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## Seventh Frog dismissed

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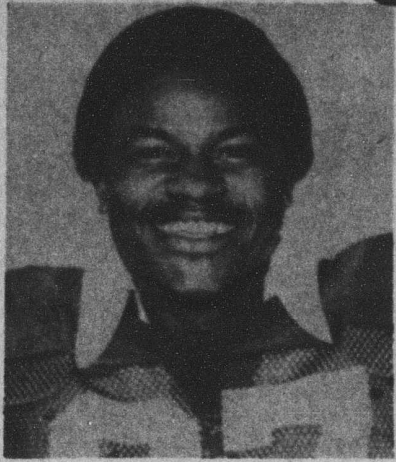
And then there were seven. TCU tight end Ron Zell Brewer became the seventh player to be dismissed from the football squad for accepting illegal cash payments in violation of NCAA rules, head coach Jim Wacker said Tuesday night.

"I didn't think it could get any worse, but it did," Wacker told the TCU Daily Skiff in his office.

Wacker said Brewer approached an assistant coach about the violations around 2 p.m. Tuesday. TCU defensive coordinator Tom Mueller said Brewer missed the team's afternoon practice.

Brewer was originally recruited in 1981 under the university's previous coaching staff. Brewer could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

Wacker said Brewer was receiving payments from a booster before the



Ron Zell Brewer

head coach arrived at TCU, at which time the payments were suspended. Wacker said Brewer then approached another booster for cash and was turned down. The 6-foot-1, 245-pounder from Dallas then began receiving an anonymous letter three times a year, Wacker said.

"The letter was not signed and it contained a significant amount of cash. It's gone on the last two years," said Wacker, who would not divulge the exact amount.

Before Wacker came to TCU from Southwest Texas State, Brewer had been using the money from the booster to make car payments, Wacker said. After the money from the booster was shut off, Wacker said the coaching staff thought the problem was cured.

"The booster cut (the payments) off when I came here. Then (Brewer) got his car repossessed. And then the payments started up again," Wacker said.

Wacker said he wasn't particularly shocked when he discovered Brewer was receiving money. "We felt Ron Zell was a possibility—again, because his car was repossessed after we got here," he said.

The addition of one more player to the list of dismissals will not hurt TCU's case when NCAA officials be-

gin an investigation into the university's program today, Wacker said.

"It doesn't make any difference now—the numbers—it's just a matter of getting it all out," Wacker said. "We won't have the problem licked until the NCAA gets through with it."

Wacker said he believed the recent publicity about illegal cash payments prompted Brewer to turn himself in before he was discovered by other authorities.

"I think his motivation was not getting the team into any trouble. He was afraid it might come out in the NCAA investigation," Wacker said. "He really had a tough time of it."

Brewer had played three years at defensive end for the Horned Frogs before being transferred to tight end in 1984, when he was red-shirted. He was not a starter for TCU this season.

"His loss cuts into our depth," Mueller said.

## Frog faithful show support

By Grant McGinnis  
Staff Writer

They came by the hundreds and they were not disappointed.

TCU head football coach Jim Wacker's weekly appearance at the Frog Club usually draws a big crowd, and the standing ovation that greets him when he enters the room has now become customary.

However, in light of the dark cloud that has descended on the TCU football program during the past few days, Tuesday's Frog Club meeting was a little different than usual. The room was overflowing with boosters and media members, all there to catch a first-hand look at Wacker's reaction to the whole messy ordeal.

The standing ovation came right on cue, as did Wacker's usual preacher-like speech, but the topic was of a much more serious nature than the weekly banter about the troublesome kicking game and the inexperienced defense.

Wacker's opening words set the tone for the meeting: "Thanks for being here," he said. "Thanks for loving and caring for a great university."

Wacker went into detail about the dismissal of six Horned Frog football players late Thursday for accepting cash payments from TCU alumni. He talked openly of his conversations with booster Dick Lowe which led up to the dismissal of the players.

And Wacker talked of feelings, feelings unlike any of those he had ever experienced before. "It's been a long, tough, hard four or five days; the worst I've gone through in my lifetime," he said. "I am very sick and disappointed over what has happened. I make no bones about that."

Wacker said he knew what had to be done as soon as he was given

the information about the cash payments. He said the decision he made was the only one he could have made, although he hasn't been without doubts since that time.

"Have I had any second thoughts?" he said. "Yes, I have. I'd love to stand up here and lie but I just can't. In a hundred thousand years I would never change that decision for one second, I promise you that."

The audience was highly appreciative of the stand Wacker has taken in recent days. The purple faithful wildly applauded his pledges to help the National Collegiate Athletic Association make a quick and thorough investigation.

"It's just like cancer," Wacker said. "We're going to get rid of 100 percent (of the cancer). They'll never have a school cooperate with them like we're going to cooperate with them."

"There's no doubt we'll be penalized. I'm sure we'll be put on probation."

Wacker expressed sympathy for the six players involved and for the offending alumni.

"The first guy I talked to about the recruiting process when I came to TCU was Dick Lowe. No one is hurt any worse in this than Dick Lowe."

"He shouldered the full blame and the responsibility and that took a lot of guts. No other booster in the history of the recruiting process in the United States did that."

Although the cash payments scandal was the main topic of discussion at the gathering, Wacker made sure he didn't forget about Saturday's game with SMU.

"We are going into this game as a decided underdog. But we've been there before and this game has been a fun game year after year after year."

"We are going to line up and go to war."

## New director brings warmth to crusaders

By Kristin Temte  
Staff Writer

Richard Price displays both warmth and enthusiasm as TCU's new campus director of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Price moved to Fort Worth from Dallas Aug. 10 with his wife, Anne, and their two daughters.

Price recently completed his masters of theology degree at Dallas Theological Seminary. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Mississippi, known as "Ole Miss." Price received a degree in chemistry and minors in biology and English.

Price has worked with Campus Crusade for 10 years. While at Ole Miss, he became involved with Crusade.

"I became a Christian through Crusade when I was a first-year student at Ole Miss in 1971, and as I grew in my relationship with God, I got involved with Crusade's leadership," Price said.

When he graduated in 1975, Price joined Crusade's staff. He worked at Towson State in Baltimore, Md., for three years and then at the University of Virginia for three more. Crusade then enabled him to further his education, while working part-time on the Crusade staff on college campuses.

Price moved to Dallas so he could attend Dallas Theological Seminary. "We are sponsored by a team of ministry partners who invest in us on a monthly basis. This enabled me to finish in a four-year time span," Price said.

"I still may go back for a doctorate in psychology, but we'll have to see," Price said.

He said he enjoys TCU. "I like the style of the campus and the style of work. Relationships are very important to people here."

As campus director, Price leads a full-time staff of three. He coordinates Crusade's activities, which include



Joe Williams / Staff Photographer

**Cheery moment** - Students react to the humor of Dick Purnell, who held two lectures on dating and intimacy last week. The lectures were sponsored by Campus Crusade.

weekly meetings, speaker series, retreats and small group discipleships, such as Bible studies.

Price replaced Scott Gray as campus director. Gray is now responsible for making hardware and software recommendations for Campus Crusade field offices.

Price has a long-term goal for Campus Crusade.

"We would like to graduate a crop of students who would enter into their vocations with a sense that Jesus

Christ was Lord over all of human experience," Price said. "They would see that God is a God over all of their lives, not just over the private part."

Price's short-term goals include building "multiplying disciples."

"A multiplying disciple is someone who can say 'I am convinced that this brings benefit to others, and I want to train others to lead others,'" he said. "This would create a chain reaction."

Much is involved in this process. "Teaching the students how to man-

age their time, motivate people, put people at ease, communicate the claims of Christ to an indifferent person, lead small groups and speak in public effectively; these are our immediate goals," he said.

The Crusade staff's biggest challenge for the next three weeks is getting in touch with everybody who is interested in Campus Crusade. "After that, our biggest challenge is maintaining the quality in the way small group studies are run," he said.

## Chinese student crosses wall to build bridges for future

By Aisha Saleen  
Staff Writer

He may not be an architect or an engineer, but graduate student Xing Pin Ding may one day build a bridge between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Born in Beijing, Ding, 26, had been living behind the Great Wall of China until three weeks ago—when he first arrived at TCU. After completing his undergraduate studies at Peking University, Ding has come to TCU to earn a master's degree in business.

According to the International Student Affairs office secretary Barbara Adams, Ding is one of four students from the People's Republic of China at TCU this semester. Although there were only four last semester as well, Adams said, "We're getting more applications from mainland China every semester."

Ding did not arrive at the TCU campus by chance. "Before I came, I did careful examination—geographic differences, location, weather, peo-

ple. . . TCU has a good reputation for business."

Ding said he also believes TCU is an "ideal place" because, while the campus provides a quiet place to study, the proximity of Dallas gives him access to cultural events.

He also said he would like to travel around the United States to see some historic places, as well as "some American traditions."

The chance to be a "pioneer" further enticed Ding to look at colleges in Texas. "A lot of people (go to) New York, California, Chicago. . . Few come to southern states—especially Texas," Ding said.

But Ding said leaving his homeland to set a precedent for other international students does have its share of drawbacks. Leaving parents, a sister, a brother, friends and a familiar way of life for a foreign culture and study in a foreign language requires courage and determination.

"Everything is new to me," Ding said. "I'm a total stranger."

While he misses his family, Ding said he also misses the "Chinese situation." Because of differences between the two cultures, Ding has found "it takes (a) lot of time to adjust to environment. . . I have to be totally independent."

Despite these difficulties, Ding was willing to take the risks necessary to improve the economic status of China. Although he majored in political science in his homeland, Ding changed his major to business when he realized it is "extremely important. . . to improve (the) Chinese economic situation."

Taking 12 hours of courses in economics and business while holding a job as a teaching assistant at the campus computer center does not leave Ding with much spare time.

Because he feels many Americans do not know much about China, Ding said he would like to "talk to more people about Chinese culture, tradition (and) history" when he has more time.

## Elopement annulled by Lone Star police

DAINGERFIELD, Texas (AP)—Two South Carolina teen-agers who ran away to get married and allegedly stole two cars—including a sheriff's patrol car—were being held Tuesday.

The pair led police on a wild chase across northeast Texas and southern Arkansas earlier this week before their capture.

The escapade began when the 17-year-old man and 14-year-old girl from Spartanburg, S.C., ran away to get married in a car South Carolina officials say was stolen.

It ended in Arkansas after the pair was first stopped by a sheriff's deputy in Texas, drove off in his patrol car and finally ran into a roadblock.

Officials say they don't know if the couple ever got married or not.

Brian Keith Lindsey, 17, of Spartanburg, S.C., is charged with escape and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Texas and with auto theft out of South Carolina. He was being held Tuesday in

## Thousands flee city, others search rubble

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Thousands fled the city Tuesday, fearing disease from polluted water and decaying bodies. Others watched rescuers pull survivors from earthquake debris that had imprisoned them for days, praying to see relatives.

Workers dug and listened on ultrasound equipment, specially trained dogs sniffed and pawed in the desperate effort to find the estimated 1,500 people still buried before it is too late.

Cheers are raised for every victory, when someone who thought his trap was his grave is pulled to safety.

Not even disaster can change fundamental human behavior: Teams digging through the rubble of an apartment building reached a 70-year-old woman, but she refused at

first to come out "because I am naked and people are going to think I have no shame."

The latest official count put the death toll at 3,000 from the two major earthquakes that struck the heart of the city last Thursday and Friday.

The city government said 7,100 people were injured and 600 remained in hospitals.

An estimated 300,000 are homeless, and only about half have found temporary shelter. The others huddle in parks and streets, or have left the city to seek help from friends and relatives outside the capital.

Health officials said there was no severe threat of epidemic from contaminated water and decaying bodies that either are caught in the rubble or awaiting burial. They advised residents of the city to boil drinking water.

## INSIDE

A TCU alumna says the corruption of college athletics is partly due to the corrosion of some of the pillars of society. **Opinion, Page 2.**

"Herc" is here at TCU. Mitchell Benson, a 6-foot, 4-inch, 265-pound defensive lineman from Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth, is ready to play for the Frogs, even if it's only spot duty. **Sports, Page 4.**

## WEATHER

Cool weather will continue in the Metroplex today, with the high temperature in the mid 70s and the low in the 50s. The wind will be out of the north at 15 mph.

# OPINION

## Team broken by fall of community pillars

By Carole Alford

How do I begin? Why am I so deeply touched and saddened by the recent disclosures that the "Cinderella" football team of TCU has fallen victim to human frailties as so many others have?

Cinderella is supposed to be a fairy tale above such abominable nonsense. TCU has the unbelievable football team which loyal supporters have ached and hoped for so long. Has Cinderella fallen?

How do I explain to our teenager that rules are made not to be bent, circumvented, broken—that rules are created to provide order and conduct commanding respect? Especially when adults are the very rule breakers?

The sad truth is that the TCU boys involved are not blameless. They did wrong and must be chastised. However, the fact that football is a team sport has to be considered here. Abuse by individuals involved penalizes not only that individual, but also hamstring his teammates both physically (loss of players) and mentally (loss of prestige, esteem and cohesiveness.)

When older, successful community models with influence abuse their power, who wins?

Not only has each of these adults tarnished his good name, he has blemished the names and lives of some hardworking, talented, yet vulnerable youngsters.

Why all the talk about corruption on TV polluting the minds of our youngsters? All one has to do is look to a few of our community pillars in order to find such corruption.

True, our teenagers now are more sophisticated in many ways than we were at their age, but why should they carry the burdens placed upon them by a few warped adults?

Why are youngsters being bought by these "loyal fans" who pave paths for our teenagers to follow? Has someone overlooked the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, integrity, self-respect and pride?

Think of how those few "bad bucks" of adults acting more like misguided children have ramifications.

First, why obtain the No. 1 football coach, watch him give 200 percent of himself (more than any human cannonball I have ever seen) in dedication to building a successful football team from nothing to one of national prominence in two short years, and then undermine the very things he stands for?

How could these people turn around and do this to him?

How dare they discredit our coach or his boys. For shame! What could possibly be

gained from this dishonesty?

TCU has been publicly humiliated and our coach has been heartbroken and embarrassed. Some young peoples' lives may be destroyed. A potential Heisman Trophy winner has been stripped from this once-in-a-lifetime honor.

And what about the fans? I mean those of us who have sat in the rain at football games when most of the stands were empty. What will the scandal about "dirty money" do to keep these seats filled? What about those of us who have hoped that some day our hometown, hometown team would achieve the greatness it once knew?

Well folks, a few rotten apples will not spoil the barrel. Our insightful (thank God), honest, firm and forthright Coach Wacker has nipped this in the bud. How fast he has uncovered and removed any hint of decay.

Yet the few rotten apples did spread a cloud of disheartening corruption to our beloved Cinderella football team. The same group has torn at the very heart and soul of our coach. Again TCU has achieved national publicity—the wrong kind—not only for TCU, but for our city as well.

I would like to hope this was just a nightmare. Tomorrow I would awaken to find it a bad dream. But these Darth Vaders are real. Only last week I was witness to an alumni

bragging that no schools were blameless, that TCU players received money and had for some time.

Perhaps the NCAA should go to the core of the problem, slapping fines, making public disclosures of the culprits and penalizing those guilty of violations and tossing about their dishonest, unprincipled money.

Why should the kids take all the heat? Why should the boys involved receive all the headlines, bad publicity and loss of esteem? What about those willing to compromise honesty, integrity and the athletic program, as well as lie to our coach? The long-term repercussions are much more profound than these short-sighted few must have realized.

The Cinderella team will rise again. I truly believe this. After Coach Wacker has had time to compose his feelings, the healing can begin.

Where does his contract say his time is to be spent band-aiding deeply hurt team feelings, meeting with officials and media about rule violations and under-the-carpet money?

Yes, Jim Wacker will make the time. He will replant the seeds and foundations he spent two years so diligently building. He will nurture and cultivate his team.

Keep your money. Or better yet, put it to good use, possibly to provide a disadvantaged youth a college education.

TCU has plenty of proper channels where your money can be spent. Otherwise, leave our kids alone. We've waited too long to have to witness lives knocked about or destroyed by rule bending. Stay away from our Cinderella team.

And please, Coach Wacker, be once again as proud of us as you were before. We still long for your unbelievable dynamic philosophy. We desperately need your positive enthusiastic energy. We know that you will find the good—even in this situation.

But hooray for you, Coach, for sticking firmly by your principles of integrity and honesty.

You have become wiser to look out for wolves in sheep's clothing. Now all of us must be on guard against such improprieties as have recently occurred. Know that these are but a few inappropriate individuals. Your community stands behind you as a larger team.

Your dynamic philosophy has profoundly touched the lives of so many adults, as well as those of your football players.

Jim Wacker, you are our role model—a man among men. We love you. And yes, Coach, we believe in fairy tales.

Carole Alford is a 1987 graduate of TCU

## Students can also help disaster relief efforts



Cheryl Phillips

The United States is not just a government. It is a group of individuals working together.

And taking action to help the earthquake victims in Mexico is not the sole responsibility of the U.S. government. It is the responsibility of everyone in the nation. It is the responsibility of everyone in Fort Worth and everyone at TCU.

What can the average college student do to help the victims? Quitting school and joining rescue teams is out.

But if every student gave blood at the Carter Blood Center, that would be at least 6,800 more pints of blood for the thousands of injured.

The American Red Cross is accepting funds to send to the Mexican Red Cross.

KESS 94 FM radio sponsored a drive at a restaurant, a furniture store and a food market.

Bobbie Woolever, director of the disaster relief fund, related one story of an individual who recognized her responsibility.

As part of the drive, a band and some tables were set up outside the restaurant, with the American Red Cross receiving a dollar for every meal. Woolever observed an elderly Mexican woman walk by and pick up cans from the street. A short while later she returned with five dollars for the fund.

"It meant more to me than the hundreds of

dollars) we got in, because she did it out of love," Woolever said.

Woolever also said if TCU students or organizations would like to hold a fund-raising drive, they would provide the appropriate Red Cross ID and help get things started.

She added that there are 25 towns other than Mexico City that need aid, primarily medical supplies and money.

The lady who donated \$5 exemplifies the best in America. She showed an example of unselfish giving and an act of kindness that could be a partial answer to the prayers of thousands. We need to follow her example.

The college ranks today are known as part of the "me" generation with a hunger for success in the "real world."

The "real world," however is more than just a climb up the corporate ladder. It is a world filled with pain—one that contains death, disease and disasters like the Mexican earthquakes.

Anyone out there who doesn't fit the mold of a success-only college student can help the Mexican victims.

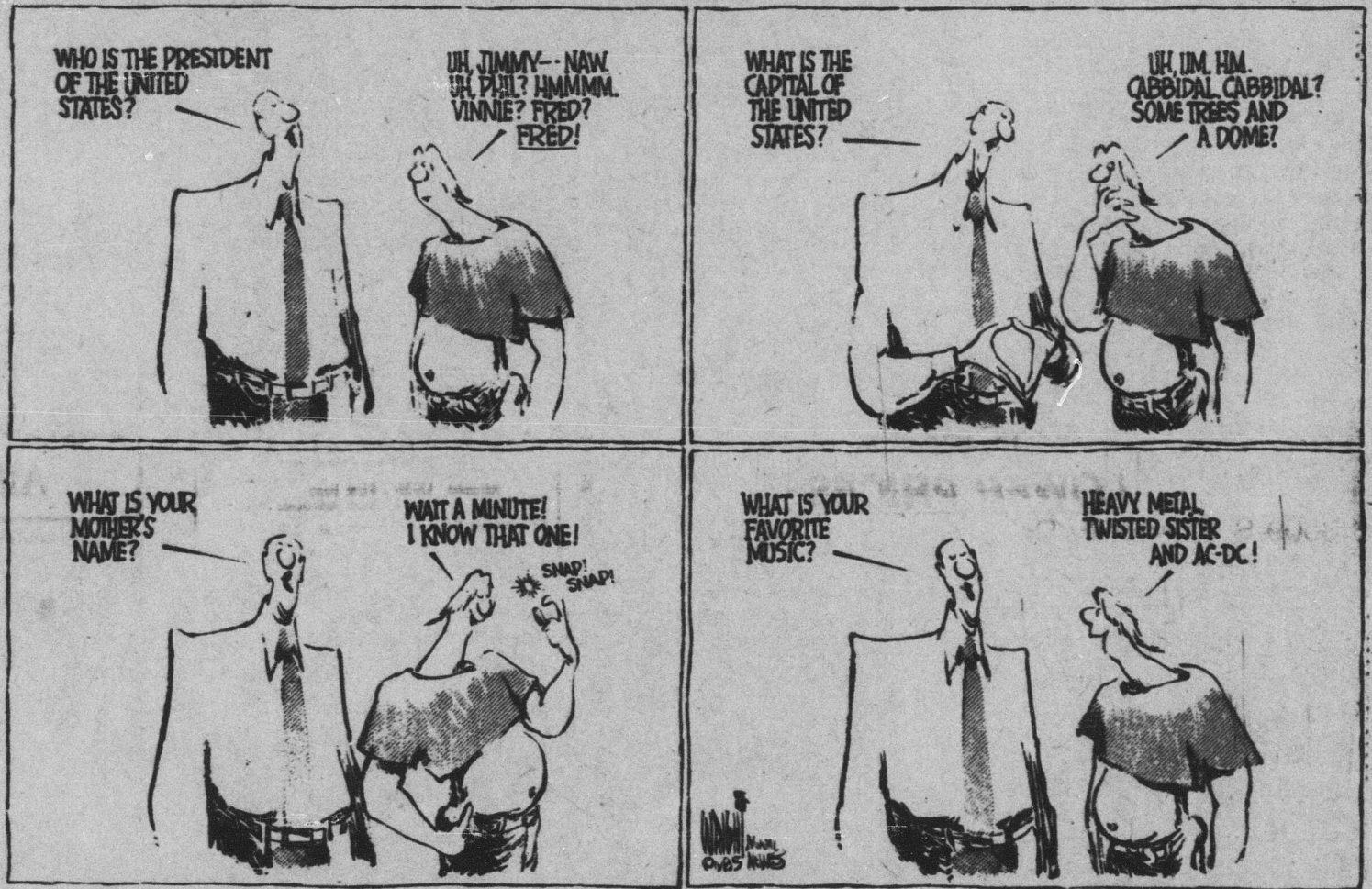
Organizing a fund-raising drive is one way TCU students can get involved.

You can also give money by dropping it off at the American Red Cross, Tarrant County Chapter office, 6640 Camp Bowie Blvd.

You can give blood so the dying may live. You can be an answer to prayer.

In giving to the victims, we do much more than help materially. An assurance is provided to those who are suffering that life is not meaningless, that people care and, most of all, that there is hope.

Cheryl Phillips is a senior journalism major



## Tough stance can deter terrorists

How fortunate for the remaining six American hostages in the Middle East that one was set free and has now arrived back to his native land. Most Americans, including the news media, seemed ready to throw in the towel on these countrymen, some of whom have been held prisoners longer than any of the Iranian hostages.

With the return of the Rev. Benjamin Weir after a 16-month hostage ordeal, and the subsequent coverage in newspapers and on television screens, the American public will once again become involved in pressing for some kind of settlement that would guarantee the release of the other six hostages.

"The Forgotten Seven" are now the remembered six, but the American public must also remember its responsibility when writing members of Congress or petitioning for the hostages' release.

The captors in this situation are Lebanese Shiite Muslims, who are closely linked to such other Islamic fundamentalists as the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran. The kidnappers, however, ask for nothing directly from the United States, but demand the release of 17 comrades

held in Kuwait, a small nation on the Persian Gulf nestled between Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The first impulse for some would be to urge the Reagan administration to pressure the Kuwaiti government for the release of the Shiite prisoners.

Because this option would send a positive signal to the kidnappers and other terrorists that harboring American hostages is one way, essentially, to get what you want, it must be avoided at all costs.

The message that should be sent from the American public to its officials is one of concern for the safety of the hostages while they remain in captivity, and for their quick release through proper, diplomatic channels while preserving what is left of a tough American posture.

Only by negotiating for the hostages' release on its own terms will the United States government be able to deter future terrorist attacks on its citizens.

The American public, while actively voicing its support for the release of the remaining six hostages, must uphold this theory to ensure the safety of Americans abroad.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ticket scalping not free enterprise

Your editorial in the Sept. 12 issue of the TCU Daily Skiff condones ticket scalping. You have recommended legislation to eliminate the criminal element of scalping without giving any concrete suggestions.

Your presenting the advantages of scalping borders on the ridiculous. If you don't have the time to go and stand in line, surely you can pick up the telephone and use your credit card to get tickets!

Scalping cannot be justified because it allows people without time to buy a \$19 ticket for \$300!

Standing in line overnight would usually ensure that you got the best seats in the house. With scalping, however, you are bare-

ly assured a ticket when you make it to the ticket window!

In addition, the objective of selling a \$19 ticket for a concert is to allow people to attend for that amount. Tickets are not priced by promoters and performers so that scalpers are assured a profit on resale.

Every ticket purchased by scalpers denies an individual the right to see that concert for the ticketed price.

The American system of free enterprise is unique in the world, but scalping cannot be condoned in its name.

Atul Kumar, graduate student, business

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# NATIONAL SCOPE

## Advisers say 'Star Wars' won't protect U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense program could "substantially increase" America's safety under certain conditions, but it will never be able to protect the entire country from nuclear attack, science advisers to Congress concluded Tuesday.

A study by the Office of Technology Assessment said the United States would need "great technical success" in its research program along with a change in the Soviet Union's strategy to emphasize defense rather than offense.

A companion OTA study raised new questions about U.S. anti-satellite, or ASAT, weapons and cautioned that while this country may lead now in a technology field related to Star Wars, the Soviets are likely to catch up.

"What this means is that after spending billions and billions of dollars, we could find that we have

bought ourselves greater instability than the world has ever confronted in the atomic age," said Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The 324-page study of the Star Wars program, which is known formally as the Strategic Defense Initiative, was done at the request of Aspin's panel and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Release of the report comes in the midst of a debate over the place of the high-tech missile-interception program in the nuclear balance between the two superpowers.

The SDI program "carries a risk" that it could start an entirely new arms race and could create "severe instabilities" if it made the Soviets think the United States was seeking a first-strike capability, the study suggested.

It noted there is confusion over the specific goals of Star Wars. Some supporters of the program want a so-

called "Astrodome" defense that would defend the entire nation, while others call for a defense of U.S. missile sites. Critics say the latter would violate the 1972 treaty limiting missile defenses.

The study concluded that while anti-missile weapons could "substantially increase" the safety margin in a nuclear attack, "assured survival of the U.S. population (the 'Astrodome' defense) appears impossible to achieve if the Soviets are determined to deny it to us."

That is because any U.S. defense could be countered by Soviet offensive maneuvers that would likely insure that some attacking missiles would make it through the American shield, it said.

As the November summit meeting between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev approaches, the Soviets have increasingly called for cuts in the Star Wars program and

said any new nuclear arms limitation agreement depends on the United States limiting its research.

But the president, contending the Soviets are mounting their own research into missile defenses, said again last week he would not agree to limiting the scope of the research program, although he did say he would negotiate before any system is deployed.

Reagan announced the program in 1983, saying it should try to find a way to defend against attack and end the reliance on the doctrine of mutual destruction, which holds that both sides are deterred from attack by the threat of a devastating counterstrike.

Star Wars critics say an effective system is technologically impossible and will only lead to a new round in the nuclear arms race.

An earlier OTA study of Star Wars raised questions about the program's

feasibility. It said any effective defense would require technical capabilities in areas such as computers and targeting that appeared to be far beyond the nation's capabilities.

The OTA said its latest study "provides more questions than answers," but said the current research program, expected to cost \$33 billion, is still in its infancy.

The ASAT study said the Soviets currently threaten some U.S. satellites but could be a much greater threat in the future without limits on the program.

The Air Force recently had its first successful operational test of the American system, a weapon Reagan says is needed to offset the Soviet ASAT deployed for more than a decade.

Both nations use satellites, but the United States is more dependent on them for communications with far-

flung military outposts, the study noted.

Rather than building ASAT weapons, it suggested, the Pentagon could take other steps to protect U.S. satellites, including jamming of Soviet ASAT attacks or putting backup satellites into orbit to be used on a standby basis.

## Bridge takes toll on Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)— Waiting in the wings of Congress are such pressing issues as trade, tax reform and the budget. But the House spent an hour of its time last week wrangling over which end of a bridge should have a toll booth.

The bridge in question is the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, which links Staten Island to Brooklyn in the City of New York.

It is, said Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., whose district lies on the Brooklyn side, "the biggest and most beautiful suspension bridge, not only in the country but in the world."

The controversy is not over the bridge or its beauty but by whom the toll is paid.

Rep. Guy V. Molinari, R-N.Y., whose district lies mostly on Staten Island, succeeded in inserting into the annual transportation appropriations bill a section that would ban the collection of tolls at both ends of the bridge and establish toll booths only on the Brooklyn side.

To Solarz, who dubbed the debate "the battle of the bridge," the heart of the issue is that people on Staten Island could drive to Brooklyn without paying any toll at all, a loss that he said the New York Metropolitan Transit

Authority has estimated could cost \$10 million a year in lost revenue.

But Molinari said the health of his constituents was at risk.

"The traffic backs up extraordinarily and on the Staten Island side there is a low valley," he said. "The carbon monoxide buildup has grown so intense that the Environmental Medical Center at St. Vincent's Hospital has recommended that during many periods of the year the Verrazano Bridge toll collectors do not collect tolls to allow people to go through those toll booths as rapidly as possible because there is a health emergency."

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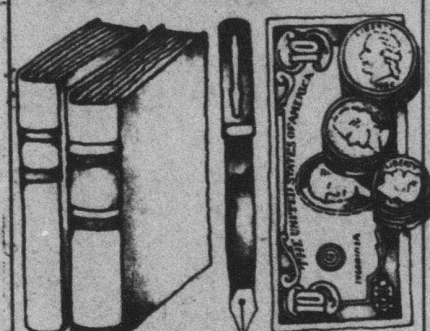
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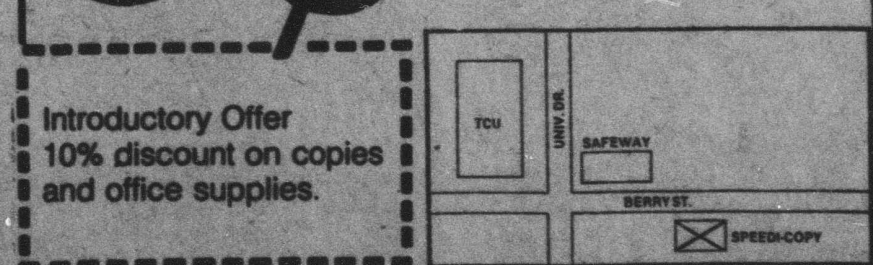
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# SPORTS

## TCU's 'Herc' works on one task, not 12

By Ricky Moore  
Staff Writer

His nickname is "Herc," and he's out to put the hurt on Horned Frog opponents, as often as he can from his defensive tackle position.

"I'm not going into this season expecting to start," said the 6-foot-5-inch, 264-pound Mitchell Benson. "But when I do get the chance to play, even if it is just for a minute, I want to do my best."

Benson's nickname "Herc" is short for Hercules. He said most people think he received the name from one of the coaches at Eastern Hills. Not true says Benson.

"Actually, father gave me that name a long time ago. It's just stayed with me all this time," Benson said.

TCU defensive line coach Scott Brown says, "He's a big, physical young man who can run. He has a lot of natural raw talent that just needs to be developed."

Benson picked up his first assist on a tackle during the Frog game against Tulane. He has graded out well in scrimmages so far, and is listed second on the depth chart at right defensive tackle.

When Benson arrived at TCU, the first real adversity he faced was not two-a-day practices or even the heat but finding a helmet big enough to fit. After several calls to local sporting goods stores, Benson was fitted with the appropriate headgear. It became easy for the coaches to single out "Herc" on the field, because his white helmet stood out like a sore thumb.

Benson is a key member of one of

the finest freshmen classes in America this year. He was recruited from Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth, the school that produced one of the top tailbacks in the Southwest Conference, Jeff Atkins of SMU.

Benson's decision of where to play college football came down to three schools—Texas, SMU and TCU.

"I wanted to go to school near home," said Benson, who met personally with the head coaches of Texas, SMU and TCU before making his decision. He couldn't have picked a much closer school than TCU.

"I decided TCU has the best coaching staff and I liked Coach Wacker's attitude," said Benson of his choice.

Wacker must have been equally impressed with Benson. The Frog

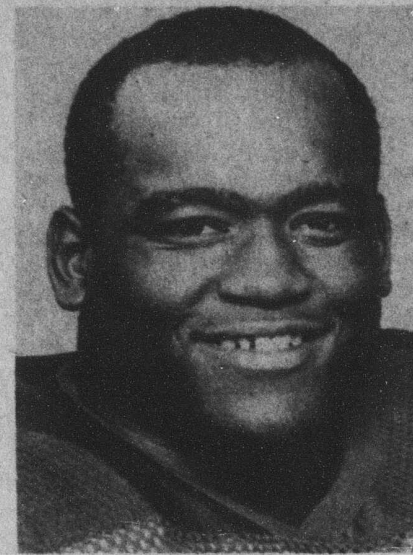
freshman had honors including all-district, all-region and all-state plus a 1984 Blue Chip rating, a listing in *Texas Football's Top 50* and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Top 100*.

At Eastern Hills Benson played both offense and defense, collecting 101 tackles and 29 sacks from his defensive tackle position. While on offense he ate up yardage at fullback.

"We recruited Mitchell because he can run," said Brown. "He was a fullback in high school. He has a lot of potential, we just have to develop it."

Benson was also highly recruited in basketball where he averaged 20 points-per-game and 10 rebounds-per-game from his center position.

"I enjoy playing basketball, but my chances for advancement in football are much better," Benson said.



Mitchell Benson

## TCU kickers beat Pan Am

The TCU soccer team captured its first victory of the season Saturday afternoon when they beat Pan American University 3-2.

With just three minutes left in the game, freshman Brian Brown scored the winning goal on a setup by sophomore John Mosby.

The Frogs held a 2-0 lead until the second half on goals by Rex Roberts and Kevin Schock. Pan Am put the pressure on TCU with two goals to tie the game up when Fonalish Momo and Stefan Shraudi scored.

Schock said the Frogs had an overall advantage over Pan American throughout the ballgame. "Our team has room for improvement," he added, "but we are starting to work together as a team."

The Frogs' record is now 1-2-2. They will host the University of Dallas Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.

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