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66 students to form new sorority chapter on campus

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
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Alpha Chi Omega sorority will gain a TCU chapter Saturday when 66 students will be initiated as the first active members of the organization on campus.

The charter members at TCU will be installed by the national office and hold their first formal chapter meeting Sunday, said resident colony consultant Tanya Bumstead.

Alpha Chi Omega is the third sorority to be installed on the TCU campus since the initial eight chapters were installed in 1955. Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi were added a year later.

The national installation team, alumnae from the Dallas/Fort Worth area and the 11-member advisory board that has helped colonize the chapter will be present for the signing of the charter by its colonizing members.

A banquet will be held Saturday night for the new members, alumnae and parents at the Ridglea Country Club, Bumstead said. Sunday, an open house reception will give representatives from other campus organizations a chance to meet with chapter members, she said.

Setting up a new sorority on campus posed a challenge to the members as well as the alumnae helping out, said

Deanna Taylor, a sophomore arts and science premajor who is serving as recording secretary for the colony.

"The pledge class has had to play the active role, too," she said. "We had to work harder because we didn't have people in front of us to show us how it was done at TCU."

The alumnae on the advisory board first served as the officers of the colony until the pledges could elect officers and learn of their responsibilities, Taylor said.

"Then they sat back and let us do it," she said. "They gave us support and helped us put all the pieces together."

Before the colony could become a chapter, the chartering members had to meet eight requirements set by the national office, said Lauren Harwell, colony advisor.

These requirements included knowledge of the heritage of Alpha Chi Omega, membership development, intellectual development, fraternity, leadership development, financial responsibility and development of standards and scholarship, Harwell said.

The chapter will also work on philanthropy projects required by the national office as well as local projects of its choosing, Bumstead said.

Easter Seals and the Alpha Chi

Omega Foundation are the two major philanthropies of the sorority nationwide, Bumstead said. The Alpha Chi Omega Foundation is a source of funds for chapters in need and for sorority members who need scholarships and loans, she said.

The foundation also finances risk management programs for chapters nationwide, she said.

Programs and training on alcohol and drug abuse, health issues, rape intervention and other issues of concern to college women are given to help reduce the risks that can sometimes be intensi-

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Fire code regulations to be met

By AMY BULMER
TCU Daily Skiff

The university has plans to enclose all stairwells in Greek residence halls to bring the stairwells up to date with fire code regulations, said Don Palmer, director of facilities planning.

TCU will accomplish this by installing doors that can be closed to seal off stairwells not already enclosed in the halls, Palmer said. Because the halls already have doors closing off stairwells from the upper floors, only doors on the first floor will need to be built, he said.

Plans for installing the doors and constructing their doorways have been drawn by a contracted architect, Palmer said. The renovations will be completed by a contracted construction crew, he said, and bids for the construction will open in about two weeks.

"Construction will begin when school is out," Palmer said. "The job should be complete in a month or so."

Stairwells in all of the Greek residence halls except Wiggins Hall violate a federal fire safety code passed in 1988 requiring stairwells in public buildings to be enclosed, said Jim Tidwell, assistant Fort Worth fire marshal.

The Uniform Building Code Section 1, Division 2 states that stairwells must be "bound by vertical shaft enclosures."

TCU has three years from the time the code was passed to comply with the new regulation, Tidwell said. Since the code was passed in 1988, the university's plans to install the doors is on schedule, Palmer said.

The primary reason for doors is that an enclosed stairwell better resists the fire from entering the staircase, Tidwell said. If fire does enter the stairwell, it will destroy the escape route, he said.

"The doors act as barriers to the fire and allow people to use the stair-

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TCU Daily Skiff/Jessica Mann
Texas forward Albert Burditt attempts to sink a basket during Wednesday night's game.

World awaits secure peace

WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — From the Euphrates to the Persian Gulf, U.S. and allied troops held their fire along a smoldering battlefield Thursday, weary, muddy but victorious in a lightning war that freed Kuwait and humbled Iraq.

Statesmen began what President Bush called "the difficult task" of securing the peace.

American paratrooper David Hopkins had a warm vision of peace: "My girlfriend, good friends and good times."

Kuwaitis told reporters of murder, torture, rape and kidnapping at the hands of Iraqi troops who sacked their tiny nation in seven months of occupation.

"What I could tell you about the Iraqis," said optician Nizar Naccash. "I hate them from the inside of my blood."

Kuwaitis said thousands of their countrymen, mostly young men, were taken off to Iraq as hostages in the final days. Kuwait's U.N. ambassador put the number at 22,000, in addition to 8,632 Kuwaiti soldiers held prisoner by Iraq.

The return of Kuwaiti detainees was one demand set out by President Bush in declaring the cease-fire for midnight EST Wednesday.

The United States warned Thursday it might resume the offensive against the Iraqi military if Baghdad does not meet all the conditions, which also include the "immediate" release of U.S. and allied prisoners of war.

"There's still great concern about

the next several days," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said. Bush later announced the Iraqis had agreed to designate military commanders to discuss the cease-fire terms.

The U.S. command reported some cease-fire violations Thursday, including an incident in which Iraqi gunners fired on troops of the U.S. XVIII Airborne Corps retrieving the bodies of American airmen killed in a helicopter crash. The Americans fired back and destroyed two tanks and two multiple-rocket launchers, the command said.

Other isolated clashes continued with pockets of Iraqi troops in mid-afternoon Thursday, Associated Press correspondent Neil MacFarquhar reported from the field. The Iraqi units involved had been bypassed in the swift advance of allied forces.

The commander of British forces in the coalition, Lt. Gen. Peter de la Billiere, said some Iraqi troops pinned down by Desert Storm forces appeared "bewildered" by the standdown.

"I think they're going to sit it out until they run out of water and food. Then they'll have to surrender," he told reporters.

Iraqi soldiers straggling north toward the southern Iraqi city of Basra were screened at checkpoints by allied troops looking for members of units suspected of atrocities in Kuwait.

The Saudi ambassador to Washington said an estimated 85,000 to 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed and wounded as their army was shattered in 37 days of air bombardment followed by four days of ground war. Some 80,000 Iraqis are prisoners.

The U.S. command said the American casualty toll for the war stood at 79 killed in action, 212 wounded in action and 45 missing in action.

RHA blood drive fails to reach goal of 500

By KRISTEN GOULD
TCU Daily Skiff

The Residence Hall Association blood drive, conducted this week in the Student Center Lounge, collected 247 pints.

The amount collected was three pints away from reaching half of the 500 pint goal set by RHA. Alpha Delta Pi donated 39 pints, the most of any organization.

"We have been going down every semester for the past four semesters," said Jeannine Schroeder, RHA president.

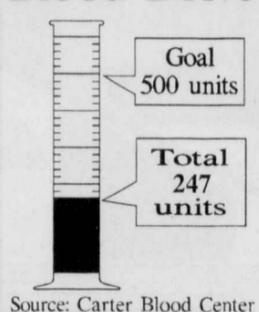
Last semester, about 370 pints were donated, Schroeder said.

In the spring semester of 1983, TCU donated 527 pints, the most in the history of TCU's blood drive, said Terrie Grivich, director of donor recruitment for Carter Blood Center. In the spring of 1987, TCU donated its lowest amount, 218 pints.

The reason for the low turnout this semester could have been due to bad timing, Schroeder said.

Amy Ogletree, a sophomore criminal justice major said, "A lot of people are in the middle of tests and

Blood Drive



under a lot of stress. For me personally, I've been so tired, and I couldn't deal with losing any more of the energy I have left."

Tracy Campbell, a freshman who helped register donors, said extending the blood drive through Friday afternoon when students are done with classes may help to increase donations.

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Columnist says unrestrained gambling is on par with alcohol and drug addiction.

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The basketball team will end their season playing Texas Tech on Saturday.

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Today's weather will be decreasingly cloudy with a high temperature of 72 degrees.

Saturday's weather will be sunny and cooler with a high temperature of 65 degrees.

Students get a taste of the world

By MARTHA HERNANDEZ
Special to the Skiff

The annual Taste of the World event, which is a part of International Week, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

"This is a good opportunity for both international and American students to enjoy and learn from this Total Cultural Unity," said Anna-Margaret Ray, a freshman fashion merchandising major and Taste of the World committee chairwoman.



Ten organizations, each representing a different nation, will provide free food and information about their country.

The participating organizations in-

clude: Alpha Phi Omega representing Italy; Interfraternity Council representing Saudi Arabia; Interlock representing India; Residence Hall Association representing the Cayman Islands; Panhellenic Council representing Scotland; Honors Cabinet representing Japan; Campus Christian Community representing Panama; Black Student Caucus representing Kenya; Organization of Latin American Students representing France; and Student Foundation

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Students lobby for commuter lounge

By JAMIE McILVAIN
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of For Adults Only are lobbying to get a commuter lounge on campus.

The group has met with university officials and plans to conduct a survey of commuter students' needs within the next three weeks.

"Commuters have nowhere to go where they can study and eat," said Suzanne Scott, a senior English major and member of For Adults Only.

"You can't bring food into the reading room or library, and if you try to study in Eden's or Main you feel guilty for taking up the table so long because other people need them."

Frequent programs in the Student Center Lounge often prevent commuters from relaxing there, Scott said.

Scott and other group members met Feb. 20 with Larry Markley, director of the Student Center. Markley referred the students to the research and sponsored projects committee to

conduct the survey.

If the survey reveals a need for the lounge, Markley said he will meet with those interested to pursue the project. The group would then present the idea to the House of Student Representatives "initially to inform them and then to see about maybe establishing a House Committee," he said. "There is chance of building a commuter lounge," Markley said.

"It's a matter of finding the space and the funding."

CAMPUSlines

Seminar for Mature Frogs will hold an information exchange from noon to 1 p.m. today in Student Center Room 218. For more information, call 921-7130.

ISA Banquet will be held 6-9 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets may be purchased all this week in the Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 for ISA members, \$8.50 for everyone else, and the cost may be charged to your mealcard. Students may also purchase tickets by contacting the ISA office.

Co-dependents Anonymous meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 202. For more information call University Ministries, 921-7830.

Town Students can see copies of bills from the House of Student Representatives in the Extended Education Office at Sadler Hall Room 212.

Adult Children of Alcoholics is an educational support group which will address the negative consequences of being raised by an alcoholic parent. If interested, please contact Larry Withers at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Biology seminar will be presented at noon March 8 in Winton Scott Room 436. Clark Jones will give a presentation entitled, "Electron Microscopy Determination of UV Radiation Effects on Replication C. elegans." The presentation is open to the public.

Registrar needs an up-to-date local address and telephone number for every student. If you did not know where you would be living or what your phone was going to be when you advance registered, please give this information to the registrar's office.

Encouragement for soldiers may be given by mailing a letter, card, postcard, drawing or something from Fort Worth or Texas to: Any Soldier, Operation Desert Storm, New York, N.Y. 09135-0000.

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Volunteers are needed to staff the information desk at a Ft. Worth hospital. Duties would include giving information to visitors and directing people to appropriate departments. Help is needed Monday through Friday evenings and on weekends. Substitutes are needed for all shifts.

Volunteers are needed to help tutor students in basic reading and writing skills. Help is needed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and training is provided.

Volunteers are needed at a local museum to help at a special children's "discovery area" that allows children to explore, handle and learn about fossils. Help is needed on weekdays and weekends.

Volunteers are needed for the school program "Meet A Plant" for visiting students. The Fort Worth Botanic Garden of the Park and Recreation Department needs volunteers to share the plant world with children. Green thumbs are not required. Sign up to attend the training course 9:15 a.m. to noon on March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10, and 17. For information call Jana Johnson, educational horticulturist, at (817) 871-7687.

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A lot of students also were deferred due to being sick with the flu, mononucleosis and ear infections, Campbell said.

An average of 20 people were deferred each day, said Joyce Phillips, Carter Blood Center Mobile Secretary. Most were deferred for low iron content in their blood, she said.

"The reason I came over here was because I'm an ROTC student and I thought it would go to the war," said Travis St. Peter, a sophomore from University of Texas at Arlington. "I think it's a good thing to do, and I think everyone should do it."

"It was my first time to donate," said Stephanie Vasquez, a freshman pre-med major. "I wanted to do something to make a difference to somebody."

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fied in the Greek system, Bumstead said.

Alpha Chi Omega has already been actively involved on campus, Taylor said. The group participated in Phi Kap Manday and won the overall spirit award during Homecoming last semester. The group has had several parties and mixers, Taylor said.

"We feel we've done really well establishing ourselves on campus by winning awards and being involved," she said.

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case to escape," Tidwell said.

Another reason for the barriers is to slow the spread of fire to the rest of the building, he said.

"Without doors, the stairwell creates a chimney and the fire shoots straight up it and goes as high as the stairwell goes," Tidwell said.

The university must meet the fire code standards, but it is also concerned with the safety of hall residents, said Jack Arvin, coordinator of residence hall services.

"Actually, city officials aren't pushing us to get it done quickly," Arvin said, "but the university thinks it's very important to take care of the matter."

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representing the Soviet Union.

The International Student Association solicits donations for Taste of the World through these campus organizations, Ray said. It uses the donations to purchase food for the event.

"The organizations have been very enthusiastic and cooperative in working with us," she said. "They've been great about donating money."

An assortment of food is to be served, including a Russian birthday cake, Japanese-style fried chicken, French chocolate mousse cake, and Norwegian apricot slices.

Each organization picks a country of its choice and sends a delegate to work with a student from that particular country to help distribute food. The international students will also display artifacts from their native countries on the table, Ray said.

"The students really enjoy doing this," she said. "It gives them a chance to show others about their country and traditions."

The food recipes are provided by international students. Some students may dress up in their native costumes to serve the food, she said.

International students at each table will ask participants various questions about their country before serving the food, Ray said.

"But you don't have to answer the question correctly to eat," she said. "It's just to add fun to the program."

ECHO ECHO

by Stev KlineToBe



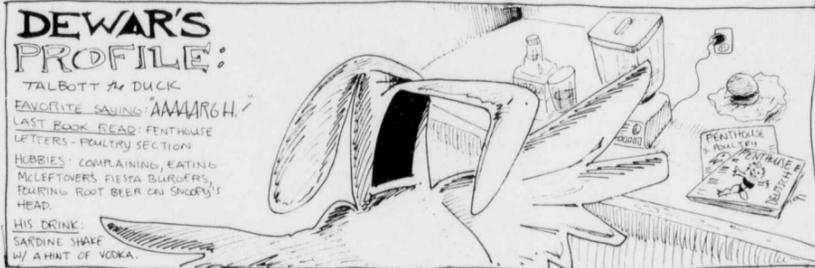
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Cease fire

End of war leaves unanswered questions

The Desert Storm has ceased. The unmolested presence of Western news crews in Kuwait City indicates our goal has been achieved. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said Wednesday his nation finally accepts all United Nations resolutions concerning their August invasion of Kuwait.

The much-feared ground war cost amazingly few lives. The whole military mission, in fact, saw fewer than 100 deaths, far fewer than the 10,000 suggested in the Jan. 15 Skiff editorial. The brilliance and force of a thorough air campaign and a sneaky ground assault against a reputed army provided a victory with unmatched ease.

But this is not a time for unparalleled glee and contentment. Loose ends remain. Over 4,000 Kuwaiti civilians were abducted by hostile Iraqi occupants in the last several weeks. Hints of their fate, according to General Schwarzkopf, indicate "heinous" atrocities. The liberation of Kuwait has not answered these very personal questions.

Nearly 50,000 Iraqi prisoners of war must be repatriated. Iraq must recover, if only for the benefit of innocent civilians who support Saddam Hussein only because it allows them to live. The western role in the recovery must be determined. An arms embargo, certainly, will continue. But humanitarian assistance should not be forbidden.

The delicate issue of reparations should be handled with a keen memory of the past. Germany after World War I was forced into economic hardship and political shame that brought about a dangerous authoritarian militarism. But the damage to Kuwait is significant and costly. When an amount is determined, hopefully its consequences will be considered.

Feelings about America likely have changed. We Americans should be prepared to hear both criticism and praise. Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey are thankful for American protection. Kuwaiti objection to any American action does not seem likely. Jordan, our ally for many years, may not get as many smiles from Washington. The whole world has watched, and has an opinion. And relations with Iraq, regardless the leader, should be repaired. This region is so important.

American soldiers deserve a rousing welcome home. The families of dead merit our support. Perhaps now our Vietnam veterans will receive better treatment. This war should be studied to determine what equipment and strategies work best.

Most importantly, the end of the war should not be seen as a cause for gloating, nor should the ease of the victory put an end to peaceful means of resolving differences with other nations. War must never become anything but a last resort.

Now it is time to think about what was said before the war. We should dig out the statements of those in Congress and society and consider the predictions. Most Republicans said authorizing Bush to use force would show our willingness to fight, scare Hussein and "keep the peace." Many Democrats claimed our losses would be too many and unworthy — sanctions should continue.

President Bush's behavior since Aug. 2 should be analyzed. If such a situation should arise again, our nation can either attain its objectives without fighting, or do so with the least cost possible.

Letter to the Editor

Defending Marriott

In regard to Marriott's food being unhealthy, it is true Marriott is guilty of such grave offenses as providing "specials" to accommodate students' popular requests, such as: a bi-weekly omelet bar, cooked to order; an all-you-can-eat ice cream buffet and submarine sandwiches offered all as an extra service from Marriott for students. For those preferring lighter fare, a variety of choices is offered daily including such items as, individual containers of fresh fruits, containers of low-fat yogurt, skim milk, sliced turkey, assorted hot vegetables, a salad bar offering assorted greens and vegetables — you know, all those "unhealthy" foods. In addition, Staples offers a variety of muchies, and offers lo-cal TV dinners as well — all to suit students' tastes.

"Campus food is disgraceful." Instead of traditional limited school food service choices of the past, students now actually have to select from such choices as beef burgandy with potatoes lyonnaise, veal parmigiana with pasta, chicken marsala with baby carrots, stir-fried chicken with vegetables and rice — it is rough to endure such humdrum. If the gourmet entrees are not your forte, there is "chuck wagon" which offers sliced brisket, smoked turkey, etc. Other food choices include the Pizza Hut and the daily grill items such as hamburgers and fries and I

might note the long lines waiting for these "healthier" items. On any given day, a student can browse through the cafeterias and have as many as 75 choices. I will admit there are certain foods which appear often. But these foods, such as chicken or turkey tetrazzini and quiche lorraine are popular items and sell well.

Eating out can be expensive, but campus food is comparable to the prices of other area establishments, not to mention the convenience, variety, and diversity to satisfy the palates all around campus.

Other services Marriott offers include an executive chef, Dave Cooper and a registered, licensed dietitian, Julia Campbell who are available to answer or address any concerns or special needs TCU students may have regarding food choices and intakes. Each dining room has nutrition information cards for all foods, available for the students' asking. It is also interesting to note that Marriott employees do not mind being "Mommies" — picking up trash off of tables and floors, removing dirty trays, wiping up spilled milk, etc.

I suggest John and Rich look at the bigger picture of trying to offer diversity at an acceptable price for over 7,000 persons daily. John and Rich, save the milk bone for Fido or an afternoon snack of fresh fruit and skim milk from the Pit.

Cheryl Singer



America on track to the future

By ANDY BLACK
Columnist



"All aboard, y'all," the engineer yelled. Pick up bags, find a door and select a seat by the window. We start to move, and the view changes from the station to the North Texas landscape.

Yes, I remember when we were too afraid to consider rail travel. Cars and planes, that's all we had in the early '90s. Air reservations, to be affordable, had to be made a month before the flight. So much gas was put in our cars.

Look, we're moving 90 miles per hour. Never before could I do that — at least not without fear of a ticket. See that crowded interstate? Watch as we zoom past those frustrated drivers. Whoever heard of a traffic jam on the tracks? It's amazing how much time was spent maneuvering through intersections, construction and rush-hour slowdowns.

How did we ever put up with such a lack of comfort? I can read a book, talk to a stranger or just stare at the countryside. In the past, eyes were on the highway or the seat in front of you. Here I am, standing up to stretch, get some food (without slowing down) or walk

to the bathroom. Now there's the real luxury. No more "Dad, can we stop?"

Ever since we copied the French and German high-speed rail system, life has been so much better in Texas. Dallas to Houston in just two hours. Fort Worth to Dallas in 15 minutes. Businesses have cut costs and increased face-to-face communication. My friends come see me more. And the skies are a lot more clear.

We were so pessimistic back then. "America is too far spread-out for trains," people would say. "We're far too independent to meet a fixed schedule," others would complain. I guess they never realized we had pre-existing railroads, improved technology, ready financiers and a waiting public. Why were we so compelled to drive? Perhaps we didn't value spare time enough.

Amtrak really hurt our chances. So slow and expensive, they offered few routes and little enthusiasm. The vision was never there. Needed expansion did not happen. Train travel was not even considered a serious option by Americans who knew only hectic airports and roadside McDonalds. May they forever stay out of my comfortable and elegant dining car. Real pancakes and bacon, please.

True, the inter-city network of routes going everywhere would never have begun without the subways in Dallas and Houston. That got people understanding they could

ditch the car. Go ahead, get a big group, don't worry about room or bad drivers. The difference in congestion, pollution and satisfaction is remarkable.

If only everyone had gone to Europe to ride the trains. The national systems made money, departed every hour, arrived on time, promoted tourism and moved the people. First class was available for those feeling particularly elite. But second class was no disappointment, either. Purchasing space in a sleeping car, the rider could cross over 500 miles by daybreak. That's what we do now to go to St. Louis.

Thank goodness we decided to pay the initial costs. Taxes were a little higher that year, but vacation costs have gone down since then. Why did I ever fly over the Rockies? The view is incredible. I'd pay double. This was not possible until civic and state leaders found the means to get foreign firms over here constructing our national infrastructure jewel.

In school, we were taught about Eisenhower's National Interstate Highway act. Society was changed, teachers said of the great contribution, as mobility increased, families stayed in touch and business boomed. I'm so glad we finally understood it was time to do another program and build these trains. Or I'd still be in traffic or at a check-in line.

Gambling, the new teen addiction

By BEN TRUJILLO
Columnist

Teenage gambling is quickly growing into one of the greatest problems facing America today.

Researchers say that of the nearly 8 million people addicted to gambling in the United States, as many as 1 million of them are teenagers. Most of the gambling done by these teenagers is done away from big name casinos, where it is illegal for them to enter. Instead they choose to bet in small gambling houses or on sports, cards, or in a lottery. Many of these teens go on to gambling at racetracks and eventually the big casinos from which they were previously excluded.

After extensive research in California, state administrators discovered that teens in public schools are twice as likely to become addicted to gambling as adults. Another research group in New York found there are eight times as many compulsive gamblers among college students as among older adults.

Compulsive gambling is bad no matter the age of the person. Stories of gamblers controlled by the mafia have been around for decades. Histories of families broken by gambling addiction abound and commercials for compulsive gamblers to seek treatment are almost as common as commercials for alcoholics and drug abusers. Not many people, however, have heard the stories of youths, sometimes just 16 or 17, who owe thousands of dollars to bookies. These young people don't know where to turn and the habit persists and worsens until they owe so much that they turn to crime to satisfy the addiction.

Many researchers blame the legalization of gambling in America, as well as the creation of lotteries in almost every state of the Union, for the recent increase in teenage gambling addiction. People have begun to see uncontrolled gambling as a form of entertainment, not a vice. Others blame low self-esteem among today's youth as well as America's preoccupation with money.

The efforts made to combat the drastic increase in teenage gambling addiction fall far

below par. The government now insists that state lotteries allot at least a small amount of their revenues toward youth education awareness. A percentage amount, however, has yet to be decided. States like Nevada, where gambling is popular, levy large fines against casinos that allow customers under 21 to enter. Unfortunately the policy is not strictly enforced. According to one Baltimore research group as many as 29,000 teens are stopped at the doors of casinos every month, while as many as 1,000 may actually enter.

If America is serious about stopping this addiction, in its youth and in its adults, unrestrained gambling must be viewed on an equal level as drug and alcohol addiction. In the words of one psychologist "public understanding of gambling is where our understanding of alcoholism was some 40 or 50 years ago." While the attention of the last decade may have been focused on combatting drugs, many people fear that the coming years may require the same attention to gamblers.

Use all you want; we'll get more

By JONANNA WIDNER
Columnist

Having been pressured by the war in the Persian Gulf, President Bush has finally unveiled his new national energy plan, a plan which many hoped would help solve the nation's inefficient oil consumption while addressing the harm oil production has caused the environment. Unfortunately, the plan does nothing to realistically solve either. In fact, it does quite the opposite.

First, there is Bush's call for increasing nuclear energy production. True, nuclear energy is more efficient than most others, but it is also one of the most detrimental to the environment. We already have a huge amount of nuclear waste we are trying to dispose of. If nuclear energy production increases, then so will the number of contaminated rivers, shores and backyards, not to mention the possibility of another

Chernobyl.

The next and most important part of Bush's plan calls for increases in domestic oil production, primarily in environmentally sensitive areas, but does not call for a reduction in actual oil use. Nor does it propose any government mandates for more efficient automobiles or new, more efficient fuels. Bush opposes these mandates, as they do not adhere to strict free market philosophy.

This may be true, but it does not take away from the fact that something must be done to curb the voracious American appetite for fuel. The United States is not going to suddenly become a Marxist state if a few government guidelines are enforced. It will, however, have to deal with long term economic and environmental problems if such mandates are not called for.

So, instead of solving the core of the problem — American wastefulness — Bush has simply replied with a typical wasteful

American answer: Use all you want, we'll get more. And we will get more at the expense of our ecosystem.

By doing so, Bush has managed to kill two political birds with one stone. He has appeased those who are pressuring him to address the energy crisis, and he has appeased the oil and motor companies by not forcing them to comply to stricter standards. But, in doing this, he has compromised both the environment and the American people.

Basically, Bush is putting a band-aid over a problem that needs much more. Right now we are fighting a war which was caused, in part at least, by our nation's inability to check its own rampant consumption, and its inability to make tough choices. What is really needed to correct this problem is a change in lifestyle and attitude, a change that can balance the needs of our world with those of our pocketbooks. Because the next time a country messes with our oil, it may not be one as weak as Iraq.

News

Week aims at teaching smart fun

By RACHEL BROWN
Special to the Skiff

TCU will mark National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week, March 3-8, with Safe Break '91 — six days of entertainment and education.

Sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Education Program and TCU's ROAD Workers, Safe Break '91 is designed to show students ways to have fun without using alcohol and drugs, said Steve Cummins, program specialist for the Alcohol and Drug Education Office.

Safe Break '91 is shared by all chapters of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) Cummins said. The ROAD Workers organization is a member of BACCHUS.

Junior Wendy Moore, president of ROAD Workers, said the lively atmosphere of Safe Break '91, which includes comedians, games and a "tropical escape," should attract more people than other formats.

"We're on their level," she said. "We're not preaching." Cummins said interest in alcohol and drug education has grown in the past few years, not only because of Safe Break programs, but also because of the ROAD Workers sponsored Health Enrichment Week during the fall semester.

Participation in programs "has just really snowballed," Moore said.

Events occurring during Safe Break '91 are the Certs U.S. College Comedy Competition at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Lounge; "Natural Highs", a presentation by national educational consultant and humorist George Obermeier at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom; Safe Break Tropical Escape, with music, prizes, sporting competitions and free food Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Rickel Building and a TGIF performance by magician/comic Brian Montgomery, noon Friday in the Student Center Lounge.

Display is almost ready for public

Wright archive to be displayed

By STEPANIE RADWAY
Special to the Skiff

Workers in the Mary Coats Burnett Library are finishing construction for the Jim Wright Collection, an archive that will be part of the library's special collections section.

Construction on the second floor of the library may be finished about the first week of March, said Glenda Stevens, archivist for the collection.

Construction began the day after Christmas. Library officials had hoped the work would be finished before students returned for the spring semester, but various problems, like people missing work because of ice, caused the renovations to fall behind schedule, Stevens said.

Changes on the second floor of the library include the construction of several display cases and a room that will be furnished with Wright's furniture from his Washington office.

Wright will use the office when he visits campus, Stevens said.

The process of compiling the collection began with negotiations between Chancellor William E. Tucker and Wright, who wanted to present his political papers and artifacts as gifts to TCU, Stevens said. Wright's materials arrived in July 1989 and were stored until April 1990, when the library hired Stevens as archivist.

She now oversees all processing of the collection. Two student employees, two student interns and several library volunteers assist her. Wright and his Fort Worth office staff also help Stevens identify materials.

The most difficult part of getting the collection ready for the public is organizing, Stevens said. When the material arrived, library officials estimated the load to be 4,000 cubic feet of documents and non-paper items such as film and furniture. The contents of each box must be recorded and the information entered into a computer so researchers will be able to search files using key words.

"At first, it was a little like taking a bucket of water out of an ocean, but by establishing some intellectual control — such as determining which



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

Construction in the Mary Coats Burnett Library's special collections section for the Jim Wright Collection is almost complete.

boxes have an inventory and which do not — we are making progress," Stevens said.

The volume of the collection is large in terms of the amount of material from a single person, she said.

Stevens and her staff have been learning about Wright while process-

ing the documents.

"I was impressed by Wright's fervor to tend to the needs of his constituents," Stevens said. "He took even seemingly minute problems seriously, and in the beginning, composed all answers to his voters' letters personally."

Stevens said she noticed one particular thank-you note that a voter sent Wright in 1955. Wright had succeeded in solving a problem for the voter. Wright had written across the top of the letter, "I think we helped somebody!"

"It presents a picture of a very energetic, serious young congressman," Stevens said.

Senior political science major Greg Morningstar assists Stevens with archive processing. The papers involving Wright's Latin American peace-making efforts are examples of materials that could give researchers historical insight, Morningstar said.

Archive staff members will fill the second floor display cases with the most interesting artifacts and papers. The first exhibits will be completed in the next several months, Stevens said.

Files are mostly organized by

Congress — each one an election term. Some material, like speeches, is sorted more conveniently by topic.

The collection includes documents, pictures, video and audio tape, film and books. TCU students and faculty will have access to the materials as they are processed, Stevens said. The collection staff has nearly completed processing files related to Wright's first term in Congress, the 84th Congress, she said.

The library wants to make information available in large segments, so the 84th Congress files will probably not be opened to the public until files from all the Eisenhower years have been processed, Stevens said.

Not all of the collection will be processed soon. Certain cases are closed until the year 2010 because they deal with specific constituents, she said.

Researchers will not be able to check any material from the collection out of the library, Stevens said. They will use a computer system to search for a subject, and the material will be brought up from storage on the library's level "L." They may look at the papers in the second floor special collections reading room. Photocopying will be available, she said.

The library now holds the bulk of the Wright materials, but some additions to the collection may be made later, Stevens said. For example, some files now in Wright's downtown Fort Worth office may eventually become part of the archive.

The library wants to accumulate other materials related to Wright and his political career, Stevens said. KDFW-TV is compiling news tapes about Wright. An oral history of Wright's career — interviews with Wright's colleagues — could be added to the collection later, she said.

Having the collection benefits the TCU library, Stevens said.

"This collection is important to the library, because the best history is written from primary sources," she said. "We are fortunate that the ma-

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Texans celebrate independence

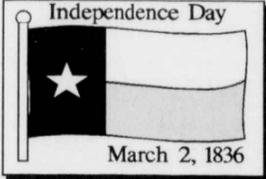
By COTY LONG
TCU Daily Skiff

Texas will celebrate 155 years of independence from Mexico on Saturday.

Texas Independence Day marks the signing of Texas' declaration of independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836.

The years leading up to the Texas revolution were filled with many historical events and battles, including the famous Battle of the Alamo, said Ben Procter, a professor of history. Some battles were still in progress while the declaration was being signed, he said.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was framed and issued by



the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. A committee to draw up the declaration was formed as soon as the convention was organized.

The declaration contained a statement on the nature of government, a list of grievances and a final declaration of independence. The declaration held that the Mexican govern-

ment had failed to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people. It charged that Mexico had failed to provide a system of education, trial by jury, freedom of religion and other elements of satisfactory government. The declaration also held that the Indians had been incited by Mexico to massacre settlers. It characterized Mexican government as weak, corrupt and tyrannical.

After the original had been signed, five copies of the declaration were sent to designated Texas towns. The U.S. Department of State held the original until June 1896, when it was returned to Texas.

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Dancer wins scholarship

By LEIANN SIMPSON
TCU Daily Skiff

When freshman Karen Finley attended a seminar on kinesiology last summer, little did she expect to come home with a full scholarship to study dance with Chicago jazz/tap dancer and teacher, Gus Giordano.

Finley, a pre-major focusing on sports medicine and marketing, has danced since she was three years old, but never received an honor like this.

"When I went to the seminar, I wasn't even aware of the dance competition," she said. "When I did find out, I hurriedly prepared three pieces including ballet, modern dance and a piece that I choreographed myself," she said.

Finley said she competed for personal enjoyment and she never expected to win. Winners were chosen

from a group of competitors at three seminars during the summer.

Besides winning the full scholarship, Finley is also the first alternate to the David Howard Dance Center Scholarship in New York. Howard is a master teacher and coach for ballerinas.

Finley is taking a break from dancing this semester because of injuries and to prepare herself for the classes the scholarship included.

"My body needs a rest," she said. "I'm suffering from an overuse of joints, especially in my hips and knees. So I'm letting my body heal naturally, and I'm already seeing good results," she said.

Finley also teaches ballet at home in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Although she has danced almost 16 years, she does not intend to dance professionally.



Karen Finley

"When I first started dancing, I used to dream of being a professional ballerina," she said. "But now, I do it for self satisfaction. I want something else in my life. That's why I started studying medicine and marketing."

Bands needed for musical battle

By SCOTT WALLACE
TCU Daily Skiff

Students in a band of any kind are urgently needed to enlist in the third annual Battle of the Bands.

The musical duel is scheduled for 1 p.m. April 7 in front of the Student Center.

The deadline to enter Battle of the Bands is 5 p.m. today. However, Rene Ridinger, chairwoman of Programming Council's concerts committee, said the committee may extend the deadline if not enough bands sign up. Musicians can enter the competition by signing up in the Student Activities Office.

Battle of the Bands offers cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for the top three bands. The entry fee for the competition is \$25, which covers



costs of the competition and prize money, Ridinger said.

"Any kind of music is allowed," she said. "but most of what we have is alternative rock."

Four bands have entered Battle of the Bands, but Ridinger said others are considering performing.

Bands must meet several criteria to enter Battle of the Bands. At least one member of each band must be a TCU student, and each band must

submit a demo tape of their music. Bands also must sign a TCU contract rider, cannot be signed to a record label and must comply with contest regulations. Under the regulations, bands cannot perform more than 30 minutes and members cannot perform while intoxicated.

Ridinger said she hopes to receive applications from about 10 bands, and about five bands will be selected to perform. Bands selected to participate will be announced March 8. A panel of judges is being formed.

Battle of the Bands offers bands more than just prize money, Ridinger said. The competition also offers a chance to gain campus-wide publicity through posters and T-shirts.

Ridinger expects a large turnout for this year's Battle of the Bands, she said.

Minority Affairs Task Force seeks responsive campus

By GREG LYNCH
TCU Daily Skiff

The Minority Affairs Task Force met with representatives of three departments Thursday to hear suggestions for making the campus more responsive to the needs of minority students.

About 15 people from the task force and the faculties of Brite Divinity School, AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Fine Arts and Communication attended the meeting.

Faculty members challenged the task force to explore the current situ-

ation of minorities on campus, said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

The meeting was a chance for faculty members to make suggestions and recommendations to the task force concerning TCU and the environment it creates for minorities. The task force will submit a plan to the administration this summer for making the campus more responsive to minorities.

Butler said he had hoped for a larger attendance at the meeting.

"We envisioned a time to listen to anyone who would like to make recommendations or suggestions to

committee," Butler said.

"The lack of attention toward the forum may be indicative of what the faculty really thinks," said Morrison Wong, associate professor of sociology.

Wong said he believes many faculty members may not have attended the meeting because they feel they are not prejudiced, and attempts to increase awareness of minorities on campus would be directed toward only students.

The major topics of discussion in the meeting were how to make TCU more attractive to minorities, training teachers to be more comfortable

with minority students, and increasing student awareness of minorities and minority culture and history.

No specific plans to realize any of these goals were discussed at the meeting.

"Rather than think about the cost, be more expansive," Butler said. "We have until July to come up with the magical formula to change TCU."

The faculty members expressed the most concern about increasing student and faculty awareness of minorities.

"Many students get out in the real world without having to confront ra-

acial issues," said Andrew Fort, an associate professor of religion studies.

Students at TCU are handicapped in that they have little exposure to minorities, or minority culture and history, faculty members said.

"We have to prepare students for the real world," said Mercedes Olivera, instructor of mass communication.

Faculty members also need instruction in dealing with minority students, task force members said.

"In the marketplace of higher education, TCU is going to change, or it's going to die," Butler said.

Archives

terial stretches for such a long period of time — from the Eisenhower to the Bush administrations."

The library has built a room on the L level specifically for preserving stored materials. The room has environmental controls to regulate temperature and humidity and filters on air vents, and fluorescent bulbs to keep out dust and ultraviolet rays, Stevens said.

Stevens hopes to encourage more students to intern and help with the document processing, and the developing of displays, she said.

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Sports



Put on the Pads

The TCU football team dons its helmets and takes to the field for its first spring practice Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Amon Carter Stadium.

Golf teams returning to links this weekend

By JEFF SWAIN
Special to the Skiff

TCU's women's golf team will be hard pressed to finish the McDonald's UCF Rotary Golf Classic in Orlando in fourth place like the Frogs did in their last tournament.

The 17th-ranked Lady Frogs will face No. 1 Arizona, along with golfing powers Florida, Miami, South Florida, Florida State, LSU and 17 others.

Nevertheless, coach Kristi Arney said her goal is to finish in the top four.

To reach that goal, she said, the Frogs must get a feel for the greens. The course, on which TCU has never played, has bermuda grass greens. Most courses the Frogs play on have bent grass.

"The difference is the bermuda greens putt a little bit slower, and they don't have as much break," Arney said.

Senior Kelly Paul said she likes bermuda grass because she grew up playing on it. She said the team won't have a hard time on the bermuda greens because the Frogs will have a day to practice on the course.

Paul said she has made a few adjustments in her game since her last tournament.

"I've worked with my pro on a few swing changes," she said. "I'm going to try them out at this tournament and hope for the best."

Sophomore Barbara Plant, TCU's top finisher in the last tournament, said the team will play exactly as it did two weeks ago.

"I think we're really playing well right now," Plant said. "But mental mistakes sometimes cost us a few strokes."

Men trying to place in Olympics

By JEFF SWAIN
Special to the Skiff

The TCU men's golf team will return to competition today when it competes against SWC rivals and non-conference opponents at the Border Olympics Tournament in Laredo.

Three top 20 teams — Texas, Arkansas and Kent State — are among the competition. *Golf Week* magazine has the Frogs ranked 21st.

Coach Bill Montigel said his players are enthusiastic to get back on the links. They want to see if all the practice they've had since their last tournament on Jan. 10 will pay off, he said.

In practice, the team has been focusing on shots within 50 yards of the hole, he said.

"I think for us to end up being a really quality team and compete with the top teams in our conference and in the country, we need to improve our short game," Montigel said.

He said cleaning up the short game was the only thing keeping the team from "getting over the hump and winning a tournament or two."

His goal for this tournament is a top five finish.

Frogs get their guns

Women out to recover from loss to Longhorns

By PATRICIA PATTISON
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's basketball team managed to hold the nationally ranked Texas women in check for half of their Wednesday night contest, but were derailed by poor shooting and lost, 77-40.

Despite a strong defensive first half in which Texas battled to gain an 11-point lead, the Frogs couldn't respond offensively, shooting a dismal 26 percent from the field. "If only we could have scored," said TCU coach Fran Garmon. "We stuck with them and forced them to slow down and play our game."

Longhorn coach Jody Conradt said the starting pace of the game affected her team, which is used to fast-paced, run-and-shoot play.

"TCU just walked. They kept the score low and it was very slow paced in the beginning," Conradt said. "I felt like we were on fast forward during most of the first half trying to make something happen but we couldn't get anything to fall."

Garmon pointed to sophomore guard Andrea Boris as a key to the Frogs defensive play as well as their ability to keep the game at their own pace.

"Andrea did a good job of getting us into our offense and keeping everyone calm," Garmon said. "Her effort is doubly good because

SWC Women's Basketball

	Conf.	All
Arkansas	15- 1	24- 3
Texas	13- 2	18- 7
Texas Tech	11- 4	20- 6
Houston	9- 6	17- 9
Texas A&M	8- 7	14-12
SMU	4-11	9-17
Baylor	3-12	9-15
Rice	3-12	9-16
TCU	2-13	5-21

Saturday's Games

Texas	at SMU
Rice	at Baylor
Texas A&M	at Houston
TCU	at Texas Tech

point guard is not a position she is used to playing."

Boris, who normally plays in the No. 2 guard position, filled in for Rachel Hesse, who sat out with a possible ankle fracture.

Boris agreed that the Frogs stayed in the game much better than on previous occasions when their opposition would set the pace.

"The whole thing is not to let Texas have a run," Boris said. "If they make a goal, fine, but then you have to get everybody calmed down and take your time."

"We get into a running game and we can't keep up. We are not a running team. We are a half-court team and we have to play our game."

Texas junior forward Vicki Hall dominated the game, shooting 10 of 16 from the field, including three

Men trying to build up momentum into Classic

By JEFF LEA
TCU Daily Skiff

Intensity and emotion gave the Frogs new life the end of the basketball season. After losing three straight, the Frogs won two in a row, by upsetting Houston and Texas.

The Frogs beat the Longhorns at home Wednesday, 78-70, and will finish the season Saturday in Lubbock against Texas Tech, 8-21 and 4-11 SWC, the second worst team in the conference.

TCU, 17-9 and 8-7 SWC, will be looking for its third straight victory, which will give the Frogs momentum before playing in the SWC Classic,

which begins Thursday in Dallas. TCU beat Tech at home, 72-66, earlier in the season.

A win Saturday would give the Frogs 18 wins, the best the team has done in Moe Iba's four seasons as head coach.

"Realistically, there's no reason why we shouldn't be able to get to the finals in the Classic," said Allen Tolley, who scored a career high of 20 points against Texas.

A week ago, a statement as bold as that would have been laughed at. The Frogs had lost three straight and brought home an embarrassing 69-57 loss to Rice.

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from three-point range, and 4-of-6 free-throw shooting for 27 points. Hall also led Texas with 11 rebounds.

"Hall has the height ability to play outside and inside," Garmon said. "She rebounds well and can shoot outside, and we just don't have anyone who can block her."

The TCU women close out their season in Lubbock Saturday against Texas Tech. The Frogs still remember the heartbreaking 66-65 loss they suffered at the hands of the Raiders in Fort Worth in January. Two disputed calls by the officials in the last 20 seconds turned

the game over to Tech.

Tech, 20-6 and 11-4 SWC, is in third place in the SWC, and Garmon expects the Frogs to carry the memory of their last Tech matchup with them to the Lubbock Municipal court.

"I think they'd like to play really well against Tech," Garmon said. "Even though Tech is playing extremely well they had better not relax."

TCU, 5-21 and 2-13 SWC, has to beat the Red Raiders to qualify for the SWC championship tournament. A loss means the Lady Frogs will finish in last place.

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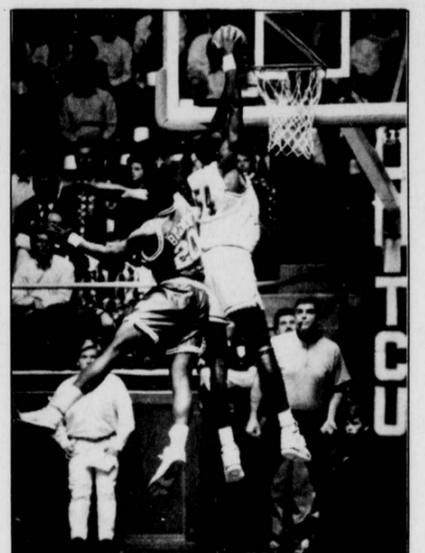
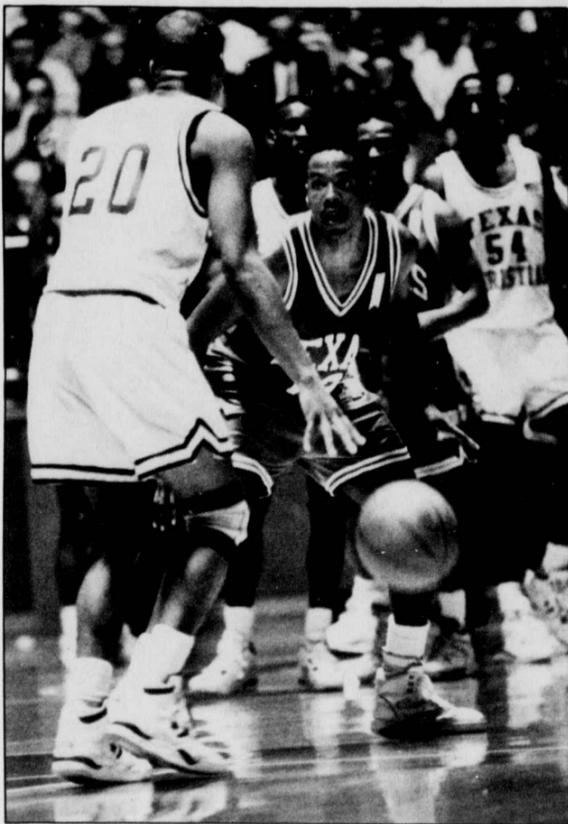
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Frogs 78, Longhorns 70



Clockwise from left: TCU point guard Albert Thomas dribbles, jubilant TCU students celebrate the win by singing the alma mater, Reggie Smith slams it home and Texas head coach Tom Penders argues with an official.

Photos by Jessica Mann.

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Rice	at Baylor	

Sunday's Game	
Arkansas	at Texas (Ch.8)

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"A lot of guys were saying we were through," said Reggie Smith, who scored 17 points Wednesday.

The Frogs are playing much like the team did earlier in the season when it won seven straight and started conference play in first place. Iba said the Frogs played with more intensity the last two games.

"Their enthusiasm is the same as it was back then," Iba said. "The main thing we need to do is to continue to have enthusiasm during the game. Every time the students have had that, they've done all right."

But during TCU's slump, Tolley said the team went through a period where players were burned out on basketball and were not focused. It wasn't until TCU was beaten badly by Rice that the Frogs decided to turn things around, he said.

"We were just tired of losing," Tolley said, "especially after getting beat like we did against Rice."

The Frogs finally stabilized and found a way to win ballgames. But Tech could be an obstacle to break any momentum the Frogs built during the week. The Frogs must guard

against a letdown and play up to their capabilities to beat the Raiders.

"The main thing we have to do is to continue to play like we've been doing," Iba said.

Iba said the Frogs' good shot selection must continue. The Frogs have shot above 45 percent the last two games. During the team's losing streak, the Frogs shot as low as 37 percent in a loss to Arkansas.

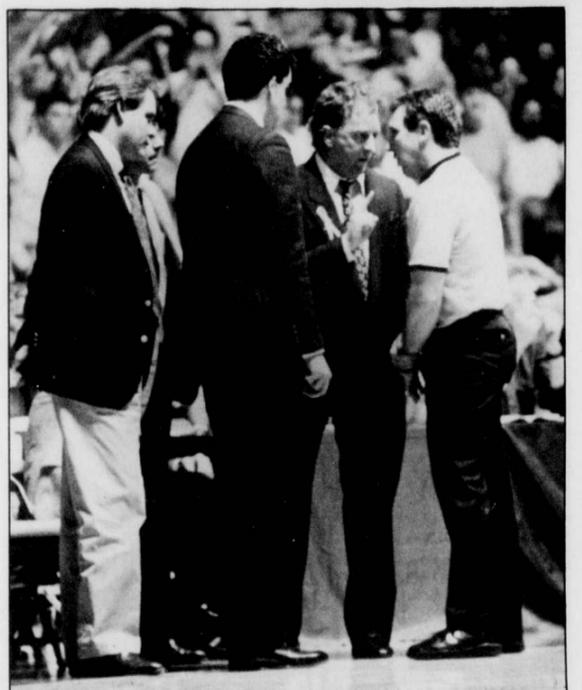
But defensively, the Frogs must improve in preventing opponents from scoring inside. Both Texas and Houston found it easier to score in-

side than outside.

Smith regained his rhythm late in the season, scoring 17 points against both Houston and Texas. He is leading the Frogs in rebounding, averaging nine a game. Smith scored 13 points and pulled down eight rebounds against Tech earlier in the season.

Heading into the last game of the season, the Frogs could be the hottest team to enter the tournament.

"I think we found out what we needed to do to win games," Smith said.



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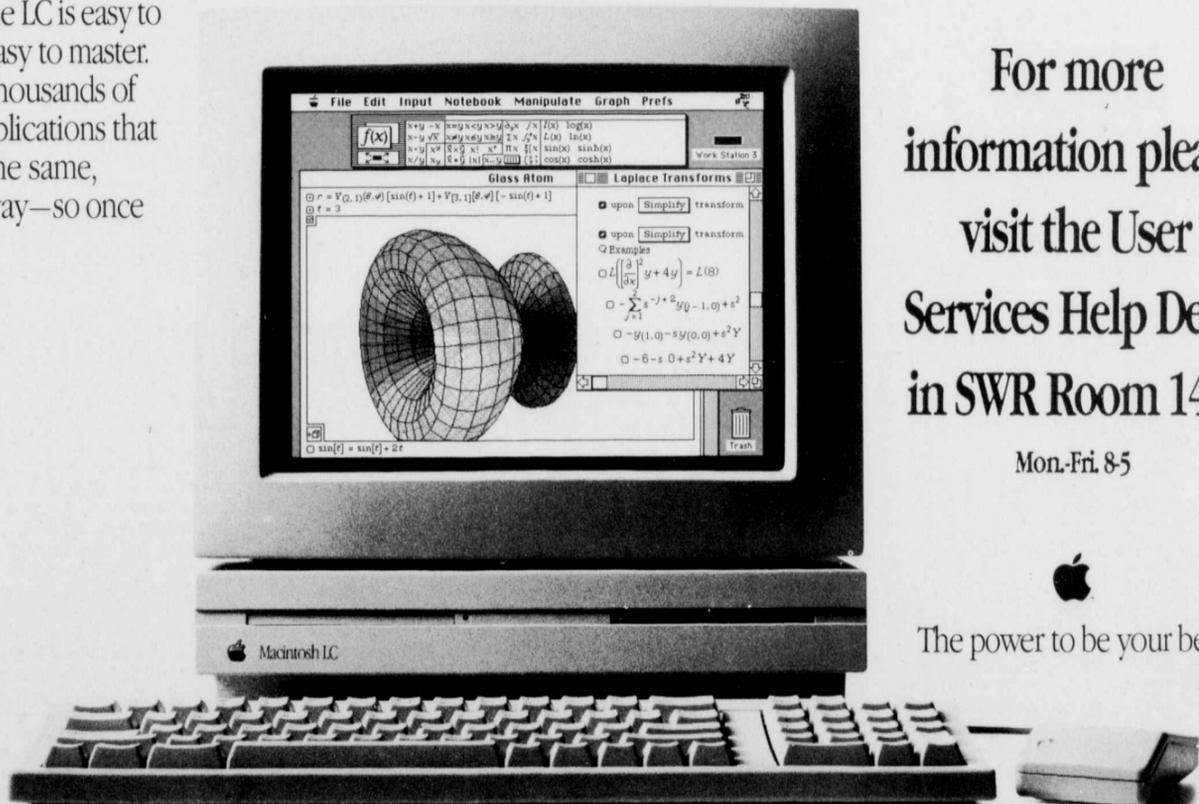
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Show Time

Friday

★ Billy Bob's Texas will host Kevin Black tonight at 10:30. General admission is \$5. Call 624-7117 for more information.

★ The Scott Theatre will host the Fort Worth Theatre and School's latest production, "Androcles and the Lion," a delightful version of the old Aesop fable, tonight at 7:30 and tomorrow at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Call 738-6509 for more information.

★ Jubilee Theatre presents the premiere this weekend of the award-winning "Woman from The Town," a story of the homecoming of an estranged sister that forces a black southern family to reevaluate their lives and their relationships. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$12. Call 535-0168 for show times.

★ Casa Manana presents the national hit comedy "Greater Tuna," about a day in the life of a small (fictional) Texas town. Catch the show tonight and tomorrow night at 8 and Sunday night at 7:30. Matinee shows are Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$12.50 to \$20. Call 332-6221 for more information.



Casa Manana's "Greater Tuna."

Saturday

★ Dallas' Fair Park will host the North Texas Irish Festival, the largest gathering of Irish in the Southwest. Enjoy Irish music, literature, dance, arts and crafts, food and drink, on Saturday from noon until midnight and Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. Call (214) 520-7334 for more information.

★ Davis Allan Coe will play at Billy Bob's Texas Saturday night at 10:30. Reserved seats are \$7.50 and general admission is \$5. Call 624-7117 for more information.

★ Romp over to the White Elephant Saloon Saturday for a Toast to Texas in observance of Texas Independence Day. Call 624-9712 for more information.

Box Office

★ Reunion Arena will host Sting and Concrete Blonde Tuesday, March 26. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

★ The Cocteau Twins and Galaxie 500 will play Friday, March 15, at the Metroplex Arena. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

★ An Emotional Fish will test the waters Tuesday, April 2, at the Video Bar. Doors open at 9 p.m.

★ Jack Mack will play with Otis Clay tonight at Deep Ellum Live. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Tickets at all Rainbow-TicketMaster and Ticket-Quick locations, including Sound Warehouse.

Stand and deliver

Comedy contest winner gives tips to participants

By LEIANN SIMPSON
Special to the Skiff

Denton comedian Randy Calvert will crown this year's "Funniest Student at TCU" Monday as part of the fifth annual Certs Mints' U.S. College Comedy Competition.

Calvert won the comedy competition in 1989 with his "cynical and cerebral" brand of humor, he said.

The week after he won the contest, Calvert went back to Denton and immediately dropped out of the University of North Texas and only looked back to find material for his routine.

"I was a comic who just happened to be attending college," he said. "I didn't belong there. I failed freshman biology three times. I wanted out!"

He finally got out when he went to the comedy competition finals in Daytona Beach, Fla.

With material he characterizes as tremendously cynical and a delivery so dry it is almost parched, Calvert didn't think he stood much of a chance in front of the sun loving, boozing college crowd that had gathered for the contest, he said.

"I was expecting a lot better audience reaction than I got," Calvert said. "So I was telling myself, 'when they announce the winner, be gracious and be sure to applaud.' I was so upset I didn't do well and so stunned that I won, I forgot my acceptance speech. I was going to thank all the other contestants, the judges and sponsors."

Instead of having his usually calm composure, he walked on stage and shouted, "Hey, it's spring break, lets all party till we puke!" into the mike, Calvert said.

The contest gave Calvert the courage to join the terrifying world of stand up comedy.

Since winning, Calvert has made television appearances on MTV and CBS Nightwatch. He has also done stand up routines at the Improv in Dallas and at the

"I don't use props on stage . . . All my material stands on its own."

RANDY CALVERT,
comedian

Comic Strip in New York City.

"There are 2,000 people making a living as comedians in this country," he said. "And 5,000 trying to do it, like me. But I really feel confident that within two years I can be one of the top 50 comics in the country."

Calvert said he couldn't remember a time when he didn't want to be a comedian. He grew up watching Red Skelton and Flip Wilson.

"Their comedy was based on nothing but truth," he said.

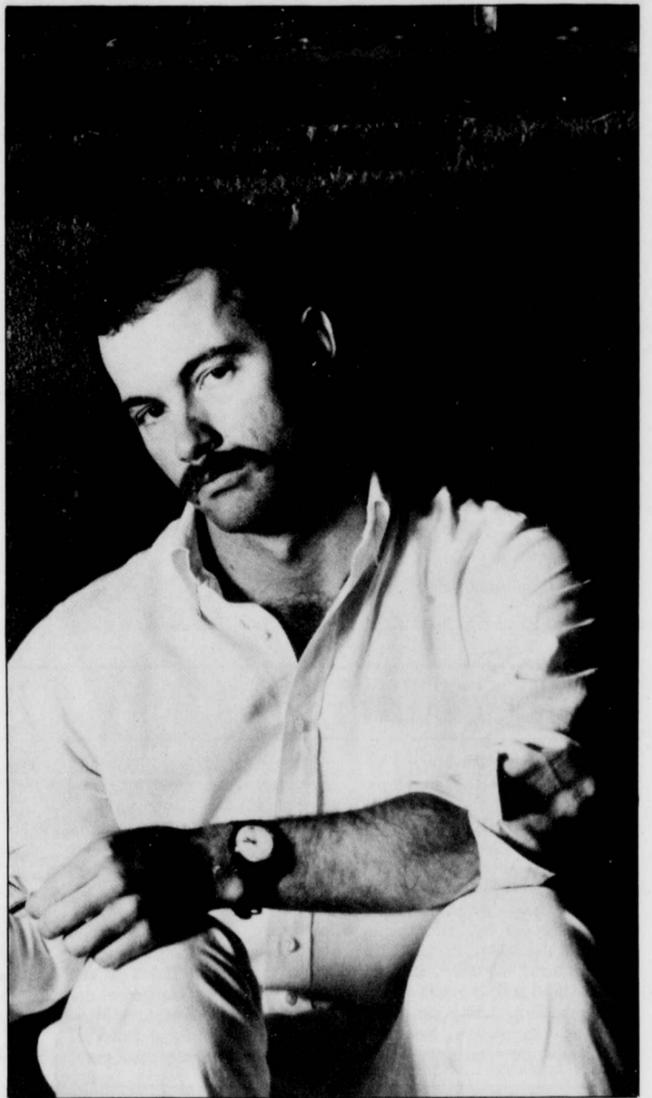
Since the truth is often funnier than fiction, that is what Calvert tries to convey in his humor.

"I guess I'm the purest form of an observational comic," he said. "Because my material is based on things that happen everyday."

"My comedic style is very well defined," Calvert said. "I'm a low-energy, very deadpan and cerebral type of comic. My humor is very dry and witty. I don't use props on stage; I don't use magic; I'm not a ventriloquist and there is no nudity in my act, which my audiences are very thankful for. All my material stands on its own," he said.

To the students competing Monday, Calvert offers this advice, "This contest is not life or death so don't put pressure on yourself to be hysterically funny. Just have fun with it and do your best. And most importantly be original, that's what the judges look for."

If you miss Calvert on Monday, he will be performing at the Arlington Comedy Corporation March 12 through 26.



Comedian Randy Calvert, winner of the last U.S. Comedy Competition, will host the competition at TCU Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the Student Center Lounge.

There'll be purple haze in the air tonight

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
TCU Daily Skiff

Guitar wizard Jimi Hendrix may be dead, but his spirit will live on this weekend at West Side Stories, when his second cousin, Rick Hendrix, brings his "Tribute to Jimi Hendrix" to Fort Worth Friday at 7:30 pm.

Rick Hendrix has been hitting the road for the past 10 years with Buddy Miles, the drummer from Hendrix's power trio Band of Gypsies. From concerts in Denmark to an appearance in the Woodstock 20th anniversary show, they've found enthusiastic crowds and reviews just about everywhere.

Rick Hendrix said in a recent interview from his home base in Reno, Nev., that his connection to Hendrix stems more from a willingness to preserve the spirit of Hendrix and the 1960s than from a deep personal connection with the late guitar genius.

"I was Jimi's second cousin, and was in school while Jimi was already famous and touring," Rick Hendrix said. "I saw him mostly at family reunions, but there was always an awareness of how special he was and the importance of keeping his legend alive after he died."

Hendrix died of a drug overdose in 1970, after forging a legendary career with his band, the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and, later, in a shorter run with the Band of Gypsies.

Rick Hendrix began learning the guitar at age 11, but he said his family relationship to Jimi wasn't a major head start over other guitar hopefuls.

"I just learned the way any other kid would from Jimi, by watching old films of him and listening to his records," he said. "But I took Jimi's songs and added my own personal style to my performances of them."

Rick Hendrix features many of Hendrix's greatest hits in his concerts, including "Purple Haze," "All Along the Watchtower," "Foxy Lady," "Spanish Castle Magic" and a rendition of Jimi's adaptation of the "Star Spangled Banner."

This famous version of the national anthem was immortalized at the Woodstock Festival in 1969. Rick Hendrix was able to further his connection to his cousin by taking his place with the Band of Gypsies, Hendrix's final group, at the 20th anniversary show in 1989.

"It was a trip, man," Rick Hendrix said. "It was probably the biggest show I

ever played, and there were over 70 acts from the original festival that returned for the anniversary — acts like Blood, Sweat, and Tears, Iron Butterfly and Steppenwolf."

Rick Hendrix is particularly fond of the performances aboard "Pink Panther," film composer Henry Mancini's yacht, to benefit a 10-year-old in need of a heart transplant in Squaw Valley, Nev.

Rick Hendrix recalls his performances in Denmark.

"The Denmark performances came about through a radio station over there that heard about me, and they brought me over there for a big promotion and a few shows," he said. "We did a 24-track recording of one of my live performances, and overall, we did extremely well."

While Rick Hendrix has played with drummer Buddy Miles throughout his 10-year performing career, Miles boasts singing talent strong enough to take center stage in a rather unusual segment of each of their performances.

Rick Hendrix said Miles is a great singer and it's an honor to work with him.

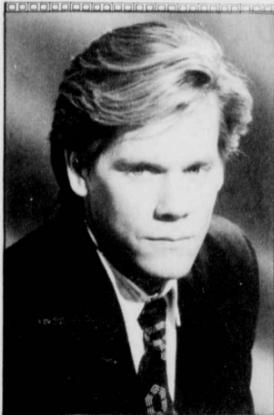
"Do you remember those California Raisins commercials with the dancing clay raisins singing 'I Heard It Through the Grapevine'?" Rick Hendrix said.

"That was Buddy's voice singing lead. So we have a special part of each show in which Buddy steps up to the mike and performs a few songs like that."

While Rick Hendrix hasn't ventured into any other foreign nations, he is planning to work on his first album shortly after his current American tour ends, and he plans to begin marketing the album in England and other European nations before working his way back to the States.

The album, to be titled "War Games," addresses such heavy social and political issues as the environment, the Cold War, the current Gulf war and the world's proliferation of nuclear arms. Such social consciousness harks back to the era of his cousin Hendrix, and Rick Hendrix feels it's time to work things full circle with a revival of '60s spirit and attitudes.

"It's history repeating itself," he said about the current Gulf situation. "We're making a mistake, and a lot of that's on my album. I'm not very politically outspoken by nature, and I don't believe in getting in people's faces and telling them what to believe, but I am aware of what's going on and that we should learn from the 60s and all our mistakes."



Paramount Pictures Kevin Bacon (above) and Elizabeth Perkins (right) star as reporters Dan Hanson and Lorie Bryer in the Paramount movie "He Said, She Said," a comedy with a directorial twist.

Double direction makes for good romance

By DAVE ANDRIESEN
TCU Daily Skiff



each telling the story of a volatile romance, once from his side, and once from hers.

It is the story of Dan Hanson (Kevin Bacon) and Lorie Bryer (Elizabeth Perkins), with whom, incidentally, I'm in love from afar, two newspaper underlings who compete for an editorial column only to wind up sharing it. The column is supposed to give opposing views, and that's no problem, because Dan and

Lorie disagree about everything. The problem is, they are also falling in love.

The first half tells the story of the romance from Dan's side, the second from Lorie's. The halves are by two different directors, Ken Kwapis and Marisa Silver, who, to add even more fuel to this strange fire, are engaged in real life. The experiment is intriguing and entertaining, as we discover that neither of the two characters is terribly accurate in their memory of the events.

The screenplay covers many of the stereotypes men and women have of each other, he afraid of commitment and full of ego and she hormonally deranged and manipulative, and yet it provides keen new insight and fresh interpretations of the games we play with each other. Brian Koppelman's writing is understated but pow-

erful and provides a strong foundation for the project.

As Dan and Lorie become more popular and begin a television segment, their relationship both deepens and complicates under increasing personal and professional pressures. We see the differing views of the events that lead to the breakup that opens the film, and we're left some leeway to decide who to believe in what instances.

"He Said, She Said" is a far more engaging film that might be expected. It hooks you from the opening moments and never lets go. The characters are accessible and real, and we come to really care about how things turn out for Dan and Lorie.

The lead performances are marvelous. Kevin Bacon ("Footloose," "She's Having a Baby"), who often has trouble being likeable on

screen, is easy to identify with and delivers probably his best performance to date. Elizabeth Perkins ("Big," "About Last Night") earns her biggest role yet, and she comes through with a warm portrayal of a woman afraid she wants too much. It may be her best work, although I'm partial to her performance in the widely ignored 1987 film "From the Hip."

The two directing efforts are discernably different, but not to the extent that they disrupt the cohesion of the overall film. I must say that there are some notable lapses in the technical directorial work during Silver's segment, attributable either to inexperience on her part or to poor editing. My only other complaint is that the running time of a little over two hours is excessive for a film of this type.



But overall, I recommend "He Said, She Said" as a unique film experience and a thought-provoking exercise. Take a date and then be prepared to stay up late talking about the film and the issues it presents. Score this one, both halves, an A-