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Center offers advisement for freshmen, pre-majors

By Regina Hatcher Staff Writer

There is something new in the Rickel Building, but it is not a recreational sport. The golf range that used to be housed in Rickel room 106 is now home to the newly formed Center for Academic Services.

Teoby Gomez, acting director of the center, said that the center does much more than just advise.

The counselors offer students solutine to the counselors of the center of the counselors of the center of the cent

dance for freshmen and pre—majors in addition to the two weeks of academic advising during the fall and spring.

The counselors offer students solu-tions to specific academic difficulties such as taking tests, study skills and

thing the counselors try to instill in the students is the "decision making

"There is no right major, but there is a right way to decide on a major that is suitable for every individual," he said.

In addition to these services, the center offers a class to students who would like to earn one hour of elective

credit while they learn more about themselves, their perspective profes-sions and the educational require-ments for their probable careers.

The class, UNPR 1001-Self Assessment and Career Exploration, is being offered in four sections this fall, and will be offered again in the spring.

The class is based on pass/fail cre dit, and it does not affect a student's grade point average

Each student must interview a pro-fessional in their career field as a re-quirement of the class.

The idea for the center was developed after some upperclassmen complained of poor advising on a surmade to assess the needs of

freshmen.

Many students responded that they
their advisement if

they could change anything about their first year at TCU.

Some of them said they had been ill—advised because of the rush and tension of advising before advance

When university officials saw that both faculty and students were in-terested in the program, financial support began to follow, Gomez said.

"University funds started to flow in because the whole university — students and faculty - were behind the program," he said.

TCU Delly Skiff / Robert Neel McDonald High-five - 17-month-old Hutton Harris of Fort Worth meets TCU quarterback David Rascoe at Amon Carter Stadium Saturday for "Meet the Frogs."

More AIDS cases to be recognized

count, now at more than 40,000, will from other diseases actually had start a noticeable jump Tuesday as federal health officials begin counting thousands of cases they have never before recognized.

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The increase comes from a change in the official Centers for Disease Control definition of what AIDS is, in medical terms.

There will be no dramatic announcement that thousands of finition.

Rather, the CDC will begin listing in its AIDS statistics patients whose physicians may have presumed they had the deadly disease, but whose cases did not meet the agency's definition.

As those cases are added into the total, more Americans than ever before will be deemed AIDS patients—and AIDS fatalities, which now number more than 23,000.

Federal health officials estimate that the case count could jump by 10

"I expect there will be a jump over the course of a month or two," said Dr. Tim Dondero, chief of the sur

veillance and evaluation branch for the CDC's AIDS program.

"We know that a number of states We know that a number of states have a backlog of cases initially picked up and labeled 'suspect' cases, or 'AIDS-like disease,' that will now qualify as AIDS under the new definition. How long it takes to report them, we don't know."

The goal is to give state and federal health officials a more accurate picture of how widespread AIDS is.

Admissions personalizeTCU life for prospects

By Brenda Welchlin

Staff Writer

Students from Presque Isle, Maine are rare in Fort Worth.

But Presque Islanders interested in attending TCU may now be able to talk to someone who knows about both places firsthand thanks to the student volunteer program.

The student volunteer program was created by the Admissions Office and will promote one-to-one contact between prospective and current TCU students, said Bill Kennedy, student volunteer coordinator for the Admissions Office.

The program hopes to handle the increasing number of prospective students and to involve students in the admissions program, Kennedy said.

Admissions volunteers are grouped into student ambassadors and city committee members.

The 150 to 200 student ambassadors will spend about three hours a month on weekly phone-a-thons and establish contact with prospective students who have responded to mail from the Admissions Office, Kennedy

Student ambassadors are selected

Freshman Jeff Grout said he joined the student ambassadors to give prospective students the one-to-one contact that attracted him to TCU.

He said that as a prospective student he had benefited from meeting current students.

"They really would tell me the truth, pretty much. It personalized college," Grout said.

The city committee will work with campus visitors and the Monday at TCU program. The 100 members will be matched with prospects from near

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IEFF GROUT, TCU student ambassador

their hometowns. They will lead campus tours and provide housing for overnight guests, Kennedy said.

City committee members are nominated by counselors, depart-ment leaders, faculty and staff.

Junior Dawn Prillaman, student coordinator of Monday at TCU, said the city committee will provide more order, especially in housing overnight

"Last year it was just grabbing for places to stay," she said.

Melissa Garretson, a member of Student Foundation, said her orga-nization led campus tours and housed overnight guests in the past and will continue to do so.

Kennedy added that the Admissions Office must now help out the Student Foundation because of in-creased numbers of applicants.

While TCU used to cross applica-tions with schools like Trinity Uni-versity and Vanderbilt University it has also pulled some students from Ivy League schools because it is a "people school," Kennedy said.

"The TCU Office of Admissions has been found guilty of doing its job too well," he said. "TCU has become a very reputable place to get an educa-tion."

Independent counsel challenged; large crop payments in question

WASHINGTON (AP)-The Justice
Department on Monday challenged
the constitutionality of a law under
which independent counsels were vestigation involving Meese, because
appointed to investigate the IranContra affair, the financial affairs of
have accepted parallel appointments
Attorney General Edwin Meese III from the Justice Department.
and possible wrongdoing by other
Reagan administration officials.

Specifically, in a brief filed in federal appeals court in Washington, the department challenged the indepen-dent counsel who is investigating a former Justice Department official in connection with a 1983 Environmen-tal Protection Agency controversy.

The case in which the department filed the brief is sealed from public view, but law enforcement sources confirmed it is the probe involving the EPA.

"Just as the department must en-Just as the department must en-sure the effectiveness of criminal pro-secutions . . . it must also be vigilant in protecting the basic structure of the Constitution and the form of govern-ment that it creates, "Deputy Attor-ney General Arnold Burns said in a statement that statement that accompanied the filing.

Ethics in Government Act could affect four other independent counsels currently operating.

Besides the EPA probe, independent counsels are investigating or are seeking to prosecute former White House deputy chief of staff Michael Deaver, former Justice Department official Lawrence Wallace and another former Reagan administra-tion official, who hasn't been publicly

Also from Washington, one of the nation's largest power companies stands to reap more than \$500,000 in federal crop payments this year, 10 times the cap Congress imposed to prevent windfall gains from the farm

And an insurance company with \$46 billion in assets is expected to collect more than \$300,000 under the program, which lawmakers say was designed to provide income supports for middle-class farm families.

A recent Agriculture Department report details the estimated payments of \$530 771 to the Chicago-based Commonwealth Edison Co. and \$340,122 to the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn

They are the only major corpora They are the only major corpora-tions not primarily involved in agri-culture or agribusiness to receive such large payments under the \$8.5 billion-a-year "direct payments" program, the report indicated. Under the program, producers are paid the difference between the price they get for the crops and larget prices set by for the crops and target prices set by

Other recipients of six-figure pay-ments include Indian tribal groups, agribusiness companies such as large farms and ranches and state and local governments. Texas, for example will receive an estimated \$311,701 related to cotton and other crops produced on state prison farms.



TCU Dally Skiff / Brian R McLean

Frog spirit - The TCU cheerleaders, the football team and the TCU Fashion re on hand at Hulen Mall for TCU Day on Saturday.

Students to get new mall

By Lisa Bianchi Staff Writer

There's going to be a new place to meet and mingle at TCU. It won't require a dress code or a cover charge, and it will even be open 24 hours a day.

The new place will be a new student mall on the east side of campus. The site of the new mall is the area between Brite Divinity School and

between Brite Divinity School and the Mary Couts Burnett Library that used to be plagued with drainage problems and a run down bus stop.

The mall project, created and funded by the House of Representatives Committee for Permanent Improvements, was developed for students who have the majority of their classes on the east side of University Drive, said Joe Jordan, Student House of Representatives president.

The mall is expected to be "as popular as the current one between Dave Reed and M.E. Sadler Halls," said Lee Behar, Student House of Representatives vice president.

said Lee Behar, Student House of Representatives vice president. Developing the plans for the mall took over a year because finding ways to reduce building costs slowed the actual construction considerably, said Randy Walker, Computer Aided De-See New Mall, Page 2

TODAYpeople

CAMPUSLINES

Football coaches' break-

All students, faculty and staff members are invited to the monthly football coaches breakfast in Daniel-Meyer Col-

The breakfasts are held at 7:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month through the end of football season. The first breakfast will be Wednesday.

For more information, call 921-7970.

Committee meetings scheduled

The Homecoming Committee and Parents' Weekend Committee of Programming Council will hold their first meetings Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Homecoming Committee will meet in the Student Center Ballroom, and the Parents' Weekend Committee will meet in Student Center Room 207.

New mall

Continued from Page 1

Weekend films

The Films Committee of Programming Council will show "Jumpin' Jack Flash" Friday and Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. Friday show-times will be 6 and 9 p.m. and midnight; Saturday showtimes are 7 and 10 p.m.

Campus Christian Community ecumenical retreat

Campus Christian Community and University Ministries will sponsor a fellowship retreat Labor Day weekend in Athens, Texas. Students will meet in front of the Student Center to carpool at 10 a.m. Saturday and carpool at 10 a.m. Saturday and will return before noon Mon-day. Students of all denomina-tions are invited, and there will be a fee of \$20.

For more information, contact University Ministries. Deadline is Wednesday.

Professor horses around with history

By Reba Aarnos Staff Writer

You may know him as that history rofessor who "looks like a cowboy

professor who "looks like a cowboy with that big moustache." That description accurately sketch-es the life of Emeritus Professor of History Donald Worcester.

Raised on his grandfather's homes-tead at the edge of the Mojave Desert in Southern California, Worcester's interest in horses began at an early age. That background led to a career as a writer, publisher and professor.

"I was a happy, ignorant cowboy. Then I learned to read and write, and that ruined it all," he said with ton-gue-in-cheek humor.

That "ignorant cowboy" earned his doctorate degree in history at the

University of California, Berkeley, in

He taught at the University of Flor-ida for 16 years and was department

Worcester came to TCU as department chairman in 1963. He was hired to install the doctorate degree program in history. He has since directed 49 doctorate degree programs.

One former student wrote in a let-

ter to Worcester, "Among the things I value most in this life is the association with you over these past 18 years. You have truly been a role model forme as a teacher."

A graduate student of history de-scribed Worcester as "the most accessible professor on campus.

Worcester holds the endowed chair of Ida and Cecil Green Emeritus Tutor. This means he can help people with their writing or publishing.

In addition to teaching, Worcester is constantly writing and publishing.

Now, instead of writing "a bunch" of different projects at once, he works on writing just one at a time

"I've slowed down," he said from under about two feet of papers on his

He wrote "The Spanish Mustang" and "Pioneer Trails West" in 1986. He is currently editing a Mexican war journal for the University of Texas at Arlington's special collections library.

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What made this man--who used to "catch and break wild horses" with his brother--become a writer?

The clincher was getting several articles published while in graduate school at Berkeley, he said.

"I always had the idea that I wanted to write," he said. "But that kinda hooks you."

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Sign specialist for the TCU Physical Plant. The Permanent Improvements Committee paid for the mall's construction with a portion of their budget, which is part of the \$18 student activity fee each student pay during the semester, Jordan said. Although Behar could not give exact budget figures for the new mall, he estimated the cost at \$54,000. The mall will be completed in three phases. The first phase was to be finished before the fall semester be-CIRCLE CLEANERS 3004 Bluebonnet Circle

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COMMENTARY

Our View Minority orientation will not help situation

The Minority Student Welcome Program was the first TCU minority student orientation program. We feel it should also be the last.

To put it quite simply, we feel this program promotes rather than discourages the discrimination and separation of minority students from the protect of the student head.

the rest of the student body.

The biggest problem with the program, as we see it, is that the program assumes that minority student's needs are different from everyone else's needs.

But how different are those needs, really? We realize that minority students feel somewhat isolated at times on

We realize that minority students feel somewhat isolated at times on this campus, and have so for quite some time. We also realize that isolation has caused some special problems for minority students. But we feel that further separating minorities with a special orientation only highlights, rather than takes away from , the differences. Minority students should go through orientation with everyone else and not have a special orientation for themselves. We feel this would make them feel more like a TCU student rather than a minority TCU

Of course, being the only minority in a classroom can be stressful. But so can being the only woman intramurals official or the only male in a

Currently minorities have a minority advisor to help counsel them with any problems that they may have during the school year. We feel

this advisor is sufficient.

And, of course, eliminating race distinctions is something that we all

Accuracy is the key

By Duane Bidwell Columnist

on



A news paper is only as successful as its re-

and edi-

lousy reporting and weak, lousy editing make for a weak, lousy newspap-er. In the past, *The Skiff* and its re-porters haven't always been known

for accuracy.
That's changing.
"Accuracy to me is what it's all about," said editor Kathryn Fuller.
"That's our job."
She has established guidelines and procedures that will make the paper more accurate.

procedures that will make the paper more accurate.

Under Fuller, reporters who make mistakes won't get off easy. Editors will take responsibility. And no one will use the cop-out, "We're only students. We're learning, and that's why we make mistakes."

The paper is staffed by students and is a laboratory for journalism students. But, said Fuller, "We need to treat it as a professional lab.

"We should be professional all the time; we shouldn't use being students as a cop-out."

For starters, Fuller has hired four copyeditors-one more than in the copyeditors—one more than in the past. Copyeditors are responsible for finding and correcting errors in fact, grammar and punctuation.

They have been instructed not to use Frog Calls only as a source for

use Frog Catts only as a source for name-spellings, majors or titles. "Frog Calls is often wrong," Fuller explained. Instead, copyeditors will use the registrar, the university cata-log and the Fort Worth phone book to double-check.

They've also been instructed to question quotes and facts. If you're quoted in a story, don't be surprised

to get a phone call from *The Skiff* asking if a quote is accurate. Fuller demands that information be double-

demands that information be double-checked.

"I don't feel like you can double-check too much," she said.

She would like sources to double-check the paper, too-especially if the source doesn't think a reporter has understood the story.

If a reporter makes a mistake, Fuller is asking that the story be rewritten on deadline. That will teach beginning journalists to be careful in the beginning, she said.

But correcting errors depends on finding them. That's why Fuller requires that each story be seen by four people: herself or the assignments editor, two copyeditors and a page editor. Each story will be proofread after it is typeset.

But the quest for accuracy won't stop after a story has been published.

Mark Witherspoon, director of student publications, will send postcards to people quoted in the paper. The postcards will ask them if they were quoted accurately and treated fairly. And if Witherspoon finds that a reporter was rude, or made an error, that reporter will be dealt with.

"First, we're going to check and see if there really needs to be a correction," Fuller said. "If its a fact that you can check and know its wrong, that's one thing. If it's an opinion ... we'll hash that out with the source and the

one thing. If it's an opinion . . . we'll hash that out with the source and the

If an error has been made, Fuller said a complete correction will be printed as soon as possible. All errors will be treated equally, she said; no error is worse than another.

After the correction is printed, Fuller will sit with the reporter and ask how and why the mistake was made.

And if readers find errors that slip past editors and sources, Fuller wants to get a phone call or a letter.

After all, she said, the readers rely on the paper for information—and they shouldn't expect accuracy: They should demand it.



People are really stupid at times

By John Paschal



It's amazing how stupid we people can be so metimes When, of course, we put our minds to it.

All it takes is a little know-how and limited experience, and there you have it - a large blunder, a huge mistake, a big goof. It's easy, and it doesn't cost anything.

Big goofs are part of our heritage. It began when Eve told Adam that red meat can harden the arteries and therefore to stick to light salads and fruit. George Washington continued the tradition by wearing a wig. And so it has gone.

the tradition by wearing a wig. And so it has gone.
Stupidity is not something learned, necessarily. For some it's heriditary but mostly, you just fall into it. It's a sure bet that it won't be more than a couple of weeks until we all do something absolutely boneheaded and reestablish ourselves as charter members of the human race.

So we've all been guilty of having our heads filled with a substantial amount of air at certain times. For instance I had a friend in high school who, when he arrived for his very first day in high school, locked his keys in the car. What was particularly stupid the car. What was particularly stupid about it, though, was that the engine was still running and remained runwas still running and remained running the entire morning. Another
high school friend, who was playing
linebacker on our football team,
couldn't seem to ascertain which
direction he was supposed to travel on
a certain defensive maneuver. "Left,"
the coach told him, "go left." And he
still didn't go left. Finally the coach
asked the player to hold up his left
hand, and guess which hand he held

I too was in the land of the lost for an entire week once. On a Friday two summers ago I used an iron, and the next Monday I discovered I hadn't had the good fortune of turning the

thing off. The next weekend I was away from my apartment for three days, and when I came back I found the back right burner on my oven still red-hot after three days of activity.

But these were excusable mistakes. The perpetrators hadn't yet had the benefit of upper-level education or the exposure to the world necessary to prevent such acts of mental deprivation. The people who are truly worthy of indictment are people who should no better.

on better.

These are some of the people who are doing some dumb things:
Sean Penn. Anybody who would spend a night in jail alone rather than at home with Madonna is stupid. (Of course, anybody who writes something negative about Sean Penn ain't shart, considering the wallop Sean's been packing in such situations).
The famous Walenda family (the high-wire act family) was stupid. I stress the was.
Jim and Tammy Bakker. They each

stress the was.
Jim and Tammy Bakker. They each married the other.
Jim and Tammy Bakker. They each have stayed with the other.
Ollie North, for not realizing the immediate marketing possibilities of the "Ollie Tupee."
David Letterman, for consistently blasting neople for being fat, ugly or

blasting people for being fat, ugly or even stupid and getting sued for it. Garfunkel. For breaking up with

Len Bias, Dwight Gooden, et al., who spent all that good money on the infamous white powdery substance. Ronald Reagan, for a number of

Journalists, for doing what they do. Defense lawyers, for doing what

they do.

People who believe Harmonic Convergence would be the beginning of world harmony are not realistic.

People who awoke at 4 in the morning converge harmoniously and hum on a mountaintop are not normal.

People who name their dogs

Prince, Duke, Snoopy or Rover.
People who name their children
Prince, Duke, Snoopy or Rover.
People who bounce checks on
items that cost less than 10 dollars. The Centre of the poly of the control of the poly of t

Joining an organization can be one of the most

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People who think that Pluto is only a dog and Milky Way is only a candy

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People who go to France and like it.
The Flat Earth Society.
People who think all Texans wear
cowboy hats, and that all Texans talk
like Matt Houston.

like Matt Houston.

Matt Houston.

People who pay 9 bucks to sit in the "good seats" at a Texas Rangers game when they could be paying \$3.75 for the "bad seats." It's fun out there in the bad seats, cuz you got money left over for goodies at the concession stand

stand.

People in bars who lip synch words to songs in the mistaken belief that it makes them appear knowledgable and privy to the music scene, and therefore cool.

People who continue to wear all black and drive all the way to Dallas to dance.

People who yell "boo!" at sporting

reopie who yell bool at sporting events and mean it.

People who consider as classical music the themes from "Star Wars" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

People who believe the National Enquirer is total trash and never read it. It's actually some pretty good reading.

reading.
People who refuse to buy "generic" brand food items.
People who buy season tickets to Buffalo Bills football games. And the

same people who haven't yet moved away from Buffalo. Europeans. They do not put ice in their drinks.

Americans. They go to Europe and sk for ice. Jim and Tammy Bakker. For still

ring together.
People who subscribe to pro wrest-

reopie with a ling magazines.
People who shoot polar bears with a slingshot.
People who eat typewriters.

Now do you see how stupid people really can be?

Jackson win won't be a big surprise

By Jerry Madden Columnist



Jesse Jackson is the Democra-tic frontrunner. Forget what the polls may say. Forget what expert commentators

may say.

Jackson is the man to beat.

Right away some people are going to say that I'm crazy, and maybe I am. to say that I m crazy, and maybe I am.
But I'm willing to go out on a limb and
say that unless something out of the
blue happens, Jesse Jackson is going
to leave the rest of the pack far be-

And it's all thanks to a thing called

Super Tuesday, quite simply, will probably decide who the Republican probably decide who the nepublicand and Democratic candidates are going to be. You see, on Super Tuesday in 1988, over a quarter of the states (including Texas) will begin to elect described to the party conventions. legates to the party conventions. Whoever can "win" on Super Tues-day will carry momentum throughout the rest of the election.

Currently, there are seven Demo-cratic contenders, and only one has any sort of name recognition. Do you know who it is? Why, Jesse Jackson,

of course.

And that's the reason Jackson will soon emerge as the Democratic frontrunner. Only he, and whoever else may do well in the lowa caucauses and New Hampshire primary, will have any sort of name recognition.

Now, couple that with the fact that none of his competitors has ever run in a national campaign before. Jackson has the experience and reliable national backing that any candidate needs to win. needs to win.

national backing that any candidate needs to win.

Also consider that many of the states participating in Super Tuesday are in the South, which is where Jackson has most of his support.

That makes Jackson the best known and best backed candidate. Now, aid the fact that none of the other candidates has enough time to establish recognition or national support.

What you have is the making of a Jackson landslide on Super Tuesday. What you'll see happen is Jackson win one or two states outright, and have respectable showings elsewhere. All together, he'll have a real strong showing.

Now, none of the other candidates will do as well as Jackson. None are strong enough to. I doubt that Gary Hart, should he try a comeback, would be able to overtake Jackson on Super Tuesday.

Jackson is simply too strong at the present time to lose Super Tuesday.

Of course, this is exactly what the

Of course, this is exactly what the Republicans are hoping for.

The Republicans dream of a Jackson victory. In their minds, Jackson is the best possible of all Democratic candidates, with the possible exception of Hart.

The Republicans know they can beat Jackson with whomever they run. Jackson is too well-known and too-well disliked by the majority of the electorate, or so the theory goes. The same went for Hart.

What the Republicans don't want

The same went for Hart.

What the Republicans don't want to see is some "unknown" take the Democratic nomination, like what sort of happened in 1960.

By Hodd Camp

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indicated right to the who all the poor slots who weren't rich enough, small enough or desponds enough to join your organization...

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SPORTS

Ankrom, Jeffery and company ready for season

By Troy Phillips

TCU's offensive backfield is as healthy as it has been in a long time and will be ready with a new game plan come this Saturday against Boston College.

College.
Led by senior quarterback Scott
Ankrom, the Frogs will incorporate a
new dropback passing game, said Bill
Thornton, TCU offensive coordi-

Thornton, TCU offensive coordinator.

"The backs will be trying to uncover the receivers downfield by running certain patterns," Thornton said.
"The routes they run will be no further than 10 or 12 yards," he said.
"We want to get the ball to these guys in the short zones and rely on their running ability to do something with it."

Thornton said even with the new here, it's rush the ball."

Last year, running back Tony Jef-

gassing game, TCU's rushing will be Last year, running back Tony Jef-as aggressive as ever.



Tony Jeffery

Conference in rushing until an injury against Houston halted his season. Fully recovered for this season, Jeffery will try to become the third player in TCU history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. Starting at the other halfback spot will be Tommy Palmer. Scott Bed-

Tony Darthard will see a considere amount of playing time at either of the halfback spots," Thornton

He said along with Darthard, re-reve backs Roscoe Tatum, Scott Ack-byd, Mark Tipps and Bobby Davis

will also be playing.
"That's always been our style,"
Thornton said. "We have quite a few
players who are in a position to help
the team, and they'll get an oppor-

tunity."

Jeffery said he believes experience is the key factor in the success of TCU's running game

"Everyone has at least two or more seasons, and we're three deep in each back position," he said. "We're a consistent backfield, and we can block for each other really well.

Thornton said the quarterback spot has been secured by Ankrom, who is

finally healthy after being redshirted last season. Reserve quarterbacks David Rascoe and Ron Jiles will back

"Scott is the starter, and it's his job to hold on to," Thornton said. "There is no doubt that he's being pushed by the other two quarter-backs, though."

About the new dropback passing game, Jeffery said it gives the defense more to study instead of just the veer.
"We've studied different types of

defenses, so if you mess up, it's no one's fault but your own," Jeffery

Thornton said the new passing strategy will enhance the rushing

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game because defenders will have to commit more to the pass.
"With the dropback style, we can open up the offense more," he said. He also said that in order to make the big plays, the offense would need its key people in the lineup.
"I'm a heck of a lot better coach than last year, and if we can keep the same starters as now, we'll be stronger in pressure situations," Thornton said.

Jeffery said his No. 1 priority this

"Anything else, such as rushing for 1,000 yards, would just be a bonus," he said.

"I just want us to go out in style, instead of another 3—8 season."

Secondary looking to improve

By Randy Hargrove Sports Writer

The TCU secondary is hoping to plug the holes opposing teams created last year when the Horned Frog passing defense ranked second to last in the Southwest Conference.

The additions of a new 4-3 defense and new defensive coordinator Rick Johnson could mean the end of the 200- and 300-yard passing games prevalent last year.

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Senior strong safety Tommy Sharp said he doesn't see the 300- yard passing games happening again this year because of the presence of Johnson and the confidence he's instilled.

Johnson was hired in the off-season from Baylor, where he helped coach a Baylor defense that ranked first in the SWC in total defense.

Johnson said he admits he has a great deal of talent to work with at CU.

The most recognizable talent in the role.

Scondary may be free safety Falanda "I have to go out and treat every play in practice like it's a game situa-



Baylor defense that ranked first in the SWC in total defense.

Johnson's responsibilities at Baylor included coaching the defensive backs. Last year, two of his prized pupils were All-SWC defensive backs. East rear, two of his prized specific ways and Thomas Everett.

Johnson said Frog fans can expect almost an equal amount of man and zone coverage from the secondary, and that the Frogs will constantly be syitching back and forth based on the spituation.

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Sharp has been using practice to help prepare himself for the starting

tion because I haven't had a lot of game experience. I have to put myself under that type of stress during prac-tice so I can start preparing for what it will be like in a game," Sharp said.

Johnson has been pleased with the progress Sharp has made. "Tommy Sharp has accomplished so much in such a short period of time since I've been here," Johnson said. "He has played well from the first

scrimmage in spring. We expect him to have a really good season." Senior Garland Littles, last year's

starter at strong safety, is currently listed at second team. Littles has been recovering from surgery on a knee injured in the Texas Tech game last

year.
Johnson said he considers the knee fully recovered and adds that Littles has been playing well.
Cornerback, the biggest area of concern in the secondary, has been bolstered by the addition of two junior college transfers. Andre Spencer and Robert McWright. Both players arrived at TCU with impressive credentials.
McWright gained first team junior

McWright gained first team junior college All-America and Texas junior college all-conference honors in 1986 while attending Ranger (Texas) Junior College

College.
Spencer comes to TCU from Los
Angeles, Calif., where he gained AllGolden West honors in 1986 at Fullerton (Calif.) Community College.
Spencer and McWright are currently the first team cornerbacks.

Spencer lines up on the left corner, while McWright occupies the right cornerback spot.

cornerback spot.
Johnson said Spencer's and McWright's transitions to a major college program have been eased by the fact that they practice against good players at TCU.
"If you can work out against our guys, you're going to have a chance at least to succeed," Johnson said.
The secondary cupboard isn't exactly bare once you get past Spencer and McWright.

John Booty, last year's starter at one corner, returns for his senior campaign and is currently listed second team behind McWright.

Johnson said the TCU secondary is a group that will improve after playing a few games and gaining some experi-ence, and he adds that as the players continue to gain confidence, fans can expect to see more aggressiveness on the field.

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Cowboys cut linebacker

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Other cuts included free Other cuts included free agents wide receiver Vince Courville of Rice, cornerback Alex Green of Indiana, defensive tackle Walter Johnson of Pittsburgh, fullback E.J. Jones of Kansas, wide receiver Joe Phillips of Kentucky, defensive end Javan Ross of South Carolina State, punter Buzz Sawyer of Baylor, quarterback Loren Snyder of Colorado State, wide receiver Sebron Snivey of Snyder of Colorado State, wide receiver Sebron Spivey of Southern Illinois and wide re-ceiver Terence Steward of Lenior Rhyne.

The Dallas roster is down to

American breaks World record in track and field

R O M E. (AP) – J a c k i e Joyner – Kersee, dizzy from the heat, provided a glimmer of hope for the disappointing U.S. team at the World Track and Field Championships Monday as she moved well ahead of her world record pace in the heptathalon.

Her performance, which included career bests in the high—jump and shot put, shared the spotlight with the second longest triple jump in history, a 58—foot 9 ½ inch effort by Bulgarian Christo Markov in the final.

Joyner – Kersee, who twice shat-tered the world heptathalon record twice last year, had 4,256 points after four events. The world record total is

Her point total was a world record for the first day of a heptathalon, breaking her own mark of 4,151 set in 1986 during the Goodwill Games

Joyner - Kersee, however, was not concerned about the world record as she was about securing the gold medal. "I have to come out winning first.

Whatever else comes about is fine. I am going to concentrate on winning, she said.

Like Markov, Monday's other gold medalists all came from Eastern Block



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