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GOP finds residence on campus

By LAYNE SMITH
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If you listen closely the next time you wander through the Student Center and mall on your way to class, you may just hear the pounding paws of purple Republicans.

Sure, they have been here before. They have come and gone just like so many graduating classes. But here at TCU, traditionally a conservative university, the battle to establish a Republican organization has met little success.

The TCU College Republicans are ready to change all that.

Chad Cantella, chairman of the TCU College Republicans and senior advertising/public relations major, said Republican organizations had been dormant in past years, but had recently surged forward with the huge recovery of the Republican party.

The College Republicans are certainly no strangers to campuses across the nation. For 30 years they have been working as a grass roots tool for the Republican Party, Cantella said.

The campuses they occupy are littered across the state and their numbers are impressive, he said.

They organization has 1,500 members at Texas A&M, the largest chapter in the nation. Baylor came in second with 800 members.

Cantella said the Frogs were not going to be outdone.

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Rain, ice, snow — school? NO!

By DENA RAINS
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Students with Thursday night classes got a break when inclement weather caused the administration to close the university at 4 p.m.

Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, said the decision was made because of "present weather conditions and forecasts for the future."

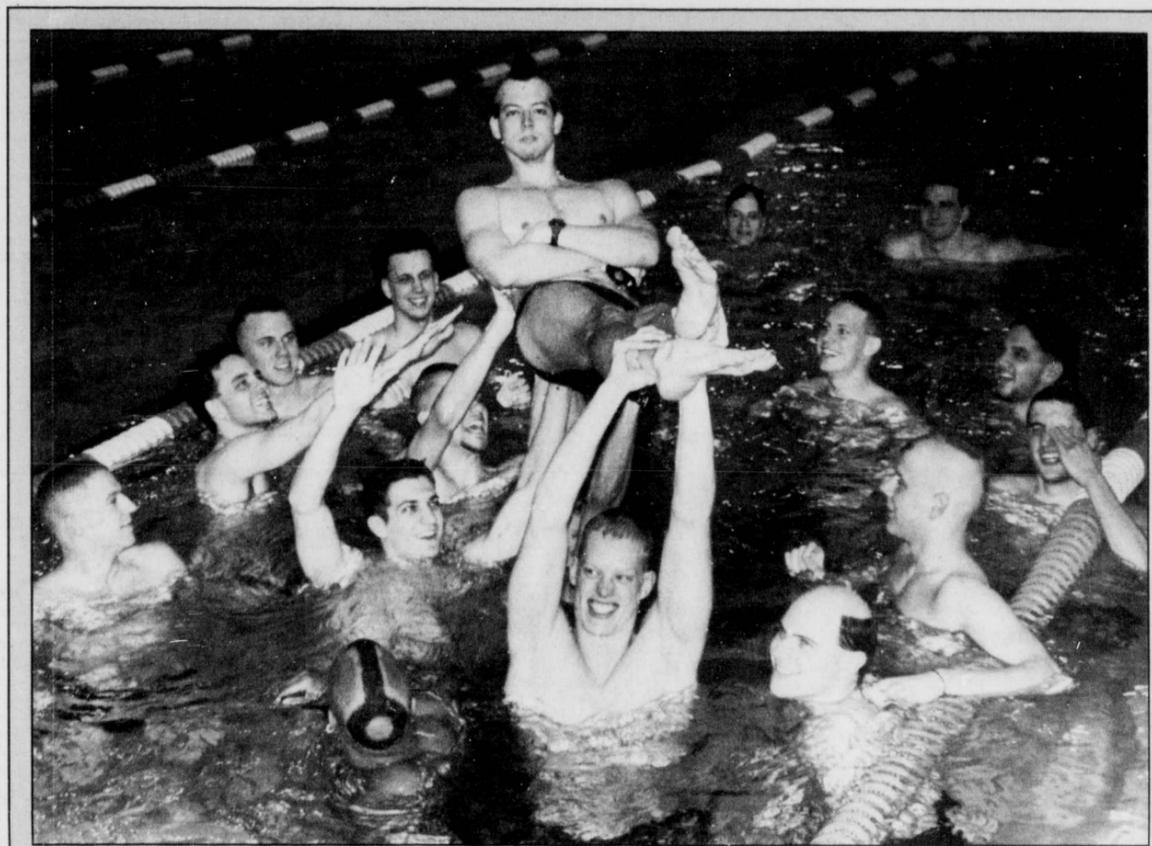
"It was made as a desire to keep people from exposing themselves to danger," he said.

Bivin usually makes the decision to close the university, said Rick L'Amie, director of university communications.

The administration then contacts members of the media, both on-campus and off, L'Amie said. The administration would not contact the media if classes were to remain open, he said.

Bivin said although meteorologists forecasted possible freezing drizzle days before Thursday, those forecasts could not be trusted.

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The men's swim team continues the tradition of sporting wild haircuts before the SWC championship meet. Tuesday was the last practice for the senior members of the team.

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ISA 'Taste' showcases world's fare

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students ate Baklava and drank Sangria punch at Taste of the World Thursday, an event co-sponsored by the Programming Council and International Student Association.

Cre Swats, a sophomore advertising/public relations major and public relations representative for ISA, said Taste of the World was her favorite event of International Week.

"The most people come to this event because all the organizations get involved," she said.



"I got involved with ISA because they are new to campus and they welcome anyone, they don't have any cliques," said Swats, who is from Tennessee.

"I'm also proud to say I have friends from all around the world, who have different perspectives on everything," Swats said.

Swats said Baklava, which was served at the Cyprus table, was the most popular food, just as it was same as last year.

Swats said she served fish and chips at the Great Britain table.

Miche Dolbec, a junior fashion merchandising major, said the food was good and she even went to some of the tables twice.

"I didn't realize how many countries ate fried food," she said. "My favorite was the Baklava because I have a sweet tooth, but I also like to try new things."

Dolbec said another one of her favorites was the Sangria punch from Spain.

"I'm impressed with all the people here, it's such a popular event," she said.

Robert Kuster, a sophomore economics and political science double major from Switzerland, said he served Roesti, a mix of fried potatoes

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Dorm panel discusses sportsmanship, ethics

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Student leaders discussed issues facing today's athletes and college students Wednesday night at a sportsmanship and ethics panel in Sherley Hall.

The treatment of athletes, ethics in college and the amount of money spent on athletics were discussed by the four panelists.

Alisa Jeffery, a junior history major and resident assistant, sponsored the event as part of the Institute for International Sport's National

Sportsmanship Day.

Scott Wheatley, a junior political science major and president of the House of Representatives, said ethics were defined individually.

He said as House president, he had to draw the line between his personal values and the best interests of the student body, even though they sometimes conflicted.

Ryan Pfeiffer, a junior religion major and chairman of the Food Service committee for the House of Representatives, said people's experiences helped them define ethics.

Vincent Pryor, a senior social work major

and defensive player for the Horned Frog football team, said athletes had opportunities to do unethical things, such as taking drugs or money.

He said playing on a team taught people a lot about the real world as far as making decisions. In today's world, a lot of people do not play by the rules, Pryor said.

Wheatley said ethics were learned over a period of time.

"Ethics is nothing but a process of learning," he said.

Every situation a person encounters provides

a foundation upon which people determine their values, he said.

Erin Trujillo, a junior social work major and women's soccer team captain, said her ideals were a part of her athletics, school and work.

"I think I got a lot of my sportsmanship from my coaches," she said.

Trujillo said her soccer coach from sixth grade to her senior year was from Germany. She grew up with him and learned about sports from him. He taught her different perspectives, she said.

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Police deny Skiff access to reports

Mills must review documents before release, Stewart says

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart on Thursday denied the *Skiff* access to the campus police reports from this week saying Don Mills, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs, had asked him to do so.

"I'm going to talk to Don Mills, tomorrow when he gets back, on what the status of all the campus police reports is," Stewart said during an interview.

Stewart removed this week's reports from view, so that Mills could first review them.

Mills was out of town on Thursday and was not available to look at this week's reports or to comment.

Before Thursday, *Skiff* reporters could read the first page of every campus police report and then inquire further about specific incidents if they were newsworthy.

That agreement between the *Skiff* and the Office of Student Affairs has been in place at least five years, said Paul LaRocque, retired director of student publications.

"It is definitely a change of policy — there had been openness and now there isn't," LaRocque said.

"When you're operating a daily newspaper you can't always wait for the vice chancellor, who is out of town, to come back to see the records a day or maybe a week later," he said.

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House approves crime bill

Republicans revise measure passed in 1994

By ERIC WALTERMIRE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A Republican-sponsored bill that would repeal the 1994 crime bill's commitment to hire 100,000 new police officers has passed the House and is now in committee in the Senate.

President Clinton has threatened to veto the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Act of 1995 if Congress passes the bill. The bill was one of the pledges made in the House Republicans' "Contract With America."

The bill would revise the anti-crime law, which passed Congress in August 1994, by repealing the police-hiring plans and diverting the money into block grants which individual states could use for various purposes, including new personnel.

The 1994 anti-crime law authorized \$8.8 billion to

hire 100,000 new officers, plus \$4 billion for policing programs. The proposed rewrite, however, would reduce the total funding by almost \$4 billion.

Funding for policing programs is probably the most significant part of the crime law, said Lt. Pat Knebllick, spokeswoman for the Fort Worth Police Department.



"Police departments across the country have turned to community policing," Knebllick said. "And if you look at the crime statistics over the last two years you'll notice crime has dropped."

Knebllick said Fort Worth saw a 14 percent decrease in crime last year and a 24 percent decrease the previous year.

"This drop in crime is directly related to the effectiveness of our community policing efforts," she said.

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NEWS DIGEST

R.E.M. drummer to have surgery

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The drummer of the rock group R.E.M., Bill Berry, has suffered a brain hemorrhage and is expected to undergo surgery in Switzerland, his German agent said Thursday.

Berry felt ill and was unable to complete a concert in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Wednesday night, concert promoter Marek Lieberberg said.

He was taken to a hospital, and doctors determined he had suffered a brain hemorrhage. Lieberberg said he could not give Berry's condition or other details.

Court considers evangelist's plea

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has agreed to consider a request by evangelist Robert Tilton that it stop a judge's order requiring him to turn over records of donations he has made.

Tilton and his Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church, were sued in a Dallas court by former followers who alleged he deceived people to obtain money.

Tilton's lawyers say Judge John McClellan Marshall's order that he hand over records of his donations to charities violate his rights to free expression of religion.

Census bureau releases report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mothers who receive welfare aid have babies earlier than other women and have more of them, a new Census Bureau profile shows. While Congress debates welfare reform, the report shows nearly half of mothers receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children have never married.

The Census Statistical Brief compiles data from the bureau's Survey of Income and Program Participation for 1993. It was issued in response to requests from members of Congress and the media, statistician Amara Bachu said.

Group excludes black woman

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A white women's group established at the University of Pennsylvania to combat racism excluded a black student from a meeting.

Janali Davis said she tried to attend a meeting Tuesday of White Women Against Racism, but was asked to leave.

"We believe racism is a white problem and we have a responsibility as white women in particular to do what we can to eradicate racism," said Elena DiLapi, director of the Women's Center, which sponsored the meeting.

Magazine picks 'young' cities

NEW YORK (AP) — Young? Ambitious? Steer clear of Shreveport, La., and head straight to Fort Collins, Colo. Fort Collins is one of four cities recommended as "The Best Places To Be Young" by a new personal-finance magazine called "Your Future" that is being test-marketed for under-40 readers by Money magazine.

The other three cities recommended are Tampa, Fla., Austin, Texas, and Hong Kong. What makes them good? High job growth, low unemployment, good weather, good schools, and in some cases, affordable housing.

CAMPUSLINES

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

WOMEN'S LACROSSE will play Texas Tech at 3 p.m. Saturday on the TCU intramural fields.

TCU MINORITY FORUM at 5:30 p.m. Monday at TCU Wesley Foundation, 2750 Lowden. Speaker is Hardy Murphy. Dinner is free.

GOLDEN KEY HONOR SOCIETY will hold their general meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Members will be working in committees to discuss upcoming service projects and campus awareness. A free breakfast for two will be given away as a door prize. Check the Student Center board for room number.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP will

be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Rickel 106. It will address note taking, studying a textbook and several other topics. Call the Center for Academic Services at 921-7486.

LET'S GO ABROAD will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Reed Hall 101 to set up global issues groups. All are welcome.

PEER COUNSELORS are taking applications for Helping Skills Training Session. Applications are available at the Counseling Center. The deadline is March 8. Call 921-7863.

TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION will accept applications through March 24 for the 1995-96 school year. This is a student organization that volunteers in the Admissions, Alumni and Development departments. Applications are available at the Student Center information desk. Call 921-7803.

UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITY meets at 5 p.m. Mondays in Student Center 204. Call Dui at 263-6201 or

David at 924-3905. All are welcome.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Moudy 271S. The next meeting is Tuesday.

HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB is an organization to foster appreciation of the outdoors through planned activities. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center 222. Call Paul at 926-9510.

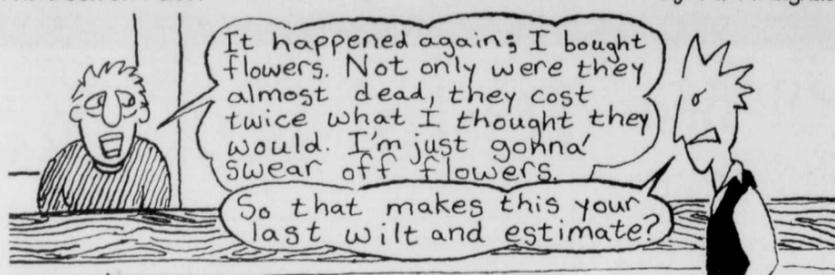
BATTLE OF THE BANDS applications are available at the Student Center Information Desk. They are due March 20.

ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA SUPPORT GROUP the anonymous, 12-step approach support group, will soon begin meeting off-campus. Call 926-1997.

RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT GROUP is forming at the Counseling Center. Please call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

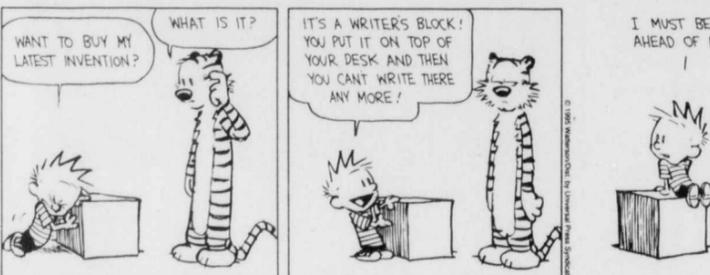
The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's forecast is cloudy with a chance of freezing rain and a high temperature of 45 degrees.

The weekend will be mostly cloudy, with a chance of thunderstorms and a high of 58 on Saturday.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Safe Break Campaign
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., International Student Association Global Exhibit, Student Center Lounge
6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Professor's night out, Rickel Building
9 p.m., Forrest Gump, Student Center Ballroom

Saturday
9 a.m., SRO Retreat begins
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., International Student Association International Banquet and Talent Show, Student Center Ballroom
Men's Basketball vs. Texas Tech, here
Women's Basketball vs. Texas Tech, in Lubbock

Sunday
Safe break campaign
7 p.m., Ad-Libs Comedy Troupe, Student Center Lounge
7:30 p.m., TCU Chorale and Concert Chorale concert, Arlington Heights Methodist Church

Monday
ISA officer elections
Monday at TCU
11 a.m., Safe Break Campaign — Signing of "No Drunk Driving" pledge cards
2 p.m., Safer sex workshop

Tuesday
GSP test
8 p.m., Spring dance concert, Ed Landreth Auditorium
7 p.m., "Having the Best Sex," speaker Doug Weis

Wednesday
noon, University Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel
8 p.m., Alpha Chi Omega Fashion Show, Scott Theater

Thursday
noon, Safe Break Concert, Student Center Lounge
TCU Fine Arts Guild Production

Friday
Classes recess at 10 p.m.

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What's news?
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and onions, at the Switzerland table. "Everyone asked if it was sauerkraut because it looks so much like it," he said. "Most people said they liked it," Kuster said. "They were very enthusiastic to try it." He said about the same amount of people showed up as last year, but the quality of the food was much better this year because the dishes were chosen more carefully. "Last year we served Swiss cheese and bread at the Switzerland table," Kuster said. The Bayrische Creme served at the Germany table is similar to Napoleon

at La Madeleine, a French bakery and cafe on Camp Bowie Boulevard, he said. The last event of International Week is the International Banquet and Talent Show from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. The entertainment for the evening will include:
•Fashion Show including International formals, casual wear and a Parade of Nations
•Rhythm and Blues band
•Tae Kwon Do performance
•Panamanian dance
•Song by Patricia Endara of Panama
•Piano performance by Ricardo Nascimento of Brazil

•Piano/Flute performance by Ricardo Nascimento and Arturo Rodriguez of Mexico
•ISA Video of the ISA students directed by Benjamin Tonks of England and Adonis Taliadoros of Cyprus
The dinner will feature foods from 13 different countries — appetizers from Spain and Panama; salads from Bulgaria and Italy; breads from France, India and Germany; entrees from Korea, Kenya and Switzerland; and desserts from Cyprus, Germany and apple pie from the United States. Tickets will be sold from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Student Center and in the International Student Affairs office. Tickets are \$10 for non-students, \$9 for students and \$8

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The panel was asked if they thought ethical values were on the decline. Pryor said he believed that there were still some who had good values. "There are still (athletes) who do the right things. Those are the ones that become legends," Pryor said. Pfeiffer said the definition of ethics might differ from one person to the next. The panel and audience also discussed necessity of the expenses involved in maintaining intercollegiate athletics. Wheatley said he had heard administrators say effective marketing of TCU depended greatly on the amount of money the university spent on big sports. About 25 women attended the program, Jeffery said.

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■ VICTORIA DEEN

Global warming problem ignored at humanity's peril

Well, Girl Scout cookie time has come around again, and so has Mother Nature. Just about the same time that you got your boxes of "Thin Mints" from the Girl Scouts this week, an iceberg the size of Rhode Island broke free of the Antarctic Peninsula.

According to an AP report, scientists say that the break-off of the 300-foot thick ice shelf, which connected James Ross Island to the tip of the peninsula in northwest Antarctica, was a result of regional warming.

The same report also says that a chunk of ice measuring 48 miles by 22 miles broke off the peninsula's east coast. Scientists expect the iceberg to melt quickly in warmer water over the next few weeks.

Apparently, the "lit match" that we tossed at Mother Nature in the form of



warming, almost all of them dealing with pollution.

All of the gunk that we've tossed into our atmosphere is forming a thick haze of gases that allow less heat from the sun to escape than ever before in man's history.

The depleted ozone layer not only allows more ultraviolet rays to the surface than

global warming has finally started to burn.

For more than a decade, scientists have been worried about the effects of global warming. There are a number of factors that contribute to global

ever before (resulting in a higher risk of skin cancer for everyone in today's world), it also allows more of the sun's rays to reach the surface as heat. There are many other factors.

You've heard about the "greenhouse effect." The Earth is acting like a giant greenhouse, letting heat in through our "windows" (ozone layer) and trapping it inside. Gradually the "greenhouse" (Earth) gets warmer and warmer, which is great for life that thrives in hot weather and a denser atmosphere, and bad for populations like human beings, dogs, cats, cows, etc.

Since we're living in Texas, with a characteristic toughness and individuality, the warmer weather doesn't seem like such a tragedy. However, most of us would probably like to keep our continent in the same shape.

Scientists have speculated that if the current rate of global warming and pollution continues, the icecaps will begin to melt at an exponential rate until there will be almost no North Pole or Antarctica left. The water level in the oceans will rise as a result of the melting of the massive icebergs, resulting in a lower land surface area.

In short, our grandchildren may be living in an America that looks drastically different from the one we're accustomed to.

Florida would be underwater, along with a large portion of the east coast. The Gulf of Mexico would creep up Texas, probably reducing it to the size of a normal state. The Mississippi River would flood, creating either a giant bay throughout Louisiana and Missouri, or completely dividing our country down the middle.

Don't call your grandparents today and tell them to get out of Florida because you don't want them to drown. This change isn't going to happen today or tomorrow.

Florida will still be there next year and the year after when you have a vacation. New Orleans won't need to have the Mardi Gras parade on barges. Your children, however, might be looking at Disney World through scuba gear.

The human race has been carelessly destroying the Earth. We thought we could get away with it, so we tested fate.

The report on these two icebergs was just a tiny paragraph in the *Skiff*; it appeared barely worth mentioning. In two generations, will we think the same thing?

Victoria Deen is a junior English major from Nacogdoches, Texas.

■ SCOTT BARZILLA

Dole tops list of prospective GOP nominees

Throughout the past two years, Bill Clinton's popularity has been steadily waning. Many Americans think Clinton shouldn't bother running for re-election at all. With this in mind, it is becoming increasingly apparent that we could have a Republican president.

Therefore, it is time to look at the preliminary list of candidates to see if there are any plausible choices for the mainstream American voter.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm is the early front runner by virtue of his ardent fund-raising. Gramm has been seemingly planning this campaign since the day he was born.

Unfortunately, Gramm is not well-liked by his party, and his political ideals are just a tad right of the mainstream. For example, he believes that we should build a wall on the Texas/Mexico border to prevent illegal aliens from coming over.

It didn't go over well when Pat Buchanan mentioned it in his speech at the 1992 Republican National Convention. The comment about hiring out-of-work East German border guards probably didn't help

that idea along.

While on the subject of speeches, if any of you caught Gramm's speech at the 1992 convention, then you saw his innovative method of talking through the applause. Phil receives no style points for that one.

Kansas Sen. and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is also expected to run. The good thing about Dole is that his name is well-known and he has vast experience in Washington. However, that can be a disadvantage as well.

Another obvious disadvantage for Dole is his age. If elected in 1996, Dole will be 73, which would make him the oldest president ever elected. His health might also be in question since he at one time had cancer.

Dole is a decorated World War II veteran, which always wins points with the electorate. This becomes an increasing advantage when we consider that Gramm did not feel it necessary to go to Vietnam.

Ideologically, Dole is a good candidate for mainstream Americans. He holds on to strong conservative economic beliefs, but has rejected the religious conservatism that scares a great many independents away.

The third major candidate is former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. He spent three years as president of the University of Tennessee, a similarity he shares with Dwight Eisenhower, who was president of Columbia University before becoming president. Alexander was also Bush's secretary of education for two years.

Alexander is selling himself as a Washington "outsider," which gives him a good chance as long as no other "outsider" throws his or her hat into the ring. Alexander agrees with most of the Republican ideas on welfare and wants to abolish the Department of Education.

Eliminating the Department of Education would probably be a mistake, but we'll save that for later. Alexander's candidacy hinges on the success of Congress' pending legislation.

Conservative political commentator Pat Buchanan has also said that he will run. However, we shouldn't pay too much attention since only David Duke, Adolf Hitler and Attila the Hun could be considered to be further to the right than Buchanan.

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter closes out the list of present presidential hopefuls. Ideologically, Specter is the most moderate of the candidates, but that will work against him.

He also doesn't get any brownie points for speaking out against his own party on the abortion issue. Hey Arlen, it is the Republican Party that will decide who its candidate will be.

The battle for the Republican presidential nomination over the next year-and-a-half should be an interesting one. Overall, Dole will probably wind up on top because of his name and his stature in the party.

Scott Barzilla is a junior political science major from Houston.



■ BOB TURNEY

Chancellor feeds revised opinion of dining room

Just in case any of you yahoos out there in Readerland are a) literate, or b) have sensory organs, I had lunch with Chancellor Tucker the other day. Yes, that's right, the Big Cheese invited *moi* to bury the hatchet and break bread with him.

So, what did he have to say to our gathering of the minds? As one would expect, Chancellor Tucker is decent, kind and polite, as well as intelligent and competent. One would expect no less from this university, seeing as how we depend on him for our livelihood. The most important duty of the chancellor is to raise money for the university. You don't hire a complete schmuck for that job; you get the best person available.

Anyway, the chancellor was fascinating, with an anecdote for every situation. The dining room itself was *very nice*, except for the wallpaper. Sorry, but it just doesn't work for me. It reminds me of my grandmother's bathroom, not of an elegant and ornate dining room.

Maybe that says something about my grandmother's taste; I don't know. The food, as expected, was simple, yet delicious. However, the 30 minutes I spent before lunch learning how to pronounce French wine names were completely wasted (No, no! Not Bojangles! Beau-jalois!).

We discussed a wide variety of subjects, from Sloth Wear to how to tell the parental units you've gotten yet another parked-in-a-fire lane ticket. We also discussed parking on campus and who paid for the dining room.

I was wrong about the dining room. Your tuition dollars don't pay for it, and no, the chancellor doesn't eat there every day. It is used for a variety of receptions, events and formal occasions by a variety of groups and organizations.

I still think that the chancellor's residence would be a more apropos location, but the fact that his residence is off-campus, can't seat as many people and is not conveniently located with a kitchen/catering service nearby does provide strong arguments for its existence. Plus, I wouldn't invite some of these events into my house, even if the groups were paying to use the space.

As for parking, the chancellor was very receptive to the arguments presented by my fellow diners and me. We discussed parking at the Moudy Building and the Bass Building, and we talked about some of the steps that the university has taken to alleviate the parking problems on the east side of campus.

He even admitted that there was still a parking problem on the east side of campus, letting some of the air out of my argument, because I had expected him to deny it vehemently. He made an excellent point, though, that parking at TCU is considerably better than at other universities, although that is little comfort to a nursing major who is walking to class from the coliseum when the wind chill is in the teens.

All in all, Chancellor Tucker was a reasonable, friendly, down-to-earth guy, which disappointed me, and is probably disappointing to countless others who portray him as a cold, aloof executive who cares nothing about the students of this university.

Therefore, I find myself searching, groping in the dark for a new villain to launch diatribes against. So tune in next week, when Bob finds a new scapegoat (Clinton? Newt? Rush? my editor?).

Bob Turney is a junior political science and history double major from Houston.

■ EDITORIAL

WELFARE REFORM

Children shouldn't suffer for parents' mistakes

The Republican plan to reform the welfare system is currently being battled out in the House Ways and Means committee.

The bill being debated follows a pledge from the House Republicans' "Contract with America" to drastically change federal social programs, especially welfare programs.

The Contract's "Personal Responsibility Act" would end Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments to unwed mothers under age 18, give states the option to end AFDC payments to families after two years — if one year has been spent in a work program — and give states more flexibility to design work programs and decide who participates in them.

Recent newspaper reports have said Republicans may be softening their stance on cutting AFDC payments to unwed mothers under 18.

The current welfare system should

be reformed, but lawmakers in Congress should make sure any reforms don't punish children for the mistakes of their parents.

If AFDC payments are going to be cut or restricted, they must be included with affordable child care options, job training and more stringent child support enforcement for delinquent parents.

Linda Moore, an associate professor of social work and director of the university social work program, said AFDC payments make up only around 2 percent of federal spending annually.

Welfare reform should not be looked at as simply a means to balance the budget. Any reform in welfare programs must be aimed at helping welfare recipients gain independence and improve their quality of life.

The children of welfare families deserve to be looked at as real people, not a tool of political rhetoric.

■ LETTERS

Watch Kurt Thomas play on Saturday

How about a little pop quiz in the morning for the faithful *Skiff* reader and fellow Horned Frog?

Who is the leading scorer and rebounder in NCAA-Division I basketball, and just last weekend, had the first triple-double in TCU history? You got it folks, KURT THOMAS! What school does he play for? Exactamundo, the home team, TCU! When will be his last game in the purple confines of "Run-DMC?" Right on target, this SATURDAY! Who is our favorite SWC opponent when it comes to spoiling their hope for an outright conference championship? Yes, absolutely, obnoxious Red "tortilla-throwin'" Raiders from Texas Tech!

Now, I don't know about you, but I think those are pretty good reasons to pack the house tomorrow. Seriously, Billy-ball has arrived in Horned Frog-land, and it's fun again to see the Frogs runnin', gunnin' and actually makin' them! Like any other team sport, success is the result of the combined efforts of a team: smart coaching by an

experienced and inspiring coach, great performances by the rookies (How about that Juan "Homeboy" Bragg?) and consistency and leadership by the returning players.

However, I think it's fair to say that Kurt Thomas made the difference. Throughout his career at TCU, he went through the bad times and the pain of losses and injuries. Nevertheless, he always gave it all, for our school! More than any other player, he deserves the team's and his personal success this year. To you, Kurt, thanks for every single point, rebound, assist, blocked shot in your career! Thanks for representing the best TCU! Good luck in your chase of the NCAA-record book and in professional basketball, wherever you will play! Come on, people, fill "Run-DMC," make some noise, and say goodbye to one of the best in TCU history! Kurt, do it one more time.

Christian Kaschuba
Media Studies graduate student

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Foreigner rises again; latest CD good effort

By MICHAEL ROWETT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Foreigner: Mr. Moonlight

Like a phoenix rising from the metaphorical ashes of '70s arena rock, Foreigner's latest album attempts to stave off impending commercial extinction.

Given the band's fall from popular favor since its mid-1980s heyday, Foreigner may as well be praying for a commercial miracle.

Once one of Atlantic Records' top-selling artists, Foreigner is now relegated to an obscure independent label called Rhythm Safari. After several years out of the band, original frontman Lou Gramm has rejoined founding guitarist Mick Jones and assorted sidemen in an effort to rekindle the flames of Foreigner's commercial bonfire.

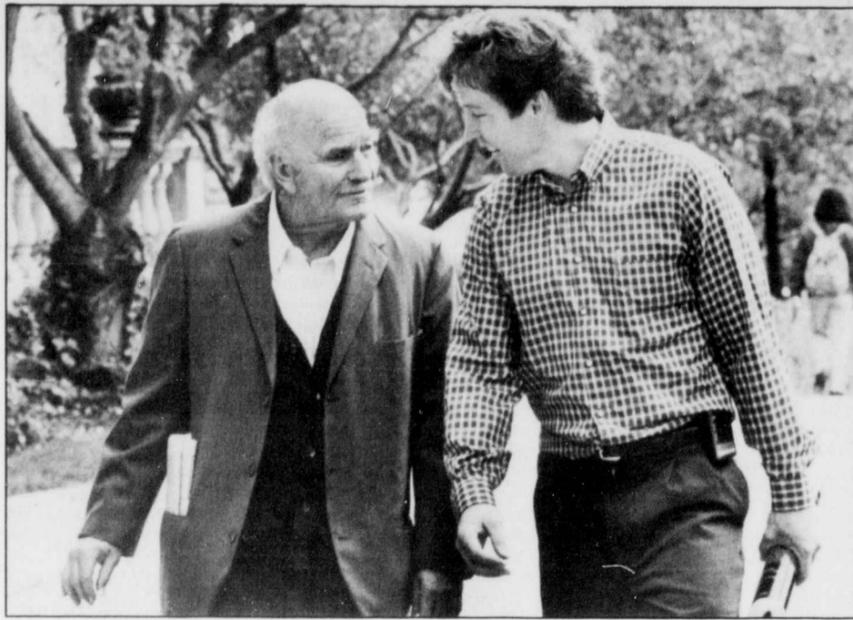
At Foreigner's creative peak — exemplified by its early and mid-'80s hits such as "Urgent," "I Want To Know What Love Is" and "Waiting For A Girl Like You" — the band relied upon Gramm's distinctive, soulful vocal delivery, combined with Jones' knack for driving melodies to carry the day.

On *Mr. Moonlight*, Gramm's first album with Foreigner since 1987's *Inside Information*, the band sounds scarcely different than it did a decade ago. Not that it's any surprise — once Foreigner found its formula — melodic hard rockers combined with soaring power ballads — it stuck with it and made only minor adaptations during its decade-long stint at the top of the charts.

Still, *Mr. Moonlight* shows that the band hasn't lost its ability to produce memorable material.

Gramm's vocals, as wide-ranging as ever, manage to transcend his staple "I-thought-our-love-would-last-forever" lyrics, which tend to make the songs predictable. Gramm is especially effective on the soulful "I Keep Hoping" and the driving "White Lie."

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Peter Falk and D.B. Sweeney make unusual roommates in this heartwarming comedy by the same name.

Irish Festival hits Dallas

Music, dancing and food part of weekend events

By JOHN LAMBERTH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

March is upon us again. That means a certain annual event that many people look forward to each and every spring is in full swing. No, it is not Spring Break, it's the North Texas Irish Festival.

Now in its 13th year, the Irish Festival draws thousands of people from all over the Southwest who enjoy Irish culture, music and dancing, to Fair Park in Dallas.

Sponsored by the Southwest Celtic Music Association, the festival is "The Largest Gathering of the Irish in the Southwest" as well as "The Largest Music Festival in Dallas," according to a press release.

The first gathering occurred in 1983 when four bands got together to play traditional Irish music.

By putting their mailing lists together,

the bands attracted over 600 people to the fair. From this Caeli (the Gaelic word for "gathering"), the Southwest Celtic Music Association was formed.

The second festival was held at Fair Park in order to accommodate more people. Since then, the North Texas Irish Festival has grown to the second largest Irish Festival in the country, drawing 25,000 people in recent years.

It is second only to Milwaukee's Irish Festival, which draws an excess of 95,000 people. The North Texas Festival draws Irish enthusiasts from all around the Southwest including Oklahoma; Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Because it is Dallas' largest music festival, obviously one can expect music. There are nearly 40 different bands scheduled to play over the weekend.

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'Roommates' okay, lacks true emotion

"Roommates" (PG)

This is the film where Peter Falk is encased in pounds and pounds of makeup and plays a man who lives to the age of 107, while D.B. Sweeney plays his fidgety grandson.

Years of history, years of family. "Roommates" is what happens when a young boy is reared by a crochety old man, and that is essentially the plot.

What is being touted by Disney (Hollywood Pictures) as a "feel-good" movie about love, duty, and family is actually a lukewarm exercise in sentiment and erstwhile guilt.

When young Michael Holeczek's parents die, his grandfather, Rocky, 75, takes him as his ward. As the movie progresses, Rocky remains in the picture as Michael's guiding force and constant reminder of "where he came from."

Later Rocky's apartment is condemned, and Rocky refuses to leave. So, after 26 years, it is Michael's turn to take Rocky in. The two move to Pittsburgh, where Michael is a medical student.

Of course, Rocky is not an easy man to get along with, as Michael's girlfriend (and wife-to-be) Beth (the beautiful Julianne Moore) learns, both quickly and all too well.

A sweet story? Yes. But somewhere near the middle of the movie, the plot gets confused. Too many outside factors affect the relation-

ship between the two primary characters. And while some may believe that this is simply "life's interference," it does not help the story.

At times overly wrought, "Roommates" wants to make its audiences cry. Because this fact is so obvious, it is difficult to get too close to the characters.

However, if you are seeing "Roommates" as a tribute to your loved ones, the movie will have the desired impact.

Falk, Sweeney, and Moore do wonderful jobs in their roles, but that doesn't make the story any easier to understand. It would have been better if they had kept the three principal characters in the limelight.

Keep it simple, folks.
Grade: C+



CRYSTAL DECKER
FILM CRITIC

"The Walking Dead" (R)

At 91 minutes, there isn't a whole lot to say about "The Walking Dead." Ads proclaim the movie takes a look at "The Black Experience in Vietnam," but that really isn't the case at all.

In short, a small team of soldiers fly into a heavy-fire zone to perform a rescue mission and learn they are being led like lambs to the slaughter.

In the time that they have to sit around and fear for their lives, audiences are shown (in flashback) how each soldier enlisted and why.

Perhaps one of the characters did come to Vietnam for racial reasons, but more importantly, I think this movie is more about the HUMAN experience in Vietnam.

If "The Walking Dead" showed us anything, it was that Vietnam was hell for EVERYONE, not just the African-Americans or Caucasians.

There were decent performances by Alen Payne and Eddie Griffin, but all were emotionally distanced. Not enough time was spent on them, which made the story easier, but not better.

Grade: C

Canadian filmmaker wins with 'Exotica'

By TODD JORGENSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The new film "Exotica" marks the sixth directorial effort for 34-year-old Canadian Atom Egoyan.

Egoyan is most famous for the 1991 film "The Adjuster." His films are usually described as deep character studies — often passionate but never predictable.

"Exotica" clearly fits that mold. It has been widely regarded as his best film thus far, winning several Canadian film awards. The sudden success has taken Egoyan somewhat by surprise.

"I am surprised, but really gratified by it," Egoyan said during a recent interview.

"It's really amazing that this film has really picked up momentum," he

said. "It started six months ago, and the reason why it's still playing (in Canada) is obviously word-of-mouth. It's very exciting."

"It raises a lot of issues, and there's a lot of things that are left unanswered questions at the end," Egoyan. "People want to talk about it, and that really creates excitement."

Egoyan said "Exotica" has also helped to advance his early career. His early works such as "Family Viewing" (1987) and "Speaking Parts" (1989) were constrained by low budgets, but "The Adjuster" and "Exotica" allow Egoyan to fully use his creativity.

"I think that the smartest way to proceed through a career is by starting off small, seeing if there's inter-

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Chase carries 'Man'; 'Hunted' not worth the ride

"Man of the House" (PG)

A precocious kid doesn't want his mom to remarry after his father abandoned the two of them in "Man of the House," opening this weekend.

Chevy Chase stars as Jack Sturges, a federal prosecutor who falls in love with courtroom artist Sandy Archer (Farrah Fawcett) during a trial in



TODD JORGENSON
FILM CRITIC

which he sends a mob boss to jail for 50 years. The two are set to get

married, but for the strong objections of Sandy's 11-year-old son Ben (Jonathan Taylor Thomas of TV's "Home Improvement").

To discourage Jack from his impending marriage, Ben forces him to join the local father-son tribe of YMCA Indian Guides.

But when the mob wants take revenge on Jack, Ben and the rest of the tribe have to bond together to save his life.

The story in "Man of the House" is contrived and often quite silly. An extended musical montage to C&C Music Factory comes out of nowhere, and the last 30 minutes are strictly "Home Alone" type nonsense.

About the only redeeming quality in the film is the acting. Chase is impressive and surprisingly restrained, George Wendt is funny as the leader of the Indian Guides, and Thomas does well enough as the youngster (though each time he spoke I pictured the head of young Simba from "The Lion King," for



Chevy Chase and Jonathon Taylor Thomas star in Disney's latest release, 'Man of the House.'

which he did the voice).

There are some sporadic cute moments, certainly more than the film's horrible trailer would indicate, but overall "Man of the House" is destined to be another of Disney's live-action flops.

Grade: D+

"The Hunted" (R)

The commercials and previews for "The Hunted" have been running fast and furiously on the big screen and television. But did any one actually think it looked any good?

Paul Racine (Christopher Lambert) is an American businessman (what kind of business no one knows) in Japan who becomes smitten with a seductive yet mysterious woman (Joan Chen). When he is invited to her room for some late night "business," she is attacked and killed by a vicious ninja circle led by Kinjo (John Lone.) Kinjo has

never shown his face to a living person outside the circle. But Racine sees Kinjo's face, and hence becomes The Hunted.

There are some exciting action sequences throughout the film, and

the story is easy enough to follow.

I tried to give "The Hunted" an honest chance, but by the end I was just worn out.

Grade: D

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IN CURRENT RELEASE

Film	Todd	Crystal
"Billy Madison"	D	D-
"Boys on the Side"	—	C-
"The Brady Bunch Movie"	D+	—
"In the Mouth of Madness"	C+	B+
"The Jerky Boys"	F	F
"Just Cause"	C	B
"The Quick and the Dead"	B	A
"Heavyweights"	C-	D

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tonight is college night at the **Fort Worth Fire** hockey game. The Fire takes on the Memphis Riverkings at 7:30 p.m. and any seat in the house is \$5 with a college ID. Call 336-1992 for more information.

Mary Chapin-Carpenter performs at 10:30 p.m. tonight at Billy Bob's Texas. Reserved seating is sold out. General admission is \$8.50. **Eddie Raven** will perform at 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Reserved seats are \$9.50 and general admission is \$6.

Babble Zoo will be at Rail on Berry Street tonight for a CD release party promoting their latest album "One Mississippi." The performance begins at 10 p.m.

Stage West presents **Club Soda**, a comedy that explores the trials and joys of being a teenager. Previews are March 3-5. Call 924-9454 for more information.

Watusi, a reggae band from Dallas, will be performing on campus March 9. For more information, call the programming council.



A CBS Sports cameraman gets a firsthand look at senior Kurt Thomas' glare. The CBS crew followed Thomas around all day Thursday for a feature on the post player, who was named SWC Player of the Year Thursday. The feature will air Sunday during halftime of one of the college basketball games.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt

Frogs in a corner

TCU hopes to spoil Tech's title run during final regular-season contest

BY RICHMOND WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Many times, when an animal is backed into a corner, it will come out fighting.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The TCU basketball team is backed into a corner.

Despite losing five of their last seven games, head coach Billy Tubbs maintains the Horned Frogs will "not back off" when they play the Southwest Conference-leading Red Raiders of Texas Tech at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"We're going to go right at 'em," Tubbs said.

Tubbs said the Frogs (15-10, 7-6 SWC) had made significant improvements, but needed to peak in the last regular-season matchup before tournament play.

"Our program and our teams are winners," he said, "but the end of it's going to really tell."

TCU lost in Lubbock on Feb. 4, 107-88, in a game where the Raiders (18-7, 11-2 SWC) outrebounded the Frogs 47-38. Tubbs hopes to box out more on forwards Jason Sasser and Mark Davis, who had 22 rebounds between them.

Texas Tech is currently ranked No. 3 nationally in rebounding margin.

As the season draws to a close, senior center Kurt Thomas still leads the nation in scoring (29.1 ppg) and rebounding (14.3 rpg).

Thomas produced the first triple-double in school history Saturday against Texas A&M, but the Frogs still lost by five points.

In the Feb. 4 game, Sasser, Davis, and center Tony Battie took turns guarding Thomas, an obstacle Tubbs said his team needed to overcome.

"It's one of those things where you don't get the breaks on the road," Tubbs said. "We're more likely to get them here."

He said the team has had its best workouts of the year in the past week, and will remain "focused" Saturday.

The Raider basketball team finds itself in a similar situation as their

"We need student support on Saturday. Those are the people I'm most interested in getting here."

Billy Tubbs,
TCU Head Basketball Coach

football counterparts did last fall. In November, Texas Tech came to Fort Worth for the final game of the season, and needed win to gain sole possession of the SWC title.

The Horned Frogs won, however, and the prize was split five ways.

Raider Head Basketball Coach James Dickey said he was aware of the parallel implications of Saturday's game.

"We want to be able to win the conference title outright and not have to share it," Dickey said. "TCU is a tremendous ballclub and Kurt Thomas is one of the top players in the country. We'll have to play much better than we've played in the last two games in order to defeat TCU on Saturday."

Saturday's contest is a sellout, and Tubbs stressed the importance of student interest in the game.

"Those seats (student seats) go to the public at tipoff," he said. "We need student support on Saturday. Those are the people I'm most interested in getting in here."

Tennis team suffers rare loss to Ole Miss

BY ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's tennis team bounced back from a rare, first-round blowout loss at the USTA/ITA Team Indoor Championships in Louisville, Ky., last weekend, winning its last two matches to finish in ninth place.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Frogs, tied with Mississippi for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's No. 8 ranking going into the tournament, were thoroughly dominated by the Rebels, losing 6-1.

After being swept in the doubles, the Frogs could manage only one victory in

singles play. Junior David Roditi, tied for the No. 90 ranking, upset No. 53-ranked Johan Landsberg, 6-2, 6-4, at the No. 4 singles position.

All three of the Frogs' nationally-ranked doubles pairs lost by 8-4 scores to the Rebels' unranked duos, including the No. 1-ranked pair of Roditi and junior Paul Robinson, who dropped their No. 1 doubles match to Mahesh Bhupathi and Ali Hamadeh.

The Frogs did not win a single set in their five singles losses. Robinson, ranked No. 13, was upset by unranked Bhupathi, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

The Frogs rebounded, though, to defeat No. 15-ranked Notre Dame, 6-1, and then downed No. 12-ranked Florida, 5-2, for the Frogs' best finish at

the tournament since 1992. The Frogs' dual match record now stands at 6-2, including an even 2-2 against opponents ranked in top 20.

Against the Gators, the Frogs took control early, winning the doubles point with two quick victories. Doubles play has been an indicator of the Frogs' success, as they are 6-0 when winning the doubles point and 0-2 when losing it.

Robinson and Roditi won, 8-4, over unranked Randy Baldemor and Damon Henkel at No. 1 doubles. At the No. 2 spot, sophomores Ashley Fisher and Jason Weir-Smith, ranked No. 16, defeated Florida's Jason Appel and Dyllan Fitzgerald. The No. 3 doubles match was then suspended.

Needing only a split of the six singles

matches, the Frogs took four. Robinson, Weir-Smith and freshman Andres Urencia all won in three sets at the Nos. 1, 3 and 6 positions, respectively, and Fisher won at No. 4 singles in straight sets.

Robinson upset No. 4-ranked Henkel, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, to up his individual record to 21-6, including 4-2 against players ranked in the top 10, and 3-0 against those in the top five.

TCU now looks ahead to the H.E.B. Collegiate Team Championships this weekend in Corpus Christi. The Frogs, who did not compete in the tournament last year after winning it in 1993, enter as the No. 1 seed.

The Frogs will open against unranked Michigan State on Friday.

Cowboys lose another player; James Washington signs deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Safety James Washington, nearly the MVP of Dallas' Super Bowl victory two years ago, signed on Thursday with the Washington Redskins.

Washington, a seven-year NFL veteran, joins former Buffalo Bills linebacker Marcus Patton signed in a bid to improve what was the NFL's second-worst defense last year. Washington's agent, Ted Updike, said he signed a three-year contract at \$4.5 million.

"After last season, we targeted safety as a position we felt we had to strengthen," said general manager Charley Casserly. "James Washington is the type of defensive player I hoped we'd be able to sign."

The 6-foot-1, 209-pound Washington spent five seasons with Dallas after being drafted from UCLA on the fifth round by the Los Angeles Rams in 1988. He had signed with the Cowboys as a "Plan B" free agent.

In 16 starts with the Cowboys last season, Washington tied for the club lead in interceptions with five, and finished fifth on the team in tackles with 101.

He is perhaps best known for the 1994 Super Bowl.

With Dallas trailing Buffalo 13-6 just 55 seconds into the second half, Washington picked up a fumble and returned it 46 yards for a touchdown to tie the score. He was runnerup to Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith in the MVP voting.

"We talk about building up the middle, and this is where it starts," said Washington head coach Norv Turner, who was on coaching staffs when Washington played with both Dallas and the Rams.

Washington said his desire to remain in the NFC East was an important consideration in his decision to sign with the Redskins.

"It's the style of play I'm used to," he said. "There were offers to go other places, but I like the way the teams play in this division."

He said that although he harbors no ill will toward Dallas, he looks forward to the opportunity to hit Smith "for real, at last," after having to hold back in practice.

PURPLE PROGNOSTICATORS

	Texas Tech at TCU	Oklahoma St. at Kansas	Duke at North Carolina	Spurs at Rockets	Supersonics at Suns	Trailblazers at Jazz	Kings at Stars
Richmond Williams Sports Editor Last week: 4-3 Total: 22-19	TCU	Kansas	North Carolina	Rockets	Suns	Jazz	Stars
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Dave Jimenez Sports writer Last week: 2-5 Total: 21-20	Tech	Kansas	North Carolina	Spurs	Supersonics	Trailblazers	Stars
Brad Horn Sports writer Last week: 5-2 Total: 24-17	TCU	Kansas	North Carolina	Rockets	Supersonics	Jazz	Kings

CALENDAR

This is the sports calendar for today through next Thursday, March 9.

Fri.-Sat.: **M. Swimming & Diving**, SWC Championships at Austin

Fri.-Sun.: **M. Tennis**, H.E.B. Team Championships at Corpus Christi

Fri.: **Baseball**, Arkansas (A), 3 p.m.

Sat.: **M. Basketball**, Texas Tech (H), 7:05 p.m., **W. Tennis**, Purdue (A), **Track**, Baylor (A), **Baseball**, Arkansas (A), 1 p.m.

Sun.: **W. Tennis**, Indiana (A), 10 a.m., **Baseball**, Arkansas (A), 2 p.m.

Tues.: **Baseball**, Evansville (H), 2:30 p.m.

Wed.: **W. Basketball**, Texas Tech (A), **Baseball**, Temple (A), 7 p.m.

Wed.-Sat.: **W. Basketball**, SWC Classic at Dallas

Thur.: **Baseball**, Temple (A), 7 p.m.

Thur.-Sat.: **Diving**, NCAA Zone Diving at Austin, **Swimming**, Longhorn Invite at Austin, **M. Basketball**, SWC Classic at Dallas

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Indians sneak by Lady Frogs

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team lost a hard-fought, non-conference dual match to Northeast Louisiana on Tuesday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, falling by a 5-4 score.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Lady Frogs' record dropped to 4-3. It was their first loss to an unranked opponent this season. The team's previous defeats were at the hands of Oklahoma (ranked No. 32) and Rice (No. 36).

TCU fell behind early, losing four of the six singles matches to the Lady Indians.

Sophomore Deidre Walsh, tied for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's No. 86 ranking, dropped the first set of her No. 1 singles match but stormed back to win, 1-6, 6-0, 6-1. Walsh upped her individual record to 9-5.

But TCU's only other singles victory came at the No. 6 spot, where sophomore Charlotte Burgess (10-4 record overall) won, 6-3, 6-0. In between, the Lady Frogs managed to win win but one set in four losses.

Freshman Allena Cano, playing at the No. 4 slot, went the distance with N.E. Louisiana's Eva Eguiprer before falling, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Freshman Annika Kjellgren and sophomores Coryn Wilken (ranked No. 55) and Asa Norinder lost in straight sets at the Nos. 2, 3 and 5 positions, respectively.

The deficit was too much for the Lady Frogs to overcome.

Needing a sweep of the three doubles matches, TCU could only win two. The duo of Kjellgren and junior Christina Stangeland, tied for the No. 24 ranking, won, 8-5, at the No. 2 position, and Burgess and Norinder cruised to an 8-3 win at the No. 3 slot.

But the No. 38-ranked pair of Walsh and Cano dropped its No. 1 doubles match, 8-5, to the unranked duo of Joruca Kaznska and Sabua Chadha, to give the Lady Indians the victory.

The Lady Frogs will pack their bags and head to the Hoosier State this weekend for two non-conference matches. TCU will face unranked Purdue on Saturday and No. 11-ranked Indiana on Sunday.

Baseball talks close to collapse

By RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Baseball talks teetered on the verge of collapse Thursday night, when several owners said they were leaving the bargaining table and contemplating bringing in hard-line negotiators.

After a two-hour meeting with the union, acting commissioner Bud Selig said he would return to Milwaukee later in the evening, but some management negotiators would remain.

"We couldn't get around to talking about the luxury tax," Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington said.

The sides got stuck again on the owners' revenue-sharing agreement, reached in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in January 1994. Players insist that plan alone would drag down salaries, and they want owners to rewrite that agreement.

Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris suggested that Chicago White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf take over negotiations if no agreement with the players was in sight. The union regards Reinsdorf as the leader of the hard-line owners.

"John and I haven't done one thing that Dick Ravitch didn't," McMorris said, referring to management's negotiator when talks began more than 25 months ago.

Union officials weren't immediately available for reaction to McMorris' suggestion.

The sides met peacefully but unproductively for three days earlier this week. Then the owners left their meeting site in the afternoon to speak with union leaders at their hotel.

"I think I was used," said McMorris, one of the more moderate owners. "I think I was given a false sense. ... I'm not going to sit here and be used day after day."

Asked who was using him, McMorris responded: "By Don Fehr and his staff."

On Tuesday, McMorris had expressed optimism, saying he thought a deal could be reached within days.

"We've digressed," he said. "Yesterday we got bogged down and last night we were going downhill. We've got to get past the point where all we can talk about is revenue sharing again."

McMorris said he wasn't sure he had "moved the ball" since he joined the talks in August.

"If we're not making progress," he said, then his side should consider having "different owners and different attorneys" on the bargaining team. Some people on the union side think Reinsdorf is at the talks this week to scuttle any possible deal.

Reinsdorf, who is at management's caucuses but not in the talks, denies the charge.

Five more games were played on the exhibition schedule, which opened Wednesday night. Just 600 people showed up to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Yankees 11-3 at Fort Lauderdale Stadium, which has a capacity of 8,340 and drew 6,664 for the 1994 spring opener.

About 600 fans attended Cleveland's 3-1 victory over Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla. Before the game came the first replacement trade: the Indians sent five players to the Reds for future considerations. Twenty-three of Cincinnati's 44 players walked out of camp Wednesday.

Just 294 fans watched Kansas City beat Stetson 3-1 at Haines City, and about 600 watched Atlanta beat Georgia Tech 5-1 at West Palm Beach. At Bradenton, 685 fans were in the stands at gametime and they saw Minnesota beat Pittsburgh 6-4.

In other news, Michael Jordan departed the White Sox camp in

Sarasota, Fla. Jordan had not been expected to play in exhibition games because the union would have considered him a strikebreaker.

At the table, the sides did firm up agreements in 10 minor areas, most of which had been tentatively settled during last month's talks in Washington. According to union lawyer Michael Weiner, the side agreed that:

- Allowances will be adjusted for inflation. Using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, meal money will increase from \$60.50 per day to \$63.50 during the season and from \$53.50 to \$56 during spring training. The spring training weekly allowance will increase from \$188.50 to \$198.50 and the supplemental allowance for those not at team hotels will increase from \$34 to \$36 per week.

- All players will get single rooms during the regular season.

- No mandatory workouts may be scheduled on the Wednesday of the all-star break.

- In-season exhibition games will be cut from a maximum of three to two.

- The maximum number of games in each league starting before noon will be cut from six per season to four.

- All collective bargaining agreement notices will be printed in Spanish as well as English.

- Clubs will provide, at their expense, English as a second language courses to any player who wants it.

- If a scheduling violation occurs, only the club in violation must approve the change, not the opponent for the game.

- The sides will jointly update the list of doctors allowed to give second medical opinions.

- The 1994 agreement on how players split their playoff money during the first round will be incorporated into the collective bargaining agreement.

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"The more we get, the better it is for everyone," Cantella said.

In the week since the organization has become recognized by the university, their numbers have already swelled to near 150, Cantella said.

That number doesn't include the other 150 that have expressed an interest but haven't paid dues yet, he said.

With numbers come power. If the College Republicans reach 400 members, the group becomes a Super Club on the national level.

"With that Super Club status, everybody wins because we can get bigger name speakers here," Cantella said. "It is within the realm of possibilities to have GOP candidates come to TCU. That makes the school look really good."

That isn't to say the College Republicans are here to stay.

Traditionally TCU has had problems keeping the Republican organizations active.

Evan Fitzmaurice, press secretary for the Republican party of Texas, said the poor success rate for Republican-like organizations on campus was because of the homogeneity of the university.

Just as the larger universities had more people, Fitzmaurice said, they also had more liberal organizations, which provides more competition.

"The war of ideas is more pronounced and in your face everyday," Fitzmaurice said.

Universities like TCU have a more unanimity of principles, he said. In that environment organizations like the College Republicans will lapse, he said.

The poor success rate of College Republicans in the past may be a sign of general complacency, Fitzmaurice said.

"Where there isn't a whole lot of divisiveness facing us, people tend to get more complacent and focus on their academic careers, getting out of

school and getting jobs," he said.

Jody Withers, state chairman of the College Republicans of Texas and a senior at Texas A&M, said at a conservative campus like TCU, students didn't feel they needed to rally together because they had no enemy to rally against.

An enemy is not always necessary, he said.

"With Republicans in the majority status, they are not rallying against an enemy, they are rallying in their victory, coming together in pride saying, 'we finally did it,'" Withers said.

This is the first Republican Congress they have ever been able to live under, Withers said.

"The last time we had a Republican Congress, half their parents weren't even married yet," he said.

Students are finally realizing that their belief systems have been validated through the political process and they are proud to carry the College Republican label, he said.

Meg O'Neill, vice chairwoman for the TCU College Republicans and sophomore medical technology major, said college was the time where you tried to establish your own belief system.

"Your parents have taught you what they believe, but ultimately you need to decide what you believe," she said.

Fitzmaurice said one of the goals of the College Republicans was to make people aware of where they stood on things as they developed their own ideology.

"One of the agendas of the College Republicans is to educate people about how the political system works and that it is something everyone can be a part of," Fitzmaurice said.

Withers said the College Republicans would be especially busy this semester as the presidential campaigns begin.

"We try to get people who are interested in joining the College Republicans plugged into all the campaign activity," Withers said. "We try to get them walking the

precincts, manning the phone banks, stuffing the envelopes, get them tapped into that grassroots activism which is really what wins elections."

Cantella said joining the College Republicans would also help students with their resumes.

"It shows you have an opinion, that you are not some mindless Generation X kid," Cantella said.

Withers said he was worried about Generation X.

"I find it scary that a majority of students believe that, in their lifetime, they will encounter a UFO from another planet before they will actually receive Social Security checks," he said. "They have more faith in interstellar travel than in their own government."

There is a common thread that exists among the College Republicans, Withers said.

"There is the mindset of students looking at what liberalism and the Democratic Party has done for the country for the last 40 years and saying there has got to be a better way," he said.

Cantella said the College Republicans were not afraid of being stereotyped as a wealthy all-white boy's club.

"That's not the Republican Party at all," Cantella said.

Withers said those stereotypes were perpetuated by Democrats who had failed to articulate the issues.

"When they begin to lose ground on the debate, then they have to go to the low punches," Withers said.

Withers said the Republican Party had gotten beyond the color of people's skin.

"That's not a factor, we look for quality in people, we look for merit," he said.

One of the jobs of the College Republicans is to tell the truth, Cantella said, and the truth is that the stereotypes are created by the media.

"We are trying to get rid of that image and the only way we can do it is to show people," Cantella said. "If you don't believe it, come look for

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Mardi Gras not 'bawdy'

I would like to clear up some misconceptions about Mardi Gras that have appeared in the *Skiff* in both the Feb. 28 Associated Press story as well as the March 1 *Skiff* story.

First of all, the Mardi Gras season starts on the Feast of the Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, which is Jan. 6. It lasts until Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. The Lenten period that follows can be characterized by sobriety, but is best defined as a period of solemnity in the Catholic Church. Those 40 days are spent in preparation for Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Secondly, we do not hold "bawdy parties and parades," as the Feb. 28 AP article states, during Mardi Gras. Carnival Krewe spend time, money and effort to put on various parades which are followed by bal masques (masquerade balls). These balls are designed to present the members of the Krewe, the highlight being their Kings and Queens, who are usually influential New Orleans citizens.

Finally, the "strings of colorful, but largely worthless plastic beads" referred to in the AP story are not the least bit trivial. The beads may be inexpensive, but they have been part of the Mardi Gras tradition since the mid-1800s, when the first Krewe were started.

As a New Orleans resident, I expected the *Skiff* to present more accurate information about the Mardi

Gras season. To call our customs and traditions "bawdy" is demeaning. Most of the lewd and obscene conduct (i.e. the nudity problem) is perpetuated by drunk tourists in the French Quarter or drunk people at parties along the parade routes. None of the New Orleans residents that I know have ever bared their bodies during Mardi Gras.

In the future, please respect the hosts of the "biggest party in America" and print some factual information. Try not to rain on our parade again.

P.S. There are no trolley tracks in New Orleans along St. Charles Avenue; rather, they are used by streetcars.

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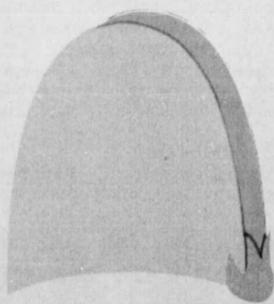
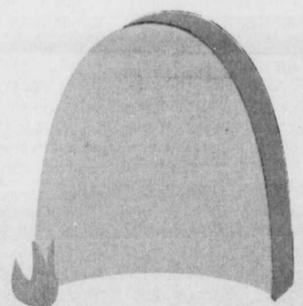
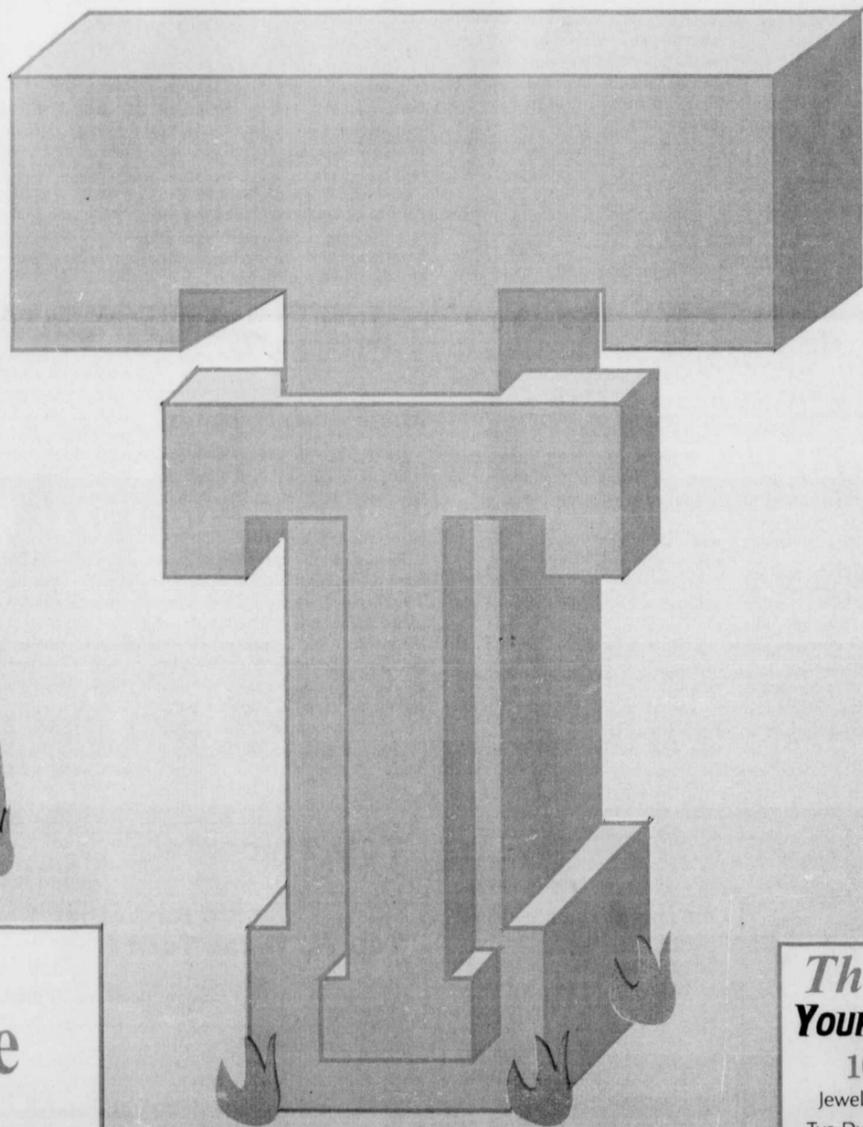
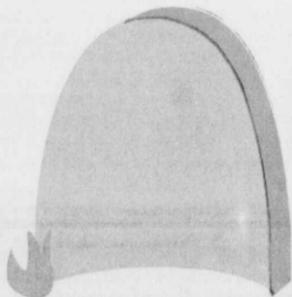
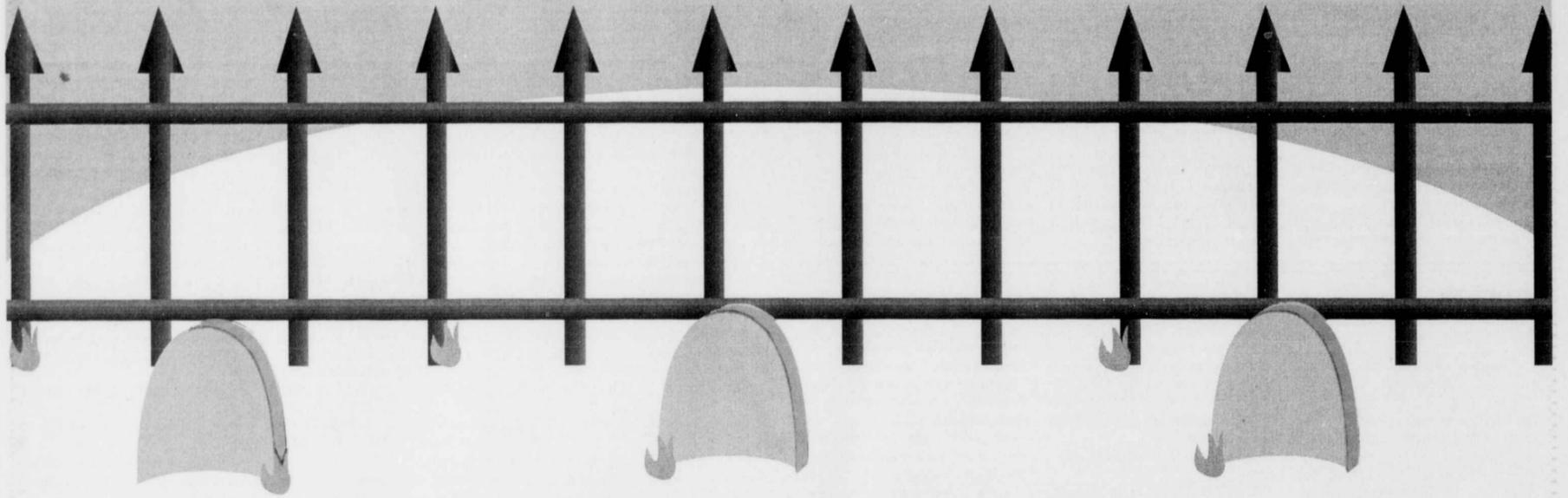
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