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CBS Tour combines fun, games

By GINGER RICHARDSON
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The combination of sun, warm temperatures and students anxiously awaiting the official beginning of Spring Break contributed to the carnival atmosphere surrounding the CBS College Tour.

The Tour was making its second visit to the university since its inception three years ago, and the response from students has been overwhelmingly favorable, said Robert Wolf, chairman of Programming Council's Special Events Committee.

"We've had just an incredible turnout this year," he said. "The CBS College Tour is almost a tradition at TCU, but the response this time is even bigger and better than before."

Wolf said great weather probably contributed to the popularity of the tour.

"I think the weather definitely is playing a part in all of this," he said. "It's just beautiful outside, and everyone is excited about Spring Break. This (tour) is just a great way to head into the vacation."

The tour featured 10 attractions based on a variety of CBS television shows. Some of the most popular attractions were "The Price is Right," the "AT&T Long-Distance Shootout," and the comedy quiz.

Jerry Moore, a freshman premed major, participated in the attractions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I had a great time, and I think everyone else did too," Moore said. "People were really getting into 'The Price is Right.'"

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Junior nursing major Michael Gay gets a laugh and an autograph from Larry "Bud" Melman (actor Calvert DeForest) Wednesday at the CBS College Tour.

'Bud' Melman visits TCU

By BEN JOHNSON
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From New York ... It's Calvert DeForest! DeForest, alias Larry "Bud" Melman, has played more than 90 different characters on "Late Night with David Letterman." He was at TCU Wednesday as part of the CBS College Tour.

DeForest said he got his job on "Late Night" in a fairly unexpected way. He had been acting off-Broadway and doing community theater for some time when he appeared in a graduate student film at New York University called "King of the Zs" in 1982.

The film's creators sent it to the producers of "Late Night," trying to get a job as writers for the first season.

"I got a call that night, and I still had no idea they had sent it in," he said.

Letterman used part of his own last name to create the name "Larry 'Bud' Melman," DeForest said.

He has had 12 good years working with Letterman,

he said, and is happy to have seen Letterman's show gain such a large following.

"He deserves it," DeForest said. "He has worked hard for so long."

DeForest said his favorite moments working on "Late Night" (now "The Late Show") include hanging out with Bette Davis backstage, asking people for change while wearing a bird suit, handing out hot towels at New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal and Viewer Mail.

He is pleased with the way the show's move to CBS turned out, he said, despite the bitterness it caused at NBC.

"I imagine there must have been some hard feelings," he said.

The management at CBS has been very supportive of Letterman's new show, though, he said.

"They've just bent over backwards for us, and the new crew is just wonderful," he said.

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Tucker names advisory board

Seven men will search country to find Moe Iba's replacement

By RICK WATERS
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Chancellor William Tucker on Wednesday named a seven-member advisory committee to conduct a nationwide search for a men's head basketball coach.

The committee includes Athletic Director Frank Windeger; Provost William Koehler; William Beezley, chairman of the University Intercollegiate Athletics Committee; G. Malcolm Loudon, Board of Trustees member and chairman of the Trustee Intercollegiate Athletics Committee; Kade Matthews, Board of Trustees member and Trustee Intercollegiate Athletics Committee member; Dennis Nutt, 1986 TCU alumnus and basketball letterman; and Jamison Monroe, 1966 TCU alumnus and basketball letterman.

The men's basketball head coaching position became vacant when the university bought out the remaining two years of former coach Moe Iba's contract Monday.

"This is a most important assignment," Tucker said in a news release. "We simply must develop and sustain a men's basketball program that is a credit to TCU and a source of pride for our city and all who care about the university."

Tucker said the committee will search for a coach who best meets the needs of the university and the men's basketball program. The advisory committee will recommend a candidate to the chancellor and he will make the final decision to hire the committee's recommendation.

"I think it is an excellent committee," Tucker said. "I think the committee broadly represents the university. It has representatives from the community, alumni, faculty and trustees. It (the committee) has a good sense of TCU and appreciation for athletics, basketball in particular."

Tucker said he is confident the committee will do a thorough,

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Should we compare Clinton to Nixon?

Historian: Whitewater coverage irresponsible Political scientist: Allegations damage careers

By JODI WETUSKI
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Media coverage of the Clinton Whitewater affair borders on irresponsibility, said James Chambers, associate professor of history.

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However, comparisons between the media coverage of Whitewater to the coverage of the Nixon administration's Watergate scandal are unfounded, he said.

"I particularly resent that Watergate parallel because Watergate was the charge of a crime in office, a serious crime, basically the subversion of the constitutional principle in government," Chambers said.

"This Whitewater thing, as far as I can tell, is totally different," he said. "They're talking about years ago. It's a purely private matter, not a matter of abuse of presidential office."

Richard Millsap, political science

instructor, said allegations of scandal always hurt a politician's reputation whether there is any truth to them or not.

"It's unfortunate, but libel and slander injure," he said. "Because of several Supreme Court cases, it is not so easy for public officials to seek remedy from libel or slander."

"We have an adage that if it is perceived, it is real, whether it's real or not," Millsap said. "If people believe it's real, it's real. The drop in the (Clinton popularity) polls shows that."

Millsap and Chambers stress that no one knows for sure what is true and what is strictly hype by the media and Republicans.

Millsap said it is important to remember that the original source of Whitewater information was James McDougal, who was denied a job by the Clintons. McDougal first brought

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Group petitioning to limit city officials' terms

By ANN RICKERMAN
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A local group that advocates term limits for elected officials has started circulating petitions to have a referendum put on the ballot in November.

METROPLEX

The Fort Worth petition calls for limiting the terms of the mayor and city council to two consecutive terms (4 years), said Kevin Carey, a co-chairman of the Tarrant County Term Limits Coalition.

It also instructs the city secretary to notify the

state legislature that those who signed the petition desire term limits for local, state and federal elected positions, said Carey, who is also a Fort Worth attorney.

Carey said there should be a greater turn over so representatives aren't making a career out of politics.

America's Founding Fathers did not intend for government jobs to become careers, said Chris Monroe, co-chairman for the Tarrant County Term Limits Coalition.

"Our public officials tend to do what their friends want," he said.

People come into office with good intentions

and the longer they are in office the stronger the forces are to do things certain ways for certain people, and not for the good of the constituents, Monroe said.

Carey said the greater the turnover, the closer the officials will be to their constituents.

The petition must have 20,000 signatures to be put on the November ballot.

Volunteers started going door-to-door for signatures March 12, and will be in front of local merchants throughout the campaign which should last about 60 days, Carey said.

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Senior honor society Mortar Board 'taps' 41 juniors into membership

By NATALIE TAYLOR
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Forty-one juniors were tapped Tuesday and Wednesday into the Ampersand chapter of Mortar Board, one of TCU's most prestigious senior honor societies.

Ben Trujillo, president of Mortar Board, said the society is committed to its motto — "Scholars chosen for leadership, united to serve."

"What our chapter stands for is scholarship, leadership and community service," he said.

The 1994-95 class of Mortar Board is the largest ever at TCU. The national limit is 40, but Trujillo said there were so many outstanding candidates this year that the

selection committee asked the national organization to allow one extra.

The process of being elected to Mortar Board is selective, Trujillo said. All students who have accumulated enough hours to have junior status and have maintained at least a 3.1 GPA were sent an application.

Applicants were then required to obtain three faculty recommendations, which analyzed the students on the basis of scholarship, leadership and community service. Students' applications contained several questions about their involvements in those same areas.

This year, 664 students qualified to apply for Mortar Board. "The number of qualified applicants this year is twice as many as last year," Trujillo said.

Of the 664, about 350 responded. Trujillo said selecting approximately 10 percent of the applicants was a difficult process, but the outgoing members feel the new class will be successful.

"We're all really excited about the new members," he said. "We think they're going to be an excellent group next year."

Because Mortar Board selection is a secret process, the new initiates did not learn of their acceptance until Tuesday and Wednesday's tapping ceremonies, Trujillo said.

Current Mortar Board members donned black robes, entered the classrooms of new members and read to the classes the purpose of Mortar Board. A list of the new member's accomplishments was read and

then his or her name was announced.

He or she was then formally tapped into the society.

Many new members said they were thrilled and more than a little surprised at their selection.

Stacia Micheletto, a biology and chemistry double major, said the entire process was embarrassing and thrilling at the same time.

"There were three (Mortar Board) members," she said, "and there were two other people tapped in my class, so I really didn't know they were there for me."

Micheletto said she was looking forward to being a part of the organization.

"I knew lots of people who were in Mortar Board before me," she said. "I also

know that it is a very prestigious organization, and I look forward to being a part of it."

Ruben Salinas, a premed and biology double major said his tapping ceremony felt "like a million dollars."

"It was such a thrill," he said. "I knew it was very tough, and I thought I had a pretty decent shot at it, but the feeling of knowing for sure was just amazing."

Salinas said he is eager to get involved. "This is such an honor," he said. "I want to jump right in and contribute and make the most of the opportunity."

Daniel Buckles, also a biology major, said he, too, was eager to participate in the

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NEWS DIGEST

Kaplan subject of lawsuit

The Princeton Review has sued Kaplan Educational Centers in Federal Court for violation of their signed agreement promoting fair and honest reporting of score improvement claims. The suit seeks to stop Kaplan from advertising that its courses for the LSAT, the GMAT, the MCAT and the GRE are effective in raising students' scores.

According to the agreement, signed June 16, 1993, neither company would claim score improvements unless those claims were backed by a representative study.

Congress stages debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's no shortage of talk on the floor of the House of Representatives. Prepared speeches and strict time limits can make real discussion rare.

Congress sought to change that Wednesday night by staging a proper Oxford-style debate, complete with a resolution, opening and closing statements and questions from opponents.

The format called for 90 minutes of in-depth argument on a single subject.

Rabin sticks to agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Mideast peace talks near collapse, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected Palestinian demands for new security measures on the West Bank Wednesday. He also signaled to Syria a willingness to make "painful decisions" over the future of the Golan Heights.

With President Clinton at his side, Rabin said Israel would not alter an agreement signed permitting Palestinians "to conduct their own affairs" while maintaining Israeli military control over the West Bank.

Cholera epidemic claims 100

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — An outbreak of cholera first noticed in Somalia last month has become an epidemic, with more than 100 people already dead.

A spokesman for the U.N. Children's Fund expressed concern Wednesday that efforts to control the epidemic could be jeopardized by the withdrawal of Western military forces.

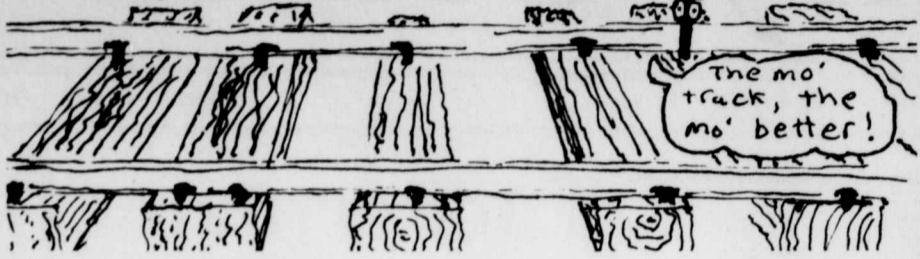
The United States, Germany, Italy, France are among the nations are removing their troops from Somalia by the end of March.

TCU Calendar

Today:
•Saint Patrick's Day
•Last day for removal of incomplete grades from the Fall 1993 semester.
•7 p.m. Lecture by Biology Green Honors Professor John A. Moore, "Creation II: The Scientific Paradigm," Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 2. Admission is free.

The Beaten Path

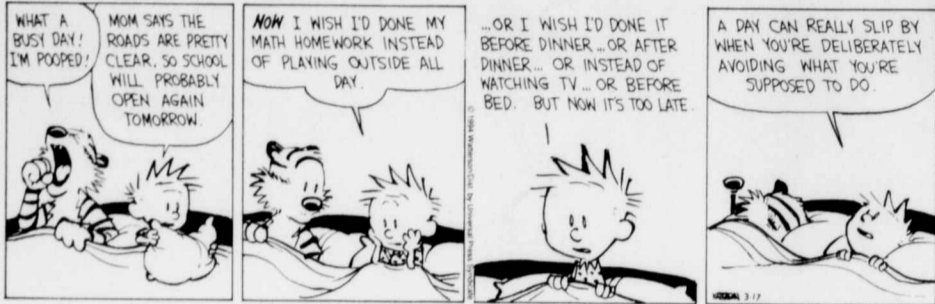
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Let's Go Abroad will be meeting at noon today in the Pit for "Free Your Mind." Anyone interested in discussing international affairs is invited.

Learning Differences Support Group seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. March 25 at the Starpoint School, 2829 Stadium Drive. Topic will be "Parenthood: LD/ADD Style." The fee is \$2 per person. Call 923-8689, 737-4818 or 732-8846.

Habitat for Humanity groups will leave for work by 8:30 a.m. Saturdays from the front doors of the Student Center. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes, thick-soled shoes and work gloves if possible. Contact Kyle Watson at 370-7428, Alan Droll at 346-0799 or John Azzolina at 921-0557.

Graduating Seniors. Spring Break is the deadline for participating in the 1994 Senior Appreciation Program. Forms are available at the Student Center Information Desk or call 921-7800.

Biology Seminar "Reforming the Teaching of the Sciences" by John A. Moore from the University of California at Riverside at noon March 18 in Sid Richardson LH3. Moore is the biology department's Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Chair.

TCU Fencing Club meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Rickel Room 317. No experience is needed to attend. Call Dave at 923-9477.

Frog Fest/Siblings Weekend will be April 8-10. Registration materials and information have been sent to all parents. For further information, contact the Recreational Sports Office at 921-1945.

Student Organizations interested in fund raising by sponsoring a booth at Frog Fest should contact Suzette Lomax or Clay Hancock at the Recreational Sports Department, 921-7945.

TCU's Student Foundation will be accepting new member applications through March 29 for the 1994-1995 school year. Student Foundation is a student organization that promotes the welfare of the university through volunteering, in the offices of admissions, alumni and development. Members must be classified as at least a sophomore in the fall of 1994 after application is made and must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Interviews will be held April 11-13. Applications may be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk or the Alumni Office. For more information, call 921-7803.

Peer Counselors are accepting applications for helping skills training. This group provides basic skills needed in the client-counselor relationship. The training is from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday from March 31 to April 21. Apply at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Video contest is open to college students with cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$3000. The contest is sponsored by The Christophers, a New York-based international media organization. For more information call (212) 759-4050. The deadline for entry is June 10.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Open to all. This week's speaker is Trent Detamore, football coach and athletic director at Fort Worth Castleberry High School.

Society of Physics Students is offering free physics, astronomy and math tutoring every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 323.

Student Concerns Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 218. Anyone may attend. Contact Jeff Benson at 923-5553 or P.O. BOX 32326.

Permanent Improvements Committee meets at 4 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 204. Suggestions and comments welcome. Contact J.R. Greene at P.O. BOX 29321 or 926-1272.

The International Students Association meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Check at the Student Center Information Desk for location.

The Organization of Latin American Students invites all students to its weekly meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Student Center Room 202.

Rape/Sexual Assault Survivors' Group is forming at the Counseling Center. The group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. For initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

Women's Eating Disorders Group is forming. The group will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

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everyone was screaming and shouting. There was great participation from the students."
For Andrea Frank, a senior English major, the tour was a chance to relax before Spring Break and spend time with her friends.
Frank and her roommate, junior fashion merchandising major Nicole Dabbert, interviewed each other during a simulated version of "CBS's Locker Room Talk."
"This is my first time doing this," Frank said. "I am having a dynamite time watching all of my friends make fools out of themselves."
Dabbert said her love for "The Late Show with David Letterman" drove her to participate in some of the activities.
"I am a huge Letterman fan," Dabbert said. "I watch 'The Late Show' every night and that's one of the reasons I am out here having so much fun."
Keith Ammons, a tour employee, said programs like "The Late Show" are what make CBS the top-ranked network among college students.
"This whole thing is a promotion for CBS," he said. "The network is No. 1 among college students, and it wants to further promote its programming with them."
Ammons, who has been touring with CBS since June, said there has been a great deal of enthusiasm from students.
"People have really gotten into it this year," he said. "Everyone is really excited about Calvert (DeForest) being here and there has been a really a great response."
The CBS College Tour visits approximately 45 schools a year. Programming Council officials expect it to return in 1996.

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\$75 million lotto jackpot draws record sales

By MICHAEL HOLMES ASSOCIATED PRESS
Texans flocked to convenience stores, gas stations and anywhere else selling lottery tickets Wednesday for chances at a record \$75 million lotto jackpot. Sales hit \$40,000 a minute by late afternoon.
Southland Corp. added extra help at its 320 7-Eleven stores that sell tickets.
TEXAS
"All of our stores were given extra labor hours, part-time people were asked to work extra hours, the staff is working overtime. Our management people are out there helping, too," said Karen Raskopf, spokeswoman for the Dallas-based convenience store chain.
"It's the busiest we've ever seen in the Texas stores," she added.
At some 7-Elevens, Raskopf said, customers wanting to purchase only gasoline were being asked to pay at the automatic pumps with credit cards.
"That way, you don't even have to come inside if you don't want lotto tickets," she said.
Steve Levine, lottery spokesman, said Wednesday's sales totaled \$13.5 million at 4 p.m., with the busiest hours expected to be 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. as people headed home from work.
The record jackpot was \$20 million larger than any ever offered in Texas and ranked No. 9 nationally. Its size lured many first-time players to the numbers game.
At some 7-Eleven stores, extra help was added simply to advise those who never had filled out a play slip, Raskopf said.
"You see a lot of people who've never played before coming in and doing it this time," she said. "Some of the stores that we know are the busiest ones (for lottery sales) have employees in there just showing people what to do, how to play."
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EDITORIAL

Uncrossing the wires

Since the fall of 1992, the university has tried to bring cable television to its residence halls. The office of student affairs is now working through plans that could lead to cable hook-ups as early as this fall.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, is to be commended for keeping the best interests of the students in mind.

Last year, Sammons Cable presented TCU with a contract that would have posed financial and practical problems for both the university and the students. Student Affairs didn't accept the offer, and the search continued. The office asked for better bids.

Now the university is looking at three proposals, and a team of university offices is examining the merit of each. Financial, technical and student concerns are being addressed.

Mills has even been working from a student opinion poll that gives him a students' wish list of cable television features.

This is the kind of action students appreciate. An administrative office has

listened to the students and acted wisely in their favor, all the while keeping an open line of communication.

It's a connection we've all been waiting for.

It means students will find better resources on campus for news, sports and entertainment. Fourth-year students will remember the 1991 Gulf War and how uninformed on-campus students seemed to be without CNN.

Other subject-specific channels, such as ESPN and A&E, cater to the interests of most students and are unavailable in the residence halls. An attractive cable package could even keep students in the residence halls when they might otherwise have moved.

The administration has recognized the need for cable television and, judging from what's happened so far, on-campus students can expect to be watching cable television soon.

The progress that has been made indicates a greater understanding between students and administrators. Here's to doing things the right way.

COLUMNIST LEILANA MCKINDRA

Abandoned values



The students of color on this campus are starving. There is little to no administrative support for organizations and events more specifically geared toward students of color.

It does not take a brain surgeon to figure out that nothing truly significant on this campus happens without the support and permission of the administration. What that means for organizations and events which showcase the talents, culture and history of minority students is occasionally an administrator will attend an event.

When acknowledged, he or she will say some basically meaningless words about the university's commitment to diversity before sitting back down.

More telling is the low attendance at the activities sponsored by minority organizations such as Black Student Caucus, Organization of Latin American Students and United Asian Cultures. There aren't a lot of students who go to events with an ethnic emphasis. And it is our understanding that the university is pushing for a more diverse campus, but it is rare that an administrator shows up.

Don't you think if the students see its "OK" to go to these events, they will? These programs hold the potential to influence students' lives. For many students here, their only contact with students of color before coming to TCU was the half-hour they spent watching the "Cosby Show."

The types of programs that these organizations put on have the chance to truly influence the way some students think, act and feel toward racial and ethnic minorities. How can we not see the obvious benefits that cultural programs will yield to the students, faculty and staff of TCU.

Furthermore, many of the stereotypes the minorities are struggling to break down are alive and well on this campus. Take for instance the food service provided. Most the workers and servers are Hispanic and black. Most of the people who hold management positions are white. What kind of message is that sending to the minority students? What kind of message is that sending to the white students?

We cannot dispute the fact that that is a skewed picture of the real world. Even if it were, it won't be for long. It is no secret that the racial composition of the United States is changing. Our economy and industries are becoming more and more global each day. We will not be ready for the challenges those changes will bring if we fool ourselves into believing that what we are exposed to everyday is reality.

A more frightening example of the stereotypes alive on this campus comes from a statement made by the Chancellor as reported in Thursday's edition of the Skiff. On the question of the sports programs on campus, Tucker said: "Cancelling the sports program completely could result in a decrease in minority students, especially African-American males, the number of which could drop almost to zero." As if sports are the only things black males are capable of doing at TCU.

The implication of the statement is that black males are here solely for the entertainment they provide on the field and the money they bring into the university. Nothing more. Nothing less. In reality, there are thousands of intelligent black males in this world who could easily meet TCU's entrance requirements. But it can be assumed that they won't be attending unless they can demonstrate their athletic ability first.

The solution to the problem is not increasing the number of minority students and faculty on campus or widening the curriculum to include courses on African-American studies. Those actions are necessary and welcomed changes. But they are surface. The true solution lies in understanding that this situation is about value.

Valuing history.

Valuing culture.

Valuing every individual for who they are and where they came from because the two are virtually inseparable.

It doesn't seem like such a hard concept to grasp. But then, some don't learn as easily as others.

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COLUMNIST P.D. MAGNUS

The freedom to be, or not to be, PC



Political correctness is either the path of righteousness or the road to Hell, depending on who you ask.

The party line on PC runs something like this: Everybody comes from a different

background, and everyone is equally valuable. As such, we all need to make an effort to see each side of every issue and to avoid language that might offend the sensitivities of another group.

The counter-argument hinges on the notion that political correctness impinges on freedoms more fundamental than some minority's right not to hear words it doesn't like. In its strongest form, it portrays PC as a mindless set of rules designed to turn our speech into monochrome pudding.

The problem with the debate is that the argument in favor of PC as outlined above is perfectly reasonable. Anyone who opposes PC often is accused of denying that basic premise of fairness, and few people would disagree that we should try to be fair and to not offend others.

That makes it easy to portray the anti-PC camp as a bunch of bigoted ogres. Nonetheless, opposition to PC usually stems

from disagreement with its method rather than its goal.

Similarly, to oppose PC does not entail opposition to the study of blacks, women or any other bunch of folks in history. It does, however, entail opposing the study of black history simply because it is a minority group's history or women in history simply because we traditionally have had a patriarchal power structure.

Instead, history should be studied with an eye for history. Where blacks were influential, then blacks merit mention in general history courses as well as courses about minority history.

Just the same, where women played significant roles, they merit spots in the annals of history. Not feminist history. Any history.

PC is plagued by the fundamental problem that it relies on a code of fair language as the main tool to achieve real fairness. World War II would have been little different if the Nazis had referred to Jews as their Hebrew brothers as they sent them to the gas chambers rather than calling them all sorts of nasty names.

Similarly, calling people blacks, African-Americans, people of color or anything else that might be devised will not move us one inch toward equality.

PC folks often get a bit too overzealous, condemning works of art and literature, even old classics, that fail to meet their standards. When works are shunned out of respect for

minorities, is that any different from works being shunned because they offend the sensibilities of the majority? The threat of censorship is inherent in political correctness.

Even when books aren't actually burned, they are often removed from libraries and their reading made an object of scorn. The effect is the same. A merchant in the marketplace of ideas has to close up shop and go home.

A few weeks ago, I was sitting in the Student Center, discussing free speech with a friend of a friend.

Yes, he agreed, PC is a lot of bunk. If he ever got to be really rich, he said, he thought it would be cool to come back and make an enormous donation to the university, conditional on the fact that the big advocates of PC on campus be sacked.

Yes, that's what he said, and I'm sure he said it with the purest of intentions, just as lily white as any well-meaning advocate of PC. Believing in a free forum for discussion, truly believing in the First Amendment, calls for something entirely different, though.

It necessitates not just allowing the offensive a free voice, but also allowing a free voice to opponents of free speech. The real challenge presented by the First Amendment is that it is fair in a way that PC can not begin to be. The First Amendment calls for tolerance even of those who oppose it.

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COLUMNIST BEN JOHNSON

TGISB: any rest from classes will do



To misquote Genesis, "And on the seventh week God rested, and declared unto the world, 'This shall be known as Spring Break, therefore honor it and keep it holy.'"

And there was much rejoicing.

In case those of you up to your keesters in midterms haven't noticed, that glorious week is almost upon us.

Time to cram a dozen or so of your closest friends into the car and head off for Daytona, or Galveston, or Mexico or wherever else college students are supposed to go during Spring Break.

At least I used to think so.

Maybe I just saw one too many of those cheeseball college-kids-go-nuts-during-Spring-Break movies when I was younger, but I always kind of expected my Spring Breaks in college to be a bit more, well, adventurous than the ones I had in high school.

Now, I've known a fair number of people over the last couple of years who have done some fairly wild things during our week off.

They come back the next Monday, still half-dazed, with stories that will definitely be edited before any of their family hears them.

My Spring Breaks, and vacations as a

whole in fact, have mostly consisted of choir trips and family jaunts to wherever my parents felt like going. So I always felt like I was missing out on the excitement in some way, never being able to go with whoever I wanted to wherever I wanted.

But Spring Break for most people isn't necessarily guzzling beer bongs on the beach and hoping the cops don't arrest you for just looking like you've done something wrong.

Lots of people just go home, or go somewhere with their family. And I've come to appreciate the times I can do that a little more than I did when I actually lived at home.

Going home can be a nice way to spend a week. You can get the parents to take you out to eat at places you couldn't even be seen in if you had to pay. If you're lucky, your mom may have missed you so much, she'll offer to do your laundry.

You can spend an entire week lounging around without feeling guilty. Seniors, take advantage of this — it may be your last chance for a long time.

Those family trips can be fun too, although it may make you feel like the Griswolds were based on your family.

Even if it's nothing more than a scenic tour of Southern Kansas (Yes, my family's actually done this) a free vacation is a free vacation.

And even if you never leave the confines of sunny Fort Worth next week, you just can't knock having a week to get caught up,

or at least less behind, in your classes. It will make the next couple of weeks a lot less stressful, while your classmates who made mortal enemies of their livers during the break frantically try to finish that paper that's due when they get back.

If your roommate's gone on Spring Break, you can even do some of the things you wouldn't be able to do if he or she was around (see last week's column for suggestions).

This year I'm going to visit the grandparents. The guilt trip about not ever seeing them anymore has reached a critical mass, and it will be a lot more enjoyable to see them since they've moved from Bartlesville, Okla., to Palm Beach, Fla.

And even though I'll probably be spending most of the week going to church, they definitely take life at a slower pace than the rest of my family, which will be nice.

So despite what all those beer commercials and idiotic movies would lead you to believe, keep in mind that you're probably not the only college student in America who isn't going anywhere wild and exciting during your week off.

It's perfectly cool to have a nice and mellow Spring Break.

The whole idea is to get a short change of pace, and you can appreciate that whether you're spending the week in Cancun or Colby.

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News

Honors Program offers scholarships

By **KIM JOHNSON**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Honors Program wants to show you how to conquer the world — if you qualify.

All students, except seniors, with a 3.5 GPA and a desire to better humanity could be eligible to apply for prestigious, worldwide scholarships through the Honors Program, said Sally Bohon, assistant to the director of the Honors Program.

The Prestigious Scholarships Committee of the Honors Council will meet at 7:30 tonight in Student Center Room 205 to discuss strategies and requirements for prospective recipients.

Two of the awards the committee will discuss are the competitive Rhodes and Marshall scholarships, which allow students to attend prestigious British graduate schools, Bohon said.

Each year 32 students from the United States are selected to attend Oxford University in England. Stu-

dents are expected to excel in various areas of study and participate in organized sports and community service as well, Bohon said.

"The successful Rhodes scholars are generally people who are highly intelligent and highly motivated, that are not just into themselves," she said. Many of them are involved in organizations like Habitat for Humanity and other humanitarian efforts, she said.

The Marshall Award is presented to 40 students each year in the United States. Students must have achieved a 3.7 GPA after their freshman year and exhibit outstanding character.

Most of the awards require essays about the applicant, as well as an interview, in which applicants express their ideals and character. A description of their field of study is also required.

However, the most competitive scholarships involve more interviews as the field is whittled down, said C. David Grant, director of the Honors Program.

Even if the student does not receive the scholarship, the rewards from the actual process are great, Grant said. The applicants have to learn to express themselves on paper and in the interview, which is beneficial for other experiences one faces in life, he said.

This year, the Honors Program has accepted the responsibility of handling specialized scholarships, Grant said. The Truman Foundation scholarship rewards students who excel in political science and the Mellon Foundation Scholarships for Humanistic Studies recognizes excellence in that field.

Some of the scholarships require letters of recommendation from the institution, but Grant said that is not always necessary. Many times the institution will send a letter to the foundation as an endorsement of a student.

Applications for most of these scholarships are due around the middle of October and finalists are selected by December so students can prepare for their study abroad.

Clinton loses key supporter

Rostenkowski joins Democrats calling for Whitewater hearings

By **LARRY MARGASAK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rep. Dan Rostenkowski on Wednesday became the second prominent House committee chairman to declare Whitewater hearings may be necessary, but Speaker Thomas S. Foley refused to budge from his opposition.

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"I think the congressional hearings are going to be inevitable," the House Ways and Means chairman said, even though "the American people are tired of all this."

The latest crack in Democratic solidarity against hearings had no effect on Foley. He told reporters that Congress should "accede to the request of the special counsel to postpone any hearings until he has completed his investigation."

Foley even warned lawmakers to be careful about holding hearings on White House interference in the case — even though special counsel Robert B. Fiske Jr. said he wouldn't object to such an inquiry when he finishes that phase in several weeks.

Foley said that Fiske expressed concern that hearings "directed

toward the White House meetings" with regulators could become "a method of backing into the fundamental questions involved in Whitewater issues in Arkansas."

On Tuesday, Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said hearings might be the best way to get the facts out "quickly and completely."

Known for his bipartisanship, Hamilton is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and was co-chairman of the House-Senate Iran-Contra Committee.

Foley said Democratic lawmakers "are free to say what they think" about the need for hearings into the president's Whitewater real estate investment; its relationship to a failed savings and loan; the death of a White House lawyer and any possible administration interference in the case.

Asked whether Whitewater was affecting the congressional agenda, Foley said, "I don't think it is yet, but it could."

Rostenkowski, fresh from a renomination victory in Tuesday's Illinois primary, would not predict whether a congressional investigation would be productive, saying that depends "on whether it becomes a

circus or not."

"I really believe that the American people are tired of all this, and that's one of the reasons why I got such a majority," he said. "They want us to govern."

The subject of hearings didn't come up as President Clinton held a White House news conference Wednesday, but the president was asked if he stood by a 1992 assertion that he and his wife lost nearly \$70,000 on the Whitewater deal. "I don't have anything else to say about that right now," Clinton said. "We are cooperating fully right now with the special counsel. I wish you would let them do their work."

Democratic members of the Senate Budget Committee left a White House meeting with Clinton urging Republicans to hold off hearings. "We ought to be talking about job creation, we ought to be talking about health care reform and a whole host of other issues rather than running down this rabbit track called Whitewater," Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., said.

Sen. Donald Riegle, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said Congress should heed the plea of the special counsel.

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Millsap and Chambers said if the first lady is found guilty of wrongdoing, there is no legal precedent for prosecution of a first lady.

However, there is precedent of first ladies having power and influence over the president, Millsap said.

Woodrow Wilson's wife practically served as the president when Wilson fell seriously ill during the last year of his term, Millsap said.

Nancy Reagan also showed influence in the firing of Chief of Staff Donald Regan, he said.

When family members can influence the president, it is a delicate situation, Millsap said. The only sure way to avoid any trouble is to keep the family out of the media and away from policy issues, he said.

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DeForest said he plans to stay with the show as long as he can. In addition to "The Late Show," he is working on a number of commercials and movie projects, including "Mister Right," which also stars Paul Reiser, to be released later this year.

He has also written a book, due out this fall, titled "Calvert's Cheap Advice."

DeForest said Letterman does not know when he wants to end "The Late Show," but it will not be anytime soon.

"It probably won't be as long as Johnny (Carson), but you never know," he said.

He really enjoyed his trip to Texas, he said, especially his visit to Billy Bob's Texas on Tuesday night.

"You don't get anything like that in New York," he said.

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He said the coalition is confident term limits will be on the ballot and that the referendum will be passed.

Term limits have been passed overwhelmingly in 15 other states, and Carey said, he can find no reason to think it will be different in Texas.

He said in the 15 states term limits have been passed, they passed by a 70-30 margin.

City Councilman Chuck Silcox said, depending on the limitation, he supports term limits.

Council members need a full term to learn what goes on, he said, so between six or eight years is a reasonable time to hold an office.

The longer elected officials stay in their positions, the easier it is to forget why they are there, Silcox said.

Melissa Rodriguez, a senior political science major, said she agrees

with term limits for some elected offices, especially at the federal level, and would sign the petition if given the chance.

Term limits are wrong, said Scott McLinden, a junior political science major. People have the right to elect whoever they want by voting, he said.

Richard Millsap, an instructor in political science said, "Term limits take away power from the voter to choose whoever they want."

Limiting terms could mean having people in office who aren't very informed on issues, he said. Being an elected official takes training.

There already are term limits — it is called the vote, Millsap said.

Monroe said The Tarrant County Term Limit Coalition would like to get more college students to volunteer.

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Sports

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swimmers to compete in Championships

Three TCU swimmers will compete in the NCAA Championships this week.

TCU's Sheila Hewerdine and Deirdre Steven will travel to Indianapolis, Ind., March 15-20 to compete in the Women's NCAA National Championship Meet. They both qualified at the Southwest Conference Meet in February in the 200-meter butterfly.

TCU's Walter Soza will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., to compete in the Men's NCAA National Championships March 24-26. He will swim in three events.

Maxwell charged: carrying illegal weapon

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets guard Vernon Maxwell, in court Wednesday a day after his third arrest in 20 months, was charged with illegally carrying a weapon in his car.

Maxwell was arrested and jailed for several hours Tuesday after a lunchtime traffic incident outside a cafeteria near The Summit, where the Rockets play.

A motorist complained to police that someone driving a car matching the description of Maxwell's Porsche waved a gun at him after he honked his horn at the car.

Houston police said they confiscated a .380 semiautomatic pistol from the front seat of his car.

Lady Frogs get early start on basketball recruiting

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It is never too early to plan.

TCU women's basketball head coach Shell Robinson is preparing for the 1994-95 basketball season with this philosophy.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Robinson looks to break the losing trend the Lady Frogs have had over the past decade.

TCU finished the season with a 5-20 record and a 14-game losing streak. The losing season marks the Lady Frogs' 12th straight losing season and the third time in four years TCU has lost twenty games.

The main problem Robinson is looking to solve is the lack of depth coming off the bench.

"We struggled with depth this season," Robinson said. "And it showed."

The Lady Frogs hope that eight returning lettermen and three red-shirt freshmen will add strength off the bench.

TCU will only lose three players next year. Forwards Donna Krueger and Julie Rengstorff and post Amy Bumsted are all seniors.

Freshman guard Kayla Courtade said having virtually the same nucleus of players will help the learning process next season.

"It helps a lot," Courtade said. "The more we play together, the better we will be."

Junior guard Stephani Gray is the leading returning scorer with 11.2 points a game. Junior forward Janelle Hunter, who started 16 games, will also return for TCU.

TCU is also bringing back three freshmen who played significant minutes. Guard Nicole Perdue started 24 games for the Lady Frogs. Perdue ranked in the top five in the SWC in assists and steals.

Courtade, who started eight of the final nine games, and freshman Marie Ramos also return for the Lady Frogs.

Robinson said recruiting has been successful thus far. Three players have signed letters of intent to play basketball at TCU while two have given oral commitments, she said.

Robinson also said she is looking at three more players she would like to sign.

Robinson said TCU being left out of the Big Eight-Southwest Conference merger has not affected recruiting.

"Kids don't know much about it," Robinson said. "They're just worried about being on a good program."

Courtade said Robinson appeals to recruits because of her passion and her experience as a player at the University of Texas.

"She's very enthusiastic and down to earth," Courtade said. "She and coach (assistant coach Leta) Davis have come from winning programs."

The Lady Frogs look to break its streak of losing seasons in 1994-95. Despite recent woes, Robinson said TCU will be much improved next season.

"We redshirted some quality people this year and we're young," Robinson said. "With the additions next year, we will be a better ball club."

Frogs sweep Ole Miss with 24-5 rout

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU baseball team may have found a formula for success: schedule the Ole Miss Rebels all season long.

For the second consecutive day, the Frogs (18-7) whipped Ole Miss for nine innings, winning Wednesday 24-5.

It was the same story for the second straight day for TCU: score early and often and cruise to victory.

As was the case Tuesday, the Frogs had numerous offensive stars in handing Ole Miss their worst non-conference loss in school history.

Gavin Millay led the charge with three hits and six RBIs. Millay hit a bases loaded triple to score three runs in the fifth inning.

The Frogs exploded all game long, tallying four runs in the first inning, three in the fourth, seven in the fifth and six in the sixth.

And yet despite the offensive outburst, the major story of Wednesday's game may have been Frog pitcher Flint Wallace.

Wallace, who has been battling elbow problems and has struggled all season, pitched five solid innings, allowing only two earned runs while striking out four.

TCU head coach Lance Brown said that Wallace's performance was encouraging.

"He's still not where he needs to be at this point, but he threw the ball well today," Brown said. "He gave us three very solid innings before he started to get tired. He's a step up from where he has been recently."

Brown attributed the Frogs' handling of the Rebels, a nationally

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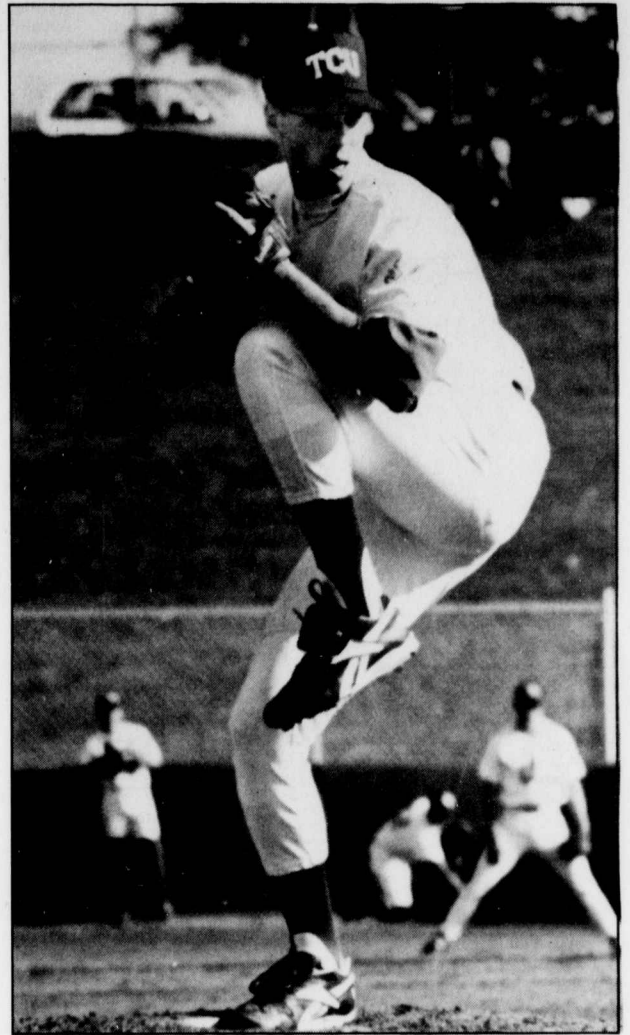
ranked team, to his team's ability to get on a hot streak and go with it.

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The Frogs will have to hope that their offensive hot streak carries over to the weekend, when the team faces national powerhouse and defending national champ Louisiana State.

Brown says that the key to the series with LSU will not be hitting but pitching.

"We'll score runs this weekend," Brown said. "It's just a question of our pitching getting the job done. If we can hold them on the mound and then get the offense that we have been lately, we should do well."



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TCU's J.J. Gottsch throws a pitch during the Frogs 19-6 win over Ole Miss Tuesday. TCU crushed the Rebels 21-5 Wednesday.

Golf teams finish sixth in tournaments

By LEE PENDER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's and women's golf teams recorded sixth-place finishes on challenging courses in their latest outings.

GOLF

The men's team competed in Lafayette, La., earlier this week on a course TCU head coach Bill Montigel said was difficult because of tough par-three holes and trees which frequently created obstacles.

"It requires you to make a lot of decisions," Montigel said. "The fairways are tight. Usually there was a big tree in the way."

The course required players to make long, accurate drives, Montigel said. TCU's players are accurate but not long drivers, he said.

The sixth-place finish was acceptable, but the team could have played better, Montigel said. TCU will have an opportunity to play better at a tournament next week in Austin.

The Frogs will face highly-ranked opposition. Texas and No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State will be among the teams competing at the Hills of Lake-way course in Austin.

"I think it's going to be a good test for us," Montigel said.

Mike Flynn, Slade Adams, Ben Bangert and J.J. Henry will likely qualify to participate in this presti-

gious tournament, the coach said.

Austin's Great Hills Golf Club was the site of the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic, in which the TCU women's team competed last weekend.

The Lady Frogs battled harsh weather at the tournament. Rain fell on Saturday's round and strong winds blew Sunday. TCU players were ready to face these conditions, TCU head coach Kristi Arney said.

"It was just a matter of setting their attitudes before they got out there," Arney said. "I think they did that better than some of the other players there. One advantage is that we play in the wind quite a bit here."

The Great Hills course tests play-

ers because it has elevated greens and tight fairways, Arney said. Players do not take drivers on some holes, she said.

Arney said she was pleased by TCU's finish. The Lady Frogs proved they were coming together as a team at the tournament, she said.

TCU placed ahead of Duke, the nation's fourth-ranked team. Duke finished in eighth place. TCU sophomore Kristy Sunderman finished 10th at the tournament, her best result as a Lady Frog. Sunderman is a transfer from UCLA.

The Lady Frogs will rest over Spring Break. Their next tournament will be at Arizona State University in April.

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DOMINO'S PIZZA

News

Death of college student sobers party at Padre

Spring Break celebrations bring in more visitors, alcohol-related arrests, officials say

By JOSH LEMIEUX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — A Missouri student's death marred the otherwise sunny mood Wednesday for party-goers celebrating the island's annual Spring Break bash.

TEXAS

"We came back from a real good time and we walked right into a depression zone," said a student staying at the condominium where Bradley Chisenberry plunged seven stories to his death early Wednesday.

Chisenberry, 18, a freshman at Southwest Missouri State University, became irate when a security guard warned him to stop tampering with a 7th floor fire hose, police Capt. Tommy Atkinson said.

"At that time, he proceeded to throw himself over the balcony," Atkinson said. "We have really done an extensive investigation and we have ruled out foul play at this point."

Stunned-looking Southwest Missouri State students who had been

sharing the Landfall Towers condo room with Chisenberry declined to speak with a reporter Wednesday.

Witnesses told police that Chisenberry shouted obscenities at the guard before taking several steps back and jumping over the railing, Atkinson said. An autopsy was ordered to learn whether alcohol or drugs were involved.

Chisenberry's friends made plans to return to Missouri on Wednesday, but everyone else on the island appeared ready for another day of partying.

The sun broke through briefly after several days of clouds and rain, prompting thousands of students to hit the beach.

"Want a beer?" asks Jason Marshall, perched on a jeep hood facing the sun, before even exchanging names with a reporter.

"We just came down. We don't have a place to stay or anything," said Marshall, who studies psychology at the University of Texas.

He and his friends said they were ready for all kinds of silliness, including a trek into Matamoros,

Mexico, where they remember hawkers who charge \$1 to shock students with a small electrical device.

"It doesn't hurt. It just feels weird," he said. "It feels good."

At the other end of the spectrum, more than 200 college students from the Baptist Student Union passed out free sun block — along with a little gospel preaching — on the beach.

"It's all real low-key. They don't try to ramrod the gospel down anybody's mouth," said Bruce Webb, pastor of Island Baptist Church.

Webb said that some students are receptive to the message after a few days of partying.

"They kind of see what that leads to," he said. "They've been drunk for two days. They've slept with somebody they don't know. They find that that's really not that much fun."

Dozens of bleary-eyed students at the Municipal Court certainly were not having fun Wednesday morning as Judge David K. Colwell assessed fines for mostly alcohol-related charges.

"Believe it or not, when they (police) find you out there drunk,

they bring you in here for your own protection," Colwell told the students, who had been hauled into the jail overnight.

Most students pleaded no contest to public intoxication charges and were slapped with a fine of \$100 to \$300.

One student landed in jail because of an argument he had with a waitress over whether he should be served a small or large glass of water.

Atkinson said island police had made 389 arrests as of Wednesday morning, compared to 235 at the same time last year.

"I would have to attribute that to having more students down here," Atkinson said. "Overall, the kids have been behaving really well."

Most island businesses said Spring Break '94 appears to be bigger than last year's event.

The South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that 125,000 Spring Breakers are visiting the island this month, pumping millions of dollars into the local economy.

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Mortar Board

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honor society.

"This is a golden opportunity to get involved with a very well-known organization, and I am really looking forward to getting involved — I'm not quite sure what they do yet, but I can't wait to get involved."

Mortar Board, whose Greek letters are Pi Sigma Alpha, was established nationally in 1936. TCU had a similar organization called Ampersand which affiliated with the national organization as its Ampersand chapter in the early 1970s.

Mortar Board's commitment to community service is demonstrated by its literacy project, in which members help local school

children learn to read, Trujillo said. The chapter also sponsors an annual Preferred Professors Dinner, where each member recognizes his or her favorite professor by inviting the professor to a dinner party.

Mortar Board also will sponsor its first sophomore tea in April. The members will invite about 50 outstanding sophomores to the event, encouraging them to take on new positions of involvement and leadership.

Formal initiation will be at 2 p.m. April 10 in the Robert Carr Chapel. Family and friends are welcome to attend. New officer elections will be held on April 26.

Serbs and Croats agree to open formal talks to end war

By ALISON SMALE
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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Serbs and Croats, the main rivals in Yugoslavia's bloody breakup, agreed Wednesday to hold their first talks on formally ending their vicious 1991 war, which later engulfed Bosnia.

WORLD

Talks between leaders of Croatia's Serbs and the Croatian government will take place Tuesday at the Russian Embassy in Zagreb, another indication that Moscow as well as Wash-

ington are pushing for overall peace.

Balkan blood-letting began when armed Serbs rebelled against Croatian independence during the breakup of the former Yugoslav federation.

Vitaly Churkin, Russia's special envoy on Yugoslavia, said the talks should yield a formal agreement ceasing military and all other hostilities between Croats and Serbs in Croatia.

Churkin stressed there could be no peace in neighboring Bosnia if hostilities in the Serb-held area of Croatia known as Krajina were ignored.

"We thought that while we keep

working very hard on Bosnia-Herzegovina we should not forget the very thorny issue, very explosive issue" of Krajina, Churkin said.

"There cannot be genuine peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina if tensions remain in the Krajina," he added.

Churkin said he would travel Thursday via Zurich to Washington, where Bosnia's Croats and Muslims are to sign an agreement on a U.S.-backed federation Friday.

He said the Americans were using their contacts to calm Muslim-Croat hostilities and the Russians were working on defusing Serb-Croat and

Serb-Muslim tensions.

After his meeting with Croatian Serb leader Milan Martić, Churkin talked with Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. He then met with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the dominant state in the shrunken Yugoslavia.

Churkin is trying to persuade Karadzic to join the Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia. Karadzic, whose troops now hold 70 percent of Bosnia, has said he wants to retain 56 percent of the war-torn state. Serbs made up only a third of Bosnia's population when the war began.

Karadzic reiterated that his people insist on "special relations with Serbia and Yugoslavia" if they join the Bosnian federation.



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Spring brings new season of allergies

By KELLEY SHANNON
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SAN ANTONIO — Sneezing. Runny noses. Itchy eyes. No, it isn't some advertisement for over-the-counter sinus medicine. It's springtime in Texas.

TEXAS

Allergy doctors in this region say they already are seeing the effects of pollen from ash, cottonwood, hackberry and mulberry trees that usually begin to pollinate before spring officially arrives.

Coming soon: oak pollen, that yellow stuff from oak trees that irritates some people's sinuses and collects on cars in this region from March through May.

"That should be kicking in any day now," said Dr. Paul Ratner, an allergist in San Antonio. "We see sort of a little extra burst (in patient appointments) at times like this."

Oak pollen causes itchy eyes, a runny nose, sneezing and other symptoms in people who are allergic to it.

Dr. Victor Estrada of San Antonio also is bracing for the onslaught. "The big one is oak," Estrada said. "I'm expecting it any day. I'm expecting it soon. It should be in the next couple of weeks."

Because of its warm weather and variety of trees and grasses, Texas offers a yearlong smorgasbord of airborne allergens. Television weather forecasters and daily newspapers around the state provide regular allergen counts.

Later this spring, in April and May, pollen from pecan and mesquite trees float through the air. That's also a peak time for mold spores and for the pollination of residential and wild grasses, doctors say.

"It starts with the trees, but the grasses will come out if the conditions are right," Estrada said.