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## House voting next meeting on mall bill

By Nancy Andersen  
Staff Writer

Students won't have to brave crossing University Drive for a relaxing spot outdoors if the House of Student Representatives approves a bill to fund the building of a new mall area on the east side of campus.

The bill, as presented by the House Permanent Improvements Committee, allocates \$16,000 from the committee fund for Phase I of the new mall.

Phase I includes repairing 1,500 square feet of the concrete walk between Brite Divinity School and Mary Coats Burnett Library, where the new mall will be located.

In addition, Phase I calls for paving the mall area, placing lights and 24 chairs in the mall and installing a sprinkler system.

Future plans call for benches, plants and a fountain in the mall, as well as a new bus stop to replace the one between the library and Brite Divinity School.

The area for the new mall was chosen because "the majority of classes are on the east side of campus, and an adequate gathering place is not available in that area," the committee said in the bill.

The new mall "will follow the precedent of progress established by the administration in beginning the development of new facilities," the committee said.

Phase I of the east-side mall will be voted on at the next House meeting.

The House also passed a bill to give TCU's lacrosse team \$825 from the extramural account.

The team was to receive the money in a bill passed earlier this semester to support extramural teams. The Finance Committee denied the funds at that time because the team had no adviser.

"We gave (them) full support but made it clear we couldn't give (the money) to them," said representative Beth Eley, a member of the Finance Committee.

The team's adviser is now Colette Frayne, assistant professor of management.

In other House business, John Watson, vice president of programming, introduced a bill to amend Programming Council bylaws. The bill adds the Thank Goodness It's Friday Committee to the bylaws, Watson said.

The bill was sent to the Elections and Regulations Committee for one week.

The House also elected committee chairpersons for the fall semester.

### Correction

An article in the April 16 edition of the *Skiff*, "Preventing diseases Health Center's aim," incorrectly stated the Health Center's billing policy. Students will be billed for tests and medicine. These services are not covered by the general university fee.



Thinking ahead - Sue Regitz, a sophomore speech communication major from Fullerton, Calif., waits in line inside Sadler Hall for her chance to pre-register for fall classes Thursday afternoon.

## Mankiller looks to bright future

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

Leading her people into a brighter future is her main goal, said Wilma P. Mankiller, executive chief of the Cherokee Nation, at a TCU Forum Tuesday night.

She is trying to create more programs to cure the social problems of her people while preserving their heritage.

"My point and task is to try to equip us with people that are healthier and better educated with confidence to march into the future on our terms," Mankiller said.

She said often when people interview her, stereotyped images about Indians come out in questions.

"When people still ask if Indians live in teepees, you know we're in trouble," she said. "It's amazing how little American people know about American Indians."

Although Mankiller is the first woman principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, she said there is a history of female leadership among the Cherokees. Women took more secondary roles only when Indian society started to take on the culture of America, where women were subordinates, she said.

The role of chief in any tribe is like chief executive officer in a corporation, she said. Mankiller is responsible for managing the \$47 million annual income of the Cherokee Nation as well as for support and expansion of business. She must also protect the rights and resources of the tribe and revitalize the land and the people.

Early relationships between the Indians and the American government were formal, she said. Then there was a period of crisis, war and turmoil,

resulting in the loss of about one-third of the tribe during the Trail of Tears migration from Alabama to Oklahoma in 1838, she said.

From 1906 to the 1970s, there was no tribal government. The people appointed to the position of chief were usually socially and economically prominent and almost never full-blooded Cherokee, Mankiller said.

Therefore, she said, many full-blooded Cherokees didn't feel like they could "qualify" for positions in the Cherokee government. Elections for leaders began in the mid-'70s as an effort to involve the people in their tribal government again.

In order to reach out to as many people as possible, Mankiller strongly advocated programs to reach people in need in rural communities. She said she doesn't believe any community is hopeless, and she's seen dramatic turn-around in many such communities.

"Our work is the simplest thing in the world—to trust people," she said.

In the "self-help" program, if an individual can propose a plan for improvement to a community, the Cherokee Nation will provide the funding for it.

One proposal is to increase sex education in order to decrease teenage pregnancy, she said. Teen-agers who are pregnant are given support, and in turn, they educate other teen-agers about pregnancy.

About two years ago, when a tribe of Navaho Indians wanted to grow crops in the middle of the desert, Mankiller helped raise money for the cause. The tribe contacted a specialist in irrigation, and the crops flourished the first year.

Mankiller said she wants to preserve the cultural identity of her people while working to resolve their social problems.

## Computer Center survey studies needs

By Jerry Madden  
Staff Writer

Improvements in computer services offered to the TCU community may occur once the results of a recent survey are in.

The TCU Computer Center, in an effort to find out the computing needs of the school, conducted a survey involving faculty, staff and graduate students.

James Comer, chairperson of the computer science department, said the surveys were sent two weeks ago.

The survey was the outgrowth of work of the Computer Center Committee and discussions with Vice Chancellor for Finance and Planning Leigh Secret.

The survey was done, Comer said, in order to find out the ways in which TCU's computer facilities are used and what can be done to improve them.

"This attempts to allow faculty and graduate students an opportunity to

express their opinion on current computer resources available," Comer said.

He also said the Computer Center was interested in finding out if it was purchasing the right type of equipment.

"There is a question," Comer said, "as to whether the right (computer) resources are available and whether enough of those resources are being made available."

"We provide a pretty good selection in the way of mainframe (larger) computers."

Comer said the IBM 4141 and the VAX computers are two computers frequently used.

However, Comer said, not as much is offered for microcomputer use at the TCU Computer Center.

"A few departments have microcomputers for usage, but they're not available to the TCU community in general," Comer said.

Comer said there is a possibility the Computer Center will expand its micro-

computer facilities if enough interest is expressed in the survey.

The survey was divided into three parts: computer hardware, computer software and additional resources.

The first part of the survey asked participants how familiar they were with different computer systems at TCU. It also asked for their preference of computer systems.

The second portion of the survey asked how often participants used some of the computer software available at TCU. It also asked how important this software was to their work and what they used the software for.

The third part of the survey asked participants how the Computer Center could expand its capabilities to make it competitive with other universities.

All ranking was based on a scale of 0 to 5, with 0 being the lowest in every case.

The survey separated each section between questions on computers and questions on microcomputers.

Comer said the survey was also separated between questions about mainframe systems and microcomputer systems because their availability at TCU is so different.

Comer said many people in the computer science department have been working on this survey and will be attempting to gather the results before the end of the spring semester.

Comer said they will be working over the summer to make recommendations to the Computer Center.

"An attempt will be made to analyze the results during the summer," Comer said. "The results will be released in the fall."

The survey also asked teachers whether students should be required to purchase a microcomputer when they enter TCU.

Comer said this is the first time in "four or five years" that a survey of this type has been attempted.

The Computer Center also said Apple computer representatives have

left a Macintosh computer for students to use.

Steve Nimr, a microcomputer consultant at TCU, said Apple left the new Macintosh after a three-day microcomputer seminar at TCU on April 14.

IBM and Tandy sent representatives on April 15 and 16, respectively, he said.

"Apple just left us a computer and will keep it here as long as people are interested in using it," Nimr said.

Nimr said Apple left it here for people to get a good look at their new line of microcomputers.

"They want their product to be used and for people to look at it," Nimr said.

Nimr said a new Macintosh can cost anywhere from \$1,200 to \$3,000, not including accessories. He also said the Macintosh has a printer and five software programs to go along with it.

Apple left four of the programs with the computer, Nimr said. The other software program belongs to TCU.

## Propped doors invite crime

By Lisa Touye  
Staff Writer

Students living in residence halls may find it convenient to prop open doors, but each time they do so they leave themselves and others open to more than property thefts.

Nine intruders were reported on campus last week, said Chief of Campus Police Oscar Stewart said.

A sophomore resident of Sherley Hall said she was drying herself after a shower when she saw a man's head over the wall of the shower stall on Saturday night.

She said she told him to leave, and when he did, she ran from the third east bathroom to her room and had her roommate call Campus Police.

Earlier Saturday night a similarly described man was seen in Waits Hall asking for a woman whose name is not on the register of TCU students, Stewart said.

The officer responding to the call Saturday night told Stewart that a door was found propped open.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said that according to Campus Police, this was the worst weekend for propped doors.

"All an intruder needs to do is walk in to put everyone in jeopardy," Stewart said. "It's important not to prop doors to the residence halls."

"Ninety-nine percent of the time someone in the building has propped open a door in these situations," said Kay Higgins, associate director of residential life.

Problems result when residents don't report incidents like this to police, Higgins said.

Other incidents of intruders found in Sherley Hall bathrooms have been reported earlier this semester. The problem in one case, Stewart said, was that the police were called much later after the intruder left.

In order to prevent more intruders from getting into residence halls, Stewart said students should not prop open doors, leave windows on the first floor open or let into the hall people they don't know are residents.

Freshman Becky Hankins, a third floor resident of Sherley Hall, said it is "very easy for somebody to come in."

Mills said posters, memos and letters telling students what precautions to take for their own security were put up in the residence halls.

While the posted warnings do help, Hankins said, "usually a lot of girls don't really pay attention to them."

Men can enter through the propped doors or even the front doors if they look like they are there to pick up someone, Hankins said.

"A guy could hide easily in the bathrooms or the laundry rooms," she said.

## Officials push for speaking English

TORNILLO, Texas—School officials have asked parents to discipline their children if they are caught speaking Spanish at school as part of a campaign to improve grades, the Tornillo school superintendent said Wednesday.

"We're not out to start some kind of controversy," Francis Brooks said. "The only thing we're looking to do is help our kids do a little better."

Brooks said he mailed about 370 letters on Wednesday, one for each child in the Tornillo Independent School District, asking parents to voluntarily sign a contract.

"If you sign and return this letter, you are saying that you will discipline your child if we report him or her for speaking Spanish at school," the letter says in part. "If you do not sign, nothing will be done to your child for speaking Spanish."

The letters, in Spanish and English, say the campaign's aim is to try to improve test scores and the English-speaking ability of students.

Tornillo students generally score below state and national averages on standardized tests in mathematics,

reading and language skills. The school district teaches English as a second language but cannot afford specialized bilingual-education teachers, Brooks said.

About 95 percent of the children in the school system are Hispanic, and about 40 percent speak only Spanish or very little English, Brooks said. An estimated 60 percent of parents in Tornillo, a farming community southeast of El Paso, don't speak English at all, he said.

Federal and state laws prohibit schools from punishing children merely for speaking a language other than English, so the school system is trying to get the parents to help, he said.

"For the kids' benefit, they must be able to speak English," Brooks said, adding that he is not against children being bilingual. "I'd give anything if my kids were bilingual."

He said his daughter, 17, and son, 15, barely communicate with their 80-year-old maternal grandmother whose first language is Spanish.

"I can speak Spanish fairly well-if

there's nobody around who speaks English," Brooks said. "I'm not a strong advocate of forcing anyone. But if I went to Mexico, I'd be forced to learn Spanish."

The idea began at the February meeting of the school board and was presented to parents at the March and April 13 meetings of the Tornillo Parent-Teacher Organization, he said.

"We did not have any negative comments from parents," Brooks said.

Parent-teacher meetings have been conducted in both languages for eight years to encourage more Spanish-speaking parents to attend, said Brooks, who was high school principal in Tornillo before being named superintendent in 1980.

"If it helps encourage students, teachers should speak English only to the kids," parent Maggie Zavala told the *El Paso Times* in a story published Wednesday. "That way they can learn (English) faster."

# OPINION

## TCU lives up to none-memories



Craig Winneker

Through a bizarre twist of fate, I am graduating this May. I returned from Washington this semester thinking I would only have two more semesters of school left and would leave TCU next December, a lonely seven months after most of my friends.

But, thank goodness, there was a mistake on my degree plan, and I watched amazed as the woman in the dean's office miraculously erased 15 required hours of credit. Her explanation: "I added wrong."

So, I've spent the last couple of months desperately trying to catch the rest of my life up with my accelerated graduation date. And I've spent a lot of time pondering my memories and my non-memories from these past three years at TCU.

I remember how it felt to walk into the Student Center for the first time in August '84, when my parents were with me. They were wearing buttons that said, "I'm a Frog Mom/Dad," undoubtedly handed to them by some smiling do-goodnik in a purple polo shirt.

I remember lazy weekday afternoons in the freshman dorm when there were no real worries about studying for core classes, and the only thing to do was party up until about 20 hours before finals. In fact, I'm still trying to shed that memory now as a senior.

I remember reacting unfavorably to the fashion-image-auto-haircut-but-otherwise-unconscious majority of students at this university.

But, I can't seem to remember hearing any good explanation of the purpose of the visitation policy.

Nor can I recall the complete divestment of funds from corporations doing business in South Africa. My mind is also fuzzy on even the possibility of the trustees discussing this matter, which certainly must have happened, this being a Christian institution.

I do have a vague recollection of being a year younger than I am now, but somehow I was able to walk into any liquor store or bar and purchase alcohol.

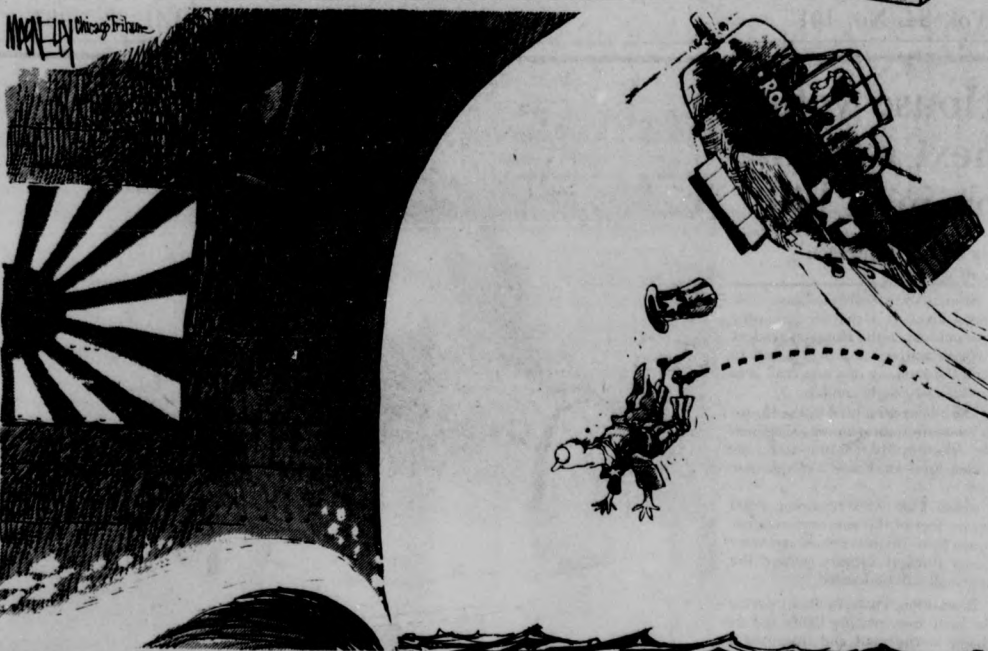
I remember being told at orientation that this university was just one big happy family and that everyone here was just so gosh-darned nice. But I also remember what it was like to try and get fliers approved for display in the Student Center. I wanted to advertise a fund-raising event for a TCU organization, but the woman at the Information Desk met my request with a stubborn, "no."

I remember her telling me the reason I couldn't advertise the fund raiser was because it was being held at a local restaurant/bar, and TCU couldn't promote such activities.

Also indelibly stamped on my mind is the image I saw only three days after the incident at the Information Desk. I drove past the Worth Hills soccer fields and was amazed to see a 40-foot plastic replica of a bulldog that has become famous for promoting a light beer.

Only this time the dog wasn't accompanied by the usual trio of giggling females—that would not have been representative of the true Christian nature of this school.

Yes, I leave TCU with an abundance of memories. Unfortunately, none of them come from my chemistry class.



## There's no glory in whimsy, but at least it's safe



John Paschal

Hey, sometimes you've just got to say, "The dictates of human nature invariably precipitate the commonplace reaction that, no, whimsy does not inspire a voluminous aggregate of written rebuttal, angry counterclaim, or seething ad hominem chastisement, nor hardly does it elicit a torrent of hosannas, or a litany of 'Praise thee, O mighty whimsical writer' from a scholarly target audience."

Sometimes, you really do have to say that. Seriously. It's a law I made up just now. I know I say it, anyway, and I don't talk all that much, and seldom do I dig way down and grab enough long-windedness to write a sentence totaling eight commas. So I think it's plausible enough that everyone recognize its, uh, plausibility.

The reason that opening sentence exists at all (and I know we're all wondering) is that whimsical, gee-whiz, "Quit giving Beaver the business, Eddie" kind of stuff consistently ruffles nary a feather. A literary walk through the daisies, in other words, never quite raises a stink.

That's why I have to say the sentence to myself now and again. Feather ruffling just isn't my thing. I, in my infinite whimsy, (whimsy allegedly being "fanciful humor," but in this case, it's anything just short of cosmic insignificance) won't spark any kind of societal change.

I won't cause Mr. Reagan to up and shout, "Hey, y' know, I think that whimsical guy down in Texas is right. Forget about all this tax stuff. Let's party." Nor will I instigate massive tort reform.

I just write simple, disposable literature. Then, sufficiently devoid of self-esteem, I agree to have it printed. I guess it's an attempt to say to others, "Hey, this is what I think." I exist under the delusion that somebody reads it.

That doesn't matter to me much—whether there's an audience or not. Literature, real or imagined, is something that's pretty cool just to have ooze from your mind. Writing what we here call "a column" (others may prefer more succinct, four-letter epithets) is a real kick in the pants to a guy.

He's allowed full license to slap down enough successive opinions to constitute enough successive paragraphs to form "a column." It is just a lot of words, said with a bit more conviction.

But these whimsical columns, virtually teeming with levity and—do we dare presume—humor, are hardly the object of intellectual perusal and academic analysis... for which, I confess, I am deeply indifferent. Whimsical columns don't make people mad, and they don't win big golden trophies. They just sit there and say, "Howdy." And I know that.

(Hey, there's a comparison here somewhere. Ah, here it is.) A mythological denizen of Hell was once smitten to a dreary vocation of forever rolling a boulder up an unforgiving gradient, and I, likewise, am forever obliged to write irresolute, wimpy whimsy.

It is just something I do. And when you write irresolute, wimpy whimsy you never—as in, not ever—will be the cause of a letter to the editor. For which, I confess, I am deeply indifferent.

A lot of writers measure success by the number of responses they get. I, on the other end, have comfortably settled into the opinion that success is the number of consecutive days one spends breathing, and I figure the fewer people I hack off, the better chance I have of breathing yet another morning.

All the serious and more socially minded guys cause the ruckus and me, well, I just sit

here minding my own biz, which ain't much. I guess I like it that way, although I wouldn't mind an occasional letter saying, "Fine bit of whim, dude. Keep it up—Women of Whimsy (WOW)."

Still, I'll let the other guys defend their moral stances on baby seals and sex education and whatnot, and I'll just wax capricious in the meantime.

It wasn't always so field-of-springtime-daffodils carefree for me, however. I've written serious stuff. Sure. But it depressed me, ever so, and I was forced to go right back out and be whimsical some more. Get a popsicle and put on a rubber nose or something.

That simply is what's easiest for me, and who am I to make me work harder? I wasn't blessed with the necessary intelligence, diligence or parents who would accordingly buy me things to be inspired to kick total academic butt.

I would much rather go the Pub than read up on the polemic differences between our world leaders and their persistent fallibility. Given the choice, I prefer pinball over Plato.

And I'd much rather drive my car around than curl up with a good book. In fact, I'd much rather curl my car around a good concrete pillar than curl up with a good book. Higher learning, for me, has always had certain horizontal parameters.

In the same way, writing has certain parameters. I don't overstep them. Meaning, I'm just not going to write about "sweeping tax reforms" unless I say something like, "Dave Garrett, a local janitor, has been sweeping tax reforms for some 20 years now." I want to be detached, if even a dropout of reality.

I sure don't aspire to be William F. Buckley III. My genes aren't cooperating on that one and anyway, if I did, I'd have to change that little license plate on the back of my old bicycle to "William F."

I think that a guy should go ahead and do what he wants. I want to write stuff nobody really cares about.

## Letters to the editor

### House closes down another year

It has been my pleasure to serve the students of TCU this semester as President of the House of Student Representatives.

Before the Skiff shuts down operations, I would like to take a look back on some of the things the House has accomplished recently and give credit to those who have worked to make this a successful semester.

Steven Partain and the Academic Affairs Committee members deserve a lot of credit. They (along with last semester's crew) saw to the production of Frog Finder, TCU's first attempt at a more in-depth course description booklet. This program was well received and will be an integral and growing part of the committee next year.

Under the leadership of Kristin Chambers, the University Relations Committee has been extremely busy sponsoring the lobbying committee, which made a trip to Austin to lobby for the Texas Equalization Grant, making spirit signs at basketball games and working on the big brother/sister program.

This is the first year we have tried the big brother/sister program, and we have met with overwhelming support. Next year, all incoming freshmen should be able to be paired with a big brother or sister.

The Permanent Improvements Committee, under the direction of Rosario Holguin,

has been working for the past two semesters on a new mall area on the east side of campus.

Construction for Phase I of this project should commence this summer. This committee also brought to us the pilot program of CSN—the College Satellite Network.

The Student Concerns Committee has continued its tradition of excellence by being aware of problem areas, investigating and acting when necessary. Some of the things this group has done is to bring magazines to the bookstore, install a police call-box in the coliseum parking lot, assist the University in the placement of \$100,000 worth of lighting on campus, open a continued dialogue with Marriott Food Service and check on complaints about the Health Center.

The Finance Committee, under the leadership of Treasurer Patti Keeffe, has greatly improved our accounting procedures. Each year our funds are handled more professionally, and I believe that to be a tribute to our quality treasurers, past and present.

Under the leadership of freshman Andy Hartman, the Elections and Regulations Committee has reworked our Election Code and has developed a notebook for future chairs of this committee to follow. Largely a thankless job, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and diligence.

Joe Jordan  
Senior, marketing

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## BLOOM COUNTY

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# Supreme Court rules 5-4 to uphold Georgia death penalty law

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—Texas Death Row inmates expressed little surprise Wednesday as the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against them in a major capital punishment case, noting instead the court is continuing a trend that makes it easier to execute people.

"The court doesn't pay any attention to statistics," said Jim Vanderbilt, convicted and awaiting death for an Amarillo slaying. "It was dead in my mind before it got started."

The high court, in a 5-4 ruling up-

holding the Georgia death penalty law, said the statute was constitutional despite statistics that show blacks convicted of killing whites are more likely to get the death penalty.

It is the latest in a series of Supreme Court rulings in recent years that have narrowed legal avenues for halting executions.

"Bang, bang, bang," Vanderbilt said, noting the court has already struck down arguments from death penalty opponents citing dispro-

portionality of sentences and qualifications of jurors.

Clifford X. Phillips, a black man who awaits death next week for the slaying of a white Houston woman, said he did not have much hope in the court even before its decision.

"I don't put my faith in the institutions of society," said Phillips, who prefers to be called by his Islamic name, Abdullah Bashir. "I think things will get worse long before they get better."

Phillips said he lost interest in the legal process after the 1982 execution of Charlie Brooks, the first of 22 men to be executed in Texas since the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume. Phillips said continued interest in legal matters would have driven him to suicide.

"I've learned how to put my life above things I have no control over," he said.

Vanderbilt said a ruling against the

death penalty in the Georgia case could have meant commutation for all of the 250 men and women on Death Row in Texas, which leads the nation in number of executions.

Of the 22 people executed, 12 have been white, six Hispanic and four black. About 40 percent of the Texas Death Row inmates are black.

"What it does is tell people there won't be any major movement away from the death penalty in quite a while," said inmate Lester Bower.

"They've shut the door for quite a while, and it'll take a pretty good crowbar to get the door open."

Ron Dusek, a spokesperson for Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, said the decision leaves no issues now before the Supreme Court that would hold up executions.

"So all executions are going to go forward," Dusek said. "This had the potential of stopping all executions in Texas. It could have had a far-reaching impact."

## CAMPUS NOTES

### CSP testing

The journalism department's GSP test will be given twice in May for students planning to take Journalism 1113, Media Writing, during either the summer mini-term or the first five-week session. The test will be given May 8 at 1 p.m. for the mini-term and May 29 at 1 p.m. for the first five-week session. Both will be given in Moudy Building Room 280S.

For more information, see Tommy Thomason in the journalism depart-

ment.

### "Brighton Beach Memoirs"

Tickets for "Brighton Beach Memoirs," the final TCU theater production this semester, are free with a TCU ID and can be reserved by calling 921-7626. Showtimes are 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

### Voice recital

Baritone David Bennett will join with pianist Burr Phillips in songs of

Handel, Ibert and Schumann. The recital begins at 7 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium and is free.

### Senior art show

Seniors Jo-Ann Mulroy, Kathy Webster, Michael J. Magoto and Georgeann Shafer will show their paintings, prints and sculptures in Moudy Building Exhibition Hall. The exhibit runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

### Computer Center traineeships

Interviews will begin soon for three graduate traineeships in the Computer Center for 1987-88. The awards include tuition and salary. More information on application procedures is available in the Office of Graduate Studies.

### SPJ/SDX meeting

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi will meet

tonight at 7 p.m. in Moudy Building Room 264S to elect officers for next year. All members and prospective members should attend.

### ISA meeting

International Students Association will meet tonight at 5 p.m. to elect officers for next year. All members should attend. The meeting will be held in the Student Center; students should check the notice board in the Student Center for the room number.

### Special library hours

For final exam week, the Mary Coats Burnett Library will be open Sunday, May 3 from noon to 2 a.m.; Monday, May 4 through Wednesday, May 6 from 7:45 a.m. to 2 a.m.; Thursday, May 7 from 7:45 a.m. to midnight; and Friday, May 8 from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library will be closed Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10. Summer hours begin Tuesday, May 12.

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## Wacker full of optimism

By Lee Ann Breland  
Staff Writer

TCU is UNBEELEEVABLE!  
At least that's how coach Jim Wacker feels about the 1988 football season.

"I think we have a chance at the best football team since I've been here," Wacker said.

"We're finally at that point experience-wise. We've got good depth coming back. We're not a young, inexperienced team anymore. We're a veteran team with a lot of kids who have been to war before, and I really believe that going into the season," he said.

Wacker said the kicking game is solid. Place-kicker Lee Newman is being pushed hard by Justo Gonzalez and Chris Becker, the No. 3 punter in the nation.

Wacker is also positive about the defense.

"I think the defensive line is the strongest area in defense—good depth," he said.

Wacker said key players for the defense are Kent Tramel and David Spradlin, seniors who were red-shirted last year. "We feel the defensive line overall is really solid," Wacker said.

The starters are Tracy Simien, Darrell Davis and David Spradlin, and the defense tackles are Kent Tramel, Mitchell Benson, Frank Hawkins and Fred Washington.

"Fred Washington has made tremendous gains. He's a kid that's really looking good right now. He's

been starting offensive front," Wacker said.

"The surprise of the spring has been Paul Llewellyn, middle linebacker. Paul is really playing well," he said.

Wacker also said Floyd Terrell, a red-shirt linebacker, should have a good senior year.

"Scott Harris is back. He's playing either the middle or the weak-side linebacker," Wacker said. Harris has finished second in tackles the past two seasons.

Greg Moore and Greg Jones, both defensive ends, have really looked good this spring, Wacker said.

"Both started first, but they are good players," Wacker said. "Overall, I think the front seven is going to be good." Wacker said he was looking forward to working with the three red-shirts from last year—Tramel, Spradlin and Terrell.

"We are glad to have them back in the line-up. I'm a lot better coach when they are playing on the defense side," he said.

"The big surprise on the defense has been Llewellyn, and the guys who have really come on are Llewellyn, Washington and Darrell Davis," Wacker said. "They have been the three who have shown the most improvement. The dominating player is Tramel. He's our best player."

Wacker said the key to the defense is going to be how good the secondary plays. He said the best player this spring has been Falanda Newton, free safety, who has really been playing well.

The most improved player has been Tommy Sharp, starting at strong safety, he said. The big question mark is who's going to start at the corners. Wacker said five players are battling it for the two cornerback positions.

Quarterback Scott Ankrom is getting a lot of attention on the field.

"He looks great this spring. He's been the top quarterback right now. He is being pushed hard by David Rascoe and Ron Jiles. It's the best depth we've had at quarterback," Wacker said.

The running backs are going to be definite assets to the team, he said. Tony Jeffery and Tommy Palmer have good depth behind them at their positions, Wacker said.

"In all the skilled positions we're really strong. Tight ends Gary Ford and Ricky Stone are two really outstanding players. The three wide receivers that are really good are Jarrod Delaney, Reggie Davis and Wayne Waddy," he said.

Wacker said the ball will be put in the air more than before this year.

"We put in the drop-back pass as part of the offense, and I think that's going to help us through," he said.

Wacker said he believes this year is going to be a good year for the conference and that a lot of teams have good returning talent.

"Arkansas has the best returning talent in the conference, but there are going to be a lot of good teams. I just hope TCU is one of them," he said.

"I'm more excited this year than I have been since I've been at TCU," Wacker said.

## Cowboys needing help everywhere

IRVING, Texas (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys, picking higher in the NFL draft than they have in 23 years, need help in every position but running back to bolster a team that lost seven of its final eight games last season.

Unless they swing a trade, the Cowboys will be drafting from the 12th position Tuesday.

"I think we will get some very good players out of this draft, particularly in the first round," Dallas scouting director Gil Brandt says. "There are a lot of good linebackers and offensive linemen, and some defensive linemen who can play."

The Cowboys need help in all three areas, and throw in a placekicker, a defensive back, and perhaps another wide receiver for good measure.

Even the quarterback position is far from secure, with Danny

White's injured wrist and the so-so performance of Steve Pelluer as a replacement.

The forced departure of placekicker Rafael Septien, who pleaded guilty to indecency with a 10-year-old girl, means Dallas might draft University of Texas placekicker Jeff Ward in later rounds.

"He is an excellent kicker," Brandt says of Ward. "Of course, he will have to make the transition of kicking from a tee to kicking from the ground, but we believe he can do it."

The Cowboys are drifting away from their "best athlete available" theory of recent years.

They moved up in the draft last year so they could draft for need by taking wide receiver Mike Sherrard, who was barely edged out in rookie-of-the-year balloting.

"We want to find more competitive people like Sherrard in the draft," Brandt says.

Defensive coordinator Ernie Stautner hopes some of those competitive players end up in his defensive line, which showed signs of age in a 7-9 season that began with a 6-2 showing.

"We have to get better in the defensive line," says Dallas coach Tom Landry. "We showed some wear and tear in there last season. We need for Kevin Brooks to make a big impact next year and to get some help from the draft."

Brandt says that even if the Cowboys draft a linebacker or defensive lineman in the first round, there still could be a good offensive lineman around in the second round.

Landry has said the Cowboys are leaning toward defense on the first round.

## NBA expands league by adding 4 clubs

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlotte, N.C., Minneapolis, Orlando and Miami were awarded expansion franchises Wednesday by the NBA board of governors after a four-hour meeting.

Charlotte and Miami will be admitted for the 1988-89 season. Minneapolis and Orlando enter the following year.

Each expansion franchise will pay an entry fee of \$32.5 million.

The decision was announced by Commissioner David Stern, who presided over Wednesday's meeting.

The acceptance of the two Florida cities was a major surprise after the league's Expansion Committee recommended on April 2 that the NBA postpone a decision on those two cities until October. In addition, the

governors had been expected to choose between Orlando and Miami rather than select both.

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