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Inquiry key to rejecting racism, maiz says

By Nancy Andersen
Staff Writer

The world has only one race—the human race—with lots of variety in it, and it is that variety people have to accept, poet and educator b. f. maiz told a group of 300 Tuesday night.

Leading a workshop on racism as part of TCU's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, maiz said he came to speak as a poet "to get you to empathize, not sympathize."

He defined sympathy "as when you say, 'I feel so sorry for him—thank God it isn't me.'"

In empathy, however, "you say, 'I wonder what I can do—I need to consult that person,'" he said.

To examine behavior patterns, maiz had his audience answer questions dealing with an early understanding about racism.

Children, he said, "are not as contaminated (with prejudice) unless the parents reinforce it."

"But don't blame your parents," he said. "You can make a choice to decontaminate yourself."

As for interacting with members of another race, maiz gave an example of white police cursing at a black prisoner in a squad car, then pretending nothing happened when they step out on the street.

"It happens not because they're white; it happens because they're human," he said.

The poet described three stages of

working with prejudice developed by Frederick Jackson at the University of Rochester.

To promote understanding of the first stage, isolation, maiz split his audience into two groups, "those with less pigmented skin and those with more pigmented skin."

Each group told the other sarcastically why it thought it was the better group. The group of whites gave higher per capita income, better manners, more attractiveness and better taste

as its reasons.

The blacks, meanwhile, gave bigger lips, better hair, a larger black population in the world and achievements of blacks like George Washington Carver as their reasons.

In comparing the two groups, maiz noticed the white reasons were more material while the black reasons were more personal—the result of stereotypes.

The poet gave inquiry—"start asking if stereotypes are validated and know

when you're bogged down in your own prejudices"—as the second step.

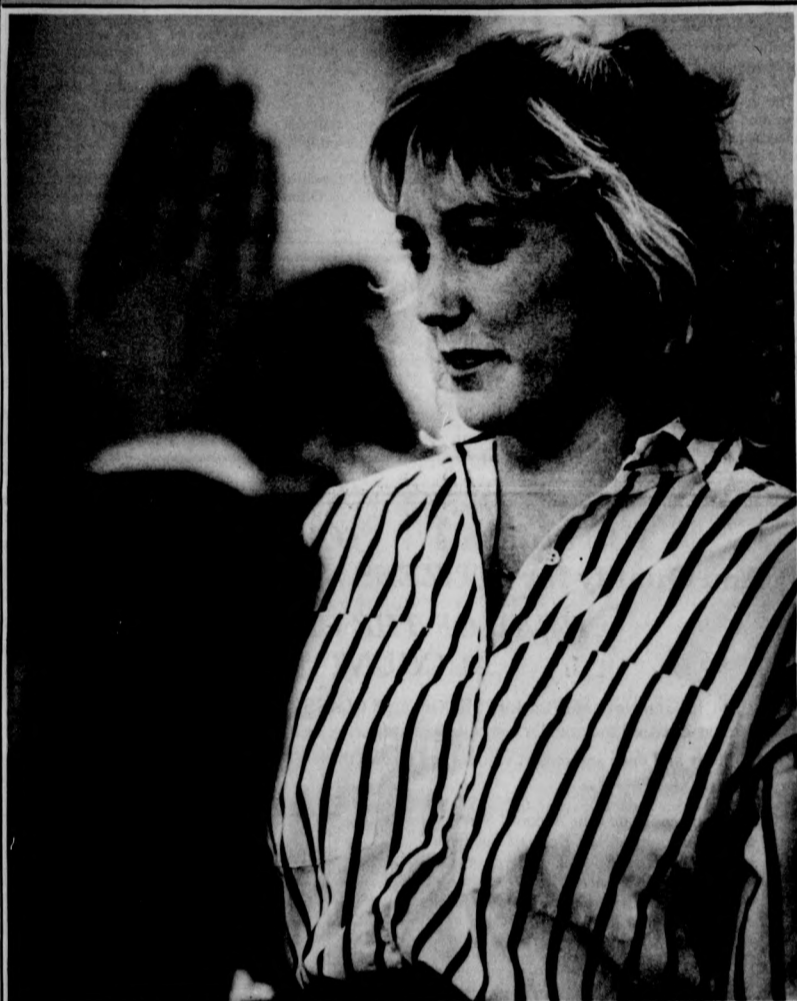
The problem, he said, is how to get from Stage I to Stage II.

He compared a white living in a black culture and vice versa to a foreign student attending TCU.

After inquiry comes the final stage—contact.

As members of the educated class "who will go to the corners of the world," TCU students cannot ignore contact, he said.

Student House inducts four elected officials



House officers elected - Kristin Chambers, student body vice president, is sworn in with the rest of the officers at the first House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday.

House hears maiz speak at first meeting

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

The first meeting of the House of Student Representatives Tuesday included teacher excellence awards, a poem recited by b.f. maiz and installation of new officers and members.

"The money spent to bring b.f. maiz here is some of the best-spent money we've ever had," President Lee Behar said.

maiz said he was treated with kindness while he was here, and he recited a poem about love to the students in the House and to the teachers who stayed after the teacher appreciation awards were presented.

"There's too little kindness in the world," maiz said.

"A great trait that Martin Luther King Jr. had was the capacity to act with kindness toward people he'd never seen before," maiz said.

"Kindness is the act of treating one the same as one would treat a kindred spirit or kinfolks," he said. "We need to commit more acts of kindness."

"In both leadership and followership, it is a quality that stands one in good stead," he said.

"You treated me good here, as if I was a kindred spirit," maiz said.

Then he read a poem about a married couple whose love had lasted 65 years, which he said was a long time nowadays.

Teacher excellence awards were presented before maiz's talk. Behar introduced the student

presenters of the teacher excellence awards and said the awards had been voted on during homecoming.

Awards were given to Pat Paulus, biology; Sanoa Hensley, business; Charles Becker, business; James Atwood, religion studies; Anantha Babbili, journalism; Ralph Carter, political science; Robert Doran, mathematics; Dave Edmunds, history; Gail Gear, art history; Ken Lawrence, religion studies; and Bill Moncrief, business.

New officers were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting by Behar who had been installed Saturday as president by Joe Jordan.

Jordan was not at this first meeting. See HOUSE, Page 2



maiz recites his poetry - b.f. maiz speaks at the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday night.

Washington Intern program to receive recognition

By Chuck Hendley
Staff Writer

For the past 10 years, TCU has been an active participant in the Washington Internship Program, and on March 10, TCU will receive national recognition for long-standing contributions to the program.

Three individuals will be recognized for their participation in the program at a reception in Washington, and Chancellor Bill Tucker has been selected to receive the Educa-

tion Award. Other awards include the Public Service Award to be presented to Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa and the Business Award to Lodwick Cook, C.E.O., and chairman of ARCO.

The reception will be held at the home of Nobuo Matsunaga, Japanese ambassador to the United States, and Speaker of the House Jim Wright will present the honors.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Washington Center Program, and it is a big honor to even be considered for

the award," said Gene Alpert, associate professor of political science and TCU's coordinator with the internship program.

Along with Tucker, Alpert and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William Koehler will also attend the reception.

The honors coincide with the 10th anniversary of the program at TCU, and this fall will be the 11th year students have participated in the program.

Alpert said the program at TCU is

unique in that the students are selected a year in advance so they will be better prepared for their internships before leaving.

"We have had more people apply this year than ever before, but unfortunately we do have a limit," Alpert said.

Eighteen students participated in the program last year, and another 18 will go to Washington in the fall.

Alpert said, "The program is basically a self-selection process in that the students have to know they are

qualified to apply, but this year several students had to be turned away," Alpert said.

Doug Dowler, a senior political science major and participant in last year's program, said the program is really growing.

"It is too bad that not everyone can go, because it is a great way to experience the professional world while still taking classes and receiving an internship," Dowler said.

According to Alpert, the students

going to Washington can receive up to 15 hours of credit.

Leigh Garrard, a junior political science and economics major who will go to Washington next fall, said the credit was one of the best things about the program.

"I have wanted to do this since I have been a freshman, and the fact that you can receive credit while working outside of school is what makes it such a good program," Garrard said.

IFC, Panhellenic install new officers

By Julia Taylor and
Chuck Hendley
Staff Writers

New officers of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic were installed at a dinner last night honoring old officers and recognizing organizations' accomplishments during the year.

Outgoing presidents Mike Shiley and Heather Masterson installed the new officers during the annual banquet, with Panhellenic Coordinator

Anne Trask and IFC Adviser Rick Barnes on hand to assist with the induction.

The new IFC officers inducted are Field Lange, Kappa Sigma, president; Mike Melun, Delta Tau Delta, vice-president; Chris Sorenson, Phi Gamma Delta, secretary/treasurer; and Todd Mulholland, Kappa Sigma, rush chairman.

The new Panhellenic officers are Pam McCurdy, Kappa Delta, president; Jane Drummond, Delta Delta Delta, secretary; Jennifer Shaw, Kappa Alpha Theta, treasurer; and Ellyn

Shields, Chi Omega, vice-president.

Officers were selected by the executive officers in each fraternity and were officially installed last night.

Shiley said, "Lange, the new IFC president, has been given all the instruction necessary to be an IFC president, and I know that Lange has the leadership capabilities to be an effective and progressive IFC president."

Masterson said, "I am confident that McCurdy, as well as the entire executive committee, will continue to

uphold the importance of the Panhellenic Council."

Other events on the agenda included a presentation of awards. LeAnn Ermel, Kappa Delta, received the Mary Ruth Robinson Award for outstanding contribution to the Panhellenic Council.

Alpha Delta Pi sorority received the Best Attendance Award and the Outstanding Faculty Administrator Award went to Susie Batchelor. IFC Outstanding Leadership Awards went to past IFC officers and members.

2 youths arrested at Student Center

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Two teen-agers were arrested at TCU Monday after an indecent exposure incident was reported at the Student Center, campus police said.

A 13-year-old was arrested on suspicion of indecent exposure, and his 16-year-old brother was arrested on suspicion of terroristic

threats, according to police reports. The two, who were not identified because they are juveniles, were taken to a detention center.

According to witnesses and the TCU police report, this is what happened:

Muhsin Shaheed, a Marriott Food Service supervisor, called

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TODAYliving

Picture game draws participation

By Melissa Webb
Staff Writer

The new game in town is for the artist in everyone.

"Pictionary," a growing TCU fad, is a game where teams of players advance around a board by guessing at words from clues drawn on a pad of paper by a "picturist."

"It's really great. I love it. I'd play it every weekend if I could," said Francis Salvador, a junior deaf education major.

Salvador has been playing "Pictionary" for over a year.

He found out about it when he saw people playing it in the lobby of Brachman Hall, where he lives.

"It's a great way to release your stress - people can scream at each other," he said. "It's great fun, too."

Heather McCreless, a junior theater arts major and resident assistant in Jarvis Hall, likes to play "Pictionary" over Spring Break and Thanksgiving

with residents who stay in the hall. She also brings the game to wing parties.

McCreless said the first time she played "Pictionary" was at a church Christmas party a year ago, before the game was popular with anyone at school.

"It's fun to watch as well as play," she said.

McCreless said she bought her copy of the game at a grocery store for \$24, but she has seen it sold at prices from \$25 to \$35.

The most expensive copies are the ones in bookstores, she said.

The key to winning "Pictionary" is to be quick, not necessarily a good drawer, McCreless said.

She said that when she worked at "Shakespeare in the Park," she would play the game with the costume designers.

They weren't very good because they were so slow and meticulous they would run out of time, she said.

Ruth Wilson, a junior accounting major, has been playing "Pictionary" for a semester and usually plays it once a week.

She said the game can be addicting, though it does get old and the players move on to other games.

"But we always go back to it anyway," she said.

Wilson's favorite thing about "Pictionary" is "all the energy - when everyone screams things it's electrifying."

"Pictionary" is an original game hard to get tired of, said junior religion-studies major David Hedgepeth, who has been playing the game for about three months.

"It makes you laugh," Hedgepeth said.

Some of the words can be heard to draw, he said, such as "Peter Pan," but there's never a whole series of objects that are difficult to draw.

Even with a bad partner a player can usually guess at the clues,

Hedgepeth said.

Toys R Us in Fort Worth's North-east Mall is currently sold out of the game, which also sold very well over Christmas.

A salesperson for Toys R Us said "Pictionary" is the store's most popular board game, followed by "Win, Lose or Draw," a game based on the TV game show of the same name where contestants also draw pictures to give clues.

Categories that can be drawn from in "Pictionary" include "Object," "Action Word" and "Difficult."

The words can range from "Illinois" to "Mae West" to "elastic" and must be drawn within 60 seconds.

The makers of "Pictionary" are planning to compile a book of the funniest and most interesting sketches that have resulted from the game.

Sketches can be sent to the address listed on the game's instruction sheet.

Appreciation day set aside for RAs

By Diane Wooldridge
Staff Writer

At 7 a.m. Michele Hartmann, a resident assistant in Colby Hall, may be awakened to sign for an overnight express letter for another student.

At 9 a.m. she may be making calls to get the plumbing fixed so students can have regulated water temperature in the showers.

At 2 p.m. she may visit a student who needs to talk about her personal problems, and at 1 a.m. she may be letting in someone who was locked out of her room.

She also has to find time to study, go to classes and plan activities. There are 64 other RAs on campus like her.

To show appreciation for the RAs' hard work, the resident life office recognizes today as RA Appreciation Day, said Wanda Olson, coordinator of resident life.

The office came up with the idea last year, Olson said, and will follow a similar plan. The main difference is the planned event this year for the RAs, she said.

A group of RAs, hall directors and some of the housing staff will go to the basketball game tonight, she said.

The hall directors are the ones who are in charge of the day, Olson said.

"There's no way to pay them monetarily for the extra things they do," Kristie Chandler, Colby Hall director, said.

An RA may go down and talk to a resident in the middle of the night, send someone a birthday card or take students to the hospital when they're sick," Chandler said.

Chandler said she planned to give them candy as well as signs to show appreciation for the RAs. In the evening, the hall council has planned for residents to meet with their RAs in the lobby to show their appreciation.

RAs do much more than their specific job duties. It's a 24-hour job, she said.

"When it comes right down to it, there's nobody here who's doing it just for the money," Dan Jasica, an RA in Tom Brown Hall, said.

"There's a lot of people in the program who do it because they have genuine interest in helping other people," Jasica said.

"It's a great feeling at 3 a.m. and you're locked out of your room, you can wake them up and they'll go get your keys. Things would be a lot rougher here without them," Jasica said.

Today students have the opportunity to thank some of the people who give them keys, directions and advice.

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campus police after a student said a youth had approached him and exposed himself.

Officer Sue Long met the student at the Student Center, where the student identified a 13-year-old suspect on the second floor.

Long asked the youth for identification, and the youth said he was not a TCU student and didn't have to tell the officer anything.

The officer asked him to go downstairs with her, but the suspect refused and said he was at the Student Center with a relative.

Long then tried to handcuff the 13-year-old, and the two began to scuffle.

Officer John Pacheco arrived and tried to help Long handcuff the youth. The youth tried to bite and kick the officers, and both officers and the youth ended up on the floor in a "wrestling match."

During the struggle, a 16-year-

old identified by police as the suspect's brother threatened them and was restrained by a witness, police said.

An employee of Marriott Food Services then began screaming at the officers and said the 13-year-old was her relative, and she had brought him to work with her.

Long radioed officer Kenneth McCoy, who arrived and helped the other officers handcuff the 13-year-old.

Police Chief Oscar Stewart and Assistant Chief Tom McGaha arrived, and Stewart placed the 13-year-old in a police car to be taken to the TCU Police Department. The 16-year-old was found outside the food service area and was arrested by the Fort Worth police.

Both juveniles were issued a criminal trespass citation at the TCU Police Department and were taken to a detention center by Fort Worth police.

House

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ing of the new semester, because he had started working immediately after graduation and was at work.

Behar gave the oath to Vice President Kristin Chambers, who gave Behar a plaque for service to the student body as vice president last semester. Paul Schmidt was installed as vice president of programming and presented a plaque to John Watson for his service as vice president of programming last semester.

Jaquie Maupin was installed as secretary. Eric Anderson was installed as treasurer and presented last semester's treasurer, Patti Keefe, with a plaque for keeping the books neat and making an easier transition for him.

Later during the meeting new members were installed. This first meeting consisted mainly of organization, as members considered what committees to join, and new repre-

sentatives were introduced to how the House runs.

The first bill of the semester was submitted by Kristin Chambers and concerned helping fund a benefit concert featuring colleagues of John Large of the music department, which would fund a scholarship in his name. Large died of cancer last fall.

The bill requests a \$970.60 donation from the Special Projects fund. The allocation would be a one-time expense. Discussion will start at the next House meeting.

Corrections

The Skiff misspelled Susanna Stroud's name in the photo caption of Tuesday's edition.

The Skiff regrets the errors.

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COMMENTARY

Hart shouldn't run until he grows up

By Michael Hayworth
Columnist



The generation gap has been around for decades. Then, a few years ago, President Reagan suffered through the "gender gap" crisis. Now Gary Hart provides us with the opportunity to talk about another kind of gap.

We could call it the "actuality gap." It's the difference between what a politician says and the way things really are, the difference between "I swear on a stack of Bibles piled on my mother's grave that this is true" and what really is true.

It's hardly a new phenomenon, this gap. Probably, it has been around as long as there have been politicians.

But I can't recall ever hearing a handy little name for it, except maybe "lack of integrity."

Whatever you want to call it, Gary Hart is a prime example. He has proved again and again to be a man of empty words, uttering claims his life does not support.

But he expects us to believe him again and again.

In a debate Friday night in Des Moines, Hart proclaimed himself morally able to lead the country. Further, he made the claim that "there is a difference between public morality and private morality."

That claim is tantamount to saying that the president is merely a manager who leads only by issuing orders and directives. That claim can never be true.

A national leader is far more than simply a manager—he must also be an example. He must be able to inspire loyalty in those who work for him and the people of the country who follow him. He must inspire trust in his leadership if he is to maintain national stability.

A leader's words do very little to accomplish these things if they are not supported by his actions.

Gary Hart cannot make that claim. He has proved again and again that his words have no more substance than smoke.

For years, reporters have known of Hart's reputation as a "womanizer." Hart denied these charges, claiming that his act was clean.

He even went so far as to challenge reporters to look into his private life, claiming they would find nothing unusual there.

Then came the Donna Rice scandal and Hart's admission, after many denials, that he had engaged in extramarital sex. A direct contradiction of his earlier denials and his statements to reporters.

Yet Friday night in Des Moines, Hart had the nerve to smile and say "I would never lie to Congress and the American people."

How short does he think memories are? When Hart's political campaign fails again, maybe he can get a job advertising Isuzus.

Hart also pointed out in the debate that he was raised in a religious (Church of the Nazarene) household and that he is a graduate of seminary

and divinity school. But those credentials only prove he has studied the Christian faith, not that he has made it a part of his life.

It's hard to believe that one could go to Sunday school all those years as a child, then to seminary, then to divinity school without hearing a little bit about God's general disapproval of things like adultery and lying.

Of course, Hart was right when he pointed out that "all of us are sinners" guilty of immorality in some form. But what is particularly disturbing about Hart is that he has continually refused to admit any responsibility for his sins.

He gives lip service to a confession, but immediately tries to point fingers elsewhere.

When the Miami Herald broke the story of his "lison" with Rice, and the embarrassing pictures from the cruise on the good ship Monkey Business were front-page material nationwide, Hart instantly denied any wrongdoing.

Immediately after, he began shifting blame. Pointing to the press, he blamed them for his misfortune. Instead of facing the consequences of his deeds, he sobbed that the reporters who were "persecuting" him were acting unfairly.

That is the way of a child, not of a man.

Again Friday, when questioned about his moral deficiencies, Hart began pointing elsewhere. Instead of dealing with his own problems, he immediately pointed the finger at Reagan.

"I can't understand how Ronald Reagan goes to bed at night when there are . . . dramatic increases in children in poverty in this country. That, to me, is true immorality," he said.

It may well be true that Reagan is not doing as much as he should to fight poverty and hunger. His refusal to make that a priority may indeed amount to immorality.

But Reagan's morality was not the issue, Hart's was. And, like a child, Hart immediately began squirming and crying, "Yeah, but look what Ronnie did!"

Americans recognize that juveniles often act unwisely because of their age. We allow children to do things we would frown on in adults. We even have a criminal justice system which gives juvenile offenders a clean slate at age 18.

Hart is well past age 18, but he fails to show it. He expects to run around gratifying himself in any way he wants, then to have the consequences suddenly disappear.

He even expects people to believe he would make a good president.

But the president's shoes are big ones to fill and Hart hasn't grown up enough to keep them from falling off when he walks. A sign proclaiming "The buck stops here" would provide nothing but laughs on Hart's desk, since he has proved he will pass it to anyone who happens to be around.

Meanwhile, more legitimate, grown-up candidates are hidden behind Hart's smoke.

If that smoke keeps blowing, none of the Democratic candidates will even be visible by election day.

AFTER WATCHING THE BABY BOOMERS BECOME THE GREAT SELL OUT GENERATION...



Gorby not Leif's 'Man'

By Leif Anderson
Columnist



I returned to TCU after Christmas break to find my post office box jammed with mail. Actually, no real mail, just the phone bill and a few weeks worth of Time magazines.

Looking at the covers briefly, I noticed one that grabbed my attention. Time had named Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev as their "Man of the Year."

Is Time serious? Last month, the press seemed to endlessly praise the Soviet premier and his wife, Raisa, during their visit to the United States. The actual meeting between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev was rather secondary, with the signing of the intermediate-range missile treaty just an "event," rather than a historical breakthrough.

The signing of the treaty was a great step toward improving U.S.-Soviet relations. But how can the press praise a leader whose country is still engaged in cold war activities?

The Soviets continue to support the Sandinista government of Nicaragua, who are fighting the U.S.-backed contra rebels. After more than eight years, the Soviets are still invading Afghanistan.

Can we honestly have good relations when we continue to fight each other? No.

When Gorbachev ends the fighting in Nicaragua and Afghanistan, I will gladly name him "Man of the Year." Until then, no way.

You may be saying, "Well, Leif, who should be 'Man of the Year' then?" I can easily name several alternatives to Gorbachev.

Investors in this country cannot ignore the "big black bear" that has been marching down Wall Street. Since the crash of Oct. 19, everyone has become concerned about the future.

Problems with our federal deficit and trade imbalance have greatly affected our country's outlook on the future. The leaders of our country should be more concerned with the "bear" than with Gorbachev.

Our future economic situation is certainly more important than reducing 4 percent of the world's nuclear arsenal.

The peacemakers of 1987 also deserve some credit. Oscar Arias, the president of Costa Rica, introduced his peace plan for Central America. For his efforts, Arias was justifiably given the Nobel Peace Prize.

"There will not be a lasting peace in the region if there is no democracy," Arias proudly says. Great idea, but count Nicaragua out.

You may think I am against U.S.-Soviet relations. But you cannot ignore the significance of the Wall Street crash and the situation of the American economy, along with the accomplishments of Oscar Arias.

For the Gorbachevs, I recommend the "Congeniality Award," since their visit was much more style than substance.



Ozone treaty a good start

By Lisa Touye
Columnist



Millions of new cases of skin cancer, eye disease, damaged immune systems, crop losses, depletion of aquatic resources and an increase in global warming could happen in the near future if a group of cheap chemicals used widely continues to be released into the atmosphere at present levels.

These hazardous chemicals are used as a cleaner for computer chips, as a coolant in refrigerators and as a component of foam hamburger containers, among other uses.

Chlorine from chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere is destroying the ozone layer that protects the earth from the sun's radiation. But there is some hope in sight.

A hole in the ozone above the Antarctic found in 1985 led to new chlorofluorocarbon substitutes and the Environmental Protection Agency's regulations to protect the ozone.

The regulations announced Dec. 1 are a step in the right direction, but plenty of work still needs to be done.

The United Nations' Environment Program treaty, signed by 23

nations in September, limits chlorofluorocarbon production at 1986 levels and then decreases it by 50 percent of the 1986 level by 1999.

The worldwide treaty will go into effect in 1989 or as soon as nations representing two-thirds of the world's CFC consumption sign it.

The EPA in the United States has passed regulations that are the same as the UN delegation's treaty.

These levels can be achieved, but stricter regulations are needed to reduce the estimated 2.1 billion pounds of CFCs produced worldwide each year.

The agreement will only do half the job, said David Wirth of the Natural Resources Defense Council, because EPA studies show that an 85 percent decrease in CFC production is needed to prevent further damage of the ozone.

But not all CFCs are harmful to the ozone—just the ones most frequently used. Until now, substitutes for these CFCs have been thought to be unrealistic or costly.

CFC-113 is used to clean microchips for supercomputers. Other solutions combined with ultrasound can clean most electronic devices, but ultrasound is too destructive for microchips.

American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Petroferm Inc. found a substitute for chlorofluorocarbon-113 last week, a feat which

was thought to be too difficult by the UN delegation.

The new solvent, BIOACT EC-7, is environmentally safe, cleans just as well as chlorofluorocarbon-113 and is similarly priced.

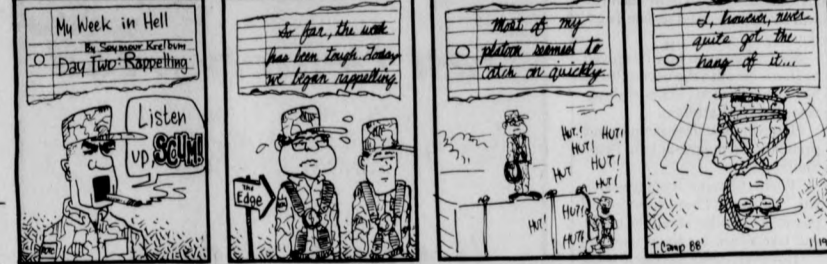
Also the Fort Howard Corp., a manufacturer of paper and plastic products, has substituted a more environmentally safe compound, Formacel-S, for chlorofluorocarbons 11 and 12, used in foam cups, plates and sandwich containers.

Industries complained CFC substitutes were too costly. That is not so anymore. Industries may balk at the high costs of developing new processes and equipment to use CFC substitutes, but they will have to deal with that cost later when stricter EPA standards take effect.

Twelve members of the Senate Subcommittee on Environmental Protection have asked the director of UNEP to convene another international meeting in six months to impose stricter regulations on ozone depletion. They did this after news in October and November of the ozone hole over Antarctica decreasing at a much faster rate.

Ozone depletion is not a national problem. It is an international problem. The EPA regulations passed Dec. 1 show commitment to the international agreement. These regulations are a starting point for world action on ozone protection, not the finish line.

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SPORTS

Sports enthusiast fears flabby belly

By Jerry Madden
Sports Editor



Recently, I've blimped out. Really put on the pounds. I've become paranoid thinking flab is bulging out on all sides.

It's no big deal to you, but it really has me worried. Last semester I was a lean, slim 155 lbs. At 6 feet 2 inches, it's a little thin.

So I decided to put on some weight. After one semester of working out and eating lots, I knew I would gain some pounds, but never as much as I have. I'm now up to 173 pounds, and at the current rate of growth I'll be over 190 by the end of the semester.

Now I know there are some of you out there who would just love to be 173 pounds thin. But the problem is, I'm also a sports fan. I love sports with unequaled energy.

And I don't want to become a typical sports lover.

You know the type. They get involved in all sorts of sports events each weekend.

First there's the NFC Championship on CBS, then tennis on ESPN and then the AFC Championship on NBC followed by basketball on HSE.

And that's only Sunday.

These people never participate in any sports. They just sit back in their comfortable chairs with a beer or Coke in hand, a few chips by their side and watch the game.

And gain pounds. Lots of them.

I'll bet most sportswatchers weigh more than the offensive line of the Dallas Cowboys. Some are in close competition with William, "The Refrigerator" Perry, who weighs 360 pounds.

I now have nightmares about being mistaken for a giant basketball.

Sportsfans are also notorious for being loud-mouthed and abusive. They spend more time screaming at the television in one day than they do working out all week.

Now screaming does involve some physical exertion, but it really doesn't help take the pounds off.

As a result, they turn into flabby, balding people whose vocabulary is reduced to four-lettered words and GO! GO! GO!

I like things other than sports. I enjoy discussing the other things in life. It tends to be more relaxing, too, than screaming all day at an official who will never hear a word I say.

I don't want to be like the average fan. I enjoy being somewhat skinny, but watching sports on television is an addiction that has its price.

And that price is a flabby middle.

I guess it just comes with the territory. Maybe it's part of the American culture. After all, my dad, like most dads, loves to sit in front of the television on weekends, watching all the sports he can.

And, of course, he now carries a spare tire with him.

Being a little fat is not what I want to be. I understand most women prefer their men to have a few extra pounds on them, but that still doesn't change my feelings any.

However, at the same time, I love to watch sports. Football, basketball, baseball, indoor soccer, etc. . . I love to watch them all.

And I'm gaining a big belly while I watch.

I work out often, but it doesn't seem to be helping. I'm becoming a typical sportswatcher, pot belly and all.

And that's scary to a guy who last semester weighed 155.

Swimmers hope to rebound from loss

By Robin Shermer
Sports Writer

The TCU men's and women's swim teams lost to tough Texas A&M teams Saturday with the Aggies winning 69-44 over the men and 71-42 over the women.

"The men swam a close meet with A&M even though the score doesn't show it," swim coach Richard Sybesma said.

In the first event of the meet, the 200-meter medley relay, TCU men only lost by three tenths of a second with A&M posting a time of 1:36.33 to the Frogs' 1:36.61.

"If we had won that first race the meet would have been decided in the last event for the day," Sybesma said. Individual winners for the men included Doug Ellis in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter freestyle. Steve Reed posted his best time ever by placing second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:43.9.

For the women, Cindy McClure, Rachel Eason, Lori Myers and Katie Treddenick won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:36.10 over the Lady Aggies.

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"It will be an extremely close women's meet, but I think we should do well," he said.

"We have beaten Drury College before by a substantial amount, but we still must swim a good line-up to beat them Saturday," Sybesma said.

He said men who have been coming on strong since the A&M meet are Kevin Irion in the individual medley, Scott Steele in the breast stroke, Chad Miller in the freestyle and Robbie Barron in the sprint events.

The Lady Frogs will have a tough time against the Lady Longhorns who are the top-ranked team in the nation and have seven Olympic medalists returning to the team.

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Runner's condition stabilizes

By Jerry Madden
Sports Writer

TCU runner Richard Ramirez, who was struck by a car Friday, is expected to be moved soon to Harris Hospital in Fort Worth.

Ramirez, who is still in intensive care at John Peter Smith Hospital and listed as critical, has stabilized enough to be moved into a private room, said his mother, Gloria Ramirez.

"Since he's stable, there's really no reason for him to stay in the intensive care unit," she said. "Someone else (in worse condition) could use his bed."

Ramirez's mother, Gloria, said the final decision to move Ramirez will be made by doctors late Tuesday night.

She said her son may be moved to Harris because the doctors there have worked many times with recovering TCU athletes.

However, she had nothing but praise for the people at John Peter Smith.

"We're still not out of the woods yet," she said. "There's always the possibility that his condition could still take a turn for the worse."

"However, God has been with us to this point, and He will see us all the way through," she said.

"His vital signs are very good," she said. Ramirez said her son was able to chew on some ice, which is also a good sign.

Ramirez also said the TCU community has rallied around her son after his tragedy.

"I appreciate all of you, everyone helping with prayers and moral support," she said.

Ramirez said a number of people have stayed with her at the hospital since Saturday night.

"Please tell everybody I appreciate all the kids and faculty and others who have come out here," she said.

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