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Greeks celebrate 35th anniversary at TCU

By LEANORA MINAI
Staff Writer

In September 1954, TCU students burned a blue-jeaned effigy of the Board of Trustees hung from a tree in front of Clark Hall to protest the Board's decision to allow Greek societies on campus.

Students and faculty who were opposed to establishing fraternities and sororities thought Greek societies would foster "snobbishness" among students, chip away at the Christian tradition of equality and shift the focus away from education, said Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students.

But after 35 years, fraternities and sororities have become an integral part of student life at TCU, attracting about 50 percent of the female and 38 percent of the male undergraduate population.

"The prevailing attitude at the time (in 1954) was that the Greeks were elitist, and TCU wasn't an elitist school," said Jim Croslin, 1955 Delta Tau Delta graduate. "TCU was always perceived to be an egalitarian school and kept with the traditions of Fort Worth and Texas."

On Sept. 11, 1954, 16 trustees voted to invite Greek organizations on campus. Seven voted against and one abstained.

"The announcement really was a surprise to many people," said Proffer, who was the student social director at that time. "The people who were opposed to them (Greeks) were really upset."

Trustees said they favored establishing Greeks at TCU because they provided for student self-expression and discipline, and they brought an increase in enrollment.

At the time of the Board's decision, more students were against fraternities and sororities coming to campus, and they were vocal in their opposition, Proffer said.

"If you're really unhappy, you'll try to do something about it," she said. "We heard from those who were unhappy. We didn't get any demonstrations from the people in favor of it."

TCU prided itself on equity, did not set anyone apart and did not have any secret organizations, Proffer said.

"Fraternities and sororities are sometimes viewed as elitist," she said. "They are selective, and a student who is fairly poor can't afford to go into them."

Craig Silverthorne, a 1956 Sigma Alpha Epsilon graduate, said he remembered very few students who were opposed to establishing fraternities and sororities.

"Greeks didn't promote elitism back then, but I don't know about now," Silverthorne said. "Back in the beginning, there wasn't any type of hazing or anything. Our activities were strictly fun. We sponsored dances, weekend picnics and barbecues."

Susan Batchelor, director of student activities, said that because the university provides Greek housing, the cost of membership is lower, and therefore the chapters are not elitist.

Proffer said that the students opposed to fraternities and sororities saw the selective nature and cost of Greek organizations as a dividing force in the student body.

However, Bita Hall Compton, professor of French, Spanish and Italian in 1954, said she remembers TCU President M.E. Sadler and Vice President D.

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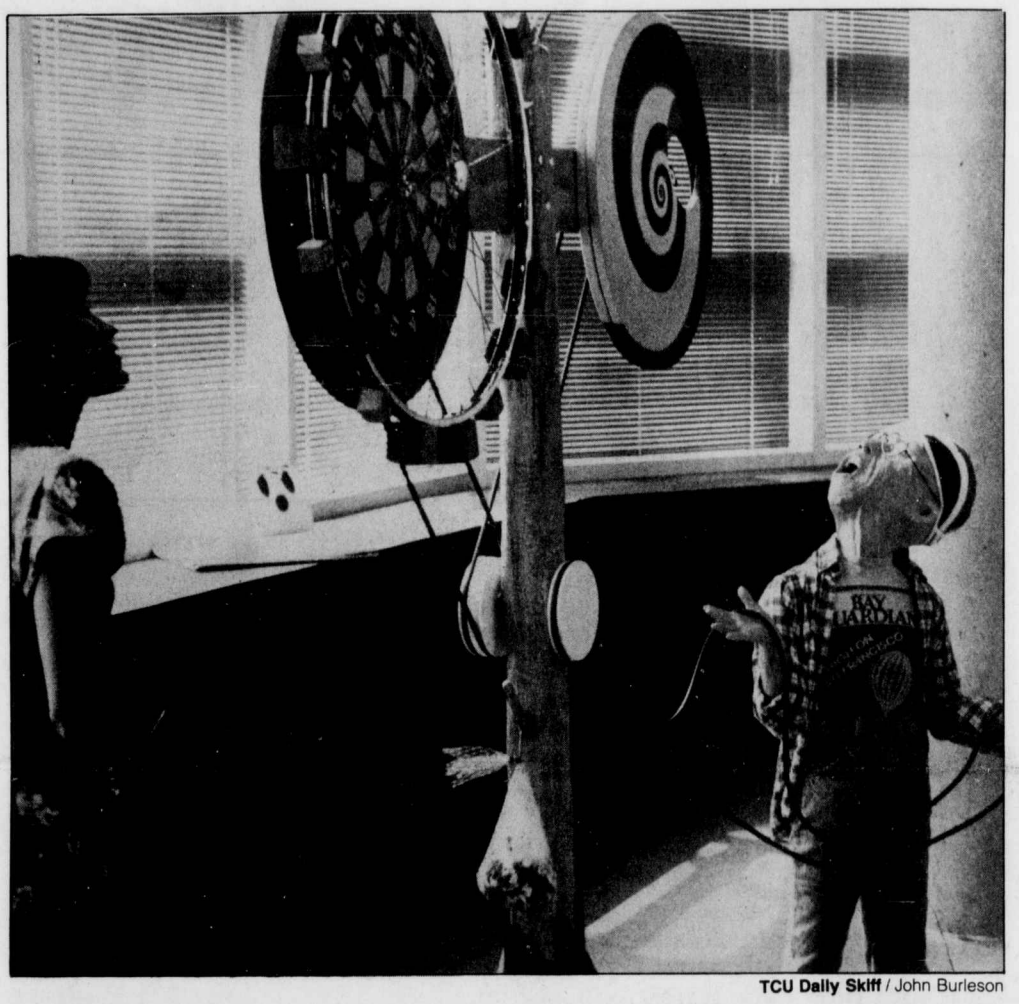

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"A Toy That Never Worked," a sculpture by Don Sweetland, is displayed in the Exhibition Hall of the Moudy Building as a part of the exhibit "Art in the Metroplex 1989."

Phi Kappa Sigma charter revoked

Fraternity house to close by 10 p.m.

By LEANORA MINAI,
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Staff Writers

Phi Kappa Sigma's national headquarters revoked its TCU charter Monday for probation violations. The Beta Theta chapter was put on probation last spring for hazing violations.

"The group had been placed on strict probation last spring when several members were expelled or suspended because of documented hazing violations. During the first five days of the fall semester, the terms of the probation were violated," said Greg Bennett, Grand Theta of Phi Kappa Sigma, who is the supervisor of chapter affairs for this region.

Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the university concurred with the decision of the national office to revoke the charter.

"I am very pleased with how well the national organization has handled this issue," Barr said. "We cannot tolerate hazing and other serious violations of conduct codes designed for student well-being and safety."

"You try to correct the problem internally," Bennett said, "but if you can't, you take the actions we've taken."

"They (the nationals) had no other choice," Barr said.

Some Phi Kaps questioned how strong the university's influence was on the national office's decision.

"This is a private institution. Her (Barr's) word is law," said Jeff Sloss, Phi Kap vice president until the decision. "We are gum on the sole of her shoe."

The TCU chapter had about 50 active members and 23 fall pledges.

"The reason we are no longer at TCU has nothing to do with hazing whatsoever," Sloss said.

The violation occurred at the same time as rush, but Barr would not say whether or not the violation was related to rush activities.

Sloss said he is still unclear about the exact nature of the probation violation.

"She (Barr) said we violated the spirit of the probationary rules," he said. "In my eyes, we didn't violate it."

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>
> **GREG BENNETT,**
> Phi Kappa Sigma Grand Theta

Sloss said that the university said the violation fell under a subsection of the probation agreement.

Barr said she was bound by privacy considerations and could not reveal the exact nature of the violation.

Tom McCartney, Phi Kappa Sigma president before the decision, said the hazing had been handled last semester and that it is questionable whether the fraternity violated its probation this semester.

"It's a very gray area," he said.

Nonetheless, McCartney said that he had expected a strong reprimand.

"From the very start where they started investigating the incident this semester, I've been telling everyone to expect the worst," McCartney said.

The Phi Kap house in Worth Hills will close at 10 p.m. Tuesday and will remain closed for the rest of the 1989-90 school year, Barr said.

Members currently living in the house will be offered alternative housing in campus residence halls at no additional cost, unless they choose single rooms. The men paid $700 for double-occupancy accommodations.

Those who choose to move off-campus will pay four weeks' rent and forfeit the $100 deposit, for a total of $280, according to Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Current members of the fraternity have been moved to alumni status and are to have no further contact with the TCU Phi Kappa Sigma organization while they are undergraduates.

Phi Kappa Sigma will continue to exist under national control, consisting of newly selected members in "colony status." The fall 1989 pledges will be interviewed by national representatives to determine their status under these arrangements.

Individual pledges will have the opportunity to choose whether to continue in the organization. The national organization also reserves the right to not accept a current pledge, Bennett said.

The Phi Kaps were placed on probation last spring, and 10 members were suspended from the fraternity for hazing violations.

The university declined to release the details of the hazing incident, but at that time John Laverty, national assistant director of Phi Kappa Sigma, said there was "mental hazing going on that is contrary to the laws and policies of Phi Kappa Sigma."

The terms of the probation allowed for the university and the national office of the fraternity to monitor the TCU chapter.

Barr said the probation agreement included requirements of internal governance, TCU behavior standards and national Phi Kappa Sigma standards.

When the probation was announced, Ron Siggs, national director of Phi Kappa Sigma, warned that if the fraternity continued to engage in hazing, further action would be taken.

"We have taken sanctions that we feel are very strong and will make the chapter change its activity, and if they don't change, we'll close their chapter, and it's as simple as that," he said.

Barr and Bennett met with the members of the chapter at 6 p.m. Monday to announce the decision.

As many as three Campus Police officers were outside the Phi Kap house Monday night. The officers said they were there to monitor traffic and directed questions to the administration.

Barr said one officer had been stationed there as a precautionary measure to ensure that no other organizations caused problems that might be blamed on the Phi Kaps. She said the other officers were probably just stopping by.

Barr said that before she came to TCU, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon charter had been revoked and that it had been

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To close to call

Wright seat sought by candidates in runoff

By MONICA LANDERS
Staff Writer

District 12 voters may cast their final vote today in the runoff election between Democrat Pete Geren and Republican Bob Lanier. The two are vying for the seat in the House of Representatives that belonged to former House Speaker Jim Wright for over 30 years.

The east side of campus is in precinct 1298 of District 12, which includes the area north of University Drive, south of the railroad tracks, and west of Forest Park. Voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Paschal High School in the hallway outside the school auditorium.

Neither candidate is a clear-cut leader, said Jim Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, and even past methods of guessing the winner do not apply in this race.

"If you have to rely on one thing, probably the best thing to look at is that it's a fairly strong Democratic district," he said. "On the other hand, who knows? It's all a matter of turn out."

As of Monday morning, the number of absentee votes was higher than the District 12 election Aug. 12. Out of the 287,287 voters registered in the district, 9,419 people absentee voted in person, and 6,591 votes have been received in the mail, said a secretary at the Tarrant County elections office.

In the Aug. 12 election, 6,671 people voted in person, and 4,816 voters sent their choices by mail. Absentee voting is held twenty days prior to any election until four days before the election. Texas law does not require voters to have a particular reason for voting absentee.

"Most of the absentee votes are not people who are going out of town," Riddlesperger said. "They are campaign workers who will be busy on election day or people over 65."

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Outside

Today's weather is mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. High temperatures are in the low 80s, and low temperatures are in the low 60s. Winds are from the north at 10 mph.

Wednesday's weather will be partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. High temperatures will be in the upper 80s, and low temperatures will be in the mid-60s.

Ethical leadership stressed

By JANA AGEE
and KRISTIE AYLETT
Staff Writers

Questionable ethics will no longer be accepted by the 120 leaders of TCU's organizations who attended last weekend's annual leadership retreat.

"As leaders, we have a very strong ethical responsibility," said Kristin Chambers, president of the House of Student Representatives. "Leaders can no longer do anything of questionable ethics."

"We wanted to make people think, because once they take on a leadership position, their responsibilities change. They're no longer responsible just for themselves, but for a whole group of people," said Brooke Rose, vice president of the House.

Lee Upcraft, from the Penn State University Student Activities office, was the keynote speaker at the retreat.

He stressed that ethical decisions are "contextual," Rose said.

"If a single aspect of an ethical problem changes, the whole basis of the solution changes too," she said.

Upcraft also gave the delegates a list of individual ethical principles, such as to do no harm, to do good, to be fair and to be loyal. Group ethical principles in-

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Representatives of campus organizations and residence halls were stranded on Airport Freeway (Highway 121) Saturday.

Modern hero topic for Honors Retreat

By CANDACE HODGES
Staff Writer

Despite the hot, humid weather during the Fall Honors Retreat this past weekend, campers maintained a positive attitude and high spirits.

"It was different than what you usually do on retreats," said Heather Brown, a freshman biology major. "We just had a lot of fun being kids, playing games and doing what we as adults are supposed to have outgrown."

The theme, Modern Heroes: In Pursuit of the Ideal, had a great impact on the lives of the students and the way they would now think about heroes, said Karen Casper, Honors Program co-chairperson.

"It made me realize that everyone needs a hero," Brown said.

Casper said that how heroes are depicted in the past and in the present will greatly help the way we choose great heroes or leaders in the future.

The modern heroes theme was used in keynote presentations, discussion groups and games.

Honors Program co-chairman Scott Boone said that he felt that the group gained insight into the nature of heroes.

"Everyone has now thought about what a modern-day hero is or what he (or she) should be," he said.

LaLonnie Lehman's discussion group "Do the Good Guys Still Wear Hats?" talked about how heroes are stereotyped according to the clothes they wear, said Kat Bolinger, a junior English major.

"Today, the modern-day heroes like Batman and Luke Skywalker wear black, but our heroes from the past usually wore white, like the Lone Ranger," Bolinger said.

While the theme may change each year, the purpose of the retreat remains similar.

The retreat gives the faculty and students a chance to interact outside of the

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CAMPUSlines

AIDS Awareness, Information and Discussion Society (AAIDS) will meet at 3:30 Thursday in Student Center Room 222. For more information contact Jim Werth at 346-7904.

U.P.S. does not deliver to P.O. Box numbers, only to residence halls. Packages must have a complete address including name, residence hall name and Greek names if needed.

Parent's Weekend Talent Show Auditions will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 7 – 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Society of Professional Journalists will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in Moudy Room 280S. The meeting is open to all print broadcast journalism majors. For more information, call the journalism department at 921-7425.

Le Cercle Francais will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Reed Hall Room 203 to outline activities for the semester. A French careers video also will be shown. For more information call Brad Vanderbilt at 924-0824.

Time Management Workshop will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 in Rickel Building Room 106. Call 921-7486 for reservations.

Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, is having a general meeting Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center, 2nd floor.They also will be having a welcome back party Thursday at 5 p.m. at Chris Ford's house. Faculty and all members welcome.

Psi Chi is accepting applications for membership until Friday, Sept. 22. Forms are available in Winton-Scott Hall. For more information, call 923-1514.

Parabola, the math club, is holding a series of lectures by Bob Doran, a professor of mathematics. They will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 20, in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145.

College Republicans is meeting today at 6 p.m. in Student Center Room 218.

HELPlines

The Science Place in Fair Park needs 50 volunteers for its planetarium shows. Free training is scheduled Sept. 6-8 and Sept. 13-15 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For further information, call Linda Stiles at (214) 428-7200.

The Volunteer Center, a service of The United Way, is in need of volunteers. Call 860-1613 to ask about the following or other opportunities:

Children whose mothers attend evening support group meetings for battered women need volunteers to help provide activities Tuesday through Thursday.

Classroom activities are needed for schoolaged children whose mothers are in a shelter for battered women. Help is needed Monday through Friday throughout the school year.

Present information about drug and alcohol abuse to elementary school students. This would require two hours a week, training provided.

Compassionate volunteers are needed to visit mental health patients one hour a week to provide socialization experiences such as shopping and bowling. Training is Sept. 16.

Tour guides are needed to lead visitors through a lush outdoor garden. Training will start Tuesday.

Translator is needed to translate educational materials from English into Spanish. The work may be done at home.

Gift shop volunteers are needed at a Fort Worth hospital to help ring up sales and restock merchandise on weekends.

Air show needs volunteers to answer phones, provide information and mail out flyers.

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Ray Lindley say that as TCU got larger, it would be harder for a student to feel a part of the whole student body. By breaking it up into smaller groups, a student would have an intimate connection with other students on a smaller group level, she said.

Karl Snyder, who was on the committee to decide which fraternities and sororities to invite on campus, said TCU wanted to invite Greek organizations to campus in order to attract individuals who were choosing other Texas universities over TCU because they had Greek organizations.

Eight fraternities were established at TCU in October 1955 and eight sororities in November of the same year.

"The administration was discussing the fact that there was a certain attraction for incoming students to go to a school and join a smaller group of people in a large class," Snyder said. "It was important for us to begin to run some competition to the state schools."

Joann Lambert, 1955 TCU graduate, said she did not join a sorority because she was a senior when sororities were established on campus, but added that she was in favor of having Greek organizations at TCU.

"I think they (Greeks) were really well received," Lambert said. "Most of us had friends in fraternities and sororities at other schools, and we felt like we were left out a little by not having them on campus."

Betsy Colquitt, who was an English instructor in 1954, said TCU had student groups like literary and honor societies organized around a particular interest before fraternities and sororities were established.

"These (student groups) were all different from fraternities and sororities because they were purely internal," Colquitt said. "They were different in that they brought into the university influences that weren't entirely dictated by university standards."

Batchelor said fraternities and sororities were set up to satisfy the social, scholarship and service aspects of membership.

"I think the emphasis on these three areas changes with groups," Batchelor said. "I don't think the whole system changes and fluctuates between the three. But the whole social life of the college student has changed since the '50s."

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reinstated about four years ago.

Bennett said that other Phi Kap charters had been revoked within the last five years, notably the ones at University of Oklahoma and what is now the University of North Texas. The OU charter has since been reinstated, and UNT is in the process of reinstating its charter.

TCU's official chapter status will be reinstated only when both the national orgization and TCU agree that a complete change in active membership has resulted in new attitudes and behavior that conform to the stated ideals of the fraternity.

The Phi Kappa Sigma organization refers to the restructuring process as "the challenge." That challenge is to completely rebuild the organization.

"They have to build the organization from the bylaws up and design a program as a fraternity to support charities and the community," Bennett said.

Once they have met the guidelines, they can submit to the university to reestablish the charter.

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Pop the bubble

District 12 election history-making

Neither apathy nor ignorance are excuses for being unaware of today's special election to fill the 12th District congressional seat vacated by Jim Wright.

The much-publicized race between Pete Geren and Bob Lanier hits close to home for Fort Worth residents. But whether attending school in their own backyard or not, TCU students should be aware of the significance of this election.

As Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Wright was much more than a local politician in the capitol. He represented Fort Worth to the entire country and did much to enhance the financial and political stance of the city.

It was Wright who brought jobs to the city by obtaining lucrative defense contracts. It was Wright who funded successful efforts to bring the stockyards back to life.

Even though Wright's days on Capitol Hill are over, his influence on the city – and on TCU – is not. Wright has offered his personal papers to the university and plans to help students with internship opportunities.

But who's to say Wright's replacement will have the same, if any, impact?

The 12th District is at a crossroads, and the new representative chosen at the polls today will determine the direction of Fort Worth and of TCU.

While attending TCU, we are a part of Fort Worth. A university can often seem like an inner-city, revolving on its own. But TCU is not its own entity. Effects of the economy are felt on and off-campus in the form of employment opportunites and inflation, both now and after graduation.

TCU goes to great lengths to procure speakers and programs to enhance a student's educational experience. This election is free-of-charge history in the making, on both the local and national level.

TCU students cannot afford to be uninformed.

Letters to the Editor

"Phantom" faithful

I feel obligated to point out a slight error in David Andriesen's film column Friday. He said that Robert Englund will be starring in "an unorthodox film version of the stage smash, 'The Phantom of the Opera.'" I suppose you could look at it that way, but it would be more accurate to say that he will be starring in an orthodox verson of the original novel. The novel and the musical are very different. The script for the film was adapted from the novel, and, word has it, is a very respectful adaptation to boot (a rarity in Hollywood these days).

The use of the word "unorthodox" conjures up images of horrid "Nightmare on Elm Street"-ish camp horror. Please do not be mislead by the casting; this promises to be an excellent film. And, believe it or not, Englund is a classically-trained actor who has had some very highly-praised experience in the theater. Again, please do not associate this project with Elm Street trash. "Phantom of the Opera" is a classic drama/horror in the tradition of "Dracula" or "Frankenstein," not a slasher story.

Stuart Minnis
Sophomore
RTVF

What about the student?

It is unfortunate that students are paying a significant amount of money to live in residence halls where maintenance is being virtually ignored. Either the Office of Housing is so caught up in their duties that the student population is sometimes neglected, or problems in the residence halls are not a concern to be dealt with.

I have lived in residence halls for more than three years and was a resident assistant for one year, so I am familiar with the procedures for having repairs made to a particular room or other parts of the residence hall. One of the things I have noticed is the long period of time it takes between the point when a "work order" is submitted and the repair is made – correctly.

For instance, I have complained since the first week of school about the air conditioning on my part of the wing. The complaint has been registered with both my resident assistant and hall director. The hall director has submitted more than one work order for repair of the problem, but nothing has been done.

Another example of the Office of Housing's neglect can be seen in the conditions of the restrooms. I do not know of anyone on my wing that feels comfortable using the restroom facilities when the toilets are not cleaned and the floors are not mopped regularly.

Whatever the reason for the apparent neglect of the residence halls, it is clear that the Office of Housing has fallen short in some of its responsibilities.

Matt Gallagher
Senior
Geology

Late night reprimand

On Sept. 8 the *Skiff* printed an editorial about our television program, "TCU Late Night with Michael Numberman." Although the tone of the article was, in our eyes, somewhat less than favorable, this is really of no concern to us – after all, it is only an opinion. Certainly, the *Skiff* is entitled to print its own opinions. Our problem with the piece is the factual inaccuracies that it contained.

The time slot that our program occupies (11:30 p.m. Sunday) is not, as was claimed, a poor one. In actuality, it is the second-best ratings position that KVTV has. We are flattered and thrilled to be in this slot.

Secondly, the statements made in regards to the copyright laws are incorrect. We have consulted a lawyer who specializes in the entertainment field on numerous occasions, and he has assured us that our program in no way violates the copyright laws. We wish to avoid any legal hassles as much as the university, and so we have been very cautious in this area.

As we have stated, the *Skiff* is certainly entitled to publish its own opinions. We simply wanted to correct the inaccurate statements that they made, and recommend that in the future they check their information before printing items that they assume to be fact.

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Proposal burning down the House

By STEVE RUBICK
Columnist

Hysteria never solves anything, but it does make for an interesting lead on the evening news. The flag-burning hysteria that swept the nation this summer is heating up again as Congress reconvenes after its summer recess, and debate over protection of our nation's flag promises to figure prominently in the news.

Flag protection caught America's attention June 21, after the Supreme Court ruled that flag burning is an active form of protest protected under the First Amendment.

The issue had gained some notoriety earlier in the year when an art exhibit in Chicago displayed a work of "art" that essentially consisted of an American flag draped on the floor like a welcome mat. The American Legion protested the exhibit but the incident never received the full attention of the media.

The case decided by the Supreme Court involved a political protest in Dallas in 1984, where a man burned a flag while shouting insults at the government. Under Texas law, flag burning was a crime and the man was convicted. The Supreme Court ruled that the Texas law in question was unconstitutional and ruled that flag burning was a legitimate form of protest.

The media attention generated by the resulting debate elevated flag burning to near national pastime status. Never before, and hopefully never again, have I seen as many flags burning as I saw last July 4. And all the while, it struck me as odd that the one symbol meant to unite this nation had it so divided.

The House of Representatives is scheduled to vote today on a new law that would make flag burning a federal crime. The sponsors of this measure are hoping that it will satisfy the Supreme Court's definition of a constitutional law, while opponents contend that only a constitutional amendment will protect the flag.

I would like to state outright that flag burners are scum. The flag is not the government and burning the flag strikes not at the government but at the American people. If a citizen has a legitimate gripe with our government's policies, there are better forms of protest than burning the symbol of the nation.

But for all my loathing of flag burning and flag burners, I could not support an amendment to the Constitution. The broad framework of the Constitution enables the union to survive and prosper in times violently different from those of the framers.

Tinkering with the Constitution reduces the broad framework and limits the scope of interpretation that is so necessary to the continued prosperity of the United States. Proponents of the flag-burning amendment state that it will be narrow enough to prevent only flag burning. The 18th Amendment (Prohibition) is a perfect example of a narrowly-defined amendment and its waste potential. The 18th is now empty after being cancelled by the 21st Amendment, leaving the Constitution with two amendments that weaken the overall structure of the document.

When the hysteria over flag protection began, proponents and opponents began to question each other's patriotism. Thankfully, that tactic has been abandoned in favor of more honest and heartfelt debate concerning the meaning and the depth of the flag as our nation's symbol.

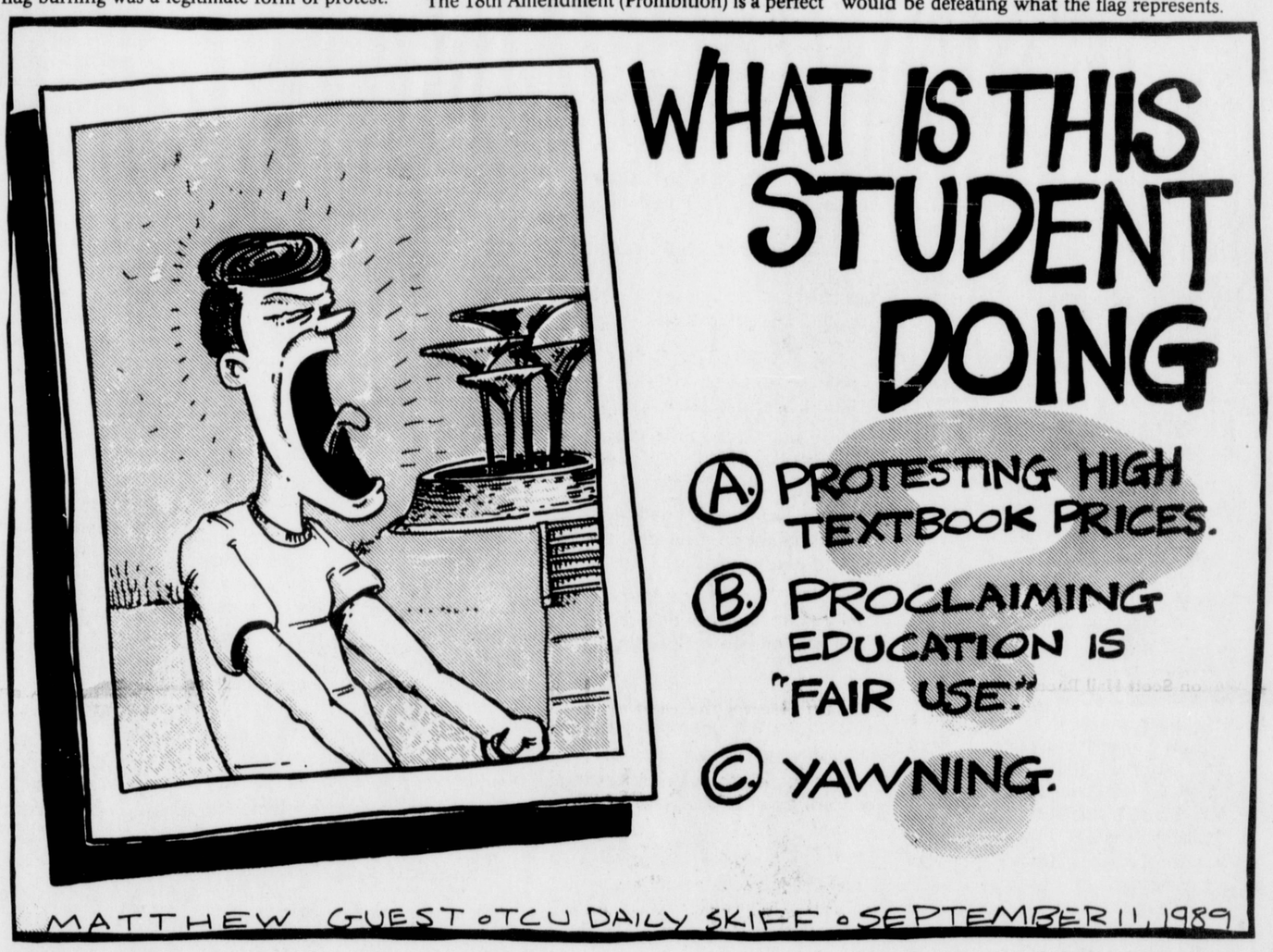
Military veterans occupy positions on both sides of the argument, and there are some who consider military service to be the deciding factor, almost as though those who have never served cannot hold valid opinions.

This is not the case. The flag represents all of us, whether we have served or not. I have listened to hours of speeches made by veterans who have told of the blood they shed for their country and related stories of fellow soldiers who laid down their lives defending the flag.

The fact doesn't change that this nation was set up for the people. We all have valid opinions in matters concerning the government and the running of the country. The flag represents the people, not the military or the government.

Burning the flag is a slap at the American people. It affects all of us, soldier and civilian alike. But the flag is only a symbol. If we are going to protect it, we should do so through federal legislation, not an amendment.

Altering the Constitution to protect a symbol would be defeating what the flag represents.



Retreat deals out reality chips

By PATRICIA PATTISON
Columnist

This weekend I attended the University Leadership Retreat. The theme for the weekend was "Ethics in Leadership," and, in addition to keynote lectures, workshops and small groups, everyone participated in a game called "Star Power."

The game involved trading poker chips of different colors representing different point values. At the beginning of the game everyone picked from a mixed bag of chips, and from that point on, we traded among ourselves in an attempt to increase our points. On every trade, someone would come out on top; there were no "win, win" situations.

After the first round we were divided into three groups based on our point totals. We swapped bonus points and were told to pick new poker chips.

From there, we traded until the "wealthy" group was allowed to set the rules for the game. Needless to say, the game degenerated into squabbling and the rich got richer and the poor got poorer.

During our debriefing, we were told that after our first draw the bags we picked from for our second round had been fixed with specific color chips, which hindered the progress of the "poor" group and gave the "wealthy" group an extra push for success. Morrison Wong asked the members of the wealthy group if they felt like they had succeeded through their hard work and sharp business minds or just plain luck.

After looking at the facts of the situation and the surly faces of the less fortunate, they agreed that for the most part they had gotten where they were because of a good first draw and a game that helped the wealthy accumulate more wealth.

The game gave all of us a good opportunity to re-evaluate the ethics of our culture's social structure. The game enforced my belief that the "American Dream" work ethic is a lie.

We all want to believe that everyone has a fair shot at succeeding in the United States. We assume that if people really worked hard enough, we wouldn't need welfare, food stamps, county hospitals and soup kitchens.

People who do not fulfill the dream are quickly dismissed from the public consciousness. It is their own fault, right?

How about the children who live in our nations' poorer school districts? Their schools do not receive adequate funding and so they use out-of-date textbooks. They may get all they can out of their education, and still they will not have an equal opportunity to succeed. When they do not succeed it is their fault, right?

Our nation is plagued by a mammoth system of legislated injustice. Our nation's poor are ignored, and for this they suffer. Their needs for education, health care, and a right to a fair shot at success are chipped away at every time we allocate more money for defense spending and other "worthy" causes.

If we continue to support cuts in spending for education and social programs, our country will become more and more divided into rich vs. poor, with a few of us in the middle being pulled in both directions.

We cannot continue to believe that everyone has a wealth of opportunities waiting for them. The underprivileged of our country settle for what our bureaucracy allows them.

No one should have to settle for a lack of education or fair housing, and none of us should settle for a society that allows it.

Helmet wearers are using heads

By MICHAEL BECKLEY
Columnist

Recently, the Texas Legislature enacted a law requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets. The penalty for violating this law is $200.

A couple of weeks ago, at a motorcycle shop in West Fort Worth, I overheard a couple of bikers discussing the advent of this new law. A concern for the loss of personal freedom and individual rights were the premises of their conversation.

"Helmet head" was also a major concern to these individuals. "Helmet head" is a condition caused by helmets, perspiration and heat. These elements cause the rider's hair to be compressed against his or her head. The result is often quite amusing.

Motorcycles are the ultimate convertibles. Few experiences can equal the level of exhilaration that goes along with riding a motorcycle. The wind rushing through a rider's hair is an integral part of the experience.

Perhaps the freedom of the motorcyclist has diminished. Helmets do not fit the image many have of motorcycling. With the enactment of helmet laws, governmental control often appears to have increased to overbearing and often oppressive levels.

At one time, these would have been my personal feelings on the motorcycle helmet law.

Buddy and I went to the same high school. We came from different parts of town and different backgrounds, yet we became relatively good friends. We shared common interests and goals, not the least of which were avoiding classes and allowing time for a mid-morning cigarette break. Graduating fit in somewhere, but just how high a priority it was could have been disputed by several faculty.

Buddy had a motorcycle. It was his trademark, an essential ingredient in his identity. The obnoxiously loud noises in the parking lot were usually coming from Buddy, and everyone knew exactly who it was, vice principals included.

The second Monday of April, Buddy was not at school. It wasn't something to get too excited about, because part-time student was one of those dubious distinctions he had become accustomed to.

Later that day, I learned that Buddy had a legitimate excuse.

I saw what they told me was Buddy the next afternoon. Bandages and casts disguised him well; his mother couldn't even recognize him. The bandaged body, now sustained by complex machinery, did not fit his motorcyclist image.

All of this was the result of a pick-up truck and a motorcycle. And the fact that Buddy thought helmets were bothersome and too hot for spring.

Laws limit our freedom, often irritate many, but sometimes they protect and prevent awful tragedies. The helmet law makes sense. Buddy's accident doesn't.

Sports

Frogs drop passes along with opener

By JOHN CLEMENTI
Sports Writer

The TCU Horned Frogs rolled up and down the field in Missouri, but their new triple-shoot offense ran out of bullets near the goal line.

The result was a disappointing 14-10 loss to the University of Missouri and the eighth straight road defeat for the Frogs.

"Coming close doesn't cut it," Head Coach Jim Wacker said after the game.

"We had a lot of guys playing hard, and I'm dang proud of them, but we lost it," Wacker said.

At times, the TCU offense looked unstoppable. They moved the ball effectively between the 20-yard lines, yet they failed all but once to get the ball in the end zone.

"We had at least four chances in the first half where we should have punched it in," senior quarterback Ron Jiles said. "We blew the game."

Jiles, who was one of the team's question marks going into the season, played steadily if not spectacularly. His 19 completions in 40 attempts could have been much better if his receivers had held on to the ball.

Frog receivers dropped a dozen catchable passes, including two in the end zone.

"Ron Jiles had a great ballgame," Wacker said. "If we catch the passes, he has a phenomenal day."

"I felt really bad for Ron," senior tight end Tommy Palmer said. "I tried to encourage him every time we went to the sideline."

"His passes were there, but we just dropped way too many of them," Palmer said. "We kept shooting ourselves in the foot."

The Frog defense put together an impressive outing, holding Missouri to 58 rushing yards on 38 carries and intercepting Tiger quarterback Kent Keifer three times.

"At times, the defense played dominating football, especially along the front line," Wacker said.

Defensive linemen Darrell Davis, Fred Washington and Roosevelt Collins combined for 24 tackles and 3 sacks.

The defeat on the scoreboard was not the only loss the Frogs suffered Saturday.

Senior running back Tony Darthard suffered a knee injury that will keep him out two to four weeks. He will undergo arthroscopic surgery today.

Men's soccer loses game, goalie

By MARK PACKER
Sports Writer

The TCU men's soccer team lost more than just a game Sunday against the University of North Texas.

Goalkeeper Mark Walgren was lost for at least six weeks, and possibly the entire season in a 4-1 Horned Frog loss.

Coach Dave Rubinson said the senior goalkeeper would be redshirted and be allowed to play another year if he chooses to do so.

"We would love to have Mark return for another year, but that is entirely up to him," Rubinson said. "Mark is allowed to redshirt because he hasn't played in 20 percent of the games."

"Our biggest problem in the second half was the fact that Mark played with the broken hand," Rubinson said. "He could have, and would have, saved the two goals in the second half if he hadn't been injured."

Walgren doesn't know exactly how his hand was broken.

"I made a save to my left and had to quickly make another save," Walgren said. "I'm not sure if my hand was kicked, stepped on, or if the force of the ball did it."

All I know is that it hurt," Walgren said. "I'm not sure if I'll be back next fall. I'll have to talk to my dad about it."

Coach Dave Rubinson has another problem on his hands other than the 0-3 record of his Frogs. He must now find a replacement for his star goalkeeper who only a week ago played "the game of his life" against North Carolina.

"At the moment, we will go with Darrell Fraunheim in the goal." Rubinson said. "He'll do a good job for us."

Despite the loss of Walgren, most of the players felt like they could have won the game if they had been in the right frame of mind.

"We just had a bad game," junior forward Dino Mungioli said. "If we played up to our potential, we could beat them."

The Frogs now face a tough game against cross-town rival SMU, Tuesday, Sept. 19. The players have been looking forward to playing SMU since the season began.

"SMU will be tougher than ever because of the injuries," Villella said. "But we should be ready for them."

"We are looking forward to giving SMU a run for their money," Mungioli said.

Frogs still searching for first victory

By ANGIE COFFMAN
Sports Writer

The combined efforts of SMU's Lisa Cole and Kelli Greene led the Lady Mustangs to a 3-1 victory over the Lady Frogs Friday afternoon at the TCU soccer field.

Cole put the 19th-ranked Mustangs, now 2-0, on the board at the 39:14 mark of the first half, taking a pass from teammate Lisa Perry and scoring from eight yards out.

SMU made it 2-0 just one minute and thirty seconds into the second half when Greene took a Cole shot that had bounced off the top of the cross bar, and put it away from six yards out. Greene also assisted the Lady Mustangs final goal, feeding Cole for another score for the junior native of Dallas, TX.

TCU had many opportunities to capitalize on Mustang mistakes, but goals eluded the Lady Frogs until the 83:52 point when sophomore fullback Kim Champney diverted a corner kick with her head from senior midfielder Libby Tappan to score the lone goal for the Lady Frogs.

"We dominated the midfield and had many opportunities to score," TCU assistant coach Mark Caffey said. "We just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net."

Statistically the Lady Frogs stayed right with the Mustangs with 12 shots on goal as opposed to SMU's 15. TCU goalkeeper Maribeth Forrest pulled down eight saves while SMU only had three. The major difference came in the area of personal fouls, where SMU had 20 and TCU had 9.

"We had some chances to score, we just couldn't put them away," Forrest said. "Mental breakdowns killed us."

TCU used the depth of the freshman class in much of the game. Freshmen Tiffany Bowling and Jamie Wolff both started in the losing effort for the Lady Frogs.

"We got the shots off," Bowling said. "We just couldn't get it in."

The loss dropped the Lady Frogs to 0-2 just before departing on their California road trip against three nationally ranked schools, Cal. Berkley, Stanford, and St. Mary's.

"All three are quality teams. We have to have a good performance from our goalkeeper. She's our backbone," Caffey said.

"Right now we're struggling to score. We must control the field and cannot let down," Caffey said. "To win we must play with 110 percent for 90 minutes with no breakdowns."

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cluded serving the best interests of the group, defending and protecting the group, promoting social justice and promoting integrity.

He defined a leader as a person who gets things done with the satisfaction of the group members and gets them done ethically, Rose said.

"Once you're a leader, you can't always do what's best and easiest for you," Rose said.

"Ethics is a topic that has been bounced around in all areas of society," said Rose, who thought of the theme. "And it also hadn't been a theme yet."

Chambers said the idea is very timely because of the fall of former Speaker of the House of Representatives Jim Wright and the Jim and Tammy Bakker scandal.

The delegates divided into 10 groups with each group discussing an ethical question such as date rape, hazing and confidentiality. Each of the topics applied to the university setting.

Trudy Scott, a senior public relations research major, said all groups were given a case study based on ethical principles. These were balanced between group and individual principles, anything from alcohol and drug problems to the French club, Scott said. Each case was similar to an actual problem from another university and had to be dealt with as a real problem. Then the groups discussed their separate conclusions of how to deal with each case.

"We discussed leadership styles, nothing that we could really take action on. The action would come in revising our own leadership style," Chambers said.

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classroom, said Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the Honors Program.

Eleanor Sanborn, a senior political science major, said that the retreat has always been a great time for everyone even if the weather does not cooperate.

"The format of the retreat is very good," Sanborn said. "You just can't predict the weather six months before the retreat."

Boone said that surveys were distributed Saturday to receive feedback from the students about the retreat.

Casper said, "I would really like to look at the input of the group from the surveys and be committed to doing things the way the Honors members want them done."

The retreat has always been at the YMCA Camp Carter, she said.

"We're not locked into the tradition of having it at the YMCA," Casper said. "There will definitely always be a retreat, but where, nobody knows."

Co-chairpersons Karen Casper and Scott Boone said they worked really hard and gained satisfaction in knowing the retreat was a success.

"I personally gained the energy to keep trying," Casper said. "I really felt people were behind me, so it was worth all the effort that went into it."

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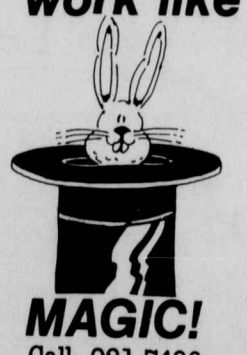
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