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IFC proposal outlines punishment for bid-day fight

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

A proposal regarding the punishments for four fraternities involved in a bid-night fight has been finalized.

The fraternities involved in the fight will do community service hours as their proposed punishment, according to the Interfraternity Council's sanction proposal.

The proposal was released

Thursday evening by James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life after the final draft was presented to him by IFC Chief Justice Dane Pearson.

The punishment will not be final until Campus Life has approved it, Pearson said.

"I really hope it stays the way it is, because then it really proves that we can really govern ourselves," Pearson said.

The fight occurred Aug. 29 and led to the arrests of three fraternity members. Two of the members were from Phi Delta Theta and the other was from Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

IFC had a Judicial Board hearing Sept. 16 to discuss sanctions for Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. According to the proposal, the delineation of com-

munity service hours among the fraternities involved came in 25 hour increments.

Delta Tau Delta is required to complete 25 service hours, the fewest of any of the involved parties. Phi Delta Theta has 50 hours, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has 75 hours and Phi Kappa Sigma has been issued a proposed 100 community service hours.

The hours were distributed based on testimony given during the hearing. It was decided that since Phi Kappa Sigma had the most involvement in the fight, it would be given the most hours, Pearson said.

Phi Kappa Sigma president Brandon Phillips said the sanctions were unfair as Phi Kappa Sigma has the most proposed community service

hours.

"None of the Phi Kappa members were arrested," Phillips said. "I don't know why we got the most hours."

Phillips said he wasn't in the room when the decision was made.

According to the proposal, one of the goals of the community service is to promote unity between the fraternities.
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HAMMERING AWAY



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

Mike Moro, a junior marketing major, works on the float for Brothers Under Christ inspired by the Trojan horse. The Homecoming Parade will start at 6:30pm today.

TODAY

Lunch on the Lawn

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sadler Lawn
Celebrate "Purple and White Day" with lunch and live band
Homecoming Parade, followed by pep rally

6:30 p.m. Frog Alley

FrogFest

7:15 p.m. Rec Center parking lot
Enjoy free food, poker and a live performance by The Spazmatics.

SATURDAY

Student Tailgate

Before the game, Brachman parking lot
A live band will play at the tailgate.

TCU vs. SMU

7:30 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium
Mr. & Ms. TCU will be crowned during halftime.

Source: Student Government Association

Latino community needed, editor says

By SONA THAPA
Staff Reporter

America is falling behind in its educational and technological standards and the Latin community needs to raise its ideals, said a speaker during the Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off event Thursday.

Peter Mellado, editor-in-chief of REGO magazine, spoke to the TCU students in the Brown-Lupton Student Center about the importance of recognizing the responsibilities and contributions of Hispanics.

Mellado said the United States, once a dominant country in sports and technology, is struggling to make it to the Olympics, and the world's best scientists are now coming from India and China.

The Latin community is going to be 25 percent of the U.S. population during our lifetime and needs to redefine their ideals because the future of the country depends on them, Mellado said.

"As college students, as Latinos, as members of sororities and fraternities, our ideal can no longer be limited to our small circles



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
Peter Mellado, Editor in Chief of REGO magazine speaks to faculty and staff at a luncheon Wednesday.

or even our organization," he said.

Mellado said America, which has a rich history and has produced one of the best leaders in the world, is a positive institution that needs to be invested in.

"We can not only embrace it, but we can add to it, enhance it and make it our own while still honoring the tradition of it," he said. "Respect not just other Latinos or peers in your own circle, but respect the traditions of this country and the future as well."

Greg Trevino, director of Inclusiveness and Inter-

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Students rally in support of Louisiana's 'Jena 6'

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

Chants echoed across campus as students rallied to support and pray for six black students who were involved in a racially charged altercation in Jena, La.

"Freedom for the 6, freedom for all!" was the chant shouted by about 50 people at the peace rally behind the Brite Divinity School on Thursday in an effort to express opinions concerning the six men, called the "Jena 6."

The controversy started last year when a group of three white students hung nooses from a tree at Jena High School in reaction to school administrators' decision to let black students sit there, according to a Sept. 20 CNN article. About three months later, the Jena 6 were accused of beating a classmate and



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
Supporters of the men at the center of the Jena 6 controversy attend a rally behind Beasley chapel Thursday. Organizers said what happened in Jena, La. shows racism still exists in the United States.

were originally charged with murder and conspiracy, according to CNN.

According to USA Today, Mychal Bell, then 16, was the only one of the six boys convicted as an adult on an aggravated second-degree battery count, but the conviction was overturned last week because the state appeals court said he should

not have been tried as an adult. According to USA Today, Bell remains in jail while prosecutors prepare an appeal. Bell has been unable to meet the \$90,000 bond.

The TCU rally was held under a tree behind the Brite Divinity School to symbolize the Jena 6 events.

Junior nursing major Aminat Lawal said she came

to the rally to support the cause. She said she can't believe how unfair the men are being treated and how they were sentenced.

Louis Carr Jr., vice president of the Black Seminar-ians Union and a graduate student at Brite, said people need to take a stand and fight "strategically and precisely." He said racism is still

a problem, proving "Satan is a reality."

"They were prosecuted rather harshly and were misrepresented at their school," Carr said.

President of the Black Seminar-ians Union, Cynthia Cole, said what happened in Jena proves racism still exists, and hosting this rally allowed her to show students at TCU exactly that.

"We want to accomplish solidarity at this rally to raise consciousness that racism is still alive in every aspect of America," Cole said.

Juan Floyd-Thomas, associate professor of history, said: "Just because Mychal Bell, one of the young men from the Jena 6, has been freed of charges, doesn't mean that he is out of incarceration."

Megan Lilburn, a graduate student at Brite, said she

was at the rally as a supporter. She said she disagrees with the injustice of the situation involving the Jena 6 and being silent about the issue is wrong.

Joel Saucedo, a graduate student at Brite and president of the Brite Latino/Latina Student Association, said he attended the rally to stand in solidarity with "his black brothers and sisters."

He said many people forget segregation was an issue in schools 50 years ago.

"My people have also been suppressed, suffered injustice," Saucedo said. "I can fully relate to the story of injustices."

Carr said the district attorney needs to be willing to stand for justice.

"To see freedom for the Jena 6, we must see freedom for all," Carr said.



WEATHER

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PECULIAR FACT

CONCORD, N.H. — A judge has ordered a man to lay his family heirloom to rest: a mummified baby that was passed down for generations.
— Associated Press

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HISPANIC

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cultural Services, said the event was a part of the Hispanic Heritage month, which is celebrated nationally. Trevino said the event intends to promote Hispanic culture on campus.

Annabel Alonso, a junior biology major, said students should be aware of the Hispanic culture and

presence on campus.

Alonso, the founder of the League of United Latin American Citizens at TCU, said as minorities, Hispanic students should come to these events to show their support.

"We are doing our part at TCU through education, entertainment and awareness," Trevino said.

Mellado, who has been working as the editor-in-chief of REGO since 2004,

said even though much of the magazine content is about Latinos, it is diverse in its offerings.

REGO, which offers news, movie reviews, celebrity interviews, fashion and much more, is aimed at college students because they are going to be shaping the future issues of our country, Mellado said.

IFC

From page 1

ties. Pearson said the fraternities will work together on a community service project together through a TCU service organization.

The proposal stated Pearson appointed IFC president Matt DiLeo to oversee the voting process to prevent conflict of interest, as Pearson is a member of Delta Tau Delta.

The Judicial Board representatives of the involved fra-

ternities were not allowed to cast a vote because of conflicting interests.

Susan Adams, dean of Campus Life, said Thursday evening she had not read the proposal.

Associate Editor Marcus Murphree contributed to the report.

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

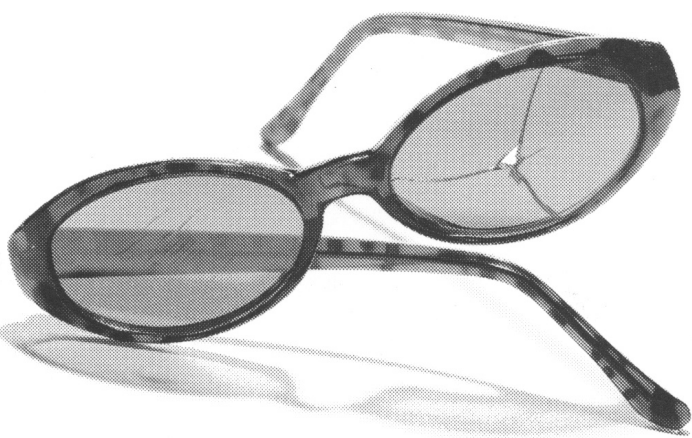


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Fundraising fashion show brings in scholarship money

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

Students strutted their stuff in a fashion show Thursday to help the TCU Guild raise money for seven scholarships.

TCU Guild president Shirley Baird said of the 174 people who paid to attend, 159 people came to the fundraiser at the home of Jean and John Roach, a former chairman of the TCU Board of Trustees. The guild raised \$4,350 from the fundraiser, Baird said.

The guild's public relations chairwoman, Sylvia Dodson, said in the past, music, dance and theater students performed for the fundraiser, but the fashion show this year was a first. Dodson, a TCU alumna, said the TCU Guild is more than 50 years old with more than 100 paid members.

"I was looking for some way to be innovative and capture the audience," said Elizabeth Doane, the guild's vice president of programs. "I originally thought of doing the fashion show with Neiman Marcus, Dillard's or Macy's clothing being modeled, (but) they no longer do fashion shows outside their facilities."

Guild member Rosemary Solomons, director of classical music at KTCU, found a solution through Ecuadorean fashion designer Eduard Lamprea, whom she met at a local fashion show.

"He's a very generous sort of person," she said.

He provided 18 outfits that were hand-embroidered in Ecuador, jewelry, hair stylists and makeup artists.

During the summer, Lamprea designed a special collection for the guild's fashion show, Solomons said. Lamprea said he combined the embroidery and busyness of Latin American fashion with the clean and architectural American fashion. The outfits in this collection ranged from \$700 to \$2,000, Lamprea said.

Solomons also recruited three students from the College of Communication to model the clothing.

One model, Celeste Greene, said she was nervous about the show. But, once she started, "it just flew by."

Greene, a senior radio-TV-film major, said she would definitely do it again.

A TCU student string quartet provided music for the event, Doane said.

Every year, the TCU Guild holds its fundraiser, English Tea, for scholarships in each department of the colleges of communication and fine arts, Doane said.

The guild awards about \$5,000 each to students selected by the heads of the communication studies, radio-TV-film, journalism, art and art history, ballet and modern dance, music

and theater departments, Powers said.

The scholarship money comes from members' dues, the English Tea and separate donations, said Lois Powers, the guild's invitation chairwoman.

The event is held at a different community member's home each year, Doane said, and hosts do not have to be guild members or be affiliated with TCU. She said hosts and members can be anyone in the community "interested in helping young people succeed in college."

Dodson said the departments had their own selection process. In the spring, each department chooses a winner and tells the TCU Guild, which then notifies the selected students.

Richard Allen, chair of the radio-TV-film department, said his department usually chooses a junior with a 3.5 or higher GPA and a good character, but the department especially wants someone it can be proud of.

"It's a blessing to reward our best students and highlight those students we see as role models," Allen said. "It's great that (the guild) wants to support the two colleges."

Doane said the guild will probably look into adding a scholarship for students in the design, merchandising and textiles department, which recently moved to the College of Fine Arts.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught."
— Marquis de Vauvenargues

THE SKIFF VIEW

Fault shared for Fla. Taser incident

There was nothing civil about Andrew Meyer, the 21-year-old University of Florida student who met the business end of a Taser on Monday at a John Kerry forum.

Events like this raise the often heated debate of security versus freedom. Not just freedom of speech but all freedom.

The reaction of the university police officers was unwarranted and excessive — overkill. After watching the video several times it is evident that Kerry wanted to answer the student's question. The only real danger in Meyer was in his poor posture at the microphone. Perhaps the university police were attempting to help Meyer with a bad habit that could cause him back problems later in life.

What Meyer was asking may not have been what everyone wanted to hear, but regardless, the First Amendment protects his right to express his opinions.

What is more troubling is that with six police officers restraining Meyers, none of them were able to put the handcuffs on him. Were the police officers so inept they could not subdue a 21-year-old student who simply did not understand their logic?

If you've seen the video, the evidence speaks for itself. The fact is that Meyer was overzealous in his questioning of the former presidential candidate and the university police overstepped their bounds to keep the atmosphere safe for public discourse. Simply put, different ideas seemed dangerous to the officers. The six officers who subdued Meyer demonstrated the problem in American culture — the desire to be safe rather than free.

To quote Patrick Henry, "Give me liberty or give me death."

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BY LANA BLOCKER



Reparations not most equal way to negate 300 years of slavery

The nearly 300-year history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade is one of the most shameful episodes in Western history. Yet it has taken centuries for those responsible for its operation to acknowledge and apologize for their roles.

Recently, London Mayor Ken Livingstone tearfully apologized for the role London played in the slave trade. Both former United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair and Livingstone have admitted how deeply sorrowed they are about this aspect of their country's history at events prior to Livingstone's recent remarks, but without official apologies.

Their public regrets about the slave trade fended off the inevitable debate about reparations for a few months, but that issue is being raised once again. It's an issue that has been dodged for a

good 200 years, so what are a few more months?

Unfortunately for Livingstone, the praise for his comments was short-lived because U.S. and European reparations pressure groups used his apology as a call for action. Luckily for Livingstone, the debate for slave reparations is not happening just in Britain. Aug. 23 marked the United Nations International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, which sparked comments and remarks from all parts of the globe.

In the U.S., the Rev. Jesse Jackson, president and founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, a grassroots organization focusing on civil rights, praised Livingstone's remarks but said they should lead to reparations.

In the past, Jackson and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan have been at the center of reparations demands on Capitol Hill. Farrakhan has

called for "millions of acres of land to be given to African Americans."

And here lies the fundamental difference between U.S. and European reparations groups.

Americans are hell-bent on getting the "40 acres and a mule" each promised to slaves by Union Army Gen. William Sherman after the Civil War. European reparations groups are looking to use reparations as a way to end African debt.

A loftier goal? More righteous than trying to get millions of acres of land for blacks, who may or may not be descendants of enslaved Africans?

Maybe realistic is the word. Despite the obvious problem of having no sure way to confirm genealogy records from every African American in the U.S., the American reparations

movement has a few other kinks.

Who would pay for the reparations? If the answer is the U.S. government, then that means tax dollars. If that's the case, then wouldn't blacks be paying for their own reparations? Unless that is, whites and blacks start

paying separate taxes, and wouldn't that be the "separate but equal" argument all over again?

And where exactly would this land be and, more importantly, what would we do with it? The U.S. doesn't have the best track record when it comes to allocating useful land. Consider the Native Americans.

I can't exactly see the Colin Powells, Denzel Washingtons and Condoleezza Rices picking up everything and giving up their ability to impact the

country in positive ways just so they can move to a designated space for blacks.

What bothers me about reparations is the feeling that, in essence, I would be getting paid off. If you give me an individual settlement for my ancestors' lives as slaves, does that take away my ability to complain of racism?

Two centuries after the fact makes it seem a little like a mob boss paying me for my future silence on race relations. The "justice" of the settlement becomes tainted because it took this long.

However, if companies and industries profited from the slave trade invest in the future, then the goal of reparations — the idea of giving newly freed slaves a way of making a better living after slavery ended — will have been accomplished.

Erasing the debt of developing African countries will help reduce their dependence on industrial-

ized nations.

Domestically, you don't have to give me your "40-acres-and-a-mule," just so long as race relations improve. I want my votes counted (no hanging chads), I want to walk down the street without fearing being stopped by the police and I want an equal chance to succeed in my education.

All of this is doable — soon. In retrospect, much progress has happened since the Civil War, but there is still much to be done.

International human rights legislation calls for due compensation for crimes against humanity. But that compensation could come in many forms.

Assuring a promising future is one of them. But do we, collectively, have the will to make that happen?

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COMMENTARY

Jenighi Powell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I waited all of last year for the time when I could open the paper, see David Hall's bright, shining face plastered on the opinion page and not hold my head in my hands in shame.

But the hits just keep coming.

So I sit here in my Ivory Tower in Tandy Hall and contemplate how I never wanted to be an accountant when I was 4. I'm proud to admit to myself that I sold my soul for a base salary. My dreams of being an astronaut, dinosaur or race-car driver have gone by the wayside, and I've become what I'm sure Mr. Hall would, in some nauseatingly witty remark, refer to as "the Man." But the fact of the matter is that I'm too tall to be an astronaut, the dinosaurs are extinct, and I've met very few race car drivers who are thrilled about their (most

of the time non-existent) careers.

My daily fare consists of waking up at 5:30 a.m. to go intern as an analyst at a major manufacturing firm here in Fort Worth. To be more specific, this means I am sitting in my windowless, taupe-colored cubicle hell before the sun is up, using words like "linear regression analysis," "downward pricing adjustment based on audit," and, a company favorite, "cross-functional team synergy." Have I become another Patrick Bate-man, wearing my flawlessly pressed suit on the Neeley School of Business' brochure, slowly counting the days until I'm fully vested in my 401k?

I do, after all, make about seven times my previous hourly wage at my old food service job.

I'll key Mr. Hall into a little known secret of the business world: I love my job. My fellow sellout colleagues and I get a feeling of personal satisfaction when a multi-million dollar spreadsheet outputs the correct total or confirms my analysis. It is as though I've just put into place the last piece of a 5,000-piece puzzle and can see the whole picture. I get quite excited when my 10-key calculator spits out the exact amount I've been shooting for all week. And there isn't anything more

rewarding than going out onto the production floor and know that I was a key component in keeping the juggernaut up and running and — in turn — safeguarding the careers of more than 10,000 people that work at our plant.

While it isn't every day that I'm visibly excited to wake up before my friends go to sleep, I would be hard-pressed to give up my cubicle to go pursue one of the traditionally "fun" occupations to which Mr. Hall certainly alludes. And, as I'm sure Mr. Hall will find out, whenever he moves off campus and into reality, that bar tabs and bills can add up quite quickly. Money can't buy you happiness but it sure can make it a bit easier to find at times — something to which most impoverished college students can attest.

I'd love to go out and be a professional bowler or work at IHOP or whatever metaphor Mr. Hall was attempting to conjure to coagulate his thoughts, but being an accountant provides me with a very fulfilling life that I wouldn't give up. I'm a businessman by choice, not because of the stock options. And I know that most of my colleagues would say the same.

Drew Wilson is a senior accounting major from St. Louis.

D'oh not underestimate Homer

We've seen him on television nearly every Sunday since 1987. His five o'clock shadow, beer belly and catchphrase "D'oh" have turned him into an animated celebrity.

Homer Jay Simpson has become the TV dad that, despite his downfalls, zany

schemes and shortcomings, has shown a love for his family that is missed by some modern animated TV parents.

Of course, animated fathers such as Peter Griffin of Seth MacFarlane's "Family Guy," Stan Smith of "American Dad" (also by MacFarlane) and Hank Hill of Mike Judge's "King of the Hill," also face family situations.

But more often than not these shows miss the point that Matt Groening's creative mind and team of writers managed to nail home.

On occasion, the doting wives in these shows help out, but only Homer has managed to keep showing affection toward his wife and kids — even sacrificing his body and temporary sanity to gain family approval at 742 Evergreen Terrace.

To exemplify his offbeat methods of family care, Homer even registered for divorce during a 1996 episode titled "A Millhouse Divided."

His logic was that because his and Marge's shotgun wedding was nothing more than a nuptial at a chapel outside a casino he needed a chance to re-marry his high school sweetheart. Sure, the first wedding was capped off with a cake that said "to a whale of a wife," but the second wedding showed Homer going the extra mile for someone other than himself.

When it came to looking after his children, he opted to undergo surgery to have a crayon removed from his brain cavity so he would be smarter.

The quick backstory was that when he was a child, he shoved 15 crayons in his head and only sneezed out 14. The damage to his cerebellum made his IQ 40 points lower. The removal operation made Homer's IQ 115 — high enough to effectively communicate with his daughter Lisa.

The connections he made with Lisa brought wonderful memories, but he knew Lisa's love was only with the new, intelligent

version of himself. However, before he reinserted the crayon and returned to a life of buffoonery, he left Lisa a note saying the times spent with her were some of the finest memories he had ever had. She may have loved the new Homer, but the old Homer was who she came to know as "Dad."

Countless fist fights and beatings for the sake of his family shows, in a satirical way, a man who goes out of his way to preserve the ties to the loved ones in the household.

Sure, he may have been called a "boob" in three or four episodes and shows signs of alcoholism, but everyone makes stupid mistakes. I am sure most All-American dads have failed miserably at masonry, foundation repair and being in charge of labor unions.

This is the one television family that showed me a parent's love was not on ABC, TGIF or even on Hallmark. The Simpsons were a family I could watch alongside my parents and know that there are other people out there we could relate to.

My dad may not be an obese nuclear technician, but he is a phenomenal chemical engineer and a hell of a parent.

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Busting through the line



Courtesy of SMU

In 2003, LeVias was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame along with his former coach Hayden Fry.

Former SMU football player recounts trials of integration

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Editor in Chief

Surrounded by bodyguards and the last person to get off the bus, Jerry LeVias thought he was a "big superstar" for Southern Methodist University.

To others, he was a dead man walking.

LeVias was the first black scholarship athlete in the old Southwest Conference, a conference of which TCU was a member for 72 years beginning in 1923.

An anonymous caller had vowed, using a racial slur, to kill LeVias if he set foot on TCU's campus.

During every down, Fort Worth police and the FBI watched for an assassin from locations throughout the stadium. Even the Boy Scouts working as ushers were looking out for the sniper.

LeVias took cover as the rest of the team warmed up between halves, and the team used more motion than any other game that season to make LeVias a harder target to hit on the field.

"I ran faster to the bench than I did on the football field," LeVias said. "But at the same time, I had to play ball. We couldn't just call the game off."

"If it was going to happen, it was going to happen."
It never did.

ROCKY ROAD TO INTEGRATION

LeVias still wonders if anybody watched the Mustangs rout the Frogs 21-0 that day with his No. 23 in the crosshairs.

The rest of the team found out about the threat the next day in the newspaper or on the radio that night. The Mustangs' coach, Hayden Fry, rarely told the rest of the team about what LeVias was facing that season.

"If he was bearing the burden of this, he was doing it mostly on his own," said Albon Head, LeVias' teammate who is now an attorney in Fort Worth.

And it wasn't the first time LeVias had been threatened.

"It wasn't totally different from that whole season," Head said.

He was spat upon. Trainers wouldn't tape his ankles for fear of touching his black skin. Teammates emptied the showers when he stepped in and alumni threatened to pull their support if he ever played.

"Those were the times," LeVias said.

"Integration was a hard idea for a lot of southerners to swallow."

Other conferences had already integrated. Fry, who grew up "on the wrong side of the tracks" in Eastland and Odesa, took the coaching job at SMU under the condition that he would be able to

begin integrating the conference — despite a time-honored "gentleman's agreement" among coaches to never recruit black athletes.

"He was the only black face in a whole sea of white faces in the Southwest Conference, and we played seven conference games," Head said.

Amon Carter Stadium had already seen its fair share of black players, but none came from a conference rival. Lenny Moore and Rosey Grier were the first to appear on the field when they played for Penn State in 1955.

NO SHOW IN 1967

Despite the uphill integration battle, LeVias, at 5 feet 9 inches and 170 pounds, led the Mustangs to a conference title during his first year of varsity play in 1966.

After winning the title, the Mustangs were 2-7 going

into a December game against TCU a year later.

This time, LeVias' No. 23 was nowhere to be seen.

He was checked in to a local hospital under an assumed name, awaiting surgery on part of his skull.

One week earlier, a Baylor defender had tried to poke LeVias' eye out and damaged the bone near his eye socket.

Once again, nobody knew about the incident, even teammates.

"It was like a covert operation," LeVias said.

One week and four days later, TCU would join SMU in integrating SWC football, signing Linzy Cole, a Henderson County Junior College transfer sought by more than 40 other colleges. But Cole wasn't TCU's first black athlete.

TCU INTEGRATES

James Cash was already driving Jim Crow out of college basketball when Cole arrived on campus in the spring of 1968.

Cash began at TCU as the conference's first black basketball player the same year the University of Texas at El Paso won the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship with a team of all-black starters. The new TCU player joined under head coach Buster Brown, at the urging of Chancellor M.E. Sadler.

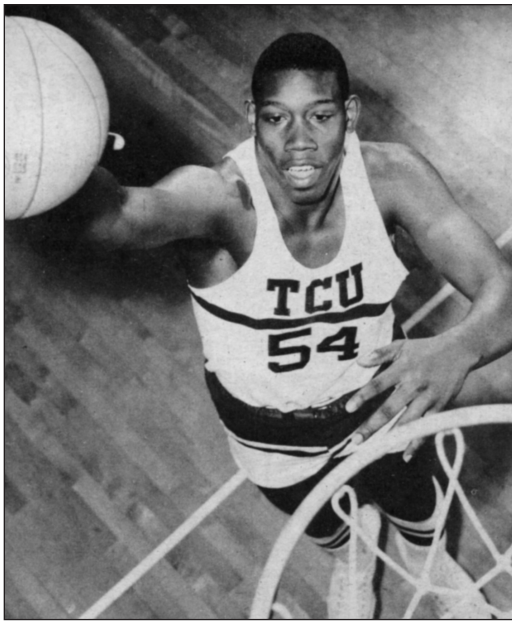
Both Cash and Cole were standouts during their TCU days.

Cash led the conference in rebounding his senior year and had career averages of 13 points and 11 rebounds per game.

He now sits on the board of directors at Microsoft, Wal-Mart and General Electric, and was Harvard University's first black tenured professor. He also served



Courtesy of SMU



SKIFF ARCHIVES

TOP: Jerry LeVias was the first black athletic scholarship recipient in the old Southwest Conference. His skin color caused him to suffer threats, insults and foul play on the field. LEFT: James Cash was the first black athlete at TCU and the conference's first black basketball player. Cash had career averages of 13 points and 11 rebounds per game. RIGHT: Linzy Cole was the first black football player for TCU. He went on to the NFL before becoming a Philadelphia Bell in the World Football League.

on TCU's Board of Trustees.

Cole, a Dallas Madison High School graduate, went on to play pro football for the Chicago Bears, the Houston Oilers and the Buffalo Bills before becoming a Philadelphia Bell in the World Football League in 1974.

'I JUST WANTED TO QUIT'

Cole led the Frogs in receiving during his junior year in 1968 — the same year he hauled in a 37-yard pass in Amon Carter's end zone to put the first touchdown on the board for the Horned Frogs against SMU in mid-October.

Cole's touchdown set the 1-2 Frogs off to a strong start against the 2-1 Mustangs.

That left LeVias' Mustangs tied with the Frogs 14-14 in front of 31,542 fans in the fourth quarter when LeVias was taken out by an opposing linebacker's tackle.

As the linebacker rolled over LeVias, he spat in his face, saying, "Go home, nigger."

LeVias stormed off the field, discard-

ing his helmet in the concrete gutter against the stadium wall.

"That's the only time I ever lost it," LeVias said.

He had already dislocated a finger in the pre-game and was nursing a bruised shoulder and a case of the flu.

As Fry approached the bench LeVias told him: "I quit. I'm not going to take this bullshit anymore."

Fry wouldn't accept it, though.

"He just kept saying things like: 'Don't let your teammates down. Don't let this guy get you,' stuff like that," LeVias said.

Meanwhile, SMU's defense was holding off the Frogs at the 38-yard line. It was fourth down and Fry was short a returner.

LeVias shot past Fry saying, "Coach, I'm going to run this one back all the way."

He fielded the punt at the 11-yard line and ran straight up the middle.

He swerved toward TCU's sideline, bounced off defender Danny Lamb near the 50 and hit open country. He juiced

and shuffled the pigskin 89 yards into the south end zone.

LeVias' run made it 20-14 in favor of the Ponies and a Bicky Lesser kick sealed the deal.

Despite scoring the game-winning touchdown, though, LeVias said that record-breaking run was the least satisfying of his career.

"I didn't enjoy it because I did it out of anger. I played football for the love of the game and I think that's the only time I did something out of anger," he said. "It's always back there, that one instance when I lost it."

LeVias, now in his 60s, still hasn't identified the TCU linebacker that almost ended his career that day but did say the Horned Frog called to apologize after LeVias, along with Fry, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003.

"I had friends on that team," he said of the '68 TCU team. "I'd played two years varsity and took all that and then all of a sudden that happened. Sometimes you just crack."

