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Criminal Justice month offers a variety of activities

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

University students will have an opportunity to learn more about criminal justice and crime prevention during the month of February, which is Criminal Justice Month.

The criminal justice department is sponsoring activities throughout the month in order to heighten campus awareness about crime, said Preston Elrod, professor of criminal justice.

"We want people to participate in the month's events," Elrod said. "These kind of things touch us all."

The kickoff activity Friday will be a free film festival. The month is starting off with a fun event to gather interest in the later activities, Elrod said.

The movies will be "Colors,"

"New Jack City," "Silence of the Lambs," and "White Heat," a James Cagney film. The festival will begin at 5 p.m. in room 205 of the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

Each movie deals with different types of crime in society, but the focus of the film fest is not sensational crime, Elrod said.

"The crime problem is overblown," Elrod said. "There is not so much a rise in crime, but there are differences in the type of crime compared to ten or twenty years ago."

Criminal Justice Month was organized by professors Alexis Durham, Preston Elrod, Patrick Kinkade, and the Criminal Justice Student Association.

Criminal Justice Month will have two faculty-only seminars, each presented by visiting Green Chair pro-

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fessors. The Green Chair program is sponsored by the university to bring noteworthy academic scholars to campus.

Professor William Chambliss of George Washington University will

present a seminar on "Piracy and Smuggling: Implications for Criminological Theory" on Feb. 11.

This event is a faculty research seminar for Chambliss to present his research, which began when he was a Fulbright Scholar.

The criminal justice department will also sponsor a seminar Feb. 12 on graduate school preparation. This seminar is primarily for criminal justice majors, but all students are encouraged to attend.

A public debate, titled "Defining Crime Implications for Theory and Public Policy," will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Chambliss and Travis Hirschi, a criminal justice professor from the

University of Arizona, will be participating in the debate. The two men hold very different views on the theories of why people commit crimes and what to do about them, said Alexis Durham, director of the criminal justice department.

"Both of these men are well reputed, well renowned and very distinguished," Durham said.

Chambliss and Hirschi are both past presidents of the American Society of Criminology.

The second faculty-only event will be a seminar presented by Hirschi Feb. 13, titled, "Publishing in Peer Reviewed Academic Publications."

The final event, a panel on crimi-

nal justice career opportunities, will take place Feb. 26. Representatives from law, juvenile justice, institutional corrections, probation and parole and law enforcement will be on hand to answer questions.

"I hope students will take advantage of going to this because it is a quick and convenient way to hear people talk about careers they are interested in, meet people, pick up brochures and ask questions," Durham said.

Durham encouraged faculty and students who are interested in the programs to call the sociology department for more information.

Trustee, businessman William Fuller dies

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Funeral services were held Sunday for prominent Fort Worth businessman and Board of Trustees member William Fuller who died Thursday at the age of 77.

Fuller was a trustee since 1969. He served on the Fiscal Affairs committee and the Investments subcommittee. His term would have expired in March 1994.

Fuller's friends and colleagues had kind words for him.

"I've known him for the last 25 years," said G. Malcolm Loudon, chairman of the Endowments and Investments committees. "He was very active in my committee and brought a lot of insight."

"He was a respected man of the Fort Worth community and he served on a number of corporate boards," said Chancellor William Tucker. "He was a distinguished gentleman; refined and wise. We are diminished by his passing."

Fuller was a Fort Worth native who attended Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind. He also attended the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University and Wharton School of Finance in Philadelphia.

According to the Fort Worth Star Telegram, Fuller managed the family ranching and banking activities as

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JOHN ROACH,
Board chairman

well as his own investment business.

He was vice president of the Fuller Foundation, a charitable organization founded in the 1950s.

Friends said he was a staunch advocate for the university.

"He was a good friend of TCU and very supportive of the university," said John Roach, Board of Trustees chairman.

"He was an ultimate-class guy," Roach added.

Although many of Fuller's colleagues cited his quiet demeanor, fellow Board members said he accomplished a great deal.

"He was somebody who questioned the way things were done, but he always had good insight on the way maybe things should be done," Loudon said. "He didn't say much, but when he did it meant something."

"He was a very fine man," said John S. Justin Jr., a Board member since 1979. "It's a great loss to TCU, Fort Worth and Texas."

Fuller was the fourth trustee to

pass away since last spring's trustee election.

William C. Conner, William G. Marquardt and Gloria Tennison have also passed away since last spring's election.

Board chairman Roach said the members who have died will not be forgotten.

"I can't recall when we have had so many openings at one time," he said.

"They are all longtime members and will be missed."

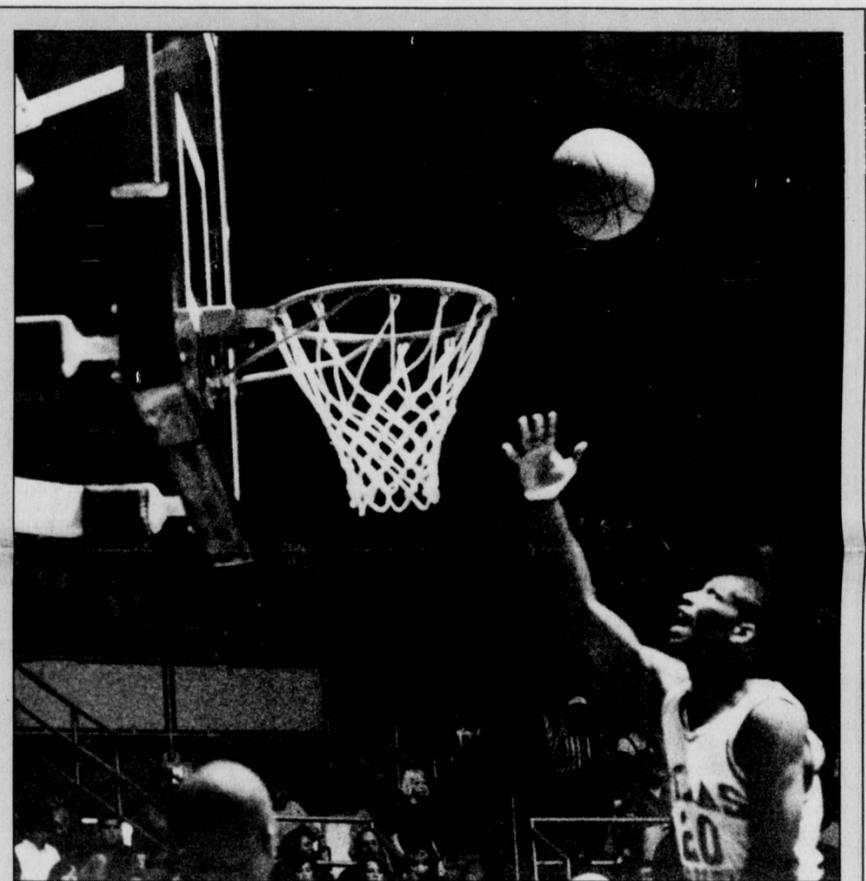
Forty-five of the maximum 50 spots on the Board are now open. However, not all of the spots have to be filled at one time, Tucker said.

Board members "may number from 24 to 50, at least one-third of whom and not more than one-half less one, shall be members in good standing of some local congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," according to the undergraduate studies handbook.

Trustee positions are constantly changing on 4-year cycles "to have continuity on the Board," Tucker said.

"A sizable board, such as the TCU Board, is always changing," he said.

In March, the Board will elect a "Class of '96" including trustees, Board members and university officers, Tucker said.



TCU Daily Skiff/ David Wells

Senior TCU basketball player Albert Thomas attempts to grab the ball during Saturday night's game. The Frogs defeated the Houston Cougars 67-54 before a sell-out crowd at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs now lead conference play.

Richards approves lottery consultant despite criticism

Associated Press

Gov. Ann Richards sees no conflict in the in-law relationship between a state-hired consultant and an executive with the company the state wants to handle the first Texas lottery game, a spokesman said Monday.

"As far as she's concerned, there hasn't been anything that's been shown to her yet that is a conflict of

interest," Richards' press secretary Bill Cryer said.

Richards has seen a report by state lottery officials on the controversy, Cryer said.

"They just outlined their position on what happened in the contract. Everything went along as it should have," he said.

Richards is in Washington D.C. attending the National Governors Association conference.

Meanwhile, two state representatives plan to meet with Texas Lottery Director Nora Linares to review the chain of events that led to the state's selection of Scientific Games Inc. to print the instant, scratch-off tickets for the July startup of the lottery.

John Pittman, who was hired last November by State Comptroller John Sharp to a \$1.3 million consultant contract to help the state develop the lottery, also was involved in com-

posing the specifications for the contract won by Scientific Games. That contract will be worth several million dollars.

Pittman is the son-in-law of Jim Culver, vice president for marketing and a shareholder for Scientific Games. Pittman's wife, who serves as secretary-treasurer for Pittman's consulting company, is Culver's daughter.

"The accusations of conflict of

interest ... didn't surface until way late in the game," Cryer said. "Everybody that was involved in the contract letting, all the firms and everybody else, knew exactly who this man was."

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said the relationship is a "nightmare" for the start of the lottery because it will undermine public

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After a 67 to 54 win over the Houston Cougars in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Saturday night, the Frogs take first-place ranking in the Southwest Conference.

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Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature near 55 degrees.

Wednesday's weather will be partly cloudy with an expected high temperature of 45 degrees.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring

Fort Worth Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Nell Webber discusses the importance of observing and paying tribute to African American history during Black History Month. Webber's proclamation officially kicked off the university's month-long commemoration of black history.

Official kicks-off TCU Black History Month program

By JULIET YATES
TCU Daily Skiff

Black history month at TCU began yesterday when a city official read a proclamation in the Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge officially marking the month-long observance.

Fort Worth Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Nell Webber addressed university students about the importance of commemorating the month.

During her address, Webber said that the month is an opportunity to educate all people about the contributions of African Americans.

Student leaders said Webber was chosen to read the proclamation because of her outstanding contributions to Fort Worth.

"Virginia Nell Webber is an extremely successful woman in our community," said Tito Garcia, Black Student Caucus president.

Webber has represented Fort Worth's district 8 since 1987. Besides serving on the city council, she is a member of the Texas Association of Black Council members.

Webber is active with Delta Sigma Theta, a social sorority that stresses community service and is an active participant with the Community Outreach Center.

Although many African American leaders have criticized the month, saying black history should be celebrated throughout the year, the tradition of observing the month began several decades ago.

The celebration of Black History Month began over 50 years ago when an African American scholar saw a need to increase the educational awareness about the achievements of black citizens.

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CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

Tau Chi Upsilon, a local social fraternity, begins spring rush today. For more information come by the rush table in the Student Center or contact John Gaetz at 926-5718.

\$1,500 Scholarship available for an English graduate or undergraduate student who plans formal study in Great Britain in the summer of 1992. For application information call Keith Odom or Neil Daniel at ext. 7240.

Graphics Contest offers a \$100 award for the best logo design for the 1992 Battle of the Bands. Entries are due Feb. 17. Contact the PC Concerts chair at 921-7926.

Mortar Board information sheets are available in Room 101 of Sadler Hall. Application are due Feb. 21. For more information contact Jennifer Burgess at 926-2548.

Interpersonal Growth Group will meet Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will focus on improving personal relationships and enhancing a positive self-image. Contact John Schuster or Lisa Rawlins-Garcia at 921-7863 for a screening interview.

The University Christian Church holds a weekly college fellowship at 7 p.m. every Sunday, and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in room 259. For more information call 926-6631.

Adult Survivors of Incest is a newly formed group at the TCU Counseling Center. Students interested in a pre-group interview call Barbara Moore at ext. 7863.

Peace and Social Justice Committee meets at 3 p.m. every Monday in room 204 of the Student Center. For more information call Carol Lattimore at 921-7240.

Chi Delta Mu meets at noon every Monday in Weatherly Hall in the basement of Brite Divinity. For more information call David Nolan at 921-0393 or 332-4197.

Congressman Joe Barton is now taking applications for summer internships in Washington, DC. Students interested should call Sharla Metz at (202) 225-2002.

The Federal Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) is conducting a contest for college students and student organizations to create and submit alcohol prevention material. The contest offers cash prizes and an opportunity to have the work published and distributed nationwide. Call 1-800-487-1447.

Delta Sigma Pi is holding its spring 1992 rush for all business students from Feb. 3-7. For more information, contact Mark Musser at 292-6380.

HELPlines

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

Volunteers are needed to demonstrate pioneer craft skills at a historic log cabin village in Fort Worth. Training is provided.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate and help organize a historical library for a Fort Worth agency. Available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or on weekends.

Volunteers are needed to call people who have requested assistance through a local agency. Social work skills helpful.

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver library materials to homebound people and return previously delivered materials to the library. Available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Must use own vehicle.

Volunteers are needed at a Fort Worth museum to assist with a special hands-on children's "discovery area." Must be available on weekdays and weekends. Training begins in September.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a recycling program on the East Side. Help is needed on Saturday mornings to sort the recyclables and help carry them from cars to the recycling area.

Benefit to be held in Texas

By **JEAN PAGEL**
Associated Press

Singer Willie Nelson gathered Monday with farmers and Dallas Cowboys President Jerry Jones to announce Texas Stadium as the site of Farm Aid V.

About 30 bands and individual musicians have committed to perform at the March 14 event, Nelson said.

It's the fifth such mass concert Nelson has sponsored to raise money for U.S. farmers.

"As our economic condition worsens, it's easier now for people to understand what we were talking about back in 1985 when we said when the farmer goes under, everybody goes under," Nelson said.

Farm Aid Inc. has handed out more than \$10 million to farm organizations and service agencies in 41 states. Nelson serves as president.

Previous Farm Aid concerts have been held in Austin, Champaign, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and Indianapolis.

Nelson blamed many of America's urban problems on family farmers being forced out of business and into the cities.

"Our problems of homelessness, alcoholism, suicide and drug addiction will, I guarantee you, lessen once we get people back in a position where they can take care of themselves, grow their own food, make their own way," he said.

Featured acts at the daylong Farm Aid V include John Mellencamp, Neil Young, the Black Crowes, Don Henley, the Kentucky Headhunters, Ricky Van Shelton, Mark Chestnut and Tracy Chapman.

At Monday's news conference, overlooking the 65,022-seat stadium, Jones said it was a "natural thing to be involved in this great cause."

Cowboys players, cheerleaders and players from other NFL teams will participate, Jones said.

Farmers and representatives of farm groups expressed their frustration with U.S. farm policy and hard times.

Castro County corn farmer Harold Bob Bennett said small farmers are angry, hurt and broke, but they don't want government handouts.

"We're fed up with the failed agriculture policy we've had for 12 years in this country that has redistributed the wealth to fat-cat multinational trading companies and food processors," Bennett said.

in rooms 205 and 206 in the Student Center.

The organization will show different films every Tuesday throughout the month.

Resident assistant Michelle Smith will present a historical chronology of the black struggle that begins from pre-Civil War days.

The musical tribute begins at 9 p.m. in Sherley residence hall.

The Forums Committee is having a noon seminar Thursday, Feb. 20, that explores issues facing minorities.

The program will include noted local leaders who will discuss the future for African Americans.

A workshop for minority students on Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Student Center's Woodson room will spotlight Fort Worth community leaders who will offer advice to university minority students about a variety of topics.

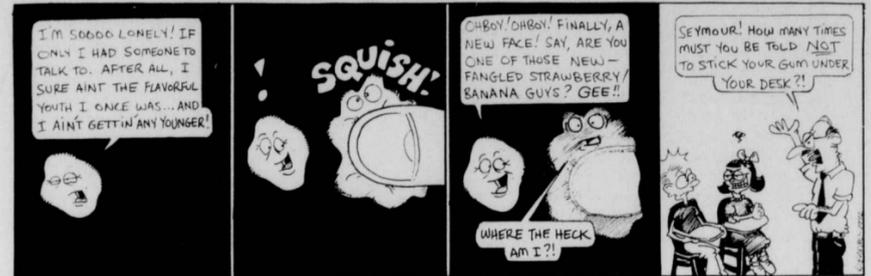
Ye gods & little fishes

by *Stev Klinetobe*



Insanity Fair

by *Joe Barnes*



Siege

by *Andy Grieser & Kall Loper*



Calvin and Hobbes

by *Bill Watterson*



Lottery/

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confidence in the integrity of the game.

Wilson, sponsor of lottery legislation, has set up a meeting with Linares. State Rep. John Corona, R-Dallas, a lottery opponent, will also join the meeting.

Linares has said that state officials knew about the relationship between Pittman and Culver, after a losing bidder for the consulting contract brought it to the state's attention. Even so, she has said, she believes there was no conflict of interest.

She said Scientific Games had the best bid, and that safeguards were in

place to prevent Pittman from having any influence into the selection of a contract winner.

But Corona said, "This is an outrageous conflict of interest. My fear is that what we are looking at now is the early stages of scandal and political scheming."

Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer and House Republican Caucus Chairman Tom Craddick of Midland have called on Sharp to urge Linares to resign.

"This entire matter certainly calls into question the validity of your pledge to run the cleanest lottery in

the country," Meyer and Craddick said in a letter to Sharp.

Steve Levine, a spokesman for Sharp, said the comptroller would not ask Linares to resign.

"Mr. Meyer continually opposed the lottery, as have Republican members of the Legislature. John Sharp and the comptroller's office, on the other hand, will do their best to put in place a state lottery the people of Texas can be proud of," Levine said.

Corona said he wants to talk with Linares before he comments on whether or not she should resign.

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Since its inception, Black History Month has been the time for Americans, particularly black Americans to gain insight into past achievements.

"Black History Month can be used as an instrument to teach other groups about the significant contributions of African Americans to this country," Garcia said.

Although the celebration is observed nationwide, it also has relevance to university students.

"We're trying to make Black History Month a more concerted effort so other students at TCU can begin to understand and fully appreciate the different minority cultures in American society," Garcia said.

"During the month, students have an opportunity to explore the many positive things that African Americans have done to make this country a better place."

The university's observation of the month has historically prompted numerous programming efforts and this year's celebration is no different, said Monica Mendez, minority program adviser.

A month-long visual art presentation will be on exhibit in the Student Center.

This month's celebration also includes a showing of "Glory," starring Denzel Washington. The drama chronicles the all-black fighting regiment that fought during the Civil War.

The film is presented by the Films Committee Friday and Saturday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

The university's Word of Truth gospel choir will perform Monday evening in the Colby residence hall lobby.

BSC will also show historical films about African American history beginning Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

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Letters to the editor

Heartless

I am writing because I am sick of the TCU administration and business offices' outlook as one of business first and student second. I went to eat lunch at the main on Wednesday only to find out that my meal card had been cut off. Wanting to know why, I went to talk to somebody in Student Accounts in the Controller's Office. It was there that I was told that all of my classes had suddenly been cancelled. It turns out that the tuition check from my parents in Ohio had not arrived on the exact date that it was due.

If TCU's first responsibility was to be an educational institution, it would not kick its students out of classes after the first couple of weeks were already underway, especially with no notice or warning prior to it that even the local cable company has the courtesy to produce. I feel that the least they could have done would have been to check my account history from the last three years.

I am sure that every student reading this can sympathize with how frustrating and difficult registration can be. Not to mention trying to enter and re-enter

classes two weeks into the term. This entire two day re-registering process was also done without my meal card because TCU refused to turn it back on until they received my check in the mail from Ohio. Is TCU run so heartlessly as to not allow students (some with no other means of meals) to go without a way to get food for days? Good thing Whataburger takes credit cards.

While in the Controller's Office, I also learned that of the 5,000 bills that were sent out on January 7, only 1,900 payments had been received to this point. Does this mean that I was one of 2,900 people that were kicked out of class and cafeterias? If so, I hope the administration and business offices realize that in a few years alumni that would have contributed time, support, and money, won't because they have been screwed over by TCU from the bookstore's buy back prices to re-registration.

Leigh Anne Cornelius
Junior
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Weedater

I have something to say about Greg Weed's first two articles of the semester. Although I have always considered myself an underachiever and yes even a slacker, Greg Weed has ascended the pinnacle of laziness. Somehow, he has managed to find a way to write without the use of effort. His last two articles were the epitome of style without substance, words without meaning. I can only applaud his stupendous effort, or more exactly, lack thereof.

But really, leaving all sarcasm aside, Mr. Weed, do you really think anyone cares about how you can waste space? And, instead of proving how adept you are at hitting the return bar, why don't you actually write something that has some meaning? Really, why should we care about your future when we don't even care about your columns.

Look, I can sympathize with writer's

block, almost everyone experiences that sometime in their life. But all you need to do is look in the paper and find some issue that you have an opinion about. You could even write about the Administration. There are no shortages of idiocy to ridicule there. Hey, what about Marriot? Enough said.

Finally, Mr. Weed, I can't believe that the *Skiff* would hire someone so untalented as your writing makes you appear to be. Most importantly, you are not just wasting space, your time, and ink; you are also wasting the time of the *Skiff's* readers. So, I recommend that you do some actual writing before the editors decide that the paper is better off with a blank spot where your column should be.

David Mynatt
Sophomore
Computer Science

Hypocrisy

I can still hear the words of those few who spoke on that stage at freshman orientation ...

"I totally chose TCU because I can get a real, you know, fresh start!"

"TCU is the place where everyone is friendly. It's like we are better than those who stereotype and stuff. I mean we can be who we want and not be fake."

When I heard that I was ready to start school right away. This place had it all, I thought. Perfect size, great curriculum, nice location, and the most incredibly gorgeous girls around — something to be proud of. However, it seems as if instead of saying, "we go to TCU," some are say-

ing, "we're Phi Alpha Delta Mu, who the hell are you?" Don't get me wrong, I'm not anti-Greek. The Greek system does quite a bit for the campus and others. Also, the people here are great when they are "permitted" to be or when it is convenient. I am not trying to put anything or anyone down, I just think that the attitude here is slightly unbecoming. If we want to be two-faced snobs, couldn't we just hop on our ponies and go to school in Dallas?

John Hannum
Freshman
Music, Business

Letter policy

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The strongest girl I know

by
**TOM
IVESTER**

Columnist



The first thing I noticed about the place was the size. It was much larger than I expected. The dirty, white color of the building discolored from age betrayed the intentions of its builders. A certain odor rolled out as I approached the entrance. There were 10 or 15 people out front seemingly doing nothing but milling around. There was a loud stereo blaring rap music as a background to the whole scene. As I entered, the odor immediately grew more profuse. It was a combination of Clorox, general dirt and filth, and the slightest smell of urine. About five more people were milling about in the lobby and a black man watching TV was sitting at a desk behind four inches of bulletproof glass. I glanced around quickly to survey the situation and felt more than a little uneasy.

I was out of place and I knew it, but I fought the feeling just as hard as I could. I tapped on the glass and the black man glanced up. "What do ya need?" were the words thrown at me. "Could you please page Laura White for me?" I tossed back. The man reminded me of one of those smug receptionist-type people who feel that the fewer people they deal with, the better. I didn't like his type, but people like him usually don't care what I think.

He repeated Laura Whites' name about

four times in a microphone and then his eyes went straight back to the TV. "She must not be here," he stated. I seethed with contempt. He had barely even tried and I knew darn well she was there. "Could you try it again?" He tried once again and nothing happened.

I wandered back outside. The music was still thumping and about five more people had wandered up while I was inside. Why were these people standing around? Didn't they have some place they should be? I caught the eye of an older looking woman. I looked at her long and hard. I imagined that she was once a successful mother with a family but finally got tired of being beaten by her husband. She had tried to carry on stoically but her two boys were eventually lost to the street gangs and the drugs. Desperate, she had turned to alcohol and lost her job after she showed up drunk too many times. She had lived on the street for a while, but now she was here.

"Dammit, who was I to sit here and judge this woman I didn't know? I got mad. I felt uncomfortable and I looked away. I came to see her and I wasn't leaving until I did. I turned and headed back in. Why the heck did they have that music so loud? The words were barely intelligible because of the constant pounding bass sound.

I entered the lobby and tapped on the glass once again. It appeared as though the man's favorite TV show was over because he showed me a little more attention. "Laura White, Laura White, you have a visitor in the lobby," he bellowed into the microphone. I waited and a few minutes later, a weak, "OK, I'll be right there," came back. Knowing Laura, I knew it would be awhile so I stood

silently in one corner of the lobby.

A man came down the stairs talking to his imaginary nag of a wife. Evidently she had betrayed his trust and he wasn't going to stand by while she wrecked their marriage. Another man passed by with the strong smell of liquor on his breath and fell headlong into the stairs after tripping on the first step.

Then I noticed a small body coming boldly down the stairs. It obviously took great effort for her to tackle those stairs day after day but she had gotten much stronger since I'd last seen her. We exchanged a quick hug and a hello but it felt awkward and different. While we were not great friends at TCU, Laura and I had known each other for three years. We had been in many of the same organizations, and we saw each other constantly. I had always admired her, but now her real strength was showing through. She asked if I'd like to see the place and as I nodded we started up the stairs together.

Laura White graduated with honors from TCU last May with a degree in Social Work. She now lives in Washington, D.C. and works for room and board at the largest homeless shelter in D.C. I visited her many times after the above encounter and we became good friends. She opened my eyes to the human side of politics and taught me more about strength than any weight coach. She also has a severe physical disability which impairs her ability to talk and she walks only with great effort and the help of crutches. She is truly the strongest girl I know.

● Tom Ivester is a senior Marketing major from Sayre, Oklahoma.

Abortion debate must return to states

by
**JEFF
JETER**

Columnist



"We interrupt this Opinion Page for an important bulletin. There is mass hysteria erupting all throughout the United States. American streets are covered in blood as millions of angry American women armed with vacuum cleaners and coat hangers mercilessly destroy themselves. Thousands of corpses litter the highways as the nation wakes up to a sobering reality — welcome back to 1890."

This is what the United States can expect if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned. At least this is the constant refrain the public has been hearing from liberals and the pro-choice lobby for the last two decades. If the Supreme Court succeeds in reversing *Roe v. Wade*, the controversial 1973 court decision which legalized abortion, these groups argue that we will set the clock back centuries and send the women of this nation into the darkened back allies to kill themselves (but presumably not their babies). Take Norma McCorvey (the *Roe v. Wade*) and her chilling promise that if the decision is overturned, "Millions of women will be butchered."

This tired old argument is both over-dramatized and erroneous. Still, efforts by liberals and militant feminists to bring the abortion issue back to the political foreground have been renewed just in time for the 1992 presidential election. The National Abortion Rights Action Committee has begun airing the following television advertisement aimed at voters.

"America, your right to choose is about to be taken away. President Bush has created an anti-choice Supreme Court. He's gagged doctors and shoved the government between them and their patients. He has vetoed every single piece of pro-choice legislation. There is no doubt that President Bush wants to lead us into the back allies again and ready to make abortion illegal

again. Tell George Bush, in America, it is the people, not the politicians who decide."

And then there is Democratic presidential hopeful, Tom Harkin, who attempted to blast Republicans on the issue last week in New Hampshire. "George Bush, you and your so-called conservative friends, you want to get the government out of our private lives. But on the most personal and private decision a woman can make, you want the government to make that decision."

Oh you silly Democrats! Is there any wonder how you could nominate someone like Michael Dukakis? Sen. Harkin and the NARAC have failed to adequately grasp the conservative position on abortion. Conservatives are attempting to completely take the federal government out of the abortion fracas. This controversy should be rightfully given back to states where it belongs. *Roe v. Wade* unnecessarily usurped the power of the state to govern and regulate. Abortion should not be a national issue, rather it should remain more localized. The policies that are right and perceived as just for the people of California are not necessarily the policies that are right and perceived as just for the people of South Carolina. Each state in the union has its own individual citizenry with their own concerns and views on the issues, that quite often differ greatly from region to region and state to state.

Justice will not be served until legislatures — not the courts — begin to write the laws again. Make no mistake about it, *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned and returned to the states and not one day too soon. But it will not necessarily be reversed on moral grounds, for this too is an issue that will have to be resolved on a state-by-state basis. *Roe v. Wade* will fall primarily because it is ill-conceived legislation.

And when *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, can we realistically expect all of the doom and gloom so vividly predicted by the pro-choice crowd? The answer is a resounding no! Contemporary society will not be thrust back to 1850 or even 1950 for that matter. At worst, the abortion battle will be returned to 1973, when the Supreme Court originally handed down the ruling. And if we harken back to 1973, we can

see that the predominant movement among state legislatures at this time was toward legalizing abortion.

However, the abortion issue has been given a much-inflated sense of importance for the 1992 electoral season. Quite simply, abortion is not a concern among American voters and is not perceived as a major campaign issue. As long as our focus remains on the national economy, Americans will not vote based on candidate's abortion positions.

Regardless, poll after poll and study after study all indicate that pro-life candidates are not hurt by their position. In fact, several important races in 1990 were dramatically impacted in a curious fashion by the abortion issue. In Ohio's governor's race, George Voinovich, a pro-life Republican beat Anthony Celebrezze, a pro-abortion Democrat. In Pennsylvania, Robert Casey, a pro-life Democrat defeated Barbara Hafer, a pro-abortion Republican in their governor's election. And in the Kansas governor's race, Joan Finney, a pro-life candidate defeated pro-abortion incumbent Mike Hayden. However, President Bush could be the most vulnerable political figure in the country over the abortion issue because he is perceived as wishy-washy.

Still, there are those who argue that by returning the right to decide abortions back to the states, we will be unfairly discriminating against the poor who could not travel to neighboring states to obtain an abortion. No one ever guaranteed perfect parity between the states. However, by returning the right to decide to the states, we are preventing a group of nine justices from legislating what is right for the entire nation. Instead, we would be allowing each and every citizen to impact the decision.

The Supreme Court should rightfully return the abortion issue back to the states. The Founding Fathers feared a strong-armed government would strip away the autonomy of the individual states. Unfortunately, this is exactly what *Roe v. Wade* has accomplished.

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News

Japanese officials continue to battle case of foot-in-mouth disease

By YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press

In Japan's latest rebuke of its economic rival, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said Monday that U.S. workers are losing the drive "to live by the sweat of their brow" and a former Cabinet minister said Americans work only three good days a week.

American workers" but the remarks prompted a visceral reaction from White House press spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

Speaker Yoshio Sakurachi fueled a U.S. backlash and a "Buy American" campaign when he said Americans were lazy and 30 percent of them couldn't read.

The fact that remarks such as Monday's continue, despite the wrath they've provoked in America, reflects a belief among Japanese politicians that the United States is a deteriorating superpower.

The comments arose when Muto asked Miyazawa how the faltering U.S. economy could recover.

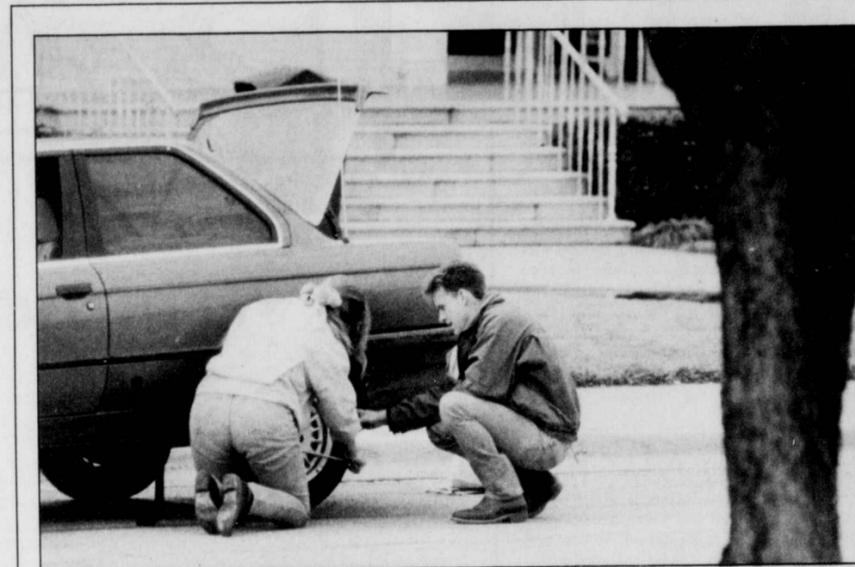
In summing up, Miyazawa told a parliamentary budget committee, "I have long thought that they (Americans) lack a work ethic to live by the sweat of their brow."

Democrats criticize Bush Governors attack economic-revival plans

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic governors took over a White House ceremony Monday and pummeled President Bush with criticism of his economic-revival plan.

"What areas do you want to shut down? What weapon systems do you want to knock off right now? Or do you want to lay off the people?"



Sophomore Kip Kendrick lends a helping hand to an unfortunate fellow student. The mishap occurred in front of Brachman Hall in the Worth Hills area last week.

Guns stolen from county

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two sheriff's deputies are facing disciplinary action after county guns and 1,000 rounds of ammunition taken to one of the deputies' homes were stolen.

"They went against regulations, and action will be taken," Copeland said.

The deputies were identified as Sgt. Skip Conger, a supervisor in the armory unit, and Deputy Clifton R. Bailey, Conger's assistant and also a firearms instructor.

The stolen weapons included nine semiautomatic pistols, two shotguns, three revolvers and the .40-caliber ammunition, the sheriff said.

Six weapons belonged to the county, five were on loan from the Smith & Wesson Co., and three were personal guns, the sheriff said.

The Democrats opened the surprise attack by accusing Bush of trying to stampede them into supporting his tax and spending plan, and the March 20 deadline he set for Congress to enact it.

They accused Bush of resorting to budget "gimmicks," warned that the nation was falling into "a sewer of debt," and called for higher taxes on the wealthy.

"There are some times and some places in an election year that we do have differences," said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, incoming chairman of the National Governors' Association.

"More and more we're beginning to hear people say this sluggish economy is turning around," Bush said, citing drops in interest rates.

Under the White House format, television cameras and the press were to leave the room after Bush's remarks.

Romer raised his voice and said forcefully, "Could I ask the press not to leave yet?"

Bush relented. Romer said Bush's \$1.52 trillion budget contained \$40 billion in "gimmicks" and said, "We're concerned that some of those may end up on our backs."

"Do you want it to be \$100 billion, and if so, what bases do you want to close?" the president said heatedly.

Democratic Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont complained that Bush was cutting \$500 million from a \$1.5 billion program to help the needy buy home-heating oil.

Budget Director Richard Darman indicated the administration might give in on the fuel program.

Bush rejected Sinner's proposal for a higher tax on the wealthy.

Romer acknowledged he had raised his complaints in "an abrupt way. I just did not want to be in the posture of endorsing only the one economic approach which was in your State of the Union message."

Rhode Island Gov. Bruce Sundlun, a Democrat, said afterward, "I think they were a little surprised" by the sharp criticisms.

Statistics show decrease in construction spending

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press

Construction spending on homes, office buildings and other projects shrank 9.3 percent in 1991, the sharpest contraction since World War II, the government said Monday.

The severe cutback was concentrated in the first half of the year and spending actually picked up in the past six months, though it was down again in November and December.

Separately, a survey of 300 corporate purchasing executives suggested that as the year began the rest of the economy remained sluggish and the manufacturing sector continued to

decline. The National Association of Purchasing Management said Monday its index of business activity was unchanged in January at 47.4 percent.

The Commerce Department said residential, non-residential and government spending on construction totaled \$404.9 billion last year.

That was down from \$446.4 billion in 1990 and marked the lowest level since 1985, when \$377.4 billion was spent on apartments, factories and other private and government build-

ings. Last year's decline also was the first since the recession year of 1982, when spending fell 4.0 percent.

Economist David Berson of the Federal National Mortgage Association said most of the decline occurred during the first half of the year.

Analysts attributed the collapse from January through June to the Persian Gulf War, the recession and a glut of already-built structures such as office buildings and shopping centers.

Spending on residential buildings and on government projects fell in December and contributed to a 0.2 percent decline for the month in overall construction outlays.

Spending on single-family homes advanced 1.2 percent in December, but that was more than offset by a 7 percent plunge for apartments and other multi-family buildings.



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Sports

Frogs stand alone atop SWC

Second half rally propels TCU to 67-54 victory over Cougars

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU was the basketball equivalent of Jekyll and Hyde in Saturday's 67-54 win over the Houston Cougars.

The Frogs were definitely Jekyll in the first half, looking passive and tentative, falling behind by 11 points just before halftime. TCU's lack of intensity was especially noticeable on offense, when they scored just 20 points in the first half.

However, TCU's Hyde emerged in the second half, thanks to an aggressive offense and Kurt Thomas. Thomas sparked a 12-0 TCU run that broke a 46 all tie with 7:56 left in the game. The Frogs began attacking the Houston zone in the second half and hitting their outside shots. The result: TCU outscored the Cougars 47-26 in the final 20 minutes.

The critical victory gave the Frogs sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference. TCU (16-4, 5-1 SWC) now holds a full game lead over Houston (15-4, 4-2) and Texas, with one game remaining in the first half of conference play. TCU entertains Texas Tech at home on Wednesday.

A Daniel-Meyer Coliseum sellout crowd of 7,166, the second home sellout of the season, watched Houston take control of the contest early. The Cougars held TCU without a field goal for the first six minutes of the game and built a 9-2 lead.

The Frogs appeared to have problems with Houston's matchup zone, which packed the inside against TCU center Reggie Smith. Houston conceded the outside shot, and the strategy worked. The Frogs were cold from the perimeter throughout the

first half.

"In the first half we weren't attacking their zone," said TCU head coach Moe Iba. "We looked like we didn't know what to do. Our defense did a good job, but no one wanted to step up on offense."

"Against a good zone, and Houston has an excellent zone, you gotta penetrate, shoot the ball, and be more aggressive," he said. "If it weren't for (Allen) Tolley in the first half, we wouldn't have had any offense."

Tolley score six of his ten points in the first half, all in a crucial two minute span that kept the Frogs in the game. Thanks to his spree, TCU pulled to within 14-13 with 8:58 left in the first half.

"Somebody needed to step up in the first half, and I did it," Tolley said. "I'll take six quick points in any game. Sometimes I feel I don't get the respect and I try my damndest to burn you."

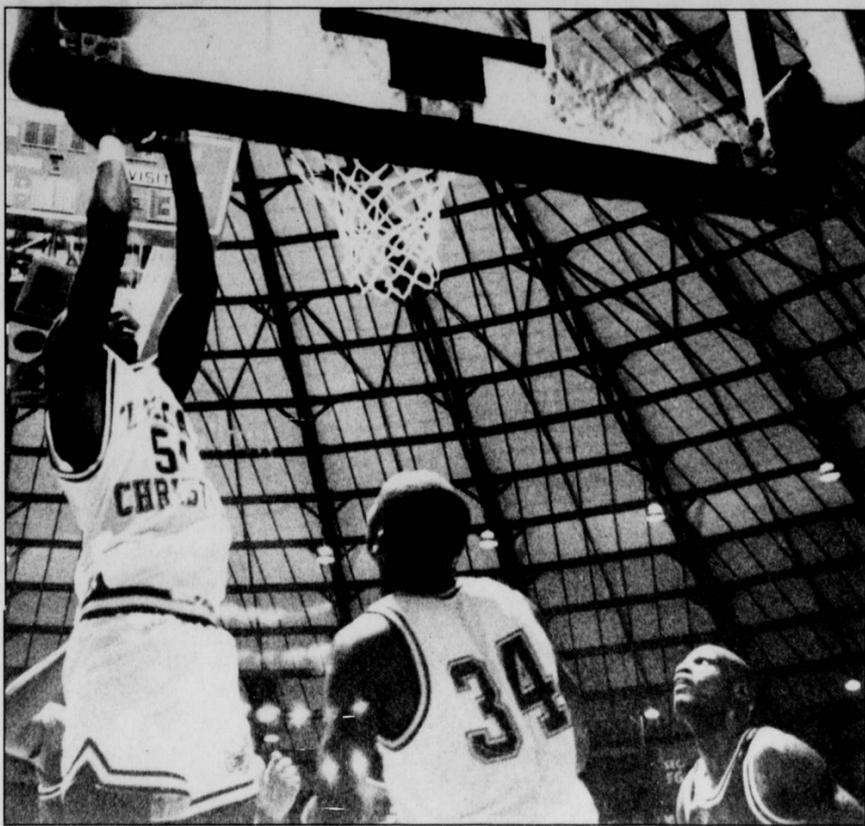
Despite Tolley's effort, Houston still was in control. The Cougars spent the final eight minutes of the half outscoring TCU 14-7.

"We played good defense in our match-up zone and stopped them for a long time," Houston coach Pat Foster said. "But they picked it up in the second half and started scoring, and we didn't react very well after that."

Although down by eight at halftime, the Frogs seemed to have the momentum heading into the locker room. Michael Strickland hit a long 3-pointer with five seconds remaining to pull TCU to within 28-20. It was the only shot of the five he took in the first half he made.

"Hitting my first shot is always big, and that put me at ease," Strick-

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TCU's Reggie Smith (54) skys for a rebound against Houston as teammate Mark Moton looks on. The Frogs beat the Cougars 67-54 to gain first place in the Southwest Conference.

TCU Daily Skiff/ David Wells

Lady Frogs fall again, lose 91-60

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU women's basketball team went into Saturday's game against 14th ranked Houston wanting to do two things: slow down the Cougars' fast break and control the dynamic duo of Darla Simpson and Margo Graham. The Lady Frogs failed at each goal.

Houston forced 30 TCU turnovers, which resulted in 28 fast break points for the Cougars, and watched Simpson and Graham combine for 29 points and 19 rebounds while limiting TCU's post players to only 10 points and five rebounds. The result: a 90-61 blowout at the hands of the Cougars, which gave TCU its tenth straight loss.

"We were dominated inside by Simpson and Graham," said TCU head coach Fran Garmon. "They took us to task inside. I wish I could say that they didn't beat us up so bad inside, but I can't. They (Simpson and Graham) were just too much for us."

TCU (4-14, 0-6) couldn't slow down the Cougars in the first half, but managed to stay with Houston (16-3, 5-1 SWC) by shooting well from the field. The Lady Frogs shot 50 percent in the first half, but the Lady Frogs couldn't handle UH's press, which forced 17 Lady Frog turnovers. Also, TCU's zone defenses couldn't cool off the Cougars' shooting as UH shot over 50 percent in the first half, which resulted in a 46-31 halftime lead.

TCU's second half troubles this season continued as the Cougars blew the game wide open when they went on a 19-4 run to open the second half as UH forced several TCU turnovers that ignited the Cougars' fast break. This run ended any chance at an upset.

"That run really killed us," Garmon said. "You can't make mental mistakes like we did and stay with a team as powerful as Houston."

The Cougars' dominant play inside overshadowed the excellent play of juniors Andrea Boris

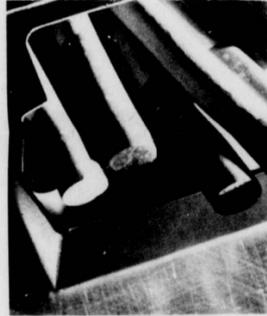
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Upset minded swimmers hoping to challenge for conference crown

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU swimming and diving team will try to continue their impressive play this season Thursday at the Southwest Conference Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by the University of Texas in Austin.

It is a duel meet which means both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams will try to finish the season strong after ending their seasons with 7-5 records.

"We are really excited about the SWC meet," said TCU swimming coach Richard Sybesma. "We have several individuals who will be awesome in their events."

The men's swimming team is led by Ron Forrest and Mark Graves, who set Rice pool records during the Frogs recent rip to Rice, a 93-43 victory. Forrest set the record in the 200 meter with a time of 1:56.52 while Graves set the record in the 200 free meter with a time of 1:42.30.

"I was happy with the way I swam," Graves said. "I needed a good time to get a good seed at conference, and I was kind of surprised with the way I swam because it was the first time I had ever swam the 200."

The Frogs will be facing some tough competition in Austin from the

home team as Texas, ranked number one in the nation, has won the National Championship for the past four years. SMU, ranked fourth, is expected to battle the Longhorns for the SWC crown while TCU, whose five losses came against top 20 teams, should fight for third against Texas A&M. It should be a very close meet.

"Our conference is one of the toughest in the nation in both swimming and diving," Sybesma said. "Our men will have a dogfight with A&M for third and our women will have a battle with A&M and Rice for third and fourth."

"We have a real good chance at finishing third," Graves said. "If we swim well then I think we challenge SMU."

Since Texas and SMU are deep and talented, the Frogs will have to have top performances from every team member to fight this uphill climb against the conference leaders.

"At TCU we stress the team aspect and we will have tight team races in both the men and women's races," Sybesma said. "We are a team that swims on emotion and there will be a ton of emotion in this meet in the team battle. Texas and SMU are the favorites to finish first and second and have been two of the top teams in the nation for years."

After the SWC meet, the NCAA

Tournament awaits any individual winners with Olympic Trials to follow the NCAA's. Forrest, Luke Small, John Dolynchuk have all qualified for the Canadian Olympic Trials in May.

"All three of those guys have ment so much to our program," Sybesma said. "Ron, in only his sophomore year, has set two school records and has made an unbelievable impact for the TCU swimming team while John and Luke have done well in their freshman year."

Junior Kelly Crowell, who competed in the NCAA Tournament last year, qualified for the NCAA Zone Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska along with Rachel Hayworth, David Doggett, and John Thomas.

Last season, both teams disappointed at the championships. The men's team finished fifth, while the women finished sixth. This year, the Frogs are hoping to tie a team record and finish third, last accomplished in 1990. TCU is looking to make up for last season's showing and battle for third place.

"I'm thrilled to death with this team," Sybesma said. "This is the best team we've ever had here at TCU and I feel like our kids can compete with SMU and make a run for second if we swim well."

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and Rachel Hesse, who both have had to adjust by switching positions because of injury problems. Hesse injured her back two weeks ago playing point guard and, after missing two games, was forced to switch to small forward. This move forced

Garmon to move Boris, a shooting guard, to the point.

The switch has helped both players. Boris, who led the Frogs with 22 points, six assists, and six rebounds, has thrived at the point. Hesse has responded by averaging 14 points a

game since moving to small forward. "Both Andrea and Rachel have picked it up a notch since all our injuries," Garmon said. "Andrea has played exceptionally at the point guard. She has been a good floor leader."

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land said. TCU played like a different team in the second half. The Frogs went on a 13-4 run to take their first lead of the night at the 15:50 mark, 33-32.

SWC Men's standings

	SWC	ALL
TCU	5-1	16-4
Houston	4-2	15-4
Rice	4-2	14-6
Texas	4-2	12-9
Baylor	3-3	10-8
Texas Tech	2-4	10-8
SMU	2-4	8-10
Texas A&M	0-6	3-13

Wednesday's games
Texas Tech at TCU
SMU at Houston
Alabama at Texas A&M

The lead changed four times over the next seven minutes before the Frogs went on their decisive run. Three Frogs who were quiet in the first half figured prominently in the second half surge. Kurt Thomas, Mark Moton, and Strickland combined for only three points in the first 20 minutes, but tallied 27 in the final 20.

"In the second half we did a much better job of penetrating and attacking," Iba said. "Kurt (Thomas) will catch the ball and do something with it. He's got some courage. He and Mark Moton both did good jobs in

the second half." Thomas and Strickland score all 12 TCU points in the run that put the game away. Strickland hit a rare four point play when he sank a 3-pointer and was fouled by Craig Upchurch. Strickland added a free throw to push a two point Frog lead to six, 52-46. Houston could get no closer than seven the rest of the game.

The most encouraging thing aspect of the Frog rally was the decisive run took place with Reggie Smith on the bench.

"We knew that it would come down to whoever makes a run would win the game," Thomas said. "We made the run and won the game."

TCU shot 57 percent in the second half after hitting only 29 percent in the first. The Frog's tenacious defense held Houston to only 40 percent shooting for the game.

"We didn't run our offense very well," Foster said. "We were too impatient and didn't shoot well all night, for whatever reason."

With five of their last eight conference games on the road, a home victory over Houston was vital.

"We needed to win this ballgame very badly," Iba said. "It was a big ballgame for us. Houston has an NCAA team, and we gotta beat people like that when we have the chance."



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