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Faculty Assembly analyzes handbook

Suggestions to go to Senate meeting

By JENNIFER DOLT
Staff Writer

Faculty members voiced opinions about the wording of the Appointment, Reappointment and Promotion Policy listed in the Faculty Handbook during the Faculty Assembly Tuesday afternoon.

About 30 faculty members attended the forum, which is required once a semester by the constitution of the Faculty Senate.

In the March 3 meeting of the Senate, the Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee proposed that the five criteria of promotion consideration — teaching, scholarship, service, advising and professional development — be included in the Faculty Handbook next year.

The Assembly provided faculty input that will be taken into consideration in the Senate meeting, said Linda Moore, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate. The Senate will meet again May 2 to determine how specifically or generally the criteria will be stated in the Faculty Handbook.

"This (the criteria) gave us some direction and gave us the university picture," Moore said. "We have to have a vision wider than our own."

Two issues surfaced concerning the wording of the document.

One concern involved how to state the criteria of priority, teaching and scholarship, without lessening the importance of the others, Moore said.

The second issue was how generally the criteria should be stated in the university-level Faculty Handbook if it is stated specifically within the documents of the departments and colleges.

The Faculty Senate wants to make the statement of the criteria inclusive and specific without interfering with the department and college documents, Moore said.

The general consensus of the faculty was that the document should be more philosophical at the university level and more direct at the department and college level.

The final decision will be made at the May Senate meeting.

"We've been doing this (discussing the document) for two years," said Ronald Flowers, professor of religion studies and chairman of the Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee.

"The committee is an excellent group of people, and we want to bring it to a close and make it as excellent as we can."

The Faculty Senate's decision will then be considered by William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, for approval.

At times, the criteria listed in the Appointment, Reappointment and Promotion Policy have been associated with tenure policies, but, although the promotion criteria have impact on tenure, they are not the tenure document, Moore said.

Roommates prepare to tell all

By MONICA LANDERS
Staff Writer

For all the roommates who have spent the past year sharing deep secrets and meaningless tidbits, here's a chance to see just how much they really know about each other.

Today is Roommate Appreciation Day, and the Residence Hall Association has organized the Roommate Game, a take-off on the "Newlywed Game." Three games, lasting 25 minutes each, will be going on in the Pit today beginning at noon, 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

"It's all in the spirit of Roommate Appreciation Day and to give people who live on campus something fun to do," said Virginia Ridgley, a freshman English major and president of RHA.

Jennifer Salkeld and Shauna Garrity, both sophomore speech communication majors, have been friends since third grade and have roomed together for two years.

"We know each other really well — probably too well," said Salkeld.



Leisure time sports instructor, George Harris, and sophomore Shannon Small, rig the sail on a sailboat the class will use when they head to the water at Benbrook Lake.

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Quorum call stalls House

Members reschedule business for next week

By MELINDA HARTMAN
Staff Writer

The House of Student Representatives took no action Tuesday because quorum was called, which means that three-fifths of the voting members must be present to conduct business.

There were not enough members present to meet the requirement.

The House budget of \$198,000 was scheduled to be voted on this week.

"It's ironic that the people most concerned with the budget are in a managerial accounting test," said Dan Gurley, representative from Pete Wright Hall.

Now the budget is scheduled to be debated and voted on next week.

Before quorum was called, Geoff Turner, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, said the bill to revise some of the House documents, which first came out on April

4, has been split into three separate bills.

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

When the bill was first released, Turner said that the Special Projects Fund is used when bills pass to fund individual group events. The Special Projects Fund has gone over budget, he said.

The second bill states that to run for the office of treasurer, the candidate must have completed at least one semester of accounting and have a minimum GPA in accounting of 3.0.

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

The third bill will change the standing rules concerning attendance. Committee members in the House

will be allowed to miss one committee meeting without penalty but then will receive a House absence for each committee meeting missed.

This bill is now scheduled to be voted on next week.

"Chat with the Chancellor" will be held tonight in the Student Center.

Nine students were selected from 30 applicants to meet with the chancellor and voice their concerns, said Kristin Chambers, House president.

The four topics that will be discussed are the tuition increase, AIDS awareness, student retention rates and facilities, such as a 24-hour study room and a day care facility, Chambers said.

Each topic will be discussed for 15 to 20 minutes, Chambers said.

"A lot of students are unsatisfied with the explanations of the tuition increase," said Ralph Belk, one of the

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Vendor contract goes to Marriott

Plan includes Pizza Hut pizza

By SCOTT HUNT
Staff Writer

And the winner of the food service selection derby is . . . Marriott.

Marriott Food Service survived the war of attrition that started in January, when invitations were sent to nine prospective vendors to become TCU's food vendor.

Negotiations on a one-year contract will begin next Tuesday, said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

The food service selection committee narrowed the choices to two — Southwest Dining and Marriott — before choosing Marriott.

"Southwest has never done an account this size before and would have had to hire the staff to run it," Mills said. "We had some real concern whether they would be able to hit the ground running."

"We felt they would be struggling for a while, and we didn't feel that was fair for the students," Mills said.

Mills said the process of selecting a new vendor was productive because it wanted Marriott aware that TCU wanted more than a "routine food service."

"Marriott put together some great ideas in their proposal," Mills said. "The first thing we asked after their (oral) presentation was, 'Why haven't you been doing this all along?' Sometimes you just have to get people's attention."

Marriott's new ideas include hav-

ing an outdoor grill in the Reed-Sadler Mall so food can be served outside on pleasant days.

Marriott has already entered into an agreement with Pizza Hut that will allow it to sell Pizza Hut pizzas on campus. Marriott is also looking to enter agreements with other such companies to provide more "branded food items," Mills said.

Mills also said students are likely to see some changes in the food service facilities next fall. The changes have not been finalized, and potential changes will be discussed during contract negotiations, Mills said.

One potential change would be a move to a "food court" arrangement where students can go to different areas in the main cafeteria or Worth Hills cafeteria to buy different kinds of food.

One problem with that arrangement, Mills said, was that TCU's current facilities lacked the space needed for a full-fledged food court.

Marriott will also be providing more complete nutritional information to students, Mills said.

Mills said he hoped the contract would be finalized by June 1, the beginning of the university's fiscal year.

The contract will be for one year and after that time, if TCU is pleased with Marriott's performance, the contract can be renewed for two years with the option to cancel the contract with a 60-day notice from either side.

Head's replacements impressed with TCU

By ROBIN NOBLE
Staff Writer

The sociology department has found two people to take over the position currently held by Bill Head as director of the criminal justice program, said Jean Giles-Sims, chairwoman of the sociology department.

"I am extremely happy with both appointments," she said. "The search committee voted unanimously for both (candidates). I'm sure the program will be a strong one next year."

Appointed to the position were Alexis Durham, an assistant professor and director of criminal justice at the University of Florida, and Preston Elrod, an assistant professor of criminal justice at Western Michigan University.

"I was extremely impressed by individuals in the sociology department," Elrod said. "I was also impressed by the university. It seems they are conducive to a balance between faculty research and teaching."

"The ambiance on campus was very nice. Places have personalities much like people do, and TCU has a very positive personality," he said.

Elrod will hold a position second to Durham, who will chair the program.

He said he hopes to put an emphasis on internships and practical work in the field.

"I want to try to make sure students get a good feel for what criminal jus-

tice is like through practical experience. This will be an important part of the program," he said.

Elrod has extensive experience in the juvenile court system, and will be teaching Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Justice Administration and Social Programs next semester, Giles-Sims said.

Elrod has served as the project director for the Millwood Project, a federally funded project to design and evaluate a delinquency prevention program in the public school system, she said.

Elrod said he plans to become involved with the criminal justice student groups such as the criminal justice honor society.

"I'm very much interested in those groups and with what students do," he said.

Durham said he, too, is interested in students and also plans to be active with student groups.

And, like Elrod, Durham said one of the main attractions for him was that TCU seems committed to both teaching and research.

"The fact that TCU encourages faculty research through grants, in addition to stressing high quality teaching, is very important to me," he said. "I also liked the fact that the members of the sociology department work very well together."

Durham is currently on the faculty

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Today's weather is partly sunny with highs near 80. Winds are from the northeast at 5-10 mph.

Thursday's weather will be warm and humid with partly cloudy skies. Highs will be in the mid-80s to 90s, and lows will be in the 60s.

Banquet to recognize Greeks' achievements

By JENNIFER DOLT
Staff Writer

Sorority and fraternity chapters will be recognized for "Piecing It All Together" during the Greek Week banquet at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

"Piecing It All Together" is the theme of Greek Week, as well as the topic of a speech to be given by Edward Boehm, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

An awards presentation and a dinner will be the other events at the banquet. The banquet is sponsored by Order of Omega, the Greek honor society sponsoring Greek Week.

"We have the banquet to promote Greek unity and to recognize outstanding chapter services on campus," said senior Betsy Glass, a member of the society who helped plan the banquet.

Several Panhellenic awards, in-

cluding awards for the sorority with the highest grade point average, attendance awards and the Panhellenic creed award will be presented to chapters.

The Mary Ruth Robinson Service Award and the Day Alva Ross Scholarship Award, a \$500 scholarship given to a junior female, also will be presented.

Recipients of these awards were chosen by the Panhellenic staff.

"These (the awards) provide incentives to keep doing good things," said Amy Serface, Panhellenic president. "We hear the bad PR (about sororities and fraternities), and this is positive reinforcement for keeping on the right track."

Also at the banquet, the Interfraternity Council will present a scholarship award and three merit awards, which recognize achievement in education, service and conduct.

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CAMPUSlines

TCIF presents - caricatures! Two artists will be on campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge. Give them a dollar and they'll draw your likeness.

Yearbook applications still available in the Student Activities Office for salaried positions on next year's staff. Deadline is Friday. For more information, call 921-7926.

P.O. boxes - The Post Office will be renting P.O. boxes through May 12. Students wishing to re-rent the same P.O. box must keep their key and leave a forwarding address with the Post Office. Students who do not plan to return to campus in the fall should complete a forwarding card and return their key to the post office. Prices for P.O. boxes are \$18 for the fall and spring semesters, \$10 for either the fall or spring semester and \$5 for summer. Box rental fees are non-refundable.

Ramses the Great exhibit will run through Friday in the Student Center Lounge. Many artifacts on display as well as lithographs of the Ramesside age. Sign up for two free tickets to the exhibit in Dallas. The drawing will be Friday. Display is free to the public.

TCU Big Brother or Sister applications available at Student Center Information Desk or Student Activities Office.

AMA - Tandy Night Thursday at 6 p.m. in Tandy Hall Rm. 325. Tim Fritts with Tandy Corporation will speak.

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way, needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about volunteer opportunities as a tutor for adults in reading on a one to one basis, to work in a Fort Worth museum's gift shop, and to provide structured activities for children whose mothers attend support group meetings for battered women on Wednesday evenings.

Stephen Laughlin, RTVF student, presents his student film "Almost A Kiss" Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. before "Tequila Sunrise" in the Student Center Ballroom.

Beach Bash at Colby Beach on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Culture Shock will be the band.

Campus Christian Community Ecumenical Exchange. Tonight at 7 p.m. in Student Center Room 205. Hosted by Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. The discussion will be on the topic "Drugs, Crime and Racism: Can We Stop Them?"

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of the Center for Studies in Criminology and Law at the University of Florida, where he has worked since 1984.

His areas of specialization include criminology, corrections, penal history and juvenile justice, Giles-Sims said. He also serves as an editorial board member of "Criminology," the most prestigious journal in the field.

Durham said he can't predict changes in the program as of yet.

"I'll have to see the lay of the land first," he said.

The appointments of Elrod and Durham came after Head's contract was terminated because he was unable to meet his contractual demands, which included finishing the work for his degree, Giles-Sims said.

And although Head, who won numerous teaching awards in his three years at TCU, has complained that finishing his degree was not the real reason his contract was terminated, he will have to seek employment elsewhere next fall.

Head has said the real reason he was given a terminal contract was be-

cause of his lack of publications during a time when he was extremely busy building the criminal justice department.

"I'm not looking forward to moving, but I was very encouraged by the positive response I got," Head said of his new job prospects. He plans to accept a job at one of two universities in the Southeast and to start work next fall.

Both Elrod and Durham said they were aware of the circumstances surrounding Head's terminal contract.

"I don't really have much of a feeling about that," Elrod said. "Any new faculty member has to establish credit. I'll do what I have to to prove myself to the students and other faculty members."

Durham said he plans to meet with students who have concerns about the department so they can give him insights into the kinds of things Head was doing.

"I don't know enough about what happened (to Head) to know whether the faculty were fair and reasonable," Durham said. "My goal will be to try to become familiar with what he (Head) has been successful at and try to build on those things."

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Alcohol and drug education awards will be given for participation in health enrichment week last semester.

"A lot is expected of Greeks as far as contributions to the academic community and to the university," said Felix Mira, coordinator of Greek residential life and fraternity adviser. "Those who meet the expectations should be awarded."

About 10 members from each Greek chapter are expected to attend the banquet, which costs \$7.

Marriott Food Service will provide the chicken dinner.

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nine students selected. "I would like to get some specifics on where the money is going."

The bill requesting \$14,912 to improve Frog Fountain is scheduled to be debated and voted on next week. The money is to construct four seating areas around Frog Fountain.

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pete, John did have some hints about the questions, which he said are "too random to prepare for." The questions will cover topics such as school, residence hall objects and family.

The entire day is dedicated to roommate appreciation. Many female students have said they plan to buy flowers or make a poster for their roommates, but some male students have a different attitude.

When senior political science major Chuck James, a resident assistant, was asked what most people in Clark Hall do for their roommates, he said, "Honestly, I've never seen it happen."

Students across campus have stories of tricks played on roommates, but


none would take the credit by giving their names. Some pranks include gluing the door shut, having water fights in rooms, jamming locks with pennies and leaning trash cans against doors so that when they're opened, trash will fill the room.

These kinds of roommate experiences are not forgotten as time passes. One TCU graduate, who preferred to remain anonymous, recalled filling record covers with shaving cream, sliding one end under the door, then dropping a heavy book it.

"It pretty much covered the room," he said. "It was an all-out war, and guys were spending hundreds of dollars on shaving cream."

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Commentary

Our View

Ill-founded reasons for closed meetings

The philosophical and pragmatic reasons Chancellor Bill Tucker gave Friday for closing Board of Trustees meetings simply don't hold water.

Philosophically, he argued, the United States is founded on pluralism, including the division between the public and the private sector. One of TCU's major purposes is to be part of the private sector of higher education that is not controlled by the legislature, Tucker said. Thus, he said, if TCU were to open its meetings to the media, TCU would be opening itself to public governance, abandoning its place in the private sector.

This argument breaks down in several places.

First, opening a meeting to the media does not constitute public governance. It does allow for an accurate and complete recording of the information considered and the decisions made in the private governance of the university.

Further, this university's primary reason for existence is education, and any other goal, including preservation of American pluralism, must be secondary. The open pursuit of understanding is inconsistent with closed operations, and an ill-founded philosophical belief that TCU is preserving U.S. society cannot be allowed to encourage that inconsistency.

Pragmatically, Tucker said, "If the media were in the Board meeting, it would be likely to have consequences of inaction of the Board or action through other means."

While it can be agreed that all participants in an event shape that event, Tucker suggests that the media would play such a large role as observers as to render the trustees unable or unwilling to act.

He also suggests that trustees would circumvent the existing mechanisms in order to keep their operations secret.

This necessarily leads to questions about the nature of Board discussions or decision-making procedures. The trustees act as if they have something to hide - as if their actions are unfit for public inspection.

Finally, Tucker failed to acknowledge a difference between the times in the meetings when committee reports are made and the times when decisions are made. His categorization of it all as "Board action" closes any possibilities of a reasonable compromise that would allow media into meetings when the trustees are not having discussion specifically relating to a vote.

In summary, the reasons given for closing TCU Board meetings to the media are inadequate. The trustees must remember that education and pursuit of understanding are the real foundations of any university, and that the Board's closed-meeting justification is inconsistent with both of these.

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND. SATURDAY.



Just doesn't make sense

By STEVEN J. RUBICK
Columnist



Just when you thought you had seen everything, something new comes along and proves you wrong. Lots of strange happenings going on in the world lately. I thought things had gotten about as strange as they were going to get, but then I read some of last week's papers and rethought that position.

Last week, it was announced that our friend, the IRS, had drawn up emergency plans for collecting taxes after - note, after - a nuclear war. Go figure.

Sure, we should have seen it: governmental bureaucracy has proved time and again that humanity does not necessarily deserve top billing as the world's species-supreme, but this takes the cake. Collecting taxes after a nuclear war has got to be about the stupidest government plan ever. This has duck-and-cover drills and the great Postal Service glue study beat all to pieces.

I mean, think about it, nuclear war is pretty final. It isn't like a nuclear war can be conveniently limited. Once that first bomb goes off, we can pretty much wave goodbye to society as we know it. Of course, the government and the IRS aren't necessarily a part of mainstream society-as-we-know-it, so they may survive. But the rest of us can forget it.

And I really doubt that the few survivors are going to be all that concerned about the fiduciary responsibilities of the government, not to mention the then-value of any dollars that didn't get crisped in the explosions. They'll probably have more pressing concerns to occupy their time: things like food, shelter, survival and trying not to glow so much that they keep the neighbors up at night.

The IRS didn't coup all the stupidity honors last week, however. The Chinese government did its best to sully the popularly held belief that governments are always rational entities, on top of the world and its problems.

Just this past weekend, the Chinese government released an official statement declaring that their nation's population growth was out of control. Gee, what an astute observation.

You'd think they might have keyed in to that back in 1985, when their population cleared the billion mark. I guess having nine zeros in their population estimate just wasn't enough to justify any hasty generalizations; the Chinese government probably needed some time to carefully study the population situation before making its bold declaration.

But perhaps the biggest bold statement of the week, which coincidentally cops honors as perhaps the most mindbending twist on what could ever be considered normal, goes to our old pal, the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Seems the Ayatollah felt slighted by some recent criticisms coming out of Yugoslavia. Three Yugoslav journalists questioned Khomeini's method of reviewing popular literature; apparently they believed that Khomeini's book reviews tend to be a tad extreme and criticized the Ayatollah for condemning Salman Rushdie to death.

This action, considered normal for the press in the Western world, violates a Yugoslavian law forbidding Yugoslavians from criticizing foreign heads of state. So, of course, Khomeini is, get this, suing the three journalists for defamation of character.

Make sense to me. Yup, it seems that the world is getting crazier by the minute, scarcely seems to make sense any more. Not that we should expect any different, after all, if the world really made sense, guys' bikes wouldn't be the ones that had cross-bars.

Letters to the Editor

A memorial

Each year at this time, I become extremely reminiscent. For at this time, approximately three years ago, an award was started I truly wish we never would have had to give. As the end of the year comes, so does the annual awards ceremony.

Three years ago this April, the first annual Janet Perry Memorial Award was given. There are many TCU students who never knew Janet Perry. Hopefully, you have heard of the award and the meaning behind it.

I not only knew Janet Perry, I loved Janet Perry. She was my cheerleading partner and one of my best friends. There are those in life that one meets who touch you forever.

Janet Perry was one of those people.

Janet Perry fought the cancer that eventually consumed her for as long and as hard as she could. She would come back from chemotherapy and beg to cheer, saying that if she gave up anything, she would be giving in to the cancer.

She did cheer louder, harder and with more conviction than any of us could ever hope to. She loved TCU, the people, the spirit and love that

surrounded her.

Janet had it all. She was caring, compassionate and engaged to be married the summer after graduation.

She never made it.

The award was named after Janet, but it is meant to represent what Janet and myself and many others feel TCU is all about. It is meant to be the award, not given for grades or athletics but for character and willingness to fight.

It is, to me, the heart and soul of TCU.

The purpose of this letter is not to depress anyone and certainly not to preach. It is simple a reminder to myself and to any who care to read how fragile life is.

The award, unfortunately, will be given. For those who knew Janet, it is a harsh reminder of a lost friend.

For the recipient and all those nominated, it is a testimony to the incredible virtue those people have. For all who watch, hopefully it is something that you will carry with you for the rest of your life.

I know I will.

Brent J. Chesney
TCU Class of '85

Not end-all

Fortunately, for those of us who

care about education, Vice Chancellor William Koehler is not the be-all and end-all of intellectual pursuit. For this we should be thankful.

That Koehler will not read the packet of articles my associates and I of the Association of Concerned Students and Professors gave to Chancellor Tucker is a matter about which I honestly couldn't care less. After all, it's really not his to read in the first place, is it?

If I thought Koehler would read anything that clearly exhibits a concern for the academic well-being of TCU, from the students' point of view, I would have given the articles to him. But I didn't, and it's apparent from his response in April 18's Skiff that my action was justified.

Another point I wish to make is that we did not have to give the packet to Tucker because, in the end, only TCU's students and future students make the difference where TCU's welfare is concerned.

However, we wanted to make clear the fact that we care about our education. We wanted the chancellor to know that we are on his side if his side is the furthering of academic achievement.

We care. We are concerned. Our efforts, therefore, will continue.

Ian Bredan
Senior, history

You need a dictionary to speak with high school kids

By BRETT BALLANTINI
Columnist

When I approached Fort Worth for the first time, I felt as if I was traveling in another country. The frisking at the border didn't help.

Well, three semesters, no fully-digested jalapenos and one zillion rabid, Illinois-Texas debates later, this place still feels different.

On Saturday at the Main Street Arts Festival in Fort Worth, I found out not only that my Midwest frame of mind didn't fit the Texas picture but also that my communication skills were rapidly becoming useless - and it had nothing to do with the festival's hot chili, 10-gallon hats or a character at the grill known as "Bo," who was the first person I'd ever seen so deftly dribble bits of dip from his lips.

Yep, I became acquainted with a younger generation.

During my blanket coverage of Main Street, I noticed I was being followed by a trio of young ladies. Over the hills and through the bingo tent to the main sound stage I dashed, with an eye open for play - legal play, mind you.

So, while I was absorbing a Diet Coke, the band caught me. Diane, Marci and Susan. Each had a different color hair: brown, blonde, red. Each had a different skin tone: pale, brown, "cocoa butter."

Each had a different degree of southern accent: mild, heavy, incomprehensible.

All three were 17 and spoke the same language.

Inquisitive as I tend to be, I decided to grab a bite to eat and turned

my ears on. The girls were discussing what they'd seen so far at the festival, bouncing voice inflections and looks off me as they related.

"...diggered the babe last night..."

"...like to be scroggin' with him tonight..."

"...check out the motleys..."

"...chill that smell, dude..."

As a college student who hopes to be pretty much in tune with younger generations, I would rather have had the bright-red, spiral earrings dangling from Susan's ears slapped upside my head than to have been assaulted by this mysterious lingo.

It got to the point that one of the girls would mention an obviously hip word like "gomer" or "scrogg," then would stop to pause and giggle at my bewilderment. While my mouth

gaped, they began to define each new word, often using it in an example sentence.

"So these words are hip today?" I asked, poised for a generational bump weathering me from 20 to 60 in about five seconds. Heck, I was ready to pop some Geritol.

"Yeah, if you want to use that word," Marci droned, eyes rolling.

I had been diggered.

"What words are cool at TCU?" Susan asked.

Under the gun.

Hmm...determining that a word like "multiculturalism" was a little too elaborate, I pondered.

Besides, I don't even know what "multiculturalism" means, although I believe it comes from the root "token."

"Um, I say 'shenanigan' and 'antics' a lot."

"Ah...I call someone a 'goof' or a 'kook' sometimes, and I might even give 'kudos'."

I stopped chewing my cupful of ice mid-munch and braced myself for adulation. "When I'm in a happy mood, I like to turn on music and do some skanking," I said.

"Eeew, gross," they shrieked and shook their heads at me.

Inside I was screaming, "No! I don't mean that I go out and look for intimate relations with questionable women, I do a happy, reggae-based, watusi-derived jig!" but I could only grimace acknowledgement and muster a crooked grin.

I went back to chewing ice, which was clearly my most effective means of communication with the younger generation.

Graffiti: you can't quibble when you scribble drivel

By SUSAN BESZE
Guest Columnist

Sitting in my longest, most yawning class last week, my eyes started wandering in a futile effort to remain awake.

They didn't have far to look before flashing wide open at a rather crude but graphic drawing on the desktop next to mine. Aha! A new addition to the massive amount of graffiti I'd been watching collect during the semester.

I do mean collect. This desk had more isolated words and pictures than a kindergarten classroom. However, this was definitely not kid stuff.

Remember the restrooms in your junior high and high schools? Remember the scrawlings "Jimmy is so fine" or "Mike is mine"?

I always wondered what became of people who went to great lengths to provide entertainment for us boring souls who ventured into the restroom for the sole purpose of answering nature's call.

Now I know. They grow out of publicizing their love lives on walls and

move up to college desktops, enlightening us with much more serious things to ponder.

Like their Greek letters. I thought pledgeship was plenty of time to teach guys and gals the Greek alphabet and their respective symbols. There are enough keys and arrows drawn on that desk to unlock every dorm room on campus and shoot both its residents.

GDI is written on three of the five desks I occupy each week - right next to the phrase "Where the men are men and the sheep are nervous." C'mon people, go back to the restroom walls.

Sports overflowed to that desk in the form of a Cotton Bowl conversation on the merits of UCLA's Troy Aikman, the 1988 Heisman Trophy winner.

The terminology was a little tacky, though. I couldn't decide whether they were discussing his passing skills or his sexual preference.

So, why do people insist on scrawling on desks? Boredom.

Believe me, I know. You see, dur-

ing my last semester of high school, I had a much too close encounter with graffiti.

It all started on a study hall desk where, one day, among all the swear words and various doodles, there appeared the question "Who else sits here?"

Taking the question personally, I began a graffiti relationship based on about four flirty sentences a day.

I soon found out what I then considered the only important statistic of my new pen pal - he was male.

For the rest of the semester, I carried on a verbally promiscuous - by high school standards - relationship on a desktop with my anonymous study hall stud. I scrawled coy quips I'd never dream of saying to anyone, let alone a new acquaintance of the opposite sex.

As the weeks went on, I became curious to meet my graffiti-guy. We agreed, through a desktop discussion, to what I thought was an unbelievably romantic gesture, meeting in the room where we both had study hall.

After spending hours primping to

please the morning of the meeting, I approached the room with slow, steady steps and a sudden sense of dread.

I decided to cruise by the classroom door, camouflaged by the other kids making rounds of the halls that morning.

As I peered into the room, I saw, much to my dismay, a scrawny little guy with glasses and nervous perspiration on his lip. I'd seen him be-

fore, sitting in the freshman section of the gym during a pep rally - alone, just like he was there.

I kept cruising.

Now I never thought of myself as much of a heartbreaker, but to this day I feel an incredible amount of guilt over my study hall stud. He continued to write faithfully every day.

I switched desks.

And stopped writing on them.

Reading is a lot less dangerous.

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by Berke Breathed

Sports

Season almost over for Frogs

By REID JOHNS
Sports Columnist

A famous American philosopher (Yogi Berra) once said, "It ain't over 'til it's over." Well, for TCU baseball, it's over.

No, the season's not over, but the Frogs' chances of making the Southwest Conference tournament are gone.

The rigorous Conference took its toll on TCU early and has already knocked them out of contention.

A weekend series with the top 20 Houston Cougars left the Frogs at 2-4 with a reasonable chance of going .500 for the season.

Another weekend series with the now number three Arkansas Razorbacks dropped TCU to 2-7 with only an outside shot at post-season play.

Last weekend's series with the Texas Tech Red Raiders left the Horned Frogs at 2-10 with no chance of playoff possibilities.

Don't look for the picture to get any better. The last nine games include this weekend's series with the no. one team in the nation - Texas A&M, and the no. 10 Texas Longhorns.

A&M lost only two games so far this season (Oklahoma State and Texas). Texas looks strong enough to wrestle second place away from the Razorbacks, who are currently undefeated in the SWC.

The statistics say it all for the Frogs. While batting .306 outside of the conference, they are batting only .239 in the conference.

TCU has a slugging percentage of .518 outside of the SWC, but it's only .360 in conference play.

The only player to remain consistently productive in both areas is first baseman Tom Hardgrove.

Hardgrove is currently batting .319

with 21 home runs and 57 runs batted in. He's holding on to a whopping slugging percentage of .819.

For a team that looked so good at

the beginning of the season, we'll never know just how good this team could have been without bad luck, bad weather, and untimely injuries.

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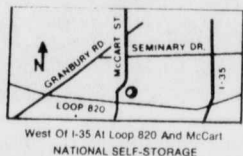
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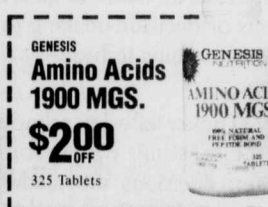
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