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Weather

Today's weather will be cloudy and cool, with a 50 percent chance of rain and high near 60. Weather elsewhere: Atlanta-clear-86; Boston-clear-46; Chicago-clear-79; Houston-rain-81; Kansas City-clear-82; Los Angeles-clear-73; New Orleans-cloudy-83; New York-clear-57; Philadelphia-clear-53.

TCU DAILY SKIFF, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1981

Columbia glides to Earth in perfect touch-down

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—Space shuttle Columbia brilliantly wound up its first trial by spaceflight Tuesday, sailing through the heat of re-entry to a perfect wheels-down landing on a sunbaked desert runway.

The moment of triumph belonged to astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen, who inaugurated a revolutionary space transportation system with a flight lasting 2 days.

"What a way to come to California," said Crippen.

"Do we have to take it to the hangar, Joe?" asked Young after the ship came to a stop.

"We have to dust it off first," replied Shuttle Control's Joe Allen.

The astronauts came out of a 15-minute communications blackout, the most danger-filled time, with a tension-breaking message for the shuttle team: "Hello Houston, Columbia here."

Down, down, the Columbia went, dipping first to one side, then another. From a hypersonic speed in space it went to hypersonic and then to subsonic.

Two sonic booms exploded over Rogers Dry Lake.

"Looking beautiful," Allen said. And it was.

The ship rolled to a stop on the Rogers Dry Lake runway on the Mojave Desert at 12:22 p.m. CST, right on the runway centerline. It had been aloft exactly 2 days, 6 hours, 20 minutes and 52 seconds.

"Welcome home Columbia," said Allen. "Beautiful. Beautiful."

From President Reagan in Washington, came these words: "Congratulations on a job well done."

From Johnson Space Center director Christopher Kraft, who hopes to send Columbia up for test flight No. 2 in September. "We just got infinitely smarter."

The astronauts had to remain inside for about 45 minutes while the ship's remaining deadly fuels were cleared out and the hatch opened. The first recovery crew came away with a glad report—no problems.

Enormous crowds, estimated at 170,000, came in cars and campers

to watch the completion of the long-heralded and long-delayed trial flight. The desert was bathed in a brilliant mid-morning sun. Chase planes were aloft to escort the shuttle in and to photograph it.

Columbia went aloft Sunday on a white hot tower of flame and performed nearly flawlessly during its shakedown cruise. Crippen quickly dubbed her "a champ."

"We want her back in the hangar," Allen, an astronaut, told the astronauts as they began their 36th—and last—turn around Earth. Over the Indian Ocean, an hour before touchdown, Young and Crippen fired the engine to start the ship on its descent.

All communication between spacecraft and ground stopped for 15 minutes as an ion fence formed around Columbia.

Columbia came into the atmosphere nose up to shift the brunt of the 2,750 degree heat to the tiles on its belly. Free and weightless in space, Columbia now became an 80-ton glider—the biggest ever flown.



The joy of winning for little Robert Smith is expressed in wonderment. Robert, who is mentally retarded, received the ribbon at the Texas Special Olympics earlier this month. See page 3 for photo essay of all the special olympians.

Staff photo by Danny Biggs



Marguerite Potter

Professor emeritus dies

Dr. Marguerite Potter, who for 33 years was a professor of history at TCU, died about noon Tuesday at the age of 74.

She had been battling cancer of the brain for over a year.

Specializing in British studies, Potter received numerous awards during the time she spent as a faculty member at TCU—1944-1977.

In 1968 Potter was one of two women to receive \$5,000 grants from the American Association of University Women. She used that money to research British museum documents dealing with British policy during the Italo-European crisis.

A native of Missouri, she earned her B.S. from Central Missouri State

Teachers College, her M.A. from Columbia University and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

She was a Phi Beta Kappa and was selected as TCU Honors Professor in 1959. Potter was acting chairperson of the history department from 1972 to 1974.

In 1961 Potter directed the TCU college bowl team that won the General Electric College Bowl three consecutive times to become the top team west of the Mississippi.

Potter is listed in Who's Who of American Women, Director of American Scholars, Who's Who in American Education and Dictionary of International Biography.

Funeral services were pending late Tuesday.

Around the world

Compiled from The Associated Press

London blacks continue protests. Black gangs in London's Brixton slum district went on a rampage for the fourth straight night Monday, smashing windows and setting fires. But the rioters stayed away from the police, and no new injuries or arrests were reported.

Large numbers of blacks attacked several stores and a post office building, adding to destruction Saturday and Sunday nights estimated at more than \$2 million.

Police with riot shields moved into the area, but no clashes between police and rioters were reported.

Court upholds ruling on reporters' sources. Except in "all but the most exceptional" instances, reporters do not have to reveal their sources in civil cases, according to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The court made the comment in upholding a lower court's refusal to make a reporter for the *Detroit News* reveal his sources in a case for damages against the FBI, the Justice Department and the attorney general.

The U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled on reporters' rights to withhold sources in civil cases, though it has said there is no such constitutional right in criminal cases.

Writing for the three-judge panel, Judge J. Skelley Wright said a reporter may be ordered to disclose his sources only if the identity is "crucial" to the case and "every reasonable alternative source of information" has been tried to no avail.

Reagan keeping abreast of government activity. President Reagan, still on penicillin to ward off infection from his bullet wound, is keeping abreast of "everything that's going on" while he recuperates in the White House living quarters, a spokesman said.

Aides are sending the president "a lot of material" to read and sign in his living quarters, where he is expected to spend most of the week while he regains his strength, deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said Monday.

Reagan's personal physician, Dr. Daniel Ruge, said through Speakes that Reagan was "doing extremely well."

Another chest X-ray showed Reagan's damaged lung continuing to clear of debris from the wound, Speakes said.

Imprisoned guerrillas may run for office. More imprisoned guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army may run for local offices in Northern Ireland following the election of hunger-striking convict Bobby Sands to the British Parliament. Political leaders let the voters' decision stand.

Sources close to the outlawed IRA said its leaders believe nominating convicted guerrillas for the local elections next month would escalate their campaign to force the British government to treat convicted guerrillas as political prisoners rather than criminals.

Lebanese ministers trapped by mortar, gunfire. Mortar and artillery fire rained down on the Lebanese Parliament building Tuesday, trapping a number of government ministers and legislators inside, a Syrian communique said. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The bombardment of Villa Mansour, near the mid-city Green Line that divides the Christian and Moslem sectors of Beirut, came from Lebanese Christian militiamen, the Syrian statement said. It said Syrian soldiers did not return the fire "out of consideration for the safety of cabinet ministers and members of parliament."

Atlanta mayor reprimands FBI

ATLANTA (AP)—Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson urged FBI Director William Webster Tuesday to stop making "casual press statements" about the Atlanta child killings, and police officials said they are not close to solving the cases.

Webster was quoted in *The Atlanta Constitution* as saying authorities investigating the deaths of 23 black youths have a suspect in 12 to 16 cases and have "substantially solved" three or four other, unrelated cases.

Public Safety Commissioner Lee Brown, however, told a news conference Tuesday that police are not close to arrests in any of the cases.

"Have we solved the cases? The answer is no. We know more about some than others, but we do not have sufficient evidence to indict," Brown said.

In a letter released by his press secretary, Jackson told Webster: "I do not wish to be indelicate, but I respectfully urge that you consider the impact of your casual press statements on our local situation

here. Your statements undermine the public's confidence in our investigation and create a great deal of misdirected media speculation and invective."

Jackson said Webster's statements about the Atlanta cases "are starting to hurt. We need Washington's help, not more problems."

In an interview published today, the *Constitution* quoted Webster as saying the latest suspect was identified after the case against an earlier suspect "bogged down."

Webster said the FBI was virtually certain last month it had found the person responsible for the slayings of 12 to 16 young blacks in the past 21 months, but the case against the suspect was weakened in some critical fashion. He would not elaborate.

"I was sure we had the guy," Webster said. "We've had some heartbreaking leads, only to get bogged down again. But they looked so good, I was certain they would take us to him."

The three or four cases that have been "substantially solved" are not related to each other or to the 12 to 16 slayings, Webster said.

FBI spokesman Robert Young said Monday night that Webster's comments should not be interpreted as meaning authorities are ready to press charges in any of the three or four cases.

Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton said his office has not seen sufficient evidence to warrant seeking indictments in any of the slayings.

Webster said the FBI, which has assigned 30 special agents to investigate the Atlanta killings, has uncovered no evidence that racial prejudice motivated the slayings.

"There's nothing of the kind," Webster said. "It could just as well be a preference for blacks as a prejudice against them."

In addition to the 23 slayings, a special police task force is investigating the disappearances of two other young blacks.

One young black, 15-year-old Dexter Lee Jackson, was found by police Monday after he had been missing since April 1.

Police spokesman Roger Harris said Jackson, whose case was not turned over to the task force, was spotted emerging from a car in front of his grandmother's house in southeast Atlanta and was taken to the Fulton County juvenile detention center for questioning.

In another development Monday, police investigating the death of 20-year-old Larry Rogers—the 23rd victim and one of two adults whose slayings are being investigated—began combing a computer printout of licenses listing 600 cars resembling the one in which Rogers was last seen. Rogers, whose decomposing body was found Thursday in an abandoned apartment building, was last reported seen in a green station wagon with a license plate that included an R and a 5.

Image voted best college magazine

Image magazine has been named the best university magazine in the two-state region of Texas and Oklahoma by Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists. The *TCU Daily Skiff* placed second in the category of best university newspaper in the competition, behind the University of Texas.

Last month, the *Skiff* was named the best university paper in Texas by The Associated Press Managing Editor's Association.

Keith Petersen and Ann Gilliland received a third place award from the society for their four-part series on the hotly contested race between Democrat Jim Wright and Republican Jim Bradshaw for the 12th District congressional seat.

In the Southwest Journalism Congress contest, which awards excellent work in the student publications of 19 colleges and universities in a four-state region, Petersen, a *Skiff* co-editor, placed first in the category of best sports column. Chris Kelley, the other *Skiff* co-editor, placed second in feature headline writing.

The Congress awarded *Image* third place in the category of best student magazine. Other Congress winners included photographer Bill Behr, who received first place in the category of best magazine cover photo; photographer Jim Ryffel, who received a first place award for best black and white magazine photo; former *Image* editor Becky Beatty, who placed second in the category of

best magazine article; photographer Danny Biggs and writer Amy Plunkett, who received third in the category of best photo essay.

At a banquet held April 8, several journalism students were recognized for excellent work, and three students were inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha, the journalism honor society.

Keith Petersen was named senior scholar; Kevin Owens and Diane Crane received the annual TCU-Scripps-Howard award for excellent work on the *Skiff*; Becky Beatty received the Sigma Delta Chi Award; Stella Winsett received the Lynn Haag Memorial Scholarship; Nancy Lankford received the Advertising Club Award; Peggy Marshall received the Women in Communications Award; Nancy Kuska

received the Pieringer Award; and Ann Gilliland, Beth Haase, Peggy Marshall and Keith Petersen received the Paul Biddings Scholarship for a 4.0 grade point average in journalism courses.

Gilliland, Marshall and *Image* editor Susan Walker were inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha at the dinner.

Kelley was recognized for having been named one of ten Pulliam Journalism Fellows in the nation. The fellowship, named after newspaper publisher Eugene Pulliam, is an intensive nine-week news-editorial seminar this summer at the *Indianapolis News*, and will include guest lecturers such as *New York Times* columnist James Reston. Kelley will also receive a \$2,000 stipend.

OPINION

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NASA just a taxi for big business, big guns?

Like fourth grade, we again huddle about the television. We *oh* and *ah* as a spaceship falls to earth. We revel at its beauty and admire its "science." And all is forgotten.

After six years and \$10 billion, the space shuttle project finally left the ground.

It seems that NASA, the government agency in charge of such things, didn't have enough clout to get the shuttle out of its hangar; a far cry from moon-mission days when NASA was the toast of the Capitol.

Up until 17 months ago, the shuttle was far behind schedule, butting against budget ceilings and taxing the patience of its congressional sponsors. Then, with an ear to the wind and a foot in the Oval Office, the Pentagon entered the shuttle program.

Soon, more sponsors pounced on the bandwagon; names like AT&T, Western Union and Lockheed. The military was in. Big business was in. And NASA—whose Apollo past proved that science, though valuable, doesn't come cheap—was out.

The first shuttle was a success; 36 earth orbits in 54 hours, 30 minutes. The ship landed softly in a dry lake bed and, in two weeks, may be launched again. Of the five shuttles already built, each may be used—and reused—for at least 100 flights.

In 1980, NASA launched seven satellites: two for the Navy; two for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); two for private industry, such as RCA and the Hughes Corp.; and but one satellite for itself.

This year, NASA will launch 16 satellites: four for the Pentagon, two for NOAA, two for NASA and eight for private business.

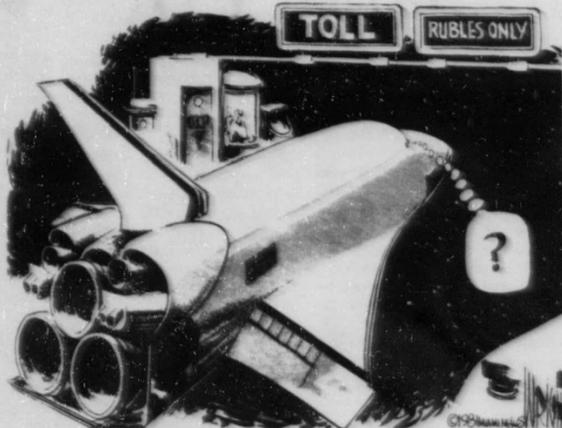
In all, 43 shuttle missions have been booked. Of these, 16 will be for NASA or NOAA, 14 exclusively for the Defense Department and 11 will carry payloads for U.S. corporations.

For its share, the Pentagon plans to develop laser beams and particle guns, equipment to do battle with Soviet "killer" satellites—all for the call of liberty, freedom, victory.

Private business hopes to manufacture "ultrapure pharmaceuticals" in the vacuum of space. Lockheed has even begun the campaign for an exclusive solar satellite. RCA and AT&T race for communications satellites. And NASA, and science must fall in behind the guns and the drugs.

Has the shuttle made space but another battleground, another marketplace, another polluted frontier?

No one cares. We just sit back and watch as spaceships kiss the earth—a pretty landing, what a graceful flight . . .



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Student pressure a mighty force

By TERRY COLGREN

Chancellor Bill Tucker and the TCU board of trustees should be commended for carrying the university into the 20th century—finally.

A recent change in university policy is a good indication of student potential to influence administrative decisions.

The policy concerns alcohol on campus. The change allows students of legal age to drink in their rooms, but not in halls or on the TCU grounds.

The alcohol issue serves as a timely reminder of the authority of the House of Student Representatives and the student and faculty bodies in shaping university policy.

Chancellor Bill Tucker and the

TCU board of trustees should be commended for carrying the university into the 20th century—finally. Perhaps their move on alcohol signals the start of action on needed campus reforms.

Unfortunately, their efforts are anticlimactic. After announcing the shift in policy, the board proclaimed

that the move was not a change at all. Rather, they claimed, they were just recognizing a right that already existed.

In effect, the board has claimed to extend a student's campus life within the privacy of his or her dorm room—handing down what TCU students may do behind closed doors.

Tucker and the board then felt compelled to formulate and administer a "dangers of drinking alcohol" committee, a unit whose purpose would be to educate TCU students to the evils of alcohol and its effects on the human body.

Nevertheless, the move is significant. It opens the university to future policy reforms. The cases for extended visitation and a ban on room searches may rest on the alcohol precedent.

The shift in alcohol shows just how effective student pressure may be. The TCU student body has come a long way. Yet it has so much farther to go.

Congress howls of violence, guns—again

By WALTER R. MEARS

WASHINGTON—The attempted assassination of President Reagan has produced a catalogue of congressional proposals for new laws to deal with violent crime in America.

They range from familiar legislation like handgun control to new measures like televising punishment imposed on criminals.

It's a good bet none of them will pass. That's the usual outcome. In response to the shooting that wounded Reagan and three others on March 30, Congress praised the press secretary and the bodyguards who were hit.

Even the advocates of gun control acknowledge that the odds remain heavily against them, despite the assassination attempt. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., introducing the Handgun Crime Control Act of 1981, said it would take intense public pressure to overcome the organized opposition and give the bill a chance.

One provision would ban the kind of cheap handgun that was used in the Reagan shooting.

Opponents say that episodes such as the Reagan shooting do not change that. Their argument has prevailed before—when Gerald Ford was threatened twice by women with guns, when the campaigning George C. Wallace was crippled by a gunman, when Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy were assassinated.

There's no evidence to indicate that the outcome of the gun-control

debate will be different this time. But there is an ample supply of alternative proposals. Among them:

● Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., has introduced bills to reinstate the death penalty in the District of Columbia, and to make it a federal crime to kill, kidnap or assault a Cabinet officer.

● Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., would make it a federal offense to assault any law enforcement officer or firefighter on duty.

● Rep. James L. Nelligan, R-Pa., has proposed a bill to permit capital punishment for an attempt on the life of a president.

● Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., is sponsoring the National War on Violent Crime Act, to include law enforcement training and aid, create a new federal agency to oversee the effort and allow television and radio stations to broadcast the identities of wanted criminals.

● Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio, said Congress should set up a National Commission on Violent Crime. The Justice Department already has a task force on violent crime, created shortly after the new administration took office.

Such are samples; there are many more. But the basic argument remains between the advocates and opponents of controlling handguns by federal law. It is the debate that will continue when the rhetoric subsides.

Mears is a special correspondent for The Associated Press.

At NBC, pretty boy vs. old pro

By PETER J. BOYER

Ladies and gentlemen, from center ring at NBC headquarters, the heavyweight insult championship of 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

In this corner, weighing much less in his news chief's mind than he'd like, wearing black trunks and a sheepish grin, the Pride of Milwaukee and transsexual midgets . . . Battlin' Tom Snyder.

And in this corner, a guy who never heard of his opponent until this match was arranged, wearing white trunks, freckles and a sardonic grin. Devastatin' David Brinkley.

Note: The exchanges in the following insult match were lifted from a recent Snyder interview printed in *Playboy* magazine and Brinkley jabs from an interview

printed in *Newsday* and the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. Snyder's offhand comments in *Playboy* started the verbal brawl, although he told *The Associated Press* just last week that his comments were misrepresented to Brinkley—who replaced Snyder on an ill-fated NBC news magazine show—and that Brinkley "got baited." But let's get to the match.

Snyder: "All that stuff about 'They now have a real journalist with the news magazine show,' well, that show employs the same staff of producers and backup people that we employed. . . ."

Brinkley: "Tom Snyder's just a silly ass and I don't care what he says about me. But he should care what I say about him, and I say he's a silly ass."

Snyder: "In a court of law, you're allowed to face your accusers. But when you work on the NBC television

network, insiders are quoted at length . . . and I don't even know who these people are."

Brinkley: "Snyder is very good with doing interviews with show-biz celebrities, with asking questions about who is sleeping with who, and so on. I guess there's a place for that kind of thing. But he should never be let near a news program."

Knockout! After Brinkley's interview appeared, Snyder wrote to Brinkley. "I told him he's entitled to his opinion," Snyder said. "But I never referred to him as being 'old.' I think he just got baited. I have the highest opinion of him and great respect for his ability."

Rats! Does this mean no rematch? Boyer is a television writer for The Associated Press.

The happy faces at the Texas Special Olympics



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Photos by Danny Biggs

Campus Digest

Easter holiday hours set

The Rickel Building and the library will have special hours over Easter weekend. Rickel will close at 6 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday it will be open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Rickel is closed all day Easter Sunday. Special pool hours are Friday, 3-6 p.m. and Saturday 1-3:45 p.m.

The hours for the library on Friday and Saturday are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed all day Easter Sunday. Both buildings will resume regular schedule on Monday, April 20.

Society chooses members

Seventeen TCU students have been selected as "members in course" of Phi Beta Kappa, a liberal arts honor society.

Selection of the students was announced during Honors Week activities on the TCU campus.

Among those selected were four junior- and 13 senior-level students. Announcement was made during activities observing the 19th annual Honors Day on campus.

Fort Worth residents named to Phi Beta Kappa are Ruie Loretta Carroll,

Lisa Joann Fitzgerald and Todd Vogel, all seniors.

Others include Karen Marie Larsen of Wichita Falls; John Christopher Creed of Longmeadow, Ma.; Anne Margaret Dougherty, Pottsville, Pa.; Charles David Morgan, Norfolk, Ark.; Cheryl Neely, El Paso; Nancy Lee Novell, Vernon, N.Y.; and Susan Diane Price, Saint Jo.

Also selected for the honor are Gary Doyle Roberts of San Angelo; Lynn Stephanie Sessler, Rockford, Ill.; Mary Katherine Warren, Midland; Sandra Lee Wenner, Green Bay, Wis.; Marie Jeanine Kennedy, New Orleans; Carol Ann Conine, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Steven Strucely, Garland.

Compositions premiered

Three new compositions will be premiered by the TCU Symphonic Band at its spring concert April 22.

The concert begins at 8:15 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Admission is free.

TCU professor emeritus Ralph Guenther will be guest conductor for his new major work, "Configurations."

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Walker leads track team

By ED KAMEN
Sports Editor

The TCU track team finished fourth in the Arlington Relays, Saturday, which included some strong efforts from the TCU squad.

TCU junior David Walker made up an 18-yard gap and ran a 46.28 anchor leg to give TCU a come-from-behind victory in the 1600-meter relay. TCU, which posts a 308.28 time in that event, is seventh in the conference, yet their time is fast enough to have won the first 54 Southwest Conference championships and five of the last 12.

Walker also turned in his fastest time in the 100-meters with a 10.42 time for third place in the conference and was second in the 200-meter run with a 20.76. His time of 20.39 in the 200 is tops in the SWC and Walker has qualified for the nationals in both of those events.

Phillip Epps, who has been out of action with football obligations, injuries and last week missed the Arlington Relays due to a death in the family, is second in the conference with a 20.55 in the 200. He is expected to run this weekend in Dallas for a quadrangular meet with host SMU, Louisiana State and Abilene Christian. Field events begin at noon with running events beginning at 1 p.m. The mile relay concludes the meet at 3:15.

In the high jump, Stanley

Washington had his season best with a leap of 7-0, placing him fourth in the conference behind Garland Coalson of Baylor (7-2 1/4), Desmond Morris of Texas (7-2 1/4) and Richard Tolbert of Texas (7-0 1/4).

TCU's Jim Jeffery had a 1:49.17 for second place in the 800-meter run on Saturday, placing him fourth in the SWC. Sammy Koskei of SMU leads the conference with a time of 1:47.02, followed by defending SWC champ James Mays of Texas Tech at 1:48 flat.

With the conference championships still five weeks away (May 15-16 at SMU), the SWC could have as many as ten 800-meter men with times under 1:50.

SMU made the biggest gain in seasonal bests over the weekend, sweeping the first four discus spots at the Arlington Relays and adding to their impressive 800-meter line-up.

Andres Hoff, a Mustang freshman from Trandum, Norway, took the conference lead in the discus with a throw of 191-1. Teammate Michael Carter is now second at 189-2 1/2, with Scott Lofquist of Arkansas and Rick Meyer of Houston third and fourth, respectively.

Horned Frog javelin thrower Fred Streck bettered his career best by 20 feet with a throw of 240-10 to remain on top of the conference in that event. Five of the top seven javelin throwers set season highs this weekend, in-

cluding Houston's Mike Collins, who came within a foot and a half of his all-time best with a toss of 238-2, placing him third in the conference.

Houston's Carl Lewis could become the first three-event individual winner in a SWC meet since 1948 when Texas' Jerry Thompson claimed the 880, one-mile and two-mile runs in a meet in which only five of the seven member schools scored. Lewis, with the NCAA indoor and outdoor long jump championships to his credit, heads the conference in the 100-meter dash with a 10.1 time and last year won the 200-meter run with a time of 20.68.

SMU won the Arlington Relays with a winning team score of 80 points, followed by North Texas State with 63, UTA with 60 1/2, TCU with 57 1/2 and West Texas State with 22.

TCU track coach Mel Thomas is pleased with his team's performance thus far, despite nagging injuries to key performers.

David Walker strained his back, but managed to perform well with the injury. Festus Ogunfeyimi has also been running hurt.

"His leg is bothering him," Thomas said, "but he tries to give it all he has and you can ask for more than that."

Although TCU's chances of a high finish in the conference aren't too promising, the individual performances of the TCU athletes may be surprising in the nationals.

SPORTS



UP AND OVER—TCU's Dave Dunn makes his first meet pole vault attempt in two years during the Arlington Relays meet, Saturday. Dunn has been out

with injuries the last two seasons is hoping to add strength to TCU's pole vaulting squad.

Skiff photo by Lyle McBride

Ty Cobb's batting record still safe

By The Associated Press

The news was greeted quietly in baseball's Valhalla where things are usually quiet, anyway. All of the game's greats gather there, and every now and then they meet to ponder the progress of their sport. Ty Cobb was the only one excited by the latest development, and that's understandable. Excitement is, necessarily, kept to a minimum there.

Off in the owners' corner, Connie Mack was still trying to figure out the free agent system that allows players in the prime of their careers to walk away from their teams. Whatever happened, he wondered, to the reserve clause.

In the players' section, Babe Ruth was reading about this young whippersnapper named Hank Aaron who had the colossal nerve to hit 755 career home runs, rewriting a rather important line in the record book. Ruth was still trying to get used to Roger Maris' 61 homers in a single season.

Across the way, Cobb was celebrating—alone. He was not the most popular player of his time with

his peers and has done little to mend fences in the afterworld.

In fact, he had been in something of a slump lately. A few years ago, this fellow named Lou Brock rewrote the base stealing record book, and last season a kid named Ricky Henderson swiped 100 bases, erasing Cobb's name from the American League book as well.

But the Georgia Peach made a nice recovery over the weekend, fighting off a surprise challenge and retaining, courtesy of the Official Baseball Records Committee, his 1910 batting championship.

That was no easy task after *The Sporting News*, baseball's bible, charged that an error in computation had credited Cobb with two more hits than he actually had in 1910 and resulted in giving him a batting championship that actually belonged to Napoleon Lajoie.

We'd need a recount 70 years after the fact to straighten out this tangle, but if we're going to have one, let's start with Red Corriden, who in 1910 was a rookie infielder with the St. Louis Browns. Corriden was assigned

to third base for the final game of the season against Cleveland and was instructed by manager Jack O'Connor to play deep against Lajoie, a menacing pull hitter, who was hot on Cobb's trail in the batting race.

O'Connor said play deep, so Corriden played deep—so deep, in fact, that Lajoie beat out seven bunts in the doubleheader.

Those eight hits in the final day of the year helped Lajoie finish with a .384 average. There was some question about the defensive strategy, and there are indications that O'Connor was one of the legion of Cobb-haters in the game at the time.

The record books tell us that Cobb batted .385 that season, although there is some question about how the statisticians arrived at that figure, since there appeared to be an extra two hits credited to his record in error.

Well, two phantom hits is bad, but seven bunt hits in one day with the opposing third baseman anchored in short left field seems worse.

Rest easy, Ty.

TCU basketball recruits fill gaps

Basketball season is over, but TCU head coach Jim Killingsworth is working just as hard now as he was when the Frogs were battling the likes of Houston and Arkansas.

Last week, "Killer" and company signed three players to fill in the gap created by the departure of seniors Larry Frevert, Deckery Johnson and Warren Bridges.

TCU's biggest recruit is a forward from Fort Worth's Dunbar High School, Willie Ashley. Ashley (6-5, 215) was one of the most sought-after high school talents in Texas, picked by the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* as the number three high school talent in Texas.

Named all-District "Player of the Year," selected to the All-Regional team at Midland in the prep playoffs

and a first team all-state pick, Ashley averaged 16 points and 14 points per contest for Dunbar. Ashley becomes the third player in three years to come from Dunbar to TCU. Browder and center-forward Gilbert Collier also came from Dunbar.

"We really wanted Willie," Killingsworth said. "I saw him when he was a sophomore and I'm very pleased we got him. I'm pleased with all our recruits."

Replacement number two, at center, is Brian Christensen.

Christensen (6-10, 230), a transfer from Southwestern Junior College in Oklahoma City, will be replacing four-year starter Frevert as the TCU center. Last season, Christensen averaged 22 points and 14 rebounds

per game.

The third replacement, at guard is Joe Stephen.

Stephen (6-4, 185), also a transfer, is from Bellflower, Calif., and went to Cerritos (Calif.) Junior College. His coach, Bob Forrester, was an assistant under Killingsworth at Cerritos when Killingsworth was head coach there. Stephen averaged 14 points per game last season and will be a backcourt mate for Darrell Browder, with Cuneey Luke, Scott Blackwell, Eric Summers and Kenny Hart.

"I'd like to get a few more players, but so far we've done as well as anybody. I think Texas Tech has the most recruits and they only have four," Killingsworth said.

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