

Unlike many of his fellow students, Hiram Jackson won't be spending this summer relaxing in front of the television set. Instead, Jackson will be studying meteorites in New Mexico.

Jackson, a junior geology major, was recently named the winner of the TCU Honors Scholar Award for special study in his chosen field of planetary geology. Jackson will undertake his study at TCU and the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Jackson said his research should add to the knowledge available to TCU's Oscar Monnig Meteorite Collection.

"The fundamental knowledge of our meteorite collection is still not as

good as it should be," Jackson said. "I hope my research will help answer some specific questions about our collection."

Although he was not sure about his specific duties this summer, Jackson said he will probably be doing a lot of library work.

"Some of our specimens have never been studied," Jackson said, "so I'm sure I will be busy."

Jackson said he became interested in geology because of the diverse knowledge required to understand the facets of the science.

"You have to know chemistry, biology and physics to understand geology," Jackson said. "If you find a fossil in a rock, you have to know some biology if you hope to identify it."

Jackson said his interest in meteorites stems from the discoveries

of the Voyager and Pioneer missions.

"I have always been interested in space, and this research is one way to fulfill those interests," Jackson said.

Jackson said the study of meteorites may unlock some of the secrets of the earth's origin and composition.

"Elements found in meteorites are not found on the earth's surface," Jackson said. "These meteorites might be pieces of a planetary core, and they could help us understand our planet a little bit better."

Jackson, who maintains a 4.0 grade point average in the university's Honors Program curriculum, said he was surprised to learn that he had received the award.

"There were so many other good projects out there that I never thought I'd win," Jackson said.

Jackson said the money he received with the award will help him cope with some of the expenses of this summer's research.

"Since I will be spending about three weeks in Albuquerque, I am going to use the money to cover some of my living expenses," Jackson said.

Jackson said the research this summer will help him decide whether or not to continue his career in geology.

"One reason I'm doing this research is to see if I want to continue in geology," Jackson said. "I really don't foresee any problems with this summer's research."

Besides grades in the stratosphere, Jackson was elected to Phi Beta Kappa this spring and was a member of TCU's College Bowl team that recently won third place in a 19-team regional competition.

## Vice chancellor wins awards

By Craig Winneker  
Staff Writer

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Peggy Barr was the recipient of three awards from the two principal professional associations in her field last month.

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators recognized Barr in Washington, D.C., April 3 for her contributions to literature and research as "one who has served the profession long and has a distinguished record of publication."

In New Orleans April 9 the American College Personnel Association presented Barr with its professional service award for 1986 in recognition of her service to the profession at large and to the ACPA.

Barr was also named a Senior Scholar of the ACPA. She will serve a six-year term on an eight-member group that functions as a reactor to major convention programs, develops posi-

tion papers for the association and serves as its scholarly review body.

Barr was "amazed and delighted," and said that it is "a rare occurrence to be recognized by both of the major associations in the student affairs field."

The NASPA award recognized Barr for her various publications, including "Student Affairs and the Law, Establishing Effective Student Services Programs," as well as for her service as editor-in-chief of the Jossey-Bass monograph series "New Directions for Student Services."

Barr was the first woman to receive an award from this organization.

The ACPA award specifically recognized Barr for her work "contributing to cooperation between and among professional associations."

Barr said one of her major efforts was getting various professional associations to work together and lobby effectively in Washington for more student financial aid.

## INSIDE

Students will be able to look back on 1986 and say this was the semester when apathy was put aside and everyone came together on the first day of May for a common cause. Students who attended the rally deserve to be commended. See Page 2.

Many seniors will be graduating and getting their first real jobs. They may think they are leaving school behind, but really school is just beginning. See Page 3.

After two-and-a-half years of Grant McGinnis on the sports page of the Skiff, many of you, especially athletes and coaches, will be happy to get rid of him. McGinnis' last column for the Skiff is on page 5.

## WEATHER

Today's weather will be partly cloudy and fair with the high in the 80s and a light southeast wind. The rest of the weekend will be fair with the highs in the 80s and the lows in the 60s.

# OPINION

## Expression of views denied to House members

By Bruce Capehart and Dave Corbin

A striking problem exists on the TCU campus with possible effects on all student organizations.

Our elected representatives serving in student government do not have adequate opportunities to express the views of their constituents.

Individuals with opinions contrary to the House leadership or the Student Activities office are continually prevented from expressing their views.

While this statement may seem harsh, we believe it is true beyond a reasonable doubt. An ongoing pattern of abuses over the past two years established the groundwork for a most spectacular peak at last Tuesday's House meeting.

Every spring, the House of Representatives debates and subsequently approves a budget submitted by the House Executive Board (all the elected officers) for the next school year. Usually, a significant amount of discussion and proposed changes accompanies this meeting.

This year, after informally discussing the budget for two weeks, it came before the House for a vote. The authors of this column had identified approximately \$32,000 in questionable allocations and planned to vigorously question them.

Unfortunately, we never had our chance. Before any discussion could take place, a House committee chairman moved that all debate (including any opportunity to propose changes) be ended.

A majority of the House members voted to uphold the motion, even after protests that it stifled all chances to formally debate the budget. The budget was then narrowly approved by the House of Representatives.

On the surface, nothing appears wrong with this meeting, except the manipulation of parliamentary procedure to ensure that no dissenting views were presented.

Further examination of the situation reveals some interesting facts. One such fact shows that only 51 percent of the House members attended last week when the budget was informally discussed. Many of the representatives who voted for the budget may not have been aware of the previous week's critical discussions.

Often, after missing a meeting, representatives will follow the advice of the core leadership. Last Tuesday, in our opinion the core achieved what they wanted—passage of an unaltered budget by not allowing any opposition to present their views.

The student body president had a chance to ask that the motion to end debate be withdrawn so that opposing views could have been stated. He did not, however, in spite of the fact he had made such requests before.

A summation of the situation leads to our following conclusion. The House leadership did not want any damaging inquiries on a budget that was chock-full of questionable allocations.

None of that comes as a surprise, however. The events of last Tuesday's meeting were only one in a long line of such meetings.

But a moment's reflection will quickly reveal that the TCU student body has elected

three different sets of student government officers over the last two years.

From there, it is an easy step to the realization that, if nothing changes in House from year to year, and the student officers come and go, something must be remaining constant.

In order to see this consistency, follow the odyssey of a resolution that was submitted last week.

On April 22, the authors of this column went to see the student body president about submitting a resolution opposing divestment from South Africa. The president gave his full support to the resolution, and expressed his desire to see it pass, saying he was totally against divestment.

After the resolution was presented to the House that afternoon, it was approved that the House postpone voting on it for two weeks.

The first of the two week delay brought verbal harassment from both students and university officials on the resolution's principal author.

Then, on the afternoon of last Tuesday's meeting, the student body president requested a meeting with the resolution's author. The president talked about the resolution, saying it was vague, too general, and said that a Student Activities Office official called it "the worst piece of legislation . . . ever seen."

Needless to say, the president had completely reversed his decision. He asked the

resolution's author to withdraw it from the House and send it to a committee for further study. The author refused, saying later that would have been like launching it into a black hole.

In no uncertain terms, it was made clear to the author that a Student Activities adviser strongly influenced the president's decision, including a complete flip-flop on his position. That staff person also told the president to ask the resolution's author to withdraw his legislation.

Now, in our understanding of an adviser's role in an organization, an adviser is only supposed to offer suggestions, not force policy changes on an autonomous organization.

It seems the Student Activities Office has a different idea of its role in "advising" student organizations.

This behavior can be contrasted with the ethical guidelines for TCU Student Affairs Offices. A final draft of this document called for a commitment to principles of "encouraging diversity . . . respecting autonomy . . . (and) being just."

So much for the ethical guidelines. We can only suggest that they were not intentionally violated, but instead broken due to ignorance of the policy.

The reader is free to make his or her own choice. We have made ours for the former of the two options, as we will choose to credit the Student Activities staff with adequate knowledge of their job guidelines.

In further support of our opinions, a university official said that various Student Affairs divisions were opposed to the anti-divestment legislation and were actively working to suppress it.

We do not wish this column to be seen as grumbling against the system. In no way did we fail to accomplish our goals in student government.

Over the last two semesters, we have authored or co-authored one-third of all legislation presented in House of Representatives. Of the legislation we submitted, 91 percent of it was approved by the House.

So it is with sadness we end our terms in student government. We would like to continue serving our constituents and the student body. In our opinion the Student Activities Office tells our student "leaders" what to do, and we cannot and will not continue to participate in the Tuesday House meetings.

Finally, we offer the following food-for-thought from the TCU Undergraduate Bulletin. From the "Objectives of TCU": "to build and maintain a community of learning . . . in which persons holding similar or dissimilar convictions may live and work together in mutual respect."

Such a goal is admirable. Let us all hope it is one day achieved.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Shanty immature

The immaturity exhibited by the divestment protesters when they littered the TCU campus with their "shanty-town" is characteristic of a group that is unwilling to fully utilize traditional diplomatic channels within the university structure to achieve their goals.

I would like to publicly commend Chancellor Tucker for his not politicizing the endowment and for not opening up the university portfolio to appease these radical groups. What do the divestment proponents want?

Do they want TCU to invest money based on their personal political and religious beliefs? What will the issue be next week? How

could Tucker run the university if he had to worry about appeasing the diverse political interests of the university and their desire to influence university investments? Divestment advocates lack pragmatism and real world common sense.

Graduation is nearing, and when I see divestment advocates spending all their time protesting and littering TCU property with their "shanty-town" it goes to show you what I have always contended: that conservatives look for jobs and liberals look for trouble.

-E. Keith Pomykal  
senior, business major

#### Column degrading

Upon reading Cathy Chapman's column in the Thursday, April 24 edition of the Skiff about the "artsy" side of the ugly pair of buildings that grace the corner of University and Canteen, I was outraged at first by your portrayal of the art students as filthy barbarians such as the Gaul you encountered in the ceramics studio.

Secondly, your attacks on our work are unfounded as you yourself stated that you have never visited the north side of the Moudy building. As far as we can tell, you have never visited for any other purpose than making vicious attacks that only succeed in showing your ignorance of art and aesthetics, your inability to empathize with students who are not so different than yourself, and finally to widen the gap between the two bodies of students who "live" in the Moudy complex.

Your description of the work that graces the entry of north Moudy as "always big, always obnoxious, and seldom intelligible" is a sad statement not only on your ignorance, but the inability of a large portion of the student body to appreciate and enjoy the work we produce and cherish. Imagine your Skiff being distributed exclusively to an illiterate audience and you will understand our dilemma and our

being upset with your ruthless and unnecessary attacks on us due to your being illiterate as far as art is concerned.

You state in your article that the supposed "graduate student" you talked with on the phone "didn't know the sculptures were on (your) side of the building, because he'd never actually been in it." The person you talked to on the phone was not a graduate art student, but ironically a graduating senior in the journalism department Advertising/Public Relations department. You, with your finely honed skills in interviewing, failed to ask pertinent questions in your inquiries about the sculptures on "your" side of the building and even with whom you were speaking.

A Zen concept notes that there are two ways of differentiating two equal lines: one can either shorten the other line or one can lengthen his own. It is obvious the path you have chosen in differentiating between the two departments of our college. We are very sorry that instead of trying to create better work, you have elected to devote your energies to degrading ours.

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-Marilee Heckerman  
junior, painting and ceramics major.

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## Hands across TCU bridges gap

Riff Ram Bah Zoo, let's all join hands across TCU. Yesterday, May 1, TCU stood united in the Student Center lobby.

Various campus organizations sponsored the solidarity rally to further race relations on campus by demonstrating our willingness to achieve a greater understanding of each other.

We saw that it was through participation not apathy that this effort was successful.

There was a genuine concern by students and faculty. We applaud you. Participation was the key element for the concept.

But besides holding hands students should walk away with the feeling and knowledge that a person's skin color doesn't make a difference. It is more than just black vs. white, hispanic vs. Jewish and Greek vs. non-Greek.

It was an awesome sight to see students from various organizations talking with each other, even looking at each other. Something great did happen this semester.

"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." These lyrics sung by Barbra Streisand are powerful words. At the May Day rally . . . they struck home in the hearts of many TCU students.

There is often talk about the TCU community being diverse and segregated. Joining hands at TCU was a commendable approach to getting students, faculty, and other university members together.

We believe there is a need for better racial, social and academic interaction on campus. Black Student Caucus, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students for a Democratic South Africa and the Social Work Club were some of the sponsors of the rally. This is a diverse group of people to say the least.

Everyone on this campus is unique and important. We must tap the understandings of these individuals so that we may all benefit.

We are the ones who can make a difference in this world and on this campus. Let's keep moving closer and bridge the gap of indifference.

### BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed





Phi Theta Kappa - Attending the honors banquet at the Student Center Wednesday night were sponsor Rosemary Drollinger, students Susan Gremlion, Jayme Jones, Chris Heath, Lisa Forester, Mindy Matthews, Mary McGaha and Gloria Wilson and sponsor Al Young.

# First job another test

By Duane Bidwell  
Staff Writer

The first week of a new job can be overwhelming—but there are ways to overcome the anxiety and crises that are natural reactions to this stressful situation.

One important thing to keep in mind is that the first week is a test—but so is the entire job.

Ron Randall, director of TCU's Career Planning and Placement Center, said people need to remember that "they're being tested for the length of the job."

"Individuals should be patient with themselves and not expect perfection of themselves or perfection of the organization," he said. The first job should be treated as a learning experience.

The first week of a job, Randall said, will usually include some sort of training or orientation session.

This is a good time to learn the company's organization, become familiar with specific policies, ask questions, and clarify personal and company goals and objectives with supervisors.

It is also important to keep a positive attitude during this time, he said, and not concentrate on negative events.

New workers should "keep their eyes and ears open" and remember

that dress, appearance, demeanor are as important at this time as they were in the interview.

The best way to learn to fit into the new environment, Randall said, is to observe what is considered appropriate.

Until then, he said, conservative behavior and dress are necessary.

And new workers should be honest and ethical, Randall said. This doesn't mean, however, that tasks should be turned down because workers aren't sure they can do them.

"There's a balance between challenge and mastery," he said. "If you take on that responsibility, there's nothing wrong with asking for help as opposed to saying, 'I can't do it.'"

There are always people willing to help a new worker, and new employees should take the initiative.

"You have to learn to relate to the people as well as to the equipment," Randall said. "It's really important to be visible in your job and take the initiative to introduce yourself."

But don't be in a hurry to find a mentor at your work place, he said. Developing a relationship with a mentor takes time and energy.

"There's time to let that happen. You may have different people who serve in a mentor capacity throughout your career," Randall said.

Developing those relationships, however, and feeling comfortable are

difficult. "It takes time to feel like you're a part of that new group," Randall said.

"It may be uncomfortable for weeks. I don't know a person who's gone into a job and felt completely comfortable."

Two situations, especially, can cause anxiety: having ideas to introduce but not knowing how to do so, and not being challenged.

In the first case, Randall said, it's important to remember that the company has reasons behind everything it does.

New workers shouldn't introduce new ideas until they are on their feet and have credibility, he said.

The lack of challenges, he said, can be solved by looking for additional responsibility and tasks that are undone.

"I don't think you go in and say, 'I'm really bored,'" he said. "You ask what else can be done."

On a day-to-day basis, Randall said, there are six things new workers should do:

Expect the best of themselves, without expecting perfection.

Maintain confidence in their personal growth.

See the positive aspects of everything.

Listen and seek to learn.

Commit mind, body and soul to doing the best job possible.

Be patient and don't expect too much.

# Man arrested for extortion

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)—A 59-year-old Waco man accused of threatening to tamper with cafeteria food if he didn't get ransom money was ordered held without bond Thursday, a U.S. magistrate said.

Albert Richard Essig was charged with extortion in a scheme that spanned two years and involved two cafeterias and at least three other businesses, said John W. Dalseg, special agent in charge of the FBI in San Antonio.

Essig allegedly left extortion notes during the last two weeks at a Wyatt's cafeteria in Austin and Luby's cafeteria in Waco that demanded \$50,000, said Dalseg.

The man was arrested Wednesday night at a public phone booth while allegedly making an extortion call to the Austin cafeteria, Dalseg said, emphasizing that no food had been tampered with at any business.

"We have been aware of someone perpetrating this kind of scheme for two years," Dalseg said. "In January, a drop (of ransom money) was made but there was no pickup."

In all, he said, four money drops have been made, but no one ever picked up the cash.

"We don't know what spooked him," Dalseg said.

Sanders said an FBI affidavit filed

upon Essig's arrest indicated similar extortion attempts have been made against M&M-Mars candy company in Waco, a Safeway grocery store in Austin and a Furr's cafeteria in Austin.

Management of the businesses affected received telephone calls informing them that a note of interest had been attached to a telephone pole or a garbage bin behind their establishments, Dalseg said.

The threats were in those notes, he said. Ransom demands ran as high as \$100,000, he said.

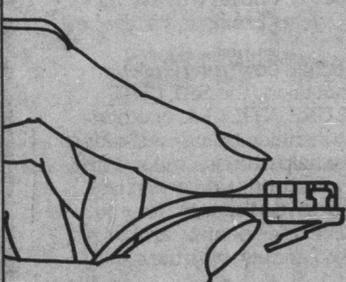
Dalseg said Essig was charged with interference with interstate commerce by extortionate means.

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# SPORTS

## If at first you actually do succeed, try, try and triathlon again

By Melissa Howell  
Staff Writer

Chris Shiver, a TCU junior, has competed in triathlons in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Houston. He placed 19th of more than 700 entrants in Houston. The race, held last November, consisted of a 100-meter swim, 18.6-mile bike and 6.2-mile run.

Shiver resembles the all-American boy with a mustache. His blond hair, shiny from chlorine, and his tan com-

plexion are evidence of his active lifestyle.

One of Shiver's future undertakings will be to organize a triathlon club at TCU. The purposes of the group will be to organize workouts, to band together, to cut expenses and to possibly become a school-sponsored club. Group workouts help in the way of motivation, Shiver said.

"It's so hard to work out by yourself. It's just too easy to stop," he said.

Before the Student Activities Office will accept an application from the group, however, 10 students must be

involved, said Troy Moore, program adviser for student activities.

Shiver said he would like for any TCU triathletes to contact him if they are interested in forming a club. He also indicated he would like to see the club ultimately include both beginners and advanced triathletes.

Shiver is no novice to the components of the triathlon. He has swum for 12 years, which includes three years on college teams. He's played football, baseball and soccer and has run and cycled in high school.

Following high school, Shiver went to North Carolina State University. After his freshman year there, he moved to California to train.

The summer of 1985 marked Shiver's first real training for the triathlon. Swimming lap after lap, year after year got a little monotonous, he said.

"(The triathlon is) a different kind of race—a different kind of challenge," Shiver said.

Living in the California desert forced Shiver to train only during the cool hours, before the temperature rose to 120 degrees each day. His

workouts lasted from 5 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m.; his total training time approximated eight hours a day.

The 1985 fall semester was Shiver's first semester at TCU. At age 23, he lost his eligibility for the swim team mid-semester, giving him more time to concentrate on triathloning.

To get into serious training, diet is usually the main change an athlete has to make in his or her lifestyle, Shiver said.

He said for him, this meant cutting down on his consumption of beer and following the basic rules of nutrition.

Several months pass before the benefits are noticeable, he said.

Time was another obstacle to his training Shiver had to overcome. He works two and a half hours a day as an assistant coach at Texas Aquatics. He also studies for his double major of marketing and management when he's not training.

"Time is pretty much the all-important factor. School and work have got to come first, so you've got to budget your training around those," Shiver said.

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### Hate mail tops love letters as scribe gets last word

Grant McGinnis

All good—and some bad—things must come to an end. It was inevitable that one day I was going to have to write my final column for the good 'ole *Daily Skiff* at TCU. And it was highly probable that most of you would be grinning from ear to ear when you realized that day represented the final time my ugly mug would stare at you from these pages.

OK, OK, you can stop cheering. For two years, I've appeared on the back pages to chide you and console you, to comment and criticize, to praise and punish. In that time I must have heard it all.

Often I'd overhear you telling your friends what a &%(/\* that McGinnis jerk is. Occasionally, you'd realize a second too late that I was sitting at the next table. Often you'd slink away blushing.

But one thing I never heard was silence and that makes me very happy because no matter what I wrote, you always had something to say. But as my benefactor Dan Jenkins once said, if the hate mail doesn't outnumber the nice stuff

by a 10 to one margin, you're not doing your job.

I guess I was doing my job. But before I walk down the aisle to collect my diploma and move my scathing remarks to the pages of my new employer, the *Winnipeg Free Press*, please allow me a moment more of your time to hand out my end-of-an-era awards.

**Yogi Berra Most Eloquent Quote Award**—Who else could earn this honor but the ever-quotable Jim Wacker? After losing to Texas late in the fall of 1984, Wacker uttered a prototypical Wackerism we would hear often one year later.

"They whipped us every which way you can whip somebody."

**Every Job Has Its Pitfalls Award**—Goes to Tony Papa and Greg Grissom, with a little help from the local district attorney. Last spring, the pair was arrested for suspicion of burglary from an automobile. We had to cover it but it wasn't pleasant.

The charges never amounted to anything, and Grissom and Papa have long since forgotten their least quotable moments when "No comment" was the only phrase they knew.

**The Geez I Wish They'd Quit Bugging Me Award**—Tom Mercer can collect this one on behalf of his

tennis teammates because he's done most of the talking in the past.

Always complaining about no coverage is the forte of Mercer and company. The fact is, we ran an average of more than a story a week on TCU tennis last spring. This year, we covered the Frogs run to a number 10 national ranking and chronicled their injury-plagued demise.

Mercer hasn't been by to complain since.

**The I Wrote The Tune So I'll Face The Music Award**—This one goes to the mens basketball team for a column I wrote last spring inappropriately headlined "Frogs didn't want to win." The scathing treatise followed a 62-61 loss to Rice, the second straight time TCU had lost to the inept Owls.

Reaction to that one included a collective silence on the part of the team, an angry shove from a player who shall remain nameless and plenty of behind-the-back slurs in my direction.

There was one guy who loved it, however. Frog Coach Jim Killingsworth was more jovial than usual the day the column was published. That night, TCU hammered Arkansas in overtime at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Of course, nobody gave me any

credit for the turnaround.

The *Chicago Tribune* Embarrassing Issue Award—Goes to the Sept. 29, 1985, issue of the *Skiff* for our coverage of Black Thursday, the day Kenneth Davis and five others were dismissed from the football team.

We were proud of our front-page coverage of such a major story that happened four hours past our deadline. But on the inside pages, stories included the final in a series on Heisman Trophy candidates and we had saved Davis for last.

**The Coach's Cliches Weren't So Cliche-ish Award**—The runaway winner is Bill Woodley.

If there's one thing I get sick of, it's coaches who are forever optimistic—and use the same words to express their optimism—even when their team has marginal talent and is destined for the conference basement. I had put Woodley in this category a long time ago.

But last weekend, he sure showed me. His team won the conference golf championship.

And because fairness is one of the highest principles in journalism, I stand corrected and offer my congratulations to Woodley and to the rest of you for putting up with such abuse for two of the best years of my life.

### Hittin' the road, jack, but things will be same

John Paschal

The new sign on the door says "Gone fishing."

It's a symbolic sort of thing, really. I'm not going fishing. I'm somewhat the city slicker and, if memory serves, the only fish I've nabbed was at the local Long John Silver's.

What the sign means is that I'm outta heecccc!

This final edition of the dreaded *Skiff* doesn't mark a bittersweet passing. There are no tears around here. Believe me. It just means this particular fellow is taking a break.

Not oddly, though, sports will continue to flourish despite the peculiar absence of a TCU sports writer. Big hairy guys will still stomp on one another. Beanpoles will continue bouncing basketballs and complaining a whole lot. Tobacco juice-spitters will still hurl cowhide-covered objects toward other tobacco juice-spitters gripping lumber. And I assume the Pro Bowlers Tour will continue

scouring the nation's alleys, although one can never be too sure about these things.

I'd think it rather unfair, though, to request a four month moratorium on sports. It'd be nifty if they'd wait until September to resume their seasons. We'd then have oodles of sports news, and we on the staff could plaster the pages with AP wire stories.

We know how much the TCU public just loves AP wire, eh? And I could sit back and sip on a martini.

But that ain't gonna happen, so why discuss it. Sports, just like terrorism, budget deficit and—thank you, Sun Belt—good looking girls will be right here when we get back.

Football and the Rev. Jim Wacker aren't going anywhere. The Frogs hit the turf in September and don't stop 'til the Christmas month. Everybody will yell things like, "Hooray," and everybody will also moan and say things like, "They're playing like dog meat."

Articles will be written from here about those games. Everybody will say, "They're writing like dogmeat."

But, Confucius say, dog meat make goodoo dog casserole.

### Discipline, positive attitude are key

Continued from Page 4.

His daily workouts now occupy at least three or four hours and sometimes as many as six or more hours. This, he said, forces him to discipline himself regularly in time management as well as in physical training.

"Discipline of the mind, however, is most important during a race. Concentrating on relaxing, breathing easily, pacing and most of all, positive thinking, are required of a triathlete in a race," Shiver said.

The competitor in a triathlon must swim the specified distance, get out of the water and start the next leg of the race as soon as he or she can exchange equipment.

A triathlete tries to make these transitions in as little time as neces-

sary to prepare for the next part of the race, relax, check the time and stretch.

"You think of where you're coming from and how good you're feeling. You try to stay positive in your head the whole race," Shiver said.

If the possibility of quitting ever creeps into Shiver's mind during a race, he just thinks of how good he'll feel about his accomplishment when the race is over, he said.

"The win is worth all the pain," Shiver said.

For most beginning triathletes, the goal is simply to finish the race, he said. "There is a point where a triathlete has to stop pushing his or her body."

"You have to know when to stop

when you're really hurting yourself," he said. Shiver recalls a recent 10K run he dropped out of because of illness.

Shiver sees the possibility of entering the professional circuit in the future, although the purses of triathlons aren't very generous yet because the sport is so new.

Meanwhile, there's the near future. The first weekend in June Shiver will compete in the President's Triathlon in Dallas, one of the country's largest.

Shiver hopes for a good, consistent race and to have a time under two hours and 20 minutes. The distances are a one-mile swim, a 28-mile bike and a 6.2-mile run.

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