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Greek adviser goes above and beyond the call of duty

By CAMIE MELTON
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Her title doesn't say it all. Amy Sturhahn is the Greek Affairs program adviser, but that's only the beginning of her involvement here at TCU.

Sturhahn is also a Greek residential adviser, the Panhellenic Council adviser, Order of Omega adviser, TGIF Programming Committee adviser, a Leadership Class teacher, Summer Orientation assistant coordinator and New Student Record coordinator.

And in her spare time, she's doing a little something for herself — finishing her master's degree.

"There is so much to do that sometimes I am really amazed at how well some days go," she said.

Her positive attitude is immedi-

ately apparent. Even her favorite quote: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," leaves no room for negativity. And the optimistic outlook is only reinforced by a welcoming smile and energetic personality.

Sturhahn doesn't look much older than most of the students that she works with — and she's not. This 25-year-old can often be found tapping her toes to music from a radio playing atop her file cabinet and her bouncy, blond hair is sometimes pinned up with a bow.

"Amy is energetic and a lot of fun to be around," said Derek Fuller, a junior advertising/public relations major. "I have learned a lot from Amy. I met her when she taught my freshman Leadership Class and we have been friends ever since."

"Amy always has a big smile," said Chris Johnson, Order of Omega

vice president. "Her enthusiasm has helped our organization. She has come up with some great ideas for us."

At the rate Sturhahn is going now, no one would guess she is facing a major turning point in her life. She has been at TCU for three years, but this semester will be her last.

After graduating with her master's degree in May, she will get married and move to Houston. Graduation, moving, marriage and a new job. It will be a time of change, but she is confident it will all work out for the best.

"It may all be overwhelming," she said. "But I am open to the challenge. I have a deep faith. I have all the security I need."

Sturhahn said she will miss the familiarity the most.

"It will be really difficult to leave,"

she said. "I will miss the students, and I also don't look forward to walking into an office and not automatically knowing what to do."

But here, she is known for the perfect balance that she keeps between professionalism and relationships, said Leslie Cotter, Panhellenic rush chairwoman.

"Amy is very personable and gets along well with everyone, but at the same time she holds her position," she said. "She is a great influence."

It appears that the organizations she works with have felt that influence. Awards of all shapes and sizes completely cover her office walls and cabinet tops.

Kathleen Martin, Panhellenic president, said Amy has strengthened the organization.

"She has helped us become a more effective organization," she said.

"She is the most caring and giving individual I've ever met. Amy puts students and their needs first."

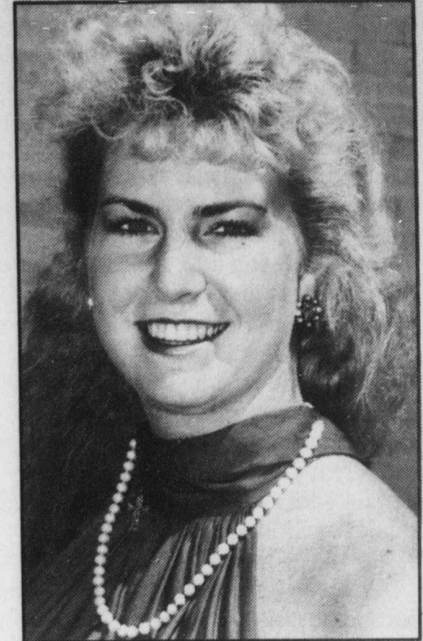
Recently, Sturhahn received national recognition for her efforts when she was awarded the National Order of Omega Adviser Fellowship.

But this is not the recognition she is most proud of, Sturhahn said. What she is most proud of cannot be hung on a wall. Students are her reward, she said. When students leave small notes and drop by just to thank her, it means the world to her, she said.

"I'm in this job for moments like that," she said. "You are planting seeds for their adult years. They are a garden of potential. It is very exciting."

She didn't always intend to be

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The newest members of Phi Beta Delta, an international scholar honor society, include, from left to right: Vice Chancellor Larry Adams; Speaker Jim Wright; Edward Simmen; Reece Moyers; Antonio Sanchez; and Phi Beta Delta President Al Mladenka.

Honor society inducts Wright

By KRISTI WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

An honor society for international scholars inducted 39 new members and four honorary members on Tuesday, including former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright.

Al Mladenka, president of the society, said Phi Beta Delta selects members for their outstanding contributions and work in international education and relationships.

"This is a great honor to have bestowed upon me," said Wright, who helped President Carter negotiate the peace plan between Egypt and Israel and also worked on the Central American peace plan.

The chapter, which started at TCU in 1990, also gave honorary memberships to Reece Moyers, TCU's

State Department officer-in-residence; Edward Simmen, professor of English and American literature at the University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico; and Antonio Sanchez, professor of computer science and vice president of academic support at the University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico.

The society encourages participation in researching, teaching and developing ideas between cultures, Mladenka said.

Wright, Moyers, Simmen and Sanchez have especially encouraged learning and relationships between nations, Mladenka said.

"The greatest work of men and women is to tear down the walls between cultures and nations and build bridges instead," Wright said.

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All the wrong moves

High sexual assault statistics raise concern among university students

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

Rachel will never forget her first sorority mixer.

"It was at the Hop," she said. "The guys started buying us beers."

One of the guys was from Rachel's hometown. She said she assumed he must be a good guy, because he was from home.

Rachel, who asked that her real name not be used, was a little "tipsy" when the guy invited her to what she thought was another party. Then they went to his apartment where she was surprised to find they were all alone.

"He was totally drunk," she said. "He was kissing on me, being aggressive. He wanted sex."

He asked her to give him a back rub, and she was frightened what he might do if she resisted.

"I was so scared," she said. "He was aggressive. I really think the only thing that saved me was that he was so drunk he fell asleep."

The guy fell asleep in the bedroom, she said. Rachel stayed awake all night, and slept on the floor. She said she was always afraid he would wake up. She couldn't get home because she had no idea where she was. When he woke up the next morning, he took her home, but asked why she didn't sleep on the bed, she said.

"It scares me to think what would have happened if he had been thinking," she said. "I wouldn't put anything past him now."

According to recent statistics, this type of situation is not an uncommon occurrence on college campuses.

Ninety percent of female sophomores said they had experienced at least one sexually aggressive incident, according to a national survey of 6,000 students by Mary P. Koss, a psychology professor at Kent State University.

The report showed that sexual assault is the most dangerous type of aggression committed against college students. The report also showed that students are most often assaulted by someone they know, and that the situation usually involves alcohol.

Barbara Herman, coordinator of the university's Alcohol and Drug Education program, said that alco-

hol plays a large role in the problem of date rape because it is so prevalent in the social scene.

"For a lot of people it's because they do not feel comfortable in a dating situation," she said. "What alcohol does is confuse the relationships, but a lot of the messages from the media and society are that you need alcohol to have fun."

In the survey, one in four women (25 percent) said she was a victim of rape or attempted rape. Eighty-four percent of the women knew their attackers, and more than 50 percent of the rapes happened on dates. Seventy-five percent of males and 55 percent of females had been drinking before the rape occurred.

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SEXUAL aggression

90% of surveyed sophomore females have experienced an act of sexual aggression

25% of surveyed women have been a victim of rape or attempted rape

75% of surveyed men and 55% of surveyed women had been drinking before the rape occurred

SOURCE: Mary P. Koss, Kent State University JLAMB

Waco cult leader rejects FBI negotiation efforts

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — Cult leader David Koresh continues to reject FBI concessions, including an offer of a national radio pulpit when he surrenders to authorities who have surrounded the Branch Davidian compound for 24 days.

Koresh had until noon Tuesday to accept the FBI's offer of access to the Christian Broadcasting Network on his surrender, but the deadline passed without word from inside the compound.

"Our willingness to agree to those terms will evaporate at noon today," FBI special agent Bob Ricks said Tuesday morning. "He will probably not be able to get as generous a response from us (again)."

The agreement was dismissed during negotiations Monday, Ricks said.

The rejection was the latest snubbing since the standoff began Feb. 28 in a bloody gun battle that killed four federal agents and an unknown number of cult members.

The latest departure from the compound came Tuesday as a 33-year-old male of Great Britain left the grounds. As with the 13 adults before him, he was taken into custody and held as a material witness.

By Koresh's count, 78 adults and 17 children — all of whom he has claimed as his own natural or adopted children — remain in the compound.

The release process apparently is hampered by Koresh's health, which may include internal bleeding, Ricks said.

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METROPLEX

Today will be sunny with a high temperature of 75 degrees.
Thursday will be sunny with high temperatures in the lower 80's.

House approves recycling bins, allocates funds for conventions

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives approved the purchase of recycling bins at its meeting Tuesday. Representatives also approved funding for two organizations to send delegates to conventions.

The House, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic will buy 100 purple 18-gallon recycling bins, said Ben Hall, Student Concerns committee chairman. The bins are divided into sections for aluminum cans, glass and paper, said Hall, a junior psychology major who is also president of IFC.

"You can use them for anything," he said. "We're giving you this so you

have extra bins to use (for residence hall recycling projects)," Hall told representatives.

Money from the recycling that is not collected for residence hall service projects will go to the Hunger Week fund.

Jarvis Hall already has an active recycling program which helps sponsor a young girl in Haiti, said Holly Cole, Jarvis Hall director.

"We have a pretty active recycling program as it is, but (the bin program) will probably help organize it," Cole said.

Residence halls will receive 53 of the bins; 20 will be used in sorority houses and 16 will be used in fraternity houses, Hall said.

One bin will be put on each floor of each residence hall in Worth Hills,

Hall said. Distribution and collection from the other residence halls will be handled by Patricia Hankenson, a sophomore environmental science major.

Hankenson could not be reached for comment.

Despite an earlier warning that money from the Special Projects fund would not be allocated to send delegates to conventions, representatives voted to help pay travel expenses for members of Angel Flight and the Council for Exceptional Children to attend conventions.

Angel Flight is an Air Force ROTC service organization, and the Council for Exceptional Children is a service organization that works with disabled children.

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Simmen, who gave the keynote address, advised those who study abroad to open up and accept the new environment and culture.

"What you take of yourself — your attitudes, images and ideas — when you go to another country greatly effect your experience," he said.

A sense of humor is very important when living in a foreign country, he said.

"Learn to laugh at your own humanity," Simmen said.

"Relax and learn that the essential word is not right or wrong but different," he said.

Once in a foreign country, a person should accept mistakes and try to forget about being perfect, he said.

"Americans have a reputation for always winning and doing everything well, so they think," he said. "It is OK to make a few errors; a few mistakes."

Finally, he said, mix with the people, the customs, the food, the music and the language.

"When you return you'll be a new person with new feelings," he said. "I think you'll like the new mixture."

Twelve international students and 17 American students also qualified for membership.

To qualify, U.S. students must have significant study abroad experience and an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or a graduate GPA of 3.7, Mledanka said.

An international student must have at least one year of study in the United States with an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or a graduate GPA of 3.7, Mledanka said.

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Herman said that many date rapes are the result of miscommunication.

"A lot of date rape has to do with expectations and what males are socialized to do," she said. "Messages from the media and expectations plus alcohol lead to misperception (of messages from females) that complicates the problem."

Alcohol plays a major role in sexual activity, according to a report published by Ball State University's chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, a national professional health science honorary society.

The statistics showed that 85 percent of college students were intoxicated when they raped or were the victim of a rape.

More than 60 percent of college women reported that they were drunk when they became infected with a sexually-transmitted disease, and two-thirds reported being drunk when they unintentionally became pregnant, the report said.

Alcohol often leads to misinterpretation of signals, the report said. Men under the influence of alcohol may interpret any friendliness from a woman as a sign that she wants to have sex with him.

"Men frequently feel justified in forcing sex on women who they believe have been leading them on or being a sexual tease," the report said.

According to information from

TCU's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, during a dormitory lecture at Lehigh University, a speaker asked a male student if he had raped a girl; the man said no. The speaker then rephrased the question and asked if she had consented to having sex.

"No," the student said, "but she didn't say no, so she must have wanted it also."

He said that they had both been drinking, and that the girl had struggled before they had sex.

Koss' study also found that 44 percent of male college students said that they might force a female to do something sexual against her will if they would not be punished or found out.

Rape is often the result of assumptions society and the media have about sex, said Lewis D. Eigen, overseer of the U.S. Office for Substance Abuse and Alcohol and Drug Information, in an article from the University of California at San Diego.

"The message (from television ads for alcohol) is that sexual success comes with drinking," Eigen said.

Claire Walsh, director of sexual assault recovery services at the University of Florida said in the Ball State University report that societal ideas of the sexually liberated woman give men wrong assumptions.

"Some men assume that if a college woman is modern, i.e., sexually liberated, she'll automatically want to have sex," she said. "And if she doesn't, they may feel cheated or used."

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



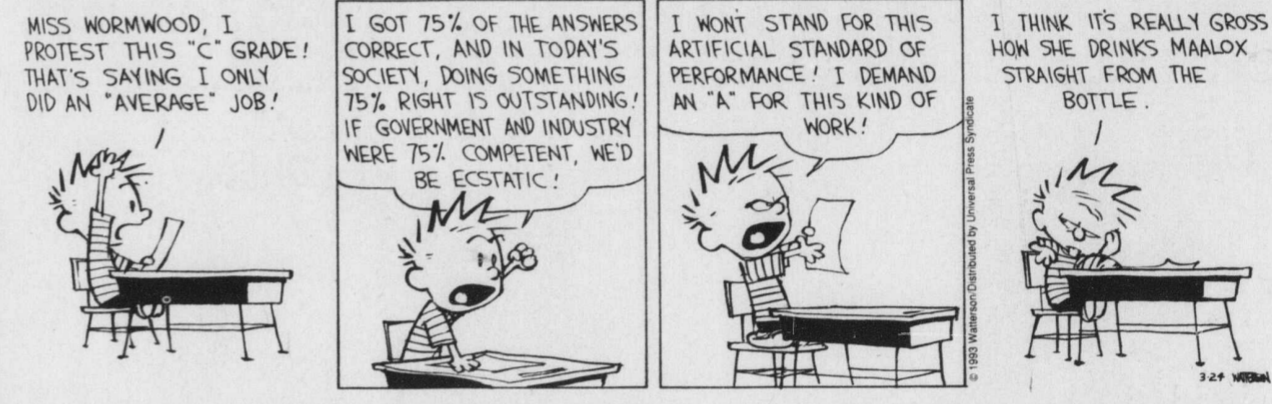
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by Andy Grieser



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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where she is today. Sturhahn graduated from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. with an elementary education degree.

After graduating, Sturhahn became a sorority chapter consultant and travelled throughout the country. She worked for a year before applying for the Student Activities job she has now.

"I accepted the job out of a gut feeling," she said. "I knew this was where I needed to be once I visited TCU."

Working in higher education has

been such a positive experience for Sturhahn that she plans to search for a job similar to the one she currently holds when she gets to Houston.

"I hope that when students have met me they have seen the genuine happiness that I feel inside and then my sincere interest in them as a person," she said. "I want to help create the most positive college life a person can have."

She has succeeded in that goal, Cotter said. This is not just a job for Sturhahn because she has a genuine desire to create a great Greek experi-

ence similar to the one she had herself, she said.

"This desire is rare," Cotter said. "She cares about everyone individually and how they impact the Greek community. I think that approach makes a big difference."



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Counseling Center is accepting applications for Peer Counselor positions. Pick up applications at the Counseling Center. Deadline is March 26. Call Ann Marie or Rob at 921-7863.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
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ARIES(March 21-April 19). Charge ahead, forging that path into the new year. Perhaps your latest flame is out of town; for sure, your raise or a largish sum you're awaiting is delayed a little. But the future looks bright.

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Extremes aren't your style, but lately you rather enjoy shocking those around you with outrageous moves, teasing or serious. Take part in politics, community or family.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Look around and see how much livelier and more cooperative the workplace is on account of you; recognition is coming for your sportsmanship and cleverness.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Now that you've arrived at the big time, set a good example for those you're responsible for, delegate and share tasks. Let the kids help.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Lots of love is in the cards, though you may feel alone at present. Have a plan for self-improvement. Though a close associate has doubts, your intuition is superior now.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). New jobs or assignments begun now have favorable aspects. Details make a difference; fortunately, facts and figures are at your command. Clean up the house; unexpected guests arrive.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love is real; believe the person who's declaring it to you. Struggles in a marriage can be worked out, as can other forms of negotiation. Continue to lead from behind the scenes, rather than directly.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Concentrate and investigate. Organizational skills are highlighted, and if you apply these to a fitness routine, as well as work, you'll soon be making most of your innate power.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make some rules at home; let the kids help with shaping them, and then insist that all live up to them. Ideas and imagination are required, and you've got 'em. Delay ends in love affair.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The agenda is set, so stick to it. Your family has reasons for making demands. Matters at home preoccupy you; progress is too slow and monthly budget too tight; but relief is on the way.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sweet note you receive from a friend is just the right pick-me-up. Get shopping tips or on-the-job computer lessons from the experts at work.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). New job may not pay much, but there's room for growth, so take it. Add up the bills before paying; there may be an error. What you give now comes back later.

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Opinion

Abortion issue generates emotional reactions from all viewpoints

Have you ever tried to make a decision about a situation when you are too emotionally involved in it or find yourself emotionally drained from thinking about it? Usually the advice you receive from parents and friends when you are in this state is "get a good night's rest and think about it tomorrow when you have a clear head." In short, we all know that it is best to make decisions when we are calm and rational.

Unfortunately in our society the issue of abortion has become so emotionally charged that people are unable to think and deal clearly and rationally with it. Looking back through history, I think we would be hard-pressed to find an issue that stirs the intense emotions, defenses, tears and anger that abortion does simply by mere mention of the word. If you do not believe me, how many of you found your defenses going up



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the pro-life movement there are a few obvious and unfortunate examples. The first to come to mind is the recent killing of a Florida abortion doctor by a pro-life advocate. One has to wonder what the man

the minute you read that my column this week was about abortion, even though you did not know what I was going to say about it?

Pro-life and pro-choice advocates alike fall victim to the emotions involved in the issue of abortion. On the side of

— a proponent of the right to human life — was thinking when he took away the doctor's right to life. Obviously he let his emotions override his rational thinking.

Other examples include the bombing of abortion clinics. One may say that the devotion of these pro-life advocates is admirable. However, when this intense devotion to the cause is coupled with emotional outbursts such as these, admirable is hardly the word that comes to mind. The result is not an increased support of the pro-life cause but a serious questioning of its methods.

Pro-choice advocates are also victims of letting the emotionalism of the issue run away with their good, sound judgment. One example is the recent 24-hour waiting period the Arkansas legislature attempted to impose on women seeking abortions. Pro-choice advocates were outraged. How

dare the legislature try to impose yet another regulation that would violate women's rights. Are these the same people who advocate a 24-hour waiting period (or longer) before one can purchase dangerous weapons?

Is it possible that a 24-hour waiting period could have been proposed in the interest of women seeking abortions and not meant as a tactic to try to restrict women's rights to have abortions? No one stops to consider this. The minute someone tries to enact ANY type of regulation on abortion, pro-choice advocates are immediately up in arms and on the defensive, regardless of the intention or result of the regulation.

How much time do people consider other major decisions in their lives: buying a new home or car, changing careers, having a face lift? People do not hesitate to

take the time to carefully consider other medical procedures, but suggest that a woman wait 24 hours to have an abortion and you better prepare to have a fight on your hands.

I am not judging whether or not a waiting period is appropriate, nor am I even attempting to proclaim whether or not abortion should be legal. Abortion is a very difficult and divisive issue. There are no easy solutions for putting an end to the longstanding debate. We need to be aware of the emotionalism of this issue and make sure that we are not letting it mask our good, sound judgment when trying to make decisions regarding it.

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Campus diversity requires more than trustees' intentions

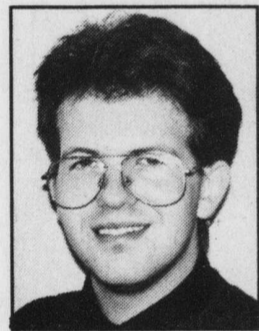
While spending last week at Georgetown University, I sadly realized that TCU has cheated me. Oh, I've gotten a good education, and I've had some wonderful teachers, and I've gotten to know just about the best group of friends anyone could ask for.

So what more could I ask for?

The students at Georgetown asked me where I went to school, and I said TCU. "What's that stand for?" "Texas Conservative University."

There was a chuckle. "No, what does it really stand for?"

Walking from the Public Policy School building past the mammoth gothic cathedral-style Healy Hall to the glittering Intercultural Center, I heard different accents talking to each other and saw different colors laughing with each other. I thought to



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myself, "This must be what we mean by diversity."

When I flew back to my homogeneous campus on Monday, I was reminded that to many TCU students, cultural diversity means being carded by a Middle Eastern man in his mid-20s at a 7-Eleven.

Chancellor Tucker must do more than talk about how much he thinks having diversity on campus is a good thing. The Chancellor's Task Force on Cultural Diversity and Minority Affairs presented its final report in July 1991. How are we doing?

Minority and non-resident student enrollment has risen 1.5 percent since 1990. Minority faculty has increased by one. Retention of minorities, students and faculty, still has not been adequately addressed. Al Mladenka and his staff have made great strides in bringing international students to campus — 60 more than in 1990 — but other groups and offices have lagged behind.

The only hopes for real diversity on this campus — its international and non-white students — remain splintered, sequestered and largely shunned by a dominantly white male bureaucracy.

We've been hearing about how much Texas Conservative University needs to hire a minority administrator. This is a moot argument at Georgetown, because it has already had a black president . . . in 1879.

The Board of Trustees will make its semiannual pilgrimage to the fifth floor of the Sid Richardson Building to hold its closed meeting (No one must know the secret handshake!) this week. They could set aside some endowment money for recruiting diverse students and helping pay for an increasingly more costly education.

They could enact new mandates which would establish short-term and long-term goals for welcoming diversity. The goals are already written, in the form of the heretofore ignored Task Force report — they only need to be adopted.

At the very least they should hold the Chancellor accountable for the university's woeful lack of substantive progress.

But they won't do any of these. As they cling to the status quo, something male white conservatives are adept at, they continue to ignore the value of diversity, and we, the students, continue to be cheated in our educational experience.

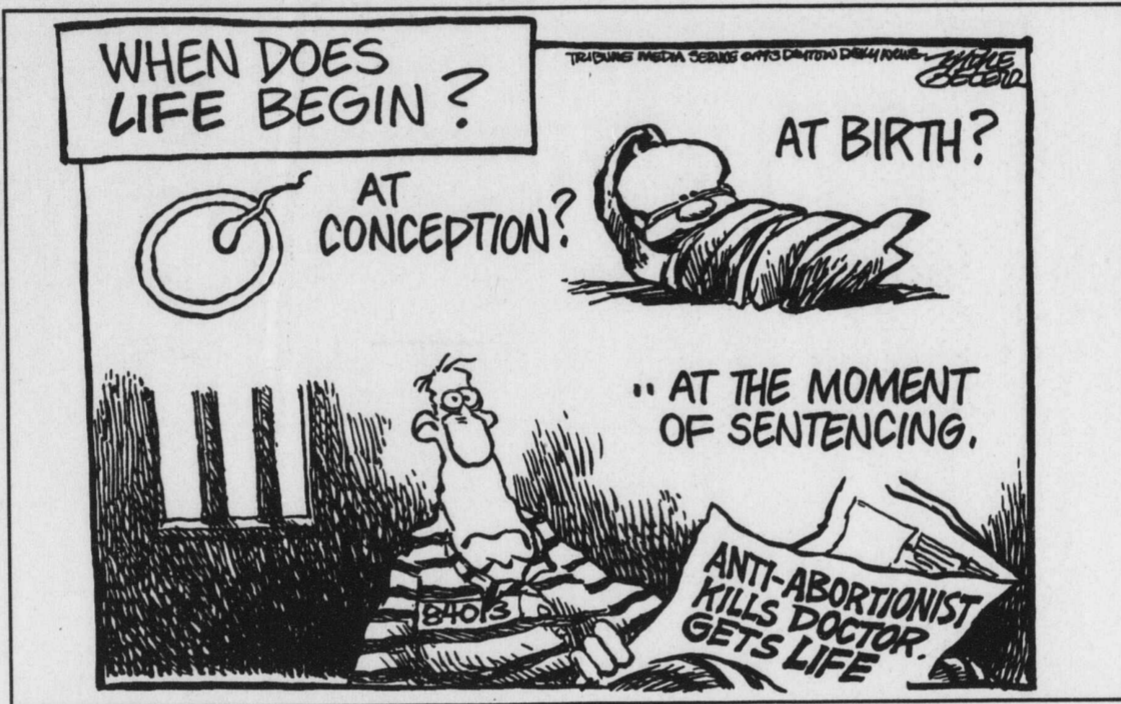
I've campaigned for open meetings since I was a freshman, and I still believe the meeting should be opened.

In thinking about it, I don't want to waste my time attending their crummy meeting anyway, because the trustees will do little more than enjoy their own company, listen to dry reports, say "That's nice" when briefed on students' concerns, and hike tuition. Where it counts, they will do nothing. Again.

As educators, the powers that be at Texas Conservative University owe it to their students to promote real diversity. It takes more than words. It requires more than intentions. Bringing diversity to this campus demands the investment of time and much money, and until Chancellor Tucker and the gang are ready to make that commitment, their words will continue to ring hollow, their promises as empty as ever.

Diversity now.

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EDITORIAL

No Baylor bares

Nudity decision ignores best interest of art students

It seems every campus is having its trouble with nude people, one way or another.

Last week the Board of Regents at Baylor University bowed to Baptist pressure and voted to keep nudity out of its art rooms, amid much criticism from the art community.

But Baylor's no-no of the soul presents an even greater intellectual evil. By legislating decency in the classroom, the BU regents allowed religious influence to override academic interests — a very grave mistake.

Learning is, if you will, exposure to new ideas; taboos have no place in a university. By stretching the bounds of what is commonly accepted, we explore the formerly impossible and reap the rewards of new ideas in new surroundings.

But Baylor wants to preserve God's ideas, and apparently some Baylor regents think the fig leaf was one of his best.

TCU doesn't have a problem with nude models, and God knows we try to be a Christian university. Somewhere along the line we sided with the instructors who do just that, instruct, using the live model as a teaching tool.

University students deserve the best possible instruction — after all, that's what they're

paying for — and for art students, that includes nude models. If artists can't see a human form, they're not going to be able to recreate it.

What's interesting is that Baylor officials said nude was *not* rude only a month ago and promised that the university would indeed offer the figure-drawing class. But now the regents say no.

In 1990 Baylor asserted its independence from the Southern Baptist Convention and limited the state's involvement in university affairs. If the purpose wasn't to be free from this kind of control, then we can't think of another reason.

According to Associated Press reports, callers flooded both Baylor and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, asserting the impropriety of the use of nude models. Baylor officials took the calls and changed their minds.

Instead of preserving the best interests of its students, the Baylor administration chose to advance the interests of its alumni and Southern Baptists who side with its supposedly spurned denomination.

Class dismissed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Myths

After reading an article that appeared in the Winter 1993 issue of *Image*, I feel I must add some clarification to two of the "myths" described within the Lunday-Klinetobe article.

First, the "poor, poor squirrel with the hairless tail" can be traced back at least as far as the winter of 1989 via my own visual experience, when it lived next to the Campus Police station and was the poor, poor squirrel with the completely hairless body. Its tree was terminated, and the squirrel, unlike the spotted owl, elected to adapt rather than perish.

Second, I can also personally attest to the fact that there are several interesting tunnels that run underneath the campus, and I know many other individuals other than myself who have also seen them and that they are very "accessible." While I can understand the need for warnings to potential spelunkers, I must say that there is virtually no chance that you will "fry your eyes" — unless you are dumb

enough to hack into an electrical conduit or are in the unfortunate position of being next to one when it explodes.

The probability is much higher (and the warning much more effective) that one of the many evil Black Widow or Brown Recluse spiders living in the tunnels will drop from the conduits and sink its venomous fangs into your throat.

Tim Kuchta
TCU alumnus

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Job search explores underside of the American dream

My spring break sucked. Most people had some sense of adventure or sun to look forward to. They tell stories of downed kegs or mysterious souls they'll never see again and probably never got the real name of in the first place. Or this year, they get to share cold memories of shoveling snow instead of shoveling their favorite beer down their throats.

I had none of these experiences. All my friends had their breaks either the week before or the week after I did. All my plans and most of my money had been set aside weeks before for a Mardi Gras excursion that never materialized. I forgot St. Patrick's Day existed and went out the night before instead. Being a Tuesday and being in Little Rock, there was no action anywhere.

What I did get to do was look for a job — a real job, I feared. Gone are the days when I just went off to the relatives in California for half the summer while my friends wallowed in the backwood swamps of my beloved state.

Gone are the "kid" jobs like movie theater ushering, where I could basically watch any movie I liked 23 times without ever having to pay. In their place was the frightening specter of May graduation and the realization that an English major will get me little if any work outside of stand-up comedy and the teaching profession. The comedy I'll consider, the teaching I won't. So as I waited to hear from the graduate schools I had applied to, I realized that I could very easily be stuck with a job in Arkansas not just for the summer, but for the rest of my life.

My dad set me off on my job search by hooking me up with a friend at the Employment Security Department. This basically meant that I got to go see what the unemployment lines are like, firsthand. I was getting to witness the underside of the American dream.

The office was cold and impersonal. People filed into a line at a steady pace, filling out forms and then more forms in a search for jobs or that next unemployment check. Looking over their shoulders at their paperwork revealed lifetimes spent working for Wal-Mart or pipe-fitting companies. Looking at their faces showed spirits sunk or sinking. I was getting more depressed by the minute.

Then I saw the jobs board, where the offerings consisted of construction work and operating forklifts in a warehouse. I could feel four years of higher education being washed down the drain. Surely there was nothing to catch my interest.

I was called in to meet my contact and found myself ushered into a room full of cubicles which hid career bureaucrats who spent their entire lives finding jobs for other people. About 30 people a day, ready and willing to take almost anything to stay alive.

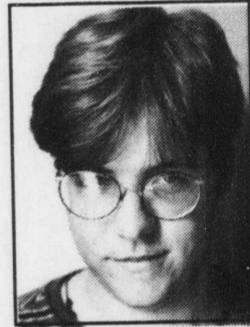
I was offered work in a pipe-fitting company. I almost shrieked and ran out of the office. The man called out behind me as I was about to slam the door, "But it pays \$7.50 an hour!"

I sat down again, suddenly willing to consider my options. Then the man asked me if I was willing to become a part of the state government machinery. I asked how much it paid — \$5.50 an hour, but at least I didn't have to do any heavy lifting. All I had to do was shuffle paper and offer people jobs. Like the man in front of me.

So this summer I will probably become yet another spoke in the wheel of bureaucracy. I will become a drain on state and federal funds. My face will be one you can visualize the next time you hear about the deficit and wonder just who is causing it.

My spring break sucked. My job for the summer will guarantee that vacation will stink, too. But at least when I came back here, I found out I got into a grad school. I still have a couple more years to figure stuff out.

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Sports

A&M wins two against baseball team

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

Just as the TCU baseball team seemed to be sinking into the mediocrity that it was mired in all of last season, the Frogs come back to pull out one of the biggest wins in recent memory.

Such was the story of TCU's Southwest Conference opening series against Texas A&M last week-end.

Prior to the series with the Aggies, the Frogs (24-8, 1-2 SWC) suffered through an average series of games during spring break.

The team opened the week with a 10-4 loss to Oral Roberts, but came back to take the next game from ORU, 13-3.

The Oklahoma Sooners were the Frogs next opponent, and TCU split two games with the Sooners as well, taking the first game 5-3, and losing the second 16-6.

The two splits left TCU with a record of 23-6 going into the series with Texas A&M. However, the long stretch of games seemed to drain the Frogs of the momentum that had carried them through the first half of the season.

The Aggies (25-3, 2-1 SWC) took advantage of that lack of momentum on Saturday by sweeping the Frogs in a doubleheader, 8-2 and 6-0. The strong pitching of Texas A&M was the story, as the Aggie's Jeff Granger (6-1) and Trey Moore (6-0) each pitched complete games to stop TCU.

"Playing all of those road games against some very tough teams really tired us down," said TCU assistant coach Glen Pierce. "We weren't in the right frame of mind to face probably the best pitcher we are going to face all year in Granger. And even though we were only down 1-0 late in the second game, by the time they started to put a couple of more runs up, we were demoralized."

Not only did the Frogs lose both games on Saturday, they also lost a starting pitcher. Senior starter Jon Mock was lost for the season after suffering a broken thumb in game two on Saturday.

After Saturday's performance, there was no reason to believe that the Aggies wouldn't finish off the Frogs on Sunday, leaving TCU with an 0-3 conference record.

But TCU senior pitcher Kelly Johns had other ideas. Johns (3-0), stepped forward to give the Frogs one of their most important and impressive pitching performances in a long while, tossing a nine inning complete game that sparked the Frogs 3-2 victory. TCU fell behind 2-0 after only an inning and a half, but the offense took advantage of Aggie defensive mistakes to crawl back into the game, eventually taking a 3-2 lead in the seventh.

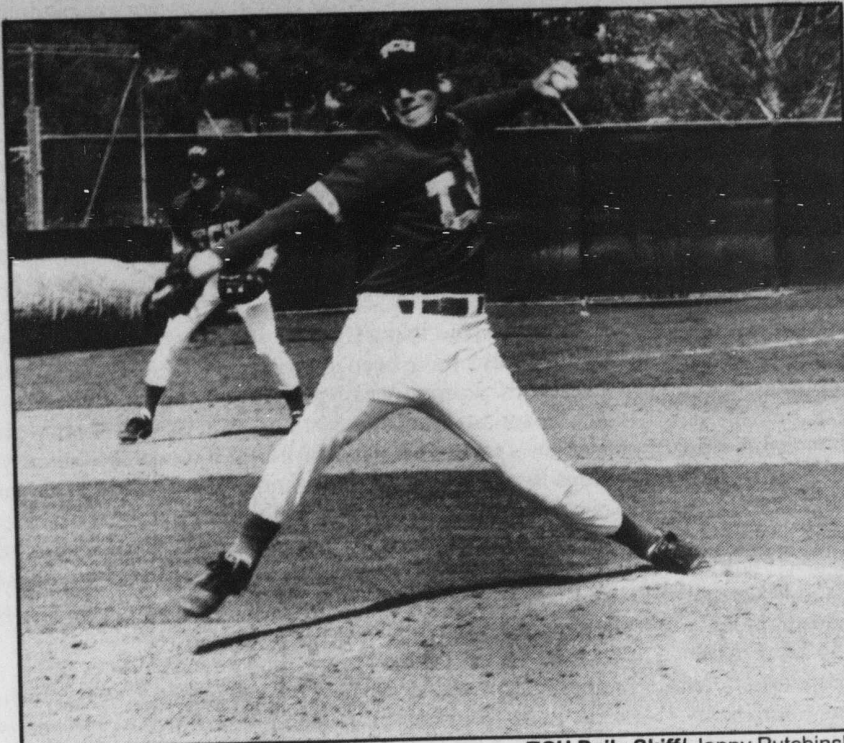
That lead stood up for the Frogs, thanks to the gutsy performance of Johns. He finished the game with 13 strikeouts, the final three coming in the ninth inning to preserve the victory.

Johns did all of this while suffering from a flu virus which plagued him before and during the game.

Considering the fact that the victory meant the difference between a 1-2 and 0-3 conference record for the Frogs, as well as the fact that Texas A&M is one of the best teams in the country, John's performance is all the more spectacular.

"Sunday's game was pivotal for us," Pierce said. "Being 0-3 would have dug us into a big hole. The win changed the entire frame of mind of this team. Kelly gave us the best performance we have seen here in a couple of years."

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TCU pitcher Glenn Dishman throws a pitch during Tuesday's game against Oregon State. TCU split with the Beavers.

Beavers split games with baseball team

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU baseball team followed up its dramatic victory against Texas A&M last Sunday with a less than exciting doubleheader split against Oregon State Tuesday at the TCU Diamond.

The Frogs fell to the Beavers (11-4) 2-0 in the first game and came back to take the second contest 5-4.

Oregon State pitcher Scott Christman (4-1) mastered the Frogs throughout the first seven inning contest, allowing only two TCU hits while striking out 10.

TCU starter Glenn Dishman (3-1) hurt his own cause in the second inning by committing two errors which allowed both runs to score. Dishman settled down to pitch a strong game, but the Frogs could not muster any offense against Christman, and TCU fell, 2-0.

"We've had trouble with lefties recently, and this guy was a very good pitcher," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "He just shut us down."

The Frogs (25-9) rebounded to

take their second game, 5-4. Junior Reid Ryan (6-1) pitched five innings to pick up the victory.

Senior catcher Johnny Cardenas, who collected the Frogs only two hits in game one, doubled home two runs in the third to give TCU a 3-2 lead. The Frogs would hold on to that lead for the rest of the game, as junior Tim Grieve pitched the final two innings to preserve the 5-4 Frog victory.

TCU has struggled against left handed pitching this season. Consequently, teams are starting to throw more lefties at the Frogs.

"I expect that we will see at least one lefty every series against conference teams," Brown said. "But most teams in the conference only have one left handed starter, so I don't think that we will be seeing too many lefties."

The Frogs, who split two games with Oral Roberts last week, face the Titans again this weekend for a three game series in Fort Worth.

"Oral Roberts is a very good team," Brown said. "It was no fluke that they beat us last week. We are going to have to play well to win."

Late wins give Lady Frogs starting point for next year

By RICK WATERS
TCU Daily Skiff

For TCU women's basketball coach Fran Garmon the 1992-93 season has had as many ups and downs as Six Flags' Texas Giant.

The Lady Frogs enjoyed in a five-game winning streak to begin the season, suffered through losing streaks of five and six games each and triumphed in periodic home victories, on their way to an improved 10-17 record.

TCU most celebrated victory, a 16-point romp over Houston in its Southwest Conference finale, has fueled renewed optimism with Garmon and TCU women's basketball.

The Lady Frogs began 1992 with a winning fervor, claiming victories in their first five games. TCU also managed to win seven of their first 10 games of the season.

The Lady Frogs opened their 1992-93 campaign at home with a 86-68 clipping of the North Texas Eagles, which would set the tone for the Lady Frogs first winning record at home in three seasons.

"We really started the season playing with a lot of confidence," Garmon said. "We played some tough competition and showed we belonged up there."

But the TCU greatest early-season achievement was the Lady Frogs' sweep of the Harvard Classic in Cambridge, Mass., Garmon said.

The Lady Frogs defeated Long Island and tournament host Harvard to claim their only tournament title of the season.

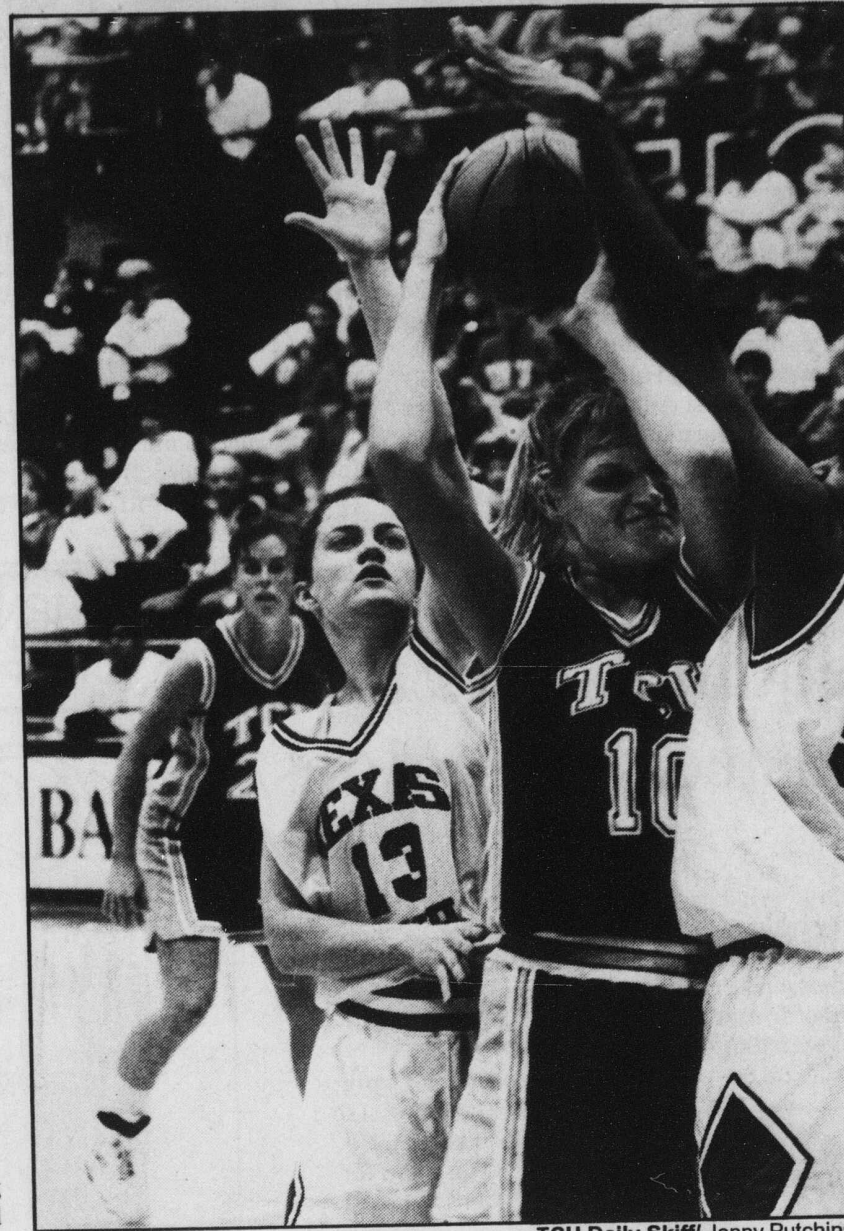
TCU proved to be very successful outside of Texas and the Southwest Conference, posting a 9-3 non-conference record.

"I was very, very pleased with the way we played outside of conference," Garmon said. "When you finish 9-3 that is excellent whoever you are. I think it is outstanding."

But sickness and injuries played the role of Grinch and stole the Lady Frogs' winning momentum.

Nearly every member of the team had bouts of the flu, Garmon said. Unfortunately for Garmon and TCU, Southwest Conference action caught the Lady Frogs on down note, Garmon said.

The Texas Lady Longhorns routed the Lady Frogs 82-59 in Fort Worth but may have given TCU the wake up



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TCU center Amy Bumsted (No. 10) tries to get a shot off against Texas Tech. The Lady Frogs finished their season with a 10-17 record.

call they needed for SWC play.

The Lady Frogs lost their next four conference games by fewer than nine points, the most devastating blow coming from an 86-82 defeat at SMU after leading by 21 points twice during the first half.

"We had a number of games in conference that were very close and some we should have won," Garmon said. "But you can't dwell on situations like that. I think those losses were a stepping stone for next sea-

son."

Garmon is assured that home victories over Oklahoma and Houston are stepping stones to future success, she said.

"After we beat Oklahoma I saw that gleam come back into their eyes," Garmon said.

"Victories against Oklahoma and Houston were awesome wins for our program. I feel like it is the culmination of what we have been trying to do," she said.

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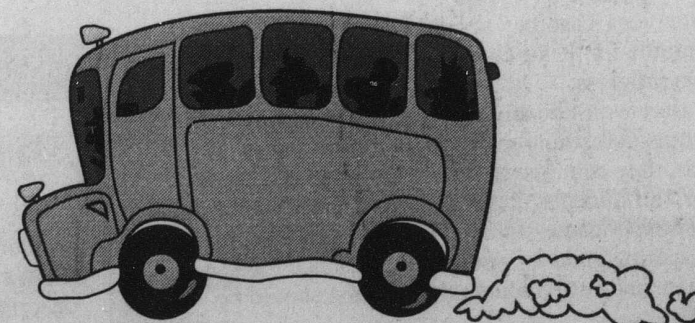
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