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Waits Hall hosts an Australian Party as a part of the International Students' Week Salute to the World program, Tuesday night.

Boy fractures leg in car accident

7-year-old slipped, police say

By JADA THADANI
and THAAI WALKER
Staff Writers

A 7-year-old boy was in fair condition at Harris Methodist-Fort Worth Hospital Wednesday after a car accident involving a TCU student Tuesday night.

Kenneth Jackson Jr. was struck about 10:15 p.m. while crossing from the south side of West Cantey Street to the parking lot on the north side, said Fort Worth police officer T.M. Majors.

The boy received multiple fractures to his leg and required surgery, said his father, Kenneth Jackson Sr.

Kenneth Jackson's mother, Connie Jackson, who was walking across the street with her son, sustained a broken ankle and was released from the hospital Tuesday night, said Joan Mertz, emergency room unit leader.

Witnesses said Connie Jackson and her son had crossed through heavy traffic in the eastbound lane and appeared to be watching the traffic so closely that they walked into a gray Volkswagen Jetta driven by freshman Jennifer Poston which was travelling in the westbound lane, according to the TCU police report.

Neither Poston nor the four other passengers in her car were injured.

According to the TCU police report, Kenneth Jackson and his mother slipped on the wet concrete, and the boy's leg went under the left front tire.

Connie Jackson and her son were both taken by a Med Star ambulance to the Harris Methodist-Fort Worth emergency room at about 10:40 p.m.

"They hit the side of my car," said Poston, an arts and sciences pre-major. "They were to the side of me, not in front of me at all.

"I heard screaming, so I parked my car and jumped out — it all happened so fast," she said.

"The streets were wet, but that probably was not a factor (affecting Poston's involvement in the accident)," Majors said.

Eastbound traffic was heavy at the time of the accident due to the high school basketball play-off game Wednesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, Majors said.

"People were worried about the traffic, not about crossing the street," Majors said. "She (Connie Jackson) had a small child with her so it was even more dangerous — there was so much distraction."

Connie Jackson said, "It was clear enough to walk. We didn't see the car coming.

"Before we knew it, the car was there. By then it was too late to stop," she said.

"It was unbelievable. It happened so fast I didn't think it was happening," Connie Jackson said.

Other passengers in Poston's car included Danna Bailey, freshman business pre-major; Brannen Chamberlain,

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Suspected case of measles sends student home to recover

By KATHLEEN TALBOTT
Staff Writer

Freshman journalism major Nicole Foy went home for a probable case of measles last Thursday, but the Health Center and Peggy Barr, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said her case is not confirmed.

"We're waiting for confirmation, and if that does happen, the Public Health Department will tell us what preventative steps we need to take," Barr said.

Foy said she went to the Health Center Feb. 21 because she thought she was sick.

"They found bumps and thought I had measles, and I stayed overnight. The next day I was broken out," she said.

Her parents came and picked her up Thursday.

Barr, who did not reveal Foy's name, said the student with measles went home because she wanted to and because it was convenient for her since she lives in nearby in Farmersville.

Marilyn Forney, administrative assistant at the Health Center, said if someone is suspected of having measles, the Health Center sends them home if he or she lives nearby, but if the student lives far away, he or she stays until the disease is confirmed.

Foy said that the Health Center identified her "bumps" as "koplik" spots.

Forney said a blood test needs to be taken before the disease can be confirmed, but Dr. Frank Cohen, an epidemiologist at the Fort Worth Health Department, said koplik spots, which look like grains of salt in the back of the mouth where the gums meet the inside of the cheeks, usually confirms the patient has measles.

"If the patient has koplik spots, it would be sufficient to say they have measles because measles is the only disease that causes them," Cohen said.

Foy said the only reason she can imagine why the Health Center did not confirm her case is because they are trying not to alarm people.

Barr said if the student's case is confirmed, TCU will take steps to prevent students on campus from contracting the disease.

So far this year, 40 cases of measles have been confirmed in Tarrant County, and 45 more are suspected to have measles but have not been confirmed, said Johnny Humphreys, public information specialist at the Health Department.

Measles is a contagious disease spread through contact such as coughing and sneezing. Typical symptoms include a high fever, a cough, runny, red eyes, a runny nose, and koplik spots. These symptoms are followed by a rash on the face that rapidly spreads over the rest of the body. The rash can last four to seven days.

"After you have broken out, the worst part is over," Foy said.

She said she expects to be back in school on Monday.

The measles can lead to more serious complicatons, such as ear infections, encephalitis (swelling of the brain), bronchial pneumonia and heart trouble.

The vaccination for measles is available at health department clinics and is still available at the Health Center for $4.

"The measles will continue to be a threat through March," Cohen said. "This week will tell the tale if there's going to be an epidemic."

He said the measles is primarily a winter season disease that dissipates when the weather gets warmer.

Professor promotes computer comradery

By CAROLINE KOBE
Staff Writer

During the past year, James Comer, chairman of the computer science department, made a number of trips to Washington, D.C.

He was making sure preparations were going smoothly for the Association for Computing Machinery's annual international contest that was held on February 21.

"The ACM promotes interest in computer science among students," he said. "It's the largest professional society for computer science."

"I've been involved the last eight or nine years," he said.

Comer was a student at Texas A&M where the contest originated.

He, along with other members of the contest committee including associate professors Rick Rinewalt and Tom Nute, designed problems for the competition.

"At the contest, we gave the teams, which had won local contests in their area, eight programming problems with five hours to complete them," Comer said.

"The contest not only instigates rivalry, but also comradery," he said.

Rinewalt served as the assistant chief judge. He made the final decision on problems chosen and the ways the problems are judged correct or incorrect, he said.

Nute served as a judge at the competition.

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Inside

Frog flies
The TCU baseball team is hoping to bounce back against the UTA Mavericks after losing a game on Sunday.

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Outside

Today's weather will include a 50 percent chance of rain with highs in the upper 50s and lows near 40.

Friday's high will be in the mid 50s with a 30 percent chance of rain.

Wright to speak on campus

Former House speaker to discuss 3 deficits

By MARY SALTARELLI
Staff Writer

Former House Speaker Jim Wright will be on campus next week as a visiting Green Chair professor of political science.

Among Wright's scheduled activities are a public lecture from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday in Student Center Room 205-206 and a public reception that afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Wright will also be lecturing to American history and political science classes and speaking to Honors Program students and the 1990 Washington interns.

"I feel at home at TCU," Wright said. "I want to be a contributing part of the community, and I want to make a contribution to TCU."

Wright said his public lecture will be about the challenges of the '90s, specifically, the three U.S. deficits: the budget deficit, the trade deficit and social deficits.

Wright described social deficits as the "growing backlog of unmet human need," like the plight of the homeless in America.

"The gap between the richest and the poorest has expanded," Wright said. "It's harder to go to college and own your own home now."

Wright served as U.S. Representative from the 12th district of Texas, including Fort Worth, for 34 years. He was elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives in January 1987, and he resigned from congress last summer amid allegations of ethical misconduct.

Wright has been busy speaking on college campuses since his resignation, but next week will be his first visiting professorship. He said he enjoys speaking to college students because they

Jim Wright

have broader interests than most age groups. He said he will encourage TCU students to ask questions.

"With college-age students, the world is their oyster," Wright said. "They ask broader and far more penetrating questions than those in a Washington press conference. Their questions embody subjects of greater magnitude to the human race."

Wright, who has just returned from Nicaragua where he helped monitor the recent elections, is writing a book on the Central American peace movement. He is also working on his memoirs, which he said may be finished next year.

"I'm as busy as I want to be," Wright said. "But not as busy as I used to be. I'm enjoying a somewhat more tranquil existence."

The former House Speaker described his resignation as traumatic, but he said he is now able to do things that he was too busy to do for many years, like spend time with his grandchildren and play golf.

"After you've spent 34 years in Congress and the last 10 or 12 years in leadership, suddenly to terminate that is a major transition," Wright said.

"I'm as busy as I want to be. . . But not as busy as I used to be. I'm enjoying a somewhat more tranquil existence."

Jim Wright
Former Speaker of the House

Wright said he has also been monitoring recent events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union and called the developments "absolutely the most important tide of events since World War II."

"The day they opened the Berlin Wall I was on cloud nine," he said. "I haven't been that excited since V-E (Victory-Europe) Day. It's quite a moment in history."

Wright donated 4,000 cubic feet of his congressional working papers to the Mary Couts Burnett Library last summer shortly after his resignation. He said he thought it best to have his papers in Fort Worth.

"I thought, better to have them here — this is my town and my constituency," he said.

Wright plans on speaking to TCU's American history students about the presidents with whom he has worked. He said his lecture will include personal sketches and vignettes on presidents from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George Bush.

Ben Procter, professor of American history, said Wright's lecture on presidents is fascinating and and full of insight. Procter said although Wright is a Democrat, he is very balanced and objective.

"Since he understands as well or better than anyone in the U.S. how government works and functions, and knows intimately what has happened, his visit will be extremely beneficial to TCU students," Procter said.

"That's what the Green Chair is all about — to add to the intellectual life of the TCU community," he said.

Recital to have international flair

Oberlin professor, trumpeter to perform classic pieces

By CASON LANE
Staff Writer

TCU will get a blast of classical music at tonight's recital by Ohio trumpeter Byron Pearson.

Pearson, professor of trumpet at Oberlin College, will play a variety of classical music of modern-day Russia, France and late nineteenth century America, said TCU trumpet professor Steve Weger.

Pearson will perform a free recital at 8 p.m. in Moudy Room 141N with piano accompaniment by David Stokan, associate professor of music at the University of Texas in Arlington.

"I don't think art is a priority to many people," Pearson said. "People might appreciate it more if exposed to it more."

Fine arts is a new tradition in Fort Worth, so it's good to have top-knotch performers like Pearson coming to TCU, said Weger, an assistant professor of music.

"Oberlin College is a famous name among musicians," Weger said. "It's well known for producing top people in the music performance spectrum."

Pearson's program will consist of Goedicke's "Concert Etude," Simon's "Miss Blue Bonnet," Rabe's "Shazam," Hertel's "Concerto No. One" and Riisager's "Concertino."

Pearson said he plays jazz and has performed with the rock band Blood, Sweat and Tears, but he has been playing classical music for his recitals.

Appreciating classical music is an education process in more of a rock-oriented society, Weger said.

"Classical music is a music that engages the cerebral aspect as well as the emotional aspect," he said.

Pearson said he started playing the trumpet on his own when he was 9 and has been playing for 40 years. He didn't take trumpet lessons until college, he said.

He has played with the New Orleans Symphony, the Cleveland Ballet orchestra, the St. Louis Symphony and has been featured soloist of the U.S. Marine Band, he said.

Pearson has two records on the Crystal label: "Voice of Trumpet and Organ" and "Voices of Trumpet and Organ."

CAMPUSlines

Tuesday

TCU CAN (Community Action Network) meets at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Student Center Reading Room.

Wednesday

TCU Catholic Community meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Wesley Foundation. For more information call 921-7830.

Ongoing

Pre-law meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 205.

Creative Writing Wings is now meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. All writers welcome. For more information, call David Morgan at 921-2334.

Greek Ministries Steering Committee meets in the Student Center at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information contact Jennifer O'Loughlin at 923-7233.

Shakespeare in the Park Auditions for both English and Spanish parts will be held March 10 and 11. Technicians will also be held at that time. For more information call Michael Muller at 336-7300.

Frog Follies tickets are on sale this week for $5 at the Student Center Information Desk. The shows are 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday.

Last lecture series will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 7 in the Student Center. Four faculty members under the impression the world is coming to an end will speak. Sponsored by Mortar Board and Student Foundation. Admission is $1.50.

Faculty/Staff-Student Tennis Playday. Play tennis with professors and students from 3 to 4:30 p.m. April 1. For more information call Frank Grannis at 921-7960.

Twelve-step support group for students, faculty and staff in recovery meets weekly on campus. For more information, call the Alcohol and Drug Education office at 921-7100. Meetings and all inquiries are kept confidential.

5K Campus Fun Run will start at 10 a.m. Saturday in front of the Student Center sponsored by Army ROTC. All participants are eligible for prizes. Entry fee is $3. Call Emily at 927-0690 for more information.

HELPlines

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

Volunteers are needed to serve on committees for a municipal employee art show. Help is needed in planning publicity, display and awards reception.

Provide reassurance and be a friend by answering after-school phone calls from latch-key children in the Fort Worth area.

Aquatic exercise aids are needed in Fort Worth and Arlington to assure multiple sclerosis patients are safe in the water while they do therapeutic water execises. No swimming skills necessary.

Babysitters needed to supervise children while mothers attend counseling sessions for battered women.

Municipal cable television department needs people to do data entry, refile video tapes and coordinate program schedule. Keyboard skills needed.

Information clerks needed on weekdays to provide information on courts, traffic fines and location of offices. Good communication skills needed.

Local food bank needs volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. to sort, mark and box canned food.

Office volunteers are needed in Fort Worth and Arlington at an agency that teaches parenting skills. Help with routine office tasks and special mailings.

Prepare information about developmentally at risk infants for entry into a computer on weekdays.

Local health fairs need volunteers to do screening for glaucoma on the non-contact tonometer. Training provided.

Fort Worth Museum needs volunteers to provide information to visitors and assist them in examining and touching some of the museum's specimens.

CRIMELINE

Reports of criminal activity in and around TCU campus, according to Campus Police reports, include:

Theft: The unlawful appropriation of property without the consent of the owner.

Milton Daniel Hall — Feb. 22, clothes and keys from laundry room, $315.

Student Center, Pizza Hut — Feb. 22, AT&T organizer, $50.

Parking lot on Bowie, between Greene and Waits streets — Feb. 23, vehicle's wire wheel covers, $248.

Coliseum lot — Feb. 26, attempted auto theft.

Waits Hall — Feb. 26, bicycle, $75.

Moudy building — Feb. 27, artwork, $800.

Student Center — Feb. 27, vacuum cleaner, $350.

Burglary: The unlawful entering of a building or habitation with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

Tomlinson parking lot — Feb. 22, tire and rim, $150; window broken, $150.

Suspicious or unauthorized persons.

Library, Feb. 14.

Moudy building, Feb. 14.

Cantey Street near Moudy building, Feb. 17. Suspects seen later in the day in Waits Hall.

Moudy building, student lounge, Feb. 22. Suspect had trespassed previously and had been verbally warned of arrest if trespassing continued. Suspect was taken to jail by the Fort Worth Police.

Colby Hall, Feb. 24 and 28.

Criminal mischief: Intentional damage or destruction of property without consent of owner.

Coliseum lot — Feb. 14, vehicle's tire appear to have been stabbed, $200 damage.

Parking lot on Bowie, between Greene and Waits streets — Feb. 16, vehicle's tire was cut.

South Drive by Pete Wright Hall — Feb. 17, damage done to vehicle.

Wiggins Hall — Feb. 24, suspects on dirt bikes driving on lawn facing Berry Street, $1,000 damage.

Campus Police also serves as a Lost and Found for the entire campus. Please call 921—7930 to identify lost items.

DOG DAYS

by Greg Lynch

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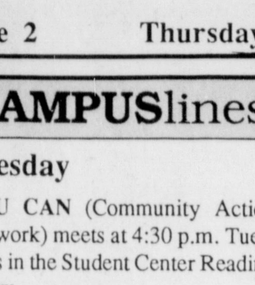

Make Your M.B.A. International!

Have you considered a career in International Trade or International Banking?

Dr. Don Baerresen of Laredo State University in Laredo, Texas, will visit with Texas Christian University students Thursday , March 1, to talk about LSU's M.B.A. degrees in **International Trade** and **International Banking**.

Entry into this program is possible for anyone holding a Bachelor's degree. Completion may be possible within one year.

You can meet with Dr. Baerresen from 1-2 p.m. in the Student Center Room 202.

Come by and explore the opportunities!

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"When I was a graduate student at Texas A&M, I was roped into participating in the contest," Nute said. "I've been involved since then."

Nute said the contest went to the national level around 1976, and then internationally about two years ago. It involves the United States and Europe.

"The contest encourages a great deal of enthusiasm about computer science," he said. "I predict that other countries beside those in Europe will soon be attending."

Of the 24 teams that attended, the top six included two teams from the Netherlands, one from Canada, one from New Zealand, and two from the United States, Comer said.

Nute said the team from New Zealand was the overall winner.

Even though the top six teams finished the same five out of eight problems, New Zealand completed them in the shortest amount of time, he said.

The top six teams were awarded $29,000 in scholarships and $30,000 in computer equipment, Comer said.

Next year the contest will be held in San Antonio where Comer will be in charge as the finals director.

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freshman arts and sciences pre-major; Susan Lilienstern, freshman arts and sciences pre-major; and Ann Wailes, freshman business pre-major.

"I didn't see anything," said Bailey, who was sitting in the back seat of Poston's car. "I just heard Jenny scream and slam on the brakes. I only saw a shirt out of the corner of my eye."

Chamberlain, who was also in the back seat, said she did not see the accident occur either.

Staff writer David Norden contributed to this report.

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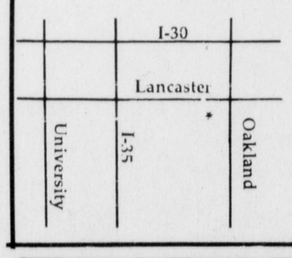

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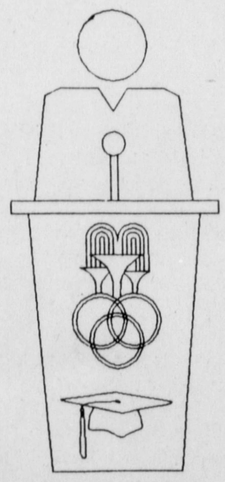

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Mountain of trash

Mountaineers make clean sweep of Everest

From the '70s commercial featuring a Native American crying at scenes of highway litter to more recent news footage of hypodermic needles washing up on ocean shores, the signs of increasing environmental damage are all painfully evident.

Perhaps, then, it serves an exclamation point to the environmental problem that a group of mountaineers are planning to scale Mount Everest in order to clean up some of the two tons of garbage left there by their mountaineering predecessors.

Presently, discarded tents, oxygen bottles and other waste decorate the world's highest peak. A "summit" of explorers from the United States, China and the Soviet Union will ascend Mount Everest on Earth Day, April 22, and load up duffel bags with the trash. The volunteers will scout out places where it will be safe to drop the trash and let it free-fall. What can be found at the bottom will be gathered and burned.

The trip is being paid for by U.S. corporate sponsors and individual donors. The cleanup crew will include 17 Americans, 17 Chinese and 12 Soviet mountaineers. It is encouraging to see such an international effort being made to help rectify environmental damage.

It is rather ironic that the one spot on Earth that took the human race so long to trod upon now just another spot scarred by litter.

Perhaps this momentous effort will set a precedent for cleanup efforts on a less spectacular but even more necessary level.

Letters to the Editor

For art's sake

I don't know if it's art, but I don't like it. I am, of course, referring to the latest addition to the cultural mecca that is Texas Christian University. The creator calls it "Tanacross," but I prefer "Junk Wood on the Campus Lawn."

OK, I know that those concerned with the visual arts are preparing to hear the rantings of a mad censor. Here comes another member of the ignorant masses trying to dictate what is and is not art. I just request that you will try to hear my point of view over the din of the censorship "red alert."

One blustery November day, I was traipsing across campus in my typical happy-go-lucky way, when I saw "it." As I surveyed the inverted gray and red catamaran, I tried to figure out why it was there. Eventually, I came to the conclusion that the "props" folks in the theater department had decided to take advantage of the fresh air to build and paint the cumbersome piece.

Of course, other people had seen it, too. Most had opinions similar to mine: it must have something to do with the theater department. No one ever mentioned the outside possibility of a new addition to the cultural holdings of TCU.

After a few weeks, the *Skiff* editors obviously were overwhelmed by the urge to uncover the mystery of why the "props" people were not removing the eyesore. A short time later, a headline in the paper declared that the "prop" was actually a work of art. In fact, it was the first in a whole series of sculptures that will begin to appear across campus in the coming semesters.

I am not going to argue the value of "Tanacross" as art, since that would bring up an irresolvable conflict about taste and censorship. An artist has a right to freedom of expression. One cannot regulate art because there are no standards. Who is to say what is or is not art? Who has the rigt to draw the line? No one. No single person or even a vast majority should be able to set boundaries on an individual's personal expression.

I do not want to infringe on an artist's sense of aesthetics, but the "boat" in the middle of the lawn definitely encroaches on mine. If the Moudy gallery has a display that I find offensive for any reason, I do not have to expose myself to it. But if I do go and I do not like what I see, I am not forced to view it every day.

Obviously, this is not the case with "Tanacross." I have no choice. It is just there, and I think it is ugly. What scares me is that there will be more just like it appearing randomly across campus, my home. I think that a lot of people would agree with me.

The effort to expand the awareness of the arts in the university setting is a noble one indeed. However, when that effort is lying fifty yards from University Drive, in the middle of the lawn, it should meet with the approval of more than the select few in charge of the project.

Shane Karr
Sophomore
Religion studies

Recruiting help

Your article, "Minority Enrollment Declining," by Shellie Dagoo, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1990, brings welcome attention to the challenge of minority recruitment at TCU. We are at some disadvantage competing for well qualified students against less expensive state schools and against well-funded recruitment campaigns at other Texas universities.

Dagoo quotes Ron Miller, no longer in our admission office, as saying TCU must increase financial aid and improve the atmosphere on campus if we are committed to increasing minority enrollment. I don't deny that TCU could be more aggressive in our recruitment of minority students. At the same time, I'd like to make your readers aware of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, devoted to encouraging and helping minority students at TCU.

Both a merit-based and a need-based opportunity, the Martin Luther King Scholarships give preference to minority students committed to careers in service to humanity, broadly defined. The scholarships are primarily for continuing students at TCU, but applications are open to transfers and entering first year students. The requirements include demonstrated financial need and a GPA of 3.0 (high rank in class in the the top 25 percent). Applicants are asked to express their commitment to service in an application essay.

The funding of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships are entirely from the TCU community — faculty and staff, primarily — who give at least $100 a year.

Responding to your article provides the occasion to urge minority students to learn about the opportunity and to invite faculty members and staff members to participate in our efforts. The campus contacts are Emma Baker, Office of Financial Aid, and Neil Daniel, Department of English.

The TCU community cares about the level of minority enrollment. We'd like to make it higher.

Neil Daniel, Chair
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee
Department of English

Letter policy

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Musician dabbles in money matters

By SCOTT HUNT
Columnist

The chronicles of Frank Zappa continue. After his diplomatic mission to check on the democratic gains of the Czechs, it seemed he had reached a pinnacle.

What, after all, could top a trip to rap with the leaders of a country long suppressed by those cantankerous Russians? Now, he could return to music, right?

Au contraire. Now Mr. Zappa will host a series of shows on the cable network FNN — that's the *Financial* News Network.

I can certainly see moguls of American industry tuning in every night anxiously awaiting the financial advice of the Frankster.

I'm betting the leaders of the Savings and Loan industry are hitting themselves on the head and saying, "Great, now they put Zappa on FNN. If only he'd been on a few years ago, we wouldn't be in this mess." And the guys at Drexel Burnham are probably wishing they were still in business so they could employ the vast well of financial knowledge to be beamed over the airwaves from Zappa's fertile mind.

But, thankfully, Zappa's show is not too late. If we're lucky, President Bush will be a regular viewer. Then this debt-crisis thing will probably shrivel up and die like things in Zappa's '60s hair used to do.

Zappa may even have a couple of encouraging words for those who are just beginning to dabble in the world of free enterprise in his old stomping grounds, Eastern Europe.

After all, we Americans shouldn't hog the the knowledge of this songwriter/satirist/diplomat/financial ace/father of talented Moon Unit and Dweezil.

There is no telling what the format of the show will be while he is host — maybe a couple of songs followed by a Dow Jones report with a special section of "Advice from Frank," then letting the kids on for a chance to plug their latest projects. But whatever it is, it should be beamed around the world so all mankind will have the answers to how to make a bundle with songs like "Nasal Retentive Calliope Music."

Zappa has been on the television before. I specifically remember one witty sequence when he was a guest on the original "Monkees" when he and Monkee Mike Nesmith dressed up as each other. Mike, dressed as Frank, termed Monkee's music as "banal and insipid." With a guest spot like that on the "Monkees," could FNN be far behind?

Or maybe this is one of the signs of the apocalypse and we are about to be vaporized.

"When the skies turn to blood and the former long-haired one returns from the East to advise thou of monetary matters, beware for in those days the end will be at hand and, lo, there shall be many unprepared for that day."

But for now I plan to watch.

And open an account with Charles Shwabb.

Blast from past probably not the last

By GREG LYNCH
Columnist

I don't know if this is as apparent to everybody else as it is to me, but I've noticed a marked trend towards nostalgia in the past few years.

It all started with the aging Woodstock generation realizing they were aging.This largest segment of our population began to look longingly back on their younger years, their wonder years, if you'll pardon the pun.

All this nostalgia came into full bloom in the last few years of the '80s, with more movies like "Broadcast News" and "Baby Boom" than I can begin to count, as well as television shows like "thirtysomething," "LA Law" and even "The Wonder Years," which is by far the best of the bunch.

One must wonder whether or not in a few years we're going to be faced with the frightening prospect of "fortysomething."

At first glance, it might seem that all of this is not necessarily so bad, after all. We can all agree TV tends to be pretty stupid, and probably none of these shows are as bad as, say, "Roseanne."

When I think about it a while longer, though, it seems like this is all nothing but some kind of cultural imperialism, a shaping of America's society to conform to the milk and cookies memories of a single generation.

It's really happening, too. With our generation, anyway.

It seems like more and more 20 year olds have adopted the nostalgia of the baby boomers, complete with a yearning to be liberal while still possessing scads of BMWs armed with Star Wars defense systems.

Again, during the last years of the '80s, and even now, in *the '90s*, there's been a bumper crop of instanostalgia. Things that were popular just a couple of years ago are suddenly bittersweet reminders of times long past. Before long, people are probably going to get nostalgic for acid-washed jeans and Ramboesque movies about death, death, MIAs, death and Commies.

Of course, many of the baby boomers insist that our generation has nothing to be nostalgic about, and that may be true. We've had no Vietnam War, no real peace demonstrations, no strolls on the moon and no Woodstock other than the Texxas Jam. About all we have is a few armed attacks on countries smaller than Rhode Island and a small number of people screaming one way or the other about abortion.

This lack of anything particularly exciting seems to have combined with the outpouring of baby boomer nostalgia to create something entirely new and rather startling.

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It's this dichotomy between the boomers' present values of capitalism and the past but sure as hell not forgotten values of peace and love that are the most irritating part of this whole nostalgia business. (And it really is a business, too)

And if you want to see what is, ostensibly, the embodiment of both sides of the spectrum, the easiest thing to do is to look at the young wannabees influenced by all the packaged nostalgia flooding through the media today.

Our generation is being told by just about every TV show and movie around today that we need to be nostalgic, that it's a must. I don't happen to agree, but that doesn't matter.

MTV hopped on the bandwagon, of course, with Martha Quinn's early '80s music nostalgia show, which was pretty much a wash-out.

Pretty much the only things I have that I feel like I can legitimately be nostalgic for are "Star Wars" (the movie, not the defense system), and the '70s. Let's be honest, the '80s are a little too recent for nostalgia. Well, maybe junior high. Maybe.

Considering that I've got memorabilia from the age of disco and a large mound of plastic figures from "Star Wars," which admittedly probably had more to do with shaping my personality than my parents did, as the objects of my limited nostalgia, I can understand the pull that the somewhat greater cache of baby boomers nostalgia has for people my age.

Despite that, the world of nostalgia is growing larger and larger, and starting to get out of hand. People seem unsatisfied with the present, and want to forget about and immerse themselves in the past, even if it's a past they never experienced.

Marching to the beat of different drummers

By JENNIFER DOLT
Columnist

It doesn't take much to make me cry.

The basic Hallmark card commercial, a stray puppy or a mushy love scene send me reaching for the almost-empty Kleenex box every time, without fail.

I would love to be able to control the tears that invariably well up in the corners of my eyes, but I've basically accepted the fact that no matter how hard I bite my lip, it's still going to quiver.

I especially came to the conclusion that I am a hopeless target for emotional arrows when the TCU jazz band performed in the Student Center Lounge the other day.

I was simply going to dart by the cafeteria to snag my usual lunch of wheat-cheese crackers and a large Diet Coke when I was struck in my steps and sat in the only empty chair while the instruments were being tuned.

The musicians started jamming, people stopped to listen, my foot started tapping and the tears started welling.

It was the most ridiculous thing, but I couldn't help it because someone else was playing in his spot.

My older trombone-playing brother graduated from TCU last year and in the process graduated from the jazz band.

The first time I saw them perform I was a senior in high school on a visit to campus for Parents Weekend. I was impressed. I have became more and more impressed every time I heard the band.

I guess I never thought about the day when he'd be in dental school and somebody else would be getting the applause for what used to be his solos. Now his trombone is propped on a stand in a corner to decorate his apartment.

But there was no problem finding someone to fill his shoes, and the band sounds just as good with some new faces because the stream of talented students continues each year.

I looked at each face of the musicians and saw hours of hard work and practice to tune up the natural talent. My gaze turned inward to think of all the other students in other departments on campus who are so talented and giving.

At the same time of the performance, one student was teaching a child with speech impediments how to develop the 'ch' sound. Another student was mixing chemicals in an experiment, and yet another was producing a radio show.

The list of accomplishments could increase with every peek around a corner on this campus. Every once in a while it is easy to first judge a person and think he or she is a slug, who contributes nothing to society, but I bet those are the people who have written beautiful poetry or have painted a creative image.

If we look hard enough or just right in front of us, a world of talented individuals have congregated at TCU. There are leaders and followers, all who make an impact. Every student on stage will be missed, but those talents will be carried to other spots in other places.

Just as someone else was playing in my brother's spot, someone else's name will someday be printed here instead of mine. That person will walk in the footsteps that we have followed and continue to make.

Sports

TCU tennis faces tournament test

By DAVID NORDEN
Sports Writer

Today, the Horned Frogs open the HEB Intercollegiate Tournament in Corpus Christi against the winner of the match between the Utes of the University of Utah and the Cardinals of Ball State University. The tournament brings together 24 of the best college tennis teams in the nation.

The tournament will run until the champion is crowned on March 5.

Bartzen said the Frogs will be ready for battle after the Louisville tournament last week where the Frogs lost two of three matches.

"If we keep everybody healthy and if we keep the momentum we left Louisville with, we'll do good," Bartzen said.

The Horned Frog tennis team went to the Bluegrass State last week to compete in the ITCA/USTA National Tournament, where they fell to Alabama in their first match.

Unfortunately for the Frogs, the competition was held on the fast-paced indoor courts in Louisville, Ky. As a result of the Frogs practicing on slower outdoor courts, the indoor courts provided many difficulties that some of the team could overcome.

TCU entered the tournament as the eighth seed which meant they received a first-round bye. The fifteenth-seeded Crimson Tide were the first opponents of the Southwest Conference representatives. Tony Bujan, Sandon Stolle, and Mark Tjia all won their respective matches for the Frogs, but those were the only matches that the Frogs won in an eventual 5-3 Alabama victory.

Coming off the disappointing loss, TCU battled the highly talented Pepperdine Waves. Pepperdine easily handled the Frogs, 5-1.

TCU took on the Clemson Tigers in the third-round, trying to salvage a victory out of the tournament. The Frogs hammered the Tigers on the quick courts 6-2 to leave Louisville with a little pride and respect.

TCU head coach "Tut" Bartzen said he thinks the speedy indoor courts led to the Frogs' downfall.

"Under the very fast conditions, which we don't relish, we played well when we beat Clemson. Alabama is a big, strong, hard-hitting team so indoors pays off for them," Bartzen said.

As has been the case for the last 16 years, Bartzen will lead the Frogs into battle today. Bartzen has guided his troops to 16 consecutive winning seasons, including seven campaigns which saw the Frogs surpass the 20 victory plateau. Last season Bartzen was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year and National Collegiate Athletic Association Region VI Coach of the Year. Other past honors include the 1982 NCAA Coach of the Year and a 1985 induction into the Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame.

At William and Mary University, Bartzen was unbeaten in four years as a collegian and he paced the Indians to the NCAA Championships during his junior and senior seasons. Bartzen's professional career brought him similar success and in 1961 he became only the third person in history to win the men's National Clay Court title four times.

The number one seed for the Frogs today will be Luis Ruette. Ruette, who participated in the Rolex Tournament in Minneapolis earlier this year, is a native of San Paulo, Brazil. A sophomore, Ruette earned all-SWC honors in route to posting a 22-15 record last spring. He entered this spring campaign ranked 28th in the national singles poll, coming off a 18-4 fall mark. Academically, Ruette is working towards a degree in business.

Sophomore ace Sandon Stolle will be seeded second in Corpus Christi. Stolle, son of former tennis professional Fred Stolle, teams with Ruette on the nationally-ranked doubles team. Last spring, Stolle captured the SWC number five singles championship after cruising through the campaign with a 24-7 record. Stolle, a marketing major, was 9-6 in fall play.

The young Florida native feels that after he reaches many goals at TCU he will likely hit the professional tennis circuit.

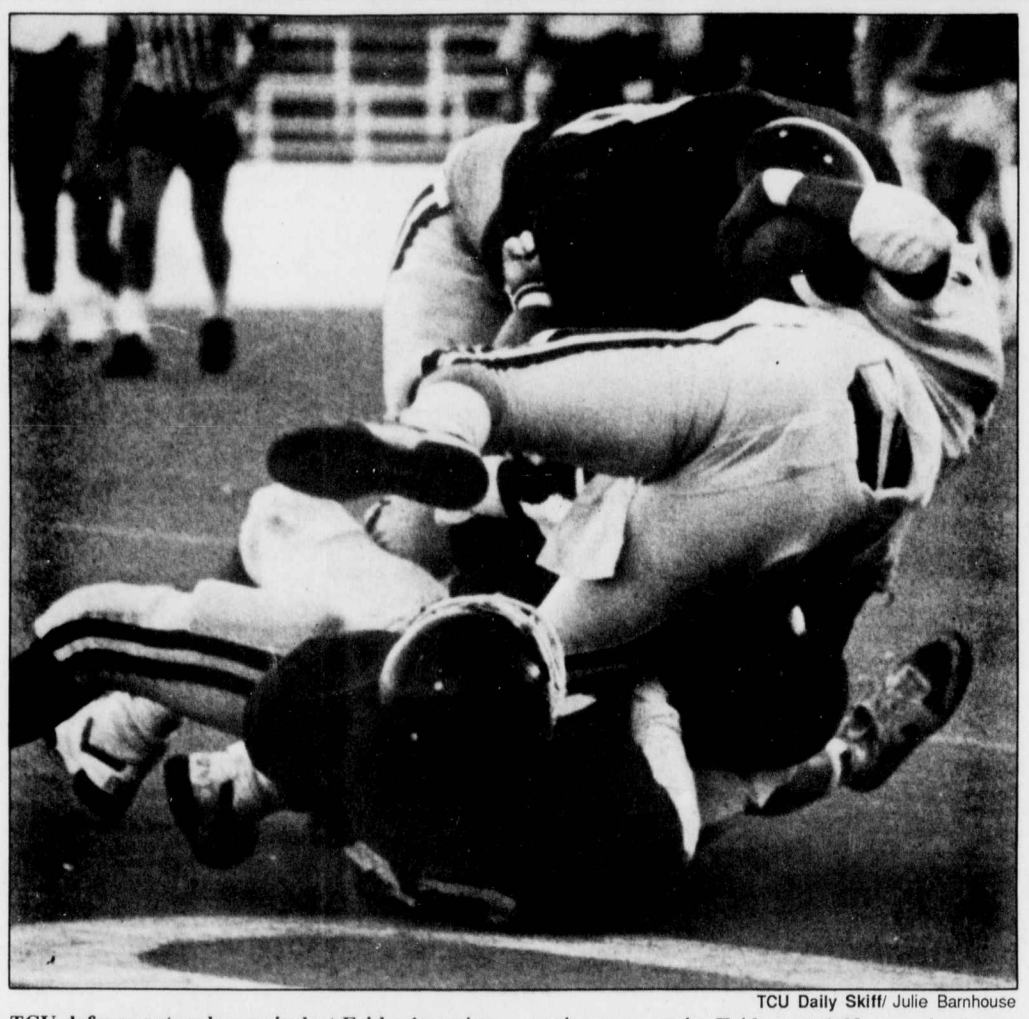
"I've got to give it (professional tennis) a chance. I've played so long I just don't want to quit after four years of college. If something drastic happens, I'll turn pro before I finish school, but I don't think that'll happen," Stolle said.

Tony Bujan opened the spring season as the 23rd ranked player in the country. After recording a 22-7 record last spring as a freshman mostly playing at the number five spot, Bujan opens the match today at the number three slot. The sophomore pre-major eventually captured the number four singles an 11-4 fall mark.

Sophomore Mark Tjia, a North Miami Beach native, will open the tournament against Utah at the number four position. After missing most of the season last spring because of chicken pox, Tjia posted a 16-6 record in the fall. He staked his claim as being a promising talent by advancing to the semifinals of the Southwest Rolex Regional in the fall before losing to his teammate, Ruette.

The only upperclassman participating in the HEB Tournament for TCU is Gerard Ronan at the number five spot. The junior from Toronto posted an 18-4 singles record mainly at the number six position. The political science major produced a disappointing 4-6 singles mark in fall action.

Rounding out the Horned Frog lineup will be freshman sensation Ricardo Rubio. The Spaniard pre-major is considered TCU's top freshman recruit. Rubio posted a 7-6 mark in fall singles action and he has shown promise thus far in the spring.



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TCU defense gets a leg up in last Friday's spring football intersquad scrimmage. The team will scrimmage again Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium.

Speed key for Frogs, Mavericks

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
Sports Writer

The TCU baseball team will try to rebound from Sunday's painful 17-12 loss to the College of the Southwest today against the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks.

Weather permitting, the first pitch at the TCU Baseball Diamond will be thrown at 2 p.m.

The University of Texas at Arlington comes into the single game with a record of 5-10 including a 1-7 mark against Southwest Conference teams. The Mavs were swept three straight by the seventh-ranked Longhorns in Austin earlier this week.

TCU enters the game with an 8-8 record.

Maverick hitters are struggling at the plate with a .210 batting average.

The UTA pitching staff, despite the team's record, has an earned run average of 4.41, almost two runs a game better than the Frogs'.

"Our pitching did a fine job during the fall," said UTA head coach Butch McBroom. "I'm very pleased with the number of talented young pitchers on this staff and feel that our overall depth will be a strong point."

The Mavs pitchers are led by junior righthander Jeff Burrow (1-1, 4.81 ERA). Burrow was a second team all-Southland Conference choice last season.

Maverick shortstop Lawrence Hanlon was the shortstop on the first all-SLC team last season. Hanlon is struggling this season with only four hits in 44 at bats, an .091 average.

McBroom said that he intends to use speed as a catalyst for his offense this season. But so far, their speed hasn't yet been utilized. UTA has only 13 steals in 22 attempts.

A lack of stolen bases and a lack of hitting has produced only 42 runs in 15 games, less than three a game. Outfielder Paul Rubiera leads the club with five steals.

The Mavericks may want to take some lessons in base-stealing from TCU outfielder Darren Thorpe. Thorpe is second in the SWC with 16 steals.

After today's game, the Frogs will begin a three-game weekend series against Hardin-Simmons Saturday at 2 p.m.

Frogs Among SWC Baseball Leaders

	Batting			Home Runs	
6th	Mike Losa	.410	3rd	Mike Losa	4
7th	Paul Gonzalez	.407		Paul Gonzalez	4
			6th	Scott Chalk	3
	Hits				
1st	Mike Losa	25		**Runs Batted In**	
5th	Paul Gonzalez	22	4th	Mike Losa	18
8th	Scott Malone	20		Paul Gonzalez	18
	Runs			**Stolen Bases**	
1st	Paul Gonzalez	22	2nd	Darren Thorpe	16
10th	Darren Thorpe	15	7th	Chad Shipes	6
	Strikeouts			**Saves**	
4th	David Bentancourt	23	1st	Travis Barr	2

SWC Baseball Standings

	w-l	pct
Baylor	12-2	.857
Texas	14-5	.737
Texas A&M	11-4	.733
Arkansas	4-2	.667
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