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The TCU women's tennis team is undefeated and preparing for SWC action. See Page 4.



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The Winter Olympics don't have much of a following in America. See Page 2.

## Watson takes narrow margin in election

By Alan Gray  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Riding the crest of a narrow victory margin, Wayne Watson has been elected the new vice president to the House of Student Representatives.

Watson defeated the only other vice presidential candidate, Jeff Messenger, in the Wednesday election by 38 votes, 341-303.

The midsemester election was scheduled when Valerie Tedford stepped down from the vice presidency on Feb. 23.

Watson, a sophomore from Iowa Park, Texas, said he was pleased at the election's outcome. "I was especially pleased at the high voter turnout," said Watson. "Students are becoming more interested in student government," he said of the high turnout.

"There are two reasons why they're more interested," he said. "It's (student government) being run efficiently, and the election was publicized better."

"It was a great turnout," said Messenger, a sophomore from Milwaukee,

Wis. "I guess Wayne just got the better side of it."

Sara Smith, president of the House of Student Representatives, said that she thought one reason for the high voter turnout was due to the candidates. "I think there were two great guys running," she said. "Also, people are beginning to realize 'Hey, these are important elections.'"

Smith also said that she thought the transition would be smoother for Watson, since he had already been active

as vice president for three weeks.

Watson, who had been serving as House University Relations Committee chairman, has served as interim vice president since Tedford's resignation.

Watson said his immediate plans were to "continue on with things we already have going. One thing I want to do is to work to strengthen the administrative cabinet."

"We have got some new committee chairmen, and we want to develop good working relations with them

through better communication," he said.

Messenger, who is the Interfraternity House representative, said he did not know if he would run for office again. "I'm just going to stay in the House and see how things go," he said. Messenger is on both the Finance and Phone Committees.

Smith said she thought Watson had a number of good qualities that he would bring to the office. "He is real level-headed, and he is a good co-worker. I feel we have a number of

talents that complement each other."

"I have a good working relationship with the House in general, and especially with the executive officers," said Watson. "I like to talk, but I really like to get things done. I think that's necessary for a successful vice president."

Watson also said that he was committed to improving the university and student government. "I hope the vice president's office will give me more of an opportunity," he said.

## Amendment may split classrooms

WASHINGTON (AP) -Public school classrooms might have to be divided into "praying" and "non-praying" sections under a proposed modification to a school-prayer constitutional amendment being debated in the Senate.

That's one change vote-hunting sponsors of the amendment are considering as they press their search for a compromise that can pick up enough support to win the two-thirds majority-or 67 votes-needed for passage.

Senate leaders now say a test vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to permit organized prayer in

public schools may not come until next week. Opponents, led by Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., have vowed to delay a final vote on the issue until early June.

Backers of the prayer amendment have already revised the proposal once-spelling out that prayer in school could be either silent or spoken and specifying that the government could neither write the prayer that would be said nor force school districts to have a prayer period.

Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., said the modifications improved chances for the

amendment's passage, after conceding that the original school prayer amendment sponsored by President Reagan lacked enough votes for approval.

But Baker canceled earlier plans to try to schedule a test vote on the revisions on Wednesday and returned with other Senate leaders to the drawing board to see if further modifications could win even more votes for the proposal.

A Senate Republican official, who spoke only on the condition that he not be identified, said an addition now under consideration would spell out

that school authorities who elect to have a spoken prayer period would also have to provide a place for students not wishing to participate-if they so chose.

A separate room, place or part of a room would have to be set aside for students who did not wish to pray at all or who did not wish to pray vocally, under the proposed modification.

Passage of a proposed constitutional amendment requires two-thirds votes of both the House and Senate before it can be sent to the states. Ratification depends on approval of three-fourths, or 38, of the states.



**LAMPOON LEADER:** P.J. O'Rourke, a former *National Lampoon* editor-in-chief, spoke Wednesday night on "Modern Manners."

## TCU alumna remembered

By Quantalane Henry  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

In a recent meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously passed a resolution extending sympathy to the family of Lorraine Sherley, a TCU alumna and former English professor at TCU, who died Feb. 29.

Bob Frye, associate professor of English, presented the resolution that was written by Betsy Colquitt, English professor.

"Rarely does an institution and an individual come together into a harmony that achieves the best creation of each. Such a harmony existed between Texas Christian University and Lorraine Sherley," Frye said. "Sherley epitomized the best in herself, and in her the university discovered an emblem of its own excellence."

Sherley spent more than 50 years at TCU as a student and professor, Frye said.

In other Senate business, Neil Daniel, associate professor of English, presented revisions in the Faculty Grievance Policy.

Later, the Senate broke off into executive session to consider nominations for honorary degrees.

In a later interview, Don Jackson, Senate vice chairman and associate professor of political science, said nomination consideration is closed to the public because "it is very possible for there to be premature selection."

The nomination process for honorary degrees begins when the chancellor meets with the executive committee of the faculty senate, Jackson said. Later, nominations are taken and the names presented to the Faculty Senate. Recommendations are then made to the executive committee of the Board of Trustees. Jackson said that after the executive committee meets, the entire board meets together to make the final selections.

## Best manners may be no manners at all

By Rob Thomas  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

P.J. O'Rourke, author of the book "Modern Manners" and former editor of *National Lampoon* magazine, knows the problem with today's college students-their manners are too good.

"I went to school in the '60s. We carried heavy picket signs, blew up buildings and got gassed. For what? So today you guys can have a girl in the room until 10:30 and wear blue jeans to class," he joked to an audience of about 80 people in the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday night.

O'Rourke emphasized that his generation did not have manners. They had riots and demonstrations and burned their draft cards. Then they were shot at. "That's when we all got our hair cut and bought business suits," he said.

He suggested that college students act up and get radical now, because society frowns on middle-aged people who try the crazy activities that only college students can get away with.

"Get weird! Worry everybody over 30. Don't dress like normal people. Dress like loons. Weird clothes fight racism. It gives cops and rednecks somebody else to beat up," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke discussed etiquette for all situations. He has ideas on suicide etiquette, sexual etiquette,

drug etiquette, party etiquette and table etiquette.

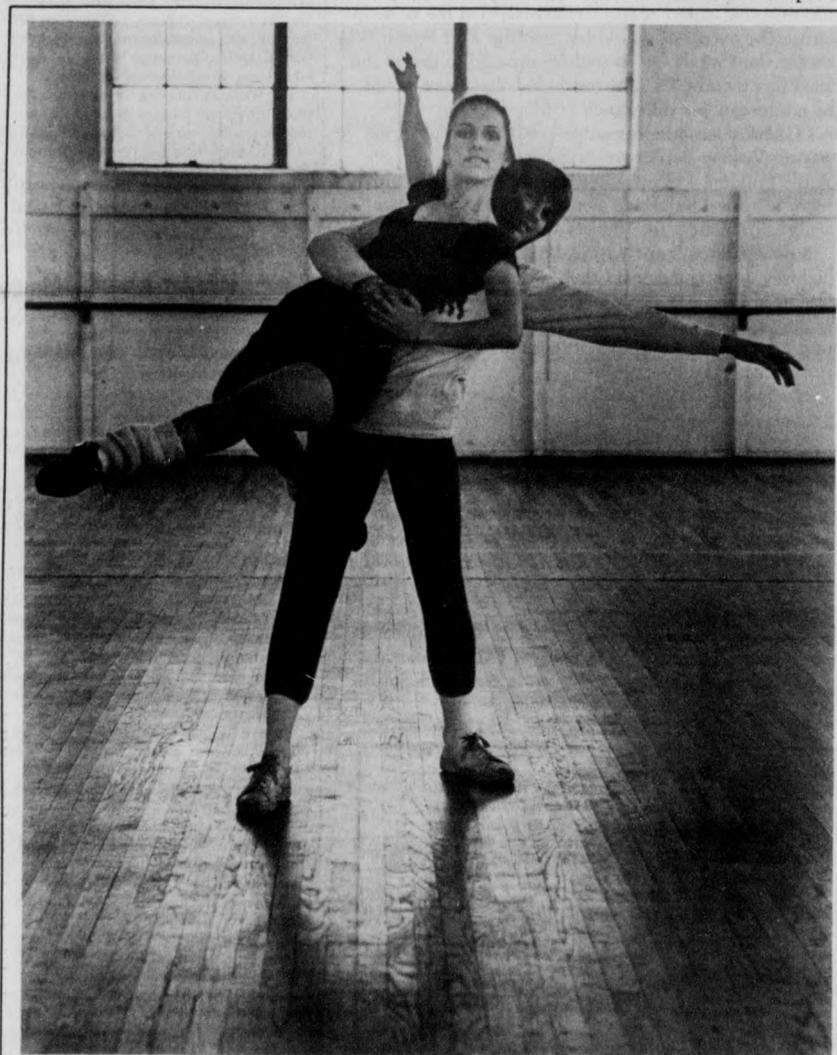
He said that people using marijuana or hallucinogens have no manners. "People on marijuana make you listen to 'Stairway to Heaven' 50 times, and people on hallucinogens accuse you of being a cactus demon or a Cylon from 'Battlestar Galactica.'"

Party etiquette is also important. O'Rourke said that if a party is any fun at all, there are few people who remember it. He said that wine and cheese tasting parties are total "wimp outs," as was the Republican Party. The two most important rules of having a party are to have it at somebody else's house and to invite five times the capacity of the house.

"Strip Russian roulette" and "pin the bill on the restaurant" were the games he suggested for a lively party.

There are times when etiquette should be thrown out the window, he said. "Meals are the best time to be rude and get a lot of attention. Meal time is the best time to kiss somebody with a clam in your mouth and tell them that is what it would be like to be married to a reptile," said O'Rourke.

O'Rourke went to school at Miami of Ohio. "It was actually a pretty square school, but there was a group of us that was acting up."



**"NIGHT HUNTING":** Lisa Lee Schaefer and Michael Hudgens practice for their Ballet Brown Bag performance to be held Monday at noon in the Student Center Ballroom.

## At home and around the World

### ■Texas

#### Surgical team works on unusual patient

DALLAS (AP) -The surgical team was wearing its customary masks and gowns as the 3-month-old patient, named Dixie, sucked her thumb and clutched her flannel blanket.

The operation to repair a double hernia is common, but Wednesday's patient was quite uncommon.

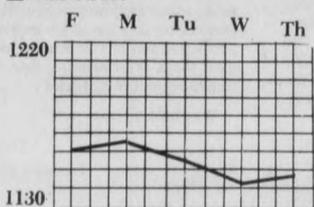
Dixie is a six-pound Bornean orangutan, an endangered species and one of 20 such "great apes" born in zoos in the United States. When officials of the Dallas Zoo detected a double hernia, a condition common in human babies but rare in apes, they requested the best help possible.

A surgical team from Children's Medical Center came to the rescue and performed the surgery, described as low-risk. The team included pediatric surgeon Dr. Ted Votteler, a pediatric anesthesiologist and three nurses.

"She's invaluable," said zoo veterinarian Bonnie Raphael. "There are so few (orangutans) born in captivity. It's only sensible to use a specialist."

Dixie comes from a family of well-known apes, zoo officials said. Her parents, Dennis and Dollie, are among the most prolific captive orangutans in the United States. Her older brother, Dallas, became a Hollywood celebrity when he co-starred with Clint Eastwood in "Every Which Way But Loose."

### ■Wall Street



Dow Jones closed at 1147.08 up 3.45

### ■International

#### Polish students end agricultural school takeover

MIETNO, Poland (AP) -More than 400 teen-age students ended their takeover of an agricultural school under threat of a police assault and gathered Thursday in a nearby church, a local priest said.

The students, who had been angered by the removal of Christian crosses from their school, left the building late Wednesday night when authorities threatened an assault by the feared "Zomo" motorized riot police, said the priest, who declined to be identified.

Some 3,000 students from the Stanislaw Stazik agricultural school and other local schools gathered overnight and in the morning at the Transfiguration Church in the nearby town of Garwolin, a second priest said.

The Stazik students had occupied their school Wednesday morning after a three-month dispute over the crosses, which Communist authorities removed from the walls of the school located 40 miles south of Warsaw.

### ■Weather

Today's weather is expected to be mostly sunny with a high in the mid 60s and winds of 5-10 mph.



**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

We have to have a president who fights for the average American. That takes a president with guts.  
—Walter Mondale

# OPINION

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

In science the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to the man to whom the first idea occurs.  
—Osler

**CAMPUS**



By Kevin Downey and Richard Taylor

**Olympics just not worth it**

It is probably best to lay our cards on the table right from the start. To be honest, we really don't have any idea what this week's column is going to be about. We've given the matter a great deal of thought (well, a little thought, anyway), and we simply don't know what to do. Basically, we're going to make it up as we go along, and hope that something decent comes along.

The 14th Winter Olympic Games are now history—to the incredible relief of ABC, which can now dump these ratings losers and go back to showing its customary "quality programming." ("Dynasty," "Hotel," etc.) The winter version of the Olympics is never very popular in the United States, largely due to the fact that the Winter Games are dominated by the Soviet Union and East Germany.

What can be done to encourage American interest in the Winter Games? A difficult question. There are a number of problems with the Olympics, many of which are difficult to solve. The most pressing problem is the International Olympic Committee, which is unfortunately the governing body of the Olympics. The IOC is noted for handing down bizarre decisions, and this Olympiad was no exception. The IOC ruled—with a straight face—that the National Hockey League is the only professional hockey circuit in the world. Many players get paid to play hockey in European leagues, but this never fazed the Committee.

Many nations pay their athletes for Olympic competition, but the Committee is not greatly concerned about this, either. The IOC makes decisions of this nature every four years. The intent is probably not malicious, but that hardly matters. The best way to solve the problem would be to abolish the IOC, but that is not likely to happen. You can safely expect more stupid decisions at the Summer Games.

For many Americans, ice hockey is the only Olympic sport that matters. (For many Americans, ice hockey is the only Olympic sport they know about.) The United States used to be very successful at this competition, but the Soviets dominate the sport today. One good suggestion: The Americans should only compete in hockey when the Games are being held in America. The Games have been held in this country three times, and we have two golds and a silver medal to show for it. America has never won a gold medal on foreign ice, and our last silver medal came at Sapporo in 1972. Americans get discouraged when their team is losing. If we don't send an ice hockey team abroad, we won't get discouraged.

(WARNING: In the next paragraph, we are going to resort to several cheap laughs. We offer desperation as our only defense.)

Another major problem rests in the nature of several Winter Olympics events. Luge is not a sport—it's the name of a waiter at the Italian Gardens. The biathlon consists of shooting and skiing. This is not something Americans are likely to get a lot of practice doing in everyday life, and it is difficult to see the point. As for bobsledding—it would be a nice idea to give the sled back to Bob.

To be blunt, most Americans don't care about the Winter Games. There would probably be no great street riots if the Winter Olympics were never held again. When all the problems with these Games are considered, it is difficult to see why the U.S. continues to send teams to the competitions. The Olympics—both Summer and Winter—cost a lot of money, and they cause more problems than they are really worth. Life would go on without the Olympics, and one source of international tension would be gone. (On the other hand, ABC could go back to carrying its usual programming during those periods. Maybe there is something to be said for the Olympics, after all!)

Downey and Taylor are sophomore political science majors



**EDITORIAL**

**Freeway plan not ideal, but alternatives few**

Opponents of widening I-30 in the downtown Fort Worth area have spent a fortune in time and money to find a way to prohibit the overhead expansion project. They propose building an underground freeway in the overhead's place, or as an alternative, constructing a new freeway on Vickery Boulevard.

But what Citizen Advocates for Responsible Expansion Inc. (I-CARE) doesn't realize is that there is no viable solution except adding on to the existing structure.

The expanded overhead would stretch 1.4 miles on the south edge of the downtown area, from Summit Avenue to Commerce Street.

I-CARE proponents say the expansion would increase noise pollution and hurt historical buildings. But neither of the organization's alternatives is feasible.

First, it would cost too much additional money to build an underground freeway in place of the overhead. Construction of the underground project would cost \$69 million, as opposed to only \$55.8 million for the overhead expansion, according to Department of Highways engineer, Mark Schloter. Moreover, the underground project would receive no financial aid from the government, whereas about 90 percent of the costs for the overhead expansion would be provided by Federal Aid Interstate funds.

Also, noise pollution—another concern of I-CARE—would not be very much greater if the overhead was expanded. U.S. District Judge David O. Belew Jr. said

recently that expert testimony reveals that the noise increase the overhead would have on the Fort Worth Water Gardens would be so slight compared to that of the fountains themselves. He concluded that there would be no perceptible difference.

I-CARE's second alternative—construction of a freeway on Vickery Boulevard—is not workable either. While building a freeway on Vickery might help preserve historical buildings along the I-30 route, other historical buildings on Vickery would be damaged.

Burton Clifton, supervising design engineer for the highway department, said that there are several historical buildings along the boulevard that could be damaged or even destroyed by construction of a freeway on that street. Also, he said, not that much damage would result from the I-30 expansion.

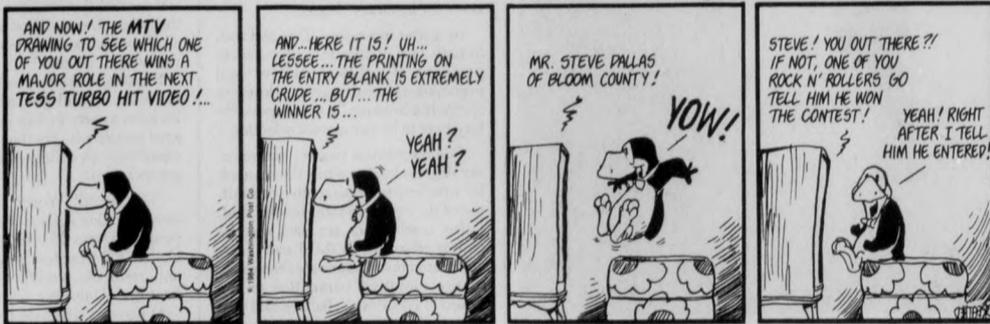
"Did you see the *Star-Telegram*'s drawing of the expansion right up next to the post office? Well, that is a very bad distortion. We're quite a ways away from the post office," he said.

Clifton said I-CARE members are submitting "brilliant" ideas that the highway department has already examined and disposed of. He said I-CARE is looking at the project in a superficial way, and that most of the ideas the organization proposes are "worse than the problem itself."

Perhaps the I-30 expansion is not an ideal project, but there are no better alternatives. I-CARE should give up its lawsuits and pursue more obtainable goals.

**BLOOM COUNTY**

**by Berke Breathed**



**LETTERS**

**■Better off friends**

Regarding the letter about Pete Wright's resident assistants: Mr. Enos and Mr. Beacham, your misconstruction of the facts combined with your imbecilic style of expressing thoughts makes your "collaboration" totally worthless to any reasonable individual (i.e., anyone with a working mind, mature attitude, and a somewhat stable emotional state.)

First, let's clear up a few things. "One of your best friends" was not involved, sirs, and it was totally classless not to admit you were written up, Mr. Beacham. But more important than that, the twisting of the story to suit your needs is inexcusable—and unforgivable.

The R.A. in question did not "leap to the protection" of anyone. He would not have written up the incident had it not been for the immature verbal onslaught by the perpetrator. He practically dared the R.A. to write him up. He simply got what he deserved.

The incredibly ridiculous part is next. There was no "miscalculation of strength." The angle of the garbage can made a successful throw impossible. A "sincere apology"? Give us a break. The attitude before and after the incident showed absolutely no sign of sincerity. The same goes for the "impassioned plea." As far as "rectification of the Oreo mess," that has to be expected. A nice paragraph, Mr. Enos, but totally useless—and unfair.

One important note as to the attitude and purpose of the writer must be made. When asked why he didn't include the facts about the perpetrator's attitude and verbal discourse, Mr. Enos stated, "That would take all the fun out of it." The truth tends to do that, or wouldn't you know, Brennan?

Your last paragraph has some merit, but not much. Considering we live in the same wing, Mr. Enos, we know no R.A. has ever "kept the whole wing up." Besides, the walls are hardly "concrete"—in

fact, in one case a hole was made by kicking the paper-thin barriers. Ticking alarm clocks are heard between rooms. That fact should allow for some tolerance, but that brings us back to "somewhat stable emotional state." We should give up hope.

Finally, for the record, the hall director in Pete Wright is Robert Clough, and the resident assistants are senior Jay Rhodes, junior Gary Jones, and sophomores Brian Lawe, Steve Pelham and David Stutts. We would like to thank them for their time, effort and competence. We feel good to be able to call them friends. If Mr. Enos and Mr. Beacham prefer to treat them as adversaries, fine. Who's getting more out of the deal?

We think so, too.

—Thomas Rysinski  
Freshman, Journalism/History

—Chris Bird  
Freshman, Radio-TV/Film

**WIRE**

**Never laugh at anything new**

By John Cunniff

NEW YORK (AP)—In a country in which entrepreneurs are always seizing ideas and creating products and services out of them, you can never laugh at anything.

The reality of the space age was once no more real than the fanciful dreams of writers and comic strip artists.

Here are three ideas for your consideration—or, if you are so disposed, for your merriment.

**TELECOMMUTING**

For many years it has been the style to transport workers to the job. For one thing, workers are considered more mobile than workplaces. For many years it was the only way things could be.

Now, however, we are well into the world of services, as opposed to physical goods, and high and important among those services is the movement of information. It's easier to move information than people.

Why, therefore, shouldn't people stay home and have the work delivered to them electronically rather than commuting to the work? Wouldn't time be saved? And effort?

Hundreds of companies are experimenting with the idea. One, New York Telephone, reports a 43 percent productivity rise among information workers who, linked by computer terminals, worked at home two or three days a week.

The Work In America Institute, a non-profit group that focuses on productivity, reports positive experiences at companies including American Express and Control Data.

**STATISTICAL PROCESS CONTROL**  
Since SPC is being pushed by General Motors, the world's largest manufacturer, it stands a good chance of becoming widely accepted.

Roger Smith, GM chairman, maintains that a new era of cooperation is dawning between General Motors and its suppliers, which is essential "if we're to remain competitive in the international marketplace."

It will be an era, according to Smith, in which GM will be looking "for that superior supplier who can deliver 100 percent good quality all of the time, not just most of the time."

And that, he says, means SPC, which for the layman can be described as the use of all the latest computer technologies for producing goods to the precise specifications sought—and on time.

**DECIPHERING GOVERNMENT POLICY BY VOICE-STRESS ANALYSIS**  
Julian Snyder, publisher of International Moneyline, an economic newsletter, is employing the technique to interpret recordings of statements by government officials, including Paul Volcker, Federal Reserve chairman.

Snyder thereby hopes to get the jump on other analysts of monetary policy, who use simple, "old-fashioned" techniques, such as accepting the chairman's statements at face value.

Snyder says he taped Volcker's testimony before Congress on Feb. 7-9, and then "processed these tapes through a Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE)."

Analyzing the tapes, he says, indicates that Volcker is "risking recession with a tight money policy aimed at frightening Congress into curbing the deficit." But apparently the chairman will simultaneously ease off, too, if that is not a contradiction.

Cunniff is an AP business analyst

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Compiled by the Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, the five-hour Civil War battle between the ironclad ships Monitor and Merrimack at Hampton Roads, Va., ended in a draw.

On this date:  
In 1451, explorer Amerigo Vespucci was born in Florence, Italy.

In 1796, Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine.

In 1822, Charles M. Graham of New York was granted a patent for artificial teeth.

In 1916, Mexicans led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 15 people.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Moslems invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 100 hostages.

And also in 1977, President Jimmy Carter lifted a ban on American travel to Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea and Cambodia.

## Around Campus

### Tennis teams to play

The TCU women's and men's teams will play today at 1:30 p.m. at the Mary Potshman Lard Tennis Center. The women's team will play SMU and the men's team will play North Carolina University. Admission to both events is free.

### 3-D film to be shown

"It Came From Outer Space" will be shown today in the Student Center Ballroom at 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and midnight. The 75 cents admission includes a free pair of 3-D glasses.

### Fraternity to present play

Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honor society, in conjunction with TCU Studio Theatre, will present "The House of Blue Leaves," a play about the life of a frustrated songwriter, today at 4 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall, Room B-6. Admission is free.

### Science fair exhibits to be awarded

TCU's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum has been the site of the 33rd Fort Worth Regional Science Fair since March 6. Nearly 200 awards will be given today in a public ceremony at 8:15 p.m. More than 1,000 exhibits will be open to the public Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entrants range from students in grade six through 12 in public, private and parochial schools in the region.

### TCU to play Kansas State

The TCU baseball team will play Kansas State University Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at the TCU Baseball Diamond. Admission is free.

### Tennis teams to play West Texas State

The TCU men's and women's tennis teams will play West Texas State University Saturday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at Mary Potshman Lard Tennis Center. Admission is free.

### Ballet ensemble to perform

The TCU Ballet Ensemble will perform Monday, March 12, at noon in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free, and guests are encouraged to bring a sack lunch.

### University Symphony to perform

University Symphony will give a Concert Hour performance Monday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Admission is free.

## Fort Worth gets MADD

"One out of every two people will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident in their lifetime," said Debbie Darwin, president of the Fort Worth chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.). Darwin spoke to a group of about 80 people at TCU Wednesday at the request of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

"We were concerned about the student deaths," said Laura Hartman, program chairman of Kappa Kappa Gamma. "We felt a speaker from M.A.D.D. would be relevant at TCU," she said.

M.A.D.D. was formed in 1980 by Candy Lightner after her 13-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver. "The driver had been convicted of driving while intoxicated on four previous occasions," Darwin said. "However, Lightner was told that he would probably not receive a jail sentence."

Statistics compiled by M.A.D.D. show that one American life is lost every 23 minutes in an alcohol-related accident, that on an average weeknight one out of every 10 drivers on the road is legally drunk and that 44 percent of all fatal alcohol-related accidents that occur at night are caused by 16 to 24 year olds.



IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE? David Hewitt, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum ticket sales assistant, waits for someone to buy tickets for Thursdays double-header against Northwest Missouri State.

## Inmate not resigned to death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—Death row inmate James David Autry, with his scheduled execution less than one week away, has vowed he won't stop fighting for his life.

"I don't want to die and I'm not going to give up," said the 29-year-old Autry, known to fellow inmates as "Cowboy."

Autry, who was sentenced to die for the 1980 slaying of a Port Arthur convenience store clerk, is scheduled to be executed by a poisonous injection before sunrise March 14.

Five months ago, Autry lay strapped to a hospital gurney with intravenous needles in his arms when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White granted a reprieve 30 minutes before the lethal flow of chemicals was to begin at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 5.

In an interview Wednesday at the Texas Department of Corrections' Ellis Unit outside Huntsville, Autry said he still hopes that a stay will again block the execution.

"I try to get myself to believe that it (the execution) won't happen," he said. "I still hope the governor or the Supreme Court will stop the execution."

Autry's attorneys have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to spare their client's life, claiming his ordeal in the death chamber was "tantamount to torture" and arguing it would be cruel and unusual punishment to make him endure the agony again.

They've also asked the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend that Texas Gov. Mark White commute Autry's sentence to life in prison.

Autry was taken into the death chamber about an hour before prison officials had the right to do so, his attorneys have said.

If guards try to take him inside before midnight, Autry said, he will resist.

"I'll probably hold them up until 12 o'clock. I'm not going to volunteer to

lay down on that gurney," he said. Since his 1980 conviction, Autry has been scheduled to die four times. Three previous dates were blocked by federal judges.

"It gets worse each time. I try not to think about it," he said, adding that he spends his time writing letters to friends, reading and listening to the radio.

If his court-ordered punishment is carried out, Autry said he wants a 31-year-old Dallas woman to be one of five personal witnesses.

Autry said he has been writing to the woman for about six months and they have become "close friends."

"If I am to be executed, she wants to be there," he said. Autry said the woman's presence would be comforting.

Autry, who insists he never fired the shot which killed Shirley Drouet, said his execution will only hurt his family and friends.

## Brachman Gala—a fling before break

By Bettye Milton

Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

The Sixth Annual Brachman Gala, Brachman's spring salute to its living/learning program, will run through March 10. Brachman's academic coordinator, Roberta Pritchard said, "The gala is a celebration of the different elements of our program—the academic and the social."

Events held over this three-day period include a teaching award banquet, a talent show and a barbeque.

Thursday's teaching award banquet was the opening event of the gala. The award is given to the professor who adopts a creative approach to teaching

and extends the students' learning experience beyond the classroom. The recipient receives a \$250 cash stipend and an engraved plaque.

The Brachman Advisory Board, which consists of students, faculty and administrators, evaluates nominations and chooses the faculty member to be honored. The faculty member need not be a part of the Brachman program. Last year's recipient was Dr. Gregg Franzwa, chairman of the philosophy department. This year's award will be presented by Brachman President Tad Schwartz.

Friday night, a talent show in the lobby of Brachman Hall will feature

faculty members and students. This year's talent show finale is an act by Paschal High School senior Andre Williams. Williams was the third place winner in the Black Student Caucus Gong Show. "He does the greatest impersonation of Michael Jackson," said Joni Avery, Brachman's vice president of community affairs. The talent show begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free.

Saturday afternoon is games and sports day. A faculty/student softball game will be held on the intramurals field. The gala closes with a barbeque party Saturday night at Brachman Hall. Tickets for the barbeque are \$3.50.

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# Sports

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## Academic probation a concern at TCU

By Ernest L. Perry  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Academic probation isn't a very talked-about subject around college athletic programs, but it's there and many student athletes are affected by it every year.

TCU has two players who have been publicized lately for having academic problems—Garry Spann and Marvin Foster. With a lot of work, these players can play football next year; Spann has to make up 17 hours this summer to be eligible to play next year.

According to TCU athletic academic services, 5 percent to 8 percent of all TCU athletes are on academic probation. TCU is ranked second behind Rice in the Southwest Conference in the number of athletes that graduate on time, *The Houston Chronicle* reported. The women's golf team is the only program that doesn't have problems as far as probation is concerned. Football has the biggest problem because it has the most number of athletes participating.

In football, the overall grade point average drops during the fall when the team is competing, but in the

spring the GPA rises because the players have more time to study. Athletic academic coordinator Linda Haviland said that percentage-wise, basketball has the biggest problem because of the long schedule and the amount of games played during the week.

"From the fall of '82 to the spring of '83—when we (Head football Coach Jim Wacker's coaching staff) came here—the GPA has risen from 1.99 to a 2.6. That reflects the hard work of staff and players," said TCU offensive coordinator Blair Thornton. The football staff places emphasis on studying and class attendance and, according to Thornton, the football office gets reports on players who don't follow the rules.

Women's golf, tennis and swimming are at the top of the GPA list. Men's tennis and swimming are tied for fourth. Women's basketball, baseball and men's basketball are next in line, followed by men's golf, women's track, soccer, football and men's track.

The new football recruits TCU signed this year have a combined GPA between 3.0 and 3.1. The highest GPA is a 4.0 and the lowest is a 2.0. The rest are between a 2.5 and a 3.5.

## Watkins and Fertitta add new life to baseball team

By Peter Blackstock  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

Drew Watkins and John Fertitta seem to have a lot in common lately.

Both, for instance, came to TCU from Houston high schools to play baseball after starring in both football and baseball. The two also share a room in Milton Daniel Hall. And, now that the baseball season is underway, they find themselves as the only two freshmen starters for the Horned Frogs.

TCU Head Coach Bragg Stockton, who recruited both players last year when he was coaching at the University of Houston, says that the two are also quite similar in athletic background. He noted that both gained more than 1,000 yards as running backs and played cornerbacks on defense for their schools' football teams in addition to making all-district, both at shortstop, in baseball.

"Basically, they're just good athletes," said Stockton. "They have quality speed, they throw well, they hit well."

He pointed out that the two have their differences as well as their similarities. "Drew may be a little farther along than John with his baseball instincts," said Stockton.

He added, however, that "Fertitta is a great hitter," which is evidenced by his team-leading total of 10 runs batted in and his seven-for-16 hitting

performance through TCU's first six games.

Watkins, who has been no slouch at the plate either with five hits in his first 16 at-bats, and Stockton have known each other for some time. "I watched Drew grow up," said Stockton. "I've known him since he was in ninth grade."

Watkins said Stockton was the main reason he decided to come to TCU. "He cares more about the individual, and not so much about winning," Watkins said. "He's a good teacher of skills, too."

Fertitta did not know Stockton quite as well as Watkins did during high school, and he said the main reason he came to TCU was simply because "it was my best offer." He also has great praise for the coach.

"He's one of a kind," Fertitta said. "He's got everything going for him. He's just a really talented guy."

Fertitta, who has started in right field in all games except the season opener, said he is somewhat surprised to be starting so early. "There are a lot of guys out there who are pretty equal in talent," he said.

Watkins, who has started at third base in every game so far, agreed. "We have a lot of depth this year," he explained. "It's kind of a week-to-week thing—if you don't play well, there's someone there to take your job from you."



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**TEAM PLAY:**TCU sophomore Liza Riefkohl and freshman Teresa Dobson rush the net during a practice session Thursday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. The Lady Frogs currently have an overall record of 16-0 and 10-0 during the 1984 season.

## Lady Netters are ready for SWC

By Tani Wilson  
Staff writer of the TCU Daily Skiff

At the southwest corner of the TCU campus is the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, home of the undefeated Lady Frog tennis team.

With a season record of 16-0 (10-0 during the Spring semester), the Lady Netters have been moving at a fast pace since the season began in the fall.

Although TCU has defeated such teams as the University of Oklahoma, Louisiana State, Northeast Louisiana and Oral Roberts University, the true test will come with conference play, said assistant coach Roland Ingram. "We've had a light schedule so far," said Ingram. The teams to beat in the Southwest Conference will be the University of Texas and Southern

Methodist University, both of which are ranked in the Top 10 in the nation.

The 1984 women's team is a young one. With six veterans and three rookies, Ingram is looking to better last season's SWC record of 2-6 to 6-2 this year.

"It will be a fight, but the girls are hard workers, loyal to each other and have never given up in a match," Ingram said. "We had a great fall. All the returning players have improved and the freshmen are giving us a lot of help."

Ingram's confidence shows through in the singles lineup. For the second consecutive year, senior Lila Hirsch (team captain and All-America candidate) is topping the singles ladder. Hirsch's career winning percentage is .710. She also posted a 13-10 mark at

the No. 1 spot last spring.

Sophomore Liza Riefkohl resumes the No. 2 position she held in 1983. Veteran Lauri Rapp and freshman Teresa Dobson are the other two on the top four singles roster. Dobson, from Vancouver, British Columbia, settled into the No. 3 spot last fall and went undefeated in seven outings.

Returning sophomore Molly Hourigan, who also played at No. 2 doubles with Hirsch in 1983, is at No. 5. Freshman Marnie Ochoa will challenge for a high spot in singles. Ochoa was plagued with tendonitis last fall but is in full swing now. Sophomore Trieste Ries owns the highest victory percentage of the Lady Frogs, winning 66 percent of her matches. Ries plays mostly at No. 6 singles.

Rookie Rita Mohrmann should add depth to the team. She teamed with Rapp in doubles and the two won all three of their matches this season.

Walk-on Carol Lathrop went undefeated in three matches at No. 6.

While Ingram is pleased with singles play, the doubles picture isn't as satisfying. Mohrmann and Rapp are his only sure bet in that area.

Although this is Ingram's first year at TCU as assistant coach for the men's and women's teams, he is no newcomer to the game. He was the head coach at Midland Junior College for one year and a professional tennis player at Colonial Country Club since 1976. Ingram led Midland to the National Junior College team title in 1975.



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