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Life in the halls offers chances for friendship, assistance

By GREG LYNCH
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Keys rattled and scraped in the old lock, and the glass and steel door creaked open, letting out the sounds and smells of the residence hall. Glass bottles and beer cans rattled together in the trash can down the hall, and the confused pounding of a dozen stereos striving for supremacy boomed through the walls.

Somewhere up on the third floor a crash echoed like a dropped piano, underscored by the drone of the showers and punctuated by bursts of screams

and laughter.

The same broken record that plays every day in the residence hall.

Most students at TCU tend to see residence halls as a stigma. Freshmen are required to live on campus, and many people continue to live in the residence halls during their sophomore year, but by their third year at TCU they start to leave.

However, many students, even during their junior and senior years, continue living in the residence halls on campus instead of finding an apartment or a house somewhere in town.

Emily Burgwyn, associate director of

housing, said of all juniors and seniors who take nine or more academic hours at TCU, about 45 percent of juniors and 28 percent of seniors live in residence halls. Considering the figures of 1,100 juniors and 1,627 seniors registered at TCU, there are about 495 juniors and 455 seniors living on campus.

"That includes fraternity and sorority houses," Burgwyn said.

There is also a gender difference in the number of students living on campus, Burgwyn said. About 40 percent of the male juniors and 23 percent of the male seniors live on campus. However, about 50 percent of the female juniors

and 31 percent of the female seniors live on campus.

Many students continue to live in residence halls as upperclassmen because they are resident assistants, students who help run the hall.

"I'm an RA because I enjoy trying to help younger students adjust to college," said Andy Black, a senior economics major who is an RA in Tom Brown Hall, where he has lived throughout college. "I like the dorm because I can be close to my friends, in a place I can meet more."

Friends living in the same building is a reason many students cited for enjoy-

ing life on campus, as well as being an RA.

"I like to work with people and find out their needs," said Jon Sherman, a junior economics major and RA in Clark Hall.

"All your friends are close by (in the dorm), you can visit people up and down the hall," said Lisa Fernandez, a junior marketing major who lives in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority house.

Students agree there are advantages and disadvantages to living in a residence hall, but many feel the advan-

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Activities planned to honor King

By JON MARTZ
TCU Daily Skiff

House representatives passed a resolution in support of events planned by the Community Intervention class to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

The Community Involvement class is a senior level Social Work class that has scheduled several events for this week.

A student debate moderated by local broadcaster Bob Ray Sanders is scheduled to be held tonight in the Student Center Lounge from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Luther Felder, university minister for minority students, will give a keynote address and the World of Truth Gospel Choir is scheduled to perform Thursday from noon until 2 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

"We have a petition with over 1,000 student signatures and over 100 faculty signatures asking for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as an official holiday, we went before the Faculty Senate and were turned down," said Leslie Waggoner, spokesperson for the Community Intervention Class.

Chancellor Tucker is aware and concerned about the lack of a celebration of King's birthday and is likely to appoint a committee to review the situation and report their recommendations back to Tucker, said Ernie Ross, House president.

"The senior Social Work class decides on a project which they feel is a relevant issue and something which needs to be changed on campus," Waggoner said.

A proposed budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year was introduced

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Glenn Kroh, associate professor of biology, was one of several who attended a reception Tuesday honoring William Moncrief, who was named Professor of the Year by Order of Omega.

Rebels almost gone, Iraq says

Resistance near end, press estimates

By NEIL McFARQUHAR
Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraqi state press said Tuesday that only a few more days would be needed to stamp out the fighting with Kurdish rebels, who reported renewed skirmishes around the strategic oil center of Kirkuk.

The collapse of Kurdish resistance in major cities like Erbil, Dohuk and Zakho indicated the rebellion was crumbling throughout the northern region and "they know their inevitable end is near," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party as saying.

INA, monitored in Cyprus, quoted the Al-Thawra newspaper as saying Kurdish areas would be purged of rebels within days and the region would return to an unspecified degree of political autonomy.

Foreign journalists fleeing into western Turkey over mountains and rivers said Iraqi government forces controlled much of the Kurdish area, with hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees trying to escape into Iran and Turkey.

Both countries readied for a flood of people across the borders.

The Turkish news agency Anatolia quoted the journalists as saying an unidentified reporter was killed and two others injured in the Kurdistan fighting. Many got to the border by hanging onto the rears of trucks, the agency said.

Spokesmen abroad for Kurdish rebels reported skirmishes Tuesday between government troops and guer-

rillas on the highway from Kirkuk to Erbil and in areas east near the Iranian border.

The office for the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in the Syrian capital of Damascus said the rebels had retaken control of the road linking Erbil and Kirkuk, lost last Friday, and have advanced on the city's suburbs after a heavy battle.

The Kurds, fighting for autonomy since the 1920s, have withdrawn into the mountains many times before to regroup.

Rebels have repeatedly accused allied coalition members, especially the United States, of abandoning them by not enforcing the cease-fire ban on Iraq using its aircraft for military missions.

In Washington, the State Department announced that it is inviting a cross-section of Iraqi dissidents to a series of meetings with U.S. officials. But there was no indication that President Bush would abandon his hands-off policy on the rebels' struggle with Saddam.

Tehran radio quoted refugees as saying that despite martial law, the Shiite Moslem rebels in the south were still staging hit-and-run attacks on government positions.

Since foreign reporters were unable to reach most of the scenes of fighting, it was impossible to verify government or rebel claims.

In Paris, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that France will demand that the U.N. Security Council act quickly to end the massacre of Kurdish and Shiite Muslim rebels and civilians bombed by Saddam's troops.

Students, staff to mix during mixed doubles

By CARRIE BREWER
TCU Daily Skiff

Aces and lobs will be served by mixed doubles at the Faculty/Staff/Student Playday 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The regular court fee of \$3 will be charged to participants.

"This is really a good way to enjoy tennis and get to know students on a more personal basis," said Morrison G. Wong, associate professor of sociology.

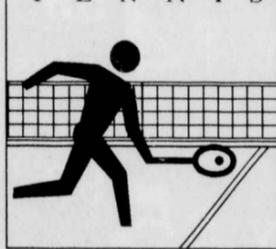
Students will be matched with a faculty or staff member, said Karl Richter, resident tennis professional and assistant at the tennis center. Students do not have to enter with faculty or staff members, because pairings will be made Sunday, Richter said.

"This is not really a tournament, but winners will move forward and the losers will move down," Richter said.

"There is no real prize or trophy but students, faculty and staff will get the chance to interact outside of the classroom," he said.

In past years some of the faculty participants have been: Chancellor Tucker; Mike McCracken, dean of Addran College; Charles Lamb, professor of marketing; Bill Moncrief, marketing department chair; Jane

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Mackay, assistant professor of management information systems; and Wong.

"The games are really a lot of fun and a good opportunity to interact with people you might not otherwise meet," Lamb said.

Moncrief participates in the Playday almost every year and enjoys seeing students outside of a classroom setting, he said.

"After a game, partners rotate so everyone gets a chance to see different faculty and students," Moncrief said. "I thoroughly enjoy the games."

Wong enjoys the games because they give the students and professors a chance to "compete on common grounds" and get to know each other as people, he said.

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The women's tennis defeated Texas Tech and Rice this weekend to remain undefeated this season. **Page 6**

Outside

Today's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 78 degrees. Thursday's weather will be cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and a high temperature of 78 degrees.



Honorary trustee to be knighted

By MEREDITH FANE
TCU Daily Skiff

Cecil H. Green, a TCU honorary trustee, has spent his life slaying the dragons of economic uncertainty in educational institutions. His donations to various causes total more than \$150 million.

The philanthropist's deeds have not gone unnoticed. The British Embassy in Washington notified him that he has been appointed an Honorary Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The official insignia is to be bestowed by Queen Elizabeth II when she visits Dallas in May.

Green, a native of Manchester, England, graduated from the University

of British Columbia and received his master's degree from the Michigan Institute of Technology in 1923, he said.

Green co-founded Texas Instruments Inc., a major electronics manufacturer. He delighted in seeing the company grow into a large corporation, he said.

His contributions benefit educational institutions, artistic development, medical institutions, the YMCA and YWCA. His name adorns dozens of medical and educational facilities in Texas, Massachusetts, California, Canada and England.

"I have just taken an interest in people," Green said. "I take the greatest interest in people, education,

medicine and the arts."

Green is not sure of the exact date and place of the ceremony with the queen, but is sure that it will be a private affair because of security reasons, he said.

This will be the second time Green has met the queen. He met her once before when he was part of a receiving line in La Jolla, Calif., he said.

"I believe I am receiving this honor because of my connections with Oxford University," he said. "One of the buildings is named after me and I have an honorary degree from Oxford."

"I don't plan to celebrate after I am knighted because I have so much else I am involved in," he said. "I'm only 90 years old, you know."

Federal minority grant received

By RACHEL BROWN
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU recently received a U.S. Department of Education grant to encourage minority students to enter graduate programs.

The Minority Participation in Graduate Education grant is designed to help academically talented but financially needy minority undergraduates enter an eight-week graduate research internship, according to a press release from the office of Texas senator Phil Gramm.

The grant is "a step in the right di-

rection," said Priscilla Tate, associate dean of Addran College of Arts and Sciences.

Addran has a low enrollment of minority graduate students that is representative of TCU as a whole, Tate said.

Money is not the only factor that causes minorities to miss graduate education opportunities, she said. Many minority students do not come from backgrounds that allow them to continue their educations, she said.

"There is the whole social structure," she said.

Tate said the low enrollment numbers have increased nationwide, not just at TCU.

"There is a desperate need (to help minority graduates)," she said.

The School of Education has minority part-time graduate students working as teachers, but there are no minorities in the departmental assistant positions, said Beth Flomer, secretary for the graduate studies office in the School of Education.

As many as one-third of those student teachers are from minority groups, Flomer said.

CAMPUSlines

The Peace and Social Justice Committee will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in Reed Hall Room 309A. Students, faculty, staff and alumni interested in joining are invited.

TCU Waterski Club will meet at 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Rickel 316. New members are welcome. For more information, call Robert Campbell at 924-8818.

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

Biology seminar will be presented at noon Friday in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 4. Dr. Val H. Smith from the University of North Carolina's Department of Biology will speak on the "Effect of Resource Gradients on Plankton Community Structure."

High Adventure Club will be camping, rappelling and water skiing Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call Bryan at 924-6881.

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.

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.

Neeley School Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. April 11 at the Rickel Sand Volleyball Courts. People may sign-up in the Tandy Building lobby from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 921-7527.

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Volunteers are needed to assist at a special four-day event that will be held April 11-14 in downtown Fort Worth. It involves answering a phone, taking messages and helping children who have been separated from their parents.

Volunteer youth group leaders are needed to conduct life skills sessions for boys and girls. Leaders may be flexible in scheduling regular meetings.

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls from individuals who are in crisis, give referrals and provide informal counseling directed at suicide prevention and intervention. Training begins May 2.

Volunteers are needed to provide friendship and be role models for troubled teens. Join with them in recreational activities and crafts.

Volunteers are needed to sort, check and box food items that have been donated to a local food pantry. Available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Volunteers are needed to visit residents of a local nursing home on a regular basis. Genuine fondness for the elderly is needed.

Volunteers are needed to help welcome visitors to the "Soviet Space" program at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Hours are flexible. For more information, call (817) 347-4090.

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to the House. The House will have a question and answer session at next week's meeting and will vote on the proposed budget in two weeks.

Christopher Hightower, Brachman Hall Representative, introduced a bill asking the House to proclaim and help fund Fiesta Week. The week will run from April 8 to 12. The bill requests \$400 to help pay for food, decorations and publicity.

The event is sponsored by the Organization of Latin American Students and will include authentic food and various ethnic presentations.

Jeri Sias, chairwoman of the Black South African Scholarship Committee, spoke to the House about the upcoming "Simulation Game" which will be held 7 p.m. April 11 in the Rickel Building.

"The game focuses on the different aspects of life in South Africa and puts students in the different roles people encounter," she said. "It increases student awareness of what is happening in South Africa," Sias said.

The group needs approximately 100 to participate to make the game successful, she said.

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Grant, minority multi-cultural issues, a possible celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and improved Student-Trustee communication, Ross said.

"The only link between the University and the trustees is through the Chancellor and we would like to provide more opportunities for students to communicate with the trustees," he said.

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tages, such as location and a kind of community spirit, outweigh anything else.

"There's the proximity to campus, the ability to have many friends around, but still go back to your own room," Black said.

Living on campus lets students be close to campus activities, Sherman said. He added he likes the location and being able to be with his friends all the time.

Despite the advantages, most students agree there are several ways in which residence halls could improve.

"There's no cable television and no long visitation," Black said. "Dorms should have cable television so more people would stay. People should also have more of an option to buy single rooms."

Sally Kimberling, a senior elementary education major, said residence halls need improved heating and cooling, and longer visitation hours.

"The rooms are too small," Fernandez said. "There's no closet space."

Residence halls also have a lack of privacy many students don't care for, Sherman said. He would also like "a few less slamming doors and more insulation in the walls between rooms," he said.

Many students have mixed feelings about leaving the residence hall and finding an apartment or a house somewhere in town.

Although she enjoys some aspects of life in the residence hall, Fernandez said she plans to get an apartment for her senior year.

"I wanted to live in the sorority house for at least a year," Fernandez said. She said living in the sorority house gave her a better chance to get to know other members of her sorority.

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Promoting

Future speakers should receive recognition

A major entertainment and informative opportunity was missed by many students last week. The TCU administration and the Programming Council Forums Committee hosted General Alexander Haig in Ed Landreth Auditorium on Wednesday evening.

While well-attended by the Fort Worth community, the most of the lecture's small student ticket allotment went unclaimed. Only about half of the reserved 75 tickets were sold.

In this instance, the general apathetic nature of TCU students is not the only focus of blame.

The visit from the distinguished guest received no noticeable publicity from the Forums Committee. No posters or signs were distributed. No bulletin boards gave a hint Haig was coming. No banners alerted people in the Reed-Sadler Mall.

Surely students deserve better. An administration so blessed with corporate sponsorship should inform students of the outstanding opportunity it provided. The Forums Committee, while admittedly not the true sponsor, does have a duty to the university community to promote forums.

Those few who saw Alexander Haig recommended the event to others. Many of those others responded with "He came here?" and "I knew he would be here, but I just didn't know when."

It is hoped that in the future when such major speakers come to TCU, the committee that brought them here will publicize the speech. The rarity of major events at TCU demands such.

Pass or fail

Legislature should pass acceptable school bill

Showing its true colors, the Texas Legislature has proven unable to pass an acceptable public school financing bill after two years of trying. Ineptness in the Austin capitol and the governor's mansion leaves the future of Texas education in the hands of the state Supreme Court.

Seven years ago, in the landmark case Edgewood v. Kirby, the court found Texas' method of supporting schools in which independent school districts collect revenue primarily through varying property taxes unconstitutional. Funding must be equalized between rich and poor school districts, the world-shaking opinion contended.

The final deadline for legislators to come up with a workable alternative passed Monday. After passage through the state Senate last week, the plan of Sen. Carl Parker and House Speaker Gib Lewis was turned by politics-playing Republicans who either don't understand or are ignoring the results of their "No" vote.

The Senate has an idea of sending the bill straight to Gov. Ann Richards, thereby circumventing the House's objection. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock threatens to install an income tax and blame Republicans for it. Across-the-fence political leadership has not come from the top, although the opposition party is admittedly stubborn.

Almost every school district, lawmaker and parent finds a reason to complain with the master plan the Texas Supreme Court may impose for lack of another constitutional plan.

Petty Austin affairs must stop — the state of Texas cannot afford continued paralysis. Wealthy school districts do not need major budget restrictions, poorer areas certainly need assistance, teachers need higher salaries and no one needs the cessation of payments that may begin this week.

Campus crackdown

Police equalize the war on drugs

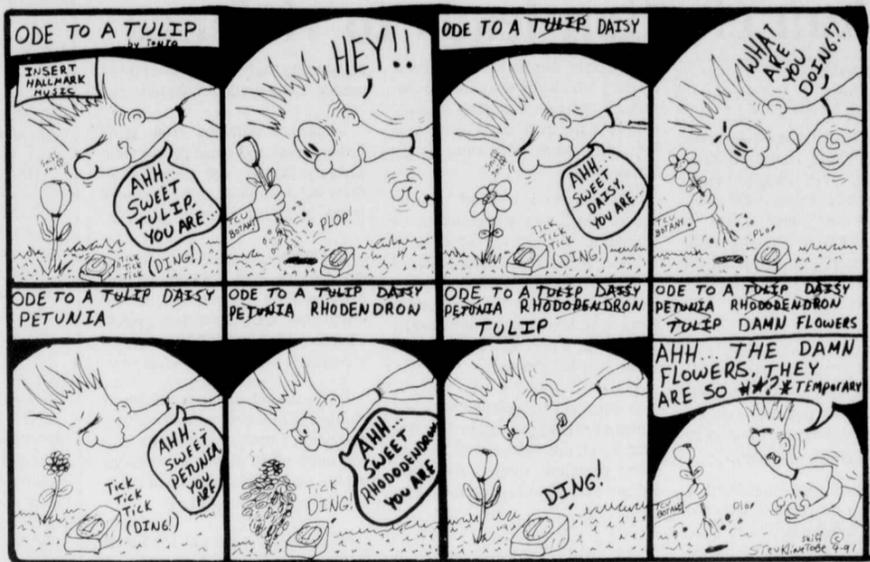
Two weeks ago, the University of Virginia at Charlottesville became the subject of national news headlines following a federal drug raid upon three fraternity houses that resulted in the indictments of 12 students for drug distribution and sales.

In the first incidence ever of federal authorities seizing fraternity houses, 12 sandwich bags of marijuana, three bags of hallucinogenic mushrooms and a bag of LSD tabs were found, in addition to scales, pipes and bongs used to smoke such drugs as marijuana.

Some have complained the federal authorities should maintain their focus in the drug war on the streets, rather than on the nation's campuses. However, this attitude is narrowminded at best and damaging to our nation's racial fabric at worst.

Very few complain when the drug war is waged in America's urban streets, where young black men often take the fall and receive the prison time for a drug problem that cuts across virtually every racial, ethnic, geographic and age group in American society.

The drug war will not be won until every person involved in illegal drug usage or distribution — regardless of race or social class — faces the fear of prosecution and the real costs drugs bear on all of society, rather than just the short-term pleasures of a high. As such, the federal government should be commended and encouraged to continue this new turn in drug enforcement.



A brief glimpse into the future

By GREG WEED
Columnist



With the War in the Gulf all but over (I hope), many people are bringing up the question of what is going to happen to the Middle East and its conflicts. Well, I'll be the first to admit I'm optimistic. I believe the people in the Middle East have a future filled with peace, love, understanding, health, prosperity and overall happiness. This future will come when the people in the Middle East and the rest of the world, well, die and go to heaven. That is the only time all the countries will ever have solved all their problems.

Unfortunately, this future isn't coming any time soon. In the meantime, we're finding more and more interesting ways to die. What a great society we live in when it is dangerous, fearful and fatal to have sex.

I bet the people who originally thought up the Black Plague are kicking themselves now. To take one of the highest, most incred-

ible actions in life, and then kill someone by it. They'll have to do a lot to top this one. Maybe we'll explode if we listen to music too loud.

As long as we're talking about the future, let's examine what else will in about 30 years down the road. Well, the world will have added about three billion more people to its population, and all the places where they will pop up will be somewhere you wouldn't want to visit. Maybe we should send some Americans to these Third World countries and spread some of our wonderful sexually transmitted diseases we invented to keep the world's population down.

In 30 years, you'll be able to walk down the street to the local hotspot — a mixture cocaine bar and abortion clinic (owned, like 90 percent of the United States, by Japan). Smoking, of course, will be prohibited. Alcohol will be served intravenously.

In politics, the United Socialist States of America will still be feuding with the democratic Republic of Russia. The main problem will be where each country is going to place all of its nuclear weapons. The U.S.S.A. has enough to fill the West Coast, and therefore has to find various places to put them, with-

out polluting the environment. The most common places are the Pacific Waste Dump and the Tropical Rain Forest Desert. As a side note, the U.S.S.A. still has not fixed the problems with the space shuttle, and it has spent over \$900 trillion of the taxpayer's money to make a tourist attraction (The Space-ship That Hasn't Flown since 1990).

On a closer note, Texas Governor Tucker will declare a law prohibiting anyone throwing a person into a swimming pool, because, as he said, "the water's icky." Also, the Texas school bill will finally get through the House of Representatives, only to be defeated in the Senate, mainly because no one could remember what it was.

At TCU, tuition will be raised by the smallest amount in years: only \$5,000 a semester hour. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will still not be celebrated. TCU finally admitted its prejudice, but still ignored the students (some things never change).

In fads and fashion, there will be an '80s revival of the '60s revival, therefore making the kids completely confused.

And, in 30 years, an angry, moderately liberal TCU graduate will pick up his 15th Pulitzer Prize for his columns. I hope.

Drinking age laws are hypocritical

By ROBERT HOLDSWORTH
Columnist



The United States is the most wonderful country in the world in which to live. Americans enjoy more basic freedoms than any other group of people on the planet. If you're an 18-year-old U.S. citizen you can even do what many much older adults around the world cannot, vote. Yes, it's a wonderful thing to be an adult in America, you can choose what you want to do and when you want to do it. That's true for everything except drinking.

An 18- to 20-year-old is considered adult enough to vote for those who will govern us. This certainly must be an adult decision, considering the many ramifications of that choice. If we weren't adult enough to handle this decision, certainly the opportunity to vote would not be given to us.

If you're old enough to make a responsible

decision about whom you would like to govern you and in what manner you wish to be governed, doesn't that make you responsible enough to be able to make adult decisions about the positive and negative aspects of other decisions that affect your life?

If an 18- to 20-year-old commits a serious crime, he or she faces the possibility of being jailed, not in a juvenile facility but in a real prison with hardened criminals. This fact must certainly make it an adult decision whenever a person of that age group decides to do something that could land him or her in jail.

People in the 18- to 20-year-old age group can do almost everything other adults can. We can vote for our leaders, go to jail for our criminal actions, be drafted to fight for our country, be sued by other adults and various other things that would cause one to assume people in this age group are considered to be adults in every way. There is one thing however, those in this group cannot do that all other adults in this country can: buy and consume alcoholic beverages.

Those who argue against changing the drinking age claim that there is no reason to because we can already get alcohol with no problem. Of course it's not hard for people in this age group to get alcohol. We all have friends 21 and older who consent to buy for us, but we shouldn't have to get others to do for us what should be our right to do for ourselves. Just because we can get around the law doesn't mean it should be a law.

Changing the drinking age to 18 would do away with the incongruity of the "minor" status. Minor is most commonly used to describe people under the age of 18 who are not responsible for their actions. Why then, when someone is ticketed for underage drinking, is it called minor in possession, the dreaded MIP?

The drinking age of 21 is hypocritical and discriminatory. It basically says adults 18 to 20 are responsible for their actions, but not responsible enough to choose whether or not to drink. If someone is considered to be an adult in one way, he or she should be considered an adult in every way.

Beware the dangerous toe sucker

By JEFF JETER
Columnist



In a remote area of the wilderness, a lone woman walks the deserted trails. Amid the cackling and the whooping of animals and the rustling of golden leaves in the cool, November breeze, there is a sense of peace and tranquility. Little does the hiker suspect the evil that is about to befall her. Suddenly, she feels a tugging at her leg as she comes crashing to the cold, hard earth below. She begins begging and pleading to a hidden face as someone, something, drags her into the surrounding brush. As tears roll down the innocent victim's face, a strong hand carefully unlaces her shoe and removes her thin, black sock. The young woman lets out a blood-curdling scream and faints.

When she awakes, she is barefoot and alone. The birds are still singing and the wind is still gently blowing — it is almost as if everything was a nightmare. But she knows better. Her foot, covered in drool and a bit chapped, is none the worse for wear. This person was a victim of the newest of nature's criminals — the infamous red crested Arkansas toe sucker.

Last month, a story out of Arkansas surfaced that provided the public with the initial details about this new crime wave. The report concerned a local man who was terrorizing and fondling women's feet in Arkansas, California and several other states.

Several weeks later, another headline read, "Court Gives Toe Sucker the Boot." Another man was implicated in a second, possibly unrelated, toe sucking incident — this time in Illinois. In this case, Jeffrey Harris of Joliet was sentenced to jail for fondling and licking women's toes in the Midwest.

Then, last Thursday, a story in a Sacramento newspaper told of yet another toe sucking outbreak — this time in a San Francisco State college dorm. The story goes on to detail several accounts of person(s) sneaking into different dormitory rooms at night and licking the toes and legs of its occupants while they slept.

All of this evidence points to one inevitable conclusion: toe sucking is on the rise.

Police have been looking high and low for evidence, but thus far, their investigations have uncovered very little. But, there has got to be more than one toe sucker on the prowl. The reign of terror covers far too great an area for there to be just one toe sucker.

Perhaps there is a toe sucking epidemic. There are numerous questions that must be

addressed if this is the case. How would one become a toe sucker? Is it hereditary or is it learned? Is it passed through the water system? Can it be contracted through uncooked fish?

The most plausible explanation is there are copy-cat toe suckers roaming the streets of the country. FBI reports indicate many crime waves are built around criminals copying other criminals.

Unfortunately we just don't know. All we can do is reduce the risk of having toes sucked. Police profiles indicate the typical toe sucker is looking for small feet with a good arch and slender toes. If you are out in sandals or other "revealing" footwear, you are at risk. Painted nails and goop between the toes might also affect an outburst by the toe sucker. Common sense should tell you if some panting guy is sniffing your leg, it is not a compliment.

Finally, if you are a toe sucker, there is counseling available. However, some people simply enjoy a good paw lapping, and if you do, more power to you. Just make sure that the hoof you start gumming belongs to someone who enjoys playing the part of a popsicle.

So until the time when our courageous law enforcement officials can crack down on the toe-sucking offenses around us and make the streets safe for pedestrians once again, keep both feet on the ground.

News

Balkan election leads to violence

By TONY SMITH
Associated Press

SHKODRA, Albania — A morning of street fighting Tuesday following protests over alleged vote-rigging left three people dead and a local Communist Party office in northern Albania a smoking ruin. Dozens were reported injured in post-election unrest in at least five towns and villages.

Hundreds of riot police firing live ammunition restored order by late afternoon in the center of Shkodra, Albania's fifth most populous city, in the first violence linked to the Balkan nation's multiparty elections.

The violence was considered a possible omen for Albania after the Communists' electoral victory Sunday in this poor, mountainous nation of 3 million people wedged between Yugoslavia and Greece.

Officials in the capital, Tirana, released final results of the elections. The Party of Labor, the official name of the Communist Party, won 162 of the 250 seats, the Central Election Commission reported.

The opposition Democratic Party

won 65 seats, an ethnic Greek minority party won three seats and the National Veterans Committee, a Communist front, won one. The remaining seats were not immediately accounted for.

Scattered violence and protests occurred in Tirana, where riot police charged a crowd of 1,000 people; in Elbasan, where an unexploded bomb was found and defused; in Vaqarr, where the chairman of the opposition party was beaten; and in Kavaje, Democratic Party spokesman Genc Pollo said in Tirana.

In front of the gutted four-story Communist headquarters in Shkodra were the charred remains of two armored personnel carriers and three military trucks torched and turned on their sides.

The Interior Ministry said in a statement in Tirana, the most populous city, that the anti-Communist crowd was endangering the lives of those inside the party building.

For these reasons, the statement said: "The police were obliged to open fire . . . The situation is tense."

In Tirana late Tuesday about 40 riot police, swinging batons and fir-

ing warning shots, charged the crowd outside Democratic headquarters.

Witnesses watching from party headquarters said some people were severely beaten. The police withdrew in 25 minutes, and the crowd began to gather again.

In Shkodra, thousands of protesters led by high school students gathered early Tuesday outside the Communist headquarters to protest what they claimed was vote-rigging in Sunday's election, witnesses said.

It was the second such protest in two days in Shkodra, even though the opposition Democrats won the city and most other population centers but lost nationwide because of overwhelming rural support.

Witnesses said a local Democrat leader, Arben Broci, 24, was shot in the back from inside the Communist Party headquarters Tuesday morning as he tried to disperse an angry crowd outside the building.

Two other people, identified by the Democrats as Bujar Zerberi and Besnik Ceka, also were killed, but it was unclear whether they were opposition officials or participants in the demonstration.

Airline fares to increase

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After slashing fares to lure travelers of their war and recession jitters, airlines will begin raising most ticket prices next week.

The changes will not eliminate all discounts, but they will increase fares for people who plan trips on short notice. Airlines were still scrambling Monday to get their new fare structure worked out.

"It's going to be a process of everybody having to go through and sort out what's being done in each market," said an official of a large airline.

As a general rule, the changes will raise the rates for travelers who provide either a seven-day or a 14-day notice, while offering cheaper fares for people who can plan further in advance. The changes were first put in place by American Airlines.

Despite the recent rash of fare cuts, experts said the increases were inevitable with airlines losing billions of dollars since the Persian Gulf crisis. The economic

downturn also cut deeply into the industry's revenues.

"I think it makes a lot of sense," said Lee Howard, chief executive of Airline Economics Inc., an aviation consulting firm in Washington. "If you're going to give low fares, then you have to put sufficient restrictions on those . . . or else your average fares will be so low you can't afford to operate."

American said its cheapest fares would be for passengers who could provide 30 days' notice, but other major carriers later decided they would offer a cheap 21-day advance ticket.

American had not decided by Monday night whether to go along with that aspect of the fare restructuring.

A decision would have to come quickly, though, as the new fare structure takes effect next Tuesday, said American spokesman Tim Smith.

American announced its new fee structure last month at the same time it unveiled the discount program that expires next Monday. Other airlines initially balked at going along, and officials of

some rivals said American was trying to push through a net price increase at a time when others were cutting fares.

American said the fare restructuring should not be characterized as a fare increase because of the discounts offered for tickets purchased far in advance. But a spokesman acknowledged that such sales were a minority of tickets sold.

As the other airlines decided to go along, they steadfastly refused to make any predictions on what will happen to the price paid by most travelers.

"I'm not real clear, this thing has gotten so complex," Northwest spokesman Doug Miller said.

When others were pressed about the matter, they pointed their fingers at American. United spokeswoman Sara Dornacker said, "It wasn't our initiative."

"What we're doing is responding," Delta Air Lines spokesman Neil Monroe said. "American's the one that developed this thing."

Dixon convicted of bank fraud, given jail sentence

By EVAN RAMSTAD
Associated Press

DALLAS — Donald R. Dixon was sentenced Tuesday to five years in jail and ordered to repay almost \$600,000 for using money from his Vernon Savings & Loan Association to fund a lavish lifestyle and pay for prostitutes.

Dixon, convicted of 23 counts of bank fraud, could have been sentenced to up to 120 years in jail and fined \$5.75 million, but U.S. District Judge Joe Fish said he should not be punished for Vernon's \$1.3 billion failure.

Dixon, Vernon's former owner, was convicted in December of illegally using depositors' money to pay for a California beach house and prostitutes.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh called Dixon the "highest of the high fliers among the savings and loan crooks" and his trial had come to symbolize the fraudulent excesses in the troubled thrift industry.

But Fish said the six-week trial did not prove Dixon caused

the thrift's 1987 collapse, one of the first costly failures of the savings and loan crisis.

"I think Mr. Dixon is deserving of punishment for the crime people," he said.

"I feel a great obligation to repay some of the costs of the nation's S&L debacle . . . because I was at the helm of the ship," Dixon said.

He asked Fish not to be jailed. Since suffering heart problems in January, Dixon has been at home monitored electronically by probation officers.

But the judge said a jail term is consistent and fair with other thrift fraud sentences.

Dixon owned Vernon from 1981 to 1986. It grew tenfold under his leadership with brokered deposits and speculative real estate deals and made a \$50 million profit one year.

When Dixon sold Vernon in 1986, more than 90 percent of its loans were not being repaid. Vernon's net worth had sunk to a negative \$716.86 million when regulators took it over the next year.

"Many of the actions I took were inappropriate," Dixon told the judge. "Many of the judgments I made were very poor."

But, asked later if he felt personally responsible for thrift's collapse, Dixon said, "No I do not."

Dixon, Lemons and other former Vernon executives are also defendants in a \$540 million federal fraud lawsuit filed in 1987.

The Dallas Bank Fraud Task Force is continuing its investigation of Vernon, Hauberg said. And Dixon may face more charges later, he said.

Hauberg, who also prosecuted Lemons, said the difference in the cases is that Lemons received Vernon funds directly.

"It clearly was not as direct a dip for personal benefit as Mr. Lemons' case was proven at trial," the prosecutor said of Dixon. "However as we contended and still believe, Mr. Dixon did personally benefit from the trans-

actions proven to the satisfaction of the jury here."

The jury convicted Dixon of illegally spending about \$577,000 from the thrift primarily to pay for the house at Solana Beach, near San Diego. He was also convicted of using thrift money to pay for prostitutes during parties at the house.

Dixon testified the house was used as a hotel for business during Vernon's expansion into the Southern California real estate market.

The jury in December cleared Dixon of charges he made illegal campaign contributions with Vernon funds.

Dixon, his wife Dana and three friends spoke on his behalf during the two-hour sentencing hearing.

As he did during trial testimony, Dixon blamed regulatory reforms and the economic boom of the early 1980's for spurring some of his greed.

Thrift reforms in the early 80's "put too much money in the hands of too few people," Dixon said.

"And that was too much power. And I was one of those of which he was convicted," Fish said. "However I do not think he should be punished for the failure of Vernon Savings & Loan."

He sentenced Dixon to three five-year terms, to be served concurrently. Fish also ordered Dixon to serve five years probation and 500 hours of community service during the first two years of the probation.

Dixon, who was released until April 23 when he must report to a federal prison, could be eligible for parole in 20 months.

Dixon's attorney, William Ravkind of Dallas, said no decision had been made whether to appeal the case. But Dixon said he thought the sentence was fair.

"I was not tried and convicted for the collapse of Vernon Savings and should not be sentenced for it," Dixon said.

"I'm glad it's over. It's been a nightmare," he said.

"We're pleased that Mr. Dixon is going to jail, that he has been ordered to restore to the FDIC the amount the court has ordered," said prosecutor Robert Hauberg.

But he acknowledged that Fish's sentence was "not an agreement with our proposal" that Dixon serve consecutive prison terms and pay \$33 million in restitution.

Dixon, 52, was the 11th person and eighth Vernon officer to be convicted of criminal wrongdoing.

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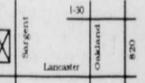
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Billy Bob's celebrates anniversary

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — None of the revelers at the 10th anniversary of the opening of Billy Bob's Texas matched Merle Haggard's storied feat of buying a round of drinks for everyone in the house.

But the 1,500 or so people who did show up Monday happily recalled the Haggard story as well as those days when Billy Bob Barnett was unsure whether his massive honky-tonk would turn out to be an April Fool's joke.

It was April Fool's Day 1981 that Barnett and his pal Spencer Taylor opened the club in the landmark Stockyards District on the city's unruly North Side.

Friends said Billy Bob set the date so if something went wrong at the opening he could shrug it off as an April Fool's joke.

One of the most-chronicled tales associated with the Billy Bob's is the

time that Haggard spent \$12,732.50 on a round of drinks for 5,095 of his closest friends.

Barnett, who has moved on to open another bar in Baltimore, was also absent at Monday's festivities. But the crowd guzzled beers, ate cake and partied with no noticeable dismay over Barnett's absence.

"I'm glad we've kept this place going. It's great it's still open. It's even more solid now," said Steve Murrin, co-owner of the club and former Fort Worth City Council member.

"The local crowd can come here to dance. They can learn to two-step and have a little refreshment," Murrin said of the honky-tonk with 42 bar stations and seating for 8,000.

Television monitors flashed anniversary greetings in the form of videos from such country music stars as Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks and the Carter Sisters.

Ray Wylie Hubbard was the fea-

ture performer Monday night.

A huge sheet cake decorated to look like the facade of Billy Bob's was served to those in the club.

Peggy Firkins, who lives in Saint Jo about 90 miles northwest of Fort Worth, has been serving beer at Billy Bob's for 10 years.

"I never get bored. Every night is different," she said. "I'm always meeting people from all over the world. The tourists are always saying, 'Gosh, I can't believe how big this place is!'"

Although Billy Bob Barnett no longer runs the club, it remains open seven days, and six nights a week and sees itself more as a "family entertainment center" than a beer joint.

"Right now, as far as bringing in top C&W acts, we're again the top game in town, Dallas or Fort Worth," Murrin said. "In the booking trade, we own the market."

Soviet politics reaches stalemate

By BRIAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Hard-line Communists dropped their drive to dump Russian leader Boris N. Yeltsin on Tuesday in yet another sign of a stalemate between reformers and conservatives in Soviet politics.

"Let's agree on the fact that the situation in Russia is serious. And our duty is to stop disintegration in all spheres of Russia's life," Russian Communist Party leader Ivan Polozkov told a meeting of the Russian congress.

"But I think that to change the leadership, the chairman, his deputies, the presidium, or any other bodies is not timely," Polozkov said, referring to Yeltsin and his deputies. His remarks caused an uproar in the stately Grand Krem-

lin Palace.

Polozkov and other hard-line Communists in the Russian Congress of People's Deputies had collected signatures for the extraordinary session of congress in order to force a vote of no-confidence in Yeltsin.

Following Polozkov's speech, support collapsed for the no-confidence vote, as only 121 deputies of more than 800 in the hall cast ballots to place the question on the agenda.

The hard-liners have been unable to schedule the vote since the congress opened last Thursday.

Likewise, Yeltsin and his reformist allies have been unable to garner the needed two-thirds majority in the congress to amend the Russian constitution to allow direct popular election to a strengthened Russian presidency.

On Tuesday, the reformers agreed to let the issue lapse until the congress reconvenes, probably in May.

Such stalemates are becoming the rule in Soviet politics as hard-liners in the Communist Party, the KGB and the Armed Forces cling to the structures of power.

Reformers, on the other hand, do not control the national or Russian legislatures, and have been forced to turn to strikes and other forms of mass protest to push their agenda.

The Russian congress passed a resolution seeking to end a nationwide miners' strike that is beginning to take a toll on industrial production throughout the country.

Judge rules Continental must pay for leased planes

By LEE LINDER
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The bankrupt Continental Airlines must pay \$58 million on leased aircraft if it wants to keep on flying the planes, a federal judge said.

Attorneys expect an appeal of the ruling by District Judge Robert Gawthrop III that reversed an earlier decision by a bankruptcy judge. The

case would go to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia and could delay action on lease payments for months.

"Every day that goes by without Continental making a payment benefits Continental in its operation," said Michael Bloom, attorney for some of the creditors who leased planes to the airline, Tuesday. "We would hope that the matter can be resolved very quickly."

Continental filed for Chapter 11 reorganization Dec. 3, 1990.

The bankruptcy judge's ruling was taken to court in a suit filed in Wilmington, Del., by 61 creditors who said the airline had to make the lease payments despite the bankruptcy filing. Gawthrop was assigned to the case and released his 29-page opinion in Wilmington Monday.

The decision "strengthens the intended scope of the bankruptcy code.

The judge decided that a lease is a lease and must be paid, otherwise it would jeopardize financing to the aircraft industry," Bloom said.

Gawthrop ruled Continental improperly "sought the continued use of aircraft . . . without having to pay the amounts now due on these leases, which totals approximately \$58 million."

Continental said the planes were under a sale and leaseback arrange-

ment and therefore were part of its assets.

"When title remains with the creditor, as when equipment is leased or sold conditionally, the property is not properly part of the debtor's estate when reorganization is attempted," the judge said.

Continental Airlines had no immediate comment when contacted at its Houston, Tex., headquarters by telephone.

Five other airlines — America West Airlines, American Airlines, Northwest Airlines, United Air Lines and USAir — joined the lease holders in opposing the Continental position.

They claimed delaying lease payments because of bankruptcy would discourage lenders from making sale-leaseback deals and increase the difficulty of airlines to raise capital.

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Nation's strictest anti-abortion bill vetoed

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Gov. George Sinner on Monday vetoed what would have been the strictest anti-abortion bill in the nation.

The bill would have banned abortions except in cases of rape, incest or if the mother's life was in danger.

"History is full of accounts of the misuse of governmental power, often for a 'good' cause," the Democratic

governor said in his veto message, issued less than two hours after he formally received the bill.

"Such abuse must be resisted vigorously on both sides," Sinner said. "Government must not overstep its bounds. It must not play God."

Sinner was barred by the North Dakota Constitution from threatening a veto, although he said earlier that the bill went "too far."

Under the legislation, rapes lead-

ing to pregnancy would have had to be reported within 21 days of the crime or within 15 days of when the victim was capable of doing so.

The measure goes to the North Dakota House for an attempt to override the veto.

Rep. Richard Kloubeck, the Republican House majority leader, said an override vote could be held Tuesday but probably will be delayed until Wednesday.

TCU Order of Omega Senior Profiles



Alicia Thompson
ZTA

AGE: 22
HOME: Plano, Texas
MAJOR: Speech Pathology

LEADERSHIP/CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:

On campus, Alicia participates in the Forums Committee, Peer Educators, Campus Mentors and Student Abassadors. She has served as parliamentarian and vice president of R.O.A.D. Workers and as judicial chairman, vice president and president of Zeta Tau Alpha. She currently serves as secretary for Order of Omega.

HONORS/AWARDS:

Alicia has been honored for her scholastic and on-campus accomplishments with memberships in Mortar Board, Golden Key National Honor Society and Who's Who. She was also awarded a TCU Fine Arts Guild Scholarship.

GOAL:

After obtaining a master's degree in Speech Pathology, Alicia plans to open a private practice as a Speech Pathologist.

Ralph Belk
KAP

AGE: 22
HOME: Washington, D.C.
MAJOR: Social Work



LEADERSHIP/CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:

Ralph has served TCU as an R.A., a member of the Senior Appreciation Committee and as a Peer Advisor for Minority Student Welcome. He also participates in TCU Today, Student Foundation, Monday at TCU and Campus Mentors.

HONORS/AWARDS:

Ralph was presented the TCU Outstanding Student Leadership Award in 1990.

GOALS:

Ralph plans to attend graduate school in order to obtain a master's in Social Work Administration and Public Policy. He hopes to work as an administrator for developing policies.

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Sports

Women's tennis undefeated

By AUBREY ABBOTT
Special to the Skiff

The TCU women's tennis team defeated Texas Tech and Rice last weekend to stay undefeated in the SWC.

The Lady Frogs, with an overall record of 16-6, defeated Tech 9-0 and Rice 6-3.

"Rice has the best team they've had in over five years," TCU women's tennis coach Roland Ingram said. "We really had to play well to win."

Last year Rice defeated the Lady Frogs 9-0, but Ingram attributed the Frogs' recent win to a healthy TCU team who plays "really well together."

"Depth and teamwork, besides the lack of injuries, are the reasons we're doing so much better this year," Ingram said. "We all support one another."

Winning all of their SWC matches also has given the Lady Frogs an added confidence.

TCU's Lisa Beard fought off 10 set points in the first set against Rice's No. 2 Candy Diepram to win

7-5, 6-4.

"It's not easy to go from junior college tennis to playing No. 2 singles in Division I, as Lisa has done," Ingram said. "She is 22-13 and doing very well."

After sweeping Tech on Friday, the Lady Frogs bounced back on Saturday to take a 4-2 lead after singles against Rice.

"Knowing we only had to win one doubles match relieved some stress," Ingram said. "Our doubles teams are really helping us."

The Lady Frogs have learned not to underestimate or overestimate their opponents, Ingram said, but to play them all with the same intensity.

"The team goes out there with the attitude that they're as good as anyone in the nation," Ingram said. "Then they just win."

The number of close matches have really shown the teams character, Ingram said, because a lot of the matches could have gone either way.

"We've had some success which has built more confidence," Ingram said.

This week, the Lady Frogs will take on Texas and Baylor.

Track teams finish first

By LUKE BALLOUN
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's and women's track teams competed Saturday in the SMU Relays in Dallas, with the women running two events for the first time this season.

The events were the 4x100 and 4x200 sprint relays, and they managed to place first in both.

"It was an excellent opportunity to run the events before the Texas meet (April 4-6) because the Texas meet will be the real test," said track and field head coach Bubba Thornton.

The Lady Frogs are trying to improve their distance relays for the last part of the season, Thornton said.

The men's 4x100 sprint relay team

continued to burn up the track as they improved their time for the second week in a row from 39.44 to 39.24.

They also currently hold the fastest time recorded so far this year in the nation.

Jonathon Drummond replaced Carey Johnson in the race as Johnson is still recovering from spasms in his hamstring.

The main focus now for the 4x1 sprint relay team is this Thursday at the Texas Relays.

"It's just one of those meets where we will need to rise to the occasion," Thornton said, "and we think we can."

The meet is annually one of the top three competitions in the nation, hosting teams from UCLA to LSU.

Frogs fall to Mavs, 4-3 in 9th

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU baseball team's slump continued as the Frogs blew a ninth-inning lead and lost to the University of Texas at Arlington 4-3.

TCU, 22-15, took a 3-2 lead into the ninth inning before things fell apart for the Frogs.

Senior pitcher Travis Barr, who record fell to 6-4, gave up a walk, a double and a single, and threw two wild pitches as the Mavericks, 21-16, scored two runs in the top of the ninth to steal the win.

"The only thing that matters is if you play poorly," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "We had three pitchers that stunk up the place, and we didn't hit the ball. These are the things that you hope you don't do."

In the third inning, TCU stole a run from the Mavericks when senior Brad Firestone and junior Chris Thomsen pulled a double steal.

Thomsen, who was on first base, stole second base, and when the catcher's throw went to second, Firestone, who was on third base, stole home and scored the first run of the game.

The Frogs padded to their lead to 3-0 in the fifth inning, when junior catcher Mark Rudis's single drove in two runners.

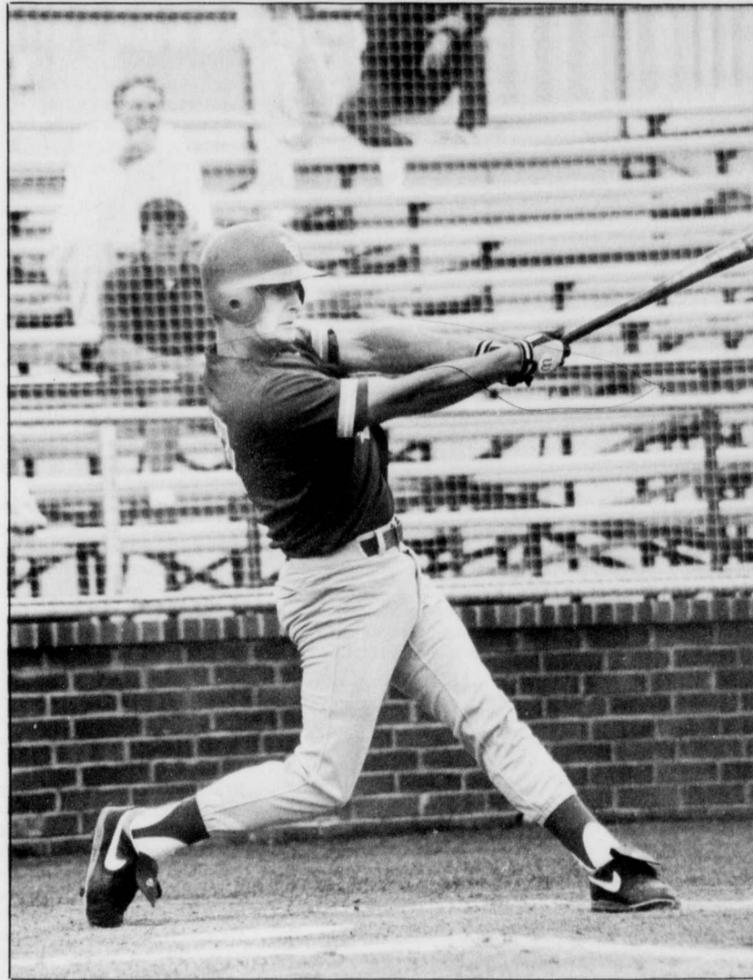
But that was all the Frogs would get as Maverick pitchers Britt Burns, Gary Paul and Kyle Smith would only give up two more hits while striking out seven batters while UTA rallied.

In the sixth inning, TCU reliever Kelly Johns was knocked out of the game when UTA scored two runs on five hits.

UTA sophomore third baseman Jeff Stephens' RBI triple highlighted the rally. It would have been worse except TCU rightfielder Scott Malone threw out the tying run at the plate.

"After three conference games on the weekend, it's hard to get up to play someone like UTA or any team," Brown said. "You have to hope that your kids have enough courage to do that, but if they don't, they don't."

TCU tries to get out of the cellar in the SWC when the Frogs travel to Houston for a three game weekend series. Friday's game starts at 2 p.m., while the first game of Saturday's double-header begins at noon.



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TCU catcher Mark Rudis takes a swing in Tuesday's game against UTA.



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