



Fallout
There's no safe place to hide from radiation. See Page 2.



Big splash
The TCU men's swim team won both of its meets this weekend. See Page 4.

Inflation last year the lowest since 1972

WASHINGTON (AP)—Consumer prices, restrained by across-the-board moderation, rose a modest 3.8 percent last year to give the economy its best performance since 1972, the government said Tuesday.

Just three years ago, prices had soared 12.4 percent. They rose 8.9 percent in 1981 and 3.9 percent in 1982.

Detailing the good news for last year, the Labor Department said energy prices fell 0.5 percent while food prices rose only 2.7 percent, their slowest gain since 1976, and medical care costs gained just 6.4 percent, their smallest rise in 11 years.

Last month, prices overall rose 0.3 percent, the same as in November. Some analysts hailed the economy's performance even before Tuesday's report was released and said they expected prices to behave just as well this year.

One, consultant Michael Evans, said, "It's great if we can keep it up. I think we can do as well in 1984."

Another, Ted Gibson of Crocker National Bank in San Francisco, said, "We've seen no noticeable pickup in inflation."

As for energy prices, the department said home heating oil costs were off a sharp 10.9 percent last year, their steepest plunge since

1945. In 1982, those prices had fallen just 0.7 percent. Gasoline prices fell 1.6 percent to put them 9.1 percent below their peak of March 1981. Prices had tumbled 6.6 percent in 1982.

Natural gas prices rose 5.2 percent, virtually one-fifth their 25.4 percent gain of the previous year. Looking at food prices, department analysts said beef and veal costs fell 1.6 percent last year. Pork prices plunged 11 percent, their sharpest decline since 1976. Egg prices, however, soared 35.7 percent and poultry prices rose 10.2 percent. Prices for fruits and vegetables were up 5.4 percent.

Overall, the consumer price rise last year was the best full-year figure since the 3.4 percent recorded in 1971 and 1972, when wage and price controls were in effect.

Tuesday's report was the second offering good news on the economy in the last two weeks. On Jan. 13, the department announced that wholesale prices rose only 0.6 percent last year, the slowest gain since 1964.

Price changes that show up in the wholesale price measure are a good barometer of how food, energy and other prices will move at the retail level. The retail price index, though, monitors prices for a broader range

of goods and services, including medical care and housing. Analysts attribute the bright picture of last year to the lingering effects of the 1981-82 recession, which has helped hold down increases in labor costs and led to improved worker productivity.

A strengthened dollar, which makes foreign goods less expensive than American products, also helped prevent a surge in prices, they said.

As for other components of the consumer price index, the department reported:

- Overall transportation costs rose 3.9 percent last year. In December alone, they were up 0.3 percent.

Prices for used cars skyrocketed 14.4 percent last year and were up 0.6 percent in December. New car prices jumped 3.4 percent in 1983 and edged up 0.1 percent last month.

- Clothing prices rose 2.9 percent for the year but fell 0.1 percent in December.
- Housing costs rose 3.5 percent last year and 0.2 percent in December.
- Homeowners' costs were up 4.5 percent while renters' expenses were up 5.1 percent for the year.
- Entertainment expenses gained 3.9 percent for 1983 but only 0.1 percent in December.



THUMBS UP: Democratic presidential candidate John Glenn predicts a victorious election campaign. Glenn visited Fort Worth Tuesday and spoke about his budget proposals.

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Glenn backs education spending

By Mia Grigsby
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Democratic presidential candidate John Glenn denied Tuesday that he had any plans to bring down federal deficits by cutting the defense budget by \$200 billion.

The Ohio senator, speaking at a press conference following a speech he made at Fort Worth's Meacham Field, referred to a statement Vice President George Bush made attacking Glenn for

proposing defense budget cuts. "Never in my wildest dreams did I make a nonsensical statement like that," said Glenn. "George Bush is either irresponsible or woefully uninformed."

Glenn added that he would support cuts in the MX missile program and that he opposed the rapid deployment force program. "It's not rapid, it's not deployment and it's not a force," said Glenn.

Glenn said that he would support an additional tax on personal and corporate incomes to relieve the federal deficit. Glenn also said he would raise teacher pay and would restore aid for college students.

"I know it's strong medicine to ask for a tax increase in an election year," said Glenn, "but we must have the best education system in the world." Glenn said in his speech that the U.S. educational system ranks tenth

among the leading industrial nations. "We have to emphasize academic excellence as well as athletic excellence," he said.

"Our students need to spend more time in school than they do now," said Glenn. The senator also said that he would support additional funds for scientific research, attacking the Reagan administration for making cutbacks in the area of basic research.

Placement Center helps make plans reality

By Kim Tomashpol
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Roughly 70 percent of TCU students find employment prior to graduation and 80 percent within three months after graduation, said Ron Randall, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center. The CPPC was started in 1956 and assists students to find jobs.

"We want to help students understand themselves in terms of skills

and strengths and to teach students how to make their plans a reality," said Randall.

Regardless of a student's classification, he can contact the CPPC office for counseling in a career decision, but to register for the CPPC, a student must be a senior. The student fills out a data sheet and must get three references from past to present employers and faculty.

Various employers contact the CPPC and ask for files on students who would be possible candidates for a job. The CPPC will then, with the students' permission, send out their files to various businesses and notify students if they are hired or not.

Employers also come to TCU to recruit. Two thousand interviews are conducted at the CPPC office each year, Randall said.

"TCU students are seen as valuable employees," said Randall. The CPPC provides many services for students. These include workshops, counseling about interviewing techniques, assisting students in job selection and resume critiquing.

The CPPC office is located in Room 220 of the Student Center and is open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At home and around the World

National

Radioactivity discovered in construction sites

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Radioactive reinforcing steel made in Mexico has already reached construction sites in New Mexico and Arizona, and the contaminated material may contain 35 times the radiation first reported, authorities said.

The tainted steel, which American suppliers bought from a Mexican foundry and sold to construction companies, has already been used in several building projects in Arizona, including homes, officials said Monday.

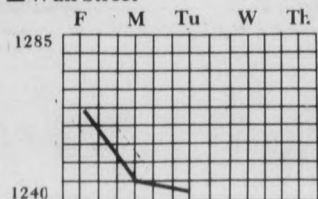
It was found at New Mexico construction sites, but was not yet in place, and it has also turned up at supply companies in Texas and California.

A building supply company in Albuquerque said Monday that it had unknowingly sold 60 tons of the contaminated steel to construction companies and secondary suppliers.

"This has been a real nightmare," said Michael Smith, manager of the Albuquerque-based Smith Pipe and Steel Co. "We don't usually carry around Geiger counters in our business."

The contamination first was discovered last week when a truck carrying steel passed through a radiation detector at Los Alamos National Laboratory and triggered an alarm.

Wall Street



Texas

Hispanic leaders to promote voter registration

MALLEN, Texas (AP)—Hispanic leaders in the Rio Grande Valley have promised to sign up at least 50,000 Mexican-American voters before the presidential election as part of a nationwide voter registration strategy.

Politicians and community organizers from throughout the valley met Monday night to plan for the South Texas voter registration campaign. The meeting, sponsored by the San Antonio-based Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, drew about 60 people representing grassroots groups in Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

Texas has been divided into four regions by the San Antonio group, and similar strategy sessions have already been held in Pearsall, Victoria and Lubbock.

California, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado also have held voter registration meetings.

Nationwide, about 3.4 million Hispanics are registered to vote, with another 3.1 million eligible but not registered, project organizers say. Hispanic organizations hope to register 1 million more Hispanics, including 200,000 in Texas, before next fall's presidential election.

Weather

Today's weather is expected to be partly cloudy with a high near 60 and light winds.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

I certainly am far from thinking anything is over or concluded yet. -Democratic candidate John Glenn

OPINION

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To a quick question, give a slow answer. -Italian proverb

CAMPUS



By Greg Butchart

Civil defense is no answer

When I walked into the Skiff office and volunteered to write a column, I had no idea the actual writing would be so difficult. As I write these very words, a noted campus conservative is having a veritable laughing seizure at the expense of Pat Boone (another conservative). As some of you already know, Pat Boone was literally caught with his pants down by Hustler magazine. I love seeing one conservative laugh at another.

Now that I'm better able to concentrate, I would like to mention something I saw today that is tragic but yet somewhat amusing. I heard one of those early warning tests on the radio and I started to wonder what I would do if we really had a nuclear war. It seemed logical to find a fallout shelter so a friend and I walked to Reed Hall.

We discovered that Reed is not the ideal place to go in case of a nuclear attack. As a matter of fact, we couldn't even find the fallout shelter. We did find a bunch of civil defense junk in the attic. I know if the Soviet Union launched a full-scale attack, the first place I would think of going to is the Reed Hall attic. It would make about as much sense to grab a pair of reflecto sunglasses and head out to Carswell Air Force Base.

Since Reed didn't seem very safe, we decided to go over to Clark Hall. Clark was a fallout shelter, but the hall director had the only key and he was out of town. I assume that if a war broke out he would have to drive back from San Antonio and open up the fallout shelter.

Has anyone ever driven that far in 15 minutes? Even if we actually made it into the shelter, the odds are that we wouldn't want to be there anyway. Apparently it's only as big as a large dormitory room. I'm not sure that I would want to live in an oversized dormitory room with two or 300 other people for any length of time. Come to think of it, I doubt if they would enjoy living with me.

The number of stupid statements about civil defense by high-level government officials is astounding. In the book, "Freeze: How You Can Prevent Nuclear War," Senators Kennedy and Hatfield point out a number of these idiotic quotations.

My favorite quote is by a man named T.K. Jones who just happens to be a deputy undersecretary of defense. Jones believes that the United States can fully recover from nuclear war in two to four years. He also said, "Everybody is going to make it if there's enough shovels to go around and . . . dig a hole, cover it up with a few doors and then throw three feet of dirt on it."

What Jones forgot to mention is that a nuclear bomb is liable to leave a hole in the ground roughly 600 feet deep. If I started digging at a rate of one foot per minute, I would be done in roughly 10 hours. Since a nuclear war only takes about 15 minutes, I could be nuked 40 times before I finished the hole. This is based on the assumption that I quit smoking and was able to work for 10 hours without rest.

The one type of civil defense that President Reagan hasn't thought of is the only one that will work. It's called "Let's get rid of the bombs before it's too late." If Reagan would spend more time seriously talking to the Soviets instead of telling us to dig holes, we would all be better off. There is no way to peace and safety, peace and safety are the way.

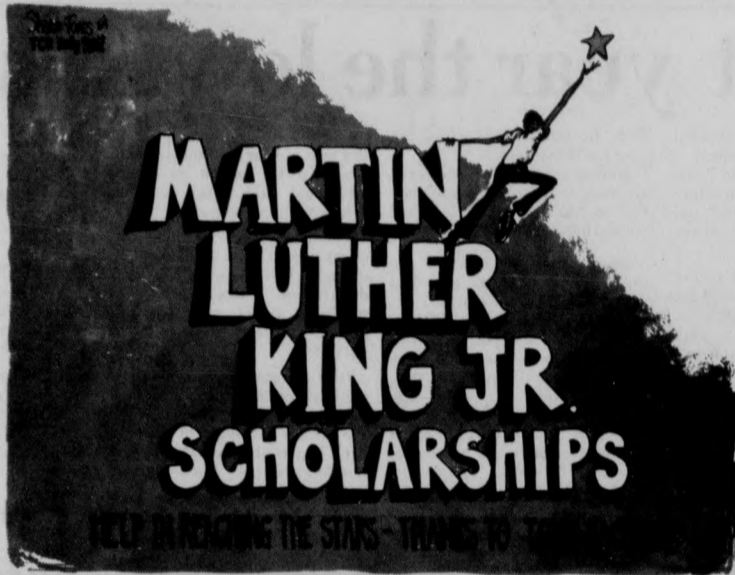
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Letters should not exceed 300 words. They should be typewritten and must include the writer's signature and telephone number. Classification and major should be included for students. Professors and administrators should include their titles. Handwritten letters or editorials will not be accepted.

The Skiff editors reserve the right to edit any submission for reasons of space, style, accuracy or taste requirements.



EDITORIAL

Faculty commended for contributions to dream

The famous words of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "I have a dream," are coming true at TCU.

Recently, the first scholarships named in honor of the famed civil rights leader were presented to three promising TCU students. The scholarships, which were suggested by Don Jackson, chairman of the political science department, were made possible by TCU faculty and staff members.

Indeed, the TCU faculty and staff members who contributed should be commended for initiating the Faculty/Staff Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarships.

King was a drum major for justice—a man who was willing to put his own life in jeopardy so others could enjoy a life with fewer obstacles. He was a man who not only preached the Gospel to church congregations, but he was also a man who took his dream to the

streets and marched hundreds of miles in the name of justice, liberty and freedom.

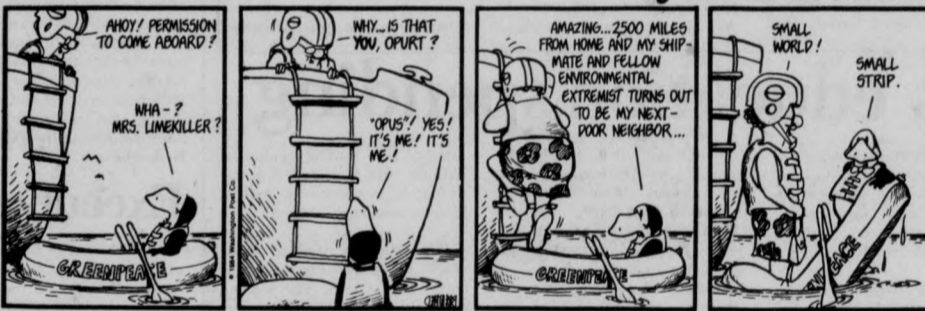
When the faculty and staff members decided to reach into their own pockets to make the scholarships available, they did more than contribute to the ongoing of the learning process. They realized the dynamic impact King made on America, on life itself. Through the generosity of the faculty and staff members at TCU, students selected for the scholarship will have the opportunity to finance their education and, in their own way, contribute to mankind as King did.

If King were alive, he would be quite pleased to know that the scholarship recipients—Annette Blanton, Alecia Davis and Jeffrey Richard—were not judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

King's dream is now shared by millions. And TCU is in that number.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



LETTERS

Wrong vines for the job

Recently, TCU spent millions of alumni and tuition dollars to construct the Moudy Communications Building. The building has a beautiful design, mixing aspects of modernism in its glass and steel atrium, while retaining some of the classical brick design prevalent on campus. This building is a great asset to TCU, but unfortunately the TCU groundskeepers have decided to add their own noxious touch to a perfectly adequate building.

For the past two years, TCU has spent time and money planting vines that grow for a few months in the spring and summer. These vines look hideous in the fall, and when they die in the winter they resemble dead seaweed strewn on a beach after a storm.

Although I'm not a certified horticulturist, my knowledge of plants is enough to know that there are many beautiful vines that continue to grow and remain green throughout the fall and winter months, especially in this Texas climate. Many houses in Fort Worth are enhanced by this natural beauty and proudly display these mysterious vines.

Unfortunately, TCU has been fighting a losing battle for a couple of years. How much more time and money will TCU waste to solve such a simple problem? Let's hope that for TCU's third attempt they will plant vines that will grow year-round and eventually will highlight and beautify the Moudy Building.

-Pete Stellas Senior, Management major

Joseph challenged

For more than a semester, we have read the rantings and ravings of Scott A. Joseph. Rarely have we (or any other free-thinking, literate people over the age of two) agreed with this crusader of Zionist thought, but his most recent attempt at human thought was colored by extreme bias, misleading statements and an occasional out-and-out lie.

Where do we begin attacking this spectacle rhetoric? First...THE LIE. Assad did not "listen so well to Jackson" and do "what Jesse wanted." When Jackson criticized the Reagan administration for not doing anything to get Lt. Goodman out of Syria, President Assad invited him to Damascus to discuss the matter. As far as doing what Jesse wanted, getting Goodman out was kind of what we had in mind, too.

Jackson's 1979 trip to the Mideast was totally misconstrued by Joseph. Hugging Arafat was not irresponsible—it is a customary greeting for political leaders in the Arab world. Jackson was more

responsible than the soon-to-be-late, never-to-be-great Menachem Begin ever was when "dealing" with the Palestinian question. Also, Jackson's comment after leaving Yad Vashem was totally appropriate—a leader who previously did not understand the Jewish "persecution complex" left an extremely somber memorial with a better comprehension of the historical background. This persecution complex is real, despite Joseph's claims. Any person making a comment that is not totally pro-Israel is automatically branded an anti-Semite.

Moving on, Joseph condemns Jackson for supporting the Arab cause to get Arab money. In the beginning, the opposite was true—Arabs donated money because Jackson supported the cause. Every politician does this. With Mondale it's big labor. With Reagan it's big business and conservative PACS. But when Jackson does it...

-Scott Butterworth Freshman, Computer Science -Thomas Rysinski Freshman, Journalism/History

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WIRE

A word by any other

By Lawrence Knutson

WASHINGTON (AP)—"When I use a word," said Humpty Dumpty to Alice in Wonderland, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less."

When the Soviet Union uses a word, a presidential advisory board said this week, it often amounts to much the same thing. And the result is "semantic infiltration: The systematic distortion of the meaning of certain words to confuse or mislead."

The panel, the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, says Soviet propagandists have "corrupted" key words such as "people," "liberation," "peace" and "democratic."

And, in Humpty Dumpty fashion, the commission said, the Soviets have turned these words on their heads to describe movements and goals and systems at odds with their common dictionary definitions.

The seven-member bipartisan commission, formed to monitor U.S. efforts to promote America's image abroad, suggested that a committee be appointed to deal with the matter of distorted words.

The diplomacy commission wants a new U.S. government task force, under the sponsorship of the National Security Council in the White House, "to assess the problem and propose an institutionalized means to respond to inaccurate or misleading terminology in international political discourse."

"If our adversaries insist on following Humpty Dumpty's rule," the commission said in a report this week to President Reagan, "then they must be called to account for their distortions."

It listed further examples, complaining that any movement or government opposing Soviet aims is called "fascist or imperialist."

American diplomats commonly complain for example that the German Democratic Republic, the official name for East Germany, is the title of a country that is "neither democratic nor a republic."

The commission regretted the lack of a "truth in labeling" rule for political speeches by world leaders.

The distortion of words is hardly a new phenomenon. George Orwell honed in on the issue 36 years ago in his novel of current interest, "1984."

Orwell's Oceania, ruled by "Big Brother," was shaped by "Newspeak." The Ministry of Peace concerned itself with war and the Ministry of Truth was festooned with the Newspeak slogans: "War is Peace," "Freedom is Slavery" and "Ignorance is Strength."

Words and their meanings cut both ways as the public diplomacy commission acknowledged in another section of its 43-page report.

In 1978, for example, the official name of the U.S. Information Agency—initials USIA—was changed to the U.S. International Communications Agency—initials USICA. Many people overseas read that CIA for the Central Intelligence Agency.

The new name, the commission said caused "confusion about the nature and purpose of the agency and was never popular."

The official titles and initials were rejuggled this year with the government information office once again called the U.S. Information Agency. It was, said the commission, "a name change that everybody welcomed."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Compiled by the Associated Press

In 1981, the 52 Americans who had been held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived back in the United States.

In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell spoke over a telephone line from New York to San Francisco, inaugurating transcontinental phone service.

In 1949, the first Emmy awards were presented in Los Angeles, with the outstanding TV personality award going to KTLA's Shirley Dinsdale and her puppet, "Judy Splinters."

In 1961, John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be televised live—a 38-minute session at the State Department building.

And in 1971, Charles Manson and three young women were convicted of the murder of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles.

House session gets off to billion-dollar start

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite growing concern over federal deficits, the House is opening its first working session of the year with a multibillion-dollar bill denounced by Republican critics as a budget-busting social program.

The House planned to begin consideration Tuesday of the measure, which would expand the federal program to insulate and weatherize the homes of low-income people to cover an estimated 13 million houses over the next 10 years.

Democratic sponsors say the bill makes economic sense. When all the homes are weatherized, they say, the country will burn the equivalent of 65 million fewer barrels of oil each year, and \$3.3 billion a year will be saved in fuel costs.

Much of that money would come from federal aid to the poor and elderly, they argue. The federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program, which provides direct financial aid to poor families to pay fuel bills, now costs close to \$2 billion a year.

"By making permanent improvements in the energy situation of low-income people through conservation, the federal government

can avoid the even more costly task of subsidizing residential fuel bills on a yearly basis," the Democratic majority on the House Energy and Commerce Committee said in their report on the bill.

But critics say it's too much, too fast in a time of record budget deficits.

"This bill is a budget-buster," charged Republican members of the energy committee in a joint statement.

While the bill starts out relatively small—\$500 million each year for 1984 and 1985—it escalates rapidly. From 1986 on, the bill authorizes Congress to spend "such sums as may be necessary," and the congressional Budget Office estimates the cost would exceed \$3 billion a year by 1988.

Even the congressional Democratic Study Group, in its summary of arguments for and against the bill, pegs the total cost at \$18.9 billion.

The bill comes to the floor at a particularly sensitive time. Members of Congress, just back from a long recess, say budget deficits of \$200 billion a year are a major concern for their constituents.



SCOUTING COLLEGE: Girl Scouts Amy Nall and Kelly Dodson, both age 12, sold over \$100 worth of cookies in Brachman Hall. BOB CORNFORTH / TCU Daily Skiff



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Texas A&M	3-3	.500
Rice	2-4	.333
Texas	1-4	.200
TCU	1-5	.167
Baylor	0-5	.000

By Erika Matulich
Special to the TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's and women's swim teams were victorious last weekend at Monroe, La. After losing to Lamar University, the TCU women overcame Northeast Louisiana 68-44 and Louisiana State University 69-24.

The men were also victorious, with a 70-41 win against NLA and a 72-25 trouncing of LSU. The men's record now stands at 4-2, and the women have a season mark of 3-4.

Coach Richard Sybesma was "extremely pleased" with the outcome. "We won 10 out of a possible 12 events in the men's, and placed first and second in five events," Sybesma said. "We had

many excellent individual swims, and several record times," he said.

Last year's United States Swimming national qualifier Jeff Frey captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle.

Chip Kelsey won both the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyles with season-best times of 1:44.2 and 4:44.8, respectively.

Stan Kroder placed first in the 100-yard freestyle in 47.6 seconds and swam a first-place lifetime best in the 200 individual medley at 1:57.

Other men with season best times include Wayne Kinningham with a first place in the 1,000 yard freestyle, clocking in at 9:49.3.

Mark Spindler's 200 yard butterfly and Mike Kube's 58.9 split on

the breaststroke leg of the 400-yard medley relay combined to give the Frogs another win.

TCU has no male divers, so swimmer Toby Bane dove against the Louisiana teams, capturing a surprise first place win. Sophomore Michelle Post placed first in both the one-meter and three-meter diving event in all three meets.

Sybesma was also impressed with swims from the women's team. Jill Tharp set a school record in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.6.

The distance group, consisting of Cindy Patterson, Becky Brill and Mary Qualls, has placed first and second in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle in all three meets. Her best time was 5:08.5.

Cindy Patterson clocked a 10:34.1 in the 1000. Jody Nelson's times at Lamar were one-tenth of a second off the school record, with a 59.7 in the 100-yard butterfly and a 27.3 in the 50-yard butterfly.

The women's 400-yard medley relay, with Carolyn Unger, Allison Beigler, Jody Nelson and Nancy Stucker, won by five one-hundredths of a second against NLA, with a 4:07.09.

"This was a good time for us at this time of year," Sybesma said. "We are on the right track," he said.

TCU goes against Oklahoma Saturday at the Rickel Center at 4 p.m. Last year against the Sooners, both men's and women's victories were decided in the last event.

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Richards to go to SMU

DALLAS (AP)—David Richards of Highland Park, rated as the nation's top schoolboy lineman, announced Monday he will remain in Dallas and sign a letter-of-intent with Southern Methodist University on the Feb. 8 national signing date.

Richards, a 6-foot-5, 300-pound offensive lineman, chose the Mustangs over Nebraska and Texas A&M.

"I was 80 percent sure two weeks ago that I wanted to go to SMU, an After 1 visited Nebraska (over the

weekend), I decided I wanted to stay here," Richards said. He informed SMU football coach Bobby Collins of his decision Monday afternoon.

Parade Magazine named Richards the No. 1 prep player in the United States. His high school team was the top-ranked team in Texas' largest classification for part of the season before losing in the playoffs, ending its season at 12-1.

Richards decided on SMU despite an NCAA investigation of the program.

AP Top 10

Rank Team Record

1. N. Carolina (1) . . . 14-0
2. DePaul (2) 14-0
3. Kentucky (3) . . . 14-2
4. Georgetown (6) . . 15-2
5. Maryland (7) . . . 13-2
6. UNLV (8) 16-1
7. Houston (4) 16-3
8. Texas-El Paso (5) 15-1
9. Illinois (10) 13-2
10. Louisiana St. (15) 11-3

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