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Washington interns capitalize on experience, opportunities

Kennedy Center, State Department offer distinct working experiences

By MARY SALTARELLI
Staff Writer

TCU's Washington interns met performers and politicians, wined and dined visiting business people and learned to shoot Uzi submachine guns last fall.

And they all agree that their experiences working in the nation's capital were invaluable.

"It helped me clarify my goals," senior Doug Thompson said. "It gave me more of a direction in my life career-wise. It said 'This is it,' in big, bright lights."

Each fall, TCU sends 15 to 17 interns to Washington, D.C., through the Washington Center's internship program. Students earn 15 hours of credit for working in either the private or public sectors.

"It gives students an idea on how to apply a liberal arts education," said Eugene Alpert, associate professor of political science and faculty supervisor of the internship program. "It's almost an integrating experience for students. After three years of college courses, they realize how it all fits together."

The 17th annual internship reception was held Tuesday to honor returning interns as well as introduce those who will spend next fall in the capital.

"It's not just being in the professional world, but being in the professional world of D.C. that makes it a unique experience," Alpert said. "The role models they come across have critical importance for them."

TCU Daily Skiff/ Julia Stewart

Professor Eugene Alpert discusses how to survive in Washington, D.C., with old and new interns Monday.

Thompson, an accounting major and theater minor, worked at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where he was an assistant to the general manager.

He said the highlight of his internship was working on the Kennedy Center

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New interns offered advice on how to cope in the capital

By MARY SALTERELLI
Staff Writer

TCU students returning from a semester in the nation's capital regaled the 1990 interns with tales of their learning experiences during the 12th Annual Washington Internship Reception Tuesday.

Their advice ranged from daily living and transportation tips to professional pointers, but they all encouraged the new interns to make the most of their semester in Washington, D.C.

"Keep your eyes open, and be attentive — be open to the way people are living and the struggles people go through," said Stanley Hubbard, a political science major who worked at the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, a capital think-tank.

"There's power, there's humility, there's love, there's hate — be attentive to those things and you'll learn a lot about where you want to go with your life," he said.

The Washington Internship Reception is held each January to spotlight the achievements of the returning interns and introduce the students selected to go to D.C. next fall.

TCU began its Washington Internship Program in 1977 by joining the Washington Center, a non-profit educa-

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African-American celebration to start

By KATHLEEN TALBOTT
Staff Writer

African-American History Month starts today with programs throughout February sponsored by Black Student Caucus, Programming Council Forums Committee and the House of Student Representatives.

African-American History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans and to raise awareness of those achievements of those in the community, said Ralph Belk, vice president of Black Student Caucus.

"It was a combined effort of Black Student Caucus, National Association of Black Journalists, the House of Student Representatives, Programming Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Psi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi," said Logan Hampton, minority and program advisor, "and it probably should be that way."

Hampton said planning usually starts in October, and the House of Student Representatives and Forums Committee start their planning in late October and early November.

The House allocated less this year for the activities than in years past because of the $1,000 maximum allowance for all student organizations, Hampton said. However, Black Student Caucus organized fundraisers specifically to support the February activities.

Forums Committee helped pay for the appearance of Congressman Walter Fauntroy and will help with publicity, said Susan Dumler, chairwoman of the committee.

The celebration starts Monday with the film, "Ethnic Notions," which ex-

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Students get incentive to call alumni, parents

By AMY WILSON
Staff Writer

Every organization on campus is being called to get on the horn to frog alumni and parents.

Approximately 300 students from a variety of campus organizations are expected to participate in the 1990 TCU Student National Phonathon in an effort to raise $175,000 for the Annual Fund, said Julie Buell, director of fundraising for Student Foundation and chairman of the TCU Student National Phonathon.

I know that I couldn't be here without the people who give to the Annual Fund," said Buell. "This is the way that I, as a student, can help refurbish the funds that have been given to me."

This Sunday marks the launch of the 13th annual Phonathon, expected to encourage campus-wide participation in meeting the Annual Fund goal through new incentives to both organizations and individuals.

"We have more groups participating this year that have never participated before," Buell said. "One of my objectives was to get new groups involved, and that is happening."

Phonothan calling nights are Sunday through Thursday, Feb. 4 through March 1, excluding Feb. 14 and 28.

Each night of phoning will feature teams of five from different organizations competing for team and individual prizes, Buell said.

Students are encouraged to call not only alumni, but parents also, in an effort to get pledges, she said.

"An anonymous donor has put up $50,000 this year for a Parent Challenge. That fund will match parent gifts, a new target group," said Buell. "This

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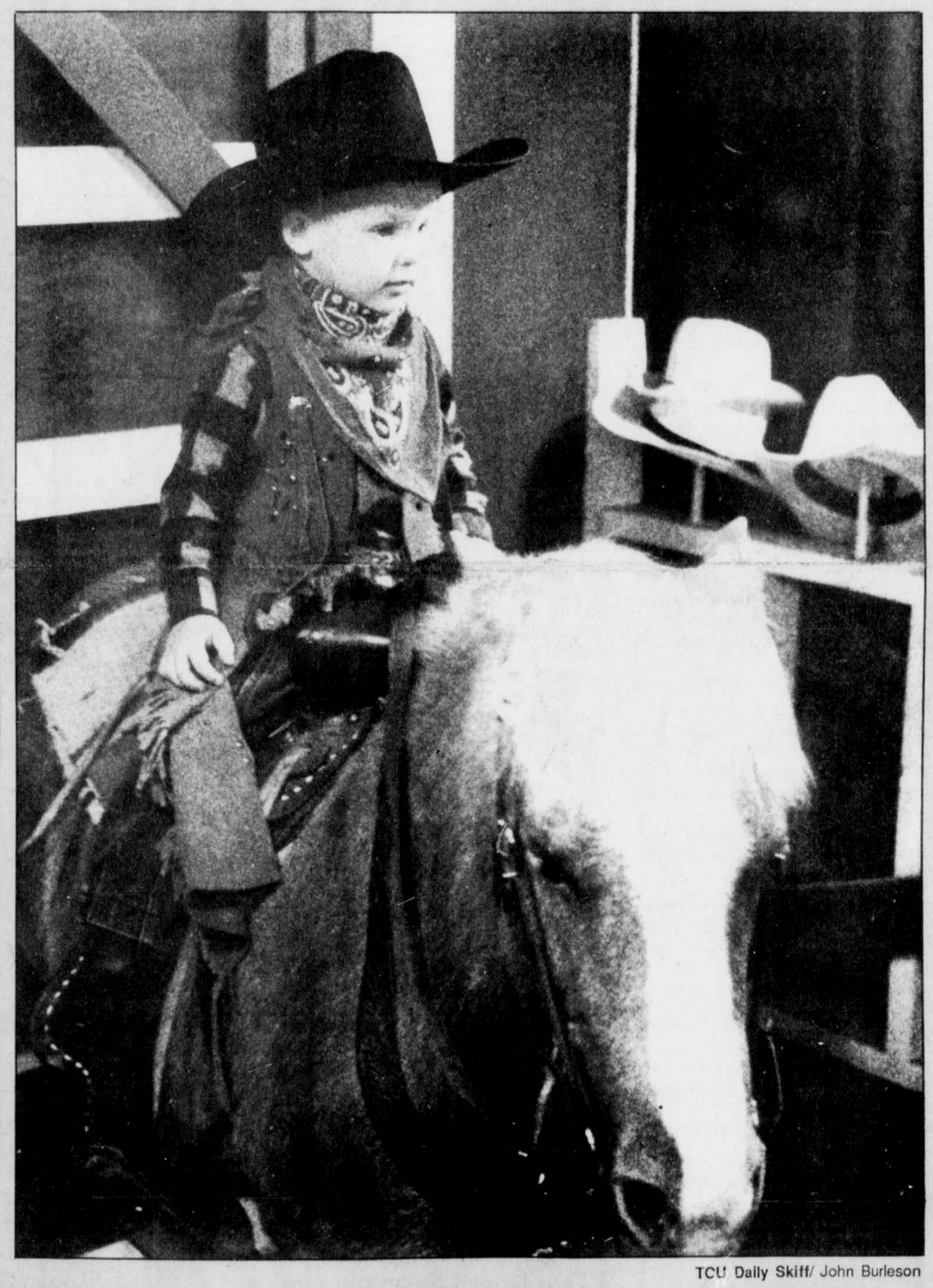

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Christopher Thomas, 3, of Dallas poses in costume for family pictures at the Stock Show Monday.

Faculty to discuss honesty

Senate's meeting first of semester

By SARAH NORMAND
Staff Writer

The Student Relations Committee will give a follow-up report on academic misconduct at the semester's first Faculty Senate meeting today.

The Student Relations Committee's charge is to "organize university-wide programs that would address the issue of academic misconduct with special emphasis given to techniques or strategies that may be used to prevent or discourage such activities."

The committee gave its initial report Oct. 5.

"We've been working on the question of academic honesty," said David Graham, chairman of the Student Relations Committee. "It's an on-going question for all schools."

Graham said the committee would make recommendations and a few motions today.

In other business, the Committee on Committees, chaired by Terry Elmore, will address its charge to "investigate current committee structure, including charges, reporting channels and school representation and recommend appropriate changes," at the meeting, Elmore said.

The committee, Elmore said, has surveyed each of the 27 university committees.

"We've heard back from the committee chairs of almost all of them," Elmore said. "Basically they said all is fine."

Elmore said his committee would be making one recommendation today.

The Academic Excellence Committee will report the results of a study of activities and plans that arose from the report and recommendations of the Committee for Academic Planning.

One of a kind

Artist says boat born out of 'joggled' images

By MARGARET THILL
Staff Writer

His personality captivates an audience and gives his art a dimension that is not evident in any one piece.

Students and other members of the community experienced artist Dalton Maroney's personality, bright sense of humor and simple intelligence Tuesday night in the Student Center ballroom.

Maroney, an associate professor of art at the University of Texas in Arlington, spoke about "Tanacross," the sculpture on the lawn of Ed Landreth, and about his life as an artist.

Students said that learning about Maroney's background, beliefs and style made his art come alive.

"I think the development of his art work and how it evolved was interesting," said Susan Rickey, a junior marketing major.

"I like his work because it's unusual," said Scott Kiedaisch, a sophomore marketing major. "It's one of those types of art that isn't stuffy."

Maroney's humor penetrated his lecture, even when he was criticizing his own work and discussing his perception of the role of titles.

At one point he flashed a slide of an early piece entitled "101 Dalmatian Nights" and let out a deep laugh.

"I didn't know I could make something so dumb. It was a combination between a house and a boat — abstract and simplified.

"Looking back now, I think it was a very transitional piece," Maroney said. He described how the work led to a period of transition when he did not work because he was determined to change his art.

"What I decided I needed to do is make something that was not art," Maroney said. The result was the first of many boat-like images, "Joggled."

"When I was done with it, I believed it was more art than anything I'd made before," he said.

Maroney's humor wasn't limited to descriptions of his work. Apparently, titles are worthy of his jibes as well.

"For years, all of my work was called 'Untitled' because I didn't want any sort of label attached to it," Maroney said.

He said that he began using titles because irony and humor don't always make it across to the viewer through a single work of art.

Maroney said even he sometimes forgets the titles of his work.

"That's how important titles are to me. Titles are fun, people like titles, but they are usually something I tack on afterwards, " he said.

He then jokingly invited members of the audience to call out or write down titles and make up their own.

"Maybe I'll use them. I do run dry sometimes," he said.

However, Maroney's attitude toward his work does have a serious side. The artist said he was heavily influenced early in his career by the minimalist movement and he "jumped on the bandwagon."

"Over the years, I realized there's

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Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy and cool with southerly winds at 10-20 mph with high's near 65 and low's near 40. There will be continued thunderstorms, growing severe in the afternoon.

Friday's weather will be cloudy, with decreasing thunderstorms and a high near 55.

Traffic ticket appeals begun by Board today

By LISA PETIT
Staff Writer

Each new semester at TCU brings more classes, more books, more tests and more and more parking tickets.

"TCU is not alone," John Bohon, history professor and chairman of the Traffic Regulations and Appeals Board, said in reference to the tickets. "Everyone at American colleges and universities from Harvard to TCJC will tell you that the most important issue on campus is parking."

Students and faculty who think they were unjustly issued a parking violation can appeal their tickets to the traffic court.

The board consists of representatives of the administration, faculty and students, Bohon said. One representative from each group makes up a court.

The court meets at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursdays every other week in the Student Center Room 204. Starting today, the board will decide appeals filed with the Campus Police. The board will also listen to those who wish to voice their complaints in person.

Bohon said that most appeals are for fire lane violations because they are expensive. Because unobstructed fire lanes are so important, they are rarely overturned except in cases where it is clear that the markings were obscured.

"I sympathize with faculty and students in this case," Bohon said. "But appeals like, 'my mom borrowed my car and wasn't familiar with the rules,' don't work, at least (not) during the courts that I sit on."

Meredith Goodson, a senior criminal justice major and member of the board, said she applied to be on the board because she did not agree with the way parking tickets and appeals were handled at TCU.

"I got a fire lane ticket once and I appealed it, but I still had to pay," Goodson said. "I thought that if I was going to

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CAMPUSlines

American Marketing Association will meet in the Tandy Enterprise room at 5 p.m. Thursday, to nominate new officers and hear Occidental Chemical Corporation employee Jim Zolnier.

Performing Arts Committee meets every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 203.

Forums Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the P.C. office of Student Activities to make the Randall Dale Adams banner.

Mortar Board Applications are available in the Dean of Students office, Sadler 101. The requirements are 3.1 cumulative GPA, 84 credit hours before August 1990, and graduate in May 1991 or later. Applications are due Feb. 16.

Army ROTC is now accepting applications for two- and three-year scholarships. Two-year scholarship deadline is Feb. 8 and three-year deadline is March 25. Call Captain John McCleary at 921-7455 for more information.

Performing Arts Committee will sponsor a Bao Dao Performance at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are on sale at the Student Center for $3 with TCU I.D.

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means that a $25 gift from a parent could mean up to $75 for the university."

"We called some of them (parents) last year, but the $50,000 Parent Challenge will give us the added incentive to try to increase parent pledges," Buell said.

This year American Airlines has donated a round-trip plane ticket, valued at $750, to be given to the individual receiving the highest number of parent pledges, she said.

Monetary prizes will be awarded on the basis of total dollars raised and range from $50 to $500 for the top 10 individuals, she said.

The organization with the most dollars pledged will win $1000.

"There are also a lot more nightly prizes, three times as many as last year," Buell said.

Letters were sent out in November to about 100 area merchants, and members of the Student Foundation followed up with either a phone call or visit, she said.

Right now we have over 200 prizes to give away, she said.

Students should also be reminded of why money is being raised for the Annual Fund, said Steve Winesett, a development associate.

The Annual Fund gifts help support student financial aid, educational programming, research projects, intercollegiate athletics and other university funding needs, Buell said.

"Beyond that, the Phonathon is just a whole lot of fun for both the caller and the people being called," Winesett said.

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tional organization that provides internships and academic seminars for over 700 colleges and universities.

Around 17 students are selected to go to Washington each year, and they spend the spring semester before they go to Washington D.C. preparing for their internships and the experience of living in the nation's capital.

Based on applications submitted to the Washington Center and phone interviews with prospective employers, students are placed in either public or private organizations in the city.

"The internship forces them to think about what really excites them," said Eugene Alpert, associate professor of political science and faculty supervisor of the internship program. "I ask students what would you really like to do if you had to get up at 6:30 a.m. every morning, catch a bus in the rain and get home in time to boil that hot dog."

During their internships, students must send journals to Alpert every other week and they are evaluated on their performances three times during the semester.

After they return to TCU, the students must write a paper approximately 20 pages in length about their internships. Each student earns 15 credit hours for the semester in D.C.

The Washington internships are open to all majors, and the 1990 group represents a diversity of academic and professional interests.

Junior Karen Casper, a biology major on a pre-med track, is interested in the legal aspects of current medical issues. She hopes to work for a medical lobbying group so she can gain an insight into national health care.

"There's so many issues — you feel like a charged ion because the atmosphere is so electric," she said. "There's a non-stop information flow."

Senior Daniel Kaszeta, a political science major and ROTC cadet, hopes to work in international relations or defense during his internship and on into his career.

"I'm really looking forward to living there and experiencing it," he said. "It seemed like a fun way to achieve my goals."

The 1990 interns who will spend the fall semester in Washington, D.C., are Susan Besze, junior journalism major; Julie Bettinger, junior political science major; Deena Brodsgaard, junior art history major; Brenda Burns, junior advertising/public relations major; Casper; Adam Davis, junior political science and history major; Jennifer Dolt, junior broadcast journalism and political science major; Pamela Hand, junior economics and political science major; Scott Hunt, senior journalism major; Kaszeta; Chad Martin, sophomore finance major; Steven Rubick, senior political science and English major; Shana Smith, junior radio-TV-film major; Todd Wallace, senior political science and history major; Brad Vanderbilt, junior political science, French and journalism major; and Debra Yaniko, junior economics and history major.

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something wrong with jumping on the bandwagon," Maroney said. "I began to realize that there are other things to do.

"When you jump on the bandwagon, you're either in it or out of it. With it or not," he said.

Maroney said that "-isms" exclude innovation and that there are too many other choices to be made to be resticted to them.

He also said that it is difficult to deliberately change the direction of his art or to stop working.

"Suddenly stopping or starting your art is like suddenly stopping your heart from beating," Maroney said. "It's like ripping something out."

During the lecture, he said that his art, including the boat images of the past ten years, expresses his connection with the environment.

Students seemed enlightened by Maroney's lecture, especially about "Tanacross," the work TCU has on loan for one year.

Laura Carmichael, a sophomore English major, said the lecture increased her appreciation of "Tanacross" and Maroney's work as a whole.

"I was one of the people who helped when the sculpture came on campus. After seeing that one piece, seeing his other work really captured my attention," Kiedaisch said.

Rick Barnhart, the Visual Arts Committee chair, said that 60 people attended the lecture. "We were excited about the turnout. We had expected about 50," he said.

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Honors program, during which the center gives five lifetime achievement awards to performers.

During the program, Thompson met many performers, among them actress Mary Martin, famous for her role as Peter Pan.

"I just walked up to her and said, 'Hi, I'm Doug Thompson,' and she said, 'So nice to meet you,' and flew off," he said.

Senior Cheryl Mann, a political science major, decided to attend TCU because of its internship program. She worked at U.S. Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security, preparing training programs for the bureau's agents.

During her internship, Mann learned to fire an Uzi submachine gun and a .357 magnum on the diplomatic security agents' training range.

Mann said that although her work was exciting, the experience convinced her that diplomatic security is not her field.

"It helped narrow my decision down," she said. "I know I could never be a good diplomatic security agent because a good agent would be able to put themselves in life-threatening situations. I wouldn't be comfortable with that as a career."

Senior Ami Harry, an advertising/public relations major, decided when she was a freshman that she eventually wanted to participate in the internship program.

Harry worked for USA Hosts, a company that coordinates special activities for corporations and associations when they bring large groups of business people to Washington D.C.

Her first week on the job, Harry helped organize a sit-down dinner for 860 Gillette sales people on the lawn of Mount Vernon, George Washington's historic home on the Potomac River in Virginia. USA Hosts organized the dinner for Gillette as part of Gillette's kick-off campaign for its new razor, the Sensor.

Organizing the lavish dinner and other capital activities like champagne night tours of Washington for 1500 people convinced Harry that special events is her field.

"It really stregthened my belief that that's what I want to do," Harry said. "It showed me my options that were out there and what I could do with them."

But Harry said the highlight of her internship was just being in the nation's capital.

"It made me more aware of things that are happening in the world that we need to be concerned about," she said.

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complain about it then I should do something about it."

Goodson said that being on the board is an experience that a lot of people could benefit from.

"Now I know how the appeals are decided and I do understand that the fire lane restrictions are there in case of emergency," Goodson said. "I've also learned that lame excuses don't work."

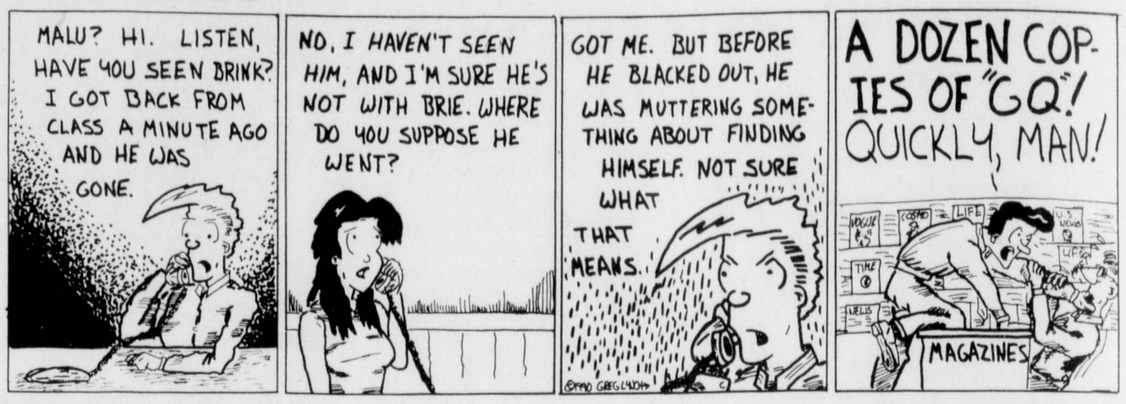
Neither Goodson nor Bohon know of any instances where fire trucks or ambulances were blocked because of cars that were illegaly parked in fire lanes.

"But mark my word," Bohon said. "Someday there will be an emergency and someone will die."

Bohon said that sometimes tickets are issued over the holidays or because a student was parked five or 10 minutes too long in a space reserved for faculty.

"In those cases the Campus Police are in the wrong and we just throw them out," Bohon said.

DOG DAYS by Greg Lynch



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Only a beginning

African-American Month can't stand alone

Today is the first day of African-American History Month, a period designed to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans and to raise the community's awareness of the contributions of African-Americans.

While there are many activities planned on campus to celebrate and honor African-Americans, TCU has ignored the best way to honor them — bringing more African-American students and professors to campus.

TCU has an anemic African-American population on campus. In fact, all minorities are sorely misrepresented. The number of students at TCU is approximately 7,000, but only 3.9 percent of those are African-Americans. European-Americans make up 88 percent of the student body.

Out of 305 faculty, 5 percent are minorities. Last fall, no minority professor was a full professor.

In addition, the fact that classes began on the day set aside to honor Martin Luther King also sends a message to African-Americans — one that contradicts the message of African-American History Month.

To truly honor African-Americans, the university needs to increase their representation on campus, as both students and faculty.

Having more African-Americans on campus will only serve to enrich the educational experience by bringing a diversity of experiences and opinions to campus. That benefits European-Americans as well by helping them to understand the struggle of African-Americans in the United States and the need to have a month to honor African-Americans.

The events scheduled for the upcoming month are a start, but they must be understood as only a start. By increasing the African-American presence on campus, then TCU will truly begin to fulfill the function of the month of February.

Letters to the Editor

Amnesty malcontents

After reading the *Skiff* article on Tuesday regarding the Amnesty International demonstration, I would like to comment on some of the questionable statements those chronic whiners made. Amnesty members were quoted as saying that public opinion should not constitute law. If public opinion should play no role in law, what should? Perhaps we should trash our whole government and submit to a benevolent dictatorial government run by Amnesty International. They obviously know what's best for all of us. No need for nasty little things like public opinion to influence the laws of the state and country.

In our representative democracy, when we cast a vote for the candidate of our choice, we hope they will pursue policies with which we agree. Why should they follow the whims of out-of-touch left-wing fringe groups like Amnesty International? These people are almost as nutty as the ACLU.

I would also like to comment on the statistics the demonstrators cited which supposedly show the system is biased against minorities. Since 39.8 percent of all death row inmates are black and 51.8 percent are white — even though blacks account for only 12 percent of the general population — this must surely prove racism. Wrong! The demonstrators neglected to mention some other statistics. Whites, who are about 75 to 80 percent of the population, commit less than 40 percent of all murders. Blacks, on the other hand, commit at least 50 percent of all homocides. It seems quite obvious that blacks receive more death sentences than whites simply because, simply put, blacks commit more violent crimes.

However, liberals, being the devious little plotters they are, have come up with victim based discrimination — the idea that killers of whites are more likely to receive a death sentence than killers of blacks. In the case of *McCleskey v. Kemp* (1987), the U.S. Supreme Court had the good sense to reject this intellectually dishonest notion. Liberals know good and well that if more killers of blacks were sentenced to death, an even larger percentage of the nation's death row population would soon be black since most killers of blacks are themselves black. Soon the bleeding hearts would again raise the issue of discrimination on the basis of the offender's race.

Other liberals love to cite sociological studies which "prove" the death penalty is not a deterrent. They conveniently neglect to mention that these studies were done by sociologists who were already opposed to capital punishment. They also fail to mention that there have indeed been studies which show the death penalty to be a deterrent. But liberals don't care about this. The main concern of these people is to destroy the fabric of America in the hope that we will turn to socialism for the solution to all our problems. Justice is the last thing these malcontents have on their minds.

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Sounding off on environment

While many of us have had periods in our lives when we have lived in a helter-skelter manner, acting according to transitory moods or whims, we may also recall that at other times there was an order to our activities. An overriding concern at those times seemed to keep the myriad of details in perspective. At those times, daily life was no less a challenge, but at least it made sense. There was a goal to which everything else was subordinate.

What I would like to propose is that we can do no better than to make global environmental soundness our priority goal. It could be the central element of our ethos ("the distinguishing character sentiment, moral nature or guiding beliefs of a person, group or institution" — Webster's). I would argue that such a perspective does not necessarily conflict with any religious perspective, but, in fact, would complement one's religious stance if it is not a present component.

This ethos is not only *the* rational response to the environmental crisis, which literally threatens the continued existence of quality life on earth, it is also an opportunity for Americans to once again share a common vision.

Imagine what would happen if all of the self-interested groups vying against each other would call a truce and begin their energy, intelligence and will. They may discover, while working together against a problem that threatens all of us equally, that differences are not too great and disagreements are not insoluble among people who share a vision.

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Military intelligence gets food for thought

By GREG LYNCH
Columnist

You know, when the United States invaded Panama back around Christmastime, I was pretty much apathetic about it.

I mean, I watched the news on TV, and I read the articles in the newspaper, but I had no real strong feelings on either side, except for one: "Hope I don't get drafted."

And that was pretty much it. I was upset about Noriega killing that one serviceman, but I couldn't escape the feeling that Bush and the boys were just looking for an excuse to flex some muscle.

Either way, I didn't find it really stimulating or controversial stuff.

That is, until a few days ago.

I heard about this in my reporting class last Friday and got my first strong feeling in this whole, dare I say it, Panamagate affair. Disgust. Shock. Incredulity. You name it, I got it.

Apparently, as the last wave of Marines broke across Panama City and infested Noriega's mansion, someone found cocaine.

Rather, someone thought they found cocaine. In the middle of dragging new BMWs and raunchy pornography out of the house and into the light, it seemed obvious there would have to be drugs, right?

Right.

Wrong.

It seems that whoever it was who found this "cocaine" assumed immediately it was some kind of a narcotic. Not so.

Once they got the aforementioned "cocaine" out of the mansion, the military minds down in Panama "discovered" it was not cocaine at all. Oh, no, it was what they called a bonding substance, i.e. glue.

One might think that one of America's soldiers mistaking glue for cocaine was a pretty bad mistake. But then again, he'd just come from the heat of battle and was all caught up in looting the mansion. I suppose it would be understandable, if that were all there were to it.

Apparently, once they got this glue into some competent hands, it was discovered it was not glue at all. It was tamales.

Tamales.

This entire situation, aside from being mind-boggling, offers up a fair amount of possibilities.

First, the serviceman could be from some place in the United States where they really don't have cocaine, glue or tamales. I'm not exactly sure where that might be, but I am sure I don't ever want to go there.

Second, and my personal favorite, is that the guy is just an isolated idiot.

Third, he's not an isolated idiot, and this is nothing but an illustration of that most famous of oxymorons: military intelligence.

Of course, there could be extenuating circumstances to all this. I mean, things had to have been confused down there while all this was going on, and it would've been really bad if this soldier had never seen tamales before.

Which brings us to another point. Just how many tamales did ol' Manuel have sitting around his home? And how old were they? I mean, what kind of shape were they in?

Unless they'd started to decompose pretty badly, it seems like it ould be obvious what they were, even to someone, god forbid, completely unfamiliar with tamales.

After all, what've you got here? A corn husk, filled with corn meal/beans/meat/onions/jalapenos/whatever else they dreamed up to cram into the poor things.

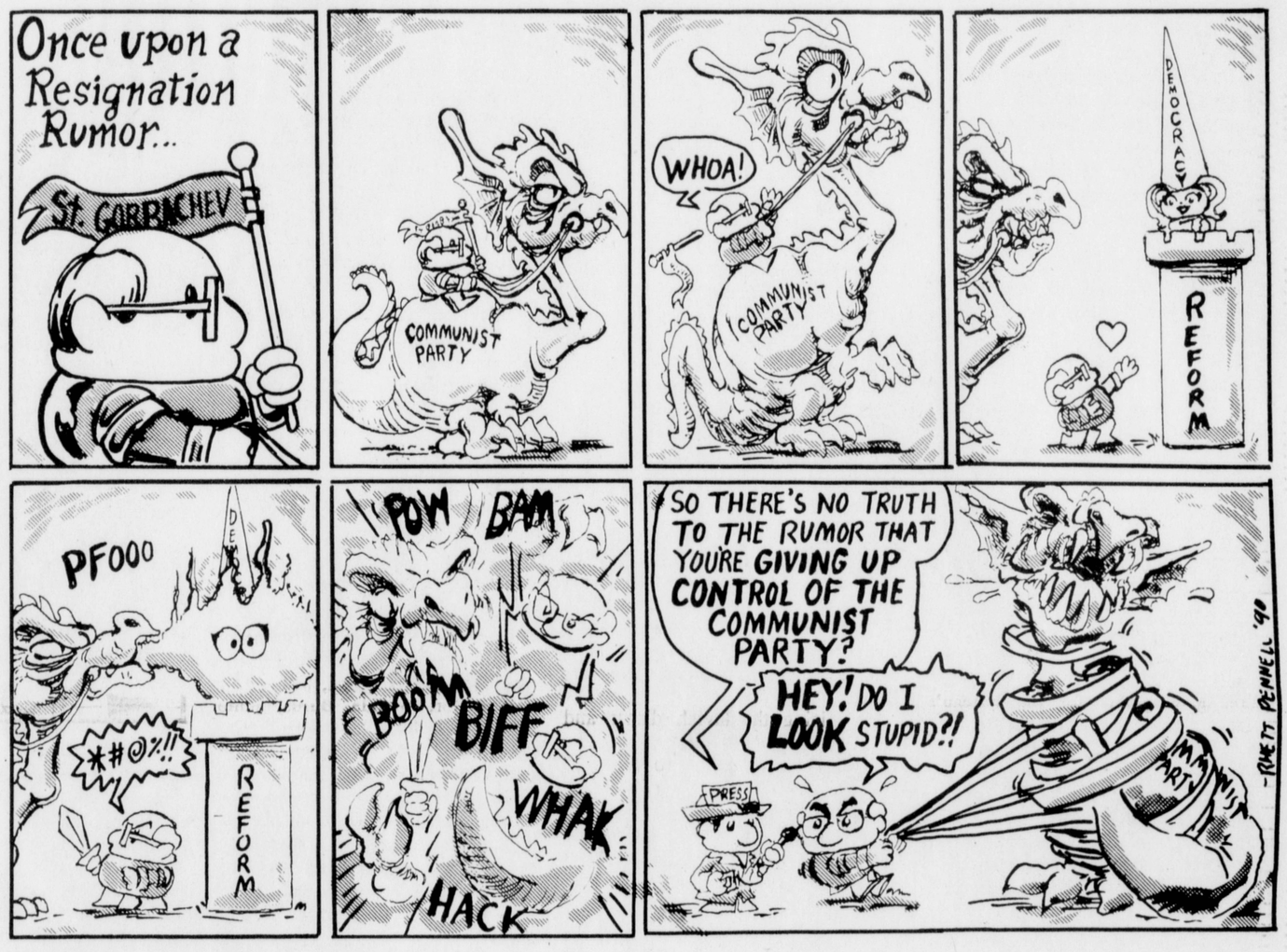
It seems pretty cut and dried, I'd say, and I really can't understand someone mistaking tamales for cocaine. As for the glue, God knows how that fits in.

It's a funny situation, but it's also kind of scary. After all, soldiers are representatives of our nation, and having ranks filled with people who can't tell the difference between drugs, glue and food is not going to be very impressive to foreign nations.

And what if it's not limited to the military? What happens when cops start raiding restaurants and grocery stores?

Kind of a scary concept.

Y'all excuse me while I go eat dinner, before they come and drag me off for possession of tacos.



Freedom locks out Chinese students

By JENNIFER DOLT
Columnist

I love being a student. I really do.

Without realizing it most of the time, I am a very lucky student because I am a free student.

I can study what I want when I want where I want because I live in a country that allows me to do so.

I can attend the university of my choice and attend classes of my choice to fill a standard curriculum. I can even make criticism of my institution if I see the need to call for improvements. I can also speak freely about my views of my government. I can do all this because I was lucky enough to be born in a democratic nation.

Chinese students are not so lucky.

Last week, the Senate approved President Bush's veto of a bill that would have protected about 40,000 Chinese youth who are studying in the United States from being sent back to China.

This doesn't sound like a necessarily urgent issue until you consider the fact that many of those students, who are now faced with a return to the homeland, spoke out against their government during the Tiananmen Square protest.

Thousands of Chinese students fill our classrooms to take advantage of our institutions of higher learning because such an opportunity is not available to them at home.

In the land of protection of free speech, they justifiably felt free to speak their minds without realizing the future consequences of returning to the land of no guaranteed protection of free speech.

These students now fear governmental punishment for supporting a democratic uprising when they return to China, all in the name of good foreign relations between the countries.

President Bush has won a test of political strength by keeping his China policy intact, but the overall good relations between the nations doesn't stand for a grain of rice when individuals fighting for democracy are not supported.

Solving foreign policy dilemmas usually result in choosing the lesser of the evil possibilities in order to determine what is best for the national interest.

This is both a political and ideological issue. It would be neat if we could give unending support for democratic uprisings, but unfortunately this doesn't fit into the political foreign policy game. Unfortunately, the students lose on this one.

Bush indeed made the promise that the students would be fully protected under the stars and stripes and that he will still urge the Chinese government to respect the human rights of its citizens.

Nonetheless, Chinese students have expressed fear and disappointment in the legislative veto.

The message they are receiving as to the concerns of the United States is contradictory. The strongest democracy is making friendly relations with the leadership of a country that practices martial law and individual contraints on freedom.

No one is in favor of having the Chinese government angry at Americans, but showing support for a government that muffles the principles for which we stand should not be tolerated. The Chinese students are the ones being penalized in the means of reaching the end of being on nice terms with the Chinese leaders.

I am a free student. I am among the lucky ones.

Liberal legalization stance stupifying

By DAVE THOMS
Columnist

Legalization is one of the less rational and more intellectually dishonest strategies that have been suggested to fight the "war on drugs."

This somewhat popular notion seems to contend that legalization would not only serve to provide greater control of the problem, but also would serve to remove the criminal element of drug use, thus alleviating many of the accompanying evils which make the drug problem so significant.

Most proponents of the idea consider themselves liberal, and the vast majority of the support for legalization seems to be rooted in that end of the political spectrum. Unfortunately, however, it is that very support that seems to have fallen prey to the type of short-sightedness with which they so often use to characterize opponents.

Legalization is an unacceptable alternative not because of any inherent immorality in drug use, nor in what many perceive as a would-be institutionalization and consequent implicit advocacy, but rather because of the increased adverse effects in the sense of a greater societal dysfunction.

Among the core tenets of liberalism is the contention that morality must not be legislated. To some extent, legalization is seen as a remedy to existing moral legislation. What many liberals who support legalization have failed to recognize is that legalization would permit the exercise of an overwhelming power to significantly add to the disparity between this society's classes, the type of disparity which has so often served as the rallying cry for liberals.

The thought of legalization should send chills down the spines of die-hard liberals, but because a great number of these die-hards are currently befallen to a sense of desperateness, they seem to have overlooked the most significant danger of legalization.

An already-dysfunctional society can only slide further down the hill if the problems that contribute to that dysfunction are addressed only at the branches rather than at the roots.

Drugs have matured into an inordinately powerful tool in stratifying society. The disparity between socioeconomic classes increases directly with the proliferation of drugs.

Such proliferation is not respective of socioeconomic classes, but access to the various apparatus which enables one to overcome a "drug problem" is. Essentially, the upper classes, though they likely are as subject to drug abuse as any other class, have access to the medical, educational and legal institutions that the lower classes do not. This is not to say that those without money cannot get help. Rather, those with money are in a much better situation to overcome their problem.

While those higher on the income ladder continue to succeed, those at the bottom remain, and the distance between the two widens.

Without a doubt, the proliferation of drugs is symptomatic. We live in a dysfunctional society wherein such proliferation is fostered and given room to progress. Treating the symptoms rather than the disease is a hollow gesture that will ultimately end in failure; to treat the symptoms with a "cure" that only feeds the disease is suicide.

Sports

Guard assists TCU's cause

Tony Edmond overcomes struggles to lead Frogs

By PAUL MOUNT
Sports Writer

For Tony Edmomd it hasn't been easy.

When he came to TCU he knew things would get tough at times, but he couldn't give up. He had been in a similar situation his freshman year at Mississippi State, but decided to transfer to a junior college close to his home in Corinth, Miss.

Now in his second season with the Frogs, Edmond, the Frogs' 6-foot-1 senior point guard, split his playing time with freshman Ray Kelly.

Each was averaging about 20 minutes a game and Kelly even started a game in early December. Kelly looked to be the future while Edmond, the senior, was on his way out.

But when Kelly decided leave TCU and transfer to the University of California at Santa Barbara, the job was Edmond's once again.

Edmond is perhaps playing his best basketball since coming to TCU. Edmond set personal highs in points, 18, and assists, 15, against Houston Jan. 20.

Edmond said the Kelly situation was tough on him because he was the senior and Kelly was the freshman who lacked seasoning.

"He (Kelly) was going to be a great player," Edmond said. "He just didn't know the system yet. He would force a lot of things.

"We got along, and sometimes I got jealous of all the things he could do. I tried to put them out of my mind, but I knew I really wasn't as talented as him."

Since Kelly's departure, Edmond's game has reached new heights. He leads the SWC in assists, as he has done both his years at TCU, with 7.8 per game, but his scoring average has escalated. Edmond has averaged 11.6 points to go with eight assists in eight conference games.

Edmond has become the Frogs ironman or minuteman, who has come to the aid of the Frogs when they need him most. He's played 323 out of 325 possible minutes at this point in the conference season.

With the point guard position his, Edmond gets to show his talents. He doesn't have to worry about being taken out if he makes a mistake, forward Erik Martin said.

"He has much more confidence," Martin said. "He's not worried about being substituted. He's back to normal for him."

While Edmond started most of the Frog's games at point guard last year and led the conference in assists, coach Moe Iba said he's more of a total player now.

"Tony's developed as a player," Iba said. "He's taken charge of our team. Last year he turned the ball over too much. He's grabbed a hold and played excellent basketball."

"Last year teams wouldn't guard him tightly because they knew he wouldn't shoot," Martin said. "They would pack it in inside and wait for him to pass."

In high school Edmond was no stranger to scoring, averaging 24 points a game.

"I wasn't a great shooter, but I could score," Edmond said "In high school I scored 53 points in one game."

Edmond said when he was at Mississippi State he was in disarray because of his role with the club. He was uncomfortable and confused.

"At Mississippi State, the big question was when to shoot and when not to shoot," Edmond said. "I took a lot of ill advised shots. I was told to get the ball to other players. The coach often cussed me out, and I had negative reactions about that."

Edmond decided it was time for a change and transferred to Northeast Community College, which is about 20 minutes from his home in Corinth.

At Northeast, Edmond was able to get his confidence back. He said he felt comfortble.

"I discovered my game," Edmond said, "At Mississippi State I was confused. At Northeast I was close to home and I knew a lot of the players."

In his two years at Northeast, Edmond's game increased and he received attention for his passing talents and defensive play. He was comfortable. His mother got to see him play, but he had to decide about trying division I basketball again.

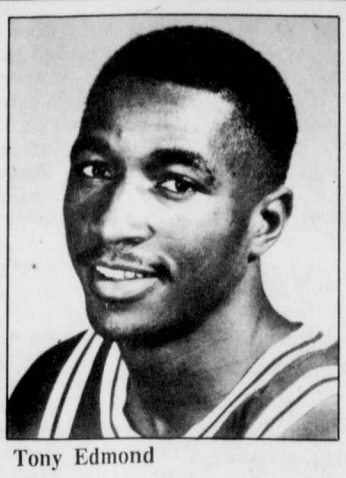
Edmond said he knew times would get tough for him, and they did early this season. But he could not let down.

"I knew what I had to do," Edmond said. "I knew I couldn't give up no matter how bad things got.

"I knew what they expected of division I basketball. It was just a matter of time, but coach (Iba) kept working with me and going over plays."

Edmond said TCU was not his first choice. He wanted to transfer to Alabama-Birmingham or Virginia Tech, but UAB had a surplus of guards and Virginia Tech was on NCAA probation.

"I did not know they had won their conference two years in a row," Edmond said. "I thought it was an NAIA school at first."


Tony Edmond

Iba was impressed with Edmond's speed and quickness and said he just had a little trouble adjusting to Iba's system.

"He's had a hard time with structure," Iba said. "He's finally adjusted to our system. He's become a complete player."

Edmond has been an SWC standout in assists and said it's something he takes pride in, especially when things are not going well.

Aside from the competition between him and Kelly, the rest of the team was in limbo. Besides Kelly, four other players, (Todd Willis, Jay Lomas, Damon Robertson and Arthur Hurst) had quit.

With all the trouble with the team, Edmond said he feared the worst, but a players-only team meeting after a loss to Montana State got the team together.

The Frogs came back and put together a string of victories over East Carolina, Prairie View and SMU. Edmond was the undisputed point guard.

Iba and the rest of the Frogs agree that Edmond is the team leader.

"He likes the minutes," Iba said. "He was uncomfortable when he wasn't playing. Now he's in charge of the whole show."

Frogs ready for a new beginning

By MARK PACKER
Sports Writer

Despite a poor showing in the first half of Southwest Conference play, the men's basketball team says it can win at least seven of the remaining eight conference games.

After defeating SMU in the first conference game 63-61, the Frogs said this would be their year. Little did they know that only four points would seperate them from winning the next two games.

"Those first few games really hurt us," freshman guard Allen Tolley said. "We had some high points and low points early in the season."

After losing at home to Texas A&M, 72-71, followed by a tough home loss to the University of Texas, 83-80, the Frogs felt like they could do nothing right.

"We played extremely well together in those games," freshman forward Erik Martin said. "We just couldn't pull it off at the end against two tough teams."

The Frogs had all of America thinking when they had an eight-point halftime lead at Arkansas. However the second half was a different story because of Todd Day.

The sophomore sensation sparked the Razorbacks to a commanding second-half run to put away the Frogs, 93-79. Arkansas is currently ranked third in the Associated Press poll.

After that third disappointing loss in a row, the Frogs took to the road again, this time to Houston to meet the Rice Owls. This was to be the most disappointing loss of the conference campaign, 66-64 in overtime.

"We went into the game expecting it to be easy," sophomore center Reggie Smith said. "We cut a big lead to send it into overtime but couldn't finish them off."

With the Frogs conference record at 1-4, the Houston Cougars came into town for what most expected to be a blowout. . . for the men in red. But TCU had other ideas. Michael Strickland led a three-point explosion for the Frogs propelling them to a 51-36 halftime lead.

"We needed Strickland to be hot tonight," coach Moe Iba said after the game. "He was the difference tonight."

After allowing the Cougars to take the lead at 70-68, the Frogs went on a 21-3 run to win, 89-73.

"We needed that win very badly," point guard Tony Edmond said afterwards. "We were beginning to lose confidence that we could win, I think we just got it back."

Next, the SWC's last-place team, the Texas Tech Red Raiders (0-6 at the time in the SWC), came to Fort Worth where they gave the Frogs all they wanted for 30 minutes. However, the final 10 minutes of regulation play were dominated by TCU. The final score had TCU up, 62-52.

With a 3-4 conference record, the Frogs traveled to Waco to take on the Baylor Bears. The Frogs lost 63-60 because they could not get a grip on the ball in the final seconds of the game.

The Frogs will try to start the second half on the right foot with a victory over the SMU Mustangs at noon on Saturday in the friendly confines of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Former baseball standout hopes to bring return to glory days

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
Sports Writer

TCU's Lance Brown is about to begin his fourth season as a head baseball coach, but it is not his fourth season as a Horned Frog.

When Brown accepted the head coaching position in 1986, he returned to the field where he had been an All-American standout and had led the Frogs to a Southwest Conference championship.

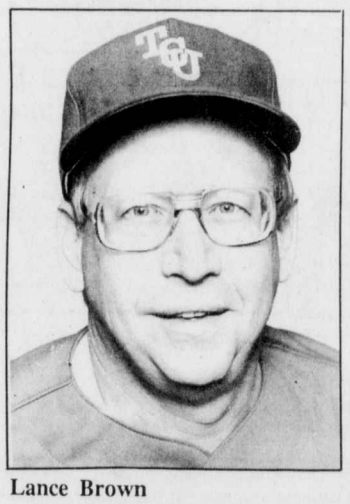
Brown was the Southwest Conference Player of the Year in 1963 when he won a school record 11 games, going 8-1 in the conference, while striking out a then-TCU record 109 batters.

Current TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger was in his second season as TCU baseball coach when Brown, a senior, was named an All-American.

"He was a hard worker. . . Lance was a delight (to coach) because he was one of those players that came from no place. He was a youngster from Missouri that just walked on to the team and earned a scholarship," Windegger said.

After a 20-year absence from TCU, Lance Brown had a homecoming.

"It was sort of a weird feeling (coming back to TCU)," Brown said. "It was something I had dreamed about since I started coaching in high school."


Lance Brown

The job of TCU baseball coach opened up several times while Brown was coaching in high school, but Windegger said that Brown's lack of collegiate-level coaching experience kept him from getting it.

That changed in 1983 when he joined the staff at Rice University as their pitching coach. In his first season there, the Owls led the nation with a 2.60 earned run average.

"He was more than ready for the job when it opened (in 1986)," Windegger said. "I was elated that Lance could finally come home."

"It was a big surprise to come back (to TCU). It had been something I was thinking about since I came out of pro ball and started coaching," Brown said.

After his senior season, Brown was drafted by the Chicago Cubs and played three years of professional baseball. An arm injury and surgery to remove calcium deposits in his elbow ended his playing career, but not his love for the game.

Brown said that his philosophy is to maximize and to develop each player's individual talents and potential.

"I take each individual and have him do what he does best for as long as he can do it," Brown said.

Brown's players said they share this philosophy.

"He knows what he wants to get accomplished, and he wants you to work hard for it. He doesn't expect anything less," said junior shortstop Brad Firestone.

Brown expressed his expectations of each player at one-to-one conferences during the fall, Firestone said. These expectations, being shared by the players, form an overall winning attitude on the team.

"The attitude (on the team) is very hungry. We want to make up for last year. Because of injuries we didn't meet up to our expectations," said David Faulkner, a junior pitcher.

Coach Brown, despite his high expectations, has not been putting pressure upon his players, Firestone said.

"He's been really friendly with everyone and easy-going. It's loose right now (in practice)," Firestone said.

"We really enjoy it because he (Brown) makes practice fun," said sophomore pitcher Chris Eddy. "We're serious about practice but we still have fun because we're all good friends, and he's like one of the players to us. We really respect him."

The team is a tight-knit group that Brown himself has brought together.

"It's kind of like our own fraternity. We're all brothers. We all like each other and hang around together. Coach Brown is a part of that," Eddy said.

Eddy, who transferred to TCU from Texas Tech, said that Coach Brown was the main reason he came to TCU.

"He inspired me a lot," Eddy said. "I liked the school and the baseball program. It's an A-1 program he's got going on here."

Part of Brown's success stems from his extensive knowledge of the game he has garnered from his past experiences in the collegiate and professional levels, Windegger said.

"His knowledge of the game is outstanding, and I think that talking to him as a young player, you can find this out in a hurry."

"Any questions that I might have about the game, he knows the answers to," Faulkner said.

Faulkner also said that he has learned not only about baseball but about himself as a result of being one of Brown's students.

"I've learned respect for myself as a ballplayer and what it means to give 110 percent every day," he said.

"My main goal is to be the best that I can be in baseball and in my career, both on the field and in the classroom."

Coach Brown emphasizes that his players are students first, Windegger said.

"Lance does make sure that they're in class and does make sure they're making progress toward a degree. That's their primary goal," Windegger said.

"The classroom is the greatest teaching tool for character that we have," said Brown, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree from TCU in 1967 while still playing in the Cubs' organization.

"There are times when you get up and you don't want to go to class. If you go ahead and force yourself to go then you're making a habit that will carry over to the baseball field," he said.

"Then it becomes not so much a habit but a way of life. Players that don't give their best in the classroom won't give their best on the ballfield either."

Windegger said that he was impressed by the progress Brown has made since coming to TCU and the grades made by players on Brown's team.

"Lance is a great asset to TCU as a recruiter since he was a player here," Windegger said.

"He's brought in the players that he wanted in here. He's got people in here who he knows can compete and that will give 110 percent every day," said Firestone.

"I'm very comfortable with this year's players, especially since we've been together for two or three seasons," he said.

"I wanted us to get to a point where year in and year out we have a quality team," he said. I would love for us to win a Southwest Conference championship and play in the College World Series. That is a super challenge to get there."

The team members are striving to be the best they can be, and they have their sights on that super challenge. With their mentor and fellow teammate Lance Brown, they're going for it.

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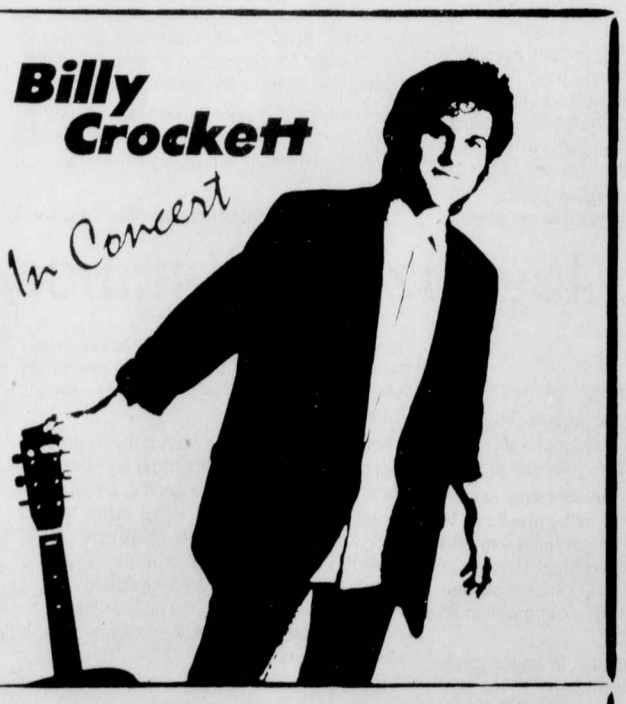
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