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Former mayor finds home on campus

By DANI KUNKLE
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At first glance, Bob Bolen's office is the office of a typical former politician—cluttered desk, yellow post-it notes on the phone, plaques and degrees proudly displayed on every wall.

Closer inspection, however, reveals a baseball cap thrown casually on the desktop and the quiet, western serenity of a Michael Atkinson watercolor among the photographs of Bolen shaking hands with George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

Viewing the room from a seat in a wooden rocking chair adorned with purple pillows, one can see that Bolen is not the ordinary, hard-grained man of politics.

Some might say that after holding the position of mayor of Fort Worth for nine years, toiling as a senior advisor to the chancellor of TCU is a job of little importance. But some students, administrators and faculty members disagree.

"Bob Bolen commended himself to this position because of his enormous wealth of understanding, knowledge, and love for the city and for TCU," said Chancellor William Tucker. "His presence is a gift to this university."

Although Bolen's position is only a part-time position, the job often keeps the former mayor busy for 60 hours each week. His duties involve advising the chancellor and representing the university in meetings and giving speeches to students.

In addition to his speaking and public relations duties, Bolen serves as an executive in residence for the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

As a business graduate of Texas A&M University and the owner of 19 Hallmark card and gift shops in



Bob Bolen, adviser to the chancellor, prepares to film a commercial for the area Chevrolet dealers in his office Thursday.

Texas that bear his name, Bolen brings business and political experience.

"Algebra will still be algebra in ten years, but the business world changes every week so books

aren't always the best resources," Bolen said. "There's not a thing that I do here that somebody else couldn't, but I've learned a lot by hard knocks and I have many personal relations with the business

world that can benefit students."

Bolen spends much of his time trying to open doors for graduating business students. The personal contacts he has gained during his nine years of being mayor are often beneficial in helping students get to the marketplace.

Bolen said corporate representatives from major firms visiting campus is absolutely necessary to students in their attempts to stay current with marketplace trends, which is important for business success.

"We need the business world to buy into the fact that TCU is and institution which can bring them (corporations) tremendous assets to their businesses and futures," Bolen said. "By taking advantage of the experience that executives such as the Minyard sisters can relate, we can give the business world well-trained, well-educated employees for the future."

Bolen's talent for business and public service has long been recognized. He has received honorary degrees and doctorates from the University of North Texas, Texas Wesleyan University and the University of Texas at Arlington.

In addition, he has been named Man of the Year by the National League of Cities, of which he served as president in 1990. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International recognized Bolen as a Paul Harris Fellow and presented him with a certificate "for assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world."

Despite his accomplishments and important position at the university, Bolen tends to view his successes and current job with modesty.

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Visiting professor to speak at annual Honors Convocation

By JOHN GAETZ
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Honors Week will be highlighted with an influential visiting scholar discussing the Civil War.

Shelby Foote, a novelist, historian and this year's Visiting Green Honors Chair professor will give his major address at the Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. April 9 in the Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Foote's focus throughout his career has mainly centered around the Civil War and he has spent much of his time writing on the events surrounding the war of the states.

One project, "The Civil War: A Narrative," took 20 years to complete.

His topic for the convocation will be "The Novelist as a Historian."

"The Civil War is a good topic because it touches so many people and doesn't focus on just one discipline," said Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the Honors Program.

"We are very pleased to have Shelby Foote at Honors Week, he rarely makes public appearances," Bohon said.

Honors Week includes presentations of senior honors projects, initiation ceremonies for various honor societies, receptions, Honors Convocation and the Honors Banquet. "Honors Week is a celebration of scholarship and achievement across the campus," Bohon said. "It is a time set aside to recognize many students and faculty for their work."

The Faculty Recognition Award is an example of such recognition.

Philip Hartman, associate professor of biology, was chosen as the recipient of the 1991 Honors Faculty Recognition Award.

Hartman came to the university in

1971 and has had a strong impact on his students.

He is a great guy, a nice person and tries to get to know each of students, said Buddy Read, sophomore biology major.

"He has deserved it," Read said. "He tries very hard for his students." The faculty member is chosen by the students of the Honors Program

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SALLY BOHON,

Assistant to the director of the Honors Program

that has close to 250 members, said Bohon.

The Honors Convocation will present Hartman with the award, as well as the announcement of various student honor society awards and the presentation of TCU Honors Scholar award.

The Honors Week will end with the Honors Banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Foote will give another address titled "Biology — Liberally an Art?" at the banquet.

Chancellor Tucker will present this year's senior scholars in various disciplines.

Outstanding seniors in science, liberal studies and seniors honors presentation will be awarded to students with recognized achievement in those fields.

"We (The Honors Program) are expecting a large turnout for Honors Week not only from TCU, but also the community," Bohon said.

There is no charge and classes will be dismissed so students can attend the event.

User friendly

New advising information system eliminates hassle for campus

By JENNIFER WILLINGHAM
TCU Daily Skiff

A new advising information system will be available to students, faculty and staff beginning April 6, officials said.

The system will provide universal computer access to public information that has been difficult to access in the past.

It will be much easier to pull the information up on a computer than to make three or four phone calls or several office visits in order to obtain the information, said Michael Brooks, director of the Center for Academic Services.

Students may use this system to find answers for themselves or to be better prepared before seeing their advisor.

"The information contained in this system will support students and

their academic advisors both in terms of scheduling for next semester and for long-range activities such as putting together degree plans," Brooks said.

A survey conducted in April 1990 by Brooks, Jill Glathar and Todd Turman, with the support of the Student House of Representatives and Alpha Phi Omega, is what prompted the new advising information system.

There were 1,158 responses to the survey, which revealed that one of the key advising problems on campus was that of information access.

Students said some advisors were not informed and that it is difficult to connect with them at times. Many advisors said they were not sure where to find certain pieces of information.

"Advisors feel that many students come unprepared and expect them to

do everything," Brooks said.

The general conclusion from the survey revealed that the overall impression of academic advising was positive, with 65 percent of students saying they felt things were good.

"For most campuses nationwide, 40 percent of the students feel that advising is good," Brooks said.

There are 14 accessible files available to aid in the advising process. Some of these files include: how to declare a major, financial aid information for advisors, how to get approval for transfer work, a list of majors available at the university, athletic eligibility requirements, courses having an international focus and UCR requirements.

The files may be accessed in three different ways. First is through a MUSIC account, a word processing

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Squad ranks fifth in contest

By KRISTI SWAN
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The university's Cheer 2 squad recently placed fifth in a national cheerleading competition.

Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) required each squad entering the competition to send in a taped video of performances, said Captain Candace Barry, TCU Cheer 2 squad captain and a graduate student.

The tape was sent in before Christmas, and the squad found out around March 1 that it had placed fifth in the competition, Barry said.

"One day during practice Coach Rascoe came in with a plaque," she said. "No one knew what it was for, and when she told us it was for placing fifth in nationals we were all so surprised."

The squad did so well because of the enthusiasm and dedication of

its members, Barry said.

"It's our first year and this is just such an accomplishment for these girls," said Coach Holly Rascoe. "I think it's due to all of the girls' wonderful attitudes and their true excitement about cheering on the squad. Their hearts are totally in it."

Members of the squad include Captain Candace Barry, Amy Nichols, Kristin Fowler, Kelly Mindel, Michelle Smith, Tricia Grimes, Leann Sims, Susan Wallace, Anna Margaret Ray, Amy High, Tav Tepper and former member Christy Jones.

The squad had to perform one cheer incorporating a stunt, one sideline chant and one fight song routine.

The squad will probably send a tape to compete in the UCA competition next year. It might also consider sending one to the National Cheerleaders Association

(NCA) national competition, Rascoe said.

Cheer 2 attended all of the women's basketball games and the men's pre-season games in addition to the football games, she said. The girls also supported the women's team in the Southwest Conference Tournament, she said.

The squad was originally formed to help create more spirit on and off the field, Rascoe said.

"The past year was to be an experimental year for the squad to see how it would work out," Rascoe said.

The squad worked so well that there will definitely be a Cheer 2 squad next year, she said.

A pre-tryout clinic for the co-ed and Cheer 2 squads will be held next week. The tryouts for both squads will be the week of April 13.

Musicians to compete for cash

TCU Battle of the Bands presents

Toadies
Nothing Yet
Under the Sun

Mr. Softie
Dirty Shaker
performing Sunday, April 5th
in front of the Student Center
beginning at 1:00.

By JULIET YATES
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University musicians who perform in rock bands will perform Sunday in the annual Battle of the Bands competition as part of Frog Fest/Siblings Weekend.

The contest will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday in front of the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

Five local bands, The Toadies, Nothing Yet, Mr. Softie, Under the Sun and Dirty Shaker will each perform for 30 minutes, said Travis Reynolds, chairman of Programming Council's Concert Committee.

One rule for competition in the contest states at least one member of each band must be a full-time student at TCU, Reynolds said.

"The bands will be judged by members of the music industry outside of the TCU community," he said.

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The relationship between students and parents changes over the years.
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Court action
In men's tennis second ranked TCU plays sixth ranked Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, Ga. Saturday.
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Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy, with a high of 69 degrees.
Saturday will be partly sunny, with a high of 65 degrees.

3 students lobby for Dan Quayle visit

By MEREDITH CAWTHON
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Three students are lobbying university officials and student leaders to extend an invitation to the vice president to give a keynote address during spring commencement exercises.

Edward McClour, a sophomore business major; Ralph Manning, a senior finance major; and Garrett Dolt, a junior finance major urged the House of Student Representatives to support their efforts to get Quayle as graduation speaker last month.

McClour, Manning and Dolt said if they obtained support from the House, the administration might extend an invitation to Quayle.

Student representatives passed a resolution of support for the measure during its March 10 meeting.

But a student leader has said

administrative officials cannot invite a candidate campaigning for national office during an election year because of a university policy that prohibits it.

Despite the university's policy, the students said, efforts to bring Quayle to campus are still underway. "Plans for commencement have already been made," McClour said. "But we have not abandoned our efforts."

The group intends to push for a speaker for fall commencement exercises, he said.

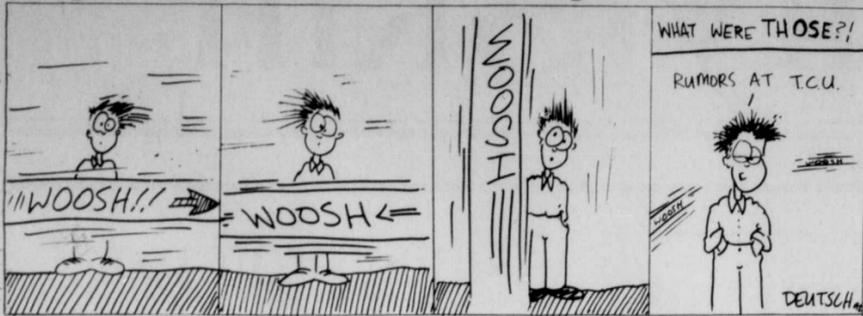
The graduation experience will become more memorable in the minds of students if they have a non-university speaker, Manning said.

The three men formed their plan after graduation exercises last spring. They began surveying students by

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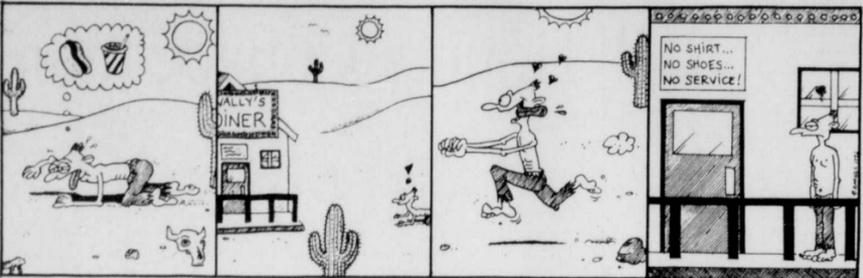
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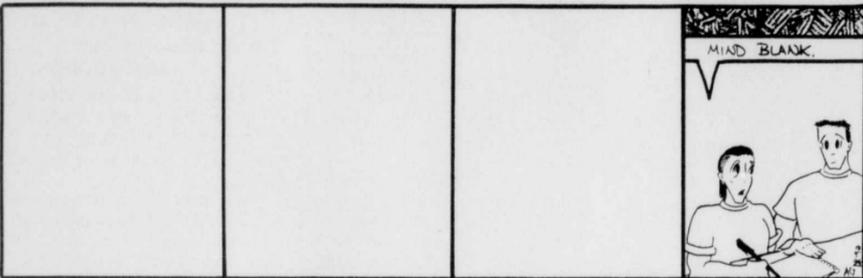
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by Joe Barnes



Siege

by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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"I just wander around here and try to find something to get my hands into," Bolen said. Tucker said Bolen runs on 16 cylinders from daybreak until past midnight in his devotion to the university. "He may be an Aggie, but he's been baptized in purple," Tucker said. Bolen hopes to be at the university

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Agents, promoters and club owners will be judging the competition, said Phyllis Bodie, a programming adviser for the Concerts Committee. The bands will be judged on interpretation, original composer, vocal ability, musical ability, stage presentation and entertainment value, Bodie said. The bands will be penalized if they exceed the 30 minute performance

time, Bodie said. The winners will be given cash awards ranging from \$200 to \$500, she said. T-shirts promoting the concert are on sale in the student center this week for \$7.50, Reynolds said. The concert is free and open to everyone, he said. "Its going to be a great competition with great bands," he said.

CRIMELINES

The Campus Police reported the following from March 28 to April 1.

Criminal Mischief
March 28- A sink was torn out of the wall in the Phi Kappa Sigma house flooding several rooms on the second floor of the Martin Moore Building. The damage occurred during a party in one of the rooms.

Criminal Trespass
March 29- A man broke a window in the Phi Gamma Delta chapter room. Students chased the man after he broke the window. He was never caught.

Burglary
March 30- A resident of the Zeta Tau Alpha house reported cash, a diamond solitaire ring and a purse stolen from her room.

Driving While Intoxicated
April 1- A drunk student was driving the wrong way on Main Drive.

Theft
April 1- A student reported a bicycle stolen from the Sigma Chi house.

CAMPUSlines

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The manager of the Perot Group-Alliance, Mike Berry, will speak about the state of the economy on Monday, April 6 at 4 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall, room 134. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.

Free Ronkin GMAT seminar Tuesday, April 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall, room 140. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.

Exclusive Miller Brewing Company Tour Wednesday, April 8. Meet in Dan Rogers Hall, room 140, at 12:40 p.m. For more information, Call Kelly at 292-6247. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.

Meet area recruiters Thursday, April 9 in the Tandy Atrium from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Refreshments served. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.

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program that faculty and staff can sign up for. The second way is through a CLASS account, which is used by students in some computer science classes.

In both of these cases, after entering the account, the user types TCUINFO at the command line and then select advising information.

The third way is through TCUINFO's advising information. Students with PCs and modems can dial 921-7161, ask for either MUSIC or VAX, enter TCUINFO at the "ENTER ID:" prompt for MUSIC or the "USERNAME:" prompt for VAX and then ask for advising information.

According to Brooks, files will be added to the current list, such as study abroad opportunities, certification for teaching and files dealing with exploratory courses in various majors. Faculty and departments will also be able to add files.

Ideas from students, faculty and departments would be appreciated and should be presented to the Center for Academic Services in Room 106 of the Rickel Building.

I am optimistic that these 14 files are a solid first step to develop a sound educational experience easily accessible throughout the academic year, Brooks said.

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word of mouth and written surveys. They discovered that 96 percent of the students they surveyed said they wanted a speaker other than Chancellor William Tucker. "TCU is deserving of the recognition that would be gained with a speaker of national prominence," McClour said.

The more publicity and prominence that the university gains through such activities increases the worth of its degrees in a competitive job market, he said.

Although McClour, Manning and Dolt said they will not abandon their plans, the university has had two non-university speakers in the last 25

years. TCU is the only Southwest Conference university that did not have an outside speaker at last year's graduation exercises.

Other universities have had state and national figures such as Ross Perot and James Baker.

We should compete with other schools, Manning said.

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Russia

U.S. funds could be better used elsewhere

On Wednesday, President Bush pledged that the United States will contribute nearly \$4.5 billion dollars in aid to Russia's fledgling democracy. Although no one can argue that the former Soviet Union is in dire need of financial aid, the President once again has chosen the needs of a foreign nation over those of his own people.

Today, there are many struggling sectors within our own country. For the millions of Americans who are homeless and hungry, there are a multitude of problems far more important than aiding a foreign nation.

For the millions of Americans without adequate health care, drafting an aid package for Boris Yeltsin is low on the list of priorities.

For the millions of middle income Americans who are desperately searching for a way to send their kids to college, another handout to another foreign country is frustrating.

President Bush and the United States Congress must soon realize that American tax dollars should be appropriated for Americans. Each year, we pay money to our government for our nation — not Russia. Yet each and every year, the United States is bombarded by pleas for assistance from other nations — pleas to which we always seem to respond.

Of course the United States is a wealthy, caring nation. But there has to come a point when good ol' reliable Uncle Sam reaches down into his pocket and says, "No more. It's all gone. We've already given."

Other nations are contributing to the newest Russian aid package through the United Nations. However, President Bush and our other elected officials need to see that other countries pay their full and equal share.

Before the United States gives one more dollar to bolster the Russian economy, we must be absolutely certain that other nations are giving as well. These are the same concerns many Americans expressed during the Persian Gulf War — the rest of the international community must pay its fair share.

The dominant perception across the United States is that the other nations of the world are sitting back, expecting the U.S. to contribute the bulk of the money. They will follow our lead, but we must take up the cause first.

In addition to forcing other nations to help foot the bill, there are many other things besides handouts that the United States can give the Russian people.

We can ship them grain that the government has purchased from domestic farmers. We can send them American experts to advise them on economic and educational matters. We can help set up new capitalist corporations. We can provide them with low-interest loans. We can help open up new areas for American investment. The list goes on and on.

For the hungry, the homeless, and the hurting within our own borders, we must be prudent enough and strong enough to tell Russia that we will give them money — after we have fed and sheltered and comforted our own.



Growing older alters view of parents

by
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Guest Columnist



A man once said that when he came home from college he was amazed at how much his parents had learned in four years. The irony in his remark has really hit me this year.

It's appropriate that I write about what I've learned from my parents today. It's my birthday. I've been here exactly two decades and thanks to my parents I've had a pretty good life so far.

When I left home to go to school here I knew my life would undergo a lot of changes. But I didn't expect that my view of my parents would change as drastically as it has.

The first thing I saw change was the way my parents and I talk to each other. I say a lot of things I would have never mentioned to my parents in high school. I can talk to them about parties and guys and my weird escapades at school.

They don't seem to mind that school is not the only thing I think about. My dad has even begun sharing stories of his famous escapades with me. And when he does, I don't feel so guilty about mine.

But it's not just the way we talk to each other that's different. It's the way I feel about them.

It used to be that my parents were in the cat-

Now that I have to make up my own rules and live up to my own idea of what is responsible, I look at the way my parents raised me in a totally different light.

egory of "the enemy." Rules and responsibilities were things they imposed on me, and like any teenager, I tried to get away with not living up to them.

Now that I have to make up my own rules and live up to my own idea of what is responsible, I look at the way my parents raised me in a totally different light.

Being an adult is hard enough as it is, but when you're a child at the same time, it's difficult to know what you're parents think about you. They seem to expect more responsibility from you, but they also want you to tell them where you're going to go out, and who with, and what time you'll be back.

Summer vacations are the time for this frustrating part of my relationship with my mom and dad. I haven't gotten the hang of adjusting to being responsible to my parents after being used to doing what I want to do, when I want to do it. But I'm trying. And since I understand more about why my parents want to know where I am when I go out, I don't get mad about it anymore. In fact, it makes me really happy because I know that they care about me more

than anything.

It has occurred to me that they have made sacrifices I can't begin to fathom so that I am able to go to this university and have the nice things I have. When I think of how much I took advantage of the notion that my parents were just supposed to take care of me, I feel ungrateful.

I guess we all feel that way at some point in our lives and it's up to us as children to tell our parents that we appreciate them. They need to hear that they've done good things and that we are glad they are our parents.

It's funny that I can analyze the fact that I'm growing up and my new view of my parents is just a part of the process of getting older.

And my mom and dad are getting older too. I wonder if the way they are softer and more sensitive is the way they've always been and I just never saw it, or if they're just going through part of the process of getting older.

It's a cycle. I'm going to continue shaping the way I feel about my parents because I'm going to get older, and as I do, I will relate to them more on their level and they're going to accept me more as a person on that level.

In a way, it's kind of sad that we have to grow up and our relationship with our parents has to change. It would still be nice to run up to my dad and jump in his arms and hear him call me 'punkin.'

But we all have to grow.

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Social justice prevails in South Africa

United States' elite should make similar strides

by
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Columnist



Americans are, on the whole, a competitive people. We look at what everyone else has and what everyone else does, and we do our best to do better. Except, of course, when it means compromising our own elite position in the world.

South Africa is a prime example of this. While most of us were sunning ourselves on the beach, South Africa managed to stage a coup of epic proportions. And, at the same time, they managed to show up every "advanced" Western nation in the realm of social justice.

What exactly do I mean? On the 17th of March nearly 70 percent of white South Africans voted to give each person one vote. In other words, the black majority will now be able to take part in government. They will be able to vote in each election and choose elected officials to their liking. Moreover, they may even decide to replace the current white regime.

Why would a country do this willingly? It certainly wasn't because of economic pressure from other countries. South Africa continues to be a leading supplier of plutonium, uranium and other natural resources that are essential to weapons production.

Meanwhile, here in the United States, corporations and universities refused to divest. After all, nobody wants to have to lose money in order to do "the right thing." So, due to the almighty dollar, South Africa was able to con-

Translated, this means there were people of conscience in that country. In fact, a majority of people with a conscience. These people had nothing to gain and everything to lose. And yet, the idealistic principle of social justice prevailed."

tinue apartheid without fear of retribution.

Instead, it took a surge of selflessness from the head of government and some grass roots support. Translated, this means there were people of conscience in that country. In fact, a majority of people with a conscience. These people had nothing to gain and everything to lose. And yet, the idealistic principle of social justice prevailed.

How does this apply to the United States? We, the greatest nation on the planet, have much to learn from this small nation. They didn't even have to kill hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens in a bloody civil war to reach this monumental goal. More importantly, President de Klerk's plans will allow for complete black representation in less than three years. Over here in the United States, we're still fighting to allow minorities equality.

If you doubt this, then I urge you to find a minority full professor on this campus and discuss this issue of equality in depth with him/her. (Hint: you'll be looking for a long time.)

Furthermore, South Africa is indeed an example of a privileged minority sacrificing its elite status in the name of social justice. Oh,

what the United States would learn from this.

The citizenry of the United States makes up about six percent of the world's population. Yet, Americans consume approximately 30 to 40 percent of the world's resources. This includes, most especially, luxury goods. Even my reactionary colleague at the Skiff could see this disparity and understand its implications.

If anyone doubts that we live in a privileged society, please consider this. We live in a society where tuition and cars are a standard gift from parents. Little things like houses are considered to be perks for private university professors across the nation.

Some retired public servants receive pensions in excess of one million dollars (almost ten times their annual salary). And some business executives receive salaries 25 times higher than the salary of the lowest paid employee in the corporation.

I know that I personally have more clothes, books, computer programs and other luxury items than I could ever hope to use in a single lifetime. These are signs of privilege, and this must change.

We, as Americans, must indeed live up to our competitive nature and follow the lead of South Africa. The elite few must make sacrifices in the name of a new global social justice.

I wouldn't suggest that we package up all our excess possessions and mail to some banana republic. But we must develop a plan. We must do something. Otherwise, events such as the Arab oil embargo of 1973 and our most recent Persian Gulf War will be nothing more than an overture to a global war of redistribution. And, if that happens, I am sure that there will still be wealthy and powerful elites who won't see fit to apologize for their own greed.

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Letter to the editor

Battle of the Bands

There's been a lot of excitement on our fine campus about the upcoming Battle of the Bands. I think it is a wonderful thing — all of those musically-gifted Frogs uniting for a fun-filled hootenanny!

It's a real shame that this jamboree has been blemished by its very creators, who had the best taste not to include one of TCU's most promising bands, namely, Vernilla Stump. They were the only band turned down because they were, and I quote, "too alternative."

I thought TCU was too diverse to ever use that excuse. Oh well, they're my favorite band of all time so this may just be sour grapes.

It is the Programming Council's right to decide to please the administration and not the students. I even heard from one of the members that Stump won't be getting a refund of the \$25 entry fee they had to pay.

Smells like TCU spirit. At least no one can keep me from buying their new album, "Vernilla Stump and Friends." I'd like to see some of that played on KTCU ... hmmm, I wonder ...

Pat Reilly
Freshman
Political Science

Letter policy

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Infomart offers advice, information to students

By **ASHLEY EDWARDS**
TCU Daily Skiff

Business Communications Day Thursday provided students with information about many things—from the latest computer technology to wardrobe do's and don'ts.

The event, sponsored by the M.J. Neely School of Business featured displays and demonstrations of communication technology.

Some of the companies represented at the infomart included, Tandy Corporation, USA Today, and American Airlines.

Representatives from each company were available to provide students with useful information and advice.

"Conservative is always safe when interviewing for a job," said Robert R. Eaton, a store manager for Jas. K. Wilson.

Navy blue and grey are still the best suit colors for interviewing purposes, Eaton said.

Although the men's neckware in Eaton's display was contemporary, Eaton said the colors were traditional but the patterns were bolder.

"Red tones are good for adding an accent to a suit," Eaton said.

Navy, grey and pinstripe are still the best, even for women, said Amy Brewer Hughes, the assistant manager of Jas. K. Wilson.

"When students first walk into our store, they usually pick out a very fashion forward suit," she said.

It is better to go with a more conservative look unless you know the people you will be talking to or the company you will be interviewing with, Hughes said.

"It's safe and you know you are

not going to distract anyone," she said. "If you come in with a shocking pink suit and dangling earrings, you are going to distract the person you are talking to, and they will not listen to what you have to say."

The more you know about the company you are interviewing with, the better off you will be in choosing the right look, Hughes said.

Always use warm color and cool fabric, she said. "I can't emphasize that enough."

Women should start building their business wardrobe with the basics, Hughes said. "At first it is very expensive, but after you build the basics, you can branch out."

In addition to communicating a professional image, students were told how to find information on local businesses.

The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce exists to inform citizens about local businesses.

"We do extended research on all major employees in the area," said Leslie Oxford, who was representing the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

"Some of the information we offer to aid you in a job search," Oxford said.

Not all of the booths at Communications Day were focused on job hunting.

Representatives from Team Bank were on hand to show the latest in banking communications.

"Disaster recovery is a new field the federal government has gotten involved in," said Jill Wiggins, the disaster recovery representative at Team Bank.

Disaster recovery is a plan the bank has in case one of the facili-

ties has a disaster, like a fire, Wiggins said. That way we will be able to operate our systems so people can still get money, she said.

Another new banking idea displayed at the infomart was the on line documentation system.

"This would do away with paper waste," said Sue Ellen Houston, Team Bank's on-line documentation representative.

The bank is leaning toward a paperless environment, Houston said. This would relieve the cost of printing instruction manuals for bank employees.

"We are using an on-line system to give our employees access to our mainframe," she said.

In addition, representatives from the TCU Library showed ways of accessing information that students may not have been aware of.

Students can access 10K reports from a CD-ROM to learn the chief executive of a major corporation and his or her yearly salary, said J. Koelker, TCU Library representative.

Such information can be useful in finding a job, Koelker said.

The first annual Business Communications Day ended with a speech by Clark Johnson, CEO of Pier One Imports.

Johnson is a graduate of Harvard Business School and a member of TCU's Board of Trustees.

Johnson discussed important aspects of business communication, and how it affects the leaders of an organization.

"What separates you is your ability to communicate," Johnson said.

Siblings Weekend offers plenty

By **JULIET YATES**
TCU Daily Skiff

University students will have the chance to participate in a variety of activities this weekend to commemorate Siblings Weekend, sponsored by recreational sports and the University Bookstore.

The Frog Follies variety show will kick off the weekend with two shows at 6 and 9 p.m. Friday night.

Groups competing in the annual show include: Chi Omega/Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Gamma/Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Delta/Phi Gamma Delta,

Alpha Phi Omega and Pi Beta Phi, said Crystal Decker, chairwoman of the Performing Arts committee.

The TCU Showgirls, cheerleaders and color guard will also perform, but will not compete, Decker said.

"It's going to be a fabulous show this year," she said. "We have dancing Hershey Kisses and a Godfather takeoff."

Stand-up comedian Greg Ray, a regular on cable television's "Evening at the Improv," will emcee the show, she said.

The groups will be judged by two different panels of judges, with the top three groups receiving \$200,

\$150 and \$100 respectively, Decker said.

A spirit award based upon group ticket sales, effort and enthusiasm will also be awarded, she said.

Tickets are available at the Brown-Lupton Student Center information desk for \$5.

Brothers and sisters of TCU students will be able to tour the campus Saturday morning before the chuckwagon cookout. The tour will begin at 11:30 a.m. in front of Frog Fountain, she said.

Over 250 siblings of students have already registered, said Traci Adams, co-chairperson of Frog Fest.

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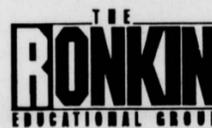
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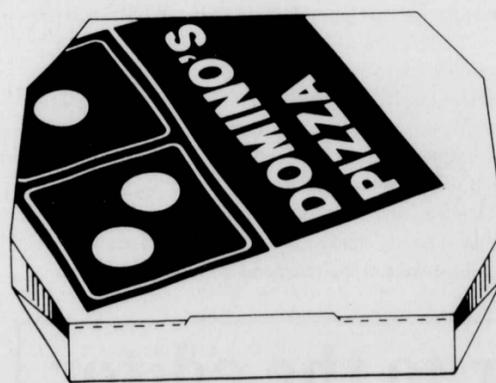
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Sports

Frogs hope to rebound at UT

By JOHN S. WILSON
TCU Daily Skiff

For the TCU baseball team, the time is now.

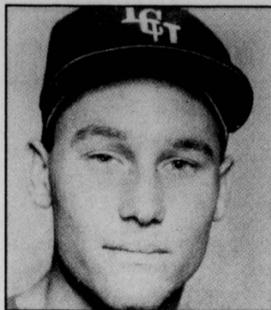
The Frogs (16-17, 7-11 SWC) are midway through their Southwest Conference season and floundering in sixth place. Having lost eight out of nine conference games, this weekend's series against the Texas Longhorns at Disch-Falk Field in Austin could make or break their season.

The task, however, is easier said than done.

The Longhorns (27-8, 14-4 SWC) come into this weekend's series as the top team in the conference, leading second place Texas A&M by three games.

"(For us to win) we're going to have to throw strikes and play defense," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "It's stuff that every team does, but we just haven't been doing it that well lately."

Look for the Frogs to make a few changes on the pitcher's mound this weekend. Junior hurler Chris Eddy,



Scott Malone

who leads the conference in saves, will make his first conference start in Saturday's first game. Junior Jon Mock, who started and won his first conference game last weekend against Texas A&M, will once again take the mound on Friday.

"Jonathan had some back spasms early on in the season that caused us to keep him in the bullpen," Brown said.

"I'm really not surprised at all at how well he's been throwing the ball."

At the plate, the Frogs are currently second in the conference with a .283 batting average. Junior Scott Malone leads the SWC with a .407 mark, while sophomore Beto Garza-Gongora is second in the league in home runs with six. Senior center fielder Mike Losa has climbed his way back in the top ten in batting average.

TCU needs only to look at their opponent to find the league's top hitting club. The Longhorns are batting an amazing .333 as a team, and have eight of the SWC's top 20 hitters. Texas catcher Chris Abbe leads the league in home runs and total bases, while outfield speedster Calvin Murray owns the top spot in hits as well as runs.

The Frogs spent the early part of the season taking two games out of three from teams like Texas Tech, Rice, and Houston. They followed that by being swept by Texas and Baylor. The Frogs hope it's time to get back to their early season winning ways.

TCU tennis team upset, visit 5th-ranked Georgia

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

A fall from grace can be quick or slow.

The TCU men's tennis team hopes to make their fall a quick one as they try to bounce back from an upset when they visit the sixth ranked Georgia Bulldogs tomorrow.

Earlier in the week, the second ranked Frogs were stunned in the third round of the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Alabama by the eighth ranked North Carolina Tar Heels, 4-2.

The loss to the Tar Heels came after two impressive victories over Ohio State and Miami.

TCU opened the tournament with a dominating 6-0 route of the Buckeyes. The Frogs would lose only one set during the entire

match.

The Hurricanes proved to be a little tougher for the Frogs, but TCU prevailed 4-2.

The Miami match was highlighted by the two top singles games as senior Tony Bujan, ranked as the 13th top singles player in the country, battled Miami's Dean Cohen (ranked 27th) and senior Luis Ruetter (ranked 41st) played Frederik Perman (ranked 56th). The Frogs showed their dominance when both Bujan and Ruetter scored victories against their opponents.

Ricardo Rubio and Mark Tija both scored straight set victories over their Hurricane opponents as well.

But the Tar Heels were too much for TCU, and they featured two of the top singles players in Roland Thornquist (ranked 14th) and

Brian Jones (ranked 25th). These two combined for a lethal combination as Thornquist defeated Bujan in straight sets, 6-2, 7-5, and Jones defeated Ruetter, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

This set the tone for the match as Carolina allowed only victories to Rubio and Devin Bowen.

But TCU doesn't have time to worry about their defeat to Carolina as the tough Bulldogs await TCU in Athens, Georgia.

The sixth ranked Bulldogs have their own dynamic duo in singles players Wade McGuire (ranked seventh) and Mike Sell (ranked 55th).

These two combine with Bobby Mariencheck (ranked 78th) to give Bulldogs opponents a stiff test in singles' play, while McGuire and Mariencheck form a competitive doubles team.



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Dirty Shaker

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Jessica Mann

Dirty Shaker members Victor Romero, Eric Case, Kevin O'Brien and Silverio Garza play at the Battle of the Bands on Sunday, April 5. This will be their third appearance there; last year they placed third in the contest.

by
Leianne Simpson
TCU Daily Skiff

Fans of the local band Dirty Shaker have had to adjust not only to a new name but also a new sound.

Dirty Shaker, once known as Ring, now plays "A patient, groove-oriented, thought-provoking, American rock," said Kevin O'Brien, the band's founder, vocalist, acoustic guitarist and songwriter.

O'Brien said that the band decided to change their name because the former title had come from a Martin Luther King, Jr. speech. The name brought on too many expectations from audiences. Another reason is a change in the band's sound.

"Ring played more post-modern music, whereas Dirty Shaker plays a more southern, ritzy rock," he said.

The band chose the name Dirty Shaker while sitting in a Denny's restaurant after a gig one night.

"After discussing about 30 names, Dirty Shaker just seemed the right choice, because it's so different," O'Brien said.

The band, which is made up of Silverio Garza, bass; Victor Romero, drums; Eric Case, electric guitar and Kevin O'Brien, has been together for two years.

O'Brien admits that there have been some problems, but that the band had grown more musically mature.

"Sometimes it's bad for a band to achieve success immediately without working at it a little while," O'Brien said. "If a band grows popular before they have matured musically, they usually lose sight of themselves and their music and that's bad."

One problem the band had to overcome was that Eric Case decided to go to graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin to study sociology. But O'Brien talked Case into driving up for a gig once a month. Now, O'Brien said, Case drives up from Austin for every gig.

"He really had us scared because he is an extremely important member of the band," O'Brien said. "But, I guess he learned that music means a lot more than he thought."

O'Brien said that playing music is a spiritual thing and that it is so deep in his personality that he can never get away from it.

"I am a radio-TV-film major here at TCU and when anyone asks me what I

want to do for a living, I simply tell them that I want to play music in bars," he said.

"Music is my life—the songwriting, playing live, the vibes from the audience—I love it," he said.

However, O'Brien admits that the Metroplex is not the best place for a local band to start. The biggest advantage, he said, is that there is a definite market for local music. But, a big disadvantage is that besides Deep Ellum in Dallas there is no real definite scene for musicians.

The band would now like to move on to play in Austin, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Dirty Shaker uses the money that they get from gigs to go into the studio and make high quality cassettes. They are currently working on a new cassette featuring 12 to 15 songs. The tape will be out in the late summer or early fall. O'Brien hopes to be able to produce a CD as well.

Their most recent cassette, "House on the Rocks" features such songs as "LandLord" and "Rocky Road."

O'Brien said that he gets his ideas for songs all sorts of different places.

"It's like the Eureka Phenomenon," he said. "I could be walking outside or in the shower and an idea comes to me."

O'Brien said that he only writes real life lyrics.

"I write songs about people getting up in the morning and their days, whether it be good or bad. I write about broken hearts. I believe that my lyrics really hit home."

O'Brien said that he used to write about political issues and problems in the world, but it wasn't music to him. He needed to be more specific and make his music real to him.

Dirty Shaker is optimistic about their future. They are competing in Battle of the Bands April 5.

O'Brien said that he doesn't think of it as competing, because, "there is so much good talent out there that we are there to support each other and not compete so much that we lose sight of what we're there for—to play good music."

This will be the third time the band has competed in the Battle of the Bands. And after placing third last year, the band is looking forward to playing this year.

Dirty Shaker's next live appearance is Friday, April 17 at the Hop. O'Brien says he believes that their live show is where all the magic happens.

Two new sports films lead fans to theaters but can they make them think?

by
Carl Kozlowski
TCU Daily Skiff

Spring is a time when most Americans turn to sports — whether on television to watch others play, or on fields and courts from coast to coast to participate themselves. This season, Hollywood is trying to get these sports fans to also sit in a darkened theater for a few hours.

In addition to Rodney Dangerfield's soccer comedy, "Ladybugs," and the boxing dramas "Gladiator" and "The Power of One," movie theaters were stocked last weekend with two breezy, lightweight films designed to entertain, not to win awards: "White Men Can't Jump" and "The Cutting Edge."

Both fulfill their purpose, even if the plots will be forgotten by summer. "White Men Can't Jump" is the star attraction of the two, featuring the upcoming superstar Wesley Snipes and longtime "Cheers" favorite Woody Harrelson as a pair of basketball-playing scam artists on the streets of Los Angeles. Harrelson, of course, is the white man of the title, and he plays the character of Billy Hoyle with a lot more depth than viewers would expect from his one-dimensional goofballs in "Cheers" and "Doc Hollywood."

Hoyle is a drifter who drives from town to town across America with his girlfriend, Gloria (Rosie Perez), in search of fresh territory to scam money off of street basketball players. His gimmick, of course, is the

stereotype of a white man simply being inferior on the courts against black men. When he crosses Sidney Deane (Snipes), however, a partnership is formed that can never really be trusted. The two men turn against each other, time and again, even as they supposedly work together.

Writer/director Ron Shelton returns to the sports territory that made his "Bull Durham" a baseball film classic. However, his focus in "White Men," isn't as deep or cutting as the overriding romantic tale in "Durham." Despite some nice, subtle shades of darkness in Hoyle's life and sadness in Deane's, Shelton really wants to just get nasty and have some fun with the viewer.

Shelton's shots of basketball court action are magic — smooth, gliding, almost a dance. But the real fun comes with the film's non-stop stream of wisecracks that will become the catchphrases of spring. A funny subplot about Gloria's dream of competing on "Jeopardy!" also moves things

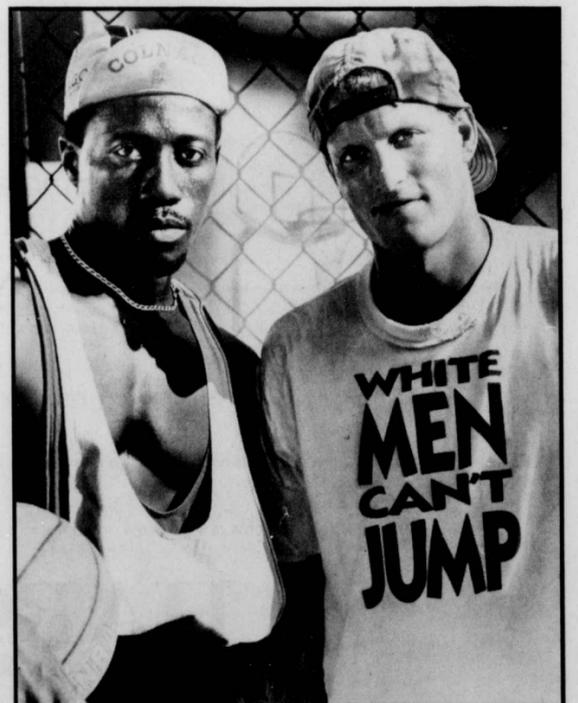
along nicely. But mostly "White Men Can't Jump" just shows moviegoers of all races a cool time at the movies.

Sneaking into town over the last weekend was the ice-skating romance of "The Cutting Edge," which is, strangely, released after the winter Olympics.

The film stars young talents D.B. Sweeney and Moira

Kelly as a pair of complete opposites who, of course, go from hating to loving each other as they prepare for the Olympics in figure skating.

Despite a predictable plot and too many rock video-styled scenes in the middle training scenes, "The Cutting Edge" boasts a real style, snappy dialogue and strong performances from the leads. Its preview was one of the worst and most annoying in memory, but the company releasing it clearly missed



Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson star as basketball con artists in Twentieth Century Fox's new film "White Men Can't Jump." Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox.

the boat and the film's considerable charm. Sweeney's scenes in his economically depressed hometown are also gritty enough to work and provide a bit of realism.

So if you're looking for a way to kill a couple of hours, see "White Men" for street smarts and style, and "The Cutting Edge" for romance, a few laughs, and strong characters. Score "White Men" a B, and "The Cutting Edge" a C+.

Carl Kozlowski's ratings:

"White Men Can't Jump" B

"The Cutting Edge" C+

The Main Street Arts Festival opens next weekend in downtown Fort Worth.

The annual event features 6 stages, over 200 artist's booths and too many food stands to count.

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