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Students want TCU chapter of home-building group

By JENNIFER DOLT
Staff Writer

A campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity is under construction through university ministries.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit international organization that recruits volunteers to build housing for the poor.

"It's really important to get involved in community activities like this because it's really rewarding," said freshman Sabrina Sanders, who went on a trip to Waco Saturday to help the Baylor University chapter build housing.

"I think God calls us to serve one another and serve those in need," she

Habitat for Humanity links student volunteers, community

said.

A caravan of about 16 TCU students went to Waco to work with the Habitat volunteers and to see if the organization is one that TCU students would want on campus.

"I feel a need for this on campus," said junior Suzy Hall. "It would bring the students together. At TCU, most kids are blessed by everything that we have. This might make them say, 'Wow, we're really lucky.'"

To start a chapter of an organization at TCU, a group needs a faculty, administration or staff representative

and a group of interested students, said University Ministries intern Bruce Fowlkes, who also went to Waco Saturday.

"First, we need awareness and consciousness so people know about it and can get a feel for it," Fowlkes said.

"Campus charters are now so successful, and I think it's very likely we will get one," he said. "We need a core group of people dedicated to running the organization and maintaining it."

A staff person working in the

national office of Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga., sends information and a copy of the guidelines for the bylaws to interested campuses, who then apply for consideration for a charter.

If a TCU charter is granted, the students would work in conjunction with the Fort Worth affiliate of Habitat, which is just starting, Fowlkes said.

"We would be the only campus chapter in the Metroplex," Fowlkes said. "That's why I think it can happen."

Student volunteers would build houses and handle the clerical work that would be needed to start a chapter, he said.

"Before I heard about this weekend (in Waco), I wanted information on how to join the Fort Worth affiliate," said sophomore Andrea Phillips.

"I really think there are people on campus that want to do things like this but don't know how," she said. "Making it more visible on campus would help."

Other students who worked with the Baylor chapter agree that starting

a new charter would be a good idea. "It would say a lot for our campus," said freshman Cathy Owens.

"I like the idea of the Habitat as a service organization because there is a lot of need for it," said sophomore Mary Cloninger. "People worry about the problem of housing, but this is something we can actually do to try and solve it."

Baylor has had a charter since the fall of 1986.

"I think it's great," said Baylor student Michelle McKenzie. "I'm someone that believes if you can help, then you should use it in a constructive way."

Habitat for Humanity was started in 1976 by Millard and Lynda Fuller.

6 to talk of AIDS, treatment

By BRENDA WALLACE
Staff Writer

Four people with AIDS, a nurse involved with the treatment of the disease and a coordinator of volunteer services for AIDS patients will discuss myths about the disease and its treatment in an awareness program at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

The six people are part of the AIDS awareness program that one said he hopes will give different insight into the treatment of people with AIDS.

"It's not necessarily a bleak, nothing-you-can-do-about-it disease," said Pete Rodriguez, a nurse in charge of outpatient services for the Infectious Disease Clinic at John Peter Smith Hospital. "You can have a good quality of life with certain treatments."

The program was organized by Jim Werth, junior psychology major and vice president of Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, and is sponsored by more than 80 organizations on campus.

Tina Martin, a coordinator of volunteer services, joined people with AIDS to talk to Psi Chi in February about the same topics that will be discussed tonight. Werth said although the entire campus was invited, lack of major publicity limited the audience to Psi Chi members.

Werth said he learned a lot in the program and thought more of the campus should be involved because this is something students need to hear.

At the world class retreat in February, he discussed the idea of a major campus-wide program with other leaders of campus organizations and decided to plan the program, he said.

Interlock, a committee working to unify campus organizations, helped to publicize the event by calling organizations to tell them about the program, Werth said.

Janet Trepka, chairwoman of Interlock, said there is no way for people not to hear about the program because of posters, phone calls and campus-wide sponsorship.

"It (the program) is amazing," Trepka said. "That's about the only word you can use to describe it."

A challenge has been established among residence halls and among campus organizations to see who has the largest percentage of attendance at the event, Werth said.

A monetary challenge also has been made to see which residence hall or which organization will donate the most money. Donations will be accepted tonight.

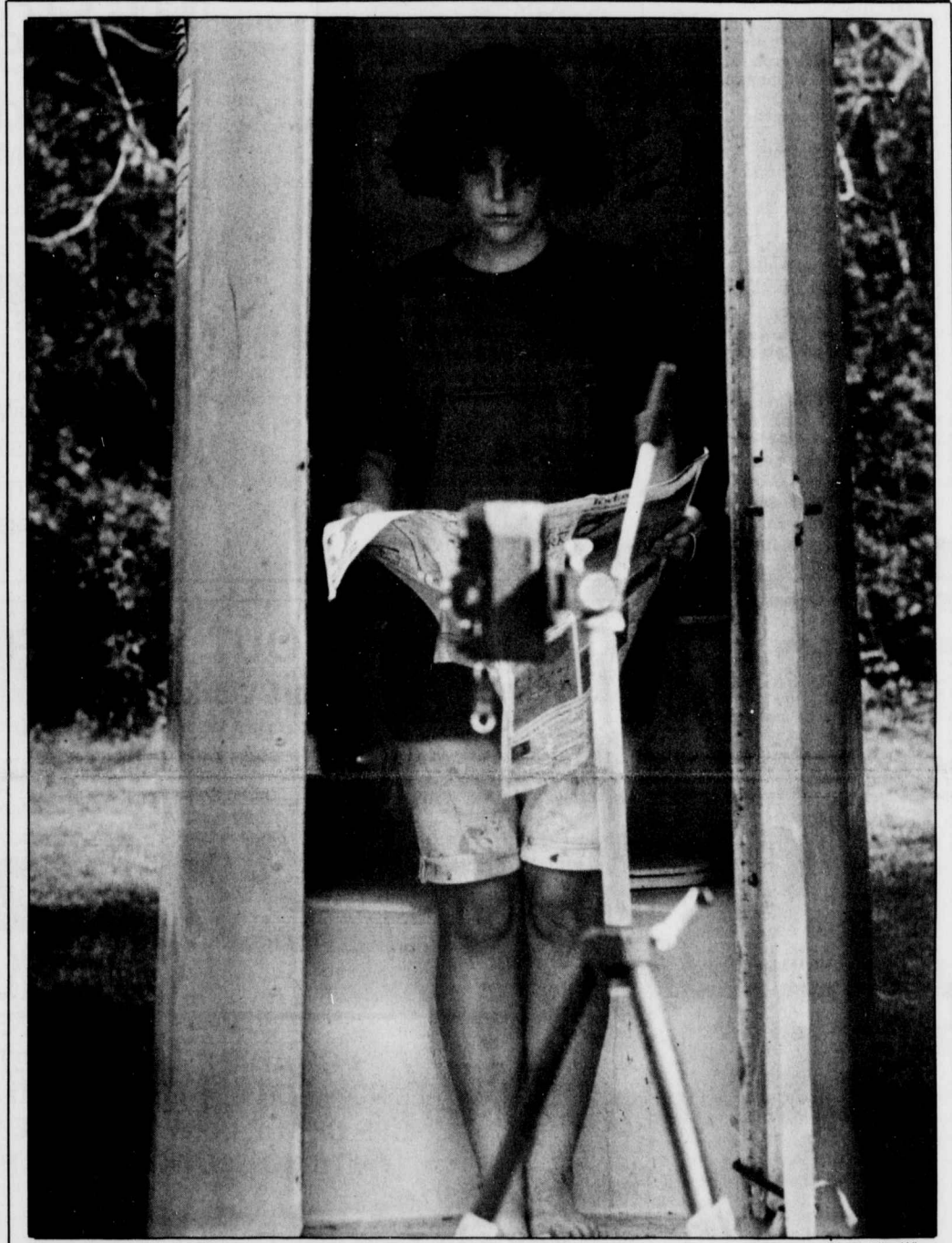
13 professors given tenure by trustees

By JADA THADANI
Staff Writer

Thirteen professors are relieved that they have finally gotten their report cards.

The Board of Trustees granted them tenure at its spring meeting Friday.

Eleven of these professors were promoted from assistant professor to associate professor. They are: James Baumlin, English; Michael Katovich, sociology; Jane Kolar, design and fashion; Nadia Lahutsky, religion-studies; Kathryn Jean Mueller, psychology; Kenneth Stevens, history; Jerry Brian Gray, business; Alan Lacy, physical education; Alice Gaul,



Stephanie Smith, photography student, poses in a portable restroom for a self-portrait assignment. She found the restroom near the Fort Worth Zoo on University Drive Monday.

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Rise in tuition parallel to aid

Increase to benefit general fund

By BETH ELEY
Staff Writer

The increase in student tuition from \$195 to \$212 a semester hour is about parallel to the increase in student financial aid, which will increase about 8.5 percent in the 1989-90 budget, said Leigh Secrest, vice chancellor for finance and planning.

Secrest said student tuition contributes to the general fund, which is used to operate the university. About 61 percent of total education and general expenditures are paid by tuition and fees, he said.

"The remaining amounts are paid for by endowment income, private gifts and grants, government grants and contracts, sales and services, investment and other income," Secrest said.

Instruction, research, and academic support are what Secrest called "academic program items" that student tuition helps pay for.

Instruction includes all of the expenditure budgets for the academic departments, salaries, supplies and travel budgets, Secrest said. About \$25.7 million has been allocated for instruction.

Because of government contracts and grants, private contracts and grants and other revenue, TCU will be able to spend \$2.5 million allocated for research, Secrest said.

Academic support, which includes areas such as the library, the academic portion of computing activity and the honors program, has been allocated about \$4.8 million, he said.

The area of Student Services, which includes student programs, admissions, enrollment management, student counseling and the dean of students, has been allocated about \$3.8 million, Secrest said.

Institutional support encompasses areas like development activity, per-

sonnel, administrative officers, post office, printing and mailing and commencement ceremonies and has been allocated about \$10 million, Secrest said.

The physical plant has been allocated about \$7.2 million to cover areas such as maintaining the physical plant of the university and remodeling.

Student Financial Aid, which has been allocated about \$10.1 million, includes all undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, graduate stipends and athletic scholarships, Secrest said.

He said the Federal Accounting Standards Board specifies how universities are supposed to make their financial reports, and TCU follows their specified form in formulating the budget.

An area of major expenditure in the budget is going toward what Secrest called "merit-based pay raises." Members of the general staff will receive these 3-percent raises, Secrest said.

Faculty and university staff will also receive merit-based raises averaging 5 percent, he said.

"When we say 'merit-based,' this is another way of saying this is not an across-the-board pay increase. We try to base it on performance and merit," Secrest said.

For some faculty, university staff and general staff who do not receive merit-based raises, Secrest said structural adjustment may ensure some type of increase in pay.

"We try to maintain a careful surveillance of the marketplace. And each year we normally discover that our classification system or our structure of our compensation system has gotten somewhat out of adjustment with the marketplace. So we always

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Special Projects bill introduced at House meeting

By MELINDA HARTMAN
Staff Writer

The House of Student Representatives announced Tuesday that its annual budget is scheduled to be released today.

Although the budget will not be debated or voted on until the April 18 House meeting, questions concerning the budget will be entertained during next week's meeting, said Tom Ivester, House treasurer.

A bill was presented by Geoff Turner, Elections and Regulations Com-

mittee chairman, to revise the documents of the House.

The bill recommends a change in the amount of money placed in the Special Projects Fund of the House from 4 percent of the Student Body Fund to 8 percent of the fund.

"This is the fund for groups who come and ask for funding, and this semester the Special Projects Fund has gone way over budget," Turner said.

The bill also states that to run for the office of treasurer, the candidate must have completed at least one

semester of accounting and have a minimum grade point average in accounting of 3.0.

The bill also changes the length of committee chairmen's offices from one semester to one year.

"This will provide more continuity in the committees," Turner said.

The bill also changes the standing rules concerning attendance. Committee members in the House will be allowed to miss one committee meeting without penalty but then will receive a House absence for each committee meeting missed.

House members have also started recruiting Big Brothers and Sisters for the 1989 incoming freshman, said Sarah Norman, chairwoman of Academic Affairs Committee.

"Students can sign up for as many freshmen as they want, male or female or an international student," said Kristin Chambers, president of the House.

Also brought up in the meeting, Marriott Food Service has requested that students wear shoes and shirts in the dining areas, said Michael Kerner, chairman of the Food Service

Subcommittee.

The SWC Tennis Tournament will be held at TCU April 21-23, and TCU is favored to win, said Laura Chance, chairwoman of the Ad Hoc Frog Finder Committee. The Tennis Team needs students to post game scores during the tournament, she said.

On April 28, the University Relations Committee of the House will be visiting the All Church Home, a home for children who must be temporarily taken out of their own homes, said Matt Hood, chairman of the University Relations Committee.

Senior discusses violence in German expressionism

By MONICA LANDERS
Staff Writer

Nanette Thrush, a senior art history major, has come a long way since her days as a freshman business major.

Sunday, Thrush spoke about graphic violence in German expressionist art at the Fort Worth Museum of Modern Art, which is showing artwork put together by the Los Angeles County Museum.

"It's quite an accomplishment for an undergraduate," said Linda Powell, curator of education at the museum.

"The reasons she was able to do it are that she knew the subject well, she worked hard and she had poise


and confidence," Powell said.

The museum's show, "German Expressions from 1915 to 1925: The Second Generation," ends April 9. Fort Worth and Los Angeles are the only cities in the United States to host the collection of prints from East Germany, West Germany and the United States, said Jim Fisher, curator of prints and assistant to the director for special exhibitions.

Much of this artwork is being presented in the United States for the first time, Thrush said. The exhibit will be shown in all three countries. She describes this as a "feat of diplomacy as well as art."

Thrush spoke on the change in con-

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CAMPUSlines

SENIORS Participate in the Senior Class Project for 1989. Through Friday, the Senior Class of 1989 will have a table in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Malinda Young at 921-5079 for more details.

TCU Writing Center will hold a workshop on fiction writing today in Rickel Building Room 100 from 3-5 p.m. Steve Sherwood will conduct the program and advises participants to bring pen, paper and ideas.

Intramural ultimate frisbee deadline is Friday. Register in Rickel 229.

Intramural inerttube waterpolo deadline is Friday. Competition is April 16. Register in Rickel 229.

Intramural water volleyball deadline is Friday. Competition is April 16. Register in Rickel 229.

The Spring Event - Frog Fest! April 15. Sign-ups can be made this week in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teams must be signed up by April 12. Call Steve at 921-7945 for more details.

1989-90 Cheerleading tryouts run next Monday through April 12. Applications available at the Student Center Information Desk through Monday.

High Adventure Club is going camping April 8-9. For information, call 923-0174.

Yearbook applications available in Student Activities Office for salaried positions on the '89-'90 yearbook staff. Due April 14. For information call 921-7926.

PC Films Committee introduces a new group rate program. One price gets admission, a candy bar and a soda. For information, call 923-3012.

Frog Fit - Get in shape for warm weather for \$15. Register in Rickel Building Room 229.

Volunteer Center needs volunteers to answer the phone and greet visitors at a seniors center. Available from 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 860-1613 for more information.

Pre-Law Meeting April 13 in Student Center Room 202 at 5:15 p.m. Fort Worth attorney James Bradley will speak about the field of entertainment/communication law. For information, call 924-3846 or 921-7468.

Southwest Conference Tennis Tournament April 21-23 at TCU. Anyone interested in sitting courtside and posting game scores for men's and women's tennis contact MPL Tennis Center, 921-7960, for details.

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tent that occurred in German expressionism with the onset of World War I. She said people were used to seeing the more emotional, less realistic style of this period, and not the harsh portrayal of war. After being "immersed in war," the artists re-

sponded by showing their observations of violence in their paintings, she said.

Many critics claim that this was no longer German expressionism, Thrush said.

"This show is really breaking ground to show that German expressionism continued after 1914," she said. "It changed, but it was still there."

Thrush worked at the Museum of Modern Art for two years as a slide library technician. Fisher offered her the opportunity to speak at the art show last December.

Thrush attributed much of her success to luck and Mark Thistlethwaite, one of her advisors and an associate professor of art history. He said he was very impressed with her work and thought she was a good reflection

of TCU.

After graduating this summer, she plans to attend graduate school in the fall and hopes to study late 19th-century or early 20th-century European art.

Thrush said her own taste in art leans toward modern works, but that her roommate is convinced that her future home will be filled with the art

she's researched this year - works of violence.

Thrush eventually plans to earn a doctorate and then work as a curator. "I never was interested in art until I came to school here. It (art history) was a combination of something I love and something I do well," she said. "The art part is what I find beautiful. The history part is what I find fascinating."

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try to set aside a few dollars for what we call 'structural adjustment,'" Secrest said.

The university tries to make a clear distinction between increases that are given based on merit and increases that are results of the marketplace, Secrest said.

A new line item in the budget was allocated for a micro-computer laboratory, which will have 20 terminals and be patterned somewhat after the facility located in the library, Secrest said. The facility has had \$50,000 allocated, although no sight has yet been chosen for the lab, he said.

All the deans of the various schools and colleges will be able to provide input about the location of the facility by June 1, said David Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services.

A revision in the retirement program has also been made in the budget, Secrest said. The current retirement program requires that members of the general staff contribute 5 percent and more to their retirement program in order to receive the 6.5 percent university contribution, Secrest said.

Under the revised program, the requirement for a matching contribution by the general staff members will be removed, Secrest said. Every member of the general staff of the university who has been at TCU at least two years will automatically qualify for the 6.5 percent university contribution to their retirement program without having to contribute themselves, Secrest said.



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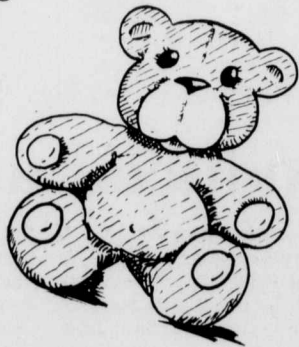
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Commentary

Our View Tuition increases aren't the answer

The increase in tuition from \$195 to \$212 per semester hour represents more than just an 8.5-percent increase in tuition from this year to next. It represents the culmination of a total increase of 30 percent in tuition over what graduating seniors and next year's fifth-year seniors paid when they entered in 1985-86. It represents a 23-percent increase over the tuition paid by next year's fourth-year seniors when they entered TCU.

This pattern is unacceptable.

The U.S. rate of inflation currently runs 4 to 5 percent. TCU's tuition increase is based partly on that and partly on the cost of new programs instituted. Some of these include a new retirement program for general staff and a new computer lab.

It is true that some university costs rise higher than the average inflation rate. But some should also rise more slowly. And it is true that the new programs instituted have merit. But so do the ones that were responsible for tuition increases in years past.

It is far too easy for trustees, who must have large amounts of money to become trustees, to underestimate the effects of their decisions on the less-wealthy students at TCU. There is no shortage of BMWs in TCU's parking lots, but there are also a lot of old Chevys. Not everyone here is wealthy.

The programs instituted have merit. But fiscal responsibility would indicate that new programs should not be instituted without ways to pay for them. A tuition increase should not be the method.

If something worthwhile cannot be financed without a heavy tuition raise - and a \$500 tuition increase for a student who takes 30 hours over a year is heavy - then something already in the budget should be removed to make room for the new program. Otherwise, it can be foregone.

Tuition raises from time to time are to be expected - but not 30 percent over five years. Nor is the refrain that "we are consistent with other schools with which we compare ourselves" necessarily a valid argument. In fact, it can become a wrong justification as TCU points at Baylor, which points at SMU, which is pointing back to TCU. Thus, each school justifies its increases by those of its companions.

In addition, the socio-economic status of the minority groups TCU wishes to attract is generally lower than that of the typical TCU student. Thus, TCU may be pricing itself right out of the minority market. It may also be pricing itself out of the non-upper-class, white market.

Financial aid has been increased, but that does little to help those without full-tuition scholarships. Flat awards do not increase. And since the financial aid budget is lower than the tuition level, the gap in total dollars will widen, even if percentage increases stay the same.

Finally, the university is putting many students who have been at TCU for a few years in an ever-increasing crunch. Those students who looked at tuition costs of \$172 per credit hour and decided that, though it would be tight, they could make it, have now transferred or taken out more and more loans to make it through. A 23-percent increase over four years hurts those who are already here far more than it does those who are thinking about coming here.

For this reason, TCU should institute a program whereby tuition increases would not affect those already here. Instead, students would pay whatever tuition was when they entered, and would be given up to five years to complete their degree program.

This would be fair to the students who are already here. But to be fair to students in general - those who are already here and those who are yet to come - TCU must show more fiscal restraint.

Tuition raises should be a matter of "whether" trustees should raise tuition, not simply "how much." Trustees should commit themselves to minimum tuition raises. The development office must find ways to increase non-tuition income.

Otherwise TCU may become a haven for the wealthy, but miss out on the enrichment that many less-wealthy students could provide.

Milken's monthly millions tantalized Trump totally beyond belief

By MICHAEL HAYWORTH
Editorial Editor



It was the picture of Donald Trump with a caption condemning someone's huge income that caught my eye. "You can be happy on a lot less money," the caption quoted Trump. "I'm amazed that the firm would allow someone to benefit that greatly."

I was reading the front section of the *New York Times*. The picture was on the front page of the business section - a part of the *Times* rarely ventured into by this philosophy/political science major. The story it went with was headlined "Wages Even Wall St. Can't Stomach."

I decided that when Trump, who is not known for having to eat from the 59-cent menu at Taco Bell very often, said someone makes too much money, it might be worth reading. The fact that there was a picture of David Rockefeller saying the same thing was enough to prompt me to

journey into the unfamiliar territory.

The story was about Michael R. Milken, who was indicted last week for racketeering, securities fraud and mail fraud in his position as head of the high-yield bond department at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. The story was not about his indictment, though. It was about the salary he earned that was totally legal.

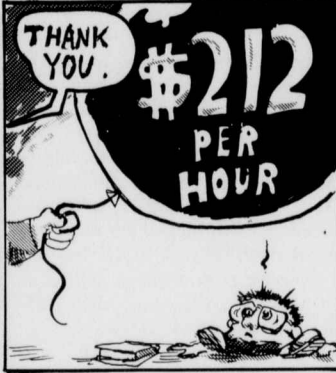
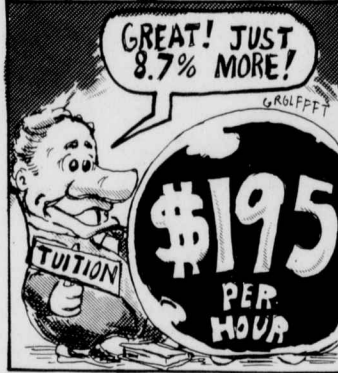
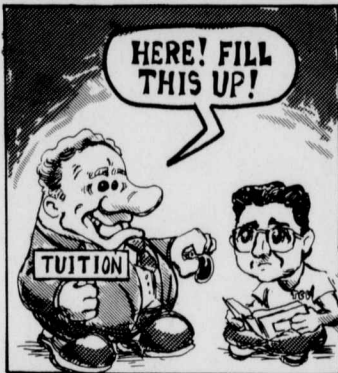
Milken earned more than \$550 million in 1987.

At first, that didn't really register. Normally, when I skip the business section, it's to go straight to the sports, where I'm used to reading about overpriced crybabies earning million-dollar salaries.

Then I started to really absorb the figure. You know, the difference between \$2 million, which is an obscene price to pay someone to play a game, and \$550 million, which is an obscene salary to pay anyone, is immense.

It doesn't sound that immense, because they both end in "million," which my salary never will, but it's huge.

Then I could understand why Trump, who is worth over \$1 billion, would be criticizing Milken. What Trump has taken a couple of decades



Representative View

By GEOFF TURNER
House Elections/Returns Chairman

Every year the House of Student Representatives is given the responsibility of allocating \$200,000 of the students' money. Most of this is budgeted into Programming Council.

This money is intended to make life at TCU more enjoyable and entertaining for as many as possible. Ten percent of the money goes into permanent improvements, like the big-screen TV in the Pit and the Superfrog costume.

Most students would agree this is money well spent.

However, there is also about \$4,000 set aside in a Special Projects fund. This money is to be given out to student organizations that would like the House's assistance in funding a special event, trip or other function.

It is the House's job to decide which organization gets what part of the money.

So far, the House has given twice as much money as was set aside for Special Projects. That sounds like Washington, D.C., deficit spending.

The House has just not been able to say no to groups requesting funds. My question is, what do students think

the House should do?

Should it set standards as to what kinds of organizations can ask for money? Should it set rules regarding what this money can be spent for?

Should it increase the money set aside, or should it leave things just the way they are?

Here are some arguments about these questions:

1. Just increase the Special Projects fund: It's the students' money, so why not try to give as much back as possible? Also, with more active organizations on campus, shouldn't more money be made available?

On the other hand, if more money is put into Special Projects, some will have to be taken away from the other areas.

2. Put limits on which organizations can ask for money: The House should make sure the money will be used to benefit as many students as possible by requiring a large number of members. Maybe it should require the organization to have some history on campus.

However, what about the new organizations that need even more help if they are to gain a foothold here?

3. Put limits on what House money

can be spent on: Let any organization ask for money as long as it is used on campus. Let's not spend money sending people to luncheons when we could be bringing people here.

However, isn't national exposure important? TCU becomes a better place when leaders return to campus with new and better ideas.

Each time an organization asks for money, House members must try to weigh all these things when deciding how to vote for a bill. Current House policies give no clear guidelines.

House members are afraid to vote down a bill for fear of being called discriminatory. Coherent and consistent policies are being sought.

If I had to guess what the future holds, it would be an increase in the Special Projects fund, along with some restrictions on what House money can be spent for.

However, I don't think any of us knows every student's opinion on this subject.

So, I would ask anyone with an opinion on this subject to be sure to tell the House what they think and why.

Your representatives can make informed decisions only if you work with them on this issue.

Exxon's unexcusable oversight

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More than a week ago, an Exxon oil supertanker ran aground near Valdez, Alaska, creating the largest oil spill ever in U.S. waters. More than 240,000 barrels of crude oil continue to ooze out of control.

Alaskan state officials said they are beginning a criminal investigation of the spill.

I would hope so. The tanker's captain, Joseph Hazelwood, has admitted to drinking before the accident.

At the time of the accident, the captain was not in command of the

tanker's bridge. Instead, the ship was being piloted by the third mate, Gregory Cousins.

The negligence on Exxon's part is shown in several ways. The captain was twice convicted of driving while intoxicated and had his driver's license suspended twice during the past two years.

Also, Cousins was not licensed to command the vessel through the narrow waters of Prince William Sound.

The 240,000 barrels created a 45-mile string of goo that has washed up on a number of Prince William Sound islands, threatening the \$100-million fishing industry, including a valuable salmon harvest.

Valdez area fisheries call the spill "a major environmental catastrophe." They're probably right.

Alaska received complaints about its involvement in the cleanup of the

situation, involvement considered to be slow and inadequate. Still, the state took a lead role compared to Exxon.

The state dispatched containment booms, which help direct the oil away from land. The state's Department of Environmental Conservation committed two-thirds of its employees to spill efforts, including plotting strategies for beaches bathed in oil.

Meanwhile, Exxon contributed little, except the reassuring note that pollution costs and damages are insured.

One sad note is the government may pay a big part of the cleanup. A federal fund provides \$100 million for cleanup and other liabilities.

It is apparent the failure to make background checks on these people contributed to the damage to Alaska's environment and fishing industry.

Letter to the Editor

Church ties?

I believe Texas Christian University has lost its connection to the church (Disciples of Christ) that it so strongly boasts of. I cannot help but feel in the recent years that the administration has become even further removed from the church at large.

Need I bring up the issue of divestment again? Many of you are saying to yourselves, "another liberal." Maybe so, but I believe there are some issues involving morality and human lives that go beyond political orientation.

Texas Christian University is a school concerned more about finances than the rights of human beings. It is a school with elite trustees and administrators who sit in their ivory towers away from the problems of the common man and woman.

Not all of them are like that, as you shall see. The administration is too scared to take a stand for something moral in risk of losing something financial.

What message does that give to students? Remain a Christian or a good moral person until your pocketbook is affected? Is that not what they imply by their stance?

Is it a coincidence one of the trustees who voted for divesting funds from South Africa was a Disciples minister? Possibly he sees morality even affects your pocketbook sometimes.

It does. In many cases it affects more than that. I wonder if Texas Christian University should not be disassociated from the church.

Has what the church said about divestment even been seriously considered? Yet, the administration claims such a close relationship to the church.

Sometimes you have to be willing to risk loss, even great loss, for a just cause. TCU does that until it reaches the realm of finances, and then it draws the line.

So is our concern at this school about moral issues and human lives or elitist financial matters? Which has priority here?

I think the administration must answer that question, and if a church-related institution refuses to take just stands that might mean losses to some extent, what message does that give to the students of that institution who will be tomorrow's leaders.

What does that say about the commitment to the church?

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BLOOM COUNTY

MILKEN makes Ivan Boesky look like an amateur. It's tempting to go on from here with the typical condemnations of materialism. Milken earns \$1.5 million per day while 35,000 people per day die of hunger. Milken has contributed millions to charity, but it seems rather unlikely that he's missed it. The account of Jesus watching the rich man give out of his vast wealth and the widow give her last two mites comes to mind. Moralizing would be easy. Condemning would be easy, but on what basis?

I've spent a good deal of time over the last two years discussing the subject of morals in a society where belief in God is dying out. If there is no God, no absolute right and wrong, then there is no reason for anyone to want to do anything except what makes him or her feel good.

If feeding the hungry makes Andy Fort feel good, then let him feed the hungry. If making enough money to buy several small countries makes Michael Milken feel good, let him go at it.

I believe there is good reason to believe in an absolute - specifically the God revealed in the Christian Bible. If Milken doesn't, then it is up to God, not me, to condemn him for his greed.

As for Donald Trump, something tells me he's not quite so offended by Milken's salary as he is envious of it. But that's just a hunch.

by Berke Breathed



