

## Weather

Today's weather will be partly cloudy and warm. Highs will be in the mid-90s. Tonight's temperatures will be in the upper 60s. Winds will be light and southerly.

# Plaintiffs discuss paraphernalia laws

By ESTHER D'AMICO  
Staff Writer

The 55 plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of the anti-drug paraphernalia law are scheduled to be represented by their attorneys Tuesday in the chamber of U.S. District Judge David Belew Jr., said Sue Counts, secretary to the judge.

After a three-day hearing last week, Belew upheld the constitutionality of the anti-drug paraphernalia law enacted in the last session of the Texas Legislature.

An association consisting of state-wide head shop owners will appeal the ruling, said Tom Atkins, owner of Freak Imports and a member of the association.

"I was disappointed, naturally," said Atkins, referring to the outcome of last week's hearing. However, he said, "I think he (Belew) gave us a fair trial."

"At the trial, I felt most of the testimony, most of the evidence went our way... but it is a complicated situation," he added.

He explained the ruling "is not going to have an effect" on the school children who use drug paraphernalia because they will get the paraphernalia from the same place they get the drugs.

The anti-drug paraphernalia law is part of the Texas Controlled Substance Act passed last spring. The prosecution contested the language of the law on the grounds of vagueness. Plaintiffs said that the law is aimed specifically at head shops which sell paraphernalia that could be used in connection with drugs.

The law is patterned after a model law published in 1979.

"We wanted to make sure the version we brought to the Legislature would be in conformity with every ruling in every court case (pertaining to paraphernalia) we could find," said Richard Salwen, one of the drafters of the law.

An attorney for the plaintiffs said that the statute was unconstitutional and "would cause grave economic loss" to business people.

"To enforce the statute would deprive them of life, liberty and property," said the attorney.

Attorneys for Tarrant County, the City of Fort Worth and the State of Texas represented law enforcement agencies named as defendants by the challengers of the anti-paraphernalia law.

One of the attorneys said that a "grave economic loss" was "not an issue here.... The question of law is exclusively the responsibility of this law."

Salwen, testifying for the defense, said that though the law is difficult to enforce, it is not vague because it ties everything to intent or use. He said there is sufficient interpretation to do that. Salwen is associate general counsel of Electronic Data Systems Corp. and a member of the Texas War on Drugs Committee headed by H. Ross Perot.

"These are going to be very difficult cases to make," Salwen said.

"Basically the definition of drug paraphernalia in this

act is tied very closely to intent," he said. Proof must be provided in order for intent to be a violation.

The large part of the controversy surrounding the law is based on whether there is an intent to use the devices with drugs.

The question of how a police officer proves that a person intended to use drug paraphernalia was raised by some opponents of the law.

Salwen said, "There must be a few million cases on how you prove intent to violate the law."

Sociologist O.Z. White, professor of sociology of Trinity University at San Antonio was a witness for the prosecution. He said that paraphernalia are gimmicks and that paraphernalia is used "more because of the novelty aspect than anything else."

"If a person wants to do cocaine, all he needs is a razor blade, mirror and a dollar bill," he explained.

"The existence of drugs causes paraphernalia," White said. He added that he has not heard of studies that point the other way.

# Rape prevention discussed

By CAROLINE MORE  
Staff Writer

The best defense against a rapist is quick thinking, said Fred Storaska, an authority on rape prevention.

In a two-hour presentation Thursday, Storaska spoke about rape prevention to a group of approximately 75 people, mostly women.

Though he said he supports training in the martial arts, Storaska said he does not advocate teaching to fight, but rather teaching to win. "The idea is survival," he said.

The key to escaping an attack is defusing violence. "Rape is a crime of hate and violence, not a crime of sex," Storaska said. He said one key to rape prevention is being able to change a potential rapist's decision or substitute doubts for options.

"To teach the victim to scream is to teach fear," Storaska said. "We are dealing with human beings who need love, understanding and affection,

but see rejection. Knowledge is the only cure to fear. Thus our best weapon is our brain.

"Rape is the lack of people, treating people, as people," said Storaska, author and producer of "How to Say No to a Rapist." Storaska spoke at a presentation organized by the Forums Council and blamed rape on society.

"It teaches men to be aggressive and woman to be passive," Storaska said. "We teach little boys to take and little girls to be taken."

Storaska has spoken to over three million women at 2,500 colleges and universities. He began to lecture in 1964 upon graduating from North Carolina State University with a bachelor of science in psychology. Breaking up a gang rape is what motivated him to begin his series.

He said women have suggested that, rather than struggling with an assailant, they should find something good about him. One example was to tell the rapist, "I've never been able to relate to anyone, maybe I can

relate to you? Can we go somewhere?"

Other defenses include saying you have a contagious disease or cancer. This philosophy stems from the idea that human beings like to see someone worse off than they are.

"Rapists do not rape people, they rape objects, surrogates and replicas," he said, discussing the thought processes of a rapist. "The rapist is emotionally disturbed and suffers from an intense inferiority complex. When he rapes he drags her (the victim) down to his level, thus elevates himself. He uses sex as a tool to accomplish degradation. The woman is the victim because she's there."

Storaska said there are two common rape victims. The most common is a woman in her own home during the afternoon, average age 57. A woman in a shopping lot during the daytime, average age 38, is another common victim. Storaska continued by saying 95 percent of rapists grab from behind.



DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - Freak Imports at 2902-B West Berry Street is involved in a suit contesting the constitutionality of a recent drug paraphernalia law passed by the Texas Legislature. The law makes the selling of drug paraphernalia illegal. Freak Imports lists various paraphernalia among its selling items and is one of 55 plaintiffs contesting the law.



# Reagan attacks crime

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—President Reagan, labeling crime an "American epidemic," Monday called for a sweeping overhaul of federal criminal laws to "redress the imbalance between rights of the accused and rights of the innocent."

In a speech prepared for the annual convention of the International Association of Police Chiefs, Reagan:

—Backed legislation to allow illegally obtained evidence to be used in criminal cases in some circumstances;

—Urged mandatory prison terms for people who carry a gun while committing a felony;

—Called for a new crackdown on drug trafficking;

—Asked that the conditions be tightened for some defendants to be released on bail;

—Endorsed legislative proposals that would allow judges to order convicted criminals to make restitution to their victims; and

—Threw his support behind a 14-year effort to overhaul the U.S. Criminal Code. The Senate approved the code changes in 1979 but they have been stalled in the House.

The president told the police chiefs he would support legislation to allow illegally obtained evidence to be used in criminal cases under some circumstances.

He said the exclusionary rule "rests on the absurd proposition that a law enforcement error, no matter how technical, can be used to justify throwing an entire case out of court, no matter how guilty the defendant or how heinous the crime."

Calling for a crackdown on drug

trafficking, Reagan said he would support legislation allowing the military to assist in identifying and reporting drug movement.

His administration, the president said, "will push for bail reform that will permit judges—under carefully limited conditions—to keep some defendants from using bail to return to the streets, never to be seen in court again until they are arrested for another crime against innocent life."

"There has been a breakdown in the criminal justice system of America," the president said. "It just plain isn't working."

The president said repeat offenders continue to prey on society and American citizens "demand that we put a stop to it." He told the police chiefs what they already knew, that violent crime reported to authorities has increased 59 percent in the last decade.

## around the world

Compiled from The Associated Press

**Nicaragua renews criticism of U.S.** One month after a fence-mending visit by the Reagan administration's top Latin American expert, Nicaragua's leftist regime has renewed its bitter criticism of the United States.

U.S. officials believe the latest volley of anti-American rhetoric results from Nicaragua's severe economic crisis and the refusal of the United States to help out.

Officials on both sides agree relations are at an all-time low.

"Apparently there is no effort on their part to improve the situation," said a U.S. official who declined to be identified. He cited the barrage of charges against U.S. "imperialists" trumpeted almost daily by newspapers and radio and TV stations controlled by the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front.

"The United States does not appear to want relations with us," countered Manuel Espinoza, spokesman for Nicaragua's governing junta.

Moderates on both sides fear total estrangement could drive the Marxist-oriented Sandinista commanders completely into the Soviet-Cuban camp.

**Former officer pleads guilty to selling information to Soviets.** Former U.S. Army Warrant Officer Joseph G. Helmich Jr. halted his spy trial by pleading guilty Monday to conspiring to sell top-secret military communication information to the Soviet Union between 1963 and through 1980.

Helmich, who resigned from the Army in 1966, had pleaded innocent to a four-count espionage indictment on July 16, one day after his arrest at his home in nearby Jacksonville Beach.

Shortly before noon Monday he approached U.S. District Judge Susan Black with his court-appointed attorney, Peter Dearing, and entered the change of plea.

Helmich admitted to only count one of the indictments, which charged him with a long-lasting conspiracy that began in 1963 when he walked into the Soviet Embassy in Paris with plans to sell U.S. military secrets.

At that time, Helmich was with the U.S. Signal Corps and, according to testimony last week, was on the brink of being court-martialed because of bad checks.

**Former Texas A & M University president dies.** Former Texas A & M University president Jack Williams died in a Houston hospital Monday after a short illness. He was 61.

Williams was executive vice president and director of the Texas Medical Center at the time of his death.

He was named president of Texas A & M University and its system in 1970 and was elevated to the position of chancellor in 1977.

He resigned as chancellor in 1979, but served as a special assistant to the board of regents. He had been hospitalized with heart-related problems during his presidency.

A & M Chancellor Frank Hubert said upon learning of Williams' death, "There have been two great periods of spectacular development of programs and facilities at Texas A & M University. The first of these was through the work of the late Gen. Earl Budder during the period of the '60s. The second era of great development was during Jack Williams' administration during the '70s."

"Jack Williams had the rare talent of being both an accomplished administrator and an outstanding scholar," Hubert said.

**Prison warden arrested for shoplifting.** The warden of the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary has been arrested and charged with shoplifting for allegedly stealing a hairbrush, according to a spokesman for the prison.

Jack Hanberry faced a hearing on the charge, a misdemeanor, in Atlanta Municipal Court Monday.

Hanberry was arrested Sunday afternoon after a southeast Atlanta supermarket security guard said he saw Hanberry stealing the hairbrush. Atlanta Police Bureau spokesman David Yood said.

The prison has taken no disciplinary action against Hanberry, according to Atlanta Federal Penitentiary spokesman William Noonan.

Hanberry, an ordained Baptist minister, was a chaplain at the federal prison before leaving for five years. He returned as warden in 1977.

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The Frogs paid the price for some very costly errors in Saturday's game against SMU. See page 4 for details.  
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# Typhoid outbreak traced to Mexican restaurant

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP)—Health officials suspect that a Mexican meat dish, barbacoa, and tortillas prepared at a take-out restaurant helped spread an outbreak of typhoid fever totaling 27 cases in the past month.

Twenty-six of the confirmed typhoid victims had eaten food purchased from La Frontera Molmo Restaurant, which was voluntarily closed by its owner Sunday.

"We are most suspicious of the barbacoa (steamed meat from the head of a cow)," said Wayne Sandera of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. Sandera and two inspectors from the Texas Department of Health zeroed in on La Frontera during a computer search for the common denominator in the typhoid outbreak centered in an area of the predominantly hispanic west side of the city.

Owner Manuel V. Mechaca voluntarily closed the restaurant Sunday and health officials said blood and stool samples were taken from its 25 employees in an effort to isolate any carrier of the disease.

Samples of all food in the business also were being analyzed and health officials said results of the laboratory tests should be available in four days.

Courand Bothe, director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, said all employees of the restaurant had up-to-date health cards. He said it was suspected the disease may have been transmitted by an employee who did not wash his hands after using the bathroom.

The restaurant, located on Old Highway 90 West, is among numerous such establishments specializing in tortillas, barbacoa and other types of carry-out Mexican dishes.

# OPINION

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## Present rules right for most Americans

The American press has traditionally prided itself on being a voice of the masses. Perhaps the thing that sets our press system apart from and above other world press systems is the fact that all people, whether young, old, rich or poor, have equal access to some form of public communication.

That may soon change. Two weeks ago, the Federal Communications Commission voted to join broadcasters in urging Congress to repeal the fairness doctrine and equal time laws. These laws require broadcast media to give equal response time to candidates or spokespersons for opposing sides of public issues, regardless of ability to pay.

The commission also voted to urge repeal of the so-called reasonable access law, which requires broadcasters to provide air time to candidates for federal office.

The 4-to-2 vote to recommend repeal of the fairness doctrine and equal time laws, both longtime cornerstones of broadcast regulation, took the commission as far as it could go on its own. The vote on the access law was 5-1.

Only Congress can scrap the laws and there has been no serious indication it is prepared to do so.

We sincerely hope that Congress does not choose to repeal these laws. They provide the foundation for the rich and the poor to compete on an equal basis during elections.

Broadcast time costs a great deal of money. To deny a candidate air time because he or she is unable to pay for it is nothing more than restricting political races to the purchasing power of the wealthy.

Political positions should be earned, not bought. Political officers should be elected, not forced upon the public because of their financial standing. Controversial issues should be covered from all sides, with opposing viewpoints equally documented. The fairness doctrine and equal time laws apply to and govern each of these situations and should remain intact.

In our political scheme, any person can grow up to be president or speak out for a cause. Let's keep it that way.

## TCU intern wowed by D.C.

by Dana Tait

Last week Sandra O'Connor was confirmed by an overwhelming majority of the Senate (99-0) and thus became the first woman justice to sit on the Supreme Court. A giant step for women everywhere, but especially for women in the legal system.

I have had an interest in practicing law for some time, but lacked the knowledge of what a lawyer's job entails. My decision to go to Washington was initiated by my curiosity about a city which stands at the center of the American legal system.

I found myself applying a year ahead of time, and was one of two TCU juniors accepted to the program. I was excited and apprehensive at the same time. I wanted to see Washington, D.C., and experience for myself the opportunity only a city of this magnitude can possess. I received my internship placement in August at the United States Attorney's office in the Felony Trial Division. I wasn't sure what being a U.S. Attorney intern meant --

but I was promised I'd see many trials and work closely with lawyers.

After I arrived in Washington, D.C., I was overwhelmed by the number of sights and activities available to the public. It gives one the hopeless, but accurate feeling that within four months no one can see it all. In my first 2 1/2 weeks of sight-seeing I have accomplished what the average student might see in a semester. I have been to most of the national monuments: the Jefferson, the Washington, and the Lincoln Memorials, the Capitol, the White House, the Supreme Court, and numerous others. The 13-building Smithsonian takes literally weeks to cover, but holds such diverse national treasures as the Hope diamond, paintings by Degas and Renoir, and even George Washington's wooden dentures.

A particularly moving sight is the National Cemetery at Arlington. It is home of the eternal flame for John Kennedy, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Iwo-Jima Memorial. But most impressive are the never ending rows of white marble, which

point out the senseless slaughter caused by war.

Washington is filled with numerous historic districts full of old homes. Alexandria, Va., directly across the Potomac River, is filled with specialty shops and seafood restaurants which line the wharf. Georgetown is famous for its townhouse architecture dating back to the pre-Revolutionary War period. As I browsed through the shops and dined at one of the many sidewalk cafes, I felt as if I had stepped back in history to the days of my forefathers.

The National Park Service offers historic talks, nature walks, bike rides, free plays and outdoor concerts for anyone looking to fill time on a weekend. Twice a month, at the Library of Congress, students from the Julliard Institute for the Performing Arts in New York City arrive to play classical symphonies from the original scores by Mozart and Mendelssohn on antique Strativarian instruments.

Cathedrals and churches spot the Washington landscape. The National Cathedral is a magnificent gothic structure which took over 70 years to

complete. On the campus of Catholic University stands the nation's largest Catholic cathedral, the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Those edifices are the closest American parallels to the great churches of Europe.

After I have seen the points of interest that the District of Columbia has to offer, many other sights are within a day's drive. Gettysburg Battlefield, Harper's Ferry Federal Arsenal, the Atlantic coastline, and Annapolis, Md., are close day trips. The historic homes of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, Monticello and Mount Vernon, beckon the weekend traveler to view their treasures.

The chances to sightsee in Washington, D.C., are reason enough to plan a semester-long internship during the course of a college career. But Washington has so much more to offer a college student. It is a city which runs on a 24-hour basis and the excitement seldom stops. Dana Tait is a senior TCU student and will contribute to the Skiff during her semester-long internship.

## Reviews, etc.

### PBS new arena for Martin

by Fred Rothenberg

NEW YORK (AP)—Larry Hagman's mother remembers the time she saw her son get a belly full of lead. Yeah, she and 100 million other Americans.

Hagman's mother is not your sit-at-home, wait-for-sonny-to-call type. She's Mary Martin, musical star of Broadway and Hollywood. Her son is America's meanie, J.R. Ewing of "Dallas."

"It was in a hotel room in New York. I switched on the set and saw Larry coming out the door. The next thing I knew he was on the floor," said Miss Martin. "I called him and asked what it meant, and he said it

meant that 'nobody is going to know who shot me, Mother.'"

But Mary Martin has been around. She guessed it was Bing Crosby's daughter, Mary (J.R.'s mistress, Kristin), who was leaving the series. "Who would have thought, when I was making all those movies with Bing, that his daughter would shoot my son and have an illegitimate baby with him."

Movies and the theater were Miss Martin's stage. It's only later in her career that TV found her. She's never had a series, a prerequisite for TV stardom, although her "Peter Pan" special and live performance with Ethel Merman in the 1950s attracted

"Dallas"-sized audiences.

"This week, she begins a new career, as co-host with former newscaster Jim Hartz on PBS' "Over Easy," a program of interviews, issues and information geared for the older set. In its fifth year, "Over Easy" had been anchored by Hugh Downs and Frank Blair. The producers felt it needed a woman's touch.

"Jim's like another son. We're a perfect match. I'm over and he's easy."

At a lively 68, the world-renowned Peter Pan had to learn to play the other side of the couch. "It was very challenging. From June to September we taped two shows a day. I had to learn to read a TelePrompTer, and I didn't know much about finding the cameras. The cameras had always found Peter Pan."

Miss Martin was only apprehensive about a few of the interviews. "One of the first ones was Janet Gaynor, and we know each other so well that I was afraid I'd embarrass her with my knowledge. It worked out fine."

Then there was a show with her six grandchildren, including Hagman's daughter Heidi (an actress) and son Preston (a pilot), and one with J.R. himself. "I brought out a side of him that the public hadn't seen before. He played the flute, did some tai chi (Chinese exercises), we whistled and cooked together. It was great fun."

But Miss Martin admits that the mother-son relationship "was a rocky road for a while. We didn't talk for three years, when I was away living

in Brazil. Now, with my children and grandchildren, I'm getting a second chance, and I love it."

Fred Rothenberg is a television writer for the Associated Press.

### Simon's latest solid

by Bob Thomas

ONLY WHEN I LAUGH is a husband's ultimate gift to an actress: a surefire shot at an Academy Award. Neil Simon has retold his downbeat play "The Gingerbread Lady" into a funny, thoughtful, endearing vehicle for his wife, Marsha Mason. She makes the most of it, creating a full-scale portrait of a gifted, exasperatingly self-destructive Broadway star. Simon's artifice is sometimes transparent, as when three close friends experience separate disasters on the same day. But he is the master of show-biz small talk, and his depiction of the mother-daughter relationship is insightful and touching. The word for Kristy McNichol as the daughter: terrific. James Coco is equally fine as a luckless gay actor, and Joan Hackett also scores as a beauty facing the terror of middle age. Glenn Jordan makes an impressive debut as director, resisting the temptation to descend into bathos. Rated PG because of language and adult themes.

Bob Thomas is a writer for the Associated Press.

## Letters

### Student defends House's courage, maybe

Gentlemen:

This is in response to a recent article on the "gag rule" that appeared in the Skiff on Sept. 24. A certain Mr. Weller expressed an opinion that representatives should, in order to avoid public pressure, be permitted to avoid public sessions when debating on fiscal issues.

Apparently Mr. Weller believes that most representatives are craven towards too spineless to face up to the intense glare of public scrutiny. Perhaps he feels a more private, Politburo affair would more easily soothe the guilty consciences of our elected jellyfishes.

He is, of course, entitled to his opinion. I happen to disagree with it.

I feel that our representatives have the guts to face public scrutiny over any issue they discuss—especially ones that strike as close to the wallet as fiscal issues. I don't understand the necessity for closed meetings—I do hope that no national security issues are handed about on the floor. If they are, I'll retract with apologies. Of course, I could be wrong, and they

could be gutless—in which case, I'll heartily apologize to Mr. Weller.

Sincerely yours,  
Scott Alan Joseph  
Soph., Pre-med

### Student withdraws funds

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing William Ryan's letter Friday, and thank you, William, for submitting it. Until I read the letter I was unaware that University Bank was ending its student account special, adding a \$7-a-month charge and doubling the check fees to 20 cents per check.

I checked my August statement and found the now notorious "unobtrusive slip of paper" that was UB's way of telling us—without telling us—of the fee change.

Monday morning my roommate and I went to UB and closed our accounts.

Thanks again,  
Diane Crane  
Junior, journalism

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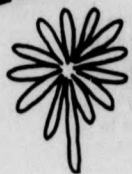


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# Clutch breaks on Frog machine, lose 20-9



STOPPED COLD—TCU tight end Bob Fields gets stopped after catching a Steve Stamp pass as Phillip Epps looks on. TCU lost 20-9.

## Opportunity knocked, but TCU didn't hear it

By ED KAMEN  
Staff Writer

Three times I said it in 1979. Four times I said it in 1980. And for the first time in 1981, I've got to say it again: TCU should have won it.

I should be consoled by the fact that the Frogs didn't blow any leads, but they did miff chance after chance to close within winning range of the Mustangs in Saturday's 20-9 defeat.

Forget Porter's missed field goal. It was the decision to kick that was the real missed opportunity.

After recovering an SMU fumble on the Mustang 31-yard line, TCU had their first scoring chance with 5:38 left in the first half and trailing 3-0.

Zane Drake ran for two yards on first down, then Marcus Gilbert ran twice for five and two yards, bringing up fourth and one at the SMU 22.

Coach Dry had a quick decision to make. Should he have Porter try a 39-yard field goal or go for the first down?

A Steve Stamp quarterback sneak settled the problem.

Again, TCU ran up the middle on first down for only one yard. On second down Stamp hit Spencer Sunstrum for eight yards. It was third and one on the SMU 12 yard line. An ideal position for the offensive-minded Frogs. Drake ran off left tackle for no gain. No problem. As my uncle Rodney used to say, "any team that can't make one yard on two plays doesn't deserve to win."

But F.A. Dry had no such confidence. He wanted to go into the locker room at half-time tied. He didn't. The ball sailed wide left on Porter's attempt.

SMU needed just seven plays to make it 6-0 on Eddie Garcia's second field goal.

Late in the third quarter, trailing 13-6 after trading touchdowns and punts, TCU drove 86 yards downfield to the SMU eight-yard line. There the drive stalled. A sack and two poorly thrown passes forced TCU to settle for a field goal. But that wasn't the last chance.

SMU scored mid-way through the fourth quarter to make it 20-9 and TCU needed a quick and effective scoring drive. Mixing his receivers, Stamp led the Horned Frogs downfield. Inside SMU territory, he hit Kevin Haney on a screen pass and the big fullback rambled down the left sideline wide open. Only one defender remained between him and paydirt and a TCU blocker had that defender in check. As he made his final cut for the goal line, Haney seemed to trip over the 20-yard line stripe and went down. With it, TCU's final chance fell away.

The Horned Frogs moved the ball a

little farther but couldn't get into the end zone. TCU had four chances to score from the SMU six-yard line and failed to do it.

SMU is predicted to finish as one of the top two teams in the conference. TCU lost to the Ponies because of a poor kicking game and some untimely offensive calls, but proved that they can finish near the top of the conference.

The Horned Frog defense held SMU's running tandem of Dickerson and James to well below their season averages and allowed only 20 points to a team that has averaged 47 points a game.

But the statistic that killed the Frogs was SMU's ability to maintain control of the ball. They kept the ball nearly twice as long as TCU and kept the football out of the hands of Stamp.

And when the Frogs don't throw, the Frogs don't go.

By ROBERT HOWINGTON  
Staff Writer

TCU's 20-9 loss to SMU Saturday was another one of those games that Horned Frog fans are becoming all too familiar with. Once again, F.A. Dry's troops failed to capitalize on some excellent scoring opportunities.

Had TCU connected on a missed extra point and field goal and scored a couple of touchdowns when it had first downs inside the SMU 10-yard line, the final might've read 24-20 in TCU's favor.

Let's go over the 15 points TCU missed:

Greg Porter, one of the nation's top placekickers before last season, had another bad night. In the second quarter, with TCU behind 3-0, Porter missed a chip shot 29-yard field goal.

Then, after Steve Stamp hit Stanley Washington with a 6-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 6-all in the third period, Porter missed the extra point after a bad snap from center.

That's four points out the window.

After SMU running back Eric Dickerson scored the first of his two touchdowns to give SMU a 13-6 lead, the Horned Frogs, behind the passing of Stamp, drove 81 yards to the SMU 8-yard line. But that's where the drive ended. And TCU settled for a 30-yard field goal by Porter to cut SMU's lead to four points, 13-9, late in the third period.

If TCU had scored a touchdown instead of a field goal the game would've been tied.

The Horned Frogs' next missed opportunity was probably the most frustrating. It began after SMU had taken 8-minutes to drive 61-yards and score another touchdown on a Dickerson 1-yard dive over TCU's middle. That made the score 20-9, SMU. And it looked as if that was the ballgame.

But, no, TCU roared downfield via the passing of Stamp, who ended up the night with 261 yards through the air. That total pushed Stamp one yard—3,887 to 3,886—ahead of Steve Judy on TCU's all-time passing yardage list.

The Horned Frogs, after a couple of nifty screen passes that confused SMU's defense, found themselves at the 6-yard line in a first-and-goal situation. But on fourth down from the six, it all came in for TCU.

"We tried to set up a circumstance where we'd have single coverage on both Washington and Phillip Epps," said TCU coach F.A. Dry of the fourth-down play.

As it turned out, Dry said the play was a perfect call. Washington and Epps were lined up so that SMU had to cover them one-on-one. But as they had done all night, the Horned Frogs self-destructed.

"Somehow," Dry said, "the play got screwed up."

What happened on the play was a couple of TCU's setbacks—the tight end and a running back—were mixed up as to where they should have lined up. Stamp saw their confusion and pointed out to them where they should line up. By this time Stamp said he was worrying about the 25-second clock. He rushed the signals so TCU wouldn't get a delay penalty and ended up fumbling away the snap and a chance at seven points. At that point, the party was over for the Horned Frogs.

Thus, TCU had blown four scoring chances that totaled 15 points. Because of this a possible victory over arch-rival SMU, a team that rests atop the overall Southwest Conference standings with a 4-0 record, was blown, too.

"The game," Dry said, "was in reach if we had taken advantage of our opportunities."

The good thing about this loss was the play of TCU's defense. The Horned Frog defenders held the Mustangs 27 points under their scoring average. They held Eric Dickerson and Craig James, the Mustangs' vaunted one-two running back punch, to 203 yards rushing. Dickerson rushed for 113 yards. He was averaging 144 yards per game. James only had 90 yards. He was averaging 125 yards per game.

Collectively the Frogs played good defense, Dry said.

If only they'd played collectively good offense.

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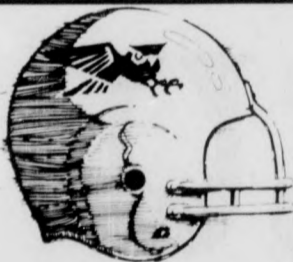
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