



# THE DAILY SKIFF

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## House rejects Corbett fund bill

By MARSHA WEBB

A resolution to give \$500 to Nancy Corbett, who was seriously injured in a fall last semester, was defeated Tuesday by the House of Student Representatives.

Members questioned Corbett's financial need and the propriety of giving funds to an individual. Last semester, the House donated \$500 to the fund established to help Kent Waldrep, who was partially paralyzed in a football game.

Corbett suffered a severe head injury last fall when she fell from a scaffold while painting a set in the University's Little Theatre.

"We are not an insurance company," argued Jim Paulsen. "I agree that this resolution is equally, if not more justifiable than the resolution passed to appropriate funds for Kent Waldrep. However, if you want to contribute, do it out of your own pockets."

He said it would be wrong to issue funds paid by all students for the relief of an individual.

"I'm looking at it from the human, moral side," said vice president Chuck Blaisdell. "A person is in need, and we have the money. As far as student contributions are concerned, it is not realistic to expect this type of money."

Richard Lysiak suggested the House contribute about \$30 to start a fund for Corbett and let students contribute the rest.

Corbett could file a law suit to cover some of the money she has lost, said Craig

Caldwell, House lawyer. He said insurance would not cover the travel expenses of Corbett's parents or money she would lose from loss of earning power. However, a suit could take a year or two, he said. Blaisdell said "\$500 is not a hell of a lot of money. Let it be seed money."

Legal adviser Barbara Gibson said, "It is not our right to give money." Corbett has insurance, Gibson pointed out. She said the House should know more about the situation before it takes action.

Paulson said it is uncertain whether Corbett needs the money and how much she needs. "The worst thing we can do is vote on a lot of uncertainties," he said.

The resolution was defeated, 17-13 with four abstentions. A motion to reconsider failed by an even narrower margin.

A resolution to give dorm students more input into the selection of residence hall directors was passed.

Resolutions suggesting revisions in the

elections code and House by-laws were submitted.

The Extramural Funding Committee is looking for members. The committee has a budget of about \$3,000. Kathy Hooker is chairperson of the committee.

The Finance Committee voted Tuesday to ask for a \$4,300 cut in the budget for 1975-76. The committee voted to recommend a \$1,000 cutback in funds for leadership retreats, which received \$2,000 this year.

### GASPers fight for nonsmokers' rights

## Protesters fume as the smoke clears

WASHINGTON (AP)—Assisted by a man costumed as Abraham Lincoln, a group called "GASP!" gathered on the Capitol steps Wednesday to proclaim a nonsmokers Bill of Rights.

"When we first formed, people didn't take us very seriously," said Mrs. Clara Gouin, the group's founder. "But things are changing. People are beginning to recognize that nonsmokers have rights, too."

Gouin, of suburban College Park, Md., and about 20 other GASPers braved near-freezing temperatures and a light rain to wave antismoking banners and distribute buttons and leaflets to curious passersby.

"Your smoking is hazardous to my health," said one of the buttons. "Nonsmokers have rights, too," said another.

Bill Wall, a financial management specialist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, read the nonsmokers Bill of Rights while wearing a black frock coat, boots and a Lincoln-like beard.

The Bill of Rights said nonsmokers have the right to breathe clean air, the right to speak out against smokers who light up without their permission, and the right to take action to "discourage smokers from polluting the atmosphere."

In his speech, which was made to a handful of tourists and Capitol police, Wall said at least 34 million Americans have

respiratory conditions made worse by tobacco smoke.

"Nonsmokers are deprived of their freedom of choice," said Wall.

"They are forced to inhale the tobacco smoke of others in all situations. Inhaling tobacco smoke should not be a condition of holding a job, but it is."

Gouin said she founded GASP, an acronym for Group Against Smokers Pollution, four years ago after her father, a heavy smoker, died of lung cancer.

"Even though the reaction is better now when you ask someone not to smoke around you, there is still some hostility by smokers," she said. "There are some enlightened smokers now, but some still threaten to blow smoke in your face."

## Giovanni stresses need for black awareness

Black Awareness is important because a knowledge of black culture, religion and lifestyles is important in how people view each other, according to poet Nikki Giovanni, who spoke Tuesday evening to an overflow crowd in the Student Center Ballroom.

"Only by looking at one another will we be able to progress, to look forward to a new century," said Giovanni, the featured speaker of Black Awareness Week. "Personally, I'm looking forward to the new century."

Blacks are correct to point out racism, she said, "but we must no longer use racism as a reason. We have to progress, and the only way that white behaviors and attitudes toward blacks will change is in proportion to our own progress."

"We have to quit looking at the past for a solution. We don't have to buy hatred. We don't have to waste our time."

Giovanni stressed the importance of reading, and understanding what you read. If you can read words but don't understand what they say, you don't know how to read, she said.

"If you don't know how to read, let someone teach

you how to read. Reading is how you learn. If you can't read, you can't write. If you can't write, you can't express yourself," said Giovanni.

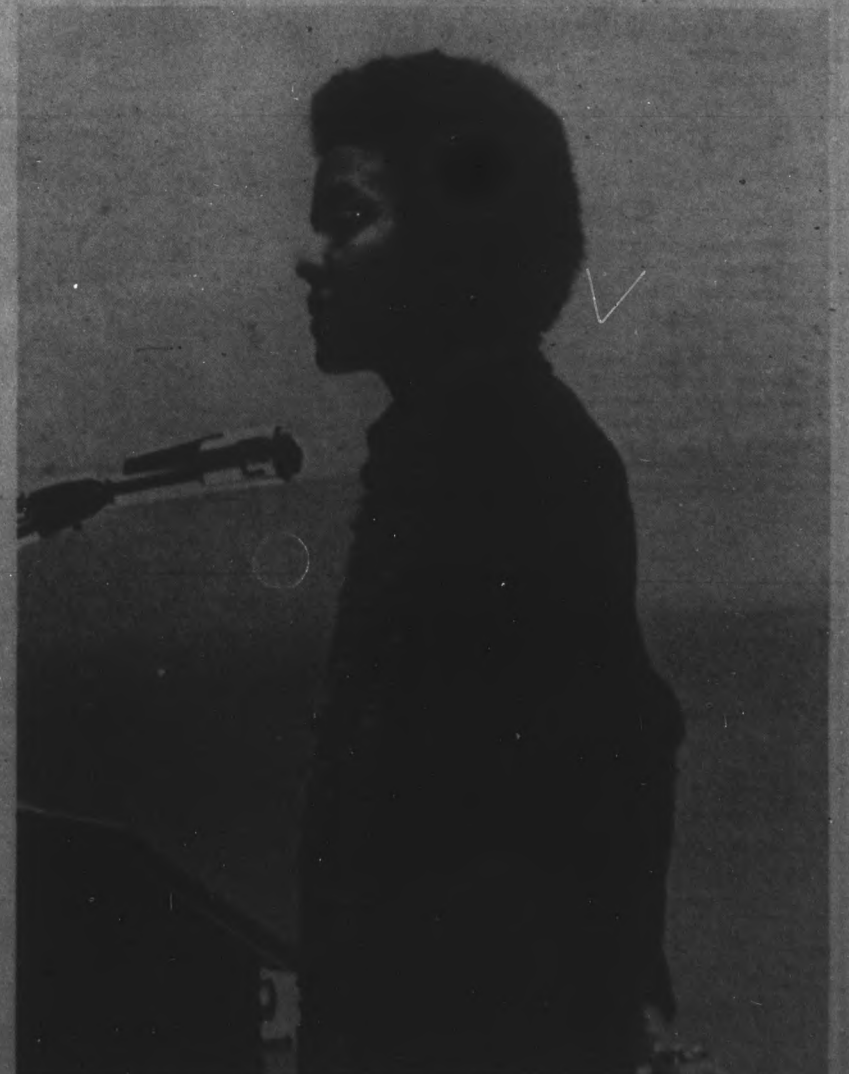
Urging students to make the most of their educations, she said, "Either you learn at Texas Christian University or you learn at a Texas state penitentiary. You might as well learn here. It's more pleasant."

The United States has "conquered the heaven," said Giovanni, and it is "just about to conquer the seas. But we can't live together, and I just can't understand that."

"But in 31 years, I've learned one thing—that we all live in the same place, black or white, and we all want to get ahead and live the good life just like anyone else."

Giovanni read several of her poems, starting with a poem written to her mother, "a great little lady." In another poem, she said, "If trees could talk, I wonder what they would tell me."

"For those of you who write, it's not important that you write well, but that you write. Because if we only wrote when we were good, we'd never get a chance to write."



NIKKI GIOVANNI

# —Reader feedback—

## Reader Huntting takes it on the chin . . . twice

### Editor:

At the risk of appearing non-Christian, and having Mr. Huntting and his "brothers" beat a path to my door trying to "save" me, I disagree with his letter about Christian life at TCU.

Firstly, I am attending college to get the best education I can get, not to become a better Christian. The opportunity for an education in an institute of higher learning such as this one exists once in a lifetime, but I can always grow as a Christian wherever I am.

Mr. Huntting, what are you afraid of? Education is of major help in deciding which of the many religions makes the most sense to you and why. The strongest religious faith is that which has ruled out other religions through logical reasoning.

I want my educators to present facts and theories which seem to contradict the Bible and my religious faith, so I can have more information with which to form my beliefs.

Christians have to be open-minded to the possibility that their religion is false. If they decide it is false, then they must abandon it no matter how happy

they are in self-centered Christian social cliques such as the Baptist Student Union.

The teaching of even a subject such as religion has to be unbiased, because students have to choose religions based on the evidence and not based on unproved, perhaps simply superstitious beliefs of the teacher.

Lastly, there are many different brands of Christianity and many different ways of doing God's will, so I think it is wrong for anyone to say that TCU is predominately non-Christian like Mr. Sibello did in his editorial which started this entire argument.

Only God knows what beliefs regarding Him people hold in their hearts and minds, and under what circumstances they act.

So if all TCU students appear like sinners, perhaps it is not because we are evil non-Christians deserving condemnation, but rather because we don't know any better.

Mark Ashland  
Freshman

### Editor:

In response to Mr. Huntting's letter I must first say that he has sadly pre-judged the Religion Department and he owes six

dedicated Christian men an apology.

Mr. Huntting says he is a freshman, so he has probably taken only one religion course, how can he infer that the whole department and the professors are not Christians (as his analogy of the class in Americanism expressed)?

Perhaps if he were to talk to one of the professors, or even take a few courses in religion he would be able to make a better judgment, and see that the purpose of a liberal arts program in religion is not to convert, but to present facts and information.

Do you think it would be fair to force someone to learn Christian doctrine and flunk him if he decided that his faith in God differed with the professor's?

Secondly, Mr. Huntting and Mr. Sibello must realize that Christianity does not exist in a vacuum, but in a world created by God.

This world has rocks (some very old) that can be studied in geology. It has a past that can be studied in history.

Exploring this world in geology, history, sociology, psychology, philosophy, etc. can give us a greater understanding of the marvels of God's creation, and even help us see the ways He works, and discover His tremendous laws.

I am glad God gave me an intellect to explore His Truths with, and I am glad my intellect is compatible with my Faith.

Finally, I would ask Mr. Huntting to examine the doc-

trines and teachings of the Disciples of Christ which have helped me to grow as a Christian person . . . in Christ.

Vanessa Falgoust  
Sophomore

### Editor's Note:

The Daily Skiff regrets that after tomorrow it will be unable to continue printing letters regarding the editorial of Jan. 31, "What is TCU Without the C?"

We feel the issue has been sufficiently discussed in this publication, and we won't let the Daily Skiff become a channel for expressing personal attacks on groups or individuals.

We are grateful for the feedback we received and for the discussion generated. We hope dialogue on the topic will continue.

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# Lab course polishes reading skills

By ROBERT ROBBINS

Students who need help with their reading skills can find it in courses offered by the School of Education.

Classes designed to improve reading, study and listening skills are offered for three hours of elective credit.

Entering freshmen with low SAT verbal scores are encouraged by academic counselors to take the course, said Dr. Etta Miller, director of Reading Services. Juniors and seniors preparing for graduate school also find the classes helpful, she said.

Students first take a pre-test to determine reading levels, then programs are designed to meet each individual's needs. At the end of the course, another test is given to determine improvement, Dr. Miller explained.

Half of the student's grade in the course is determined by individual work which is based on the student's interests and needs. "We try to build on what we see as important and what the student needs," said Dr. Miller.

Five different sections are offered with class enrollment limited to 25, but Dr. Miller said classes are generally smaller. Enrollment in the course is lower

than in past years, said Dr. Miller.

The program is being evaluated to determine if the course is effective.

Students who took the course may be asked to come in for a re-test or complete a survey or their grade points may be compared to students who did not take the class, said Dr. Miller.

The School of Education also operates a reading laboratory which is open seven hours a week, free of charge for students, faculty and staff.

The lab has machines and equipment which can be used to improve reading and study skills. One machine improves reader concentration by focusing a light that moves down the lines of print, Dr. Miller said.

Students can also work on time allocation. "Most people waste study time. We try to show how to get more out of less time," Dr. Miller said.

The course also is designed to improve reading comprehension, helping students determine what an author is saying and how he develops the subject.

Another learning lab is being prepared which will include more machines for individual instruction and work.

Dr. Miller said reading speeds are actually determined by the

reading material. For example, a person should read important texts at a slower rate than newspapers, she said.

One reason some universities find students have lower reading abilities, Dr. Miller said, is because they have "open

enrollment," where non-high school graduates are admitted to a university.

The reading program, which began over 15 years ago, is financed through the School of Education budget. But Dr. Miller said some federal funds may be

available in the near future.

The Division of Special Courses also offers non-credit classes in speed reading. Another college reading techniques class will be offered in March for students who entered the University this semester.

## Modern dance degree on 'tap'

A Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in modern dance will be offered for the first time by the University beginning with the fall semester.

The new 125 semester hour program will include courses in modern dance technique, a modern dance laboratory, which will include choreography and related studies, modern dance repertoire, and special studies in dance production.

The new program will be headed by Jerry Bywaters Cochran, currently an adjunct assistant professor in the Ballet Department.

"It is very significant that the University felt this so important," Cochran said. "To develop a dancer for the twentieth century one needs to study both ballet and modern dance. And of course, America is the greatest place for the modern dancer since this particular type of dance was created in our country," she said.

As for careers in modern dance, Cochran said there are "infinite possibilities. They can go into a dance company, some of them will teach, some of them will choreograph, they may even become dance critics or dance therapists," she said.

Cochran will be using the Graham method in the majority of her instruction, as opposed to the Cunningham method. The Graham method puts a greater emphasis on structure and order, while the Cunningham school uses a looser, freer format.

"But I do not believe in using only one technique. I am interested in training a dancer that can go into anyone's company. We want to train the pure dancer," she said.

Cochran is a graduate of New York's Julliard School, and has studied in Paris as a holder of a Fulbright Fellowship. Before coming here she taught at the Dallas Theater Center and at Baylor.

"I am hoping to make TCU a Julliard of the Southwest. Mr. Schaffenburg (chairman of the Division of Ballet and Modern Dance) and I envision a truly stupendous department, and he knows he cannot have it without this area. The great dancers of today are trained in both mediums, ballet and modern," Cochran said.

The University began its ballet division in 1949 and was the first college in the country to have one. Since 1953 the University has offered a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in ballet.

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# Frogs trapped by Razorback stall

## Deadly delay turns tide for Porkers



HAND MAZE—TCU's Gary Landers goes high for a rebound in Tuesday night's game against Arkansas. Two unidentified Hogs are also in on the action. The Razorbacks won 70-61.

Photo by Frank Houx

By TOM BURKE

Assistant Sports Editor

The Horned Frog cagers had hopes of eating fried pork chops Tuesday night, but their hopes were extinguished by an Arkansas stall, in the final minutes of the game, that salvaged a 70-61 victory for the Razorbacks.

The loss dropped the Frogs' record to 2-5 while Arkansas remained tied with Texas A&M at 6-1.

A Daniel-Meyer Coliseum crowd of 2,839 saw a close contest up until the final minutes as the Frogs played with emotion and determination. It was a tremendous lift for the Purples to play a good game after being bombarded in their last two outings.

"I'm certainly proud of my kids. I felt like we would do all right (after the two defeats) and we certainly had a chance to win it," head coach Johnny Swaim said.

The Frogs combined an excellent running game with good inside shooting to take a 4-point lead (36-32), at intermission.

During the second half neither team let up as the lead see-sawed back and forth. The game was tied 13 times as both defenses controlled the tempo of the game.

But, with about 10 minutes remaining in the game, Arkansas set up their stall which forced the Frogs into fouls and allowed the Razorbacks to break under the basket for easy layups. The stall was executed to perfection as the Purples could only look on in frustration.

Swaim had no bad words against the stall and even commented that he was planning to do the same thing. "I kept thinking the next time we go up by a point we're going into our four-corner offense," he said, but unfortunately the Frogs never had the chance to "stall" the game.

Arkansas head coach Eddie Sutton, said the stall was the turning point. "It really helped us. It allowed us to keep the ball and gave us the movement," he said.

Sutton also attributed the win to his defense. His team switched to a 2-3 zone in the second half, which shut off the middle for the Frogs as they were forced to the outside, thus preventing them from controlling the boards. "Our zone kept them from getting the ball to the big kid (Bill Bozeat). The kid was really hurting us in the first half. He was getting his points underneath, keeping the ball alive and rebounding," he said.

Bozeat continued his hot shooting when he moved outside, but when he missed he was shut off from the rebound, much to the liking of Sutton.

Bozeat scored a game high 21 points and Gary Landers

followed with 20 points. Once again Swaim implemented all of his forces, as all but two Frogs (Lynn Royal and Johnny Blakney) saw action. Royal didn't suit up for the game because of an aggravated back and Blakney's still bothered by a bad ankle.

Before the main event the Junior Varsity lost to Navarro Junior College, for the second time, by a score of, 93-72.

In other SWC action Tuesday night: Texas Tech defeated SMU, 74-61; Texas won in the last second over Rice, 60-59; and Texas A&M blasted Baylor, 96-66. A&M battles Arkansas this Saturday night for control of first place.

### TCU netters romp in season opener

The Horned Frog tennis team opened the season in grand style Tuesday, as it shut out Southeastern Oklahoma State, 9-0.

The Purples won all six matches, and three doubles matches in the victory.

No. 1 seed Randy Crawford beat top Southeastern Oklahoma player Steve McIntosh by a 6-2 6-1 score. No. 2 player David Kelly beat Mike Albright, 7-5, 6-4.

John Gurian, playing No. 3 for the Frogs, downed Rick Sasser, 6-3, 6-3. K.C. Miller tripped up Terry Wood, 6-0, 7-6. Jim Allin smashed Forokh Morshed, 6-0, 6-0. Jim Hansen beat Steve Moser 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles, the team of Crawford-Kelly beat McIntosh-Albright, 6-3, 6-3. Allin-Gurian downed Wood-Sasser, 6-2, 6-5. Mark Litzinger-Tom Buerger of TCU sank Morshed-Moser, 6-0, 6-2.

### Women's world

## Frog girls make sports page

By DANA ARBUCKLE

The women's tennis team will kick off the 1975 season with a dual match here against North Texas State University Friday at 2 p.m.

April Manning, a freshman from San Antonio, is the top player for Coach John Poppell's team. Maribess Lehnman is this year's captain.

Other members of the team are: Sally Helland, Cindy Braswell, Karen Harpstrite, Donna Emmons, Sue Wright and Laurie Richardson.

"I know very little about NTSU but they should give us a good gauge of how our team stacks up," Poppell said.

"The girls are looking forward to the match and we hope a good crowd will come and watch the matches," he said.

Linda Newell, 1974 All-American, will lead the TCU women's swim team into the TCU Invitational Swim Meet Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. in the Rickel pool.

Newell was an All-American last year in the 50 and 100-yard backstroke and has already qualified for the national meet this year in those events. The national meet will be at Arizona State University at Tempe, Ariz., March 13-15.

Other team members are: Sue Marks, Mary Letteer, Reggie Wanland, Sheryl Warnock and Michael Parsons.

About 13 teams are expected with largest groups coming from the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Southwest Texas State. Pan American from Edinburg, Tex. will be traveling the longest distance.

There is no admission charge.

Women's basketball coach Bob Frye woke up with a good feeling yesterday because his cage squad defeated Richland College 57-51 Tuesday night.

Frye will find out how long the feeling is to last when the women try Texas Wesleyan at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum tonight at 7:30.

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