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Administrative rush decision overruled recommendation

By LEANORA MINAI
Staff Writer

The recent decision by Chancellor Bill Tucker and the vice chancellors to maintain rush at the beginning of the fall semester overruled the recommendation of the committee formed to study the issue.

The ad hoc committee on rush, bid and pledging activities recommended that rush be delayed two weeks into the semester, affirming faculty and staff support of deferred rush, said Douglas Simpson, committee member and dean of the School of Education.

However, Peggy Barr, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said described the administration's actions as minor modifications.

"All the recommendations that were accepted were accepted with minor changes or reworded to meet legal issues, but they (the chancellor and vice chancellors) did not water them down," Barr said.

The committee, appointed last semester by Barr, submitted its completed recommendations to Barr in October. Barr met with Greeks in November to discuss the administration's decisions.

"There was a lot of concern (by the administration) that if one were to defer rush, what happens is that you can defer the time but not the anxiety, and the tension is extended," said Don Mills, ad hoc committee chairman and associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

The committee's charge was to examine the timeliness of rush and pledging and how the two affect students' academic performance, he said.

Chancellor Bill Tucker said a delayed rush detracts from classes more than rush at the beginning of the fall semester and, therefore, is counterproductive.

"I did not support delayed rush because I thought it would detract from, instead of enhancing, the TCU academic experience of the first-semester freshmen," he said.

Andrew Fort, commitee member and associate professor of religion-studies, said his basic role on the subcommittee was to represent the faculty and TCU's academic mission.

"Anyone on such a committee whose primary commitment is to the academic mission of the university, and every member of this committee was so inclined, had to have been somewhat disappointed with the result," Fort said.

Pat Paulus, assistant professor of biology who spoke to the subcommittee during one of its open hearings, said she is in favor of deferred rush.

"I really dislike the fact that classes make a second appearance," she said. "I would like to see students get their lives established first academically and then add an enriching additional aspect to their lives."

Simpson said he prefers a delayed rush because students can get involved in the daily life of the university first.

"Generally the Greek population is pleased because they didn't want to have a delayed rush," she said. "It was clear in what they (Greeks) told us that they were not in favor of it."

David Rotman, committee member, said he was "more or less satisfied" with the administration's decisions on the recommendations but would not say whether or not he was for deferred rush.

"Change is met with very little leeway at this university," he said. "I guess any major change would have upset the balance between faculty and students."

However, Simpson said the remain-

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Policies may be tougher for fraternities to meet

By LEANORA MINAI
Staff Writer

Some of TCU's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council officers believe that fraternities will have a tougher time than sororities meeting the ad hoc committee's policies on rush, bid and pledging activities.

These policies include provisions for higher GPAs, restructured pledge programs and restrictions on bid-night parties.

However, Scott Horton, assistant director of Student Activities, does not agree with those students and said that the policies reflect the university's desire for Greek organizations to conform to state law and to improve chapter quality.

"These (policies) are things that we have been saying all along, but this is the first time in one place that we've affirmed these things as university policy," Horton said.

Joe Gagnon, IFC president, said fraternities will have a greater challenge than the sororities with enforcing the committee policies.

"The challenge for fraternities is

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Carrie Hanson, a senior modern dance major, performs in the Young Choreographer's Concert. See story Page 4.

Faculty Senate discusses deficit

Secrest says tuition rise possible

By ROBIN NOBLE
Staff Writer

To avoid a budget shortfall like the $625,000 deficit experienced this year, exceptional care will be taken in planning the TCU budget for 1990-91, and signs point to a rise in tuition, said E. Leigh Secrest, vice chancellor for Finance and Planning.

"There will never be enough money to do the things we need to see done," Secrest said. "When the day comes that our resources outstrip our imagination, then we are in real trouble."

Secrest was a guest at the last 1989 meeting of the Faculty Senate yesterday. He said the budget had some good news and some bad news for faculty and staff.

The bad news, Secrest said, is that insurance premiums will go up about 25 percent.

Also, Secrest said that this year, $900,000 was budgeted for worker's compensation. The actual cost was $1.2 million.

Next year, Secrest said $1.5 million will be budgeted for worker's compensation, resulting in a $600,000 increase over last year.

Secrest also cited the increase in the minumum wage from $3.35 to $4.25, increasing the cost of student labor.

In looking at remedies of rising costs, Secrest said that he was happy to report that the endowment continues to increase and the gift fund is expected to increase next year. He also said that for every dollar per hour tuition is raised, revenues gain about $162,000.

This year's budget shortfall, the difference between the projection and the actual income, resulted when a number of income sources fell short of projections:

- Tuition and fees fell short of projections by more than $1 million. The increase in tuituion and fees was projected at about $3 million. The actual increase was about $2 million, leaving a shortfall of $1 million. One aspect that added to the tuition and fees shortfall was a 3.8-percent decrease in students, and a 3 percent decrease in the number of hours taken.
- Gift funds were down $413,000 from the projected amount. Possible reasons given were a slow Texas economy and new tax laws, which limit contributions to institutions such as TCU. However, Secrest said gift funds are expected to increase this year.
- Worker's compensation as described previously also added to the shortfall, as did a miscellaneous amount of $225,152 in reductions.

The 1990-91 budget will begin from a baseline model. Baseline expenditures will show what money must be spent, such as utilities, insurance, and minimum hourly rates for student workers.

The baseline budget will be tightly balanced, and allow for little change until other data, such as changes in student charges and financial aid, are known.

All budget units across campus will be asked for detailed justification of any urgently needed increases. All budget lines will be established on a justified "need" or "merit" basis.

In late February, the student charges for 1990-91 will be published, and with that information, the final budget will be developed. The final version will go to the board for approval in March.

In other business, the Senate passed a resolution to re-submit to Chancellor Bill Tucker a request for the establishment of a univerisity-wide committee on minority concerns.

Committee seeks colonization prospects

By SARAH NORMAND
Staff Writer

The process of sorority expansion began Tuesday when the ad hoc Sorority Selection Committee contacted all National Panhellenic Council sororities to inform them of the opportunity to colonize at TCU.

The committee invited all National Panhellenic Conference sororities not already at TCU to send written information about their organization, colonization guidelines or procedures and any other pertinent information for the committee to review. Information will be accepted by the committee no later than Jan. 8, 1990.

The sororities were provided with a summary of the ad hoc committee report on rush, bids and pledging; the university's policy statement on rush, bids and pledging for fraternities and sororities; TCU student and sorority member demographics and grade statistics and a co-curricular bulletin.

The last time TCU went through the expansion process was in 1979 when Alpha Phi sorority was invited to colonize on campus after Alpha Gamma Delta sorority folded.

Susan Batchelor, director of Student Activites and chairwoman of the committee, said Panhellenic, TCU sororities and administrators are in agreement that there is a need for another sorority on campus now that Alpha Phi has folded.

"Pledge classes of 50 plus (members) are overwhelming," Batchelor said. "Trying to implement a quality, individualized pledge program is difficult."

Other committee members are: Scott Horton, assistant director of Student Activities; Carol Ann Lane, program adviser for Student Activities; Carlos Laird, assistant director of freshman admissions; Wanda Olsen, assistant director of residential life; Barbara Thomas, Alpha Phi sorority alumna; Lisa Roth, president of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority; Barbara Leu, House of Student Representatives; and one representative each from Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council.

The committee will invite no more than three sororities to come to campus and make presentations to the committee, Horton said.

"It's a big commercial," he said. "They're trying to sell their organization to us. They could do a slide show, a video or just an oral presentation. And, they'll probably bring little cutesy things."

After viewing the presentations they committee will make a recommendation to the Student Organizations Committee and a final decision will be made no later than March 31, 1990.

The committee's letter to the sororities stated that a recommendation would be based on the individual organization's:

- National programs, reputation, support to local chapters
- Policy and program for colonization
- Working relationship with univerisities
- Texas and bordering states' chapters

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Student House holds last semester meeting

President Kristin Chambers leaves office

By JENNIFER DOLT
Staff Writer

The chamber doors on Kristin Chambers' term have come to a close.

The House of Student Representatives held its last meeting of the semester Tuesday, which was also the last meeting under the leadership of President Chambers.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," Chambers said. "I thank every student, whether they voted for me or not, for giving me that experience."

Chambers said she realized how rewarding the presidency was when some House members told her at the House reception Tuesday that she was a positive role model for them.

"It made it all worth it to know that somewhere in some way, I helped someone be a better leader," Chambers said.

"Kristin's leadership style was very personable, highly motivated, and she was extrememly organized," said Susan Batchelor, director of Student Activities and House adviser for 11 years.

Chambers' leadership definitely reflected the attitudes of the representatives, Batchelor said.

"I think they (the House members) were responsible and well organized," Batchelor said. "They had respect for one another and had fun in the process."

The 1989 House Executive Board accomplished new projects such as the Chat with the Chancellor series, the financial guidelines for bill consideration and House T-shirts.

"I think this Exec Board stopped talking and started doing," Chambers said.

Chambers said the House as a whole was very efficient in the past year.

"Through following parliamentary procedure, we had efficient meetings," she said.

Getting information out to the students and establishing credibility with the administration and students are among the achievements of Chambers' leadership, Batchelor said.

"They did their homework before approaching the administration, had clear expectations and were articulate about concerns of the students," Batchelor said. "In turn, they generated credibility for the House."

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Today's weather will be clearing and cool with high temperatures in the mid 40s and low temperatures in the upper 20s. Winds will be from the north at 10-15 mph.

Tomorrow's weather will be warmer with high temperatures in the lower 60s and low temperatures in the upper 20s.

Band brings in big bucks in benefit

Trio of One performs to finance scholarship for S. African student

By JANA AGEE
Staff Writer

The local band Trio of One performed a concert Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom, benefiting the Black South African Scholarship Committee.

About 65 people attended the concert that raised about $240 toward the committee's goal of $700, which will be added to the committee's fund that sponsors a South African student to attend the University of Capetown in South Africa, said the Rev. John Butler, minister to the university.

"We really did not have any expectations (of how much money the concert would raise)," Butler said. "Our goal was to help raise money as one project."

The group has been sponsoring Shamiela Frieslaar, a student at the University of Capetown. Frieslaar is in her second year at the South African university and is majoring in commerce, said Ben Taylor, a member of the committee.

Taylor expected the concert to help with Frieslaar's college expenses, but had not expected it to generate the $700 they needed.

The committee has asked other organizations to charge $1 extra for their social activities, then donate that dollar to the committee, Butler said. Alpha Phi Omega has agreed to do this, as well as other groups, he said.

John Thomasson, bassist for Trio of One, said he wished the turnout had been better, admitting that December is a busy time of year for most people.

"As long as people are thinking about it (the situation for black South Africans), that is all that really matters," he said.

"I do not think it went as well as they (the group) expected, because there were not many people there," Butler said. "We wish more people had come because of the money (that could have been raised)."

Members of Trio of One said they are happy to participate in benefits like Wednesday's because they care about what is going on in South Africa.

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Trio of One performs for students Wednesday in the Student Center.

CAMPUSlines

Friday

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation is accepting applications from all sophomores interested in a career in mathematics or the natural sciences. For more information contact Priscilla W. Tate, Associate Dean, AddRan College in Reed Hall Room 111 by Friday.

Biology Seminar will be held at 12:00 Noon in WSH 436. Joe White will speak on Remote Sensing and Forest Structure of Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA.

Christmas Carols can be ordered in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday. They will be delivered to the person of your choice from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 on campus only.

Sunday

TCU Jazz Ensemble will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. at JR's Club on Bernie Anderson Road. Admission is free for TCU students.

Monday

Animal Liberation League, animal rights organization for Fort Worth, meets the second Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arlington branch of the North Texas Humane Society at 207 N. Elm. For more information call 277-8019 or 274-4188.

Ongoing

The Tarrant County Arts Alliance is accepting scripts for consideration for possible production in their new performance space. Submit scripts to: Molly Shepard, Performance Arts Director, Tarrant County Arts Alliance, Box 1418, Fort Worth, Texas 76101. For more information, call 346-4610 or 336-TCAA.

Flu Shots and vaccines are available from the Health Center for $7.50.

Exchange Cart, a TCU dining service, is open for faculty and students in Tandy Hall Room 136 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday every week.

AIDS education seminar, a monthly service of the AIDS Resource Center will be held Dec. 13 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Town Hall Meeting Center, 4100 Maple Ave. The workshop is designed to give educators, health care workers, students and the concerned public an overview of AIDS and HIV infection.

Fort Worth Audubon Society meets on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Osteopathic Medicine on Camp Bowie at Montgomery in Room 2-106 of the Medical Education Building #2. The program will be wild bird rehabilitation with Lee and Beverly Clauser.

HELPlines

First Chance Foundation, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation home for 68 men, needs towels and blankets or bedspreads of any size. They are located at 1400 Riverside Drive. For more information call Derek Curry at 877-1807.

The Spirit of Christmas, a project sponsored by TeamBank is offering students a chance to give Christmas gifts to abused and neglected children. Cards listing the child's name and the desired gift are available at TeamBank. Gifts must be returned to TeamBank by Dec. 18 in order to have them delivered to the children. For more information call Jerri McKennon at 884-4354.

The Mental Health Association of Tarrant County is organizing a Holiday Gift Lift. It is one way to help the patients know that their community cares for them and supports their recovery by giving them gifts since they may not otherwise receive any. Suggested gifts include: toiletry items, books, crafts and toys. Gifts must be received no later than Friday. For more information call 335-5405.

The Spaghetti Warehouse will hold its annual children's Christmas party on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They need toys, posters, games and party favors. Contributions can be brought to the Spaghetti Warehouse at 600 E. Exchange during normal hours.

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

Two shopping malls need volunteers to help shoppers choose the name of a needy child for whom they want to purchase a Christmas gift of clothing or shoes.

Bowling volunteers are needed to help Dec. 8 — 10 in a state bowling tournament for the mentally retarded.

Volunteer needed on Dec. 8 and 15 to alphabetize applications for Christmas toys for needy children.

Drivers needed to pick up donated toys and deliver them to a distribution site. Must use own vehicle, have valid license and liability insurance.

Volunteers needed through Dec. 15 to greet and direct people who are applying for Christmas assistance programs.

Volunteers needed Dec. 15 through 18 to help sort Christmas toys for needy children, place toys in gift bags and distribute to parents.

Volunteer servers needed to help at a holiday dinner-dance for senior citizens from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12.

Volunteers needed to help assemble Christmas baskets through Dec. 22 to distribute to the needy.

Assistants needed to help teachers in teaching English language skills to 1st through 5th graders who are disadvantaged and speak English as a second language.

Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to sort, bag and distribute Christmas toys for needy children Dec. 15 — 18.

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An increase in the student fee is the one goal Chambers said she would have liked to accomplish in her administration.

"If the increase had happened, I would walk away having thought everything was perfect," she said.

On a personal level, Chambers said she learned communication skills in the office by learning how to tell someone constructively that he or she is wrong, by mediating arguments, understanding the chain of command and learning about the budget process.

"I am taking what I learned and applying it to life," she said. "It's more than just the great comraderie and the friendships that I haven't even begun to appreciate."

Batchelor said that the next House administration under new president Matt Hood should first assess certain goals and then develop strategies to meet those goals.

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• Alumni support in Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area

• Commitment to academic excellence

The new sorority will have April, May and the summer to decorate their chapter room and plan a strategy for rush, Horton said.

"More than likely they will begin their rush as soon as bid day is over for formal rush," he said. "I think the idea of a new sorority will appeal to women who would like to be a founding member of a group or to those who might not be interested in existing groups."

"Panhellenic will help them (with rush), and the PRC's (Panhellenic Rush Counselors) will also help," Batchelor said.

Angie Nicholson, member of Delta Gamma sorority, said she hopes the committee will look for an organization that will provide opportunities for women of all sorts.

"I'd like to see an organization that is not concerned strictly with superficial ideals," she said. "But one that will better the Greek community on campus."

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

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Not fit for King

Holiday royally ignored

With this semester winding down, not many students are looking ahead to the start of next semester. Apparently, they are not alone, because those responsible for making out the academic schedule have classes starting again on the day set aside to recognize Martin Luther King.

This day is gaining significance across the nation to honor a man who was more than just a civil rights crusader. King was an inspiration to all humankind, not just African-Americans.

The university, by not observing that day as a holiday, does not give King the recognition he deserves.

It would not be asking too much to delay the start of classes by one day in order to honor the memory of a man who meant so much to so many.

It would also be a noble gesture to the few minorities on campus to recognize the federal holiday set aside for King.

Deficit dilemma

TCU athletics must begin to support itself

With TCU's athletic deficit reaching into the millions of dollars, it is time for the administration to look for ways to either trim the shortfall or supplement its programs with outside funding.

TCU seems to be caught in an intercollegiate althletic funding Catch-22.

Without a major powerhouse, a school cannot generate the competition it takes to raise gate revenues through fan attendance.

On the other hand, without a seemingly bottomless pit of funding, it is impossible to build an athletic program to that level of competition.

Something must give in order for TCU to dig itself out of the hole in the athletic budget.

One viable alternative that other schools have turned to is sponsorship of games.

This is most prevalent in the upcoming college bowl games with the Mobil Cotton Bowl and Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, but this kind of sponsorship is also being dabbled into by teams during the regular season.

TCU must do something about the present deficit that afflicts its athletic program. Without corporate sponsorship of regular season games or a consistently competitive football team, TCU will continue to plummet further into the red and siphon large sums of money from the academic interests of the campus.

This normally isn't enough room to hold one of my dangling participles, but it's where I've been painted. Speaking of the paint, how 'bout those letters? Quite a topical buffet line down there, huh? Thanks to all who have taken the time to criticize or applaud here this semester. And in case you're wondering, Landon Winstead is not a pen name that we use whenever we need to fill the letters to the editor box, no matter what you may be thinking.

I will be attempting to make all columns glisten with brilliance again next semester as editor, and I am also pleased to say that the gang of sages who are responsible for contributing columns to this page will remain generally intact, with some noteworthy additions and visits to the bag o' tricks that will remain under wraps until the *Skiff* revs its engines again in January.

So, for those of you who have been displeased with the content here since August, dig into those Golden Books over the semester break and start looking at this page again when you learn to read. For those of you who for the most part have enjoyed taking some time out each day to glance over page 3, you haven't seen anything yet.

Take it easy, and keep the peace.

Committee's recommendation dishonest

By ROBIN NOBLE
Guest Columnist

If a few TCU administrators and faculty members have their way, engineering programs will be established at TCU in the near future.

The key word is few.

The fourth recommendation of the academic planning committee is that TCU should consider new professional programs such as engineering and law.

Some administrators and faculty are careful to emphasize that the committee has recommended only a consideration of new professional programs, not their implementation.

However, after talking to committee members and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler, who worked very closely with the planning committee, it is apparent the recommendation is not just a starting point for study, it is the starting point for new engineering programs.

It is disturbing that the committee tried to cover up their intentions with a carefully-worded recommendation: TCU should *consider* new professional programs such as engineering and law.

Law isn't even being considered, and won't be in the near future.

If the recommendation had been written honestly, it would have said, "TCU should forge ahead with undergraduate programs in mechanical and electrical engineering, which were recommended five years ago but put on hold because of a slow economy."

In 1985, a committee recommended that TCU begin undergraduate programs in electrical and mechanical engineering.

In response to the planning committee's recommendation, Koehler formed a new committee "to consider an engineering program at TCU in more detail (than the 1984 committee)."

The charges of this new committee pick up where the last committee left off. They are for the committee to recommend in detail programmatic initiatives, develop budget projections and explore different administrative models.

These would have been the next steps for the original committee to take, if the economy hadn't stopped the process.

The new committee is chaired by Michael McCracken, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who chaired the original committee.

The new committee isn't just "considering new professional programs," they're forging ahead with engineering.

The dishonesty of the recommendation is disturbing, but there is another aspect of it that is even more so: the fact that the planning committee completely disregarded many concerns of the faculty and staff with their recommendation.

The planning committee report said the recommendations were compiled from three sources: the faculty/staff report, the external environment report, and interviews with several TCU academic administrators.

Both the faculty/staff and the external environment committees reported strong reservations about engineering programs by faculty and staff members.

After close study of both the faculty/staff and external environment committee reports, it is apparent that most faculty and staff members do not want engineering programs at TCU.

The reports listed some of the major concerns faculty and staff members had toward new engineering programs.

Koehler said that to the best of his knowledge, neither of the committees had studied engineering in-depth, and so he took those concerns with "a grain of salt."

The concerns of the faculty and staff:

- An engineering program would dilute the liberal arts nature of the campus.
- There would be a diversion of efforts by the development office to raise money on behalf of existing programs.
- There would be a diversion of funds from other programs to support the planned engineering program.
- The proposed new engineering program would be a symbolic message that existing and long—standing academic concerns will not receive the necessary attention from the administration.

No "in-depth" study would be needed to validate these concerns. They should not be taken "with a grain of salt."

If engineering programs are established at TCU, and I predict they will be in the next five years, it will be a clear-cut message that the feelings of the faculty and staff, the heartbeat of the university, just don't matter.

The feelings of the faculty and staff have been disregarded by the committee and by Koehler, not only through the dishonesty of the recommendation, but by the disregard for the concerns of the faculty and staff in their final report.

Banished to a futile future, an eternal closet

By PATRICIA PATTISON
Columnist

This last year a friend of mine committed suicide. His death took me by surprise and has haunted me ever since.

He was not someone whom I saw every day, even every week. Yet when we saw one another we enjoyed ourselves, always able to pick up a conversation right where we left it.

He was an intelligent, lively, funny human being. He had a wicked sense of humor and could debate anyone on everything from politics to literature. Over the course of time he had come to the realization that he was, in fact, gay, and had begun the process of telling friends and family.

Lumped into the category of pansy little hair dressers or short-haired athletic women, homosexual people are given few opportunities to dispel the stereotypes that surround their sexual preferences.

I will never know what final incident led him to the decision to end his life. I know that the pressure of living in a society where homophobia and alienation are the order of the day had its effect on him.

Tell me, please, how many times a day you hear someone call another person a fag, as in, "You FAG!" How many times a day do you hear someone call something gay, as in, "This assignment is sooo GAY?"

Do you actually hear the words or do they just fly by you as perfectly acceptable, easily-hurled insults?

Not too long ago it was common to hear someone call a African-American person a "nigger." Today no one with a grain of sensitivity and intelligence would listen to a remark like that and not respond.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for remarks that debase homosexual people.

A few years ago it was not at all uncommon for people to make blanket statements regarding African-Americans. They were all lumped together into the categories of professional athletes and maids, and they were denied jobs because their skin color was not seen as abnormal. Today minorities are given full rights in the job market and the voice to protest if they are mistreated.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for a majority of those who come out of the closet and into the workplace.

Lumped into the category of pansy little hair dressers or short-haired athletic women, homosexual people are given few opportunities to dispel the stereotypes that surround their sexual preferences.

Worst of all are those people who ride on the coattails of Jesus Christ and other religious leaders and make pronouncements as to the mind of God. "God would condemn homosexuality. It's nasty. I know HE would."

I think I lost a friend this year because he lost hope. I think he got tired of hearing how wrong he was and how unlovable he was because of his sexual orientation. I think he began to second-guess himself because everywhere around him people were yelling, "Sinner!"

The suicide rate among young homosexuals is 95 percent higher than among heterosexuals, and the prejudice and stereotypes listed above are just the reason.

I think I lost a friend this year because he lost hope. I think he got tired of hearing how wrong he was and how unlovable he was because of his sexual orientation. I think he began to second-guess himself because everywhere around him people were yelling, "Sinner!"

I will miss him, and I will not allow myself to forget him or the lack of compassion and understanding so much of our "Christian" world displayed to him during his life.

I have been told many times this week that I am not providing a strong "Christian" witness for people on this campus, that because of my liberal opinions I am leading people to the belief that homosexuality is not a sin.

I'm glad to know that I have accomplished at least one thing this semester.

Letters to the Editor

Needless to say

I would like to respond to Landon Winstead's letter in the Dec. 6 edition of the *Skiff*. I have looked at the other side, Landon. At one time I was so conservative that if anyone disagreed with me on any point or held a different perspective on Christ I really believed they were headed straight to hell with no questions asked.

Believe it or not, Landon, I was even more conservative than you may ever be. Conservativism is not wrong. Nor is liberalism. They are just two different perspectives of Jesus Christ and Christianity overall. How will you grow at Brite Divinity School? By allowing yourself to examine the information offered to you. This does not mean that you will agree with everything offered. Nor do I. The liberalism has not jelled, Landon, but my faith has grown.

I am only liberal in the fact that I keep an open mind and listen to others. I do not always agree but I do respect their beliefs as I respect yours. Is the Gospel being taught at Brite Divinity School? I will once again say yes. It is a Christian institution and the Bible is presented daily in many forms, including the study of the Scripture itself. What should we do, Landon? Hire you as dean and let you control everything according to your own personal tastes? Does everyone have to agree with you to be right? I should certainly hope not.

Landon, there are students at Brite even more conservative than yourself, and yet they find their experience to be uplifting and beneficial. Why do you feel it is necessary to blast Brite Divinity School in the *Skiff* and they don't? I will tell you why, Landon. Because they are secure enough to assert their beliefs in the classroom and do not go running to a newspaper to whine and complain.

Apparently Brite is a very threatening place to you, and I know it was for me when I first started. It should not be a reason to sling mud and make over-generalized statements based on half-truths and one-sided logic.

Finally, Landon, I would like to say that changing does not mean going away from God or losing your faith. In fact, when faith changes it usually grows. I was baptized when I was 12 years old, and needless to say, my faith has changed a lot since then. The majority of the people at Brite Divinity School do claim Christ as their saviour, and yes, their views have changed over the years at Brite. This has only better equipped them for Christian ministry. Don't be afraid of change, Landon, and don't buy into anything either. Keep your heart focused on God and grow in the love of Jesus Christ. I don't know about you, Landon, but I am tired of writing letters. I think it's about time we moved this discussion back where it belongs: in our churches and in our classrooms.

Jim Summers
Senior
Brite Divinity School

Just do it

In response to Wednesday's letter to the editor column by Landon Winstead, I found this article somewhat narrow-minded. He speaks of "inherent dangers in the liberal religion taught at Brite."

Who is he to determine what is dangerous, or for that matter, acceptable, in teaching Christianity? Where are his examples to prove that the teachings at Brite are dangerous? Everyone's environment and surroundings will dictate their mode of Christian faith. Look at El Salvadorian Christians who accept liberation theology. Going back to Christian basics in their environment places them at a disadvantage. The poor will become poorer. Where is progress?

If this country went back to Christian basics, do we get rid of modern technology, medicine and the convenience of adequate sewage systems?

We live in a society where changes are occuring every day, and where questions are being raised on diverse issues. And the church or seminary serves as a haven in tackling these issues. It is natural for a well-functional divinity school to change according to the environment, instead of regressing.

I don't want to live in a world where questions are taboo. Education helps to foster our questions, and the church for many centuries has been the foundation for inquiry. The result has led to what we commonly call theology, which is taught at Brite. If you feel so neglected in your religious teachings and want to get back to basics, sell your car, TV and other modern conveniences that you currently enjoy, and live with the Mennonites or Quakers. I'm an everyday person without a Ph. D. Have faith and just do it!

Rick Wanzer
Senior
Economics

Bible banter

This letter is in response to Brad Vanderbilt's article stating that God would not consider homosexuality to be sinful. You can talk about church history, or about the difference between first century homosexuality versus the homosexuality of today, but if you really want to know what God would say about it, you must go to the Bible. I don't claim to know the Bible backward and forward, but after trying to spend time studying it regularly, in order to learn more about God and how to love him better, I don't understand how one can read it and then say that God could approve of homosexuality.

You can begin at the beginning when God created the first man and woman and gave them to each other. This is the way he meant things to be. He did not create a man and give him to a man, or a woman and give her to a woman. All through the Bible, including the Gospels, the sanctity of marriage between a **man** and a **woman** is upheld.

Other passages would indicate that God is violently opposed to homosexuality. In Genesis 18:16-19:29, God destroys the city of Sodom, pouring out his wrath on it because he could not find even ten rightous men there. And part of the city's unrighteousness included homosexuality (vs. 19:5-7).

Or how about Romans 1:26-28: *"Because of this, God gave them over to their shameful lusts. Even the women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain their knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done."* According to this, what is natural and right in God's eyes is the relationship he created in the beginning, that which is between a man and a woman.

If you think it's inappropriate to take "six or seven Biblical references" out of context, then read the whole Bible and you'll get a better idea of the importance God places on the marriage relationship between a man and a woman. You obviously don't have to agree with me, but according to the Bible, which is God's word to Christians, homosexuality is a sin. Yes, God deeply loves each person on this Earth, and showed that love by sending his son Jesus, but that does not change the fact that he hates homosexuality.

Sara Falstad
Junior
Elementary Education

Christmas spirit

Thanks to you, TCU students and faculty, Santa has already made a Christmas delivery at the downtown Fort Worth office of Team Bank. He unloaded more than 300 gifts, which were collected in your campus tree-lighting ceremony last week to help our Spirit of Christmas program.

TCU's participation ensures that hundreds of neglected and abused children in Fort Worth will have a merrier Christmas.

Special thanks to Felix Mira, Kari Kolflat, Order of Omega, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic for their assistance in making the effort a success. Thanks also to the more than 100 students who formed a line to pass the gifts from the tree to the trucks.

Again, thank you for your overwhelming response to our spirit of Christmas program.

Jerri McKennon
Spirit of Christmas Coordinator

Campus crusader

I have met the leaders and many of the young people who are actively involved in Campus Crusades. I have had several of them in my home. Praise the Lord it teaches the same principles that are taught in the Southern Baptist Church of which I am a member. I am very happy to hear that they teach hellfire-and-brimstone because if people don't hear it and repent, they will be experiencing it for all eternity!

Crusades is a very close family unit. They love, support and encourage one another unconditionally. They encourage the members to be actively involved in a local church. They encourage Bible study groups, discipleship, quiet and scripture memory, the things that draw a person into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Crusades encourages close family relationships! I know for a fact that this is one of the main things cults try to destroy. I have friends whose children have completely pulled out of the family, changed their names, and sold all they had to belong in cults.

I feel very sorry for Kevin Williams. Unfortunately, Christianity for most people is a phase rather than a relationship. Christianity takes commitment and most people aren't willing to pay this price. I am very proud to be the mother of a daughter who is actively involved in this organization, and I offer them my support and prayers.

Marion Donaldson
Administrative Assistant

News

Concert to showcase ballet, modern dance

By LESLIE MAHAN
Staff Writer

Five ballet and modern dance graduate students will step into a new role this weekend.

"Out the Door," this year's Young Choreographer's Concert, will open at 8 p.m. Saturday in University Theatre.

"'Out the Door' is a theme of transition for us as choreographers, a transition hopefully into the professional world," said Zoe Stein Pierce, modern dance graduate student and choreographer.

This concert is required for a master's of fine arts degree in dance, and the students are fully responsible for the production, including lighting, costumes and publicity, Pierce said.

"The choreography is just part of the production," she said. "There are so many other aspects that make all the difference in the piece."

The concert is the culmination of the students' graduate experience before they do their theses in the spring, said Lisa Fusillo, associate professor of ballet.

"The point is the graduate students take responsibility to produce a whole concert themselves," Fusillo said. "The faculty gives feedback on the choreography to help the students make it a professional program."

"I think it will be a very interesting concert — the students are from such varied backgrounds," she said. "Some have come from professional experience, and some have come from academic dance programs. Some are modern, some are ballet."

"The pieces range in style from very clearly modern to very clearly ballet to a fusion of both," Pierce said.

The concert consists of six pieces:

- "Muesum eht," or "the museum" spelled backwards, a piece by modern dance graduate student Marianne Allen which shows that tourists are just as interesting to watch as art pieces,
- "Allegro for Six," a piece of neoclassic ballet, a faster ballet requiring more strength and stamina for higher extensions, and "Reflections," a dramatic piece about a person reflecting on the past, both by Perry Brown, ballet graduate student,
- "Five Out of One," ballet graduate student Joan Buttram's contemporary ballet portraying the phases and archetypes of a woman's life through five dancers,
- "From a Realm," a mysterious dance in three sections, motivated by the connection between Eastern mysticism and modern physics, by Linna Roso-Pace, modern dance graduate student,
- and "Night Tide," a dark piece about varying stages of sleep and wakefulness and goings on in the night, by Zoe Stein Pierce.

The hardest part for Allen was working with a cast of 14 people.

"I had to work with two groups of seven, and I didn't get to put it all together until a couple of days ago," she said. "The outcome turned out pretty exciting for me."

"Allegro for Six" is Brown's first attempt at choreographing neoclassic ballet.

"It is the most difficult kind of classical ballet, and the dancers here are not trained in that style," Brown said. "They are adapting their technique to that style."

Gina Trentman

"It is also interesting to be the only male (dance) graduate student," he said. "We have a good chemistry."

Deciding what to do was the most difficult part for Buttram. "Once I decided, it seemed to flow."

"I've enjoyed the aspect of what my dancers have given me," she said. "The dancers have incorporated their personality into the solos and duets. It wouldn't be the same without those dancers."

"The time limitation has been the toughest aspect, with so many other performances," Roso-Pace said.

The most rewarding part of all the work is what she's learned, she said.

"For anyone who creates anything, the process is such a struggle, but there's such a personal growth," she said.

"The biggest challenge was to utilize the talents of the six dancers at the various stages of their careers and make it cohesive," Pierce said.

Garrett said the hardest thing about the concert has been the time of year, when students are finishing classes and preparing for finals.

AAIDS information survey tests knowledge of disease

AIDS questionnaire results 'encouragingly high'

By BRAD VANDERBILT
Staff Writer

TCU students, faculty and staff demonstrated a generally strong knowledge of the basics of AIDS, said a recent survey conducted by the AIDS Awareness, Information and Discussion Society.

"The overall percentages (of correct answers) were encouragingly high," said Jim Werth, AAIDS president.

"However," he said, "this quiz tests only basic knowledge. These are the facts that informed people . . . should know about the disease — especially routes of transmition."

Werth, who coordinated the survey developed by the University of California-Long Beach, said AAIDS sent out about 400 copies of the 31-question survey and has had 33 percent of the questionnaires returned.

In surveys such as this, a 15 percent return rate can be considered a success, Werth said he was told by some professors.

Werth said he was concerned about the response to a few of the questions on the survey.

Werth said he was surprised to the response to Question 18, which asked whether it was safe to share drinking glasses and eating utensils with people with AIDS.

Fifty-one and eight-tenths of a percent responded incorrectly, saying this was an unsafe activity.

It is safe to share glasses and eating utensils with PWAs.

"The virus that causes AIDS is extremely fragile," Werth said, "and (it) cannot exist outside the body for extended periods of time."

Werth said he is also concerned with Question 26, the most commonly missed question, which asked if the AIDS virus is easily killed by ordinary bleach or detergent.

Of the students who responded, 90.6 were incorrect.

"A solution made up of one part bleach to 10 parts water should be used to clean surfaces that may have been contaminated with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Another question frequently missed by students asked whether one is less likely to be infected with HIV through oral sex than sexual (vaginal) intercourse. Of respondents, 26.6 were correct. Oral sex is less risky.

Thirteen and seven-tenths of a percent of students surveyed do not believe latex condoms can reduce the chance of spreading the AIDS virus.

One hundred percent of administration respondents answered that question correctly.

Almost half, 42.9 percent, of administrators who received surveys responded.

There were several questions all administration respondents answered correctly.

All these respondents knew that it is safe to shake hands with a PWA, that infected women can pass HIV onto their unborn children, that a person cannot get AIDS by donating blood and that AIDS is not spread through sneezes or coughing.

However, zero percent of admistration respondants correctly noted that AIDS can be spread mother to child through breast milk.

This was also the question most missed by faculty, with 36.5 answering correctly.

Though Werth said he was encouraged by the survey results, he said one should keep in mind the basic nature of the questions.

"Informed people should have gotten 100s on this, but I realize there's a point when you hope for too much," he said.

Werth also said he saw room for improvement in the survey itself if he were to make up another himself.

A number of respondents questioned vague terms such as "many" and "very little," he said.

Also, some parts of the survey, while correct, were somewhat outdated, he said.

"Question 25 says there are an estimated one million people infected with AIDS, but it would be more accurate to say two million," he said.

But Werth said he believes the survey has been valuable.

"If people learned what they knew and didn't know, then that's a start," he said, "because increasing awareness is part of what (AAIDS is) all about."

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Candlelight carols ring in the season

By SARAH NORMAND
Staff Writer

The glow of candles and the sound of bells at 10:15 p.m. Monday will signal the beginning of the university's 14th annual Carols by Candlelight festival in Robert Carr Chapel.

Five hundred luminarias made by the Campus Christian Community will light the way into the chapel as organ professor Emmet Smith plays the carillon, followed by a brass ensemble performance on the chapel steps.

Organ music and carol singing will begin inside the chapel at 10:30 p.m. The program will include two Christmas anthems by the TCU Chapel Choir, led by Ronald Shirey, and two bell choir numbers led by Betty Boles of University Christian Church.

University Minister John Butler will lead the prayer, as he has done every year since coming to TCU in 1979.

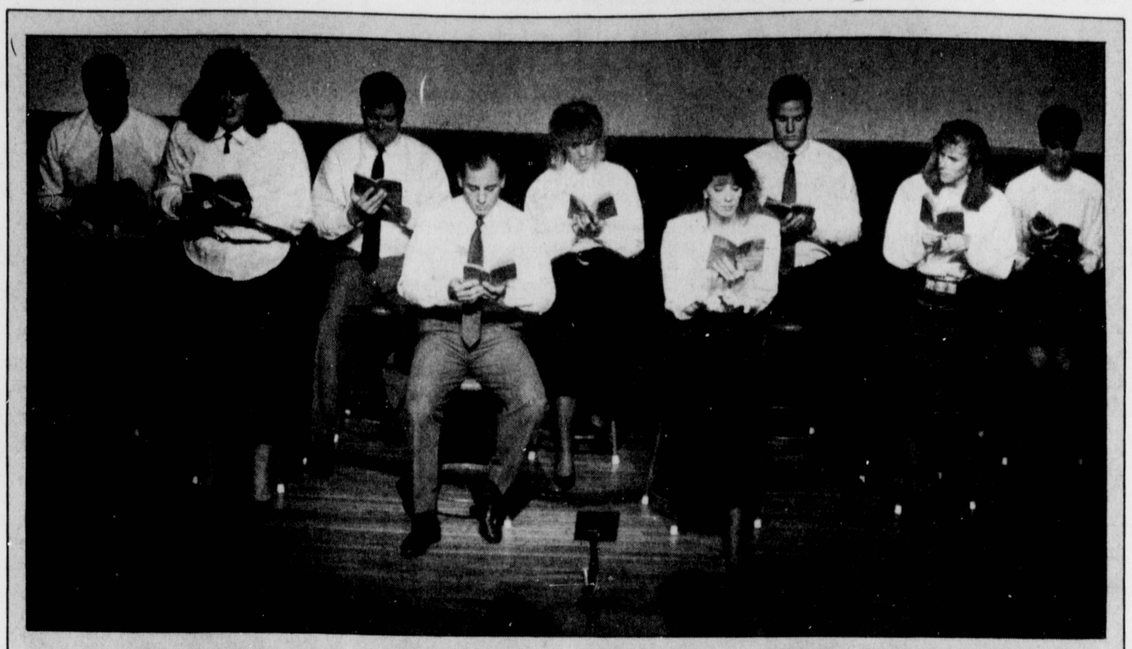
Butler said he thinks students come to the festival to celebrate the special meaning of Christmas "in their own special way."

"I can see everybody from where I sit in the front of the chapel," he said. "I see different segments of the audience respond differently to the same carol. One group might have their arms around each other with five or 15 people together, and another a few rows back might be swaying back and forth."

"I think they like the experience of having so many people around them who are close friends," he said.

"Carols by Candlelight is great," said Lisa Cruse, senior bilingual education major. "But when you leave you're in the mood for more singing. I look forward to it every year."

Carols by Candlelight is free and open to everyone. Audience members should arrive early to get seats in the chapel.



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"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" was presented last week by the Reader's Theater class.

Safe holidays goal of ROAD workers

By CANDACE HODGES
Staff Writer

Responsibility of Alcohol and Drug Education Workers and the peer educators will paint and hang banners to promote a safe Christmas holiday Tuesday.

"This is a way of making students aware that although the holidays are an enjoyable and relaxing time, unfortunately they can be very dangerous," said Keith Louden, co-president of R.O.A.D. Workers.

Six large banners will be placed in highly visible areas and two pamphlets will be handed out in the Student Center during finals week: "Party Guide to a Non-Alcoholic Holiday" and "Facing the Holiday Blues," said Vicki Roper, project coordinator for alcohol and drug education.

These pamphlets provided by the Psychiatric Institute of Fort Worth promote safe and responsible holidays, responsible drinking and driving, and confront the causes of winter depression and how to overcome them, she said.

Studies have shown more people become depressed during the winter months, especially December through February, Roper said.

The cause of the depression could be stress, shorter days with less sunlight, or it could possibly result from seeing everyone else happy during the holiday season, she said.

"The holiday season bring losses to the forefront," Roper said. "If someone has lost a parent or a significant relationship or has experienced a major change in their life, the holidays act as a reminder of these times."

"Sometimes people turn to substance abuse during winter depression, but there are alternatives to dealing with the grieving process, which one of the pamphlets explains," she said.

The time R.O.A.D. Workers takes to remind others to have a safe holiday will give them a break from studying as they do something positive and helpful for the TCU community, Louden said.

"I get satisfaction out of passing along information that may help other people," said John Schroeder, publicity officer for R.O.A.D. Workers. "Even if it just affects two people, it's worthwhile."

"It's a good time of the year to promote responsible decision-making on a college campus because there's so much stress, activities and anticipation," he said.

R.O.A.D. Workers and peer educators also hang banners around campus before spring break, Louden said. They also plan to start promoting the safe holidays before Thanksgiving and fall break.

Funny or catchy sayings tend to stick in people's minds and hopefully over the holidays the message will also be kept in mind, Schroeder said.

Two of the slogans used last year were, "If you're boozin', don't be cruisin'" and "Santa wants you to have a safe holiday vacation. Please don't drink and drive."

If someone is having a problem with holiday depression or substance abuse, the counseling center and the alcohol and drug education office will be there to help, Roper said.

TCU students helped develop promotional ideas for the toy patrol. Doug Newsom, professor of journalism, divided her public relations principles class into six groups. Each group worked to develop a budget, promotional scheme and an overall message for the toy patrol.

"It was fun and very worthwhile," said Brenda Burns, a junior advertising/ public relations major. Although the promotions developed were not used for this year's toy drive, Burns said that the student-developed ideas may be used next year.

Police, bank sponsor toy drive

By LYLE EGGLESTON
Staff Writer

Area police departments and NCNB Bank are teaming up to spread a little bit of Christmas to needy children in Tarrant County.

NCNB, in conjunction with the Fort Worth, Arlington, North Richland Hills and River Oaks police departments, will collect and distribute toys to children as part of the NCNB Toy Patrol.

"There is a lot of good to it," said John Morris, regional marketing manager for NCNB Bank.

Morris said that NCNB has the collection network needed to collect the toys and deliver them to the children who need them.

NCNB is accepting toy donations at its 12 banking centers in Tarrant County and will take the toys to the different police departments. Officers will then deliver them to needy children.

Morris said that patrol officers began identifying children in need of donated toys in early November. The officers submitted a list of these children so an accurate number of toys could be distributed to each.

"We are trying to make sure that there are three or four toys per child," Morris said.

Will Shiro, a Fort Worth Police community relations officer for the central business district, said the toys will be delivered between Dec. 18 and Dec. 22.

The Fort Worth Police Department will also deliver toys to the children's ward at John Peter Smith Hospital and Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center, Shiro said.

"We will provide toys for needy families in all parts of the city," Shiro said. "Anywhere there are needy families."

The NCNB Toy Patrol was started because of the success other police departments have had with such projects, Morris said.

The Austin Police Department has participated in Operation Blue Santa for 15 years and Arlington Police have worked with a program called Santa Cops for two years. These two projects, like the NCNB Toy Patrol, were created to make sure that children in need receive some toys for christmas.

Despite all of the good things the toy patrol does, there is one problem that the program encounters, Morris said.

When toys are delivered to children living in government- funded housing, some children will receive toys and others will not. "You are doing good for one and casting self-doubt in others," Morris said.

In an attempt to avoid hurting anyone's feelings, NCNB will sponsor parties in areas where government-funded housing exists.

"A blanket invitation will be issued," Morris said. Fort Worth Police officers will oversee the parties.

Morris said that the parties will help assure that no families are forgotten.

ADPi, APO to sponsor nightclub party

By AMY MCNABB
and ROBYN ADAMS
Staff Writers

TCU students will have a chance to get out of the cold and enjoy some Christmas cheer this Sunday.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity are sponsoring an all-campus party at West Side Stories from 9 p.m. until 2 p.m. The party will be a chance for students to unwind during dead days and help raise funds for The W.A.R.M. Place, a children's support organization, said Tricia Sorrell, ADPi and APO coordinator for the event.

All the proceeds from the party will be donated to The W.A.R.M. Place, a counseling center for children who have had loved ones die recently, Sorrell said.

W.A.R.M. stands for "What About Remembering Me."

"It's a center primarily for children 3- to 18-years-old who have had a parent, sibling or best friend die," Sorrell said. "They get in groups of similar age and try to understand what has happened and how to deal with it."

The party will serve as an end-of-the-semester study break and help improve relations between Greeks and non-Greeks, Sorrell said.

By having a Greek organization and an independent service fraternity sponsor the event, Sorrell said she hopes to encourage more unity between Greeks and non-Greeks.

"I want more people to get interested and not have it be an all-Greek party," said Sorrell, who is a member of both co-sponsoring organizations and a volunteer at The W.A.R.M. Place. "I want it to be more than that."

Sorrell said donating the event's proceeds is a surprise for The W.A.R.M. Place, which opened in August and is low on funds at the moment.

"The long—term funding they have been trying to work out has all fallen through," Sorrell said. "I want us to be able to hand them a check and say 'Merry Christmas.'"

The party will have a little something for everyone. There will be three types of music at the night club, including two D.J.'s and one band.

The cover charge for the party will be $4 for people under 21 and $2 for those older.

One room will be reserved for TCU students, but partiers are free to roam the rest of the nightclub.

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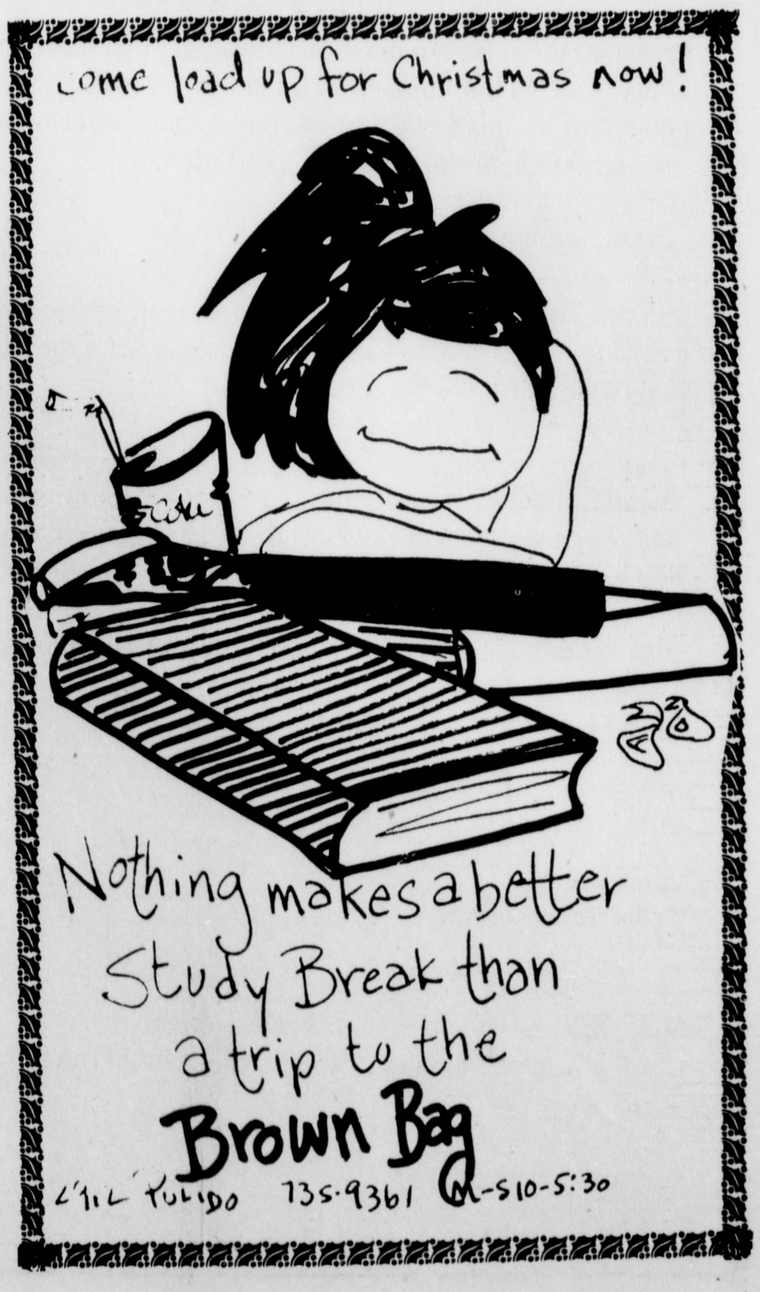

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ing committee recommendations, which are now university policies, outweigh the rejected subcommittee's recommendation to delay rush.

"I think that the recommendations that were accepted may make a significant difference in terms of addressing academics and other aspects of university life, but if they don't, then the issue of delayed rush can always be revisited," he said.

Mills said the pledgeship policies are more important to the Greek system than the dates of rush.

The committee pledgeship recommendations include:

• A focus on pledge education programs to assure academic success; adjustment to TCU; an understanding of the goals, history, traditions and unique characteristics of the organization; and developing friendships within the pledge class, the organization and across campus

• The completion of all pledge programs before Thanksgiving with a comparable time schedule for the spring semester

• A list of students eligible for initiation submitted to the student activities office before Thanksgiving, and a similar date set for the spring semester

• A 2.25 GPA on 12 hours during the semester of pledgeship before a pledge initiation, and an additional requirement of a 2.0 cumulative GPA for students already enrolled at TCU

• A written pledge education plan submitted to the Student Activities Office by all Greek organizations before the first formal rush party in the fall.

Fort said that he is satisfied with the pledgeship policies.

"Traditionally, hazing has been tied to pledging, and so if pledging ends before Thanksgiving, that means that there is a clear run before finals," Fort said.

All policies are effective in the fall of 1990.

Policy/ *from page 1*

going to be to see what alternatives we can come up with, and if what IFC enforces will be stuck to," Gagnon said.

The sororities have had better results with enforcing rush rules and university policies, he said.

"With the fraternities, we have a condition right now where no one obeys the rules at all to begin with," Gagnon said.

David Rotman, IFC rush chairman, said that the committee's policies affect the fraternities more than the sororities.

"The sororities seemingly adapt a lot better to administrative changes than fraternities," he said.

The administration's decisions on the subcommittee's recommendations were announced in November, and Greeks were left with the responsibility of coming up with creative solutions to adhere to the policies, which go into effect in fall 1990.

Some of these policies include:

• The completion of all pledge programs and activities before Thanksgiving.

• The requirement for all pledges to have a 2.25 GPA on 12 hours prior to initiation. Previous requirements were 2.0 for fraternities and 2.2 for sororities.

• The initiation of eligible fall pledges within one week after classes resume in the spring semester.

Don Mills, ad hoc committee chairman and associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said he believes the pledge policies will have the most significant difference in terms of academics.

"In terms of academics, what we're hoping is to make more significant use of academic time during pledgeship, and then with pledgeship ending before Thanksgiving that gives students time for academics," he said.

Although the committee's policies do not take effect until the fall, Panhellenic and IFC have begun plans to meet them.

"IFC and Panhellenic are working on proposed preliminary rush schedules, and fraternity advisers have met once, but everything's just getting started," Horton said.

"As far as Panhellenic is concerned, the only thing we have to do is to plan the rush dates without conflicting with TCU events," said Amy Serface, Panhellenic president.

Horton said the only policies for both the fraternities and sororities that may be difficult to achieve are designing a rush schedule that does not conflict with classes and meeting the 2.25 GPA pledges must have for inititaion.

Gagnon and Rotman both said that the stipulations on bid-night parties are a challenge for the fraternities because they have been traditional events for the members and pledges.

"Although the university has stepped in, it's letting us make changes within our own guidelines," Gagnon said. "People need to realize it could have been a lot worse."

Study breakfast offers food for thought

Santa and friends to feed students

By CANDACE HODGES
Staff Writer

Student Activities is planning a Late Night Study Break Breakfast so students can take a break from the books and feed the mind in a relaxing, spirited atmosphere.

The traditional holiday breakfast will be at 11 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa, elves, the chancellor, vice chancellors, faculty, administration and staff will all join in to help set the Christmas mood.

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Marriott is offering a breakfast of eggs, ham, pancakes, muffins, milk, juice, spiced cider and coffee, which will be served for $1.75.

"I think of it as kind of an enforced study break," said Carol Lane, program adviser for Student Activities.

"The staff, faculty and administration really enjoy it because they get to serve the students and say 'Have a good break,'" she said.

It is hoped that students will realize studying is much more successful when healthy study breaks are taken, said Felix Mira, coordinator of Greek residential life/fraternity adviser.

"Don't worry — you'll get through the finals — so have a little fun, think about Christmas and what's ahead," he said.

At least 500 to 600 are expected, Lane said. The tables in the Pizza Hut also will be used to seat 336 students at once.

"We'll be serving until midnight and usually everyone is out by 12:30 a.m.," she said. "It's meant to be a quick study break — most don't stay and linger."

Students are welcome to dress for the season, but are encouraged to come casual, Lane said.

"Usually students just come in their study clothes," she said.

Exam schedule changes are testing experiences

By AMY MCNABB
Staff Writer

Stress, late-night cramming, food runs, caffeine buzzes, sleep deprivation, tension, exhaustion, non-stop activity, frustration, 8 a.m. finals. . .

These are a few of the pressures students will feel during finals week.

This semester, however, the exam schedule is different from past versions.

Instead of having two weekdays devoted to study days, the new schedule gives students two weekdays and a weekend. New study days are Dec. 11 and 12 and Dec. 16 and 17.

"This is the best thing possible that has happened to students," said Patrick Miller, registrar. "If I were a student, I would be estatic."

Two extra days to prepare for finals is a burden to some and a blessing to others.

With the finals schedule the way it is this fall, more days may not mean more convenience.

"I don't like it (the exam schedule) because I think it's inconvenient for the students because it prolongs the semester, and it can conflict with travel plans of out-of-town students," said DonAnn Kelley, a senior radio-TV-film major.

Other students think the new schedule is better than the tradional schedule.

"I love it because we don't have to study for everything in one week," said Kathleen Fam, a junior advertising/public relations major. "I'm really glad they did it this way."

"I think it is good," said Katie Kloap, a senior radio-TV-film major.

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Sports

Coach's wife finds ways to get involved

Lil Wacker uses community activities to keep busy during the football season

By COURTNEY HAGGARD
Sports Writer

The wife of a football coach knows that she is her husband's top priority — after the season's games.

Lil Wacker, the wife of TCU head football coach Jim Wacker, said she agrees with this statement and she remembers a quote from Miami Dolphin Coach Don Shula's wife on the same subject.

Shula's wife said if anything ever happened to her and she died, she knew that her funeral would be his top priority, after football season, Lil Wacker said.

"They'll (coaches) do anything for you," she said. "After football season."

But Lil Wacker said she enjoys being married to a football coach.

"At some point in time, you have to make the decision to join in the fun or fight it," she said.

She made the decision to have fun.

"I'm very glad I'm married to Jim Wacker," she said. "I wouldn't trade the experiences through the years with the friends, coaches, fans, players and students for anything."

"She is the best coach's wife in the whole world," said Jim Wacker.

"She is definitely my best strentgh," he said. "We talk a lot and I get her suggestions and ideas. But more than anything, her support helps keep things in perspective."

"I am his best listener," Lil Wacker said. "Just hearing him out is probably what I do best."

During the season Jim Wacker doesn't have much free time, which means the time he and Lil Wacker spend together is limited. Walking is an activity for the two to relieve stress and focus on each other.

"He doesn't have any free time until Thursday noon, and then we will walk," Lil Wacker said. "We'll walk again Friday noon and early Saturday, if the game is at night."

When game day arrives, Lil Wacker is as prepared and as stressed as her husband, she said.

"It's impossible to stay calm," she said. "I've learned over the years about the plays and the athletes, and when you know a lot more, you get more concerned about things.

"During the game, I have to keep things in perspective and be hopeful and not get too confident."

As a method of stress relief, she nervously clenches a program during the game. Years ago, she would wring her hands and pat her face, but it became physically painful, she said, so now she resorts to her trusty program.

"I twist it and squeeze it to let a little of the tension out," she said.

Sometimes Lil Wacker will become so excited that people around her are fearful of being hit by the notorious program.

"You don't sit by my mother at a game by choice," said Tom Wacker, a TCU sophomore and the youngest of the Wacker's three children. "She takes the game very seriously."

After the home games, the Wacker's house is the site of a party for all of the coaches and their wives, and Lil Wacker serves as hostess.

"We get together, and if we have lost, we will be realistic about the things that have gone wrong in the game and look forward to the next game," she said. "If we win, believe me, the parties are a lot more exciting.

"You can't begin to know the difference of winning and losing."

Lil Wacker also serves as a hostess during the recruiting weekends, when the recruits visit the Wacker home and have dessert on Friday night.

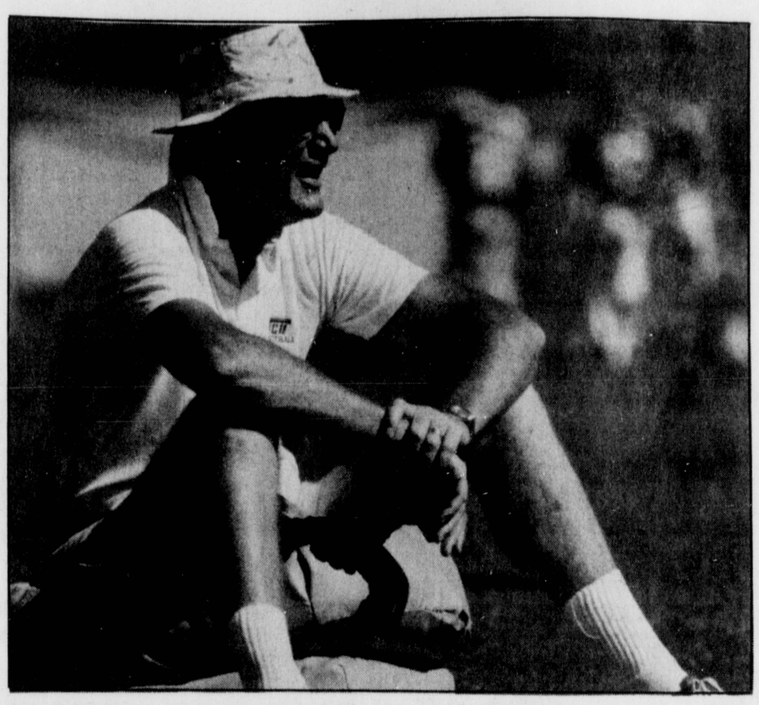
"She does a great job at these events," said Jason Cauble, senior football player and political science major."She presents herself very well and she has an outgoing personality."

"Jim talks at home about which recruits they are interested in, so I like to learn who they are," Lil Wacker said.

The recruiting season can be more stressful in some ways than the football season, because it goes on and on. During the football season, you have something to look forward to and can get more involved, she said. The summer brings relaxation and fun for the coaching staff.

The wives often go to dinner or a movie during the summer, and continue to support each other throughout the year, she said. It can be tough being the wife of a continuously busy coach.

For that reason, Lil Wacker involves herself in activities in Fort Worth. She is currently the president of the congregation at Saint Matthews Lutheran church. In addition, she teaches one day a week at the Child Study Center, and serves on the board of the Lena Pope Home.



Jim Wacker's occupation makes wife, Lil, a "football widow" during the season.

Lil Wacker, who has her masters degree in special education, said she enjoys the opportunity to work with children and use the skills she has gained from her education.

"She works in our pre-school class and she's wonderful," said Kathy Friedman, director of public relations and volunteers at the center. "She has gone above and beyond the call of duty."

Friedman said that last year Lil Wacker drove a child to the center because the child's mother was unable due to work.

"She works with students who have learning disabilities and language problems and she is really terrific," Friedman said.

At the Lena Pope Home, a home for abused, neglected and emotionally unstable children, Lil Wacker works with the child care committee, assists in fund raising projects and will be serving as secretary on the board next year.

"Most of the children have left their homes or have been taken out, and I help make sure that they are receiving good care," she said.

In addition, Lil Wacker also is dedicated to her three sons. The youngest, Tom, attends TCU, while the middle son, Steve, works at Team Bank in Fort Worth. Mike, the oldest, is a basketball coach at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and is the only son married. Her daughter-in-law Suzy understands the lifestyle of a coach's wife.

"We share and try to support each other," Lil Wacker said.

Twenty-eight years ago, the sharing experience began for the Wackers.

"We met in college at what you would now call a mixer," Lil Wacker said.

In 1961, the couple was married and moved from Indiana to Portland, and the coaching experience progressed from city to city and from college to college.

"He knows that I love and care about him, and I will be right out there cheering him on again next year," Lil Wacker said.

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women: Harvey Wallbangers — Kappa Alpha Theta
coed: Jammers — Three Blind Mice

Baseball

men: Kappa Sigma — Delta Tau Delta

Badminton

men: Larry Williams
women: Lisa Zinke

Flag Football

men: Salad — Beta Upsilon Chi
women: Kappa Alpha Theta — No Names
coed: Harvey Wallbangers — Alpha Phi Omega

Field-Goal Kicking

men: Billy Tommaney
women: Lisa Zinke

Indoor Soccer

men: Sigma Alpha Epsilon — Lambda Chi Alpha
women: Chi Omega — No Names
coed: Three Blind Mice — Alpha Phi Omega

Tennis

advanced men: Hani Abu-Eideh
intermediate men: Bob Johnson
novice men: Doug Strout
advanced women: Pam Hand

Wallyball

men: Smiths — Lambda Chi Alpha
women: No Names
coed: Three Blind Mice — Alpha Phi Omega

Swimming

men: Lambda Chi Alpha
women: Zeta Tau Alpha

Volleyball

men: Smiths — Texans
women: Alpha Delta Pi — No Names
coed: Smiths — Three Blind Mice

Frogs hire new coach, DeBesse moves to offensive coordinator

By JOHN CLEMENTI
Sports Writer

TCU Head Football Coach Jim Wacker announced that current assistant Bob DeBesse has been named the school's new offensive coordinator, filling the void created by the sudden departure of Ben Griffith.

DeBesse, in his seventh year on the TCU staff, will continue to coach the teams' running backs and slotbacks in addition to assuming a greater role in developing gameplans.

"Obviously, Bob DeBesse will continue to develop this offense," Wacker said. "I have tremendous faith in him because he's as sharp a young coach as I've been around."

Joe Pannunzio, of NAIA powerhouse Mesa State College, was chosen to fill the only vacancy on the TCU staff.

"Joe Pannunzio is. . . a knowdgeable football coach," Mesa State Sports Information Director Bill Jouris said. "And I know of no one who dislikes him."

Pannunzio was an all-state quarterback at Pueblo Centennial High School and in 1982 was an NAIA all-American at the University of Southern Colorado.

After graduation, he spent three years as an assistant at Mesa State before becoming an assistant at Kansas University. He returned to Mesa as offensive coordinator and special teams coach.

In 1988, Pannunzio's first season as offensive coordinator, Mesa State led all levels of collegiate football with 540 yards per game and 54 points per game.

"We are tremendously excited about our new coaching framework," Wacker said. "Both coaches, Bob and Joe, will be outstanding plusses to continue our current offensive philosophy, the pass-oriented, one-back set (The Triple-Shoot) that we employed last fall.

"The addition of Coach Pannunzio should really help us, especially in the area of pass blocking."

"His number one asset is his knowledge of the game," Jouris said. "Second is his ability to teach younger players."

At TCU, Pannunzio will have the opportunity to coach many young players as TCU has one the youngest teams in the Southwest Conference.

He will be responsible for the tight ends, offensive tackles and the special teams. Under Pannunzio's direction, Mesa State's special teams produced an NAIA all-american placekicker and the top punt returner in the country.

Pannunzio will again be making the jump from an NAIA program to a division 1-A program.

"I don't think he'll have any problems. He's been at this level before," Wacker said. "And football is football."

Wacker also announced that Noel Mazzone will move from tight end coach to quarterback coach.

Basketball team leaves problems in past

By PAUL MOUNT
Sports Writer

"The one's that are playing have been playing for us. The only thing that could hurt us is injuries."

MOE IBA,
basketball coach

Even with the loss of two basketball players this week, the focus of the team shifts back to the court as the men's basketball hosts Lamar 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

Coach Moe Iba said he plans no changes in his team, which is down to 12 players, because this is the team he has to work with.

"The one's that are playing have been playing for us," Iba said. "The only thing that could hurt us is injuries."

Jay Lomas and Damon Robertson left the team earlier this week. Lomas said he plans to stay in school and finish his degree and Robertson said he is going to transfer to another school.

The status of Todd Willis is still uncertain, Iba said.

Willis left the team Monday and said he needed time to think about his future with the team. He was unavailable for comment.

Iba said the players leaving has not had any affect on the team, and Saturday's game will be a good indication of how the team will reaction.

"We've had good practices this week," Iba said. "The've worked hard, but we'll find out Saturday night."

Center Reggie Smith said this situation could help bring the team together and make them play all that much harder.

"We're capable of doing the job," Smith said. "The players are gone and we can't do anything about it."

Guard Ray Kelly said this is something the team needs to rebound from because it is the type of thing that can happen.

"We're not happy about the lost players," Kelly said. "This isn't the first time this has happened and it won't be the last time."

Lamar is currently 1-4 on the season and is coming off a 40 point loss to Lousiana State, but the Cardinals played the Frogs close last year in a 63-60 loss at Daniel Meyer Coliseum.

"They're a good team athletically," Iba said. "They're getting experience. They are as good as any team we've played.

"We were fortunate to win a year ago."

Kelly said the Frogs need to come together against Lamar.

"I'm not that familiar with Lamar," Kelly said. "This is a chance to see what we're made of and we'll be ready."

Iba said that Robertson's leaving opens the door for Eric Martin to make bigger contribution.

Martin, a 6-foot-7 forward has been moved from power forward, where he backed up Craig Sibley, to small forward, where he will alternate with Kelvin Crawford, Iba said.

Iba made the switch to small forward for Martin in the second half of the Georgia game.

Martin scored 13 points and had seven rebounds against Georgia in the Western Kentucky Tournament last Friday and six points and five rebounds Saturday against Mississippi Valley State.

Iba said Martin provides rebounding strength to the small forward spot and he is adjusting to the switch with little trouble.

"He seems more at ease away from the basket than he does near the basket," Iba said.

Martin said he is glad to get the opportunity, but not about the circumstances.

"I had a feeling I would get my turn now," Martin said. "I'm sorry some of my buddies quit.

Martin said the Lamar game is a big game for him, but he's trying to approach it calmly.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on myself," Martin said. "I'm going to take this as any other game and play my regular game."

Martin said the conditioning has been the most difficult adjustment between the two forward positions.

"There's more running around the perimeter. I've got to set screens for the guards and keep working on my jumper."

Rebounding and offensive execution are still two of Iba's concerns, he said.

"Eric is going to help us a lot," Smith said. "He rebounds well at both ends."

Iba said Crawford will spend more at the shooting guard spot with freshman guard Anthony Tolley.

"Kelvin has been coming along," Iba said.

Iba said Tolley played good in the Western Kentucky Tournament and should see more action now.

After Lamar, the Frogs travel to play San Jose State on Dec 11 and Montana State on Dec. 21.

Iba said the players will get to go home if they want Dec. 22 and return Dec 25.

"It doesn't give them much time at home with their families, but most of the players understand and don't seem to mind," Iba said.

"I don't get to spend much time with my family," Kelly said. "But if I was home, all I would do is play basketball. It really doesn't make that much of a difference."

Mavs make right move with firing

By MARK PACKER
Sports Columnist

Firing head coach John MacLeod was the smartest move the Dallas Mavericks ever made.

John and Carol MacLeod could be singing "New York, New York" about this time, but instead are singing the blues.

One by one, the professional teams in the Dallas/Fort Worth area are making the country laugh at our misfortunes. Let's not mention the fact that if the Mavericks had played their cards right, they could have a starting lineup of Clyde Drexler, Dale Ellis, Karl Malone, Charles Barkley and about half of the centers in the National Basketball Association.

No, we can't blame this on John MacLeod. And this might be the only thing in town that we can't blame on Jimmy Johnson or Jerry Jones. But, what we can blame MacLeod for is turning a team on the verge of an NBA championship into a team on the verge of a No. 1 draft pick.

MacLeod had his chance to get out of Dallas during the off-season when the New York Knicks came calling. He had his chance to coach the likes of Patrick Ewing, Mark Jackson and Gerald Wilkins. The city of New York wanted MacLeod. That's more than I can say for the city of Dallas.

What could have he done about Roy Tarpley? How could he have stopped James Donaldson from tearing up his knee?

No, he had no control over these situations. But he also had no control over his team after the departure of these two players last season.

Let's face it, a coach is only as good as his best player. When MacLeod lost his best player, Tarpley, the losses started piling up. I believe this is the right for the Mavericks, but this is not the only move Donald Carter, Rick Sund and Norm Sonju need to make.

Dallas is blessed with five No. 1 draft picks in the next two years. Can you say "Bye, Bye Adrian Dantley!"

This city of Dallas has become a city of the future. The Cowboys can only look to the future because they have no present. The Mavericks, slowly but surely, are joining the sinking ship.

The next few years will be interesting to watch for our professional teams. We know who will be the next coach of the Mavericks, but do we know who the starting guards will be next year? How about next week?

This city used to be the city of champions, but has turned into a city of "what ifs" and "should haves."

Tune in tomorrow, as Batman says, for the next chapter in the ongoing saga.

MOSAIC

Final salute to films of '80s

Hollywood helps define American way of life

By DAVID ANDRIESEN
Film Critic

FILMS

The decade of the 1980's has been a dynamic one for the film industry. General economic growth resulted in Americans spending heavily on entertainment, and much of that spending was done at the theater box office.

With the emergence of the VCR, many feared that the film industry, at least the big-screen film industry, was doomed, but the box office instead saw unprecedented prosperity. The VCR, in fact, made the public more interested in movies, and it also allowed small-scale independent filmmakers to find an audience without theater release.

From "Gore-met Zombie Chef from Hell" to "Amadeus," we have seen darn near everything in the film of the '80s. And from the protests and paranoia surrounding the release of "The Last Temptation of Christ" to the social phenomenon of "Batmania," it is hard to ignore the role that Hollywood has played in shaping the history of 1980's America.

After much excruciatingly difficult decision-making, here is my "Ten Best" list for the decade in American film. These are the films that stood out, films of vision and originality and films that may or may not stand the test of time. They are alphabetically arranged, because just narrowing them down to ten was hard enough.

The Color Purple (1985)

Director Steven Spielberg took a great novel and built a great film out of it. Although he is primarily known as a sci-fi/adventure guy, I think that Spielberg's dramatic work is his best.

Whoopi Goldberg shows in this film the talent that got her into film in the first place, since it's awfully hard to find in anything she's done since. You can't help but be touched by her performance. Oprah Winfrey's appearance in this film is what sent her blasting into the eye of the national public, and just for the record, she's a pretty good actress.

Interestingly, "The Color Purple" holds the record for having the most Academy Award nominations without a nomination for the director. Go figure.

Crimes and Misdemeanors (1989)

The writing and direction of Woody Allen, combined with the masterful cinematography of Sven Nykvist, combine to make this a phenomenal film in terms of both content and technicality. A visionary interweaving of the forces of good and evil, and the forces of God and man, this could be Allen's finest achievement.

The performances are nearly perfect, most notably an intense portrayal by Martin Landau as a tempted and tortured man. When Oscar time rolls around next year, expect "Crimes" to do some cleaning up. Woody Allen has been a potent force in film for some twenty years, and he shows no signs of slowing down as we enter the '90s.

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)

This is without a doubt one of the finest American films ever made. It is the all-time box office champ and looks to hold that title for a long time. Spielberg knows just the right heartstrings to pull, and does so in "E.T." with his own perfect touch.

It was unfortunate that the powers that be decided to hold this movie out of video for so long, as much of the interest in it had died down while they were holding out. Still, it will remain a classic on the scale of "The Wizard of Oz." Even after all these years, "E.T." still has the same effect on me as it did when I was thirteen years old. It is one of the few films that can make me cry no matter how many times I see it.

"E.T." is the box office champ of the 1980s and remains a favorite for all ages.

Field of Dreams (1989)

Kevin Costner has said that he thinks "Field of Dreams" is this generation's "It's a Wonderful Life." He may prove to be right. It is a story about dreams and second chances, at once completely original and gently familiar.

Helped by believable and down-to-earth performances, this is a film which inspires awe without the usual Hollywood fare of car chases and explosions. There is not one second too much or one second too little in the film. Its images really touch me, and I feel certain that when it is released on video and more people are reminded of its timeless message, it too will become a classic.

"Raising Arizona" was a comedy that received much critical acclaim, but was never very popular with the public.

The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)

The paranoid backlash of the fundamentalists at the making of this film was unfortunate, because it is an incredible film. To fully enjoy it, you have to be able to separate yourself from the story of Jesus in the gospels, and it is hard to do. But if you can realize that this is not a telling of that story and view it with no preconceived notions, its power is inescapable.

Martin Scorsese immerses himself in his projects perhaps more than any director in history, and that lends an intensity to this project that can be felt throughout. Dafoe's acting is inspired and heartfelt. "Last Temptation" is more than just a film, it is an experience. If you didn't see it at the theater, which you probably didn't because all the clamor made it less than easily accessible, I recommend that you set aside three quiet hours and let yourself experience the power of this story, and make your own decision.

On Golden Pond (1981)

I'll admit that I like this movie more than most people, but I think it is an important film. It is a great examination of the changing role of the family, and an important lesson in taking joy in older people. The interplay between Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn is funny and among the most heartwarming dialogue in any film.

Not many films can teach such a needed and important lesson and still be enjoyable, and I hope that this film is not forgotten. It won't be forgotten by me. The next time you're dreading spending time with your grandparents and listening to their long stories, rent "On Golden Pond" before you go, and I'll bet it will change your whole attitude.

Radio Days (1987)

While most critics have pointed to Woody Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters" for their "decade's best" lists, I found his often overlooked masterpiece "Radio Days" a more enjoyable film. It centers around a young boy during the late '30s and early '40s, following his adolescence during the golden age of radio and the beginning of World War II.

It also tells the stories of people behind the famous voices on the radio, such as "The Masked Avenger," who is actually a middle-aged, short, dumpy bald man. It has some nifty characterizations, a fabulous soundtrack, and an interesting look at one of our nation's most interesting periods.

Raging Bull (1980)

In a poll of the top films of the '80s of film critics and industry people, this was far and away the favorite. I would have to say it is very deserving. Again, it is Martin Scorsese with an intense directorial effort.

"Raging Bull" is the story of a fighter who becomes involved in a self-destructive pattern of alcohol and trouble. Shooting of the film stopped for four months so Robert DeNiro could gain 56 pounds to play the boxer after he had gone to seed. It is not a pretty film, but "Raging Bull" is certainly a great film.

Raising Arizona (1987)

I really thought I was going to be alone in putting this one on my list, but I'm not. This film is the finest example of a completely visionary film I've ever seen. It has totally original and snappy dialogue, phenomenally creative cinematography, and a spirit about it that has never existed before or since.

Nicholas Cage, John Goodman, and Sam McMurray are the ultimate southern "white trash," and Holly Hunter gives the best performance of her career. My favorite character is furniture king Nathan Arizona, played with glee by the late, great Trey Wilson. And Randall "Tex" Cobb's character, the Lone Biker of the Apocalypse, is one you'll never forget. These are characters unlike any others in film or anywhere else.

Since it is a comedy, and a really strange comedy at that, it never got much respect. In fact, after press screenings on the East coast, some critics panned it so badly that all other previews were cancelled. But the film gained a huge cult following. Objectively, I would hold it up against any of the award-winners of its era as far as performances and technical achievement. But it's hard for me to be objective, since it happens to be my favorite film of all time.

Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)

Thoroughly original and painstakingly made, this film quite simply represents the pinnacle of the technology of the day. Director Robert Zemeckis, whose enthusiasm is unmatched in the industry, may be the only person who could have pulled this project off. Disney's Touchstone Pictures dropped a bundle on "Roger Rabbit" and took a big gamble, but they have already made back their investment in spades.

What makes this film so special is not something I can explain in writing. You simply have to see it to believe it. So if you haven't, please do. Whether sequel plans ever get off the ground or not, this film will without a doubt stand as a milestone in film history.

Who made movies, who made money

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FILMS

The following is a look at the three most significant directors of the 1980's, the minds behind some of the best and most successful movies of the decade.

1. Steven Spielberg

There are generally two distinct types of great directors: directors who make great films and directors who make films that the public loves. It is very rare for one director to do both well, but Spielberg is the master. If not the director, he has had a hand in the majority of the top moneymaking films of the decade. The man can do no wrong, and he deserves every penny of the millions he's making.

2. Martin Scorsese

Here is a man who is a filmmaker in every sense of the word. He is a visionary who gets so deeply into his projects that they all undoubtedly have his unique brand on them. Whether they are the center of attention like "Last Temptation" or go by quietly like 1983's "The King of Comedy", no Scorsese film has ever been boring. He has set a standard of excellence in the industry.

3. Sylvester Stallone

You can laugh at him, you can think he's shallow, and you can call him a big dope, but you can't deny the fact that the man knows what the public wants to see. He has found a need and filled it. The "Rocky" and "Rambo" films, while not endowed with any great redeeming qualities, became a staple of the American moviegoer, and made a lot of people a lot of money. Does that sound like a stupid guy to you?

In front of the camera, there were those who made their mark as well. Here are the top three actors and actresses of the decade with the films that made them stand out.

1. Robert DeNiro— "Raging Bull," "The Untouchables," "Midnight Run"

2. Dustin Hoffman— "Tootsie," "Rain Man"

3. Jack Nicholson— "The Shining," "Ironweed," "Batman"

1. Meryl Streep— "Sophie's Choice," "Silkwood," "A Cry in the Dark"

2. Glenn Close— "Fatal Attraction," "Dangerous Liaisons"

3. Kathleen Turner— "Body Heat," "Romancing the Stone," "The Accidental Tourist"

Top 10 Money-making Films of 1980s

1.	"E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" (1982)	$367,667,745
2.	"Return of the Jedi" (1983)	$263,000,000
3.	"Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)	$242,374,454
4.	"Beverly Hills Cop" (1984)	$234,760,478
5.	"The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)	$223,000,000
6.	"Ghostbusters" (1984)	$220,855,498
7.	"Back to the Future" (1985)	$207,997,791
8.	"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984)	$179,870,271
9.	"Tootsie" (1982)	$177,200,000
10.	"Top Gun" (1986)	$176,781,728

NOTE: This list does not include the releases of 1989 since the year's totals are not yet complete. These totals will cause many changes in this list. "Batman" has already made over $251 million to date.

Favorites

The list below includes films which I could not, with a clear conscience, call the "best" of the decade, but maybe "favorites" would be a better heading. These are the movies, mostly comedies, that marked originality and fun in '80s film, and which will be regulars on my VCR for years to come. They are in no particular order.

☆ **"Fletch"(1985)**— Chevy Chase is probably the goofiest guy of our time. This film is an ingenious character actor at his best. Too bad the sequel stunk.

☆ **"Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"(1987)**— John Hughes' best writing effort. Steve Martin and John Candy are hysterical, but explore their dramatic range in this one with much success.

☆ **"Midnight Run"(1988)**— A funny, touching, and well-thought out story with a super soundtrack. DeNiro is great.

☆ **"Pee Wee's Big Adventure"(1985)**— Think it's stupid? I know you are, but what am I?

☆ **"Airplane!"(1980)**— Set a standard for no-holds-barred slapstick that will never be matched. And don't call me Shirley.

☆ **"Weird Science"(1985)**— Wonderfully original story of high school underdogs making good. Features a classic performance by Fort Worth's Bill Paxton as the evil big brother.

☆ **"Arthur"(1981)**— Dudley Moore's performance makes this one worth seeing again and again. They never should have made a sequel.

☆ **"Twins"(1988)**— A pleasantly surprising work from Schwarzenegger and DeVito. Funny and touching, there's nothing not to like about this one.

☆ **"A Nightmare on Elm Street"(1984)**— Since this one was ruined by its sequels, it's easy to forget that the original by Wes Craven was imaginative, scary, and well-made.

☆ **"The Gods Must Be Crazy"(1984)**— I saw this one on a whim at the theater, and almost walked out after the first 15 minutes. I'm sure glad I stayed. A work of art from an unlikely source.

☆ **"The Breakfast Club"(1985)**— I still can't get over what a copout the ending is, but this is an important film. As close to being the anthem for our generation as anything.

☆ **"Scrooged"(1988)**— Featuring Bill Murray at his best and boasting a lineup of great cameos. You can't help but be touched by the ending.

☆ **"The Purple Rose of Cairo"(1985)**— Trivia note of the day: This film began shooting with Michael Keaton in the lead role, but after a few weeks, Woody Allen dumped him for Jeff Daniels. I love this movie.

☆ **"Hollywood Shuffle"(1987)**— Director Robert Townsend is pretty much a one-man show in this great spoof. The "Sneakin' into the Movies" segment is a classic.

☆ **"From the Hip"(1987)**— It didn't get nearly the recognition it deserved. I love courtroom stories. John Hurt gives an Oscar-worthy performance that was stupidly overlooked.

☆ **"A Fish Called Wanda"(1988)**— The combination of top-notch writing and several great performances brought Python comedy into the mainstream and made me laugh myself silly.

☆ **"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"(1986)**— The critic who is currently with "Rolling Stone" called it one of the ten worst movies of the year. Shows you what he knows. Again, John Hughes at his best.

☆ **"Evil Dead II: Dead By Dawn"(1987)**— One of the few films that has been able to blend horror and comedy without compromising either. Wacky, gross, and totally original.

☆ **"Big"(1988)**— Penny Marshall pulled off the impossible — take a concept that has been tried with terrible results, make a great film out of it, and get people to come see it.

☆ **"Twilight Zone: The Movie"(1983)**— Despite the on-set tragedy that killed Vic Morrow, this turned out to be the only modern "Zone" work that has been worth a flip.

☆ **"Sixteen Candles"(1984)**— Who in our age group didn't love this one? It's silly, but it's also a great statement on the class system in public high schools.

☆ **"Roxanne"(1987)**— It's hard to take a fresh approach to a familiar story, but this film does it well. Steve Martin was robbed of the Oscar nomination.