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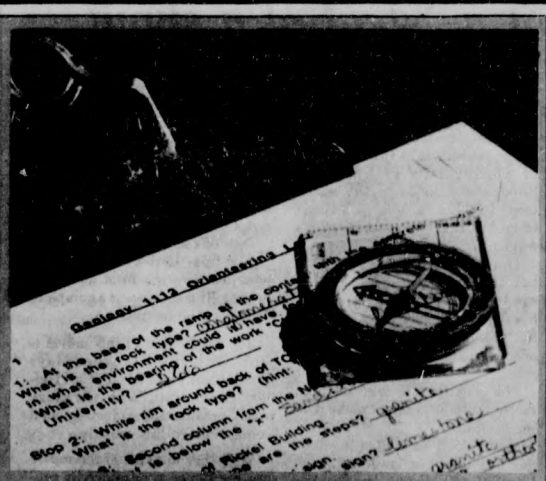

A sense of direction - Sharon Smith uses a compass to get her bearings on campus Wednesday afternoon. Smith and the rest of her first-semester geology class were participating in a scavenging exercise. David Lambert, who teaches the class, said the exercise is a new technique he is trying to acquaint his students by helping them understand exactly what geologists do.

In addition to learning how compass and map reading work, students also identified rock formations at different TCU landmarks. Back in the classroom, students made a geologic map of campus according to their findings.

Lambert said he students enjoyed the hands on experience as well as the chance to get out of the classroom.

Photos by Brian S. McLeod

IRS phone responses inaccurate

WASHINGTON (AP)–The Internal Revenue Service provides the wrong answer to nearly one-fourth of the taxpayers who call the agency's toll-free telephone lines with questions about their income tax returns, congressional investigators said Wednesday.

The General Accounting Office, in a report to a House subcommittee, said IRS employees gave the wrong answer 22 percent of the time when investigators posing as taxpayers called IRS assistance centers and asked 21 typical tax law questions. An additional 15 percent of the answers were correct but incomplete.

IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs, whose agency cooperated with the GAO survey, expressed concern about the findings and said he was "neither pleased nor satisfied about our performance in taxpayer assistance."

He blamed the inaccurate answers on a lack of training of the seasonal workers the IRS hires to man its toll-free lines and on problems created by the continually changing tax law.

GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, said it placed 918 calls to IRS assistance centers between Feb. 17 and March 20, getting through to an agency employee 61 percent of the time on the first call and 87 percent of the time within five calls.

In a similar survey in 1986, GAO investigators got through to an IRS employee 68 percent of the time on the first call and 91 percent of the time within five calls.

Investigators told the House subcommittee on commerce, consumer and monetary affairs that the accuracy of the IRS answers and the timeliness of its responses were worse this year than in any of the five previous years, except 1985, the GAO has audited the assistance program.

Taxpayers are responsible for filing correct returns even if they are given incorrect answers by the IRS. But Gibbs said he "would not anticipate" that the agency would impose penalties on taxpayers if it is determined errors on their returns resulted from erroneous information from the IRS.

Rep. Doug Barnard, D-Ga., the subcommittee chairperson, said the taxpayer assistance program should operate with "a high degree of perfection" because wrong answers can affect tax liability and the credibility of the agency.

"When large numbers of taxpayers misunderstand their tax law responsibilities, voluntary compliance breaks down and scarce enforcement dollars, which should be used to identify tax evaders, have to be spent correcting the mistakes of confused taxpayers," he said.

While praising Gibbs' commitment to improve taxpayer assistance, Barnard said the Reagan administration has been "decidedly unenthusiastic" about providing the money needed to do the job.

Job prospects good for education majors

By Aisha Saleem
Staff Writer

By 1990, 45 percent of all teachers in the United States will reach retirement age, said Dale Young, director of placement at TCU's school of education.

While that does not mean all of those teachers will retire, it does mean many positions will open up, Young said.

With graduation around the corner, prospects are "excellent" for education majors, Young said.

"Even six years ago it was different," Young said, "because there just weren't any openings."

With reforms taking place and discipline problems decreasing, Young said, "the job outlook has really increased."

Limiting class size creates a demand for teachers, he said.

Texas ranks first among states in the "critical need area" for teachers, Young said. Florida, California, Arizona and Colorado follow in terms of need for teachers.

Young said salary benefits have gone up in the past few years and will continue to rise.

A survey Young conducted last fall of TCU graduates with jobs indicates their average beginning salary is about $20,000. These teachers did not have master's degrees or previous experience, he said.

Young said TCU education graduates "are rated one of the best."

Personnel directors say TCU students interviewed for teaching positions know more than some teachers who already work, Young said.

"They (personnel directors) come here and really seek out our students," he said.

Most TCU graduates remain in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex or teach in Houston, Young said.

TCU graduates tend to receive about $1,500 to $2,000 more than the average starting teacher's salary, he said.

"Our students are really sought after by those who pay the most," Young said.

In a year, between 110 and 135 students graduate from TCU with a degree in education, Young said. Of those, 98 percent are placed in jobs. Many of these students also get placed in the school district of their choice, he said.

Not all students who become teachers major in education.

About 30 percent major in the area of their interest and then go on to get a teaching certificate, Young said.

Senior elementary education major Lidia Muradaz said TCU has been "very helpful" in setting up interviews with schools.

Muradaz said she began interviewing with Fort Worth schools at the end of March.

Muradaz said she is not very concerned about finding a job when she graduates in May.

"I really don't think it's going to be that big a problem, because in Texas they are hiring," she said.

Muradaz said she plans to get a master's degree once she graduates.

"If I just get a bachelor's degree, I'm not going to get anywhere," she said.

Senior special education major Gretchen Brazil said she has not really begun looking for a job. Brazil said she wants to get a master's degree before she begins a teaching career.

She said while the salary issue is "something to think about," it will not deter her from pursuing a career in teaching.

"It's not low enough to make me want to change my mind," she said.

Muradaz said although she does not think teachers get paid enough, she knew that when she decided to teach.

"If you're going to be a good teacher, you just have to accept that," she said. "Of course, I'm going to try to get the most money I can."

Sophomore special education major Kim Isaac said she also is not too concerned about low salaries.

"I think the best part about it (teaching) is going to be giving these kids a chance," Isaac said. "If I was in it for the money, I would choose a different profession."

Interest in teaching is up by about 20 percent in high school seniors and college freshmen, Young said.

Attitudes are changing about the teaching profession, he said.

"It's not such a burden to help students. In fact, it's exciting," he said.

An education major needs to be a "people person," Young said. "They're always going to be in the public eye."

They need to know how to react to criticism from parents and administrators. They also need to know the different techniques of teaching. A solid background in their subject area is important, but they need to know how to get the message across or they won't be "effective."

Young said teachers are especially needed in the areas of math and science.

U.S. surveillance tactics out of date

WASHINGTON (AP)–The United States is using World War II tools to fight a surveillance war, such as the one going on with the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow, says a security expert familiar with the ways nations eavesdrop on one another.

"People ought to be aware that when we talk about cleaning up that building, we are not talking about taking out a few bugs or transmitters," said William Sharek of CCS, Inc., in Port Chester, N.Y. "The use of transmitters is a 20-year-old surveillance process. We've gone way beyond that."

Modern methods, he said, include intercepts using fiber optics and lasers that read voice-caused vibrations of window glass no matter how thick.

"We suspect that given the fiber optic techniques in surveillance, it is possible to mount into the mortar (of buildings) filaments or reeds of fiber optics that are capable of intercepting conversations within the building," he said.

"They can be embedded in mortar or plaster. It might even include embedding filaments in the paint of the room itself," he said. "Basically, it can transmit without leaving telltale radio frequency signals and therefore becomes undetectable."

Sharek is product manager of CCS, which he says is among the largest security and counter-surveillance companies in the world. The firm's clients include countries other than the United States who want security sweeps of their embassies.

Congress effectively outlawed the surveillance industry in 1968, a year after the Supreme Court ruled that wiretapping constituted an illegal search under the Fourth Amendment, Sharek said, and that stopped advances in detection in the United States.

He said he assumes the Soviets use a mix of surveillance techniques, including transmitters, wiretaps, laser intercepts, fiber optic intercepts, and microwave.

Gould speaks at honors convocation

By Tim Whalen
Staff Writer

The human race needs to redefine its concept of the individual, according to Stephen Jay Gould, a leading evolution theorist and keynote speaker at Thursday morning's convocation.

During his examination of "The Individual in Darwin's World," Gould told a crowd of students and faculty gathered in Ed Landreth Auditorium that the culturally bound concept of numbering each person as an individual needs to be altered.

"It is not abundantly clear that bodies are the only individuals out there in nature," he said. "We need to redefine our concept of individual and think of society as the individual. The concept of universal brotherhood and sisterhood is potentially good biology.

"There's some cooperation in nature, but there's an awful lot of bloody competition," he said.

Gould, a Harvard professor of paleontology, has been called the "Carl Sagan of natural history." His writings have won numerous awards including a 1981 American Book Award for "The Panda's Thumb."

Gould's idea of evolution differs from Darwin's belief that all forms of life gradually transformed from simple common beginnings over a long period of time. Gould's theory holds that new species arise quickly and suddenly (over thousands of years in geologic time).

During his more technical address Wednesday evening, "How Predictable are the Pathways of Life's History?" Gould criticized the view that man's present dominance was the result of progressive and predictable evolutionary steps.

"Our mammalian ancestors had been around during much of the dinosaurs' 100-million-year reign," Gould said. "In that time they had made absolutely no progress toward overtaking them."

Gould said it took a catastrophic event to wipe out the dinosaurs, not any natural evolutionary process.

One theory suggests that a comet striking the earth 60 million years ago stirred up enough dust to lower the earth's temperature several degrees, thus dooming the cold-blooded dinosaur.

"If that event had not occurred, there's no reason to believe that reptiles wouldn't still be dominating the earth today," Gould said.

Quoting from the Bible, Mark Twain and the poetry of Alexander Pope, Gould spoke animatedly, drawing frequent bursts of laughter from the audience.

"Life makes sense," Gould said. "It's just not predictable."

According to Gould, the key to evolution and its workings rests in the odd and unpredictable ways organisms adapt to their environments.

"The essence of evolution is its quirks, its curious pathways and its dead-ends," Gould said. "Natural selection doesn't somehow select features with some perfect organism in mind. It just selects what works."

As an example, Gould cited the small, fragile bones in the inner ear, which are almost perfectly designed for hearing. Early in the evolutionary process these bones were the jaws of a prehistoric fish.

Gould's appearance was sponsored by the TCU Honors Program with the help of its director, professor Jim Kelly. Gould has been on the cover of *Newsweek*, in an article in the *Rolling Stone* and on the TV program "60 Minutes."

Presentation of awards highlighted much of the ceremony.

Majorie Lewis, an English professor, received the faculty recognition award.

Tracy Wilson, a junior French major, won the TCU honors scholar award, and Catherine Craft, an art history major, won the Alpha Lambda Delta award for the graduating senior with the highest grade point average.

Libby Proffer, dean of students, awarded scholarship trophies to organizations with the highest overall GPA. Among the sororities, Kappa Delta and Alpha Kappa Alpha tied for the honor. Lambda Chi Alpha won for the fraternities, and Jarvis Hall was recognized as the residence hall having the highest GPA.

ENTERTAINMENT/ARTS

'Burglar' not a 'steal of a show'

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

Whoopi Goldberg fans, hold on to your money.

I give you this warning because Goldberg's latest movie, "Burglar," is on the prowl.

"Burglar," directed by Hugh Wilson and produced by Kevin McCormick and Michael Hirsh, is billed as an action-comedy-mystery. However, the action isn't very active, the comedy isn't very funny, and the mystery leaves a lot to be desired.

The main problem with this movie is that it doesn't let Goldberg do what she does best–make a character seem so real.

Goldberg made her motion picture debut in Steven Spielberg's powerful film, "The Color Purple," which earned her an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress. She next won praise from critics as a computer programmer who gets involved with an international spy ring in "Jumpin' Jack Flash."

Goldberg's role in "Burglar" just does not do justice to her acting ability.

The opening scene of the movie is very funny and should have paced the rest of the movie, but the producers tried to do too many different things at once. None of them work.

In this movie Goldberg plays quick-thinking, witty cat burglar Bernie Rhodenbarr. Rhodenbarr wants to stop stealing, but she just can't.

Part of the reason she can't leave the profession is that she owes a lot of money to crooked ex-cop Ray Kirschman (G.W. Bailey) for keeping silent about her activities.

Rhodenbarr decides to pay off Kirschman once and for all, so she agrees to steal back some jewelry for a prominent dentist, Cynthia Sheldrake (Lesley Ann Warren).

The jewelry is in the apartment of Sheldrake's ex-husband. Rhodenbarr gets into the apartment but has to hide in a closet when Sheldrake's ex returns with a woman.

The woman leaves eventually, but someone else comes to the apartment. A struggle ensues, and Rhodenbarr finally emerges from the closet to find Sheldrake's ex dead with a dental instrument in his chest.

The plot tries to take off from there, but it just doesn't make it off the ground.

Sheldrake is accused of the murder but tells her lawyer, Carson Verrill (James Handy), and the cops that Rhodenbarr was in the apartment.

This forces our hero to find out who the real killer is while she flees for her life.

Some of the most serious flaws in the movie now begin. First we're introduced to two stupid cops (Anne De Salvo and John Goodman) who really don't have much of a place in the movie.

Then the plot throws in a bunch of twists and turns that really don't make any sense until we finally get to the ending, which turns out to be totally stupid and completely inconsistent with the rest of the movie.

For a while it looks like the mystery part of the movie might pick up, but by the end it's too obvious who did it. Anyone could figure it out, especially after all the other suspects wind up dead.

By the end of the film, you find yourself wondering why you ever wanted to see it to begin with.

Goldberg can play characters better than anyone I've ever seen, but this character is so dull it's sad. Goldberg's talent is wasted in this movie. At times, she almost looks like she's sleepwalking through the script.

One of the worst performances comes from Lesley Ann Warren, who just does not fit at all as the dentist. This movie was a complete waste of time for Warren.

The bright spot of this movie is Bob Goldthwait, who plays Rhodenbarr's best friend, Carl Hefler. Goldthwait, with his crazy voice, provides some much-needed comic relief in this comedy.

The other fun part of the movie was the cameo appearance by producer and original Monkee Michael Nesmith. His brief appearance (I won't tell you where he appears!) made the movie enjoyable for a few minutes.

Other than Goldthwait, Nesmith and a funny opening scene, there isn't much else to say.

If you're looking for a good comedy, stay away from this one. Also stay away if you have sensitive ears, because foul language is spewed out a mile a minute.

My best advice to you is just to stay as far away as possible. To spend hard-earned money on a movie like this would be a real crime.

However, if you somehow manage to acquire free passes, you may catch Warner Brothers' "Burglar" at either AMC Hulen 10 or Green Oaks 8 theaters.

Liars said Diamonds weren't forever

By Kristin Deem
Staff Writer

About five years ago, three "long-haired dudes" packed their bags, said good-bye to their moms and dads, left New Orleans and "invaded" TCU to start their freshman year of college.

They looked more like hippies than college students, but that didn't matter. What did matter was that they knew how to make music.

So they did.

Back then, these three guys were members of their own band called Diamond. While attending TCU, Eddie Ahern, Dan Midgett and Tom Swartzendruber (who has since dropped out of the band scene completely) played area clubs, fraternity and sorority parties and a freshman orientation–anything to help TCU and the community out–even though they didn't exactly look the part of college kids.

"When we invaded TCU, we had hair down to here," said Ahern as he pointed to his waist. "All these people were like, 'Who the hell are these hippies?'"

But this time the band is back with four new members–David Devlaming, Andy Bell, John Wilson and Michael Contreras–and with a different name, The Liars. Under the partnership of Ahern, the drummer and a full-time accompanist at the TCU ballet and modern department, and Midgett, the guitarist and a graduate assistant at the TCU radio-TV-film department, this band soon got under way.

The Liars began in the fall of 1986 and practiced at least three nights a week, from four to six hours a night. They are already making their rounds by playing area clubs as well as TCU functions such as Frog Fest. Recently, the band was asked to play at Mayfest, Ahern said.

The Liars is a high-energy band that plays contemporary and '50s styles of music while trying to retain an original image. It has taken the band quite some time, but the members have finally acquired a distinct sound of their own, Ahern said.

"We don't sound like KISS. We don't sound like Iron Maiden. We don't sound like some jazz band. We sound like us–and we get to pat ourselves on the back for that," Ahern said.

That's not the only reason The Liars should pat themselves on the back. The six-member band recently took on Diamond's old role of producing a music video.

It portrays the enthusiasm and support that TCU has for its Killer Frog basketball team, Midgett said.

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He's a Liar - Eddie Ahern, the drummer and accompanist for the hot band, The Liars, puts on a show.

The three-minute video, full of dancing and singing by students and Fort Worth residents, shows coverage from basketball games throughout the season while the band's song, "Killer Frogs," plays loud and clear during the action, Midgett said.

The music for the video was taken from one of the band's never-recorded original songs called "Hot Number."

The idea for the video came about when the basketball team was doing well in the Southwest Conference playoffs. The band thought a music video would be the perfect way to promote school support and spirit, Midgett said.

The project began in February and was finished by spring break, right before the NCAA Tournament started. With the help of Ron Calvert, an audio engineer and owner of Strawberry Sounds Recording Studio, the video was shown about three times on KXAS-TV Channel 5 and twice on WFAA-TV Channel 8 during the same week, Midgett said.

Working to help TCU is what The Liars enjoy doing, Ahern said. Perhaps part of the reason the band is especially concerned with TCU's well-being is that each member of the The Liars has graduated from TCU or attended TCU at one time or another.

"When we (Diamond) first started playing clubs, there would be one person in the club, and we'd sit him down in the front-middle seat, and we'd play everything for him," Ahern said.

"Next gig, he'd bring all his friends, and he'd be out there saying, 'You guys are great!'" Ahern said.

For Ahern, being on stage in front of a cheering crowd is "the high among natural highs," he said.

And that's one of the main reasons The Liars was formed–to make people feel good, Ahern said.

When Diamond was together, the three guys would go into "honky-tonks," scared to death that people in the audience (usually cowboys twice their size) would beat them up if they didn't like their music, Ahern said.

But after they had "rocked the club to the ground," the audience would pour beer over the band's heads to show that they loved the music, Ahern said.

During Diamond's last show in New Orleans, Ahern said he recalls a wild audience of bikers dressed in leather who were drinking beer out of their boots.

But that was then, and this is now.

And now the band is anticipating airplay of new tunes this summer on Texas radio, Ahern said.

"I'm tellin' ya, when we go into the studio and record these tunes that we have in mind for Texas radio, it's gonna be great!" Ahern said.

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OTHER POSITIONS (NON-ELECTED STAFF):

Other students interested in serving in staff positions on student publications should also fill out an application for consideration.

Changes made in advance registration

By Jerry Madden
Staff Writer

Most students will no longer be required to get a dean's signature to advance register, TCU Registrar John C. Deupree said.

Deupree said the only students who will be required to get a dean's signature will be those who are taking 18 or more hours or those in the Harris College of Nursing.

Another change for this year is that advance registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. instead of the usual 5 p.m., Deupree said.

Deupree said moving up the closing hour won't affect many people, because few students advance register in the afternoon.

Deupree said 10 people will begin working on advance registration at 7:30 a.m. this year. In the past, he said, usually only one person worked that early.

Deupree said he doesn't advise students to "camp out" for registration. Those students who arrive at 8 a.m. do just as well as those who camp out, he said.

Another change in this year's registration procedure concerns students who don't have a local address.

This year, students wishing to advance register will have to have a local address.

Deupree said this policy is being enforced at the request of the university. He said the university has had problems getting in contact with students because they don't have a local address where the university can contact them.

"Some people have local addresses in Massachusetts, and we just don't think they commute," Deupree said.

Deupree said this has been university policy for some time, but it hasn't been enforced until this year.

He said the policy of having a local address is listed in the TCU Student Handbook.

Deupree said students need to clear all holds before they can advance register. He said students with holds other than from the Office of the Controller can come to the Registrar's Office for help.

Director of Student Accounts Judith Pilliod said students need to have three-fourths of their account and miscellaneous charges paid off before they advance register.

Pilliod said having to have three-fourths of the university bill paid gives the university a chance to monitor students who choose the four-payment option.

"Sometimes it's the only time a potential problem (with payments) comes to our attention," Pilliod said.

Pilliod said send-homes and fines are considered miscellaneous charges. She said freshmen are especially susceptible to having problems with miscellaneous charges because they generally don't know how that works.

Pilliod said students should not write a bad check to clear a financial hold. She said students who do write a bad check to advance register will lose their advance registration.

Deupree said letters were sent to students two weeks ago telling them when to register and if they had any holds to clear.

Deupree said students should bring their registration letters and schedules with adviser's signature to advance registration.

Deupree said students need to have section numbers of classes on their class request form as well as alternative courses to make registration easier for themselves.

A printout will be given to students after they register, Deupree said, to let students see if they are registered for the right classes.

The order of registration depends on the total number of hours a student has taken and is taking, Deupree said.

Deupree said he will try to have a closed class list printed and posted by 5 p.m. of the same day. He said closed class notices will be placed in Sadler Hall, residence halls and possibly at the Information Desk.

"We're trying to make registration as easy as possible," Pilliod said.

Group for alcohol awareness started

By Heather Steinle
Staff Writer

Students Against Driving Drunk, a high school program in which students encourage their peers to fight against the leading cause of death among people ages 16 to 24, has now developed a program for colleges.

By using positive peer pressure, SADD motivates students to steer clear of potential DWI situations.

The program was originally established in 1981 as a high school program and founded by Robert Anastas, director of health education and hockey coach for the Wayland, Mass., public school system.

According to SADD, alcoholism and alcohol abuse cost the economy $50 billion annually, and a quarter of a million Americans have lost their lives in alcohol-related car wrecks over the past decade–an average of 25,000 traffic fatalities each year.

SADD's primary goals are to promote respect for all laws relating to the use of alcoholic beverages to raise awareness of the drinking and driving problem so students will be equipped to cope with or avoid potential DWI incidents involving themselves and others.

TCU was invited to initiate a SADD program in March of 1985. Two years later, TCU is in the process of approving a group of about 10 students to become a formal campus organization.

"The group's goal is to promote responsible decision making regarding the use of alcohol and other substances," said Lori Weiss, sponsor of TCU's alcohol awareness group.

The group considered becoming a nationally affiliated group, such as SADD, Greek Leaders Against Drunk Driving, or Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students.

"But we decided just to start off as a local organization first and see how it goes," said TCU junior Wade Jones, who will be president of the group.

Jones said he wants membership to be regarded as an honor to help keep it strong.

"After the group gets going, we plan on interviewing people who want to join the group and selecting the top campus leaders," Jones said. "We want this to be something that people will want to work for and be a part of.

Some programs the group is considering are a safe ride program and a student alcoholics anonymous group, Weiss said.

Members of the alcohol awareness group put banners up before spring break stressing safety and hope to be doing more soon, Jones said.

"We want to be a positive force on the campus. We don't want to judge people or drinking. We just want to encourage responsible drinking, safety and promote fun activities without alcohol," Jones said.

TCU's organization will sponsor TCU's alcohol awareness week, but Jones said he wants to see education for more than just one week.

If a student has a problem with alcohol or drugs or is interested in the group, he or she can contact Lori Weiss at 921-7100. She is available for counseling, and all calls are confidential.

CAMPUS NOTES

PC committee applications

Applications are now available for students interested in chairing the new Programming Council Thank Goodness It's Friday ad-hoc committee. Applications can be picked up in Student Activities Office and are due Monday. Interviews will be Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information, call Laura Puckett, 921-7926.

Hockey Club meeting

Anyone interested in joining the TCU Hockey Club can attend an organizational meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. in Milton Daniel lobby.

Full-tuition scholarships

Military science department has extended the deadline for three-year Army ROTC scholarships to Wednesday. Students must have at least a 2.7 grade point average to apply. The scholarships pay all tuition, books, fees and $100 monthly.

For more information, call 921-7455.

Raft race challenge

The cadets of Army ROTC are challenging all student organizations to their annual raft race Wednesday. The race will begin at 4 p.m. approximately 200 yards east of University Drive and the bridge over Trinity River.

Teams wishing to participate should arrive 15 minutes early. Prizes will be awarded.

Band concert

The Wind Ensemble will premiere a work by director of jazz studies Curt Wilson, titled "Commencement," in a concert with the TCU Symphonic Winds Friday. The program will also include several marches and "From a Dark Millennium" by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Joseph Schwanter.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall.

Big Brother/Big Sister applications

Help make new TCU students feel at home. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister to an incoming freshman. No time or money commitment is involved. Applications, available at the Information Desk or Student Activities Office, are due Wednesday.

Casino party

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity is holding an all-campus casino party benefiting muscular dystrophy Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Hilton, 1701 Commerce St. Prizes will be awarded.

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SPORTS

Mercer is ready for the pros

By Heather Steinle
Sports Writer

When Tom Mercer won his first tennis tournament, he didn't think twice about it.

He was busy playing basketball and baseball with his friends and just being an 11-year-old boy.

"I guess I didn't really realize how good I was until I was about 13," Mercer said. "I had other things on my mind then–kid stuff."

Mercer, 22, is from Pittsburg, Penn., and stands 6-foot-1 with brown hair and blue eyes. He looks like an All-American tennis player, and in fact, he is one. Last year, as a junior at TCU, Mercer was named as an All-American tennis player.

"It was really an honor, especially my junior year. Almost everyone else chosen was a senior," Mercer said. "It meant being recognized by the entire collegiate tennis world."

But being No. 1 is nothing new to Mercer. He has played No. 1 for TCU's tennis team since his freshman year and won the Southwest Conference his sophomore year.

He said he doesn't regret playing No. 1 all four years, because he gained a lot of good experience and development his first couple of years. Mercer did say, however, he thinks a player should have room to move up each season.

TCU Daily Skiff / Jim Gribble

Stretch - TCU's Tom Mercer reaches to return a shot from the baseline against LSU. TCU won the match 5-4. Mercer is the No. 1 player for TCU.

TCU's tennis team as a whole has matured tremendously in the past four years though, he said.

"When I joined the team as a freshman, we had just lost six seniors, and it was a young team," Mercer said. "There wasn't a lot of pressure then because we were expected to lose.

"Now my senior year, it's a completely different story, because we're really a good team. This year we're strong in all positions compared to previous years when we've had weak spots.

"And the team being ranked No. 11 in the nation brings a lot of pressure on the entire team to win each match," he said.

Mercer said he was never pressured into playing tennis by his parents, although his father originally introduced him to the game.

"My dad played tennis in college and then after that in local tournaments. I just grew up around tennis, and my dad got me started playing, but he never pushed it."

In fact, Mercer's parents are coming in town this weekend, and it will be the first time for them to see him play at TCU.

"It'll be weird," Mercer said.

Mercer doesn't have any professed idols, but he admires John McEnroe's talent.

"I admire the way McEnroe plays, but sometimes not the way he acts," Mercer said. "I play more like Borg though–baseline."

Mercer is a senior marketing major and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. For fun, Mercer enjoys snow and water skiing, but tennis is his life.

Mercer plans on graduating July 2 and immediately playing on the tour. In the fall he plans to play overseas.

Ladies' golf team takes first at OU

John Paschal

Some of the TCU sports stuff that's been happening recently:

The women's golf team took first place Tuesday in the Susie Maxwell Berning Classic in Norman, Okla., beating second-place finisher Oklahoma by a stroke, 260-259. Senior Lois Winkelmann placed second in individual competition, leading the Lady Frogs with scores of 75-82-75. . . . The Lady Frogs signed Sacramento, Calif., schoolgirl-golfer Chrissie Miller Wednesday afternoon to a letter-of-intent. Miller was the No. 1 player on the John F. Kennedy High School *boys'* golf team and was voted team MVP the last three years. She was the overall winner of the 1986 Northern California Junior Association, in addition to being voted one of the top 10 female athletes in the Sacramento area.

Tickets are still available for the TCU basketball banquet to be held Wednesday, April 22, at the Roundup Inn at Will Rogers Coliseum. For ticket information, call 921-7967.

Because of daylight savings time, the starting times of the TCU-Arkansas games this weekend have been changed. Today's game begins at 2 p.m., and Saturday's doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. . . . TCU senior outfielder Lew Williams tied an NCAA Division I record when he walked in his first at-bat in a March 31 game against Oklahoma State. Williams had reached base 16 consecutive times (9-for-9 hitting, walking six times, reaching base once on an error) in the previous weekend series against Rice, and his first-inning walk against OSU tied the NCAA record of 17 consecutive times reaching base. Williams, who was seventh in SWC batting last year at .368, is currently leading the conference at .483.

Junior Roscoe Tatum, who injured a hamstring at the Texas Relays last weekend, may return to the Flyin' Frogs track squad sooner than expected, said TCU assistant athletic trainer Chris Hall. Tatum's hamstring pull, which occurred while Tatum was running leadoff for the record-setting 800-meter relay in the race on Friday night, apparently is not as severe as previously thought. He may be back in as soon as three weeks. . . . Three-time All-American Michael Cannon (400-meters) pulled a hamstring two weeks ago and will sit out the outdoor track season as a redshirt. He'll compete next year in his final season of eligibility.

Longhorn boosters may be reprimanded for violations

AUSTIN (AP)–A University of Texas committee recommended that three boosters involved in possible violations of NCAA rules be banned for a time from associating with the school.

The committee, formed to investigate allegations of National Collegiate Athletic Association rule violations, made the suggestion in a report to William Cunningham, university president.

Disciplinary action should be taken against any UT staff members found guilty of breaking NCAA rules, said committee chairperson Charles Alan Wright, a law professor.

Wright said the penalties suggested Wednesday are "not harsh."

Penalties could affect head football coach David McWilliams, assistant athletic director Ken Dabbs or assistant football coach John Mize, all of whom are named in the NCAA's charges.

Cunningham will use the report as he prepares a response to the NCAA charges, outlined in a letter the university made public March 20. The university must respond by Monday to the letter.

Texas already has indicated it will contest some NCAA allegations.

The university will have the chance to discuss its position at a meeting of the NCAA Committee on Infractions April 24-26 in Hilton Head, S.C. The infractions committee would decide what penalty–if any–to assess UT for any rule violations.

Wright would not specify the exact recommendations included in his committee's report, but he said Cunningham seemed receptive.

"I've got to digest the report," Cunningham said. "I'll have a response in a few days."

The NCAA had named 10 boosters in the allegations of possible wrongdoing in UT athletics, but Wright said the committee recommended that "very few" be banned. Another source told the *Austin American-Statesman* the number was three.

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