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TCU listed in book of 'best college buys'

By Deborah Gaston
Staff Writer

Edward B. Fiske's "The Best Buys in College Education" lists TCU as one of about 200 colleges and universities that offers "high-quality education at reasonable cost."

"To say that something is a bargain is to make a relative judgment about quality in relation to price," Fiske wrote.

William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said to the best of his knowledge, there is no national index used to express a cost-benefit ratio for higher education.

"My own view is that what constitutes value in higher education is largely determined by the consumer," Koehler said.

Howard W. Smith Jr., professor of higher education at North Texas State University, agreed there is no single

way to measure the quality of education.

"The quality of a school has a lot to do with admissions and graduation standards," Smith said. "If you bring in only bright, talented students, you graduate only bright, talented students."

Koehler said he believes the individual makes the decision concerning value because each person is looking for something different, and value

means different things to different people.

In a recent Media General-Associated Press poll, most Americans said they believe the cost of education is too high for the relative value of the education received.

Koehler said if he had families ask him why they should spend between \$9,000 and \$9,500 each year to send their children to TCU, he would "tell them what TCU costs and what TCU offers, but not that they should or

should not send their children to TCU."

"I would tell them that TCU offers a very competent faculty, that we have modest-sized classes (average class size at TCU is between 25 and 30 students) and that the quality of students here is very good and so the peer group with which a student is interacting is going to be intellectually challenging for the most part," he said. "Whether all those things are

worth the cost is a question you have to answer."

Fiske wrote one of the major benefits of TCU is its small size.

TCU has "the facilities and prestige of a large university in a 'small-school' atmosphere," Fiske wrote.

Robin Hutchins, a senior art history/reigion major, said she transferred here from Westmont College in

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Statistics show law has helped Seat belts save lives

By Brad Vanderbilt
Staff Writer

In 1984, a year before Texas Governor Mark White signed the mandatory seat belt law, the Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics reported 4,030 motor vehicle deaths in Texas.

In the two years following the law, deaths dropped to 3,824 in 1985 and 3,712 in 1986. Although several factors could account for this decrease, many would attribute it—at least in part—to the new seat belt law.

Chief of Campus Police Oscar Stewart said the law demands the "compliance of the people in the front seat, the driver and the passenger. . . . These people will have their seat belts fastened or they will be subject to citation for the violation of the seat belt law."

Stewart said those found in violation of the seat belt law are charged an initial fine of about \$50.

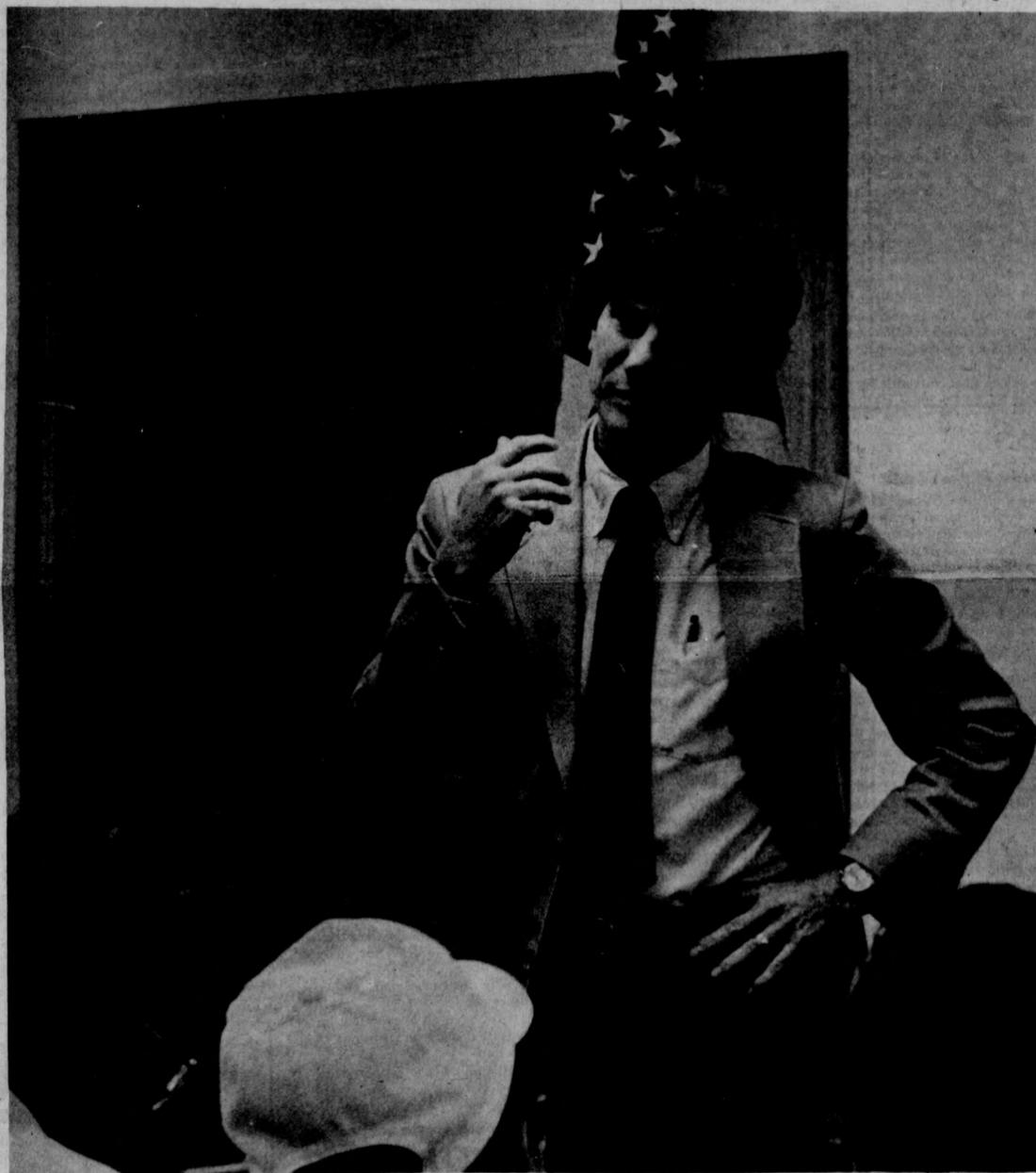
Such fines add up. The Department of Public Safety reports that in the month of December 1985 alone, 7,737 Texas motorists were fined by DPS officers for breaking the seat belt law. These fines totaled approximately \$301,743. In 1986, the first full year the law was in effect, the DPS fined 82,702 violators charges totaling over \$2.1 million.

Stewart said many TCU students now comply with the law, due in large part to fines issued by local police.

Stewart said seat belt violations are often discovered in the process of citing another violation.

"If we stop a person for speeding and they don't have their seat belts on, they will be cited for speeding and cited for not having their seat belt on," Stewart said.

Many people, however, buckle up simply for safety reasons. Stewart said that with the highway speed limit raised to 65 mph, there is an increased need to wear seat belts.



New Head Librarian Fred Heath speaks to Student House of Representative members Tuesday at a meeting concerning the newly proposed library hours.

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Budget trims hours

By Katie Hazelwood
Staff Writer

The constraints the Mary Couts Burnett Library is operating under places constraints on students like the cutback of hours, said library director Fred Heath.

Speaking to the House of Representatives during Tuesday's meeting, Heath said he wanted to let students know how the constraints have affected the cutback of library hours.

The former library hours were operated under a grossly overextended budget, he said.

"It's a tough situation to be in," he said. "I do want you to understand the reluctance I have to cutback the hours, but I must also balance the resources I have with the services you require."

Efforts are being made to extend some library hours as soon as possible, he added.

In other House business, members passed Bill 87-18, "A Bill To Organize and Promote a Town Student Caucus."

The bill aims for better communication among town students.

"With town students living in different complexes and houses, it just isn't possible to get together on a whim to discuss their concerns," said David Rotman, adhoc committee chairperson of the Town Student Caucus.

Rotman said that town students are often mistakenly seen as being uninterested in student government, and that the caucus could improve interaction between off-campus students.

The House passed Resolution 87-4, "A Resolution to Support the Crime Prevention Committee."

It approves Student Concerns Committee member Greg Groenemann as a member of the Crime Prevention Committee, which was formed by faculty and staff members to ensure the safety of all students and their campus property.

The House also passed Bill 87-17, "The Organizational Support Funding Bill," enabling the House to allocate funds from the Organizational Support Fund to send two people to attend the National Student Conference on Hunger.

Programs teach TCU students about fire safety

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

The Fort Worth Fire Department and the TCU Office of Residential Living have been working together for several years to educate students about fire safety, said Wanda Olson, coordinator of residential living.

They have enacted programs to educate all students and provide specialized training for staff members.

In January, 65 resident assistants and 11 hall directors were trained at the Fort Worth Fire Training Academy. Hands-on demonstrations followed a three-hour information session, Olson said.

Participants learned how to use fire extinguishers and tried out other firefighting equipment. They handled water hoses and put

out deliberately set fires while wearing full gear, Olson said.

To simulate evacuation of a smoke-filled building, participants crawled through darkened rooms searching for "bodies." They entered four at a time to learn the buddy system, she said.

Although RAs would not be required to search a burning building or fight a blaze, they gained an understanding of the risks firefighters have to take, Olson said.

"We feel like we've done a good job in educating the RAs," she said. "We need to take that a step further."

That next step was taken Sept. 15 when Capt. Les Burke of the Fort Worth Fire Department spoke to a group of freshmen at Ed Landreth auditorium.

Burke said the goal is to create a campus where all students have some specialized education about fire safety. By meeting with freshmen each year, campus-wide

awareness will be achieved in four years.

Burke said that only freshmen were invited because they should learn fire safety early in their stay at TCU.

"That's not to say we don't want that for all students," Burke said. "This was a starting point and that's all."

"I'd like to see it mandatory for freshmen to attend," Burke said. Some sororities granted study hall credit to pledges who attended the presentation, he said.

Burke, who works in the fire department's safety and education division, spoke to students about building evacuation, fire lanes and fire prevention.

He showed a film of the MGM Grand Hotel fire in Las Vegas and noted similarities between hotels and campus housing.

"It's basically the same thing as a dormitory," he said. Many people

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False alarms a concern

By Brenda Welchlin
Staff Writer

Like the boy who cried wolf, fire alarms heard too often may cause TCU students to relax when an alarm is sounded, said Wanda Olson, coordinator of residential living.

From Aug. 17 through the fourth week of school, there were 10 false alarms on campus, including five that were set off "maliciously," Olson said.

"I think it's serious because students get relaxed to a fire alarm. We're talking about student lives," Olson said. "We've had too many (false alarms) for the fourth week."

Capt. Les Burke of the Fort Worth Fire Department said TCU has had 100 false alarms since Jan. 1.

"Most of them were pulled alarms or smoke detectors set off deliberately," said Capt. W. E. Duncan of the Fort Worth Fire Department. He said he wasn't aware of any system malfunctions included in that total.

Of the 10 false alarms this semester, five were accidental or system malfunctions, Olson said.

A malicious fire alarm occurs when an alarm is intentionally set off by smoke or pulled. This includes instances where students start a fire that triggers an alarm. Malfunctions include such things

as roaches crawling into smoke detectors, Olson said.

After four weeks of the semester last year, three out of five total alarms had been set off maliciously, Olson said.

Although Duncan did not know if fire department responses to the TCU campus have increased in the past several years, he said that "they haven't been decreasing."

TCU's policy for handling student fire safety violations includes fines and other disciplinary action.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$400 can be levied for arson, failure to evacuate during an alarm, parking in a fire lane, disassembling a smoke detector, misuse of equipment and pulling a false alarm.

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TODAYliving

High fiber content in foods may result in improved health

By Mary Anne Gorman
Guest Columnist



Various agencies in the United States have proposed that most Americans should reduce their intake of concentrated sweets and increase their intake of foods containing complex carbohydrates.

Complex carbohydrates and fiber, substances in plant foods that are not able to be digested by human digestive enzymes, appear together in most foods.

Based on research describing the diets in Africa, the "fiber hypothesis" was developed. This theory suggests that the consumption of unrefined, high-fiber, complex carbohydrates protects against many Western diseases.

Different fiber foods exert different effects in the body. Some fibers, like wheat bran and cellulose, act in the gastrointestinal tract like a sponge - holding water and exercising the muscles of the small and large intestine.

Other fibers, like oat bran, pectin and hemicellulose in fresh fruits and vegetables, appear to exert a blood cholesterol lowering effect.

Fiber may also play an impor-

tant role in weight control.

The reason for this observation is most likely based on the fact that foods high in fiber tend to be low in fat and simple sugar. High fiber foods, therefore, usually have fewer calories than similar foods made without fiber components.

Another reason that high fiber diets are important in weight control is that foods containing fiber promote satiety, the feeling of fullness.

In addition, high fiber foods, because of their water-holding capacity, quickly satisfy hunger.

Along with weight control, food fibers are thought to be beneficial in the management of the following conditions:

- 1. Constipation and hemorrhoids.
- 2. Appendicitis.
- 3. Diverticulosis, the outpocketing of the intestinal lining that balloons through the weakened intestinal wall.
- 4. Colon cancer; some researchers believe that since fibers speed up the passage of food through the digestive tract, the body is exposed to carcinogens in food for a shorter period of time.
- 5. Cardiovascular disease by binding with cholesterol and carrying cholesterol out of the body.

How can Americans increase their intake of fiber? Foods high in fiber include whole wheat and oatmeal, fruits, vegetables, dried beans and peas, nuts and seeds.

Acid-washed jeans: fad or fashion?

By Katie Hazelwood
Staff Writer

First there were jeans and then there were stone-washed jeans.

Now the new trend is acid-washed jeans. But just what is the difference between the different kinds of denim?

Stone-washed jeans are given their faded look by being washed with stones like pumice. The jeans have a uniformly light blue color and don't fade as much as regular blue jeans.

Keri Ashford, leisure sportswear manager of Neiman Marcus in Ridgmar Mall, said stone-washed jeans have been around for about three years.

Various processes, including painting on and washing jeans in bleach, make the new acid-washed look, Ashford said.

Cherri Carbonara, public relations manager for Foley's, said often acid-washed jeans undergo the same process used in stone-washing, but the stones are soaked in bleach.

The friction between the fabric and the stones causes the irregular patterns on the jeans and also makes the jeans softer and more comfortable, she said.

While stone-washed jeans will probably continue to be an old favorite, Carbonara said, the acid-washed jeans' popularity is steadily increasing.

Foley's first introduced acid-washed clothing in January and the popularity of the look grew so that by August everyone was really excited about it, she said.

Ashford said the popularity of acid-washed clothing can be attributed to the fact that people are always looking for something new to wear and denim can be worn in so many combinations.

"But it (denim) needed this new twist to make it so fashionable," she said.

She said acid-washed clothing should be popular through spring.

But Marie Cheek, junior assistant manager of the County Seat in Hulen Mall, said acid-washed clothing should be popular throughout the school year but will probably die out a little around Christmas if something new comes along.

"The new trend that is about to come out will be colored denim with the acid treatment, especially in pastels and bright colors," she said. "Also over-dyed jeans that are blue-black or gray, then acid-washed for a more subtle look will be very popular."

"But the regular acid-wash will continue to be very popular as well," she said.

Depending on the manufacturer, price tags on acid-washed clothing can be fairly steep.

Cheek said the prices of the jeans can start at about \$36 and can cost as much as \$56 or more for some of the pricier brands, such as Guess.

Just who is paying to wear the new jeans?

"As many guys, if not more, are wearing them than girls," Cheek said.

Sophomore John Meyer agreed.

"I think more guys are starting to wear them and that it's due to guys



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Kelle Brewar, assistant manager of Judy's in Ridgmar Mall, picks a pair of acid-washed jeans to try on

being more aware of trends now and spending more to look sharp," he said. "I think they'll be worn as much as the stone-washed are."

Junior Mary Ayala said she welcomed the new style.

"I wear jeans so much of the time that it's great to have some that are different," she said. "The acid-washed are pretty casual but they're maybe a little dressier than the stone-washed."

But Ayala said she wouldn't abandon her stone-washed jeans because

"they're the most comfortable to just run around in." Junior Jill Blatt said she wondered, however, if acid-washed jeans are only a fad.

"They have such a definite look to them that they aren't as versatile as some other jeans, including the stone-washed," she said. "I think the stone-washed and the basic blue jeans are pretty basic and will last a lot longer."

"The problem with something so trendy is that after the trend has passed, you can't wear them anymore," she added.

Aerobic dance addiction is possible

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on aerobic dancing.

By Lucy Calvert
Staff Writer

Exercising helps keep the body fit, but is there such a thing as too much exercise?

Katie Bland, a former exercise addict, says, "Yes."

"I couldn't miss a workout for anything," she said.

Bland, operations manager for The Fitness Connection health club on Hulen Street and an aerobics instructor for six years, said she felt she always had to be doing some kind of exercise.

If she went even one day without a workout, she said, she felt she would get fat.

After friends voiced their concern, "it took weeks to admit I had a problem," she said.

Bland said two or three months passed before she could go a few days without exercising. But she realized the body needs rest as much as it needs activity.

"And even though you can get stressed out from not exercising enough, you can also get stressed from too much," she said.

Do men join aerobic dance classes as often as women?

Not at TCU they don't, said John Sullivan, a freshman pre-major.

As a work-study student in the Rickel Building, Sullivan said he noticed there were only five men on an aerobic dance class roster of about



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Senior Whitney Dorris stretches out before her aerobics workout in the Rickel

255 women. He admits he joined the classes to meet the girls.

"But after the first few workouts, I was too exhausted to hit on them," he said.

But Sullivan said he enjoys aerobic dance now because he likes the "ability to sweat to death for one good, quick hour."

Why don't more men join aerobic dance classes?

Most men choose football instead because it is a "man's workout," Sullivan said.

He said when he asks other guys to try aerobic dance, their reply is "Man, you're crazy!"

Sullivan said this is because they've never given it a try.

He said from doing aerobic dance he has "a new respect for the female gender."

Using exercise videos and cassettes is an alternative to joining an aerobic dance class, but both Bland and Amy Kaman, fitness coordinator for the Rickel Building, recommend renting before buying.

Bland said to see if the instructor knows about form and technique and explains both to the user.

"It needs to be safe as well as challenging," she said.

Kaman recommended the Kathy Smith, Jane Fonda and Jazzercise videos, but said many people find it easier to commit themselves to a class.

CAMPUSLINES

Graduate study abroad

Graduate students can apply for grants for graduate study abroad offered under the Fulbright Program through Oct. 14. Many of the grants offered provide round-trip transportation, tuition and fees for one academic year.

Application forms and further information may be obtained through Fulbright Program adviser Emmet G. Smith in Ed Landreth Hall Room 114.

AA meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous will begin meeting on campus. The program is strictly anonymous and confidential.

For information, contact the Alcohol and Drug Education program by calling 921-7100 or stop by Room 230 in the Rickel Building.

Volunteers needed

The Rape Crisis Center of Tarrant County needs volunteers to counsel victims of sexual assault.

A training session for new volunteers will be held at the Women's Center, 1723 Hemphill, Oct. 10, 14 and 24.

Good listening skills and a sincere desire to help are the only requirements.

For more information, call the Rape Crisis Office at 923-3939.

Scholarship available

Students are encouraged to apply for the Truman Scholarship Program. Candidates should currently be sophomores who are interested in a career in public service.

For more information contact Donald Jackson in the political science department, Sadler Hall 205, or call 921-7468.

Graduate study grant

The English Speaking Union of Fort Worth is offering one \$1,500 scholarship for formal study in Great Britain during the summer of 1988.

Currently enrolled English graduate students or undergraduates who will have completed their junior year by summer 1988 are eligible.

To apply, send a college transcript, two letters of recommendation and a description of study plans to: Keith C. Odom and Neil Daniel, English Department, Box 32872, Texas Christian University.

Yearbook pictures

Senior pictures will be taken for the Horned Frog Yearbook Oct. 5 through 8 in front of Sadler Hall.

Pictures will be taken by appointment only. For more information call the Student Activities Office.



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COMMENTARY

Our View Students can learn from Biden's case

Keep Joe Biden in mind. When the Delaware senator was in law school at Syracuse University, he "borrowed" five pages from a law journal. He put those five pages in a paper he was writing. He got caught and failed the class. The university thought that was suitable punishment for plagiarism. But Biden didn't learn the lesson. He continued to "borrow" the words of others. Most recently, he has borrowed the words of British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock and the late Robert Kennedy. The words sounded good, but they didn't get Biden what he wanted. Because of his unethical behavior, he has been forced to drop out of the 1988 presidential race. What does this mean to a TCU student? It means that bad habits start early. A bad habit that Biden developed as a student has damaged his political career. Right now, plagiarism is a quick way to get a good grade. But will it be worth it if you get caught? Probably not. And students need to learn that. That's why TCU has a plagiarism policy. But like Biden's "punishment" at Syracuse University, TCU's policy lacks teeth. The worst that TCU's policy calls for is that cheating students fail their classes and not receive credit. Sometimes, that's not enough to stop plagiarism. Joe Biden proved that. Students should remember what happened to Biden before they decide to "borrow" the work of another writer. And TCU should reexamine its plagiarism policy. Plagiarism is a serious offense and should have a serious punishment. Failure of a class is a slap on the wrist. We recommend suspension from the university. That should teach the lesson Joe Biden failed to learn.



Robertson needs to stop bad politics

By Jerry Madden
Columnist



Republican presidential candidate Pat Robertson has stunned the political world by winning straw polls in Iowa and Michigan.

In reality, that came as only a small shock to the GOP. What really concerns them is the unorthodox and dangerous way in which he won them. The straw polls really mean little as far as Robertson's overall chances of winning the Republican nomination. What they do give the Robertson campaign, however, is momentum for the upcoming Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. Robertson currently is viewed by most Republican faithful as being either their third or fourth choice for president. In all reality he, like Democrat Jesse Jackson, would never be allowed to win the party's nomination. But Republicans fear that Robertson's supporters will create havoc during the nomination process and disenfranchise many undecided voters come election time.

Their fears are based upon past performances by Robertson supporters and other Christian fundamentalists.

A good case is the Michigan straw polls. The Republicans who attended were astounded to find Robertson supporters being brought in from all over. Most of these people had never been actively involved in Republican politics before.

Thus, Robertson supporters outnumbered party regulars, and, of course, Robertson won the Michigan straw poll by a landslide. This scared the Michigan Republican Party tremendously. They rightly feel such tactics will subvert the party and pave the way for a Democratic victory in the state in 1988.

Robertson contends the majority of Americans do agree with his views. Republicans say that regardless of that he has subverted the party by taking over ruling reigns from party workers who have paid their dues by working for the election of their party's candidates for many years. Make no mistake about it. Republicans want and enlist the support of Christian fundamentalists because they share common ideological grounds. But they prefer for the fundamentalists, or any other section of the party, to work within the party's system by becoming regular party workers.

Robertson might be a good candidate for the presidency because of his administrative skills and stands on moral issues. However, he has not worked within the Republican party for very long, although he has been a Republican and has lent support to Republican candidates.

He has very deep-rooted support, although that support is not very wide-spread. What he needs to do is tell his supporters to get involved in the off-years in Republican politics and earn the trust and respect of party regulars.

In that way, when 1992 rolls around, he and his supporters won't be viewed as outsiders who want to usurp the Republican party.

Give peace a chance in Central America

By Michael Hayworth
Columnist



All we are saying is give peace a chance. The song brings back memories of the Vietnam era, but the sentiments it holds apply today.

Central America wants to give peace a chance. Ronald Reagan doesn't want to let it.

On Aug. 6, the presidents of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala came together in a Guatemala hotel room. The next morning, they emerged with a document that stunned the diplomatic community—a peace plan for Central America.

The plan, originated by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, was endorsed by all five presidents, including Daniel Ortega, head of Nicaragua's Sandinista government. It involved concessions on the part of all governments and a general agreement for a cease-fire on Nov. 7.

Reagan calls the Sandinistas oppressive because of the restrictions they have imposed on things such as free speech and a free press in their country. He fails to mention that these restrictions are a direct result of the war with the contras, who would have long since been defeated without the aid Reagan has gained for them.

Perhaps Reagan should check the history books and examine some of the restrictions the United States government has placed on its citizens during times of war.

Since the signing of the peace plan, the Sandinistas have begun rolling

back the restrictions of martial law. Yet President Reagan is still unwilling to give peace a chance in that country.

Congress recently approved \$3.5 million in humanitarian, non-military aid to the contras. At that time, House Speaker Jim Wright predicted that the peace plan would make this the last aid the contras would receive.

But Reagan, in a speech Friday to Concerned Women for America, pressed for a renewed commitment to aiding the contras.

The rest of the world community has acknowledged that the peace plan will require work, but has hailed it as an important first step.

The Soviet Union and Cuba have agreed to remove their support of the Sandinista government. Honduras has agreed not to allow the contras to place bases there. Other nations support the plan through diplomatic efforts.

But Reagan refuses to play, insisting that the peace plan will not work and that aiding the contras is the only way to win democratization in Nicaragua.

The contras, mostly holdovers from the hated Somoza regime, have no concept of democracy. Supporting them is not supporting democracy in Nicaragua.

If Reagan would cease his macho posturing and negotiate, he might find the Sandinistas to be reasonable people. Instead, his tunnel vision sees only one solution: contra aid.

Mike Kirkpatrick, a TCU graduate who visited Nicaragua during his senior year and spent time working in the coffee fields there, said that the question he was asked by Sandinista supporters and opposition alike was why Ronald Reagan hated the Nicaraguan people so much.

The voices are crying. Give peace a chance.

Letters to the Editor

Being involved

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly express my feelings about the many movers and shakers on campus which make this the university I am so happy to call my own.

The past few House of Student Representatives meetings have been crowded ones. The attendance is higher than it has ever been. There are many students who attend even though they cannot vote as elected members. I believe this high attendance and interest reflects how students are realizing that within this assembly there are some of the most concerned students on campus. But not only are these students concerned about what goes on at TCU, they are "doers." You will not see these students simply standing back and destructively criticizing various groups and campus functions. Rather, you will see them doing something about whatever they may be concerned. They make changes on campus that reflect the voiced needs of the students.

Similarly, there are organizations on campus such as the SDSA or Alpha Phi Omega who move this campus. The members are bonded by a common interest or concern and by a common resolve to do something about it rather than simply standing aside and complaining with no other purpose in mind.

The events sponsored by Programming Council—they too are designed to serve the needs of the students on our campus, and in this case the need is to have fun! Anyone can talk about what we need to do or what would be really exciting, but to have the motivation to actually do something is quite another story. The movers in PC committees are indeed unique individuals.

I could not possibly recognize all the contributors to TCU in this short space, but what must be recognized is the following point: there is a crucial difference between the person or group that speaks (or writes) in a negative, critical way about a concern and the person or group that actually acts on that concern.

And perhaps the most tragic situation is one which someone or some group consistently slams the work of doers. Not only is this destructive of the project in question, but it also destroys the more general desire to make changes where changes are needed.

Changes are made on this campus every day, and each of us is challenged to respond to them. Whether the project is a new mall, a course guide to help students, a program to help minority student's orientation or any other change; we as students must fully support the project. Or if we do not agree with the project, we had better make sure that we made an effort to get involved in the decision making before we condemn it.

Thank you,
Steve Partain
Jr.—Poli. Sci.

Faults with SDI

To the editor,
As an intern in Washington D.C. with the Union of Concerned Scientists I have had an unparalleled opportunity to really find out about SDI (Star Wars). The area I have gained the most knowledge about is the Space Based Interceptor (SBI), formerly known as the Space Based Kinetic Kill Vehicle. This system would be the cornerstone of the Reagan administration's plans for early deployment. The problem is it won't work.

In personal discussions with Richard Ruquist (who has worked with the SDI contractor SPARTA, Inc.) I have learned it would be much easier for the Soviets to counter the SBI system than it would for us to put it in place. He is not talking about a few million dollars either. He has calculated it would be 15 to 30 times more ex-

pensive to put up an operational SBI system than it would be to destroy it. That hardly seems to fit the Nitze criteria that any SDI system must be cost effective at the margin. I won't go into how Ruquist got the figures he did, but if you want to see them they are in the July/August 1987 issue of Arms Control Today.

In another area there are even doubts as to whether the SBI can work. The Pentagon's own Defense Science Board stated in its July report to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition that "Component and system design are proceeding on the basis of assumptions and calculations which may or may not prove reliable. . . . survivability is still uncertain. Vulnerability to attack . . . is particularly disturbing." Even the head of the strategic defense systems studies at the government's own Lawrence Livermore Lab in California has stated, "We are very skeptical of relying on the first generation of kinetic kill vehicles to provide any real protection against future threats."

With such serious questions being raised it seems ludicrous to proceed into a crash program for early deployment beginning in the early 1990s. The goal of SDI as originally set forth by the president was to research the possibilities of missile defense and give these findings over to the next president so that he could make an informed decision. Well, this path has been abandoned and the push for early deployment is on. It seems the administration can see the writing on the wall. SDI will not work, but they want to protect their baby. In fact, Attorney General Ed Meese has stated publicly that the first phase of SDI should be deployed "so that it will be in place and not be tampered with by any future administrations." This is no reason to push forward such an expensive program of such questionable effectiveness. Let's look before we leap into the militarization of space.

Doug Dowler
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NEWSLINES

New law allows use of aliases

DALLAS (AP)—Prosecutors see additional complications in trying sexual assault cases because of a new state law allowing victims of sexual assault to use aliases in court.

The law was intended to shield the victim's identity and encourage more victims to prosecute their attackers, said State Sen. Hugh Farmer, D-Fort Worth, the bill's sponsor.

The law, which applies to crimes committed after Jan. 1, 1988, makes it possible for victims of sex crimes to request anonymity in all official records and court proceedings pertaining to their attack.

Campaign fund spending studied

WASHINGTON (AP)—A study of campaign financial records shows contributions to Texas congressmen have gone to pay for such items as baby-sitting fees, a luxury automobile, car telephone and meals at Washington restaurants.

The congressmen, however, defend their use of the funds as outlined in a Harte-Hanks' Washington bureau study of Texas lawmakers' campaign spending records from 1985 through the first half of this year.

Among other things, the San Antonio-based media company's study shows that Rep. Marvin Leath used campaign contributions to buy a new Lincoln Continental for \$16,818 two years ago.

Critics don't hurt WTSU president

CANYON, Texas (AP)—West Texas State University's president said he isn't disturbed by criticism leveled at his administration by an underground newspaper.

The first issue of "The Rest of The Prairie" accuses president Ed Roach and university regents of discouraging critical views of the administration. It also blamed the administration for low student morale and a faculty exodus at the Panhandle school.

"One of the things about a university is that you have a lot of different points of view," Roach said. "We have a student newspaper here that abides by the canons of journalism."



TCU Daily Skiff / Brian R. McLean

Blood Drive - Student Body President Joe Jordan and Coach Jim Wacker kick off the TCU blood drive in the Student Center. Super Frog does his best to comfort them.

Alarms

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Disassembling a smoke alarm carries a \$25 penalty. Parking in a fire lane can result in a \$40 fine plus towing expenses. Misuse of equipment and failure to evacuate each carry a \$100 penalty.

"We can't allow students to make the decision to leave or not leave. It's not an option," Olson said.

Arson is the leading cause of campus fires, according to the TCU guide to residential living. It carries a \$400 fine.

Pulling a false alarm also carries a \$400 fine. However, if the person who pulled an alarm is not identified within 10 working days, each resident of that hall will be charged \$5.

So far this semester, each resident of Clark Hall has been charged \$20 for four false alarms. Clark has had five false alarms, and four were considered malicious.

"They're upset about it," said Buck Benezé, associate dean of students.

"We've already decided that we're going to keep whoever gets caught, and everyone in the dorm gets a hit on him before we turn him in," said Clark resident Dan Hunt, whose intramural flag football team named itself the "Five-Alarmers" because of the fire alarms in Clark.

Burke said, "If we catch somebody, not only might they be expelled, they may be fined and imprisoned." Capt. Tom Lewis of the Fort Worth Fire Department said pulling an alarm is a misdemeanor.

The guide to residential living says that offenders "will be subject to prosecution in criminal court by the FWFD in accordance with the Fort Worth Fire Code."

It also says that money collected for false alarms "will underwrite university costs associated with responding to the false alarm and will underwrite the tuition assistance program for employees of the city of Fort Worth."

Olson said the money helps pay for an emergency response team, which responds every time a university alarm sounds. It is composed of physical plant personnel, who must reset the system and make sure it is clear and operational. They are paid overtime if they must respond outside of normal working hours.

Nobody has been caught this semester for pulling a fire alarm at TCU, Benezé said.

"It's real hard to catch anybody," Olson said.

Burke said that the only way to catch offenders is for other students to report them confidentially.

In the last two academic years, two TCU students have been suspended, two have been moved off campus and six have required other disciplinary action for fire safety violations, Benezé said.

Of those 10 cases, about four were for false fire alarms and the others were for misuse of equipment, Benezé said.

This semester, two students failed to evacuate during fire drills and are going through disciplinary action, Olson said.

Officials at other Texas schools said they have few problems with students pulling fire alarms.

The University of Texas at Arlington, which houses 2,000 on-campus residents, used to have a significant problem, but has since reversed it. "Some years back we were plagued by them (false alarms)," said Russell Grumewald, safety center official.

UTA installed alarms with glass, which must be broken to pull the alarm, and the number of false alarms dropped.

"We've had so few that I don't think we even keep records (anymore)," Grumewald said.

Benezé said all the alarms at TCU are supposed to have a glass panel. "But they don't always have the glass in them," he said.

Texas A&M University, which houses 10,000 students in 37 residence halls, has had few problems with false fire alarms.

"We really don't have many incidents of actual tampering," said Tom Murray, assistant director for student affairs. "We have many more malfunctions than we do tamperings on the university campus."

He said more false alarms there are smoke-activated than are pulled.

Texas A&M students are not fined for fire safety violations.

"We don't fine anybody. We consider it a disciplinary problem," Murray said.

At Texas A&M, staff members in each hall have panels in their rooms that buzz when a smoke alarm in a student room is activated. They have a two- to three-minute delay to check the origin of the alarm before the main building alarm is sounded.

Texas A&M used to have "quite a few instances of tampering" with fire extinguishers, Murray said. A few years ago, all public area fire extinguishers were removed and issued to staff members.

One of the malicious alarms at TCU this year was caused by misuse of a fire extinguisher, Olson said.

Baylor University, which houses 3,261 on-campus residents, has a low number of false fire alarms, said Roxie Trangle, director of residential life. "We really don't have too many, and we don't keep track of them," she said.

Baylor has had problems in the summer when high school groups use their facilities, she said.

"There is ample opportunity for people to play with them (fire alarms)," Trangle said.

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are housed in one building with a limited number of exits.

Burke said that students normally evacuate buildings correctly.

"But it's a different kind of situation under panic conditions," he said.

When evacuating, students should close all doors to "compartmentalize" the building, he said. Fire requires oxygen, and closing doors can slow its spread, especially in stairwells.

"The stairwells are the lifeline of that building," Burke said.

Because smoke hinders vision, students should know how many doors they are from a stairwell or exit, and they should drop to their hands and knees when near smoke or flames, Burke said.

If trapped in a room, they should hang a sheet out the window and close the window unless it must be open to breathe, he said.

Once outside, students should move 300 to 400 feet away from the building. In a real fire, firefighters need room to move equipment. The ladders they use have spikes on the bottom and are heavy, Burke said.

"If we had to jerk a big ladder off, we might hit them (students) and not realize it because the ladders are so heavy," Burke said. "It could hit them and kill them or permanently maim them."

Cars parked in fire lanes pose similar problems for firefighters, he said. The fine for parking in a fire lane is \$40, and the car will be towed on the first violation.

"We don't want to write tickets," Burke said. "We want them to realize that those fire lanes are for fire trucks."

Burke also discussed fire prevention in residence halls.

He cited electrical outlet problems when students install "octopus plugs" to use as many as six plugs in an outlet designed to accept two.

Electric blankets and cooking utensils can become hazardous if used improperly, he said. Storing or placing items in hallways is a hazard during evacuation.

Students with lofts should be aware that smoke, heat and flames rise, Burke said.

"They may take the full impact," he said. "They may not get out alive."

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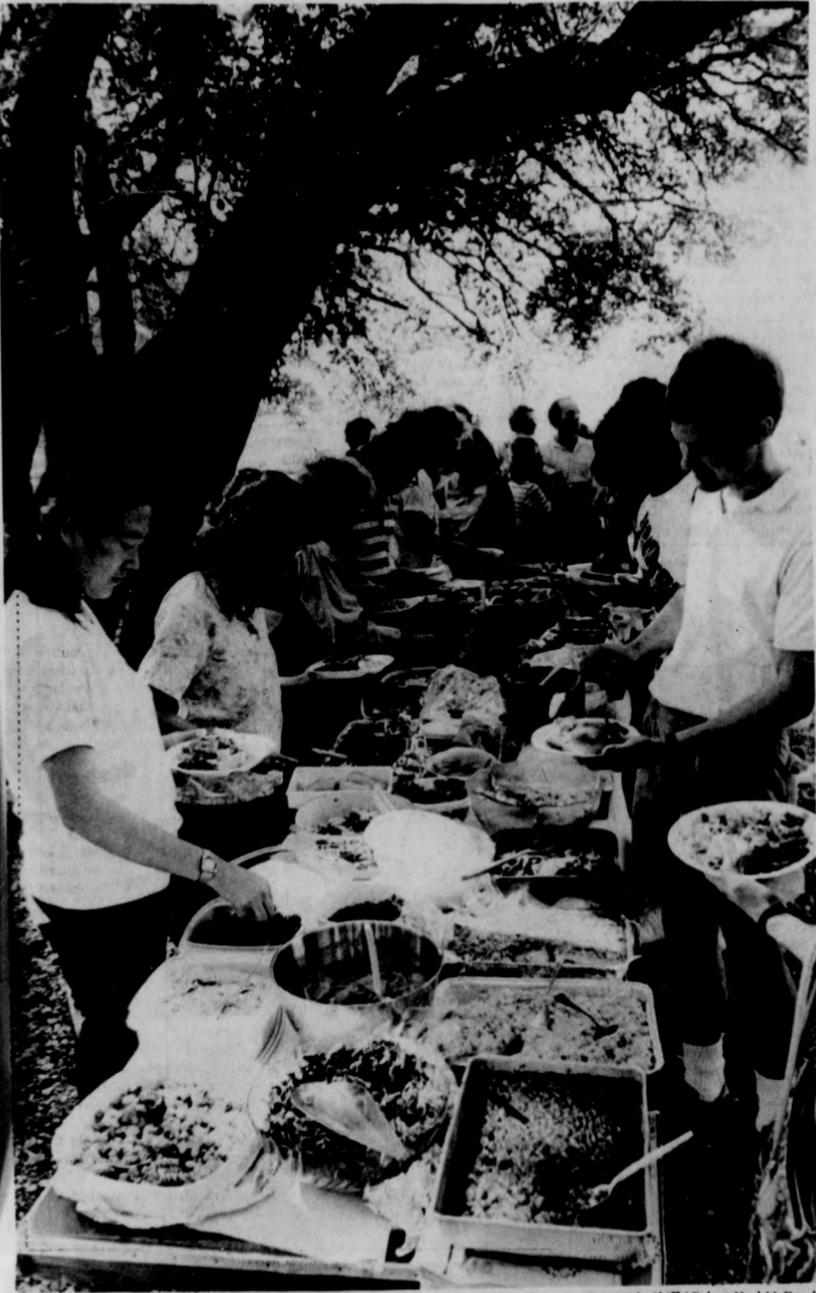


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Out To Lunch - Everyone dug in at the international affairs picnic at Pate Museum Sunday.

Controversy in cartoons necessary, author says

By Yvonne Webb
Staff Writer

Three years' worth of drawing has turned into a money-making venture and the start of a career as a cartoonist for one TCU senior.

Todd Camp, editorial cartoonist for "The TCU Daily Skiff," is now the author of a new book of cartoons on sale at the University Store. The cartoons in the book are part of the "The Campus Underground" strips, which have been a daily feature in "The Skiff" for over two years.

Camp said he got the idea to publish his work when one of his friends published a book of poetry in his hometown of Corpus Christi, Texas.

He said his decision to avoid doing business with some of the larger publishing companies was due in part to a fear of the U.S. Postal Service.

"I didn't want to trust three years of my life to the post office. I didn't know if my work would reach the big publishing houses in New York intact - I couldn't take that chance," he said.

Education

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Santa Barbara, Calif., mainly because of TCU's size and programs.

"Westmont had nice facilities, but had definite limitations because it was so small - the student body consists of about 1,200 students," Hutchins said. "Westmont was also more expensive because it cost between \$11,000 and \$12,000 per year. Both socially and academically, I'm getting more for my money here."

Kelly Taylor, a senior history major, transferred to TCU from Tarrant County Junior College mainly because he wanted a school in this area.

"I looked at North Texas State University and University of Texas at Arlington, but they were too big," he said. "I wanted to go to a smaller university."

Koehler said he believes people shop for colleges much the same way they shop for a car.

"I think a person will go to the very



Todd Camp

Camp's distrustful attitude of people and institutions has often caused controversy because the attitude shows up in his comic strips.

He said he's had as many complaints about his work as he has had compliments but said he thinks the complaints work for him.

"I think I've gained a lot of readers just because people want to know what's going to happen next," he said.

Controversy is just part of the job of an editorial cartoonist, Camp said.

"I'm here to make jokes, but I also want to make people aware. A little controversy never hurts. I think it makes people think," he said. "And God knows that is something that TCU students need to do more of."

Camp said he's noticed that TCU students have different priorities from the rest of the world.

"Their values are different. My most popular series have been about bowheads and the Marriott cups," he said. "When I address a serious issue like South Africa, I start to lose readership."

Camp said the sheer popularity of things that he thinks are stupid amazes him. He said he uses his cartoons to make fun of students who aren't as informed as they should be.

The controversy surrounding the comic strips is predictable, he added.

"It's hard to be topical when you are playing to a Max Headroom generation," he said. "But it's OK, because I think Max is pretty cool."

"Although TCU has a good reputation, it depended more on grades than on the school."

Edwin Cohen, who earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1975 and his master of liberal arts in 1979, said his education at TCU was really worth what he paid for it.

"It is very valuable not only from the money aspect later on, but it also teaches you to think and to organize your thoughts," said Cohen, who works with his family business - Greines Furniture Co., 1332 N. Main St. - and also writes book reviews for the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram."

"My son is looking for a school in the Boston area," he said. "Boston's the hub of culture, but most of the schools in the area had SAT requirements lower than those of TCU. That made me feel even better about my degrees."

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SPORTS

Baseball foreign game to U.S.S.R.

By John Paschal
Sports Writer



The good ol' American pastime is getting quite the Bolshevik look to it. There's a whole lot more red in the red, white and blue ball game.

The Soviets—of Russians, as we so often and wrongly refer to our Eastern honky counterparts—are at this moment learning how to grip a baseball bat and spit in a glove, just like real Big Leaguers. For the first time ever in that country's wondrously enigmatic history, ol' Ivan and Viktor are playing baseball.

Comrade up! Play ballski!

That's right. Baseball in the Ukraine. Like the Beatles sang, "The Ukraine guys really knock 'em out, the West is way behind . . ." and so on, so forth. Oh you can see it now, can't you, right after the big meeting at the Kremlin . . .

Take me out to the ball game, Mikhail. Our comrades playing dees funny game of ball.

It's probably never been said of the Ruskies before, but they're actually sort of cute out there, running haplessly about the ballfield. Grown men looking like awkward children, trying to learn a simple task like throwing a baseball to another human, who must then catch it and throw it back. Trying to remember if you run from home to first or first to home. Watching in wide-eyed wonderment old black-and-white films of American Babe Ruthovich, the fat man who hit many many homerovich for the Yanks.

They're trying, folks, they're trying. You gotta give 'em an "A" for effort.

This year the Soviets are fielding their first-ever baseball team, and for international competition, no less. It's not a good team, mind you. Just a team, a bunch of pale guys who get together after whatever government-owned job they have. Here's how bad they are. You know how sometimes you hear about a team that's absolutely no good, a real putrid gaggle of guys, and the word on them—the euphemism—is that they're going through a "rebuilding year." Well, the Ruskies aren't rebuilding. They're just building. Very, very slowly.

In fact, this August the Soviet team played a team from Nicaragua. Political ramifications aside (you really don't think the Soviets were covertly teaching the Sandinistas how to beat off the Contras with Louisville Sluggers, do you?), it was a compelling venture for the Easterners. Sandinista Sammy hurling curve balls grenade-style

at Soviet Sergei, and Sergei trying to hit them back like a hockey goalie. Well, most of the time Sergei missed, because the Nicaraguans won the game 22-1. And the biggest blow to the substantial Soviet ego? It wasn't even the No. 1 Nicaraguan team they were playing. The No. 1 Nicaraguan team was in Indianapolis for the Pan-Am Games, getting roundly beaten by the Americans.

So it looks like the Soviets are just, well, they're . . .

"I hear they're pathetic," said TCU assistant baseball coach Dave Schmotzer, a guy from Cleveland who ought to know. "The only thing the Russians know about pitching is that they can't hit it."

But what would you expect? Beautiful baseball butterflies springing from Leningradian larvae so soon? Ruskie of the Year? The Cy "Beria" Young award.

Do we expect these displays of ballyard dexterity? "And look, Alexander. Vincovich has Stalin yet another base." Or, "Oh my, Goodenov caught Hendersonovich Lenin the wrong way! He's outta there!"

Nyet! Nyet! Metaphorically speaking, these guys are riding bicycles for the first time and are falling on their red butts because they've got no training wheels. Mamavich and Papavich never saw a bicycle. It's gonna be a long, long time before the boys are an Olympic threat.

And frankly fellow countrymen, be thankful for that. Be glad the Soviets are at this moment the worst baseball players in the galaxy. Baseball is one thing we're superior at. The Cubans and us, anyway. In track and field and almost everything else, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are neck and neckski. The medals won by the two countries' athletes in the Olympics are always very close in number. So, whatever advantage America has, America should keep, by gum.

Let's not go teaching the Bolshoi Boys how to scuff a baseball or how to apply Vaseline to make the ball do funny things during its journey toward home plate. (But on the other hand it would be fitting, wouldn't it, if the Soviets did learn how to apply a "foreign substance" to the ball?) Just to be safe, let's show 'em how to groove one right down the middle, if anything, so our boys can rip one out of the ballyard.

Ah, but here's a thought. A serious one at that. What if the Soviets do finally make it in the baseball kingdom? What if they do finally become proficient in the art of bunting and running, of catching and throwing? What next? Is the Ukraine part of the Texas Rangers' East Coast road trip?

Other than that, we fans could just kick back in the bleachers and enjoy our hot dogs, beer and borsch. Play ballski!

Youthful netters hoping to repeat success

By Troy Phillips
Sports Writer

TCU men's tennis team begins the 1987 season without four key players from last season's Top 20 finish.

Three of those players used up their eligibility. The fourth, Neil Broad, joined the pro circuit.

With three freshmen and two junior college transfers joining the team, coach Tut Bartzzen said something special is going to have to happen in order to match last season's success.

The Frogs finished No. 12 in the nation last season, with Neil Broad ranked 31st.

"We had an older and more experi-

enced team last year," Bartzzen said. "We've got a chance to be good, but these new guys are going to have to work hard."

Freshman Gerard Ronan, one of the new team members, is ranked No. 3 in Canada's junior division.

Ronan said even though the team has a lot of inexperience, the new people are working hard to be successful.

"If everyone pulls their own, we'll have great year," he said. "It's not going to be easy, though."

The success of this year's team will depend mostly on the performances of its two most experienced players, senior Patrick Smith and junior Clinton Banducci.

Banducci won the individual con-

ference title last year, and Smith teamed up with senior John Baker to win the doubles title.

Smith said he's excited about the new season and impressed with the new players.

"I don't know if we'll have as talented a team as last year, but I think everyone works harder," Smith said. "We have a lot more team spirit, so we'll be able to pull together. The new guys are eager to learn as much as they can. It's pretty exciting for all of us."

Although Banducci and Smith got off to a slow start at the team's first tournament, two doubles teams were in the semifinals. The team of Ronan and Eric Lingg reached the finals.

"It was a pleasant surprise, being that it was the first time they had played a tournament together," Bartzzen said. "It was encouraging. The disappointment was that Clint and Patrick didn't do as well."

Bartzzen said Banducci and Smith will have to assume leadership roles this year or his team will be in trouble.

"We need people with their experience to be leaders if we're going to be successful," Bartzzen said.

Despite his performance, Smith said he's still positive about the rest of the season.

"We lost some players, but so did a lot of other teams," Smith said. "Realistically, we can come back strong."



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