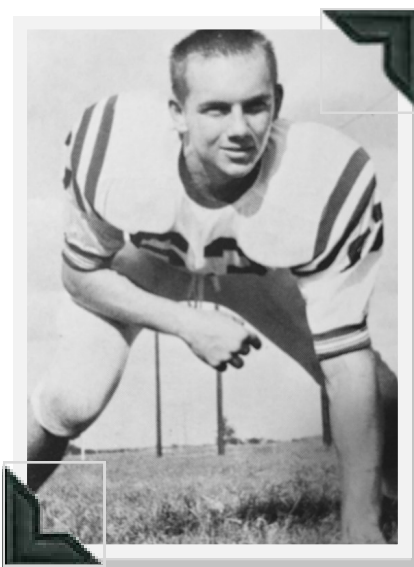


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CONNECTING AND INFORMING TCU'S SILVER FROGS

SCHOOL SPIRIT: Then and Now



Times change...or *do* they? School spirit was a big thing when we were in high school and college, and it still is! On the football field and in the stands, we love our teams and all the memories we have of those weekend games and cheering for our favorites.

Photos, from top left:

- 1) **Lisa Winter:** My senior year, 1977, I was on the Pom Pom Squad at Floyd Central High School in New Albany, Indiana. We performed a different routine at each home football and basketball game; we also marched in parades with the band. It was so much fun!
- 2) **Bill Taylor:** I played guard on the varsity team on offense and defense, and all specialty teams. San Marcos High School won district in every sport in which we competed. This picture (along with members of our varsity team and a group photo) were featured in the SMHS '63 school yearbook that was dedicated to all of our school's varsity athletics. **Tricia** supported athletics on the precision drill team (Royal Guard), performing during half time and on the days that preceded athletic events. Our mascot was the "Rattlers." We were and always will be a team for school, community, state and country. And now it's GO FROGS! as well. HOOOO---Raaah! Class of 1963, San Marcos High School, San Marcos TX.
- 3) **Julie Lovett:** In my senior year of high school I was captain of the Colorguard in the marching band. My uniform looks like it's straight from Mork & Mindy...those were the days! Penn Hills High School, Pittsburgh PA.
- 4) **Sharon Harrelson:** This is what Texas homecoming mums looked like back in the late 70's, y'all, when they were made from live flowers (and your outfit was important because you could see it). We dressed up and the weather cooled down in October! Eastern Hills High School, Fort Worth TX.

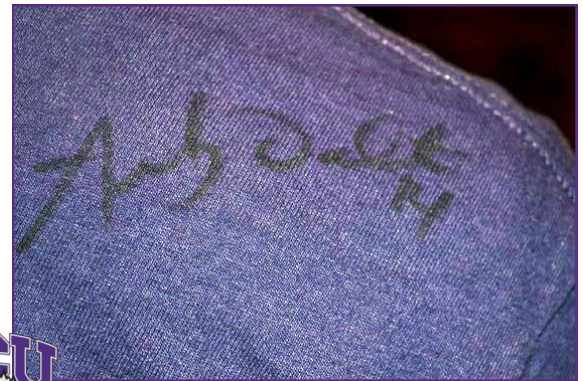
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Photos, from top:

- 1) **Mary Jeanne Stouffer** and her husband Paul recently supported their Alma Mater, Duke University, in Durham, NC.
- 2) **Betsy McDaniel**: "Laissez les bons temps rouler"...Let the good times roll!! LSU Tigers tailgate and family, can't get better than that! Geaux Tigers!
- 3&4) **Theresa Young**: I'm a huge Horned Frog fan and have a few photos to prove it. These are from one of the best Horned Frog moments I've had the chance to witness. It's January 2, 2011 and the Frogs are arriving back at Amon Carter Stadium after winning the 2011 Rose Bowl. Pictures are of my college BFF, Sandy Tucker, and me along with Andy Dalton, and the shoulder of my TCU t-shirt after Andy signed it!



Photos at left:

- 5) **Buddy McIntyre** cheers on the Horned Frogs at the TCU-Ohio State game.
- 6) **Andi Smith** with the WVU Mountaineers mascot. Randy Smith tells us, "I think the Mountaineer is the best mascot in college sports. Being the Mountaineer is a huge honor!"



Silvers Support TCU Volleyball

For the second year, the TCU volleyball team invited Silver Frogs to join them for a practice and game. Pictured is the group attending practice on August 29.



George W Bush Presidential Center Trip

On September 22, Silver Frogs visited the George W Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas. They saw the First Ladies exhibit and had lunch together at Café 43.



Volunteers Needed for TCU Research

The Davies School of Communication Sciences & Disorders at the Fort Worth campus of Texas Christian University is conducting research to investigate **how Parkinson's disease affects speech and ability to communicate**. This particular study is examining how Parkinson's disease influences voice production and articulation, and will compare those with Parkinson's disease to older adults without Parkinson's disease.

We are currently recruiting people with Parkinson's disease and healthy older adults without Parkinson's disease. Participants must be at least 40 years of age on the day of testing and a native speaker of American English.

Participants will be asked to produce vowel sounds, repeat syllables, speak on a topic and/or read sentences/paragraphs while being recorded with a microphone. They will also fill out some questionnaires on emotional well-being and voice-related quality of life. Total participation time is expected to be no more than 1½ hours.

Please call 817-257-6878 or [email Dr. Chris Watts](mailto:Dr. Chris Watts) with any questions or to volunteer.

The Laboratory of Applied Swallowing Research is studying the **effects of improved lung volume on swallowing in individuals with COPD**. We are seeking adult volunteers with stable COPD diagnosed with dysphagia (impaired swallowing) or experiencing trouble swallowing.

Qualified volunteers will complete home-based respiratory exercise training (5 times a day, 5 days a week for 10 weeks; total time is 1 hr/day). TCU visits=5. Total time at TCU is about 7 hours. The study includes videofluoroscopy (radiographic video image of the throat while swallowing) and placing a thin, pressure-sensing tube in the throat.

We are also seeking healthy volunteers aged 60-89 for a study on **how different types of oral exercise can improve tongue strength**.

Volunteers will receive training in an oral exercise program. Exercise at home 3 times a day, 3 days a week for 6 weeks. Total time at home is less than 30 minutes a day. Visit TCU every 2 weeks (4 total visits). Total time is about 3 hours.

For more information or to volunteer, call 817-257-6887 or [email Dr. Teresa Drulia](mailto:Dr. Teresa Drulia).

Luncheon Lecture: Near Southside, Inc.

by Ann Shelton and Sharon Harrelson



Mike Brennan, president, Near Southside, Inc.

Silver Frogs gathered at the BLUU on September 21 for the semester's first Luncheon Lecture, delivered by Mike Brennan, president of Near Southside, Inc. (NSI, nearsouthsidefw.org), formerly Fort Worth South.

With a small staff (just six), NSI is working diligently to integrate seven key components into the redevelopment scheme: "walkable urbanism" (street-facing focus); residential development, including some affordable housing; balance of preservation vs. new construction; both small and large projects; locally-owned businesses; economic anchors and institutions; and keeping it all fun (for example, Magnolia Green and ArtsGoggle).

Mr. Brennan took us from the area's beginnings in the 1910's-20's through its heyday in the 1930's, using photos to give us a sense of the early development and businesses there. Fast-forward to today's revival of the area which includes the Medical District, Fairmount, and Magnolia Avenue. We saw plans for the South Main Village, where development will apply what was learned on Magnolia to meld old and new buildings with lots of interesting tenants. The area will have living space, eateries, coffee shops, parks and even a bookstore and the relocated local favorite, Record Town. It's exciting and it's all happening now!



"The American Planning Association (APA) named West Magnolia Avenue as one of the country's 15 Great Places for 2018 through the organization's national flagship program, Great Places in America. West Magnolia was named one of America's Great Streets. APA's Great Places in America recognizes unique and exemplary streets, neighborhoods, and public spaces — three essential components of all communities. These authentic places have been shaped by forward-thinking planning that showcases affordable transportation options, promotes community involvement and accessibility, and fosters economic opportunity."

— *Fort Worth Business Press, September 25, 2018*

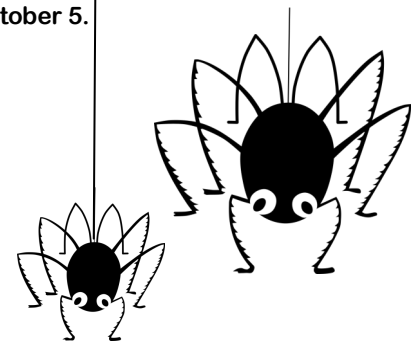
Up Next:

We hope to see you at the next Luncheon Lecture on Friday, October 12. **Captain Jonathan R. Townsend**, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base will give us an update on its activities.

Don't Let Registration Give You the Creeps!

Does registering for your Silver Frogs courses online SCARE you? Fear not, fellow frogs! You can do it, but maybe you'd like some practice and guidance so that, when January 9 (mark your calendar!) rolls around, you'll be ready to rock the registration. Extended Ed and your Silver Frogs Advisory Board are teaming up to offer several hour-long tutorial sessions. Choose the time you like and sign up. Opt to learn now or closer to the actual registration date; we've got you covered either way! Further details were sent via email on October 5.

- Friday, October 19: [8:30am](#) or [10:00am](#)
- Friday, October 26: [8:30am](#) or [10:00am](#)
- Friday, November 9: [8:30am](#)
- Thursday, November 15: [11:00am](#)
- Friday, November 30: [11:00am](#)
- Thursday, December 13: [8:30am](#) or [10:00am](#)
- Tuesday, December 18: [8:30am](#), [10:00am](#), or [1:00pm](#)
- Friday, January 4: [1:00pm](#) or [3:00pm](#)
- Monday, January 7: [8:30am](#) or [10:00am](#)



Instructor Spotlight: Dr. Richard Selcer

by Sharon Harrelson

Author and historian, rock-and-roll enthusiast and comic-strip collector, Dr. Richard Selcer has taught for 46 years at colleges and universities in both the US and Europe. He has published 10 books and dozens of articles. A Fort Worth native, he is a Paschal High School, Austin College (BA and MA) and TCU (PhD) graduate.

This semester for Silver Frogs, Dr. Selcer is teaching *So You Want to Be a Critical Thinker?* and he served as musical host and DJ for *60s Rock & Roll: When Music Was Hummable and Lyrics Mattered*. Silver Streak wanted to learn more about the professor behind these engaging and very different courses. Here's our Q&A.



Dr. Selcer gets his own 60's-style album cover

What sparked your interest in Fort Worth history and led you to write several books about it?

My first love was Civil War history, and that was what I focused on in my graduate studies. But about 1982 I got interested in Hell's Half-Acre, FW's early red-light district, and decided to write something about it. What started out as an essay/magazine article grew into a book that TCU Press published in 1991. The book was so well-received I stuck with Fort Worth and Western history, and now, nearly 30 years, multiple books and magazine articles later, I'm still writing about these subjects.

What kinds of courses have you taught to college students, which have you enjoyed most, and why?

I've taught both in the US and overseas (Eastern Europe), in my field of expertise (US history) and a variety of other subjects that have proved both fun and enlightening for me. I taught a credit course in Fort Worth history as an adjunct at TCU back in 1997 and 1998. My other favorite outside-my-field course was Critical Thinking, which I first taught at City University (Slovakia and Bulgaria) and International Christian University (Vienna and Kiev, Ukraine). I have found in this country that American schools talk a lot about "critical thinking" but aren't willing to put the course on the regular curriculum.

Any advice you'd give Silver Frogs with regard to critical thinking? It seems like such a vital skill, especially with so much information coming at us all the time.

Obviously, in our present political climate, critical thinking is an invaluable skill. Unfortunately, it is a rare skill, as you can tell by listening to talk-show

hosts and political commentators talk about "alternate sets of facts" and other nonsense. A few critical thinking classes won't teach someone how to win an argument with the brother-in-law or the jerk who works in the same office. Hopefully, it helps students who take the class recognize when they're being sold a load of baloney — and what kind of "baloney" it is. Recognizing "false equivalence" analogies and "slippery slope" arguments make us better-informed citizens, which is a good thing when we go to the ballot box.

What's different/special about teaching Silver Frogs, compared to your younger students?

This is an easy one. The Silver Frogs are in a class because they want to be there. My undergraduate students, particularly on the junior college level, often don't see the point of history and don't want to be in a history class — or actually *any* class outside their narrow interests. Learning for the sake of learning is a practically dead principle.

I'm not a Silver Frog myself, but I love teaching these subjects, the students are an appreciative audience, and the college setting is near and dear to my heart. Silver Frogs is about "sharing our knowledge," so each instructor is a volunteer. That is a win-win situation for TCU and the students.

How did you get started using comic strips to "break the ice" in your classes? It's a really fun way to get people talking.

I've collected teaching- and history-related comics for years and used them the same way in my US History classes. It's a way to engage undergraduates on the subject without referring to

a textbook or some other academic source. This is also how I started out using Rock & Roll in my US History survey classes. Students would rather hear an "oldie" any day than listen to a history lecture. Then I tie the song into the lecture. As far as favorite comics, "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes" (remember that one?) were always rich sources for relevant material. Calvin hated school and teachers and made pithy comments about both. "The Far Side" often had a twisted view of some familiar person/event in history. I have big, fat files of cartoons I've used or plan to use someday.

Let's talk about Rock & Roll. Were you surprised at the popularity and enthusiasm for this type of class?

The class is popular because the music is GREAT, and these older students who sign up are part of the generation who grew up on R&R. This is their (our) music! I try to avoid a lot of straight lecturing. I introduce the songs, talk about them a little, and let the class enjoy the walk down Memory Lane. Nothing touches the heart and the mind more than an old song with lots of memories attached. Every one of the songs I play brings back a fond/poignant memory for someone in the class. The popularity of the class the first time (30 students) didn't surprise me; the fact that the class continues to "sell out" every time I offer it is a little surprising. Obviously, there is a deep well of interest in '60s R&R, including a few repeats every time!

Of course, I have favorite songs, and since this is my class, I get to pick and choose the music. So every song I play

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Instructor Spotlight: Dr. Selcer

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is on my list of favorites. Two that stand out are “American Pie” (Don McLean) that I begin the class with, and “In-a-gadda-da-vida” (Iron Butterfly) that I end the class with: the first (and last) 17½ minute song! I have been listening to it for going on 50 years and never get tired of hearing it. It’s a classic! Other favorites I enjoy playing for the class tend to be politically incorrect (“That was actually on the radio?!”), such as “Speedy Gonzales” by Pat Boone.

In high school, would you say you were you a history nerd or a rock-and-roll kid?

Both. I loved my history classes in school and excelled in the subject. And I bought a lot of music: 45s, LPs, then 4-track and 8-track cassettes when they came in, then eventually compact discs. I like listening to the songs and also learning the stories behind the songs and artists. Eventually I started buying books about the music, and now I have an extensive library about the subject.

So you’re also a music historian?

I am a social historian of ‘60s R&R! I wouldn’t call myself an “expert” because I can’t really discuss the technical side of the music: chord progressions, key changes, etc. While I never learned to play an instrument (to my father’s eternal regret), I embraced the music I heard on the radio and the records I bought. I’m a music historian of ‘60s R&R and to a slightly lesser extent ‘50s pop music and ‘70s disco and rock.

Are there other courses you’ve considered presenting to Silver Frogs?

This coming spring (2019) I’m offering a course on ‘50s music; that’s when R&R began, R&B made the jump over the race barrier, and the big-band sound died. I’d love to teach a course on FW history again, but I’m afraid my good friend Quentin McGown has that subject staked out; he’s taught that course to great acclaim for several years and will continue to do so as long as he’s able to split time between that and his day job as a judge.

Silver Frogs/Extended Ed. leadership has talked in the past about offering a travel course. Having led student groups to my old stomping grounds of Eastern Europe before, I’d love to see such a course created — and lead it before I get too old to lead a group on an international jaunt with all that involves. My suggested course: “The Great Imperial Capitals of Eastern Europe: Vienna, Budapest, Prague.”



“And the three men I admire the most
The Father, Son and the Holy Ghost
They caught the last train for the coast
The day the music died.”

—Don McLean, *American Pie*

Tell Us...

Which instructors would you like to see spotlighted in a future issue of Silver Streak? [Click here](#) to access our November survey and share your thoughts on a favorite instructor.



November: All About Giving

For our November issue, we are looking for your stories of giving — specifically, how you volunteer your time and talents to causes and organizations you believe in. You’ll make our Silver Frog readers aware of the cause, and — who knows — you may also recruit some new volunteers in the process!

[Click here to view last year’s Giving issue](#), which featured 10 Silver Frogs and their passion for helping others in the community.

[Share your story with Silver Streak](#) by November 2, and you could win a prize for your contribution — we’ll draw a winner for a brand-new Silver Frogs cap!

In case you missed it, [here’s a link to a video](#) on Silver Frogs that appeared on TCU360.

Footage was taken in Dr. Selcer’s R&R class!

Ready for Fall? Try Graveyards, Vampires, Family and Pumpkins

by Shari Barnes



It's fall...I can tell because those stupid squirrels are scattering pecan shells all over my freshly-swept patio. In spite of the bushy-tailed rodents, autumn is my favorite time of year. Spicy mauve lip-stick, orange leaves, apple cider, witch masks, pecan pie, and bats. (October is Bat Appreciation Month, and we have a couple who come to visit us in the hot tub at dusk.)

And the best thing about fall is books. Raised in the Pacific Northwest, I have fond memories of raindrops and leaves spattering against the windows while I devoured the latest Nancy Drew mystery in the basement of the public library. I can still smell those books.

So, it's time for you to create your fall reading list. Here are four to enjoy with your hot chocolate:

The Graveyard Book...A baby, a bloody knife, a graveyard and a man named Jack. This is how it starts. Neil Gaiman takes you into a world of the paranormal, fantasy and Gothic fiction as Bod grows from baby to teen under the guidance of 300 ghosts. How will dead people raise a live kid? Suspend your disbelief as you enter Gaiman's world and ponder the essence of good and evil.

Dead Until Dark...Charlaine Harris, cozy mystery writer, has entered the world of vampires. Confession: this is my first vampire read. If you're a fan of the television program *True Blood*, this book is the source material for that series. Warning: Harris does include some steamy scenes and violence. On the lighter side, Elvis makes an appearance, which may explain why we're still getting sightings.

Crooked House...Best selling author Agatha Christie is outsold only by the Bible and Shakespeare. If you've never read Christie, here's a good place to start. This 1949 mystery will make you ponder if there is a genetic predisposition for being a sociopath. You think your family is dysfunctional? This cast of characters will make you reconsider. "Only the people you love can really make life unendurable to you."

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown...Apple bobbing and trick-or-treating comes with Charlie Brown and the Peanuts Gang. Charles M. Schulz' Halloween masterpiece is the perfect holiday book. Pull a toddler onto your lap for an enchanting look at Linus as he waits for the Great Pumpkin to rise out of the pumpkin patch. When you finish the book, you'll be ready for the annual television special.

In addition to the aforementioned bat celebration, October is also National Caramel Month, National Chili Month and National Book Month. So cook up a pot of chili, grab a bag of caramels, and dive into that stack of unread books.



What Are You Reading?

For each issue, we ask Silver Streak readers to share what they've been reading.

For more recommendations, you may want to check out PBS' *Great American Read on Channel 13*, online or on facebook.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas. This young adult book couldn't be more on topic with America today. A worthy read by all adults concerned with race conflict and how lives are affected. I couldn't put it down.

— Laura Dyson

Just finished Dan Jenkins' newest, **Sports Make You Type Faster**. The reviews said this is more of DJ's superb wit that would make readers laugh out loud. I did.

— Dick Ramsey

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, a beautiful and uplifting story about loss and loneliness, and how hope was reborn in Ove through (often comical) interactions with multi-generational, multi-cultural neighbors.

Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn, a dark mystery with a twist.

— Andi and Randy Smith

[Share what you're reading for the November issue!](#)

On One Tank of Gas: Tolar by Polly Hooper



Looking out the large picture window across a field with live oaks and cactus, I see three windmills and a country lane winding up a hill in the distance.

Two donkeys stand near the fence hoping for a cube of sugar. If you are looking for a place to unplug this may be just the place. There's no Wi-Fi here and spotty cell service at best, but we haven't missed it and although there is a television it's not been turned on.

We are in Tolar, Texas (near Granbury) in a cute little country cabin at The Windmill Farm Bed and Breakfast. The cabin called The Star has a wide front porch furnished with big rocking chairs to enjoy the view. It is a one-bedroom with a small kitchenette which is quite comfortable and spotlessly clean. Breakfast was brought in a big basket by Ruby. We slept so well with the hum of the window air conditioner and rain falling on the metal roof that we didn't want to



get up. Ruby left us wonderful white chocolate macadamia nut cookies upon our arrival yesterday and this morning's breakfast was delicious. There was a big bowl of fresh fruit, a breakfast casserole, and homemade sourdough biscuits from the batch she told us was rising when we checked in.

The Windmill Farm is owned and managed by Chuck and Ruby Rickgauer who moved here 30 years ago from South Dakota. Chuck collects and restores old windmills and decided to share his love for them by displaying them around their 26 acres. They built three cabins for overnight guests. You can take a self-guided tour anytime without staying in one of the cabins if you like. Chuck will also take you on a tour if you ask. It is still raining this morning so we will miss that guided tour but we had fun walking the property taking photos yesterday afternoon. I would love to come back and hear all the history of the windmills.

Last night we drove back to Granbury and ate ribs at Stumpy's Lakeside Bar and Grill. Sitting outside on their massive deck, we listened to the ducks quack their request for food. The view across the water shows large houses on the opposite shore and people arrived by boat to eat dinner there. The rain had not begun and we enjoyed the nice breeze, good food and cold beer.

After dinner we went to the Granbury Opera House to see the play "You Can't Take It With You." It is a



hilarious play about a madcap family. It was my first trip to the Opera House, which underwent a six million dollar renovation last year (and it shows). The acoustics are fantastic and we enjoyed our front row seats to the lively and very well-acted comedy.

Granbury turned out to be quite a lively place. There is a new venue catty-corner from the Opera House called Granbury Live and it features all sorts of musical acts like country singer Johnny Rodriguez as well as comedians. Several retail stores were open late on Friday night and some shops and restaurants — in cooperation with the two live venues — were going to be open until 11:00. They call this Granbury After Dark and it is quite successful. We passed a man creating a sand sculpture for the Harvest Festival that takes place in early October.

If you haven't been to Granbury recently, take a look at upcoming events and perhaps take the time to spend a night or two at the [Windmill Farm Bed and Breakfast](#). Maybe you'll get to see one of those much talked-about sunsets!



The Dow: A Brief History by Richard Ranc



Today a radio or TV station or newspaper will proclaim “the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) closed at,” and recite a number — sometimes down, sometimes up from the previous day—but what does it mean?

The Dow first appeared in 1885 and was the invention of Charles Dow. It represents the sum of the price of one share of stock in each company making up the Dow, generating a consistent value for the index. Originally there were 12 stocks in the average consisting of railroads, electrical, chemicals, and steel companies. The original stocks in the index were, in Dow’s opinion, the backbone of America’s financial strength in the mid-19th century.

With more than 2,800 stocks traded on the NYSE, how did it come about that the most popular description of economic activity relies on just 30 stocks as its yardstick? Charles Dow was a writer of financial news. His financial newsletter was to later become the Wall Street Journal. Edward Jones was a statistician who formulated a meth-

od to express the movement of stocks in a simplified manner. Although there are but 30 companies in the Dow, and they have changed from time to time, they are, by capitalization, the strongest corporations in the United States. An original Dow company that recently was dropped from the index is General Electric (GE) and replaced by Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA). GE had been a member of the original 12 dating back to 1896.

Over time the 30 industrials index has proven to be an easy-to-understand measure of economic activity. Other indices such as the Wilshire 5000, S&P 500, and Russell 2000 were all spawned by the original Dow, but are mainly used by financial intermediaries.

Adjusted for stock splits and dividends, the DJIA has moved from less than 50 to over 26,000 today with an historical rate of return of over 7.5%. Warren Buffett predicts that the Dow will be over 1 million in 100 years! If you are interested in more information there are a myriad of books and articles on the Dow, and of course you can find plenty of information (and opinion) online.



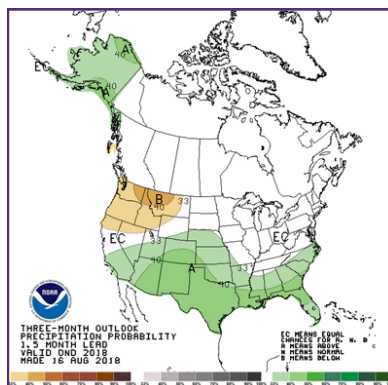
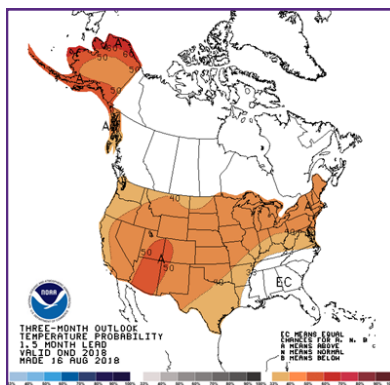
Football Weather by Buddy McIntyre



With autumn in the air and weekends filled with football, what can we expect weather-wise as we head out to the stadium to support our favorite teams?

I’ve been a TCU fan most of my life. The coldest game I attended was Thursday evening, November 7, 1991 when Texas A&M came to Fort Worth to play the Frogs. The temperature during the game was in the low-to-mid 30s and there was a north wind of 15-20 mph knocking the wind chill temperature down into the 20s. There were even some snow flurries off and on just prior to the game. The game was known for “the hit” which Texas A&M linebacker Quentin Coryatt put on TCU receiver Kyle McPherson, breaking McPherson’s jaw in two places.

Hopefully you won’t experience any conditions like that this fall. The outlook for Texas for the October through December timeframe has the best chances for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Even though temperatures are likely to be above normal, it doesn’t mean we can’t have one or more outbreaks of cold weather.



These outlooks can be found at <http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/>.

If you have any specific weather questions you can email me at buddy.mcintyre@att.net.



Vote Smart! by Lew Woodard



The midterm elections are nearing, and the airwaves and print media are proclaiming all sorts of claims and promises from candidates.

In the Silver Frogs lecture on Vote Smart September 18, we examined a number of ways to help voters be adequately armed with the facts before entering the voting booth.

Vote Smart (VS) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that manages a fact-based website called VoteSmart.org. The organization was formed in 1992 and has had prominent national leaders on its board since its inception—people like former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. A key factor in the VS Board is balance. Every board member has a counterpart with what is considered an opposing view. Likewise, Vote Smart does not accept funding from corporations, PACs, lobbyists, unions, or any other organizations that support or oppose candidates or issues.

Volunteers comprise most of the staff. They gather and compile extensive data on political candidates and office holders. This includes voting records, biographical information, issue positions, interest group ratings, public statements, and campaign finances. The focus is on facts about what politicians do, not on what they say they will do. All of this is on one website: www.votesmart.org, which has several options to help voters find the facts about the candidates and incumbents.

- The **I Spy** feature provides a profile of the candidate—biography, voting record, issues, etc.
- **Political Galaxy** provides a more in-depth look at a candidate based on actions grouped by issue.
- The friendliest option is called **Vote Easy**. This allows the user to enter his location and see who is running for office in his/her area. The user answers a series of

questions. These are compared to the candidates' profiles. An animated feature of a yard sign for each candidate moves forward on the screen when your position agrees with the candidate, and moves into the background when you disagree.

When the questions are completed, you should have an idea of which candidate(s) most closely align with your preferences and positions on the major issues. This is a quick and fun way to assess how closely your favorites actually match up with your beliefs, based on the facts, not rhetoric.

- **MyVoteSmart** allows you to register any politician of interest and be notified as soon as new data on that politician is entered into the database.

While Vote Smart focuses on compiling the facts into one website versus multiple Internet searches, other sites provide an additional check on political claims, urban myths, and Internet rumors. These are known as fact-checking sites. Among the most respected are PolitiFact.org, the Washington Post Fact Checker, FactCheck.org, and OpenSecrets.org (campaign finances).

These sites have features like PolitiFact's Truth-O-Meter and the Post's "Gepetto" and "Pinocchio" ratings, depending on the accuracy of a candidate's statement, or the rumor du jour. Another site of interest is Ballotpedia.org. This site includes a fact checker feature, as well as useful information on election-related topics, including a sample ballot for your location. Ballotpedia is also an independent and objective website like Vote Smart.

Vote Smart also has a smartphone app, **On Point**, and a blog accessible through the website.

So, in preparing for this year's trip to the ballot box, visiting these sites in advance may provide you with information and insights that you did not expect. Please remember to vote, but Vote Smart.



Who Were Secrest and Wible? by Linda Eastwick

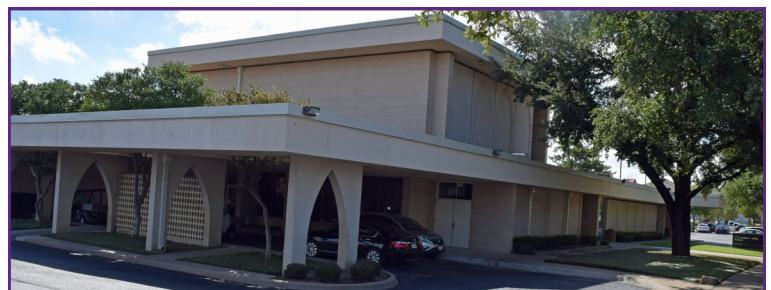


Curious minds and Lifelong Learners want to know more about the world — and for us, that includes the building where we spend time learning, TCU's Secrest-Wible Building. The structure was built in 1966 and was originally a funeral chapel (which makes some of the architecture more logical if you look around the outside). TCU purchased the property in 2000, and it became headquarters for the Extended Education department.

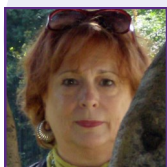
[E. Leigh Secrest](#) and [Howard G. Wible](#), for whom the building is named, had long and distinguished careers with TCU. Click on their names above to learn more, in stories published in TCU Magazine in 2016.



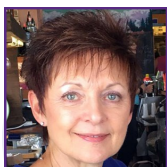
Are you curious about something around the TCU campus or in Fort Worth? [Let us know](#) and we may feature your question in a future issue!



Thank you, Silver Streak Contributors!



Shari Barnes (*Ready for Fall?*) has taught TCU Extended Education's *I Love A Mystery* for several years and has facilitated *Bucket List Books* since the Silver Frogs beginning. Shari has also written for numerous popular and professional magazines. She is happy with a book and a cup of coffee.



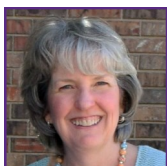
Sian Borne (*Newsletter Staff*) is in her 4th semester as a Silver Frog and is retired from a nursing/Human Resources career. Originally from England, she made her home in Fort Worth back in 1973 and has never lived anywhere else in the US. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.



Linda Eastwick (*Secret-Wible, Newsletter Staff*) is a former educator and her passions – besides all things grandchild-related – include researching and writing. She embraces the Minimalist movement, but is 37 boxes and two file cabinets away from becoming one.



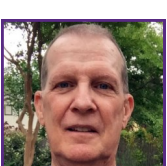
Suzanne Folsche (*Newsletter Staff*) arrived in Fort Worth following 15 moves! TCC, UTA and TCU prepared her to work for 21+ years at GD / Lockheed Martin in the software community. Now, she loves to spend time with family, travel, read and enjoy the wonderful live theater available in Fort Worth.



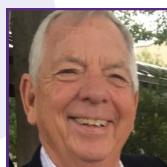
Sharon Harrelson (*Instructor Spotlight, Editor*) is a Fort Worth native who has been editing various publications for work and fun since middle school. A Silver Frog since Spring 2016, she also enjoys cooking/baking, gardening, photography and the adventures of her twin teenaged sons.



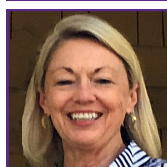
Polly Hooper (*On One Tank of Gas, Newsletter Staff*) is a native Texan and is passionate about all types of photography. Her hobbies include macro (close up) photography, travel and reading. She also loves to play games and is in a neighborhood book club. Her grandsons keep her very busy as well.



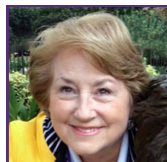
Buddy McIntyre (*Football Weather*) worked for 30 years as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS), where he gained considerable experience studying and warning for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Buddy is a graduate of TCU and has an MS in meteorology from Utah State University.



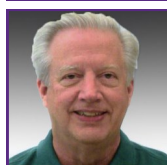
Richard Ranc (*Dow, Newsletter Staff*) came to Silver Frogs following a 10-year affiliation with Senior University in Georgetown. His background also includes time as VP of Investments at Wachovia Securities and contributing financial articles to various publications.



Ann Shelton (*Luncheon Lecture, Newsletter Staff*) is a charter member of Silver Frogs. She retired after many years as an Administrative / Executive Assistant, and now enjoys being a grandmother, playing tennis and volunteering. She serves as chairperson of the Luncheon Lecture Committee.

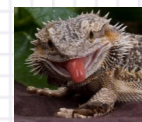


Carolyn Stephens (*Newsletter Staff*) came to Silver Frogs two years ago after a career in journalism, public relations and crisis communications. She loves the concept of lifelong learning and enjoys reading, cooking, gardening and new adventures.



Lew Woodard (*Vote Smart*) has been a Silver Frogs Instructor since 2015, offering courses as diverse as Int'l Humanitarian Law, Understanding Soccer, and Cruise Vacations. In Spring 2017, he finally became a member so he could attend classes, too. Lew retired from the American Red Cross after a career in accounting and auditing.

Mark Your Calendar



- October 12 — Advisory Board Meeting
- October 12 — Luncheon Lecture
- October 15 — Session II Courses/Lectures begin
- November 2 — Silver Streak deadline: "Giving" theme
- November 9 — End of Session II, Adv Board Meeting
- November 12 — Session III Courses/Lectures begin
- November 15 —
 - *Special Event: Tour of Cowboys' STAR Practice Facility, Frisco
- November 16 — Luncheon Lecture
- December 3 & 4 — Spring Member Registration
- December 7 — Silver Streak deadline: "Holiday Traditions" theme
- December 7 —
 - *Special Event: White Christmas, Stolen Shakespeare Guild **SOLD OUT**
- December 13 —
 - *Special Event: End of Semester Celebration
- December 14 — End of Session III

*Special events require a reservation and there may be a fee to attend. You will see an email when registration opens for special events.

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Everyone who shared their school spirit,
that's who! Thank you all!

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