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Committee hears students' concerns

University raises questions to Board

Faculty, staff and students, when asked what they would discuss if they had a chance to sit down with the TCU Board of Trustees, voiced the following concerns:

Al Mlandenka, director of International Student Affairs

"I would like to know in what way the Board can assist the university in fulfilling its admission statements and goals in regard to globalization through the establishment of an international education center."

Larry Markley, Student Center director

Markley said he would like to know how soon the expansion and the renovation of the Student Center would be completed.

Ben Walters, House of Student Representatives president

"I'm concerned with diversity at TCU. It's important that the trustees are aware that we are moving to a global community and there are things they can do

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By ALFRED CHARLES
TCU Daily Skiff

Trustee members said Thursday that raising tuition is not something they enjoy and regret having to do so.

The comments came during the Student Relations Committee meeting that convened with student leaders to hear reports from student constituency groups about activities on campus.

In response to the concern of a student about a proposed tuition increase as presented to the *Skiff*, trustee members said the proposed increase was more moderate than any other private university in the Southwest.

"We have vigorous discussions during our meetings about tuition increases," said William Adams, committee chairman. "We have to look at the cost of competition from across the country."

"We're less than SMU," Adams said.

Other trustees echoed Adams' sentiments.

"It's not something we enjoy doing," said Ann Jones, a committee member. "In order to make a fine, outstanding university, tuition must be raised."

"We don't enjoy it," Jones added. One student representative said students should find out why tuition increases are needed before objecting to them.

"It's an emotional issue," said Tim Squier, president of Uniting Campus Ministries.

"Students don't understand the business side of the university," Squier said. "I'm not saying 'go, go' but you have to make sure every aspect of why is explored," he said.

Trustee members then discussed the financial aid options available for students who may not be able to return to the university if tuition is increased.

The trustee members present for the meeting were: Don L. Smith Jr. from Fort Worth; Peggy Allison from San Antonio; Clarence Scharbauer III from Midland; Ann Jones from Albany, Texas; Lewis Barnet from Fort Worth; and committee chairman William Adams from Fort Worth.

Student members on the committee are members of Intercom, a committee of student organization leaders. The students present represented Student Foundation, International Student Association, Organization of Latin American Students, Residence Hall Association, Black Student Caucus, Honors Cabinet, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Uniting Campus Ministries, Interlock, the House of Student Representatives and the *Skiff*.

For the meeting, student body president Ben Walters developed an agenda for student concerns that included updates about the fee increase, student reaction to the university's master plan, spring alumni reunions, campus security, university diversity, volunteerism and

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Tony Hillerman

Students receive awards for writing competition

By JULIET YATES
TCU Daily Skiff

Mystery writer Tony Hillerman spoke to over 200 students, faculty and community members Wednesday as part of the 1992 Creative Writing Contests sponsored by the TCU department of English.

Hillerman has written numerous best-sellers such as "Coyote Waits," "Talking God," "A Thief of Time" and "Skinwalkers."

Hillerman spent 30 years as a working journalist before he turned

to writing fiction.

"As a journalist, you get a bizarre look at people under stress which are tremendously helpful in writing fiction," he said.

Hillerman read excerpts from his mysteries and spoke about how his characters took shape.

His works are not only best-selling suspense novels, but they also authentically portray the struggles and conflicts of Native Americans.

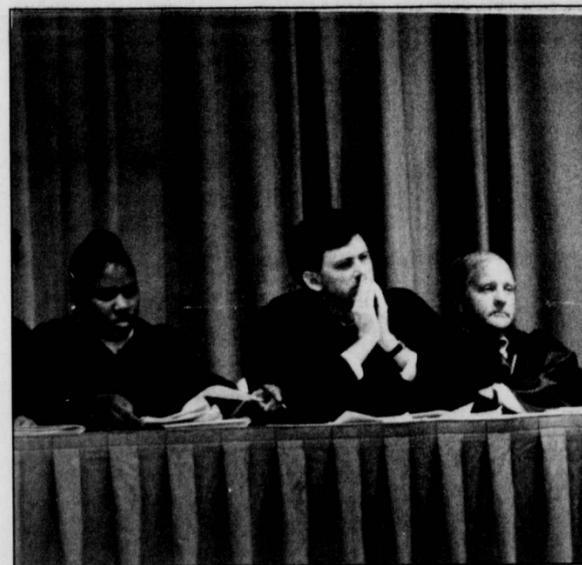
He has won the Edgar Allen Poe Award and France's Grand Prix de Littérature Policière.

After Hillerman's lecture, the awards were presented for the Creative Writing Contests. The following is a list of the first place winners:

The Margie B. Boswell Poetry Award: "The Cuban and Other Poems," David W. Chapman, Birmingham, Alabama.

The Graduate Essay Award: "Systems, Structures, and Secret Societies: A Rhetoric of Conspiracy," Jim Schrantz, Fort Worth.

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TCU Daily Skiff/Victor Hotho

Members of the bench in the Supreme Court Simulation listen to arguments Wednesday night in the Student Center Ballroom. The simulation is part of a political science course.

Students argue cases in mock Supreme Court

By SARAH YOEST
TCU Daily Skiff

The Supreme Court heard two cases in the Student Center Ballroom Wednesday night. Well, almost.

Four Supreme Court Simulation students tried cases before a panel of nine judges, but neither Justice Clarence Thomas nor Justice Sandra Day O'Connor were in sight.

They were replaced by six political science students, two attorneys and a judge from Texas' Second Court of Appeals.

Wednesday night's trial was one of five which will take place this semester as part of the Supreme Court Simulation class. As part of the class, students are assigned actual Supreme Court cases to research and try before a panel of nine judges.

Over 5,000 appeals are filed before the Supreme Court each year, said Donald Jackson, professor of political science.

Only 100 of those cases are ever

heard by the court. The two cases argued before the court Wednesday night are both part of the court's docket.

"The mock trial gives students going to law school a chance at arguing before a large group of people," Jackson said.

He has been staging the trial every spring semester since 1978.

Dallas attorney Gary Fowler, a 1978 university graduate who acted as a mock justice Wednesday night, was one of the first participants in Jackson's Supreme Court Simulation.

"It was an experience to take to law school," said Chris Kelly, a senior political science and Spanish major.

Kelly was the respondent, or defendant, in a case which dealt with the rights of a criminal to receive profits from selling his or her story. That case was decided by the Supreme Court Dec. 10, 1991.

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"I felt a lot of pressure, the way a real court is, but I wanted it to be a real experience," Kelly said.

Part of that pressure came from the tough questions the bench hurled at Kelly.

"Somehow, my nervousness diminished under the grilling," he said.

Kelly said that because of the extensive questioning from the bench, he only got one-third of the way through his 30-minute presentation.

Kelly wasn't the only one who was nervous about the mock trial. Sophomore radio-TV-film major Michelle Newton said her role as a Supreme Court justice was nerve-racking, too.

"I didn't want to duplicate questions other justices had asked and I didn't want to look like I hadn't read the briefs," Newton said.

A brief summarizes a lawyer's case, explains his or her arguments and tells which legal issues will be addressed in the case.

Hearing her classmates present their cases gave Newton a good idea of what will be expected of her later this semester.

"I know what to expect now, and not to underestimate my classmates," she said.

The second case brought before the court dealt with the state of Mississippi's university system.

The petitioner, or plaintiff, in that case argued that the system is segregated and must be overhauled. That case has yet to be heard by the Court.

"The experience of arguing a case and the experience of judging close cases is a very good way to learn that there are two sides to the story," Jackson said.

Inside

A real bargain

Despite tuition increases, TCU remains an excellent value in education relative to comparable universities.

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Racket action

The second ranked TCU men's tennis team is at the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., this weekend.

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Outside

Today's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 69 degrees.

Saturday will be partly cloudy, with a high of 68 degrees and a possible chance of thunderstorms.

Brite board passes operating budget

By JENNIFER WILLINGHAM
TCU Daily Skiff

The Brite Divinity Board of Trustees approved a \$3.5 million budget Thursday for the next fiscal year during its spring meeting.

The budget report during the Board's spring meeting showed a balanced budget for the years of 1992 and 1993. Leo Perdue, dean of Brite Divinity School, said more than \$450,000 has been given to the school.

"Money is donated by individuals as well as the Christian Church Finance Council," Perdue said.

The budget is mainly divided between salaries, scholarships and financial aid, he said.

During the meeting, the Board also appointed new trustees. The board can have a maximum number of 17 members and a minimum number of nine. There are currently 14 members. Two members retired from the board and became honorary members.

The trustees elected Rena Reynolds, a TCU graduate, to the

Board. Reynolds is a longtime member of University Christian Church, serving as deacon, elder, and now as chair of the trustees. Reynolds is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Granville and Erlene Walker Ministerial Scholarship Foundation, which gives scholarships to many Brite students.

Ben Felmster of Fort Worth and Robert Leibrock of Midland were voted in for another three-year term.

New members of the Brite faculty were also announced at the meeting. Perdue named Gilbert Davis to a part-time position working in the area of advancement. Davis retired as director of Church Relations at TCU and Brite.

Eugene Boring will take on the role as professor of New Testament. Rebekah Miles was named as the assistant professor of Christian Ethics and director of United Methodist Studies. January Machado, who joined Brite in January of 1992, will help design a program in Hispanic ministry.

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Teens compete in geography bee

By SUSANNE NYE
TCU Daily Skiff

A contour line on a topographic map connects points of what? The Benguela Current is a cold ocean current that affects the climate along the southwestern coast of which continent?

These are questions fourth-through eighth-grade students were asked at the school, state or

national levels of the last National Geography Bee presented by the National Geographic Society.

TCU will be the Texas site for the 1992 state-level bee today in the Student Center Ballroom. Gib Lewis, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will be the main speaker to start the event.

Patricia Hardy, Texas state coordinator for the contest, said the Texas Alliance for Geographic

Education will honor Lewis with an award for his support of geography education in the public schools during the last four years.

To be eligible for the state competition, students must place in the top 100 scores on the qualifying test.

As many as 100 finalists from each state and territory will partic-

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Air Force ROTC to sponsor 5K run

By JOHN GAETZ
TCU Daily Skiff

The Air Force ROTC will be blasting off this weekend from Amon G. Carter Stadium as they host the "Vapor Trail" 5K run.

The run will start at 8 a.m. Saturday and will begin and end at Amon G. Carter Stadium.

The "Vapor Trail" run is a fund raiser for the Air Force ROTC training program, which involves teaching young men and women to become officers in the Air Force.

"I'm expecting a large turnout," said Lt. Col. Dennis Brown, member of the ROTC unit staff and aerospace studies faculty.

"Already, 130 runners are pre-registered, and I'm expecting 200 to 225 present on Saturday," Brown said.

The race, which will cover sloping hills and residential areas, costs \$15 to enter and is open to all who are interested.

Air Force, Army and high school ROTC units have been invited to participate in the event.

"We want healthy and physically

fit men and women going into the military," Brown said. "The addition of the 5K run to the unit promotes this fitness."

Besides the fitness of those involved in the military, Brown wants everyone involved.

"We want to promote health and fitness in the community, the Air Force ROTC, TCU and Fort Worth in general," he said.

Each runner will receive a commemorative T-shirt and will be eligible in the event.

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CRIMELINES

The Campus Police reported the following incidents in and around the TCU area from March 13 to March 25, 1992.

Motor Vehicle Theft

March 13- A blue Chevrolet Cavalier was reported stolen from the Bellaire House apartments parking lot. Shattered glass covered the ground where the car was last seen.

Attempted Burglary

March 14- A red Plymouth Voyager in the Bellaire House apartments parking lot was vandalized in an attempted break in.

The right front door lock and the rear hatchback lock were punched out.

Criminal Mischief

March 13- Vandals broke windows in Tomlinson Hall and Martin Moore Hall. The window in Tomlinson Hall was broken by a cue ball that was found inside the building.

Theft

March 23- A Moncrief resident reported two shirts, a gold chain and a bottle of cologne stolen from his dorm room. He said he left his room unlocked momentarily while going downstairs.

March 25- A woman reported 16 items of clothing stolen from a dryer in the Sherley Hall laundry room.

March 25- A woman reported a dark purple leather jacket stolen from the bathroom on the second floor of the North Moudy building.

Obscene Phone Calls

March 24- Four female Sherley Hall residents reported receiving obscene calls from a man.

Three of the women said the man identified himself as a representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone who was testing a voice-activated tracing system to catch obscene callers.

When the man told the women that the phrase to activate the system was "I've always got time for you baby," the women hung up the phone.

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ipate. The format of the contest is both oral and written.

First-place winners will receive \$100, a book and a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national finals on May 20 and 21. Second-place winners will receive \$75 and a book. Third-place winners will receive \$50 and a book. All participating students will receive t-shirts and certificates. Schools of the top three winners will also receive prizes.

The sponsors of the competition are National Geographic World, the Society's magazine for children, and Amtrak, the national inter-city passenger railroad.

Barbara Fallon of the National Geographic Society said Amtrak is offering free rail travel to the state finals for contestants and their teachers in states where the site is located near an Amtrak station. She said a 10 percent discount will be provided to students' families.

"Amtrak is delighted to be able to help National Geographic promote the study of geography in our nation's schools," said Amtrak President W. Graham Claytor, Jr.

"A knowledge of lands and peoples of the world will be critical to these students as they enter the global work force of the next century, and there is no better way to become acquainted with the geography of this country, or any other, than to ride its passenger trains," Claytor said.

"With the strong and generous support of Amtrak, the National Geographic Bee has continued to expand and grow in visibility," said Gilbert Grosvenor, president and chairman of the National Geographic Society.

The society began the bee in response to a concern for the lack of geographic knowledge among young American people, Fallon said.

In a 10-country Gallup Survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 1989, Americans aged 18 to 24 scored lower than young people in any of the other countries, she said.

The Society is determined to improve the geographic knowledge of Americans, who are behind their peers in international surveys on the subject, Fallon said.

The national finals will be held at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. Alex Trebek, host of the television quiz show, "Jeopardy!", will moderate the contest.

Anantha Babbili, chairman of the journalism department, will be one of the judges today.

Preliminary rounds will begin at 9 a.m., with the final round starting at 11 a.m.

Correction

In Thursday's edition, information contained in a front-page graphic was incorrect. The general university fee total, not the total of the House of Representatives fee, is \$4,649,000. The Skiff regrets the error.

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The Graduate Poetry Award: "Second Visit to the State Fair," Sharon Owen, Fort Worth.

The Graduate Fiction Award: "Coin Toss," Sharon Owen, Fort Worth.

The David John Ball Memorial Prize: Julie Parker, League City, Texas

The Lilla Thomas Award: "The Phoenix: Isabella Bird's Resurrection as a Woman of the West," Bill Bolin, Fort Worth

The Kurt Lee Hornbeck Poetry Prize: "The Stick Pin," Shelley Aley, Forsyth, Miss.

Award in Sophomore Composition: Julia Ann Martin, Marshall, Texas.

The Sigma Xi Essay Award: "Genetic Engineering: Its Time Has Come," Matthew Dillon, Union, New Jersey.

The Walter E. Bryson Poetry Contest: "The Unproductive Day," Akum Norder, Fort Worth.

The Briscoe Short Story Contest: "Running," Shane Karr, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Non-Fiction Prose Contest: "Alone with Apache," Steven Kline-tobe, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Southwest Literature Contest: "In God's Country," Hal Moffatt, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

C.S. Lewis Prize for Christian Literature: "On Being Close-Minded," Beth Sullivan, Overland Park, Kansas.

The Mortar Board Prize in Literary Criticism: "True Confessions: The Autobiographical Works of Saint Augustine and Thomas de Quincey," Jennifer Whitacre, Clayton, Missouri.

The Siddle Joe Johnson Poetry Award: "Sampling Fruit," Ellie McKenzie, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Samuel P. Ziegler Award for Humorous Writing: "That's my Dave," Stephanie Beach, Edina, Minnesota.

Nancy Evans Memorial Award for Texas Writing: "A Winter Visit," Todd W. Simmons, Houston, Texas

The Satire Award: "Issues?! Tell Us about their Women," Carl Kozlowski, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Woman's Wednesday Club Merit Award: Elizabeth Austin Lunday, Fort Worth.

The Lorraine Sherley Prize: Elizabeth Austin Lunday, Fort Worth.

The A. Campbell Garnett Award for a Philosophical Essay: "Critique of Mark Kelman: Law and Economics," Jennifer Lehman, Metairie, Louisiana.

The Wednesday Club Fiction Award: "Plantation Journal," Akum Norder, Fort Worth.

The Wednesday Club Award for a Formal Essay: "The Right to Privacy vs. the Right to Know," Danielle Lynn Kunkle, San Antonio, Texas.

Sigma Tau Delta Essay Award: "An Invaluable Nanny," Letitia Simpson, Fort Worth. "Art Critique: 'Sparrows Can't Sing,'" Megan Reinhardt, Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.

The AddRan Essay Award: "Butternut Point Resort," Ann Schonberg, Omaha, Nebraska.

Campus Man

by Andrew Deutsch



Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



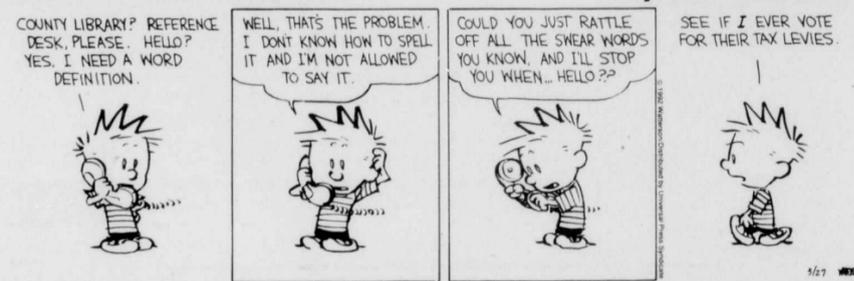
Siege

by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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Vice Chancellor William Koehler, made a recommendation to the trustees dealing with tenure and promotion, which will be considered at the general Board meeting today.

Perdue said, overall, he feels that the Brite school is in good shape academically and financially.

"We have an excellent board who give their time, wisdom, energy and resources to support us," Perdue said.

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to make money, probably just break even," Brown said.

Brown, who plans to run on Saturday, said he hopes the 5K run will become an annual event.

The theme "Vapor Trail" was suggested by Jennifer Steils, a senior nursing major who is also an ROTC cadet.

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Support

Board should approve student fee increase

The proposed \$2 increase in the House of Student Representatives fee goes before the TCU Board of Trustees for approval today. The Board should move to affirm the proposed increase without hesitation.

The House of Student Representatives fee is currently \$18 and is charged to all university students. The money goes toward administration of student government and Programming Council as well as their various projects.

In November, the student body voted overwhelmingly to increase the student fee from \$18 to \$20. Now that the students have voiced their support for the increase, it is time for the Board of Trustees to follow suit.

While all other costs (including tuition) have risen sharply in recent years, the student fee has remained stable at \$18 for quite some time. Thus, the costs of programming and the costs of running an effective student government have not kept pace with the money being allocated.

As a result, TCU has not been as competitive with other colleges and universities. However, by increasing the student fee, TCU will become more competitive and allow for higher quality programming and better service for the students.

The student body has spoken and has said that a fee increase is both what it wants and what it needs. Now is the time for the trustees to act and wholeheartedly support the fee increase.

Letters to the editor

Fees

I was disappointed in the March 25 article entitled, "Students' fees fund university operations." Yes, sometimes we as students are unclear on where our money goes. But, an article that does not adequately distinguish between the general university fee and the House of Student Representatives fee just adds to student confusion. Top that off with a graphic that is completely inaccurate and you have one confused student body.

The House of Student Representatives fee does not generate \$4.5 million. If it did, the students wouldn't have voted to increase the fee from \$18 to \$20 last November.

Instead, we are currently operating on a budget of \$175,000. This money goes

back to you in the form of programs like Homecoming, Parents Weekend and Howdy Week. We also fund sports clubs, health enrichment and safe break weeks, and other groups through legislation. These are just a few of the ways we spend your money.

We want you to be informed on where your money is going. If you want a copy of our current budget or next year's proposed budget, please let us know. We would be glad to give you a copy and go over it with you. We have nothing to hide.

Ben Walters
 Junior
 Broadcast Journalism

Dirt Blowers

Why gas-powered dirt blowers at 6:00 a.m.? These things represent the most maddening expression of frivolous technology since the electric toothbrush. At least electric toothbrushes don't have the capacity to jolt a fine specimen of collegiate slumber like myself out of bed, at least not without some sort of intimate contact initiated by a special someone.

That's right, leave it to gas-powered mechanical marvels to stimulate our senses from afar. Whatever happened to the broom anyway?

This 80db pre-dawn nightmare seems to haunt me wherever I go. When I was a

boy, it was my psychotic, lumberjack neighbors (brothers), with their dueling chainsaws at dawn. When I was a teenager, it was a gas-powered weedeater gnawing at my sanity in the wee hours of the morning. And now, now this. What's next? Gangs of roaming pre-dawn TCU jackhammer crews searching for the hardest asphalt to crack open at 4:00 a.m.? God bless America.

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Letter policy

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Board meets to plan for the future

Program, facility improvements on the horizon

by
**JOHN
 ROACH**

Guest Columnist



Texas Christian University is, I believe, a "special" place. As the Board of Trustees gathers for its spring meeting, the principal focus will be toward insuring that TCU is even more "special" in the years ahead.

TCU's "special-ness" is rooted in it being a private university with a religious heritage steeped in traditional values, yet an enlightened view of the future. Additionally, a friendly student body challenged and guided by a highly motivated faculty gives meaning to the university.

The Board has previously received and adopted the work of the faculty and administration's educational initiatives for the '90s and a campus master plan. Now the Board will have the opportunity to review the priorities of these programs and projects and review the total financial resources needed for timely implementation. Student scholarships and financial aid enhancement, the internationalization of the curriculum, the new engineering department, and facilities needs from class

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rooms to parking are among the dreams that must be measured by the availability of means.

While final decisions will not be made at this meeting, the Board's focus on those needs will be sharpened to the point that we'll be able to determine soon the comprehensive approach of turning those dreams into reality. I believe TCU's "special-ness" will be insured by the consensus evolving on the future.

The Board will also receive a report from the Executive and Fiscal Affairs Committees of the Board which approved a 4.9 percent tuition increase in keeping with the Board's previously approved planning objectives for the '92-'93 academic year. The planning objectives included keeping faculty salaries at a competi-

tive level with other universities. It also includes increases in wages and salary for staff and administration. Other needs of the university from program improvements, library books and journals, equipment needs, and to maintenance of our fine facilities — were also a part of the planning objectives.

The desires of everyone in the budgeting process had to be tempered by the recessionary economic environment and the continuing empathy for the financial impact on students and their families.

Tuition increases have been around for a long time. When I was working my way through TCU, the tuition increased every year and had almost doubled by the time I completed my master's.

The reason tuition increases are necessary at most private universities every year is because universities are highly personnel-intensive both in the classroom and supporting activities. In order to be competitive and fairly compensate those necessary to operate the university, continuing wage increases are required. In spite of these increases, TCU remains an excellent value in education relative to comparable universities.

● John Roach is the Chief Executive Officer of the Tandy Corporation. He is also currently Chairman of Texas Christian University's Board of Trustees.

Perot a candidate to believe in

by
**ANDY
 HERNANDEZ**

Columnist



And then there were two.

With Paul Tsongas' withdrawal from the 1992 campaign, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton can expect to receive the Democratic Party's nomination. By the same token, President Bush is the obvious choice for the Republican Party's nomination, despite continuing harassment by protest candidate Pat Buchanan.

As a result, we see the same election year situation that has been played out for the past twelve years. Most Americans can not find a candidate that they can completely support. Thus, many will vote against the candidate they hate instead of for the candidate that they like. Like most of my fellow frustrated voters, I can not choose either of these criters with a clear conscience and a smile on my face.

Our options are drastically limited, as they have been in several of the previous elections. At various times in the past few years, the United States Congress has considered adding a "None of the Above" option to all ballots for national elections. If a given electorate were to vote a majority or even a plurality for "None of the Above," it would be equivalent to a vote of no confidence. New elections would be held on a specified date, AND all previous candidates for that particular election year would be barred from the new ballots.

Certainly, this new measure has the potential to improve our choice of candidates. After a few such votes, even the duller of national convention members would get the

message and work toward finding an electable candidate. Congress, in a moment of enlightened reform, could approve such a measure in time for 1996.

On the other hand, I could set my head on fire and try to douse the flames with lighter fluid. You can expect the same odds for either of the two.

With no hope for electoral reform in time for this election, the prospects appeared to be dim. That is, until the move to draft Ross Perot gained increasing credibility. Now, Democratic and Republican strategists alike are worried about the threat of a third party seizing essential votes.

Indeed, the potential candidacy of Ross Perot is a threat to the best laid plans of mice and men. If his name is put on the ballots of all fifty states, then the entire scope of the election will change. For the first time in American history, the mainstream parties will be forced to face a third party candidate who actually has the resources to run a full scale campaign.

Furthermore, Perot's status as an outsider means that he has nothing to lose by speaking frankly about his perception of the issues at hand. And he has done just this in several cases.

For example, Perot was one of the few to outspokenly oppose the Gulf War. He did so because of his own personal viewpoint that the United States cannot afford to fight any more costly foreign wars (not completely unlike advice given to Louis XVI on the eve of the French Revolution).

Moreover, he stated that if the citizens of the United States are so convinced that a given war is so noble and just, than they should not mind accepting additional taxes (no less than 10 percent) in order to finance America's liberation of the oppressed masses of the world. Thus, for a change, this country would pay as it spends. And with an approved increase in taxes, government lead-

ers can be sure that Americans not fighting in some far away land are truly willing to bear their fair share of the cost of war.

In addition, Perot is perfectly willing to attack the spectre of special privilege in all of its evil incarnations. He is opposed to the extravagant aircraft used to ferry the President and other government officials "around like royalty." In addition, he is against the idea of a separate bank for members of Congress. On the domestic side of things he echoes the cries of many middle class Americans when he questions the distribution of Social Security and Medicare benefits to citizens above a certain income level.

Another part of Perot's appeal comes from the man himself. He has conducted his affairs relatively honorably, especially when compared to his potential competitors. You do not see headlines about Perot's affairs with cocktail waitresses. Perot has not been investigated for returned checks. And he has not made promises to the American people and then broken them.

Perot's potential bid for the presidency has one more very quaint charm to it. If he decides to run for president, then he will be the first significant candidate in many years to be drafted by means of grassroots support. This is significant simply because the people will have chosen a candidate to represent them.

Granted, it will probably not even be a majority of the American electorate. However, ordinary citizens are working across the nation to get his name on the list. To me, it is infinitely better than picking from another unsatisfying list of candidates. Even more importantly, it may prove that a group of determined citizens can still make a difference, even in this day and age.

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Murderous author manipulates violent cop in "Basic Instinct"

by
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TCU Daily Skiff

Michael Douglas has played every part. He has been everyone from an adulterous man caught in a murderous affair to a greedy Wall Street tycoon. But his new movie, "Basic Instinct," has landed him in the most controversial role of his career.

Douglas plays Nick Curran, a San Francisco police detective who has had a streak of trouble with the law. Nicknamed "Shooter" because of his taste for alcohol and because of two tourists he accidentally shot and killed while wired on cocaine, Curran has just managed to break all of his addictions—to cocaine, alcohol, and cigarettes—when he is called upon to solve the brutal murder of a retired rock star.

The method by which the rocker was killed forms one of the most controversial aspects of "Basic Instinct." The star was stabbed 32 times with an ice pick while tied to a bed during sex. Be forewarned: this grisly, kinky and bizarre killing forms the film's graphic opening scene.

The prime suspect in the slaying is Catherine Tramell, played

by longtime starlet Sharon Stone. This could be a career-making role for Stone. Tramell was the heiress of a \$110 million fortune when her parents died in a mysterious accident years before. She applied her brilliant mind and double major in psychology and English to a career in mind games and

Why? In just one of the film's many bizarre plot elements, Tramell is a bisexual who lives with a lesbian lover. Both are portrayed as sociopathic, deviant, and otherwise unstable. The protesters fear a public backlash against gays and lesbians in the real world as a result.

The aim of "Basic Instinct," though, doesn't seem to be the stirring of hatred towards lesbians. What it does seem to strive for is more disturbing. The film is extremely hateful towards women in general. Not one woman in the film is seen as positive. All are double-crossing at best and murderous at worst. They are clearly viewed by the film's director, Paul Verhoeven of "Robocop" and "Total Recall" fame, as sex objects for Douglas to throw around at will.

The film's centerpiece, and its primary selling point, is a four-minute sex scene between Douglas and Stone. Verhoeven has boasted in interviews that he was trying to take R-rated sex as far as possible, and he probably has. But unlike a film like "Bull Durham," where the intensity arises from two passionate characters whom the viewer cares about and who belong together, "Basic Instinct's" sex seems more like cold, mechanical pornography. There is no real reason for the scene in the plot, and it's sure to offend many.

Overall, though, "Basic Instinct" has a sleek style, good locations and strong performances across the board. Its plot, outside of the numerous sex scenes, is original and filled with mind games and double-crossings.

It may be a well-made film, but that doesn't mean it's not a hateful one. Give it a B+ for its technical merits, but be warned: you shouldn't take someone you care about to this film.

"Basic Instinct"

starring:
Michael Douglas,
Sharon Stone

directed by:
Paul Verhoeven

Carl Kozlowski's
rating:
B+

writing bestselling thrillers.

The catch to all of her books is that they revolve around killings that seem to be copied in her own real life. Anytime she writes a book, someone she knows is killed in a fashion similar to the novel. As Curran investigates her, he learns that her next book is about a cop who falls for the wrong woman; the novel's woman kills the cop. Will Douglas be her next copycat death?

"Basic Instinct" has stirred up controversy on a number of fronts. The main protest is being raised by gay and lesbian organizations nationwide.



Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone star in "Basic Instinct." Photo: TriStar Pictures

Nigel's back!

TCU's favorite squirrel returns with a t-shirt company of his very own

by
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Special to the TCU Daily Skiff

Squirrel tails are a-flutter over the latest fashion craze on campus. Tantamount to all the latest fashion trends like mini-wrap skirts and Girbaud jeans is the latest fashion statement: Nigelwear.

Featuring everyone's favorite squirrel from the former cartoon strip *Ye Gods and Little Fishes*, Nigelwear has been seen at all the campus hot spots.

Loki Designs, the company responsible for Nigelwear, is a joint effort by Steve Klinetobe, a junior advertising/public relations major and Mark Kmatz, a junior accounting major.

Klinetobe is the creative director and draws all of the designs while Kmatz is the business manager.

"We didn't know exactly how much it would cost us until everything was finished," Kmatz said. "The hardest part was coming up with the money to get started."

Loki Designs was started with funds Kmatz arranged for from investors, Klinetobe said.

Loki Designs formed an agreement with the TCU chapter of the Kappa Delta sorority to sell the T-shirts on campus.

"They were looking for ways to raise money for their philanthropy and Steve and I were looking for a way to sell our T-shirts," Kmatz said. "It was a mutually beneficial concept."

Every year Kappa Delta sponsors a Shamrock project to raise awareness about the prevention of child abuse, said Jean Barnett, a senior fashion merchandising major and Shamrock chairwoman for Kappa Delta.

In 1970, a Kappa Delta started the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The Shamrock project is designed to support that organization, she said.

As part of the Shamrock project this year, Kappa Delta donated 350 teddy bears to the Dallas Fire Department and 350 to the Fort Worth Fire Department, Barnett said. The teddy bears will be kept in fire trucks, ambulances and police cars to help officers and paramedics comfort children who are victims of accidents and crimes.

Loki Designs will donate a portion of the money earned from every shirt sold to Kappa Delta's Shamrock project, Klinetobe said.

"As part of the Shamrock project-

not yet been selected for this year's donation, she said.

Barnett said the Kappa Deltas were happy with the agreement with Loki Designs.

"The T-shirts should sell well on campus," Barnett said. "Nigel is really popular."

Klinetobe and Kmatz said they are planning to design an entire line of Nigelwear including other T-shirts and boxer shorts.

"We would like to eventually branch out into more of a 'creative designer' type of business," Kmatz said.

Loki Designs may later begin working with other area cartoonists and artists and start doing special order designs, he said.



ject we sponsor a fund raising drive,"

Barnett said. "Eighty percent of the money raised is donated to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the other 20 percent is donated to a local charity."

Last year Kappa Delta donated the money to the Fort Worth Women's Haven and the Lena Pope Home, Barnett said. A charity has

"Depending on the response we get from the T-shirt sales on campus, we may eventually try to sell them at other local colleges and maybe even nationwide," Klinetobe said.

Kappa Delta and Loki Designs will be selling the T-shirts in the Student Center Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next week.

"When I asked Nigel how he felt about being on a T-shirt he said, 'It ain't bad, in fact, it's kinda funky,'" Klinetobe said.

After all, a rodent is what a rodent wears.



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Exotic and flavorful blends of coffee and tea line the walls at the Coffee & Tea House.

Good to the last scent

Local shop offers enticing array of coffees and teas

By **LEIANNE SIMPSON**
TCU Daily Skiff

It has been right here under our noses for more than seven years. One of the best-smelling places in Texas is right down the hill and next door to Kinko's.

The Coffee and Tea House, 2970 Park Hill Drive, is the only shop in Fort Worth that specifically sells coffees and teas.

Shop owners Carmen Goldthwaite and her mother, Katherine, moved to Fort Worth from Washington, D.C. because "Fort Worth is home and it needed a shop like this," Carmen Goldthwaite said.

The shop offers 80 varieties of coffee, including such flavors as cocoa amore, Costa Rica, apple strudel and decaffeinated cinnamon. Goldthwaite said golden pecan is the most popular variety of coffee.

Customers can purchase whole coffee beans or have the Goldthwaites grind the beans.

Whereas Carmen is considered to be the coffee expert in this partnership, Katherine is the tea expert, Goldthwaite said.

There are also 80 varieties of tea to choose from. The most popular varieties are the apricot hot tea, raspberry iced tea and the traditional English breakfast tea, she said.

The prices of the coffee ranges from \$5.99-\$35.00 a pound and the tea averages \$4.75 a bag. Imported items are more expensive.

Besides tea and coffee, the shop also offers delectable candies and chocolates, old fashioned Texas pralines and jams and imported treats such as shortbread and homemade jellies.

A variety of hand-crafted coffee mugs and baskets are also available. The shop also carries several varieties of coffee and tea makers, including cappuccino and espresso machines.

"We have a good selection of special gift ideas," Goldthwaite said. "TCU faculty and students often come here to purchase gift items for their friends and families."

Goldthwaite said a basket full of coffee and tea samples and candies is always a special treat for anybody.

The Coffee and Tea House is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is worth a trip down just for the great smell.

Sports

TCU tennis team favorite for title

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's tennis team heads into this weekend's Blue-Gray Classic tournament at Montgomery, Alabama in an unusual position.

They are the favorites to win the championship.

With the absence of top-ranked Stanford in the tournament field, the second-ranked Horned Frogs will be the top seed in the prestigious tournament, which runs today through Monday at the Lagoon Park Tennis Center.

The 18 team field includes some of the top ranked teams in the country, as well as a handful of top ranked individual players. TCU is the highest ranked team in the field, but they are joined by such teams as Notre Dame, Mississippi State, North Carolina, Florida, Minnesota, San Diego, and Miami, Fla.

In all, 10 of the 18 teams are ranked, or have been ranked, in the Volvo Tennis Collegiate rankings.

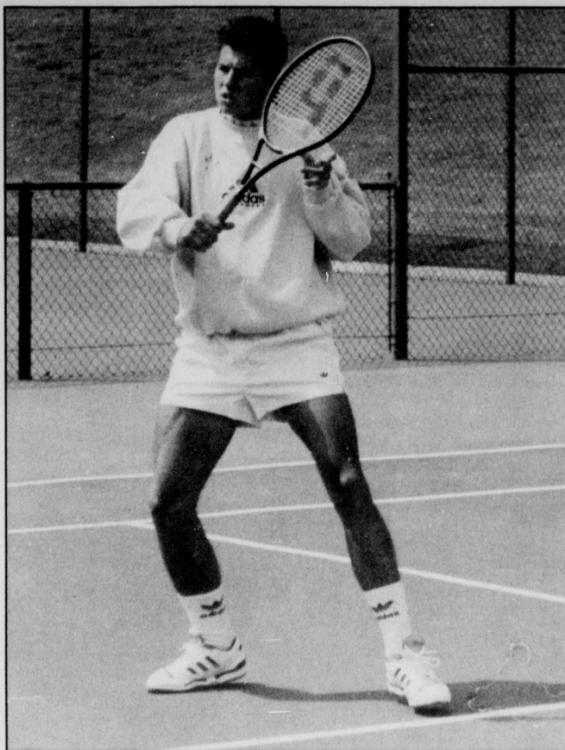
TCU's main competition should come from fifth-ranked Notre Dame and eighth-ranked Mississippi State. Harvard, a team TCU shut out 9-0 earlier this week, is also in the tournament and is ranked 11th.

The race for individual championships will be wide open as well. Players such as San Diego's Jose Luis Noriega, the top-ranked player in the nation, Notre Dame's David Dilucia, Harvard's Michael Zimmerman, North Carolina's Roland Thornqvist, and TCU's Tony Bujan will battle it out for the No. 1 singles title. All are ranked in the top ten. Bujan defeated Zimmerman in the Harvard dual last week in three tough sets.

Frog coach Tut Bartzen said it is a wide open tournament and the Frogs will have to stay focused to win the championship.

TCU begins play in the tournament today with a 1:30 match against Ohio State. If TCU wins, they will take on the winner of the Ball State-Miami, Fla. match. Both of those teams are ranked in the top-twenty five.

Good news for the Frogs is that the team is healthier now than it has been in the past few weeks. Devin Bowen, who had been complaining of a sore throat and has been ill, was feeling good heading to Montgomery. Also, Mark Tjia, who injured his ankles against Arkansas ten days ago, was showing signs of improvement.



TCU Daily Skiff/Jill Shuert
Frog netter Laurent Becuarn practices before this weekend's Blue-Gray Classic.

Frogs eager to upset Aggies

By JOHN S. WILSON
TCU Daily Skiff

Revenge can be a powerful motive.

When the TCU baseball team takes the field this weekend for a three game series with the Texas A&M Aggies, it won't be easy for both teams to forget about the past.

For the Aggies (21-10, 9-6 SWC), this series means revenge for last season's conference-tournament loss at the hands of the Frogs. TCU upset the Aggies 4-2 in last season's conference tourney at College Station to knock Texas A&M out of an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Junior pitcher Kelly Johns' strong performance in that game earned him all-tournament honors.

The Frogs, on the other hand, will be trying to forget last season's memorable series with the Aggies here at the TCU Diamond.

Texas A&M won the series, but the weekend was marred by a bench clearing brawl that delayed the third game for 15 minutes. Horned Frog players downplayed the incident.

"I don't think you'll see anything like you saw last year," said junior outfielder Scott Malone. "It's probably made them our biggest rivals, but we've got to win the games on the field."

The Frogs will re-shuffle the pitching staff just a bit for this weekend's series. Junior Jon Mock, who normally serves as a relief pitcher in conference games, will get the start in Fri-

day's game, replacing sophomore Glenn Dishman. Mock pitched six strong innings in Monday's 12-3 win over Tarleton State to get the win.

"Jonathan has really been on fire lately," said junior starter Kelly Johns. "Besides the game on Monday, he really pitched well against New Mexico State last week."

The Frogs will need a big effort from Mock and the other starters because they face a powerful Aggie club.

The Aggies bring the second-best conference record in to this weekend's series. A strong pitching staff led by sophomore, Jeff Granger, a 1991 all-conference selection, makes up for a batting line-up that lost some key players from last year's squad.

"They're not as strong at the plate as they were last year," said junior pitcher Chris Eddy. "But their pitching staff is as strong as anybody's in the conference."

The Frogs will look to counter with a lineup that has looked better lately. At the plate, senior first baseman Mike Losa has looked good, raising his batting average to .355 with three home runs. Junior center fielder Rob Johnson has also been consistent at the lead-off position.

"It ought to be a fun series," Eddy said. "If we can pull off two out of three, then we'll be in a lot better shape."

If the Frogs can do this, they erase memories of last season's brawl while reminding A&M of last season's improbable upset in the tournament.

Garmon hopes to rebuild women's b-ball program

By ALAN DROLL
TCU Daily Skiff

After a season full of fluke injuries and headaches, TCU women's basketball head coach Fran Garmon is searching for "new experience."

Translation: Garmon will raid the junior colleges in the off-season in an attempt to bring in new talent equipped with college playing experience. Then, if the injury rash strikes again, Garmon will simply turn to the veteran talent on her bench as TCU looks to fill three scholarships available for next season.

JUCO players enter major college as juniors, and when added to a senior-dominated team, TCU will sport a stable of juniors backing up five capable seniors. When the Lady Frogs' floor generals went down this season, nobody stepped up to take the reigns for the young Lady Frogs (April Ham was the only senior on this year's 4-24 team, and she was injured much of the year). The result was a lack of chemistry and unity on a team caught in a tailspin.

"It's a leadership thing," Garmon said. "You can't teach it, it's just got to be there."

TCU Record By Years

1978	5-18	.217	1985	6-21	.222
1979	19-8	.708	1986	5-22	.185
1980	14-15	.483	1987	10-17	.370
1981	20-19	.513	1988	12-15	.444
1982	14-14	.500	1989	9-16	.360
1983	5-23	.179	1990	11-16	.407
1984	6-22	.214	1991	5-22	.185
	1992	4-24			.142

Proper leadership can turn a struggling team into a winner. Garmon's seen it before, and she fully expects the fruits of experience to pay off in 1992-1993.

"Seniority is our biggest focus right now," said Garmon. "In other situations I've seen seniors that step forward, and in every instance when I've had that veteran team in the past...They're just totally different, like daylight from dark. These are a group of great young ladies and I will be just totally shocked if they don't make a big difference."

It is impossible to explain a 4-24 season. The Lady Frogs were not

conference contenders before the season started, but with the injuries and depth the Lady Frogs had, any realistic chance of success was doubted by self-doubt and confusion. Certainly, the Lady Frogs will not be picked as conference contenders next year, either, but the foundation is there for improvement.

"We all need to use the off-season to come back and get healthy, get stronger, and just get ready to play again," said junior point guard Rachel Hesse.

One problem going against the class of 1992-93 is the lack of a

winning tradition.

The TCU women's basketball program hasn't had a winning season since 1981 and has played in the SWC Postseason Tournament only twice in the team's history. This lack of tradition and winning makes it hard on the Lady Frogs to establish anything, especially after a disastrous season.

"Things are going to pick up for us," Garmon said. "This year has been disappointing to the girls, its been disappointing to fans that came care, and its been very, very disappointing to me."

Things can only look up for the Lady Frogs as their failure this year has not been out of the ordinary. This class of girls- Liz Zeller, Hesse, Andrea Boris, and company, has been a disappointment so far.

Their total record over the last three years has been a horrible 20-62, and the Lady Frogs have won only two SWC games the past two years, but Garmon is hoping that next year's seniors will rise and make them respectable.

If women's basketball is to raise out of the depths of the SWC cellar, the seniors will have to come through.

Golfers fade late

By HOLLY C. LOHREN
TCU Daily Skiff

In the game of golf, a few holes can make or break you.

This was the case for the TCU men's golf team this week at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Austin in the Hills of Lakeway Golf Course as the Frogs got off to a fast start, but finished in eighth place when they faltered in the final round.

Going into the tournament, TCU was ranked tenth in the Golf Week/Taylor Made Men's National Collegiate Rankings on March 15, but the competition at the tournament consisted of eight teams ranked in the top ten, including all of the top five seeds.

Despite the competition, the Frogs jumped out to a sixth place finish (it was a 12 team field) going into the third and final round, but a few tough holes sent them crashing into eighth place.

Despite a tough course that had long and tight fairways, the Frogs jumped out to a successful first and second round totals of 302 and 300,

placing them sixth heading into the final round. These good scores were impressive because of the tough competition and difficult holes.

"The course was playing tough and the greens were so fast it was like putting on a table top," said golfer Mike Flynn. "The problem was that one or two messed us up, and one or two holes can mess up an entire round."

Charlie Stevens (72-75-78) was the only Frog to finish in a top spot as he finished 12th in the 71-man field. Ren Budde (76-73-78) managed to finish 18th and Flynn (76-78-78) finished 36th.

A very important aspect of the tournament was the fact that TCU got to play against the elite teams of the country. This experience should help the Frogs the rest of the season.

The teams TCU faced were the toughest in the nation and the Frogs' schedule is as hard as any of the nation's top teams, so TCU head coach Bill Montigel is pleased with how his team played.

"Next time we get ourselves in that position we'll do a little better," Montigel said.

TCU track team looks to fly at Arizona State

By ROLAND INGRAM
TCU Daily Skiff

What would you have if you took some of the fastest, freshest track and field talent in the country and put them under the tutelage of a former TCU track and football standout turned coach?

No other than 34 major relay titles and 49 NCAA All-Americans, some of the fastest relay teams in the nation and a senior shot put/discus thrower who holds all TCU marks to date—not much.

"Not much" only took coach Bubba Thornton nine-plus seasons to accomplish and "not much" is what teams like Brigham Young University, Arizona State and Baylor might be doing against the aptly named "Flying Frogs" track team this weekend at the Arizona State University meet in Tempe, Ariz.

Thornton and distance coach John McKenzie will take their talented team into

Tempe looking forward to the traditionally good weather as well as to the competition.

"This tournament will be a good tune-up for the Texas Relays in April," Thornton said. "It also gives the kids a good opportunity to make qualifying marks for the NCAA's."

Senior sprinter Horatio Porter is fresh off the NCAA Indoor Championships where he competed in the 200 meter dash. He will lead off on the Frogs 4X100 meter relay team that has dominated the college track world in recent years.

He will be followed by fellow All-Americans Carey Johnson and Ralston Wright, and Raymond Redmon, who will look to add the quartet's success in Arizona.

The sprinters won't be the only Frogs making noise in Tempe. Senior hurdler Randy Mickan won the 400-meter hurdles at North Texas two weeks ago and will look to repeat the feat at ASU. Joining Mickan in the winners circle in Denton was senior Rodney

Wellman, who won the 1500 meters with a time of 3:57.

Wellman, Keith Pickett and Glenn Le Gros have all run well this year and will duel in the 1500. Pickett finished fourth in the mile at the SWC Indoor meet with a time of 4:15. Le Gros, who was the SWC champ in cross-country, has been plagued by a hamstring pull, will look to regain his form of a year ago when he missed qualifying for nationals in the 5,000 meters by one second. Senior Ron Dennis finished second in a rain soaked 5,000 meters at Texas A&M last weekend and will look to do one step better under the hot Arizona sun.

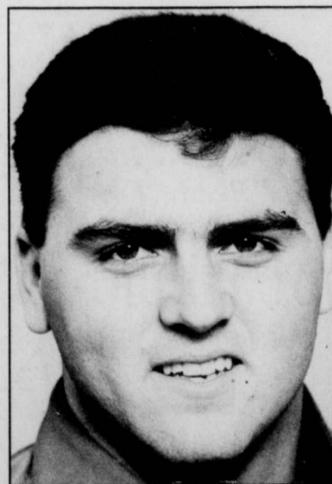
Last, but certainly not least, is senior shot put and discus man Jordy Reynolds who is back for one more go at the college ranks after a summer full of international competition. Reynolds, who finished seventh at the NCAA Outdoor Championships last season, spent his summer competing in England for the red, white and blue of the U.S.A.

Reynolds has been a dominant force and will help lead the Frogs charge towards a possible national championship.

With all this talent the Frogs will find out just how realistic their national title aspirations really are when they compete in Tempe.

BYU dominates the WAC conference annually and has one of the stronger distance programs in the country. The bad old Bears from Baylor have sprinters that are second to none, including TCU. Deon Miner won the 400-meter Indoor Championship and was a member of the Bears 4X400 meter relay team that set a college record of 3:04 at the Indoor Championships.

Host Arizona State has a slew of young stallions that will surely give their visitors a devil of a time this weekend, rounding out an impressive group of teams competing in the event.



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Greg Riddle also contributed to this story.

