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Brite students to help fight social, religious injustices

By LISA YONCO
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Two Brite Divinity School students were elected as national officers for the National Association of Black Seminary students at its annual conference in Washington D.C.

Michael Evans, a master of divinity student, was elected president, and Lonnie Woods, also a master of divinity student, was elected regional vice president. Woods' position has jurisdiction over the Southwestern and Rocky Mountain region, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Colorado.

"It's an honor to have two national officers elected to the executive community of NAOBS," said Leo Perdue, dean of Brite Divinity School. "It demonstrates the visibility of Brite students in the national organization."

National officers have typically been students from nationally-recognized theology schools like Candler and Harvard, and Evans' and Woods' being elected "demonstrates the high profile Brite Divinity School has among seminaries in the country," Perdue said.

NAOBS is a national organization of African American seminarians that works to increase awareness in the fight against issues concerning injustices in

social, economic and religious areas, Evans said.

Woods was nominated for vice president but was a write-in for president, Evans said.

Candidates for the national offices are nominated and elected by their peers at the annual conference.

Evans and Woods were instrumental in bringing the NAOBS annual conference to the Metroplex.

Each year NAOBS holds a national conference to bring together theologians and seminarians to participate in workshops and lectures about concerns of African Americans in the church, Woods said.

"Their (Evans and Woods) vision and energy were largely responsible for bringing the annual conference to the Metroplex," Perdue said.

Gilbert Marez, a Brite Divinity School seminarian, also was vital to bringing the conference to the Metroplex. "This is the first time the conference is being held somewhere other than on the East Coast," Woods said. "This is also the first conference sponsored by twin cities."

The conference is usually held at schools like Howard, Princeton, GTU at Berkeley or the University of Chicago, Woods said.

"By having the conference in the

Metroplex we can bring some of the best known African American theologians here," Perdue said.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke at the last conference, Perdue said.

Evans and Woods said they are hoping to bring people like Ann Richards to speak at the conference next year.

"Ann Richards has already made the initial commitment to participate," Evans said.

"This will put Brite Divinity on the map," Woods said. "People from all over the nation will come to Fort Worth."

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Speaker calls for liberation from 'isms'

By AMY BULMER
TCU Daily Skiff

The Rev. Clarence E. Glover made the last call for alcoholism, sexism and racism to an audience of about 100 last night in the Student Center Ballroom.

These three "isms" are present on the TCU campus, Glover said, but this is not the fault of current students, faculty members or administrators.

"Racism, sexism and alcoholism is not an option that you get to choose," he said. "It has been chosen for you. You are the victim of a pre-designed system. It's a bondage from which we must liberate ourselves and others."

To help liberate society from these "isms," Glover stated three points of action.

First, Glover said people must be aware that they are victims or participants of an "ism."

"You must say to yourself, 'I am aware of the problem. I know I'm a victim of design,'" he said.

For example, men must realize having sex often does not make them more manly. They must understand they need to hurt, laugh, cry and love, he said.

The next step is to act on that realization, Glover said.

"The victims need to organize and say they won't stand the abuse, rape or drinking any more," he said. "The perpetrators must take measures to stop their abusive behavior."

In the end, all persons involved need to be liberated from "isms," Glover said.

"To liberate ourselves, we must show love," he said. "That's the only way."

Glover used the trustees' vote on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday to illustrate how the supporters of the proposal should respond.

"Don't say, 'Those racist sons of bitches,'" Glover said. "Instead, you should love them. Show them what Dr. King's message was all about — agape love," he said.

Glover also showed how the three "isms" are somewhat interdependent.

To solve campus racism, "TCU must break the chains of bondage," Glover said.

Keeping the pace



TCU students cheer runners and walkers who participated in the 15K Walk-A-Thon for Multiple Sclerosis on Sunday.

Funding for fiesta approved by House

By JON MARTZ
TCU Daily Skiff

House representatives approved a bill to proclaim and help fund Fiesta Week from April 8 through 12. The bill allocates \$200 to help provide food, publicity and entertainment.

The week will feature a display of Hispanic heritage, leaders, educators and guest speakers from the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and performances by two mariachi bands.

"Fiesta Week is designed to promote awareness and appreciation of the Hispanic culture here at TCU and the Fort Worth area," said Yvonne Tornero, president of the Organization of Latin American Students.

The organization will invite schools from across the Metroplex including the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County Junior College and local high schools, she said.

Dennis Wendling, Brite Divinity School representative, introduced a bill asking the House to officially recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The bill asks the House to recognize the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Day and to petition the administration to recognize the day as an official university holiday.

The bill will be debated and voted on at next week's meeting.

A bill to help fund TCU Community Action Network Day was introduced by Leif Anderson, Tom Brown Hall representative. The bill requests \$314.42 from the House to help pay for refreshments, trophies and printing.

The Community Action Network serves as a liaison between TCU and the community in the area of voluntary service. The day provides students the opportunity to help provide service to groups like the Special Olympics, Cook Children's Hospital, the Women's Haven, Brookhaven Nursing Home, the Warm Place

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'Venice of Middle East' now lies in ruins

Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq — Barefoot boys and girls fight swarms of flies to collect water from puddles rank with the bodies of animals. Hungry children are fed starch and water instead of milk.

After two wars and a month-long Shiite Muslim rebellion, Basra's people are often hungry, ill and desperate.

The southern city which Western reporters visited this week bore little resemblance to the thriving port of 1 million people that once was known as the Venice of the Middle East.

The city was hammered by artillery during the 1980-88 war with Iran, pounded by allied bombs during the war for Kuwait and further devastated when Saddam Hussein's troops put down the uprising by

Shiite rebels that followed the Persian Gulf War.

The rattle of gunfire could be heard in the distance Monday, and soldiers and residents said the area remained unsafe.

"Adults and children have died and are still dying from severe malnutrition and diseases we cannot confirm (diagnose) because of the lack of equipment and medicine," said Dr. Salem Bakos of Al-Tahrir hospital.

"During the last two weeks, five babies less than eight months old have died here," he said.

Doctors said Al-Tahrir, which was riddled by bullets inside and out, was the city's only functioning hospital. Dr. Mohammed Jassem said about two dozen new patients were admitted each day because of severe dehydration or other critical conditions.

Bakos accused the rebels of loot-

ing the hospital's stores, destroying equipment, stealing or burning ambulances and expelling patients. Reporters were unable to confirm how the visible damage occurred.

No one knows how many people live in Basra, but it is certain that many were killed or fled the recent fighting. The streets of the city were littered with the stinking bodies of dead animals, some gnawed by packs of roving dogs and covered with flies and mosquitoes.

Residents said municipal water supplies were cut off when the allied bombing began Jan. 17, and service has not been restored. This week, women and children collected water from the polluted Shatt-al-Arab waterway, or from muddy puddles — some fouled by the bodies of animals.

"We don't care if the water is

clean. We need water and this is what we have," said a 15-year-old boy who gave his name only as Hussein.

Government food deliveries halted during last month's rebellion, residents said, leaving the black market as the only source for supplies.

"If food products are found in the black market, the prices are usually very high. We cannot afford to buy it and feed our children," said Samira Hussein, a mother of four whose husband was reported missing in the war in the Middle East.

At the market, vendors sold tomatoes and cucumbers scattered on the dirt in front of them under a blanket of insects. The odor of dirt and dead animals filled the air.

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Outside

Today's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 75 degrees.

Thursday's weather will be cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and a high temperature of 72 degrees.

Fair to help students find internships in social work

By KRISTEN GOULD
TCU Daily Skiff

A social work job fair sponsored by the Social Work Association and the Career Planning and Placement Center will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

Representatives from 16 social service agencies will be available to answer questions about their organizations and provide information about jobs and internships, said Jennifer Clough, a career counselor for CPPC.

The fair is an opportunity for students of any major to get job and internship information, she said.

"Any student who is interested in working for a social service agency or a non-profit organization is welcome to come to this affair because obviously these agencies don't just hire social work majors," Clough

said. Some of the agencies attending the job fair will include the Lena Pope Home, the Rape Crisis Center, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Cook's Children's Hospital and the Salvation Army.

The job fair is designed to increase community awareness of the social work field, said Cindy Fisher, president of the social work association.

Most people are not aware of what social workers do, Fisher said. Social workers do more than just distribute food stamps, she said.

"We want to increase awareness of where social workers work and what kind of roles they play," Fisher said.

The CPPC has conducted similar job fairs for the criminal justice and nursing departments, Clough said.

"We want to try to help their (academic departments) students in

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Group to boost Jewish enrollment

University focuses on retaining students, attracting minorities

By MEREDITH FANE
TCU Daily Skiff

To increase the number of students who stay at TCU for four years of undergraduate studies, the university has begun talks that involve making the campus environment more conducive to minorities, specifically the Jewish population.

About 64 percent of those who enrolled at TCU in fall 1986 remained at the university through fall 1990, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

The Admissions Office has challenged the Rev. John Butler, university minister; Eugene Alpert, an associate professor of political science; Dr. Burton Schwartz of the Health Center; and 20 other staff members to help administrators decide how to

make TCU more conducive to Jewish faculty and students, said Alpert, co-chair of the group.

"The campus needs to be alert and made aware of Jewish culture," Butler said. "A new Jewish student organization would be nothing but wonderful."

Alpert said although the group has met only once, on an informal basis, he believes many changes could be made to make TCU a more comfortable environment for Jewish people.

"Occasionally university events are scheduled on high holy days," Alpert said. "Parents' Weekend is on Yom Kippur, which is one of the most sacred holy days. This shows insensitivity and lack of awareness for Jewish students."

Alpert said he believes TCU is working hard for a more culturally diverse campus. But to attract a larger number of Jewish students, there first must be a large population of Jewish students, he said.

"Where do you start?" Alpert said.

"Unless you change the nature of the institution, you almost need a core (of students) to bring a core."

"I think what they (students) are looking for is sensitivity," he said. "But some Jewish students don't want to be singled out. It is a complicated situation. We can let Jews know TCU will welcome them."

The formation of a Jewish student group, or adding Jewish culture studies to religion curriculum, may be possible attractions to the campus, Alpert said.

"One problem is that one of the Jewish religious services requires wine," Alpert said. "If we were to have a Passover Seder on campus, we would have to serve grape juice. The holiday situation is the most visible and the most easily corrected problem. It is up to the Jewish community to bring those up."

"However, Jewish people aren't going to come here for culture," he

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CAMPUSlines

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TCU Research Fund Lectureship will present a lecture titled, "Wavelet Analysis and Applications" at 4 p.m. today in Winton Scott Room 145. The lecture will be given by Professor R.O. Wells of Rice University.

Advanced sculpturing class will hold an opening reception for their at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Mary Coats-Burnett Library lobby.

Super Frog try-out applications are now being accepted. Try-outs will be held at 6 p.m. April 16 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information, call Carolyn Dixon's office at 921-7950 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Biology Seminar on the "Synthesis and Use of Vitamin B12 in Salmonella" will be presented at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. The lecture will be given by Randall Jeter of the department of biological science at Texas Tech University.

The Fourth Annual Senior Interior Design Student Show will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 16 in the Student Center Lounge.

Neeley School Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday 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.

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.

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and Habitat for Humanity.

A bill to address the parking issue in Worth Hills also was introduced at the meeting. The bill requests that the administration eliminate some maintenance parking spaces and replace them with loading zones.

Several representatives left for Austin after the meeting to lobby the Texas Legislature to preserve the Texas Equalization Grant.

"We dealt with the subject to solicit support from the Trustees, and we are sure they are making calls to friends they may have in the House and Senate," said Ernie Ross, House president.

The group will send a petition with student signatures and a follow-up letter in the next few weeks, so students still have time to sign the petition, Ross said.

Corrections

The "Tenure and Promotion" graphic in Tuesday's TCU Daily Skiff incorrectly listed five already-tenured professors among those granted tenure Friday by the Board of Trustees.

Bob Frye of the English department, David Balch and Toni Craven of Brite Divinity School, and Ron Shirey and Tamas Ungar of the music department were promoted to the rank of professor during the trustee's general meeting.

Also in Tuesday's newspaper, Photographer John Gaetz's credit was accidentally omitted from the front page photos.

The Skiff regrets the errors.

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said. "They will come here for a quality education. If TCU focuses on increasing and stressing the quality of education and increasing the pool of students, the problem would take care of itself."

Alpert said he believes an increase in the pool of students could be accomplished with correct marketing.

Informing more areas than just the five-state region of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas of TCU's academic strengths would attract a larger, more diverse population of students on campus, Alpert said. Jewish students would automatically be included in that new diverse population, he said.

Nikki Conrad, a Jewish freshman biology major, said he believes more

Jewish students, and other minorities, could be brought to campus if minorities work to recruit other minorities, she said.

"Having a culturally diverse student population is very important," Conrad said. "People don't take into consideration that some people aren't Christian."

"TCU welcomes Jewish students," Schwartz said. "With only a few Jewish students on campus, Christians miss the benefits of knowing other Jewish students."

"I do feel segregated," Conrad said. "I feel left out at Christmas and other Christian holidays. But minorities need to make the move for themselves."

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any way we can," Clough said, "so we have these little pocket fairs for specific departments."

The CPPC tries to help any department or student organization that ex-

presses an interest in a career fair, Clough said.

The Center is considering conducting one career fair each year to include all departments, Clough said. Each department would submit a list of organizations to invite, she said, and the CPPC would put the fair together.

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The conference will bring attention to Brite and hopefully attract more ethnic minorities to enroll, Woods said.

"The conference will serve as another opportunity to expose TCU and Brite to an entire millenium of theologian scholars," Woods said.

Woods and Evans said NAOBS is hoping to become more visible to the TCU community and the nation.

Evans said NAOBS and the Students for Social Solidarity, which he is one of the founding members, is going to try to get more involved

with issues concerning TCU, specifically the controversy concerning the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

"We are going to attempt to give our encouragement and support," Evans said.

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Classes and costs

Loss of DISD accreditation frightening

The Dallas Independent School District may be facing loss of accreditation because of a recent decision by the state, and that would be a mistake. No one can say the DISD has no problems, a recent report indicated. The report showed the district had many problems which had to be corrected. However, threatening the loss of accreditation is not the way to solve these problems.

At the moment, the DISD is under advisory accreditation. This means that if in two years it has not made satisfactory progress, it will lose accreditation. If the DISD lost accreditation, then it could lose funding from the state. Should that happen, there would be no way for them to improve. This would have the opposite effect; it could only hurt the school.

But even worse, the students would suffer greatly should their schools lose accreditation. Their diplomas would be meaningless, and that would be a great wrong to them. It would be an injustice.

The DISD is working to improve itself, and has been doing so for quite some time. Unfortunately, financial considerations have kept the DISD from improving all the areas needed.

To their credit, the DISD decided not to waste time by fighting the decision, instead they have tried to work and compromise with the state in order to fulfill the requirements in order to prevent the loss of accreditation.

While the interest in the quality of education the children are receiving in the DISD is commendable, the method of coaxing results leaves much to be desired.

A better way would be for the state to work side by side with the district in order to better the quality of education.

Threatening does not help the district or the children, and is not appropriate for what needs to be accomplished.

Overism

Politically correct movement gone too far

The world is full of 'isms.' Most of the time they hold negative connotations, such as sexism and racism. And it is agreed we should all work together to eliminate the existence of these demoralizing and dehumanizing derogatory prejudices.

Some of these 'isms' hold positive connotations like feminism and multiculturalism. These noble causes should be taught and encouraged.

But no matter how noble a cause or belief, it should never be forced on someone's personal ideology. And no matter how repugnant a prejudice is, the restrictions should never go beyond reasonable limits.

Some organizations have taken matters beyond these reasonable limits.

Some universities have now adopted rules enforcing the mode of speech known as Politically Correct. This form of speech makes use of more complimentary terms for people, and does not use any derogatory words.

This sounds fine, but sometimes this idea is taken way too far. For example, someone was rebuked for using the term "rule of thumb" because the phrase was derived from a medieval rule restricting the size of the stick a husband could use to beat his wife. At another university, two people were suspended for laughing in someone's general direction.

This type of disrespect for the individual's right of expression and repression of belief is wrong. Rational discussion and education are what is needed to get rid of prejudice, not unreasonable rules and restrictions which oppress the individual's rights.



Unity weak during Greek Week

By JOHN HARTIG and RICH ROGERS
Columnists



In years past, Greek Week was an extremely competitive week of events. Several years ago, after the tone of the week changed from friendly to rivalistic, the focus of the week became

constructive cooperation. Instead of Greeks bashing each other on and off the field, they decided to work together to achieve some measure of unity.

The transition from competition to cooperation has been a difficult one. As we all know, it is easier to get fired up about hating someone than liking them. Now that Greek Week is a friendly event, lack of participation has become a major problem.

Greek Week is one of the two events sponsored by Order of Omega. The other event is the highly successful Christmas Tree lighting. For those of you who don't know, Order of Omega is composed of the most accomplished and acclaimed leaders in the Greek community. The reason they sponsor only two events each year is twofold: first, the TCU calendar is overprogrammed, and second, the members are busy working to better their own organizations.

A lot of hard work is done by the members of Order of Omega in preparing the barrage of events that is Greek Week. This week is meant to serve as an appreciation of the Greek community, although many events are not exclusively for Greeks. One example was the All-Campus party at Billy Bob's, which was open to any TCU student, regardless of affiliation.

Each fraternity and sorority was encouraged to support Greek Week with a banner hung on their houses. In the spirit of unity,

students at Tom Brown Hall decided to put up their own signs denouncing the Greek community. One sign accused Greek organizations of elitism, another alluded to "buying friends." Criticizing someone else for elitism seems awfully judgemental.

What if Greeks were to attack another organization in a similar manner? People would say Greeks shouldn't have houses on campus if they are going to use them for such purposes. What an intelligent way to taint one of the few attempts at unity on campus. We all claim we want this unity, but if we're not willing to stand behind our words, why say them?

The issue of Greek-independent relations has been rehearsed time and again. It's unfortunate; immature acts of name-calling cause us to evaluate the possibility of ever having a unified campus. It's obvious that although many people can put prejudice and stereotypes aside, others are incapable of accepting people for who they are.

New reward for oldest profession

By JEFF JETER
Columnist



"Bubbles" is a hard-working member of the world's oldest profession. One night she is arrested and charged with soliciting sex. In front of a judge, she pleads guilty, expecting to receive a fine. Instead, she walks out of the halls of justice scot-free. Now less than two blocks from the courthouse, you can see your tax dollars hard at work every night.

Wake the neighbors and call the dog, taxpayer-funded stupidity is on the rampage again. Last week, a Manhattan judge sentenced a prostitute to one of the most ridiculous penalties in the history of the American judicial system. She was not given jail time or fined one thin dime. She was, however, given a case of condoms — at taxpayer expense. The now "reformed" prostitute was sent back out onto the New York streets, this time with the heartwarming knowledge that the American taxpayer was behind her 110 percent.

Instead of being punished, she picked up a free case of designer mint-flavored condoms.

It is absolutely insane — the court has become a pimp. What is the judicial system trying to say here? "You've broken the law? Fine, then the next time you break the law, use this." Indeed, they are learning their lesson — crime does in fact pay, by the case.

We could use this thinking to crack down on all criminals nationwide. We'll round them up, take them into court, and apply this new silly sentence for purlblind punishment. Crime as we know it will be a thing of the past as criminals beat a path to the court's door. Can't you see it now . . .

"Hear ye, hear ye! The first district court of utter nonsense is hereby called to order."

A tall, greying man enters the court as the first case is read. The courtroom is tense as an alleged murderer is brought before the bench. After hearing both sides and examining the evidence, a verdict of guilty is rendered. The judge decides upon the harshest penalty available to him: a brand new silencer for the murder weapon. Score another one for the criminal.

Now, obviously other crimes would require similar creativity. But several rules and precedents would greatly simplify this new judicial system. If your crime involves mutilation, hefty sacks and wet-wipes will be provided. If you are convicted as a serial killer, you can take advantage of the benefits offered by the frequent felon program.

And the lunacy goes on and on. People convicted of assault are automatically accepted into the Los Angeles Police Department. Likewise, convicted pornographers can receive a grant from the NEA. Drunken drivers will also receive their first drink free. In addition, people convicted of robbery can join the TCU Board of Trustees.

Supporters of this absurd court action applaud how caring and compassionate the court is being. They will argue how great it is the court is doing something to combat the spread of communicable diseases. This is not the issue here. The law has said that prostitution in New York is illegal. Period.

The judge is charged with weighing the evidence and punishing the guilty. Punishment means jail time, fines or community service. Punishment does not mean providing the offender with supplies encouraging the crime.

The court system is not a welfare agency. It is not the function of this institution to hand out condoms to anyone — especially criminals. Giving prostitutes condoms at taxpayer expense through the court system is nothing more than federal aid for hookers. The courts are sending a dangerous message to the public if this is allowed to continue.

Protection from disease is a health issue, not a judicial one, and should be left up the health agencies that are already receiving tax dollars for this exact purpose.

Iraq no longer a global threat

By ROBERT HOLDSWORTH
Columnist



Saddam Hussein has regained tenuous control of his embattled country. The rebellious Kurds in the North have been routed so badly that they have been forced to flee into the mountains of their native region of Kurdistan.

The Shiite factions in the south of Iraq have also met with wholesale destruction at the hands of the Republican Guard. They have been forced to flee into neighboring Iran to seek protection from the brutal onslaught.

U.S. forces now occupying a large part of southern Iraq have remained idle in keeping with President Bush's quest to steer clear of Iraq's internal strife. We accomplished our mission when our armed forces drove Iraq out of Kuwait, and now it's time to go home.

Many have expressed interest in getting involved in the power struggle currently being waged in Iraq. Even the commander in chief of our forces in the Gulf wanted to "continue the march," overtaking the entire country of Iraq. According to General Schwarzkopf the Iraqi Army would have been more or less annihilated if the allies had fought on for "one more day."

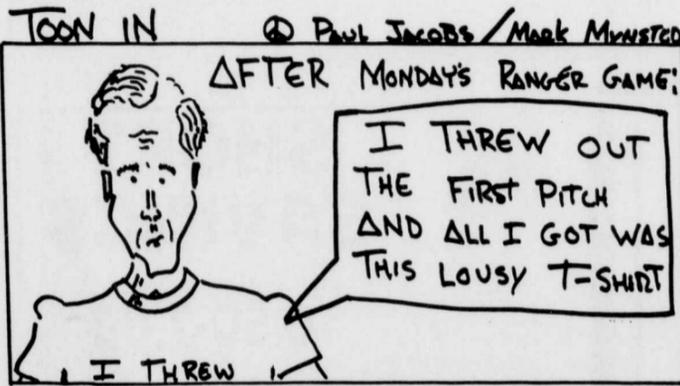
Those interested in continuing hostilities in Iraq have failed to realize that whether Saddam and his Baath party are in power or not, Iraq has ceased to be an external threat to anyone for many years to come. The overthrow of Hussein and his government, although implied, was never a stated goal of our presence in the Gulf and it's just as well that it wasn't.

Had it been an objective of Operation Desert Storm to overthrow Iraq's government, the United States would have been forced to rebuild postwar Iraq and to aid the Iraqis in the establishment of a new government. The cost of this aid to a former enemy would have burdened the American taxpayer well into the next century.

There was a legitimate reason for the United States to lead the liberation of Kuwait. We cannot afford to allow any country to violently overtake another sovereign nation for any reason, it's not in our national interest. By the same token we cannot afford to rebuild an entire country because our weak economy simply won't support it. Iraq is currently in such a terrible state it may very well take them the next 20 years to get back to their prewar position of power. They are, in effect, out of the game in global politics.

The United States enjoys a unique position as the driving force behind the world's political structure. We dictate how things get done on this planet. This tremendous power does not make us immune to internal social ills. As a global superpower we had the ability to remove Iraq as a threat to any other country. As a nation potentially susceptible to economic collapse we can't afford the tremendous task of rebuilding war-torn Iraq.

Our mission in the Gulf is done for now. Let's get our forces home as soon as possible and turn our national attention to the internal matters that affect our future.



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New coach

Texas A&M named former Creighton coach Tony Barone to replace Kermit Davis Jr. as the Aggies' fourth head basketball coach in the last two years.



Sports



Old hat

Chris Thomsen's 18th home run, a two-run shot in the seventh, followed by a two-run ninth, gave the Frogs an 8-5 win over Texas-Arlington Tuesday.

SWC Champions

Tennis teams clinch share of conference titles with wins

By **AUBREY ABBOTT**
Special to the Skiff

Southwest Conference Champions

TCU coach Roland Ingram has waited eight years to hear those words said about his women's tennis team.

Finally, with a 7-0 record in the SWC, the Lady Frogs are guaranteed at least a share of the regular-season conference title with only one more match to go.

"I'm in a state of shock," Ingram said. "After we beat Texas, I really thought we could do it."

The Lady Frogs defeated 11th-ranked Texas 5-4 last week in what Ingram said was his best win ever.

"Of all the teams I've ever played and never beaten, Texas was the team I wanted to beat," he said.

Following the match against Texas, the team went on to defeat Baylor 9-0 on Thursday and Texas A&M 8-1 on Saturday.

"I was really proud of us," sophomore Leigh Ann Smith said. "We beat Texas, but didn't let it go to our heads and went on to beat Texas A&M and Baylor."

Ingram said the team was a little flat before the match at College Station because rain was forecasted and they had driven a long way.

"As soon as we got out of the van it started raining," Ingram said. "So we went to lunch to wait for it to stop."

Ingram said he told his players at lunch about the one problem they would have if they beat Texas A&M: which finger were they going to put the championship ring on?

"They all screamed and from that moment on they were pumped," Ingram said.

Junior Karen Hoosen, who plays No. 1, defeated Tami Agassi 7-6, 3-6, 6-1, in what turned out to be the fifth victory of the day, clinching the conference title.

Ingram said although all top six singles players have winning records this season, no one is ranked in the top 100.

"This just shows that these victories are a complete team effort," Ingram said.

The Lady Frogs have gone from being No. 7 in the SWC last year to winning it this year.

"Finally, we've gotten people on the team that really believe we can win," junior Nancy Terrell said. "We have the attitude that we can play with anyone and beat anyone."

The Lady Frogs, with an overall record of 19-6, will play their last match of the regular season this Saturday against Arkansas in Fayetteville.

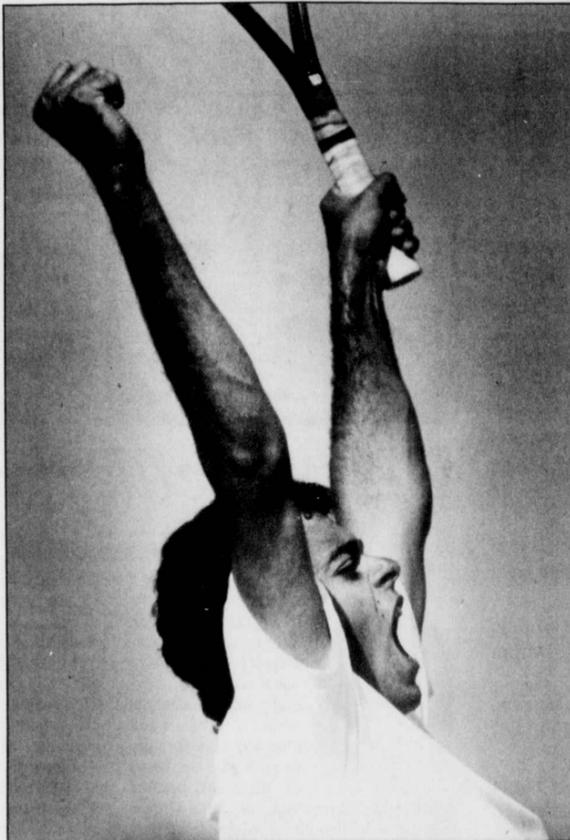
"If we beat Arkansas we're undisputedly No. 1," Ingram said.

Smith said the match this weekend is a grudge match carried over from last year.

"They beat us twice last year," Smith said. "So before they leave the conference we want to beat them."

After this weekend the Lady Frogs will prepare to walk into the SWC championships defending its first conference title.

"It's nice to go to the conference tournament and hold your head up high," Ingram said. "I'm really excited."



TCU's Luis Ruetter celebrates a Frog victory. Both tennis teams earned at least a tie for the SWC title this weekend.

By **GREG RIDDLE**
TCU Daily Skiff

The 17th-ranked TCU men's tennis team greatly improved its chances at a top 10 ranking and a spot in the NCAA tournament with wins over conference rivals Texas and Arkansas.

The wins gave the Frogs a 6-0 record in SWC play and left them all alone in first place in the SWC standings. A win Saturday over Texas Tech will give the Frogs the regular-season title outright.

TCU defeated the 11th-ranked Texas Longhorns 6-3 on April 3 in a battle of SWC unbeatens. TCU expected to have an advantage in the top singles matches with Luis Ruetter and Tony Bujan, ranked 17th and 22nd nationally, playing No. 1 and No. 2, but Texas' greater depth was expected to earn the Horns the win.

It didn't. Ricardo Rubio, Gerard Ronan and Devin Bowen played fantastic matches and gave TCU a 3-0 lead. Bujan followed with a 6-4, 6-4 win

over Mitch Michulka, and Ruetter clinched the victory with a grueling 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Hubert Karrasch.

"I was extremely happy with the way we played," said coach Tut Bartzzen. "We are getting a little better each week, and we need to continue to do this until the end of the season."

Things shouldn't have gotten easier for the Frogs when they hosted No. 15 Arkansas on Saturday.

But they did. TCU, realizing a win would clinch at least a share of the SWC crown, played its best tennis of the season and bludgeoned the Hogs, 7-2.

TCU again won five of the six singles matches, all but one of them in straight sets.

"We expected it to be close, and it was a tough match," Bartzzen said. "The scores didn't reflect it, but most of the matches went over two hours."

The Frogs, with a win over the Raiders, would travel to College Station for the SWC championships as the undisputed regular-season champion.

Flyin' Frogs take crown at tough Texas Relays

By **LUKE BALLOUN**
TCU Daily Skiff

The Flyin' Frogs flew by everyone and captured the title of "most outstanding team" Saturday at the Texas Relays in Austin.

"The title is equivalent of placing first," said coach John McKenzie. "And out of about 100 teams that were competing, that's quite an honor."

The Frogs' win was quite an accomplishment considering TCU's team is smaller and scholarships are fewer than rivals Texas and Arkansas.

"These big schools can split their scholarships, which allow more players and in turn allow them to compete in a broader number of events at meets," McKenzie said.

The 4x100 and 4x200 sprint relays and medleys were the Frogs best events, in both men's and women's

competition, and they were able to carry the Frogs to the win.

The men's 4x100 sprint relay team continued to burn up the track as Horatio Porter, John Drummond, Raymond Redmon and Ralston Wright improved their already nations' best time with a very impressive finish of 39.23 seconds.

The same group won the 4x200 sprint relay with a time of 1:22.86.

Jordan Reynolds, who was disappointing in the discus on Friday, stormed back in his stronger event, the shotput, winning in the finals with a heave of over 64 feet.

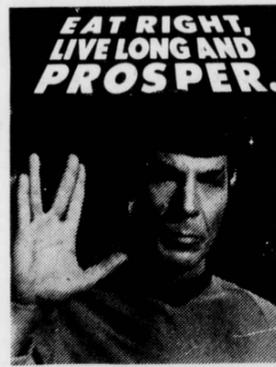
In the women's competition, the Lady Frogs continued their newfound success in the 4x100 sprint relay and the 4x100 sprint medley as they reached the finals in both after activating the events only a few meets before.

The teams consisted of Michelle Stewart, Veronica Dowell, Sonja Franklin, and Ann Moon and finished with times of 46.86 and 1:47.17 respectively.

"If we continue to do as well as we have in the sprint relays, short sprints, and the discus and shotput, we could conceivably end up in the top five in the nation," McKenzie said. "And that would be wonderful."

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