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Cable TV saga may end this summer

By KRISTAL GRIFFITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU received several proposals Friday from companies interested in supplying the 16 resident halls, the Student Center and other campus buildings with cable television, phone services and computer lines.

With these services, residents could have access to cable in each dormitory room and be able to purchase premium cable channels such as Home Box Office.

Students could also have automatic telephone services when they move in, rather than dialing Southwestern Bell to hook up their line.

David Edmondson, assistant vice chancellor for information services, said he hoped the residential halls would be wired for cable, telephones, and computers by the fall, but services for the computers would not be available until the fall of 1996.

"The first year will be a learning process with cable TV and telephones in every room," he said.

Residential Services Director Roger Fisher said an administrative

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Bill urges House reps to attend meetings

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A bill to encourage House of Representatives meeting and committee attendance will be presented to the representatives at today's meeting.

The measure would give committee attendance the same value as that of House meeting attendance. Currently, two committee absences equal one House meeting absence.

Committee membership is required for House membership under the House's Standing Rules.

The bill states that after a representative misses four unexcused House or committee meetings, the House will recommend a replacement from the representative's constituency.

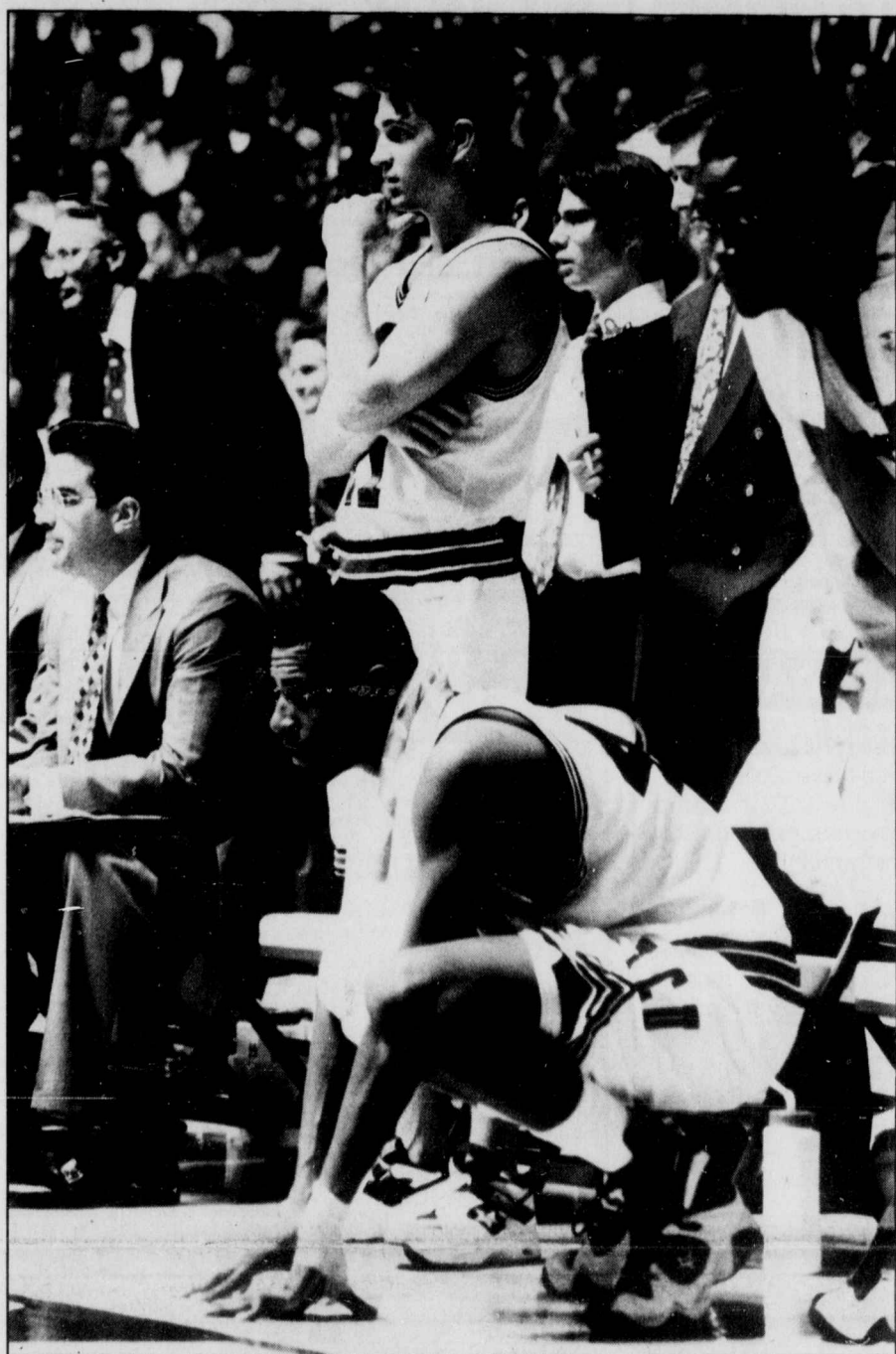
If a town representative has four unexcused absences, the Executive Board will ask for his or her resignation and appoint a replacement or a list of alternates.

After the fifth unexcused absence, the representative will be immediately removed from service and will be stripped of voting privileges.

The bill will also require representatives who need to leave the meeting to be recognized by the chair as a "point of privilege" before they can go.

"Basically the purpose (of the proposed bill) is to make the representatives more faithful," said Kelley Pelton, chairwoman of the Elections

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TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith
Jeff Jacobs and Kurt Thomas watch from the sidelines as the TCU men's basketball team defeats Texas Tech 108-106.

Spirit organization expands

Students invited to support athletics, join Frog Club

By NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU Frog Club, originally an organization for alumni and fans, is hoping to promote spirit by allowing students to become members, said Hal Roach, executive director of the TCU Frog Club.

Roach said joining the club was a good way for the students to show their support of the athletes and the athletic department.

"We pushed the Junior Frog Club this year," he said. "We will push the student club more next year."

The new division of the club, made up of students, was formed at the first of the year and has approximately 30 members.

Although the goal of having 100 student members was not met, Roach said he was still optimistic about next year.

Students interested in joining must pay \$10 for annual membership.

"It would be the student's first gift to the university," Roach said.

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Deadlines for financial aid forms approaching

By CHRISTOPHER THILGEN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students who are interested in applying for financial aid for the 1995-96 school year had better sharpen their pencils and get to work ... fast.

Michael Scott, associate director of scholarships and student financial aid, said deadlines for both government aid and independent scholarships were quickly approaching and that they were very important.

"In general the earlier the better," he said. "I can't tell you that if you apply early you will get more money. But I can tell you, in all honesty, that if you apply late you won't get anything."

Students who wish to be considered for federal, state, and institutional funds must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and have it returned to TCU by May 1. Processing time is estimated at 4-6 weeks. The FAFSA is available in the office of scholarships and student financial aid which is located in

Sadler Hall Room 108.

Scott said the deadlines for many private scholarships had already passed.

Scott said his office received new scholarship information "pretty frequently" and that they tried to keep it updated.

"We do what we can, but that's a real hard thing for a financial aid office to keep up with because there are just thousands of them out there," he said. "It's all we can do to keep up with the federal government."

TCU does not offer many scholarship oppor-

tunities to returning students and academic scholarships are only available to incoming freshmen, Scott said.

"It's a one-shot deal when you enter the university," he said. "An academic award, you've got that one chance at it as a freshman, and if you don't get it then, or if you don't maintain it, you can't pick one back up later."

Scott said his department administered \$6.5 million a year from the institution back into the

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Board reviews alleged hazing

Greek judicial body to investigate allegations of pledge beatings

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

An incident of alleged hazing reported to campus police just prior to winter break will be submitted to the fraternity and sorority judicial board for review, said Mike Russel, assistant dean of campus life.

Previously, the incident was being investigated by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

"Right now we are submitting the case to the chief justices for their review," Russel said. "We want them to have a judicial hearing over the matter."

A campus police report filed just before winter break showed allegations that a pledge member of a fraternity was beaten badly, suffering a bloody nose and several cuts and bruises on his face.

The police report also showed testimony that the student was allegedly seen the next day with other pledges that looked as if they had been beaten. Several pledges of the fraternity named in the campus police report were also seen with bruises and cuts on their face soon

after the initial incident, according to testimony in the campus police report.

Missy Evans, co-chief justice of the IFC judicial board said the board is reviewing the case.

"We are currently in the process of deciding how to handle the case," Evans said.

"We've known about the situation the whole time, it's just a matter of whether it is going to be turned over to us."

In January, Rick Barnes, director of fraternity and sorority affairs told the *Skiff* that the matter would be under investigation to determine if the incident was in fact hazing.

On Jan. 18, Barnes told the *Skiff* the investigation might only last a week. Barnes said the incident had been under investigation by his office since then.

Russel said in an interview yesterday that the investigation had just ended and that he could not comment on whether the incident was indeed hazing. Russel also said that more than one fraternity was investigated in the matter.

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Skiff access to police crime reports reinstated

By KRISTI WRIGHT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A procedural change, not a policy change, caused the *Skiff* to be denied access to campus police reports last week, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs, in an interview Monday.

Mills said he had not changed the policy, but rather the procedure, that allowed *Skiff* reporters access to the reports.

Mills said he would now review all campus police reports before they would be available for view.

On Thursday, Mills went out of town before he had the opportunity to review the week's campus police reports. Thus, Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart did not allow the *Skiff* to view the records, which would have provided information for the weekly police blotter.

"I think procedurally we did not do a particularly good job the first of the week and that's not going to happen," Mills said on Monday. "I have, for example, reviewed the reports this morning."

Mills said he and Stewart instituted the review policy on Feb. 27.

Neither Mills nor Stewart notified the *Skiff* of the procedural change.

With the exception of the March 2 denial, the university has allowed *Skiff* reporters to view the reports. That policy has been in place for at least five years, according to Paul LaRocque, retired director of student publications.

"The idea of this is not to keep the *Skiff* from getting stories, but to make sure I am understanding what is happening with police, as we're reviewing the department," Mills said.

He also wants to review the reports for accuracy, Mills said.

Mills said he did not plan to withhold any information from the reports unless the information seemed illogical or inaccurate.

"I don't disagree that it is a procedural change but at no point did we ever say the *Skiff* wasn't going to get reports," he said.

"Will the reports be available first thing in the morning? Probably not. But they still will be available in plenty of time for (reporters to meet) any kind of deadline," he said.

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NEWS DIGEST

Mud slide buries homes

LA CONCHITA, Calif. (AP) — Sentries stood watch Monday above an oozing hillside that already had buried nine homes, ready to sound alarms if the rock and earth began to move again.

Two hundred of the town's 700 residents were either evacuated or lost their homes when a wall of mud oozed into the community Saturday following heavy rain. No one was injured.

This morning, railroad train crews were told to slow to 20 mph to lessen vibrations that could trigger another slide.

Stress a problem, survey shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-thirds of Americans say they feel stressed out at least once a week, part of an increasingly difficult struggle many people have to lead a healthful life in the hectic modern world.

Many Americans listed problems controlling their weight, finding time to exercise and sleeping more than six hours a night.

The telephone poll was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates and weighs such behavior as smoking, diet, exercise, sleep and weight control, as well as personal habits such as drinking and driving.

Avalanche buries skiers

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) — Authorities issued an avalanche warning throughout the Italian Alps on Monday, as rescue teams recovered the bodies of three young skiers buried by a snowslide in the South Tyrol region.

The discovery of the bodies at Prati di Croda Rossa in the Dolomite mountains raised to five the number of deaths caused by snowslides in northeast Italy.

Police said the three were probably killed Sunday as they skied down a steep slope on fresh snow.

Soldier's death ruled homicide

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Head injuries caused the death of a soldier whose body was found about two weeks after her abduction from Goodfellow Air Force Base.

Jack Moore, a peace justice in Tom Green County, said preliminary autopsy results Monday show that Army Pvt. Tracie McBride died of "cranial cerebral injuries."

The manner of death was homicide, Moore said. Louis Jones, a civilian bus driver at Goodfellow, has been charged with kidnapping that resulted in the death of the 19-year-old soldier.

Crews cleaning tarred beach

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Crews have rid Coastal Bend beaches of balls of tar in time for the annual crowds of spring break vacationers. Beaches were opened to the public Sunday said George Nelson, a spokesman for the insurance company of two Norwegian tankers that caused the spill.

Cleanup crews will continue working on Padre Island National Seashore and were completing work on the northern part of South Padre Island. The main tourist beaches in the town of South Padre Island were largely unaffected.

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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA meets today at 6 p.m. in Moudy 271S.

GOLDEN KEY HONOR SOCIETY will hold their general meeting at 6 p.m. tonight. 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. tonight in Rickel 106, and 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. today in Reed Hall 101 to set up global issues

focus groups. All interested students are welcome.

PEER COUNSELORS are taking applications for Helping Skills Training Session. Apply at the Counseling Center. The deadline is Wednesday. Call 921-7863.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will hear the testimonies of Sally Simrad and Karen Morgan at the weekly meeting at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Coliseum. **TCU DEMOCRATS** will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center. Check the Student Center board for room number.

WATUSI, a Dallas reggae band, will play at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge as part of Safe Break Week. Free mocktails will be served. The event is sponsored by PC Concert Events and ROAD Workers.

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

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. Everyone is welcome.

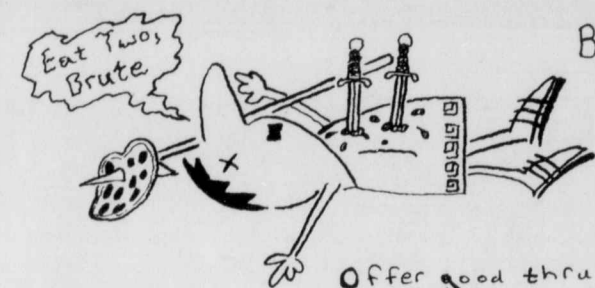
HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB is an organization to foster appreciation of the outdoors through planned activities. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center 222. Attend or call Paul at 926-9510.

CAMPUS CRUSADE meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center Room 205.

NOONDAYS are 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center Room 216. Bring lunch and a friend to learn about the names of God. Sponsored by Baptist Student Ministry.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP is forming at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Dr. Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

The Beaten Path



by P.D. Magnus

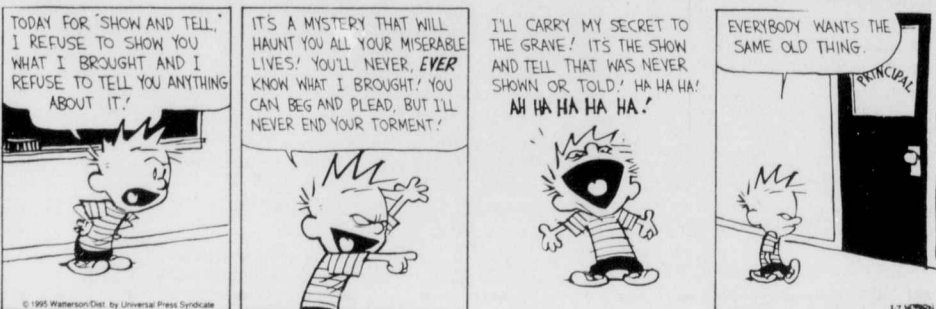
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Wednesday will be clear and cooler with a high in the lower 50s.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today

GSP test
8 p.m., Spring dance concert, Ed Landreth Auditorium
7 p.m., "Having the Best Sex," speaker Doug Weis
7 p.m., Study Skills Workshop, Rickel 106

Wednesday

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

Christian Athletes meeting, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
6 p.m., TCU Young Democrats meeting, Student Center

Thursday

noon, Safe Break Concert with Watusi reggae band, Student Center Lounge
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Friday

Classes recess at 10 p.m.
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committee would select a company that would connect the buildings with one cable that held the wiring for all the services.

Edmondson said the committee would like to have a contract with a company in 30 to 45 days in order for work to begin this summer.

Computer services will take longer because Information Services will have to triple the access to TCU's computer network and increase staffing so that someone is available 24 hours a day, Edmondson said.

Spirit from page 1

Ben E. Brown, a TCU alum and president of the Frog Club, said with student membership the students could become more involved with TCU athletics.

"The idea is to get the TCU students used to giving money to TCU and getting involved in the program," Brown said. "Students also have a good chance to meet alumni."

To promote the student interest in the club, Brown said the club hoped to develop "incentive contests" between different organizations on campus.

Roach said students who join the club will get three to four newsletters

a year, a membership card, a window decal and admission to TCU Frog Club events.

During football and basketball seasons, the Frog Club has weekly luncheons, Roach said. Throughout the remainder of the year, the club hosts special events like a fish fry and a happy hour night, he said.

Roach said the alumni organization of the Frog Club has been around for 50 years and currently has 2,000 members, just 500 shy of its goal.

The TCU Junior Frog Club, composed of children under the age of 14 currently has over 150 members, he said.

Students interested in joining should contact TCU Frog Club or visit its office in the Pete Wright building.

Hazing from page 1

"It looks as though another fraternity is also involved," Russel said.

Upon receiving the initial report, campus police did not investigate the incident, Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart told the Skiff on Jan. 18.

"All matters involving the fraternity system are usually kept away from this office," Stewart said. "They like to deal with that in Sadler."

Evans said the judicial board is not a source of harsh punishment.

"The board itself is not composed to punish people," Evans said. "We're more of a moral board. We're definitely not the police. We will oversee the situation and enforce the principles that fraternities and sororities were founded upon," she said.

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■ BECKY PRETZ

'Generation X' unfairly judged, labeled as worthless

I took the last week off because I spent the day my column was due praying to the porcelain god. I was one of those victims of the flu, and it also happened to be the day when a major project was due. Needless to say, I didn't finish the project correctly. But that's OK, because people of the generations before us naturally assume that I'm lazy and incompetent because I belong to Generation X.

Generation X? Can you hear the echo in the retro-cool Darth Vader voice in an empty hallway? It's a label for every unfortunate soul who happens to fall between the ages of 18 and 29. I feel more like it's a brand burnt upon the buttocks of my generation for the rest of our lives.

Such an attempt at labeling an entire group naturally implies that individuals in the group contain certain characteristics.



Generation X can be described as "those who have formed an opinion about flannel; if you've ever had a 35-year-old ask you to format a disk for him; if you owe Columbia House your firstborn; or if you've learned the hard way that Princess Leia's unique hair style was not a turn-on for most men." What's so wrong about these characteris-

tics that our elders must criticize our way of life? In the 1920s, the flappers were on a rampage, women finally got the right to vote, they cut their hair short and cigarettes were smoked in public for the first time. In the 1960s, civil rights were at one of the most dramatic points in American history, one of the country's most-loved presidents was assassinated and the country was at war and no one really knew why.

The times are considerably different than those of previous generations. There is no communist threat, and segregation is no longer legal. The periods of revolution and rebellion seem to skip generations. Perhaps our children will be the leaders in the protest about robot infiltration or more threatening environmental concerns.

But for now, what's so wrong with going to school and trying to get a job after college? Must I take up a cause or become a part of history in order to become a worthy person?

When I think of my childhood, I remember wondering if Margaret's theory (girls, you will know what I'm talking about) of "I must, I must, I must increase my bust" would actually work. I remember the Pat Benetar and Madonna look-a-likes in grade school or begging my music teacher to let us sing "We Are the World" for the fifth time. Alex P. Keaton became my idol and I really wanted to be a part of "The Brady Bunch."

Generation X isn't lazy and worthless. We have accomplished things of which we can be proud. According to the *Made-moiselle* article, 20 percent more of 18-to-24-year-olds voted for president in 1992 than in 1988. There are fewer people our

age using illicit drugs than those 10 years ago (the number has dropped by 11 percent).

We are also supporting our favorite causes, since 48 percent of us are volunteering and 60 percent of us donate money. We are still spiritually active since 62 percent of us belong to a church or synagogue.

As you can see, the newest generation in the work force is not composed of people who are too afraid to move out of their parents' house. We're simply concerned with surviving through life, and I challenge the older generations to avoid labeling us as worthless. Don't judge us by the standards in which you lived.

Becky Pretz is a junior advertising/public relations major from Mililani, Hawaii.

■ BOB GREENE

Famous people offer one child words for life

Breaking through the clouds, there is often a beam of sunlight:

A man whose first name is Russ was filled with joy when his daughter — Lauren is the baby's name — was born. We're not printing the family's last name, to give them a little privacy.

Russ thought about what gift he might bestow upon his child. "It occurred to me that the best thing I could do for her would be to look for wisdom and guidance that would serve her well in her life," he said. "Words she could turn to someday."

So he wrote to leaders in various fields and said that he and his wife had been blessed with a daughter, and that they would be grateful for words of advice and encouragement. Words for her — words that will be waiting for her when she is ready to understand.

Hearteningly, many of the famous men and women took the time to send Lauren their words, and their love. If you read the newspaper regularly, you know that we are going through some particularly dark days for children. But when the darkness lifts, you will always find light; here are some of the words written to Lauren.

From Lee Iacocca: "One of the most important things that I have learned in life was from my father. He used to say, 'You'll never really know what happiness is unless you have something to compare it to.' As you continue through life, you will be faced with various degrees of highs and lows. Remember to accept the lows and gain knowledge from them without giving up."

From Barbara Bush: "By using your God-given talents, you will not only help others but also enjoy a happy and productive life. Hard work, determination and the desire to do your best — at all times — will lead you to success."

From Elizabeth Taylor: "To thine ownself be true — always!"

From Richard M. Daley, mayor of Chicago: "As you begin to learn more about the world in which we live, remember that kindness and compassion are two of the easiest things in life to give. Please be generous with them, for they are almost always returned."

From Colin Powell: "I am sure that (you) will grow up to be a concerned and caring citizen who values honesty, hard work and the tenets of freedom. I wish (you) a life full of purpose, service and love."

From Bill Clinton: "Learn as much as you can in school. Listen to your parents. Follow the Golden Rule."

From Cardinal Joseph Bernardin: "In thinking about what to say to you, I went to scripture and found a beautiful message from Paul to the Colossians: 'Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Beat with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another... Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns and inspired songs. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord.'"

From Paul Simon, U.S. senator: "If you can devote your life in some way to helping others, you will find a great deal of satisfaction."

There were many more — from athletes, from leaders of government, from business executives. Some were simple, some were eloquent. But in these days when, so often, it seems that so many children are forgotten, the words to Lauren at the beginning of her life are a welcome touch of warmth and grace.

From Mother Teresa, writing from Calcutta: "My dear child Lauren — God's love is infinite, full of compassion and tenderness. You are precious to Him, and He loves you with an everlasting love. Today be the sunshine of God's love to your parents, friends and neighbors. Love does not live on words, not can it be explained by words — especially that love that serves Him, and which finds Him and touches Him. We must reach the heart. Love is proved in deeds."

Bob Greene writes for the Chicago Tribune.



■ EDITORIAL

INTERNET ACCESS

TCU should take action to upgrade systems

For the past year, the TCU administration has been talking about providing dormitory students direct access to TCU's computer network as part of a three-part package.

The administration is currently looking at several different companies to provide cable TV, phone and computer services to each dormitory room. That would mean that students in each dorm room would have access to cable TV, long-distance phone service and TCU's computer network, which would provide access to the Internet.

Administrators say they would like all these services to be available to students by next fall. Access to the computer network wouldn't be available until the fall of 1996 at the earliest.

The problem TCU faces is that Information Services cannot even serve the 1,000 students who currently log on to the network. How will Information Services serve 3,000 students when every-

one eventually gets this service in their dorm room?

TCU should have been working on upgrading the network system during the past year in anticipation of providing this service to all the dormitory rooms. Students will have to wait over a year now to get computer network capabilities in their dorm rooms. Information Services should have foreseen this, and started work on upgrading the system much sooner.

This puts TCU far behind other major universities in the country. It also puts TCU far behind today's technology, and hinders TCU students who are trying to learn about new computer technology.

While all our friends at other schools are exchanging E-mail messages, we will be sitting at our terminals for an hour trying to log on to the system — or worse, having no access at all to the network.

■ LETTER

Intercom gives students access to trustees

So the Board of Trustees meets again. Each spring and fall, this body convenes to make sometimes notable and at other times not-so-earth-shattering decisions about the future of this university. In the past students have complained that they had no voice on the Board of Trustees, and our fine student newspaper will no doubt write another editorial about the closed general meeting to be held on Friday, March 24.

Point well taken, but as a private institution, TCU's board reserves the right to make those important decisions without the pressure of a public galley, and as president of the student body, I respect that right. Some may wish to question my view, but I stand firm for a good reason: Intercom. Intercom is the board of student leaders, a student "think tank" if you will, that every spring and fall meets with the Student Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees.

This year, our meeting will fall on Thursday, March 23.

In my past experience as vice president, I learned that the Student Relations Committee does care about students and what they envision for this place; that's why they choose to be on the committee. Positive student/trustee dialogue is needed and helpful, and to a great extent, even productive. Past discussions have included security, academic standards, minority issues, campus accessibility, residence hall renovations, school pride and several others.

Once the entire committee has discussed these topics, it then reports its findings to the general board meeting. That is where our voice comes in. Results in just the past few years have included increased scholarship spending, more than \$100,000 in campus lighting, increased security, and administrative decision to begin the planning stage for close to \$40 million in residence hall renovations and new student pro-

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■ MICHAEL ROWETT

GOP must attract moderate voters to unseat Clinton

The "Big Tent" strategy of welcoming moderates into the Republican Party may succeed or fail largely depending upon whom the Republicans ultimately nominate for president in 1996.

The increasingly crowded GOP presidential field, including already-declared candidates Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, and soon to encompass Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, may also include some relative moderates.

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter has already indicated he will run, and California Gov. Pete Wilson, according to the March 6 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, is also strongly considering a bid for the White House.

The *U.S. News* article noted that Wilson's support for abortion rights "does not sit well with red-hot conservatives." Likewise, Specter's recent declaration that Republicans should moderate their stance on social issues such as abortion was greeted with hostility, notably from conservative commentator and possible GOP candidate Pat Buchanan.

With Republicans in control of Congress, Reagan-style conservatism would seem to be in vogue again. But if Republicans repeat their mistakes of 1992 and come across as intolerant and abrasive on social issues such as abortion, they may turn off many moderate voters again.

Ronald Reagan, one of the most ideologically conservative presidents in this century, didn't win his massive 1980 and 1984 landslides solely on the basis of support from die-hard conservatives. He won because he attracted substantial support from moderate voters.

Reagan articulated his brand of conservatism in soothing tones with the practice of a polished actor. Reagan's deft political appeals and attractive personality made the Republican Party seem inclusive — even for voters who didn't agree with every Republican policy position.

In 1992, however, conservative firebrands such as Pat Buchanan and televangelist Pat Robertson imparted an image of exclusion and intolerance on the part of the GOP. The 1992 Republican platform, molded in large part by ultraconservative GOP activists like Eagle Forum leader Phyllis Schlafly, called for a ban on all abortions, including instances in which a woman's life is in danger.

Bill Clinton's continuing unpopularity gives Republicans a ripe opportunity to recapture the White House in 1996. But whoever wins the GOP nomination will face a certain quandary.

The nominee must avoid repeating the mistakes of 1992 — but without alienating the religious right. Religious conservatives form one of the cornerstones of Republican activism in both the national and state parties. Any Republican nominee must gain the trust of religious conservatives, and moderating positions on social issues will most certainly increase their suspicion.

Analysts say Specter's position on abortion will almost certainly deny him the party's nomination, and many argue that the religious right will not tolerate even a vice presidential nominee who supports abortion rights.

Winning the support of moderates will be critical for the GOP to win in 1996. If they fail to appeal to the crucial mainstream of undecided voters, the "Big Tent" strategy could turn out to be an unmitigated failure, and the ripe opportunity they once possessed to unseat President Clinton will be squandered.

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Lambda Chi Alpha wins academic award

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha received the fraternity's Academic Achievement Award Feb. 25 during a regional leadership conference at the University of Oklahoma.

The Academic Achievement Award is presented annually to Lambda Chi chapters that obtain the highest grade point averages on their respective campuses.

TCU's Lambda Chi chapter ranked first academically among the 10 fraternity chapters on campus with a 3.04 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The chapter has received the award several times in the past, said Tony Hlavacek, chapter scholarship chairman.

The plaques the fraternity has received from the awards are hanging on the walls of their chapter room, Hlavacek said.

"The plaques are a reminder of our high chapter grade point average, which is something we work very hard on," Hlavacek said.

During the fall 1995 semester, the fraternity plans to challenge a sorority with a similar grade point average to see which group can receive the highest GPA for that semester,

Hlavacek said.

The chapter that earns the highest GPA will receive a party thrown by the losing chapter, Hlavacek said.

The Lambda Chi's set up tutoring networks for those members having trouble in class, Hlavacek said.

"I tell members if you have below a 3.0, you are dragging the chapter average down," Hlavacek said.

Fred W. Suggs, Jr., the fraternity's international president said TCU's chapter had demonstrated the strong importance that the fraternity places on academic achievement.

"We expect our members to perform better academically than the average student," Suggs said. "It is one of the strongest and best measures of a person's overall ability to grow and to become a productive member of society, now and in the future."

"Academic achievement is a hallmark of Lambda Chi Alpha and an important membership standard for students who join our organization, he said."

Lambda Chi Alpha has 221 chapters and colonies on college and university campuses throughout the United States and Canada and more than 215,000 initiated members since its founding 85 years ago.

Book refutes 'Generation X' stereotypes

By GAYLE GOODMAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"Generation X" has a reputation of being selfish, apathetic and not focused, but author and investigative reporter Paul Loeb said he thought these stereotypes were simply "garbage."

Loeb, 42, spent seven years visiting college students on campuses across America to research his book "Generation at the Crossroads — Apathy and Action on the American Campus."

"It took a long time," he said, "but I was glad I was able to do it because I think it helped me get it right."

Loeb said he wrote the book to combat the negative stereotypes placed on the generation and to show that students were not apathetic and self-centered.

The main focus of the book was to show that college students were active and willing to fight for what they believed in, he said.

Loeb said one of the biggest issues concerning college student activists involved the environment. Most schools around the country have some sort of environmental group which students affiliate with, he said.

The community service movement among college students was also very large, Loeb said. Many students are now involved in help-

ing out at soup kitchens, shelters and literacy campaigns, he said.

This kind of commitment and activism shows that students are involved in their world and not self-centered, he said.

"I think that students do think about these issues," Loeb said. "But a lot of times they feel like there is nothing they can do. It's almost as if you have to debate Kissinger on 'Nightline' before you speak out and you feel like it isn't enough."

"Or they get caught in some of the stereotypes that they project on other people — the ones that do act," he said.

Loeb said today's college students were taught a sort of cynicism while they were growing up. This cynicism, he said, often caused students to label and distrust activists.

"It's odd because we call ourselves a democracy, but yet when anybody does anything about something, then we don't trust them," he said.

The distrust of advocates is also perpetuated by the media, Loeb said.

"It's like it will all be done by the experts, and you as an ordinary citizen have no role in it," he said. "When students act, I don't believe they get their models from the media."

Loeb said along with the activism and awareness of the world, students were also consider-

ing problems such as racism and the promotion of ethnic education.

"A quarter of all minority students have been physically or verbally harassed, and that's a lot," he said. "It's disturbing that students go along in their own world thinking about their own concerns, and somebody just blind sides them with this kind of garbage."

Loeb said he found that students responded in one of two ways when racial instances occurred. The first is a notion Loeb calls making your own chances.

"It is a phrase which says 'You end up at the bottom, you deserve it; you end up at the top, you deserve that,'" he said. "They sort of blame the people at the bottom for their fate. There's a separation there."

Loeb said he thought that white students often resented the problems of others.

"They feel like 'I don't bother them with my problems, why should they bother me with theirs?'" he said.

On the other hand, there are students who feel all people need to be treated fairly and decently, Loeb said.

In fact, he said, many students felt ethnic education should be a requirement on campuses.

Loeb said he also felt the term "politically correct" had been twisted from its original meaning.

"It used to be an 'in' joke among activists which meant 'Hey, lighten up — don't take everything so seriously,'" he said. "Then the political right got a hold of it and made it seem like suppressing speech and telling people what to do."

Loeb said this kind of extremism often occurred in the form of hate speeches.

Ignoring the problem and expelling the student who uses it are not solutions, he said.

"Do you say 'That language has no place here. You have a legal right to it, but you will certainly be condemned by the community?'" he said. "I think it is important to be able to think about the words that we use."

Loeb said he thought people should not only look at language, but also at how courses are taught and what books are read. That is the point he is trying to make with his own book, he said.

"'Generation at the Crossroads' is really about how to overcome barriers to getting involved," Loeb said. "We, all of us, whether we are in this generation or not, better think about the examples we set."

"It is about how this generation's lives do matter and the choices they make are going to matter because the choices they make will be shaping our future."

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grams such as Frog Camp and the Prism leadership programs.

This year, the Intercom will more than likely discuss technology issues, accessibility, academic standards and the Honors Program, minority issues and nay other topics that arise between now and the 23rd. Now is your chance to let us know what you think. If you want a voice, contact any Intercom member.

The Intercom includes: myself; House Vice President Sharon Selby; Vice President for Programming Greg Trevino; House Treasurer

Shawn Groves; House Secretary Christi Campbell; Black Student Caucus President Mary Baugh; Organization of Latin American Students President Christopher Montez; Student Foundation President Phoebe Fleming; Panhellenic President Traci Twardowski; Interfraternity Council President Brandon Swaboda; Honors Cabinet Chairwoman Elaine Willey; Students Reaching Out representatives Leon Reed and Jennifer Dugan; Uniting Campus Ministries President Sarah Hughes; and International Student Association President Holger Nass.

And yes, the editor of the *Skiff* will be there. Just know this year, when the Board of Trustees convenes, students will not go unheard.

Scott Wheatley
Junior, political science
Student body president

ROTC sponsors Vapor Trail run

Proceeds from annual event will benefit TCU Air Force cadets

By ERIC WALTERMIRE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Aerospace Studies and Air Force ROTC is sponsoring its fourth annual Vapor Trail 5K Run/Walk on Saturday.

The Vapor Trail Run/Walk was rated the number one small race last year after nearly 500 runners, all supporting the Air Force ROTC program, participated in the event.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Air Force ROTC student fund account.

"The money will be used for buying military items, such as flags and daggers that are necessary for the ROTC program to operate," said Maj. David C. Young, an assistant professor of aerospace studies. "The pro-

ceeds will also help pay for cadet commissioning dinners."

Anyone may enter the race that starts at 9 a.m. on the east side of Amon G. Carter Stadium.

The entry fee is \$15. Participants will receive a Vapor Trail T-shirt and be supplied with various food and beverages.

Trophies and donated art work will be awarded to the winners of the race.

Registration continues all this week. Forms may be picked up on campus at the Air Force detachment, 2800 W. Lowden, or at Luke's, 1540 S. University Drive. Late registration will be held on the east side of Amon G. Carter Stadium Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Students, faculty and staff wanting more information should call 794-0827.

Crime preventions

Statistics prompt RA to invite experts for program

By CINDY GARCIA
TCU DAILY SKIFF

By the end of 1995, Fort Worth's gang population could outnumber the attendance at TCU, according to the Citizens Crime Commission of Tarrant County.

Fort Worth has become home to almost 250 different gangs involving 5,000 members. Of these members, 1,100 were new in 1994, according to the Citizens Crime Commission.

Because of statistics such as those, Ramon Jacquez, gang prevention coordinator of Tarrant County, will speak

at 9 p.m. tonight in the lobby of Colby Hall. Shalonda Brazzell, a Colby RA and coordinator of the event, said she hoped to improve gang awareness.

Jacquez will also speak at 9 p.m. Wednesday in Wiggins Hall said Shawna Voorhees, hall director.

"We don't think TCU students are naive," said Brazzell, a senior nursing major, "But with the relative safety of our campus, it's easy to forget that."

Dina Matthews, community relations coordinator for the Citizens Crime Commission, said awareness alone

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March 10 is the deadline to participate in Senior Appreciation. Forms are available in the Development Office (214 Sadler). For more information, call 921-7254

POLICE BLOTTER

Campus police reported the following offenses and violations from Feb. 25 to March 3:

CRIMINAL TRESPASSING

Feb. 26: A man was found urinating in the field between Foster Hall and Waits Hall by campus police at 2:45 a.m. The man told police he was visiting a female resident in Foster. Campus police could not locate the resident the man said he was looking for, so he was issued a criminal trespass warning and escorted off campus.

March 3: A man in a vehicle was pulled over by campus police in the parking lot in front of Frog Fountain at 8:25 p.m. according to campus police reports. The driver was not a

student, and had no driver's license or identification, the report said. The man told police that the car was not his and that he had borrowed the car from a friend. The man was given a criminal trespass warning and escorted off campus.

March 3: Campus police reported observing a man selling TCU basketball game tickets in front of Colby Hall, a campus police report said. The man had been warned twice by police to leave campus and was seen yelling at students that he had tickets for sale. The man was issued a criminal trespass warning and released.

THEFT

March 4: A man reported having his credit card stolen

when he left his briefcase in the baseball office in Daniel—Meyer Coliseum, a campus police report said. The complainant said several charges have been made since he discovered his card missing. Campus police have no suspects at this time.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

March 4: A campus police officer observed a student sitting cross-legged in the mud facing Tomlinson Hall, a campus police report said. The officer thought the student was sick and could smell alcohol on his breathe, the report said. The student was escorted home.

Compiled by CHRIS NEWTON.

Language director sets goals

Intensive English Program looks to raise participation

By SHANA SMITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The university's new Intensive English Program director said he hopes to increase participation in the language program.

Kirk Gayle came to TCU this semester from the University of Texas at Arlington, where he was the assistant director of the English Language Institute.

Gayle said TCU's Intensive English Program is relatively small compared to other schools, but he hopes for a 50 percent increase in participation by next semester.

The Intensive English Program is designed for non-native speakers of English who want to strengthen their language skills, Gayle said.

Gayle said the program "develops English skills so students can suc-

ceed in the classroom and provides an academic atmosphere by preparing the students for the university."

Students in the program receive 20 non-credit hours of classroom instruction per week in the 14-week fall and spring semesters, he said. There are also two summer sessions.

Gayle said over two-thirds of the international students who complete the two semester program stay at TCU and attend other American universities.

Before working at UTA, Gayle was the associate director of the English Language Center at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA.

Kathy Hutcheson, an instructor in the program, said the program started in the fall of 1991 with 11 students and has now grown to 29 students.

Gayle said the program is preparing to take on different projects.

The conversation partner program will start after spring break, Gayle said. International students enrolled in the program will spend one hour a week with a partner working on conversational skills, he said.

Gayle said he also wants to work with the Writing Center in acquiring student accounts and teaching the students to use the Internet.

Students from institutions in TCU's sister cities will come to TCU for a summer English program from July 17 to Aug. 11.

"These students are the cream of the crop from their country," Gayle said. "They are highly motivated and very articulate."

Gayle said a goal of TCU's is to increase international diversity on the campus. Part of this global initiative is to increase the number of international students, he said.

Mills

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Mills said if he was unable to review the reports, then Susan Batchelor, assistant vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs, or Mike Russell, assistant dean of students would review and release the reports.

Skiff reporters read the first page of every campus police report and then inquire further about specific incidents if they are newsworthy.

The Skiff uses the reports to gather information about crime, accidents and injuries occurring in and around the campus.

Mills said knowing such information was important for students.

"I've believed for 25 years that the best way to combat panic and rumor is for people to have information," Mills said.

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student body in the form of scholarships and grants.

Scott said there were several ways students could inquire into the availability of scholarships.

The library is an excellent place for students to find large amounts of information regarding scholarships, but time is of the essence, he said.

"Students who want to go to the library, to look at these books, to take advantage of that, they need to be doing that now," he said.

Scott said there were student services available that provided students with a list of scholarships for a fee. But he warned that many of them were not very reputable.

"We generally are hesitant to recommend those types of services," he said. "If you want to pay somebody a reasonable amount of money, say \$30-\$40, that's no big deal. If you get into a company that is wanting any

more money that, then I would be very, very leery of it."

Scott said that his office was investigating computer software packages that aid students in finding scholarships.

The software is designed so a student answers a series of questions from which the computer generates a personal profile. After the profile is established, a list of scholarships for which a student might be eligible can be printed out.

Scott said the software was fairly expensive but it was something the department was "definitely looking into."

"There is definitely a future for it, I don't know exactly when it will happen, but it is something we are looking into already," he said. "It's just a matter of when we will be able to afford it, but we will do it eventually."

House

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and Regulations Committee that authored the bill and junior political science major. "Hopefully it will make people more involved in committee work. The attendance in committees is a little worse."

The current absence policy requires the House to recommend that the constituency replace the representative if he or she has three unexcused House meeting absences.

A town representative, under the current policy, should be removed after three unexcused House meeting absences. Likewise any member with a fourth unexcused absence is taken off the roll and is unable to vote.

Scott Wheatley, House president, said the bill would be tabled for the representatives' review until the House's next meeting on March 21.

The policy, if it is approved, will not be enacted until the fall, Wheatley said. This was done so the representatives wouldn't feel they were punishing themselves, he said.

"This is a positive change," he said. "But I feel they won't vote (on the proposed bill) if they feel they're turning the electric chair on themselves."

Pelton said she expected some opposition to the bill her committee authored.

"Some reps (sic) may feel like they are being punished," she said.

"We just want everyone to be a lit-

tle more accountable to the House and for their actions," Pelton said. If the bill is accepted it should give the House more input from other people and allow the House to better represent the campus, she said.

Excused absences under the House's Standing Rules are defined as "illness, personal difficulties, or other extenuating circumstances, which shall be determined by the Executive Board."

The House will also be presented two resolutions authored by the Executive Board, Wheatley said.

One resolution will recommend the renovation of Reed Hall, which includes the addition of an elevator, he said. It will be similar to a resolution proposed by the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate will vote on that resolution March 9.

The second resolution, which Wheatley said seemed to contradict the first resolution, called for dorm renovations to be prioritized over the renovation of Reed Hall.

Both resolutions will be tabled until the next House meeting as well, Wheatley said. Usually resolutions are voted on at the meeting where they are introduced, but can be tabled at the request of the president, he said.

Wheatley is holding the votes on the resolutions so he can hear the debate on the similar resolution in the Faculty Senate.

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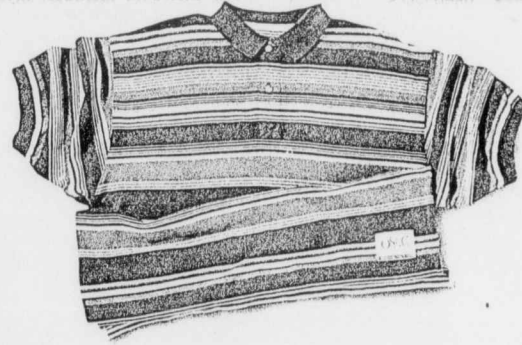


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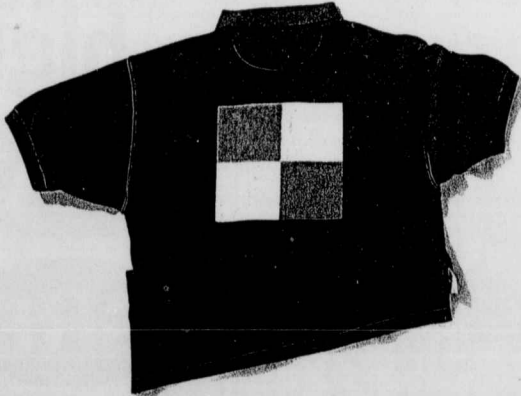
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UTA president resigns

Amacher announces decision amid campus tensions

By CHARLES RICHARDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — A target of vandalism and angry students, the president of the University of Texas at Arlington Monday announced his resignation.

Ryan Amacher, expressing "shock" at the lack of civility in the opposition to him, said his resignation is effective at the end of the school year.

He said that he twice came out of his house to find the gate to his yard chained shut. On one of the recent occasions, a cement donkey with crude graffiti on it was hung on the chain.

On Valentine's Day, Amacher said, someone destroyed his mailbox.

He and his wife, Susan, "have been subjected to mental and physical abuse that simply is unacceptable," added Amacher, 49.

"I am making this announcement at this time to put an end to the circus atmosphere that has developed on campus. Very public debates and media hysteria have produced a feeding frenzy that makes civil debate impossible," he said.

UT System regents told him when he came to UT-Arlington in April 1992 from Clemson University that they wanted him to make dramatic changes on campus, Amacher said.

But his implementation of those changes was met by resistance on all sides from the onset, he said.

He brought in Dalmas Taylor as provost, a move that was hailed by black students and faculty members who had complained of a lack of blacks in the higher levels at UT-Arlington.

Then, Amacher and Taylor began making changes they said were intended to unite the university.

Before Amacher's arrival, the various colleges on campus, particularly engineering, science, business and liberal arts, operated as separate fiefdoms, under the control of various deans.

Amacher removed budgeting, hiring and promotion decisions from deans and placed them all under the provost's control. All the deans were made answerable to Taylor, and two deans were fired, further inflaming passions.

Since Amacher's presidency began, opponents say, 17 high-level people have either been removed from the administrative council or chose to leave in protest.

UT-Arlington dropped football several years ago. After Amacher arrived, he put more funding into the baseball and basketball operations, but other budgets shrank, and the UT system ordered an audit to examine spending and management at the school.

Amacher also came under fire for what opponents perceived as extravagant entertainment expense and lavish remodeling of the administration building and Amacher's own offices.

"I don't feel he was sensitive to the needs of the university. Sure, they needed to improve facilities, but in doing that he wasn't really sensitive to the wants and needs of the students and faculty," said Neal Quigley, 28, of Arlington, an engineering student.

Wardell Lewis, 46, of Grand Prairie, a counselor in the Upward Bound math and science program, said black students and faculty "perceive it being a racial issue, to be truthful, because of the hiring of the provost."

Padre gets annual influx

By JOSH LEMIEUX
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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas — First the airline lost their luggage. Then Cory Lukins and Jill Murdock felt that the shuttle service overcharged them. Then a blown boiler at their hotel forced them to switch to another place.

Everything was just starting to look up — until someone stole their credit cards, two cameras and about \$300 in cash and traveler's checks.

What are they going to do now? "Just go have another beer. We decided to put it all behind us," Lukins said.

"It's got to get better," adds Murdock. Now that's the spirit of Spring Break 1995.

Chilly, foggy and rainy weather that hung over South Padre Island the entire weekend opened up Monday to sunshine and gentle breezes, sending hordes of college students to the beach.

"Girls are out in their suits, the sun is blaring, alcohol is flowing,"

summed up Brandon Sandler, 20, of Michigan State University.

Lukins and Murdock, both 20, traveling with four other students from Northwest Missouri State University, had plenty of optimism to spare as they took care of the details of reporting the theft.

Among all six, they said they still have enough money to enjoy the week.

And hey, the hotel that canceled their reservation is making up the difference for them to stay the rest of the week at Radisson Resort South Padre, one of the best hotels on the island.

Airline employees showed up with their luggage. And even though they ended up paying \$165 for the shuttle ride from McAllen instead of the \$90 they thought they owed, they got their peace of mind by telling off the driver.

"We gave them the money but we made our point. I guess we weren't very nice," Lukins said, then giggled.

This week brings the first wave of an estimated 150,000 college students to South Padre Island for some sunshine and beer-fueled indulgence. The party reaches a peak next week-

end when the University of Texas and Texas A&M University begin spring break.

Police Chief E.E. Eunice said most students were behaving well so far, but already his department has responded to some serious incidents.

Three students, ages 21-24, were arrested for sexual battery Monday after police received a report from a witness of a woman being raped in a parking lot.

"Because of the state of intoxication of the three suspects and the victim, we have not been able to talk to them," Eunice said. He said he wasn't sure whether the victim would cooperate with the investigation.

On Sunday, a student from Germantown, Wis., fell three floors from a condominium balcony. Michael E. Edwards, 19, was in stable condition Monday after undergoing surgery at Valley Regional Medical Center in Brownsville.

Edwards' roommates told police that they went to sleep around 5:30 a.m. and no one saw how he fell over the balcony, Eunice said.

Speaker's sister joins activists

Candace Gingrich lobbies for money for AIDS and gay rights

By NITA LELYVELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich's lesbian half-sister joined dozens of gay activists lobbying Congress Monday for money to fight AIDS and for legal protection against discrimination. She said the agenda of her brother's party had pushed her into greater activism.

"The Republicans being in control means that some of the support that we've been used to with the Democrats isn't there anymore," Candace Gingrich said. "So it's kind of time for all of us to renew our commitment to the things that we find important."

Candace Gingrich, 28, of Harrisburg, Pa., was invited to join the lobbying effort of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political group.

Asked repeatedly by reporters if she felt her brother was anti-gay, Candace Gingrich said no.

"He's just maybe uninformed," she said. "Maybe he hasn't had people from both sides giving him information."

Asked if she approved of his political agenda, she replied diplomatically, "I certainly admire his efforts to try to mend things economically. I haven't really dissected his method yet, but I think his intent is good."

But she stuck to her guns when asked about a comment she has made that she probably would not vote for him.

"It's not a family thing. It's not personal," she said. "But unfortunately we're completely in disagreement on 90 percent of the issues. And I wouldn't vote for somebody that disagreed with me, so no, I wouldn't vote for him."

Gingrich said he hoped they could get together before she

left.

"I relate to Candy as my sister," he said.

The activists visited dozens of lawmakers to draw attention to key concerns — from threatened cuts in AIDS funding to problems of job discrimination.

Her brother told reporters he believes "AIDS research is very important" though not more important than research on heart attacks, breast cancer or other forms of cancer that might affect children. "I think any viral epidemic is very very dangerous," he said of AIDS.

At a breakfast gathering, Candace Gingrich thanked her fellow activists for "not waiting until you have a brother that was speaker to become active."

She said she began telling people about her lesbianism at age 20, but had never spoken to her brother about it.

"I personally did not discuss it with him. But my mother called him because she thought he should know," she said. "And through her, I found out that his reaction was pretty much one that kind of empowered me — because his response was that it's my life and I have every right to live it the way that I feel I should."

But Candace Gingrich said her brother's attitude wasn't adequate as a policy stance.

"My position is that tolerance is not enough," she said. "At this point we have no federal protections. At any point at the job we can be fired just for being gay or lesbian, and that's completely unrelated to job performance or ability."

"That's discrimination. That's not tolerance. That's something wrong. And most American people believe that it's wrong."

Prisoner resigns editor position

By GUY COATES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Wilbert Rideau, spared the death penalty for killing a bank teller, is stepping down as editor of a prison magazine he transformed from an in-house bulletin to an award-winning publication.

In the 19 years since Rideau took over as editor of *The Angolite* at Louisiana State Penitentiary, the inmate magazine has won the Robert

F. Kennedy Journalism Award, the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and the George Polk Award for special interest reporting.

Ironically, the bi-monthly magazine's success may be the very reason Rideau has decided to leave the unpaid job.

"The editor's job at *The Angolite* is more managerial than anything else and I want to devote more time to what I feel I do best: writing and working on projects," Rideau said in a telephone

interview from his prison office.

One of those projects is a series of segments on prison life for National Public Radio's "Fresh Air" interview program. His salary, which he did not reveal, will also finance a foundation he established to help troubled youth.

Rideau, 53, was sentenced to death for the 1961 killing.

His sentence reverted to life in prison when the Supreme Court declared the state's death penalty law unconstitutional.

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Cattle drives for women booked solid

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GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The first Ladies Longhorn Cattle Drive for women on the Rancho de Cuernos near Grand Junction, complete with genteel Colorado cowboys to squire the women, was so successful six more have been organized.

The "cattle drives" are scheduled between May and October on weekends coinciding with the full moon. Four of them already are booked solid.

"I want to let other women experience what I get to do every day — keep company with cowboys," said ranch owner and women's cattle drive creator Joni Goodwin.

"For one time in their lives, a woman can tell herself, 'I'm going to ride at a cowboy's side,' like in the Old West they've only read about in books or seen in the movies," Goodwin said.

It doesn't come cheap. The 3-day weekend at Goodwin's ranch costs \$1,890.

As for Goodwin's cowboys, "there's not a bad draw in the lot... They will be gentlemen, they will be chivalrous, they will treat the ladies with class, dignity and respect."

All the cowboys are single, but the women are not asked marital status, Goodwin said.

The cowboys earn \$100 a day to give the women lessons in roping, ride beside them on the trail and dance under the stars.

Lesley Walker, academic affairs manager at the University of Phoenix in Arizona, rode on the first drive.

Walker said the weekend was "romantic in the sense of going back to the days when men were men but not necessarily romantic in the sense of romance between man and woman."

Deja vu? TCU thorn in Tech's side

Frogs seal up No. 3 spot in tourney; thwart Red Raider's outright title run

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs received an early birthday present Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tubbs, who turned 60 Sunday, watched the TCU Horned Frogs spoil the Texas Tech Red Raiders' chance at its first outright conference championship with a 108-106 victory in front of 7,111 people at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

With the win, the Horned Frogs (16-10, 8-6 Southwest Conference) clinched the No. 3 seed in the SWC tournament, which begins Thursday.

Despite the loss, Texas Tech (18-8, 11-3 SWC) still shared the SWC regular season title with the Texas Longhorns.

The Red Raiders lost their chance at an uncontested SWC football title on Nov. 25 in Fort Worth with a 24-17 loss to the Horned Frogs.

"We weren't going to let them win it on our court," said senior center Kurt Thomas. "Our football team would have been upset."

Thomas became only the third player in NCAA Division I history to lead the nation in both scoring and rebounding. Thomas earned the distinction by scoring 27 points and grabbing a game-high 15 rebounds.

Thomas did this despite fouling out with three minutes remaining in the game and playing only 26 minutes.

However, TCU freshman guard Juan Bragg stole the show Saturday. Bragg led the Horned Frogs with 29 points, and hit all four of his three-point attempts.

"Juan Bragg stepped up and made big plays," Tubbs said.

"It was an outstanding basketball game," he said. "Sometimes it was a little ragged. But that's what happens when both teams are playing hard."

The Red Raiders got off to a quick start by taking a 28-19 lead with 13:31 remaining in the first half.

TCU responded with a 24-5 run to take a 43-33 lead with 6:31 left in the half. During this run, Texas Tech did not hit a field-goal attempt and scored only on free throws.

Texas Tech used two three-pointers by junior guard Koy Smith and one by senior forward Mark Davis to tie the game at 58 at halftime.

"Coach Tubbs said they gave us their best run in the first half and we were still in it," Bragg said. "They knew it was going to be a dog fight."

The Red Raiders had a 91-86 lead with 6:53 left in the game. The Horned Frogs responded with a 12-0 run sparked by Bragg and freshman guard James Turner.

Texas Tech responded by scoring seven consecutive points to tie the game at 98 with 3:01 remaining in the game. At this point Thomas fouled out of the game.

Freshman center Chris Richards hit two free throws to give TCU a 100-98 lead. After a Red Raider basket, Bragg hit a jumper to give TCU a lead it would never relinquish at 102-100.

After Texas Tech failed to score, Bragg hit a three-point shot to give the Horned Frogs a 105-100 lead with less than two minutes remaining.

"Lately, coach has gotten us more one on one opportunities," Bragg said. "Coach wanted me to take it one on one and whatever happens, happens. It takes a lot of pressure off you."

The Horned Frogs were not out of trouble at that point. Davis' steal and layup cut TCU's lead to 106-104 with

15 seconds remaining.

However, Turner hit two game deciding free throws to give the Horned Frogs a 108-104 lead with 10 seconds remaining.

Turner led TCU with eight free throws made in 12 attempts and scored 18 points off the bench.

"Turner makes a lot of things happen and poses a lot of problems for the defense," Tubbs said.

Texas Tech head coach James Dickey said the Horned Frogs outplayed his team.

"Both teams played hard," he said. "However, TCU played better."

Texas Tech lost its chance to have a bye in the first round of the SWC tournament.

Instead, the Red Raiders will have to play the SMU Mustangs Thursday in the quarterfinals.

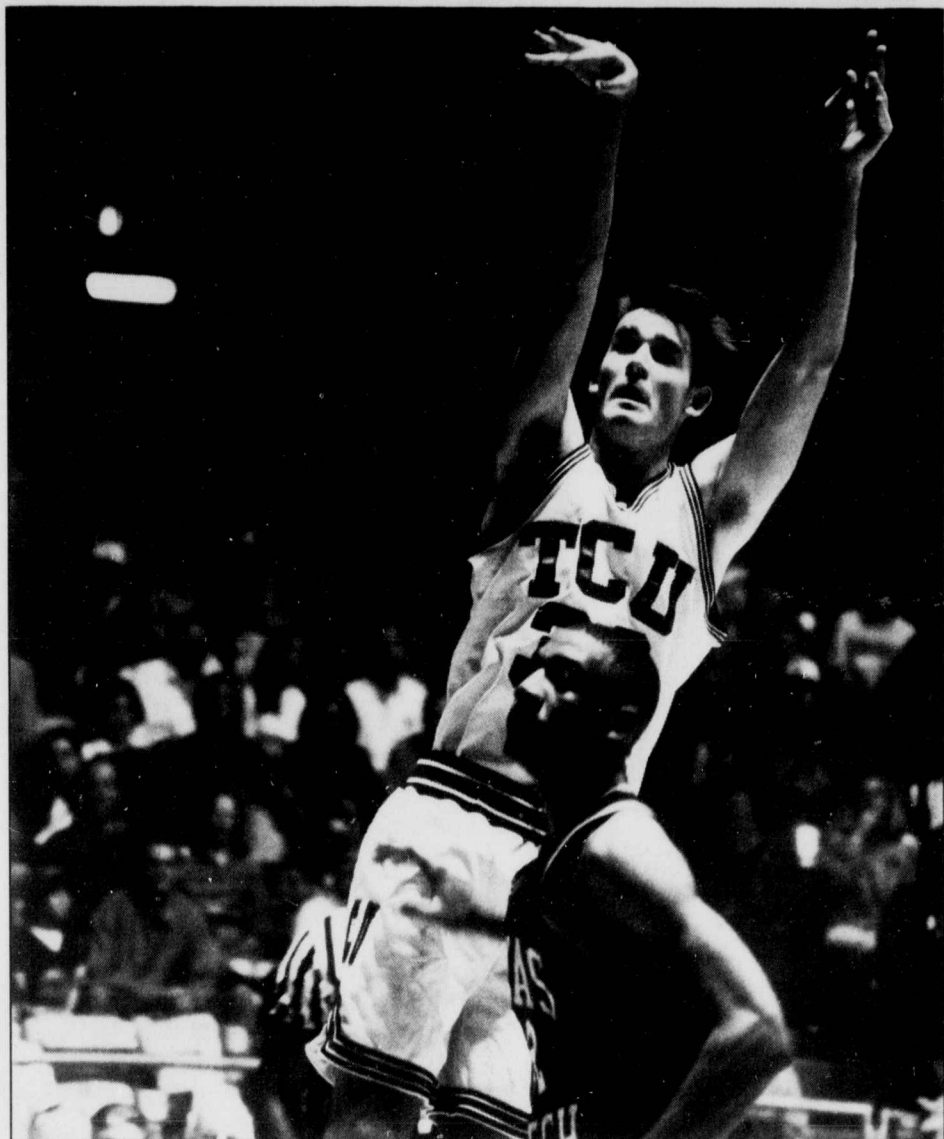
"Our guys have to regroup," Dickey said. "Our guys will regroup regardless of whether we have to play in the first round."

TCU will open the tourney against the Houston Cougars at 3 p.m. Thursday at Reunion Arena in Dallas. The Horned Frogs have beaten Houston twice this season.

"In the tournament it is sudden life and sudden death," Tubbs said. "There are four or five teams who could step up and win it all."

SWC STANDINGS

	SWC	Total
	W L Pct	W L Pct
Texas	11 3 .769	20 6 .769
Texas Tech	11 3 .786	18 8 .692
TCU	8 6 .571	16 10 .615
Rice	8 6 .571	14 12 .538
Texas A&M	7 7 .500	14 15 .483
Houston	5 9 .357	8 18 .308
SMU	3 11 .214	7 19 .269
Baylor	3 11 .214	9 19 .321



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TCU senior Michael Thoele shoots over Red Raider Mark Davis Saturday. Thoele's two three-pointers helped the Frogs defeat Texas Tech 108-106.

SPORTS DIGEST

Hogs sweep TCU

The Arkansas baseball team, ranked No. 16 in the nation, swept the Horned Frogs in a three-game series this weekend.

The Frogs, who fell to 9-7, started Saturday's game with four runs in the first inning, but Razorback replacement Todd Abbott led Arkansas to a 9-7 win with the help of five TCU errors.

TCU also jumped out to an early 4-1 lead in game one of Sunday's doubleheader. Corey Daley went 3-for-4 with a triple and two runs scored to push the Hogs to an 8-4 win. TCU head coach Lance Brown's club dropped the final game, 3-2.

Owners, players go home

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A day after the both sides walked away from negotiations, baseball owners prepared Monday for their quarterly meetings and union officials returned to their office in New York.

"I don't see how we can go beyond Monday and still be ready for the opener," Philadelphia Phillies president Bill Giles said in Clearwater.

"I assume negotiations will start up again after our meetings in Florida," Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said. "I certainly don't think there's going to be any change. I have 100 percent confidence in our people and I know (acting commissioner) Bud Selig does."

Frog swimmers relish win over Aggies

By SCOTT RUSSELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For only the second time in TCU history, the Horned Frog Swimming and Diving team defeated Texas A&M by the score of 524-522 to place third in the Southwest Conference Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Austin.

SWIMMING & DIVING

"This was only our second time ever to finish in the top three in the Conference and it feels great," head coach Richard Sybesma said.

Sybesma said that every year, the swim team sets a season goal of beating A&M to capture third in the highly competitive SWC Championships. This year, that feat seemed particularly difficult as the Aggies had been ranked as high as No. 23 in the nation and had already beat the Horned Frogs by over 80 points in a late-season dual meet.

Many of the TCU seniors said beating the Aggies was the best way they could ever imagine to end their college careers.

"Beating A&M made every single lap I've swum as a TCU Horned Frog worth all the time I've spent," senior Trip Fell said. "This victory was a complete team victory."

Other seniors also emphasized the fact that it took every single member of the team trying their

hardest to beat the Aggies.

"We all came together to make this happen. I couldn't have ended my college career any sweeter," senior Luke Small said.

"This is the ultimate feeling," senior Joseph Fennell said.

Alumni swimmers from the 1990 TCU men's swim team, the last Horned Frog team to beat the Aggies in the Championships, said that many Aggies and others approached them saying their victory was a fluke and that it would never happen again.

"Beating the Aggies today was for all the alumni who couldn't have a taste of how sweet it is," senior John Dolynchuk said. "This victory wasn't just for us, it was for TCU swimmers since the school began having a swim team."

Sophomore Chris Kern, who transferred to TCU at the beginning of the year from the University of Texas, posted two NCAA Championship consideration cut times and

was the highest finishing Horned Frog with his second place finish in the freestyle mile. Kern also crushed the old TCU record in the mile by 18 seconds with his time of 15:30.25.

"I knew that the guys on either side of me were Aggies so I tried even harder to stay ahead of them the entire way," Kern said.

TCU's top swimmer, junior Walter Soza, posted three separate NCAA consideration cut times to finish third in 400 yard individual medley and fifth in both the 200 yard IM and the 200 yard butterfly events.

"I am satisfied with the way I swam all my events, but mainly its great to beat the Aggies," Soza said.

Soza also said that he was fairly sure his times in his events will fall among the top 28 in the nation and qualify him for the NCAA Championships.

"I was happy with my times and now I am going to concentrate on

making finals at the NCAA's," Soza said.

The Aggies, who lead TCU by 39 points after the first day of the championships and 16 after the sec-

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South Africa holds AIDS conference

By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
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CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Prudence Mbele was studying at Cape Town University when she discovered she had the virus that causes AIDS.

That ended her studies. School officials forced her to leave in 1992. Now Mbele is a South African AIDS educator.

Mbele's experience was echoed by delegates from Europe, Asia and North and South America who addressed the International Conference for People Living with HIV and AIDS.

The five-day meeting, which began Monday, was attended by more than 500 people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome or HIV, the virus that causes the disease, from 82 countries.

For the first time, the seventh annual conference was being held in Africa, the site of nearly three-quarters of the 4.5 million cases of AIDS recorded since the late 1970s.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, opening the conference, said AIDS was hitting South Africa's most vulnerable citizens, and helping them was part of the government's redevelopment program.

Mbeki said the regions in South Africa hardest hit by AIDS "are those in which, before the advent of the democratic order, were most affected by social and violent conflict."

A broad primary health care program "should be one of the starting points in the offensive against the spread of the virus," he said.

President Nelson Mandela's black-led government, which took over after elections last April ended apartheid, has pledged to include health reform in its efforts to improve the lives of impoverished blacks.

Mbeki called on the industrialized world to help developing countries fight AIDS — and Erwan Fouere, the European Union envoy to South Africa, responded with a \$14 million package to support AIDS programs in South Africa.

Dollar sinks to record low

Federal Reserve unlikely to raise interest rates, economists say

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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WASHINGTON — The dollar plunged to a third straight record low against the Japanese yen Monday and sank against other currencies as well. Despite the global dumping, the Federal Reserve was not expected to raise interest rates.

Private economists said a Fed rate hike in the current turmoil was extremely unlikely unless the dollar's decline turns into a free fall that disturbs U.S. stock and bond markets.

"The Fed isn't going to jack up rates just because the dollar is under pressure," said Bruce Steinberg, an economist at Merrill Lynch in New York. "This is not a crisis, even though the dollar is going to be searching for a bottom over the next several weeks."

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis, said a Fed effort to boost

the dollar by raising interest rates could backfire by pushing the U.S. economy into a recession.

"The strategy now is for the Fed to lay low and hope the situation stabilizes," he said.

After trying without success Thursday and Friday to prop up the dollar's value by intervening in currency markets, U.S. authorities decided Monday the better course was to remain on the sidelines.

The dollar continued to drop, falling to 92.70 yen in late afternoon trading in New York, down from a Friday record low of 94.05. It also declined against the German mark, dropping to 1.4028 marks, the lowest level in more than two years and down from Friday's close in New York of 1.4250 marks. The dollar was down against other major currencies as well.

Analysts would not rule out further coordinated dollar-buying by the United States and other countries such as the effort last Friday

by 18 central banks. But they said such purchases would be used primarily to make sure the dollar's decline is orderly and doesn't alarm markets.

That strategy appeared to be working. Analysts said U.S. markets were basically taking the dollar's weakness in stride.

On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average managed to eke out a small advance. However, the turmoil on the bond market continued with the yield on 30-year Treasury issues rising to 7.61 percent.

Some credited the relatively minor impact on U.S. markets to a recognition that the underlying U.S. economy is basically sound. The Fed's string of interest rate increases over the past year is widely perceived to be working to bring about a "soft landing" in which the economy slows to a sustainable pace without any serious pickup in inflation.

The slowing U.S. economy will

help over time to reduce America's huge trade deficit, which is seen right now as the biggest negative influence on the dollar.

The generally positive outlook for the U.S. economy was highlighted Monday by a report from the Shadow Open Market Committee, a group of prominent private economists who monitor the Federal Reserve.

"For the first time in 30 years, the United States can achieve stable growth and low inflation in the near term," the group said. But it warned that if the central bank continues tightening credit, "the probability of a recession in 1996 will increase."

Analysts said one of the biggest threats to their generally optimistic forecast remains the turmoil in Mexico, the United States' third biggest export market.

The Mexican peso fell Monday to a record low at 6.5750 pesos to the dollar, a drop of more than 40 percent since Mexico's currency crisis began Dec. 20.

Shuttle endeavors to understand nova

By MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Endeavour's astronauts aimed powerful ultraviolet telescopes Monday at a newly exploded star that is thousands of times brighter than it was before it burst.

Nova Aquilae erupted in a thermonuclear explosion a month ago. Before reaching this boiling point, the white dwarf star had been tugging material from its larger companion star and built up a layer of hot gas that eventually blew up and was hurtled into space.

Scientists believe a new buildup of gas will start soon and that another outburst will occur thousands of years from now.

"Even though you just see a pinpoint of light, we can begin to interpret it in terms of drawing a three-dimensional picture of this event," said Arthur Code, an astronomer at the University of Wisconsin at Madison who's in charge of one of the shuttle telescopes.

Nova Aquilae is in the constellation Aquila, or Eagle, and is several thousand light years away.

Another nova erupted in late January and yet another just a little over a week ago. Both of these will also be viewed by the three ultraviolet telescopes aboard Endeavour so

astronomers can learn more about the life cycle of stars.

"We're incredibly lucky that we have three novae all in different stages of development," said University of Wisconsin astronomer Joni Johnson.

Astronomers have logged more than 100 observations since the 15½-day mission began Thursday. They have some 600 targets from which to choose, including stars, galaxies, quasars, moons, even cosmic dust clouds.

"I'm delighted we can be at this state right now," said NASA scientist Charles Meegan. "We go from one to the next, just clipping right along."

There seemed to be just two problems.

The astronauts' exercise sessions caused slight vibrations that scientists feared could hamper the stargazing. The seven-member crew was asked to use the stationary cycle when the telescopes weren't focusing on objects.

And ground controllers were swamped trying to keep up with all the requests for mission information pouring into the "Welcome to Astro-2" program via the Internet. This is NASA's first on-line shuttle flight; virtually all aspects of the mission are available on the World Wide Web.

"We're scrambling around trying to find some more computers," said mission manager Robert Jayroe.

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could cut down the gang problem.

"The Citizens Crime Commission wants students to be aware of the problem because eventually everyone will be affected by the gangs around them, and there's something you can do," Matthews said.

Jacquez will show a video in which Fort Worth gang members talk about their lives, said Matthews.

"At first, we were surprised that the gang members spoke so openly in front of the cameras, but then we realized that they're having fun and are proud of what they're doing," Matthews said. "That's good for us because not only did it help us catch a few gang leaders, but by taking the video around to different schools, we can let people hear for themselves the severity of the problem."

Kristel Vaught, a senior advertising/public relations major, saw Jacquez's program as a part of peer educators' training last spring. Vaught

said the video was a real "eye-opener."

"Coming from a small town, I never really realized how huge the problem of gangs had become here," Vaught said. "Now, I take all of the awareness precautions like checking my back seat before I enter my car."

Brazzell said the program was intended to do more than just promote safety awareness.

"In addition to increasing safety awareness, we hope our program will make TCU students aware of the activities they can become involved in to help put a stop to the increase in gang numbers — to help become a part of the solution," Brazzell said.

Matthews said Jacquez would show students the different gang signs and symbols so they can get out of a situation as soon as they sense a problem.

"Gang members can be anywhere that we can be, and conflicts can erupt in a heartbeat," Matthews said. "Unfortunately, when such conflicts do occur, it's usually the innocent person that gets hurt. That's what our program is trying to prevent."

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and day, led the Horned Frogs by ten going into platform diving, the next-to-last event.

Senior diver David Doggett and freshman diver Mark McHam, however, both finished ahead of A&M diver Wade Diederich to pull ahead of the Aggies by six points.

"The chance to beat the Aggies put a lot of extra pressure onto me going into the platform, but I think

that I handled it well," Doggett said.

The 524 points the Horned Frogs accumulated in this year's championships was also their third highest score ever behind the 549 points they earned in 1992 and the 558.5 points they earned in the 1993 championships.

"Chris Kern and Walter Soza were our stars at this meet, but our depth allowed us to edge out the Aggies," Sybesma said.

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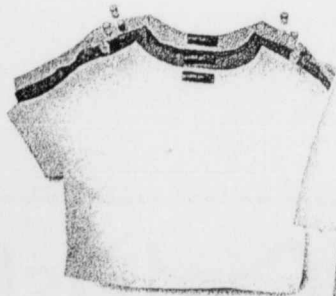
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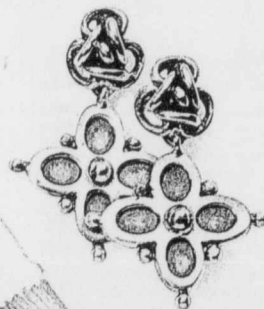
2 NOVELTY KNIT TEES

One of the season's most essential basics! Our fun novelty knits are great worn alone or under a denim vest. They also look great under a sleeveless print dress. Dozens of styles. From about \$42.



2 HANDMADE EARRINGS

Accent your favorite new outfit with our handmade sterling silver earrings. Choose from various stone inlays or etched sterling silver styles. From around \$25.



2 PRINT SKIRTS

From France's St. Tropez to Africa's Lake Victoria, we travel the world over in search of new print inspirations. Colorful interpretations in rayon, cotton and silk, like this short print skirt will up any denim vest. Great when paired with a layered knit sweater or novelty knit tee. From around \$75.



2 THE DENIM VEST

The denim vest is an essential item this season. From updated zipper fronts to classic pearl buttoned styles, there probably isn't a more versatile or essential piece for the season. From around \$65.



2 HANDBAGS

For the finishing touch, add one of our leather purses, handmade exclusively for us in Italy. Choose from moc croc favorites as well as woven and straw styles. From about \$135.



2 NOVELTY SWEATERS

For a great layered look, pair your new denim vest with one of our exclusive sweaters. Choose from ribbed basics, crocheted details and other fun novelty styles! From about \$34.

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