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Professors experience Hungary at 'Crossroads'

By **KIMBERLY WILSON**
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Faculty members visited with their Hungarian counterparts during TCU's first overseas faculty seminar in Budapest June 24 through July 5.

The program, titled "Hungary: A Nation at the Crossroads," was attended by several faculty and administrative members from TCU.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that the trip was designed to give faculty members a structured learning experience in which they could gain new information and perspectives about another society. He said that he worked with Hungary's

minister of culture to help coordinate the trip.

"This trip will help us to establish ties with colleagues in other societies," Adams said. "The seminar provided TCU faculty members with means to make contacts with counterparts at other institutions."

At least one faculty member from each of the academic schools at TCU was chosen to go to Budapest.

In order to be chosen to attend the seminar, Adams said, faculty members wishing to represent their department were to submit proposals on certain multi-cultural communication topics. The topics were to cover the various ways new information learned on the

trip could be incorporated into teaching, research and scholarly work, Adams said.

Faculty also applied for grant money from the Instructional Development Grant to secure money needed to cover the cost of the seminar, he said.

Adams said the faculty members heard lectures on history, politics and art during morning sessions of the seminar. In the afternoons, they were given the opportunity to visit counterparts at universities in the surrounding area.

Manochehr Dorraj, associate professor of political science, said the curriculum at the universities he visited was very different from curriculum at universities in the United States. He

said the political science departments at the universities were, until recently, known as the scientific socialism department.

Other name changes have come about since the fall of communism. One of the universities Dorraj visited, the Budapest University of Economics, was at one time called the Karl Marx University of Economics, he said.

"Hungary is historically and culturally very rich," Dorraj said. "It is truly a country that represents the crossroads between the East and West."

He said that Hungary is a terrific example of multi-culturalism.

"They have made multi-culturalism work," Dorraj said.

"Hungary is full of mystery. It is more stable, open and democratic compared to Eastern and Central European societies," Dorraj also added that the Hungarian economy is stable and good for foreign investment.

Some of the benefits of the trip are several special events and internships for students that have been planned through the contacts made during the seminar.

"The study and training of visual arts in Hungary is very technical and detail-oriented," said Robert Garwell, dean of the college of fine arts and communications.

There is a long tradition of almost step-by-step procedures which provide

a solid foundation for aspiring artists, he said.

Dorraj said the German, Slovakian, and Turkish influences are visible in Hungarian art and architecture.

Antal Turcsanyi, renowned Hungarian painter, will be coming to TCU in February to lead master classes and give studio presentations, Garwell said.

TCU has also been invited to participate in a National Academy of Theatre and Film conference next March. The conference will deal with the use of Shakespeare as a teaching tool in the theatre, Garwell said. Only two other schools from the United States have

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Malcolm Loudon, co-chairman of the Committee of 100, presents Chancellor William Tucker with the keys to the new Frog Mobile that will be used to pull the Frog Horn. John Roach, co-chairman of the committee, and Roger Williams, committee member, look on.

UC decision sparks mixed TCU reaction

Affirmative action issue inspires campus debate

By **SARAH DUNCAN**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The University of California's elimination of racial affirmative action programs from its admissions policy this summer is drawing mixed reactions from TCU students and officials.

Governor Pete Wilson said as few as 40 percent of students admitted to California public universities are accepted only on their academic achievement, according to a July 19 *New York Times* article.

Oscar Fonseca, a TCU Hispanic sophomore food management and nutrition major, said UC's decision was anti-immigrant.

"They (UC) are using racist policies to justify economic means," Fonseca said. "It's all for political gain — blaming minorities for all the problems of society. When minorities make up 15 percent of the population, they aren't consuming 90 percent of the resources."

Although Fonseca said he doesn't agree with UC's decision, he also said he doesn't believe in quotas as a factor in admitting students to col-

lege either.

"I believe in opportunities based on my knowledge, not my color," Fonseca said.

But Minuette Wilt, a Caucasian junior broadcast journalism major, said she believes affirmative action is still necessary.

"This country has not evolved enough emotionally and intellectually enough to do away with affirmative action," Wilt said. "If you look at the big picture, white males are still getting paid more."

Darron Turner, TCU's minority affairs director, said affirmative action programs should only be dropped if there are better programs to put in place.

"In a world where everybody did the right thing, we wouldn't need affirmative action," Turner said. "But unfortunately that's not the case."

Turner said the current political climate is one reason behind attacks on affirmative action programs.

"The political climate right now is attacking all social programs," he said. "Doing away with affirmative

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Affirmative Action
Part two of a three-part series

Task force assembles to better market TCU

By **KRISTA TATSCHL**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU and the surrounding Fort Worth community will be part of a marketing make-over courtesy of Larry Lauer, the associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs, and his newly assembled TCU Marketing Task Force.

Chancellor William Tucker asked Lauer in January to facilitate a marketing "force" that would focus on examining the response TCU has had to an increasingly competitive student marketplace, he said. This force was also to decide how to increase TCU's visibility outside of any athletic programs, Lauer said.

"The task force was asked to take the whole university's light under the basket and be more aggressive in telling the TCU story," he said.

The Marketing Task Force has been established to accomplish long-term goals that will promote TCU as a positive academic institution not only to Fort Worth, but also to the entire nation, Lauer said.

He said he feels ways of realizing the TCU goal of national recognition have already begun in the Office of Communications.

"People in the Office of Communications are studying the best ways to increase the number of times TCU is mentioned in the national media,"

Lauer said.

So far, a media marketing project has not materialized, but Lauer said one may be implemented this year.

Lauer said that without a concerted effort to expand the visibility of TCU in the North Texas region and to participate in community activities, national recognition may be difficult to attain.

The idea of a marketing task force spawned from a TCU athletic marketing committee that was interested in keeping TCU athletics prominently in the public eye once TCU was selected to be a participant in the Western Athletic Conference, Lauer said.

Lauer said that over a two-year period, TCU's Committee of 100 pre-

pared to market TCU positively as it was carried from the Southwest Conference and into the WAC.

The decisions and knowledge taken from the Committee of 100 meetings gave Lauer and his staff, in cooperation with Tucker, the opportunity to promote the non-athletic aspects of TCU as counterparts and compliments to the athletic programs, Lauer said.

"There is no effective communication that is as powerful as hundreds of people who get excited about helping to tell the story," Lauer said.

The force is presently searching for ways to incorporate the Fort Worth pro-

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Reception to welcome cultural exchange

By **MARK MOURER**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A campus-wide reception for international students will be held at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. The event, which is sponsored by the International Student Association, is held at the start of each semester to welcome new international students to TCU and give returning students a chance to catch up after the summer.

Al Mladenka, TCU's director of international student affairs, said that he would really like for U.S. students and faculty to attend the reception as well.

"We would especially like some

U.S. students to come to the reception and get involved with ISA, especially the new ones," Mladenka said. "We would really like to promote that type of cultural exchange."

"The whole idea of the reception is to honor our new international students," he said. "We want to open this up to the whole campus."

Mladenka said that TCU has 97 new international students attending classes this semester. This number represents about 35 countries, he said.

Though the official numbers will not come through for the next couple of weeks, Mladenka said that preliminary departmental records estimate that there are currently 325 interna-

tional students at TCU, increased from last year's total of 295 students. Mladenka said that approximately 65 countries are represented by these numbers.

Students from Azerbaijan, Macau, Sudan and Zaire are representing their countries for the first time, Mladenka said. Until their arrival, no students had ever attended TCU from those countries, he said.

The reception will have refreshments and allow all students and faculty attending the chance to meet each other.

"I intend to introduce every new stu-

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L'Amie reflects on first year at TCU

By **BLAKE SIMS**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Rick L'Amie was ready for a change.

After bouncing around the country for 12 years as a broadcast journalist, L'Amie said he jumped at the opportunity to become TCU's director of communications. With one year under his belt, L'Amie said he was pleased with his decision.

"It's the best career move I've ever made," L'Amie said.

L'Amie said his office deals

with both internal and external communications.

Internally, he oversees the production of two publications for the faculty and staff, he said. *TCU This Week* is a weekly newsletter that focuses mainly on events and activities in and around the TCU community.

Inside TCU is a new monthly publication that L'Amie said will feature personality profiles of the faculty and staff. He said *Inside TCU* will premiere sometime in mid-September.

L'Amie said he spends the rest

of his time

working on TCU's national reputation. In this area, he subscribes to the "less is more" philosophy, he said.



Rick L'Amie

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NEWS DIGEST

Deal ends dispute over art

NEW YORK (AP) — A deal with a company that puts Pablo Picasso's work on everything from boxers to ties tightens his heirs' control over reproduction of his art. The deal announced Tuesday ends a 12-year dispute that began after Pablo Picasso's granddaughter Marina sold the right to reproduce images of 234 of his works. The majority of those rights ended up with Museum Boutique Intercontinental Ltd. of New York, which in 1980 began putting the images on glass, porcelain, clothing and home accessories.

Harding denied sentence change

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding went to court Wednesday to try to change the sentence she received for her role in the attack on rival skater Nancy Kerrigan, but a judge said no deal. Under her plea bargain, the disgraced skater was ordered to donate \$50,000 to the Special Olympics and perform 500 hours of community service. Harding asked Circuit Judge Donald Londer if she could pay the \$25,000 still owed to Loaves and Fishes. She also asked to be released from the remaining 100 hours of community service.

Turner considers takeover

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Turner is weighing a takeover bid from Time Warner Inc. in what sources said would be an \$8.5 billion deal making Turner second-in-command of the biggest media and entertainment company in the world. Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting System Inc. confirmed Wednesday that they were talking about a stock swap that would bring together Turner's cable networks, including CNN and Headline News, with Time Warner's publishing, music and film businesses.

Report cites cost of AmeriCorps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doing good doesn't come cheap. With AmeriCorps' future in the balance, a congressional report hints at the youthful energy and details the big money behind President Clinton's national service program. The General Accounting Office found the average participant in AmeriCorps is supported by \$25,000 in federal, state and local tax dollars, or more than \$18 for an hour of direct community work by each person.

AG says guns can be banned

AUSTIN (AP) — Just two days before the state's concealed-handgun law takes effect, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales ruled Wednesday that transit authorities and businesses may ban the carrying of guns. Morales also said that counties may prohibit concealed handguns within county parks, but cities cannot do the same within city parks. The concealed-handgun law goes into effect Friday. At that time, Texans may begin applying for handgun permits, which won't be valid until Jan. 1, 1996.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Thursday, Aug. 31

5 p.m.: ISA reception for new international students in the Student Center Ballroom
5:30 p.m.: Canterbury Episcopal Students meets in the Student Center Room 214

Friday, Sept. 1

9 p.m.: PC Film: Say Anything Fall Waiver/Enrollment Period for Student Health Insurance Ends

Saturday, Sept. 2

Men's soccer: TCU vs. Mary Hardin Baylor (here)

Sunday, Sept. 3

Men's soccer: TCU vs. Schreiner College (here)
Women's soccer: TCU vs. UT (here)

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THE REFUGEE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES is seeking individuals and families to volunteer for its Family Literacy program. Instructors and tutors are needed to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to low proficiency clients. Volunteer training sessions will be held Sept. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m., and Sept. 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Sandy Myers or Anna Pham at 338-0774.

OLAS (ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS) welcomes you to TCU! The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 5:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 218. OLAS also invites students to join in their weekly meeting held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center 202.

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ALPHA PHI OMEGA National Service Fraternity is holding its fall informal rush on September 5 & 6 at 4 p.m. in Student Center 205.

The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman and Adam Wright



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER WATCH

Today, the skies will be partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of afternoon showers. The high temperature will be in the upper 90s, with a southerly wind of 5 to 10 miles per hour.

Thursday night through Sunday will continue to be partly cloudy with a slight chance for rain, highs in upper 90s again, and overnight lows in the 70s.

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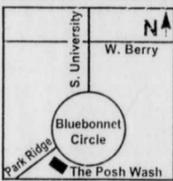


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professional and business community into the program, he said. Collaborating with the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors Bureau has proved to be valuable because, through these contacts, TCU has gained prominence outside of Fort Worth, Lauer said.

William C. Moncrief, professor and marketing department chairman, said he shares Lauer's enthusiasm for a national TCU marketing program.

"The more marketing you do for a program, the better," he said. "I think we need to be doing more promotion nationally."

Moncrief said that if TCU gains national attention, regions of the United States that have not been successful recruitment areas in the past, such as the Northeast, may give rise to prospective TCU students with an interest in a nationally recognized institution.

Besides eventually using the task force on a national marketing level, Lauer said he welcomes the opportunity to market TCU with the help of the TCU student body. He said representatives from diverse student organizations may submit ideas directly to him.

Participation by different campus offices like Student Affairs, Business Services and Admissions in this pro-

gram have led to a collective marketing effort through ultimate campus involvement.

Seth Baker, a sophomore business major, said he feels a better awareness of TCU through the task force is a good idea, only if the promotion encompasses all campus accomplishments and not exclusively athletics.

"If TCU's marketing has a positive objective, I think people would like that more than just hearing about sports," Baker said.

Baker said the marketing project should also note the achievements of specific academic departments and future expansion plans for the TCU campus.

Lauer said he and his staff are constantly reshaping, reorganizing and reevaluating what the Marketing Task Force needs to accomplish in the immediate future.

No specific funding has been allotted to the force, as of this time, until its fundamentals are "set in stone," Lauer said.

Any ideas or concerns that the TCU student body or faculty may have concerning the development of the TCU Marketing Task Force may be directed to Larry Lauer, in the Office of Communications and Public Affairs, at 921-7808.

Lauer said, "The important thing for me is that the TCU community knows that TCU is committed to an expanded effort."

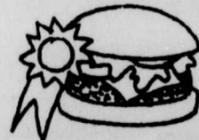
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■ LEIGH ANNE ROBISON

Faulkner and McCorvey set bad examples for women

Feminism has taken a couple of serious blows lately. I don't mean to scare anyone off by mentioning that word, because I'm not here to rant and rave or spell women with a "y." But if someone is going to take action in the name of furthering women's rights, I think they should be able to go the distance.

However, in recent news, this has not been the case. Two examples spring to mind.

The first: Shannon Faulkner. Yes, that collective groan you hear is the disgusted masses of men and women alike. But what did she hope to prove by overturning a century and a half of Citadel tradition? That anything boys can do girls can do better? I doubt it.

She was probably annoyed that there is still gender segregation out there, and she wanted to change that. Too bad she wasn't tough enough for the job.



Faulkner had no business going to a military academy when she was not in good enough physical shape. Nor should she have expected to be allowed admission just because she was a woman trying to make a point. She stopped participating in Hell Week before her first day was over and spent the rest of her time at The Citadel in the infirmary. She hardly had a chance to be harassed or put through the ringer as many armchair critics had forecasted.

She failed fast. In a *Newsweek* interview she said the stress of her 2-year legal battle

caught up to her once she began drilling. She had felt prepared for the training beforehand, but found out she simply didn't have the constitution for it after all. For whatever the reason she dropped out, Shannon Faulkner made a mockery of the gender wars.

The worst part of the whole fiasco is that now any other woman who wants to be admitted to The Citadel, no matter how well prepared she really is, can pretty much forget about it. The Bulldogs rejoiced in this knowledge, citing Faulkner's failure as proof that women can't hack it at The Citadel and shouldn't be allowed to try.

Instead of forging a new path for women, Shannon Faulkner reignited the traditional belief that men and women simply should not mix in the military. I can see this sloppy story being used as ammunition against women who hope to serve in combat.

The second case is that of Norma McCorvey, more commonly known as Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade. She is now affiliated with Operation Rescue?!

Granted, McCorvey was used more or less by her lawyers as a poster child for a hot issue. She never wanted to make a name for herself, and she didn't really care too much about changing federal law. She only wanted to end an unwanted pregnancy.

McCorvey wasn't a vibrant enough person to represent such a history-making lawsuit. It turns out she lied about how she became pregnant. (For years she claimed it was rape and later retracted that statement.) She privately waffled on her stance for abortion rights while advocated them on the lecture circuit as long as the honorariums kept rolling in. Again, this is a case of a woman who takes on the system emotion-

ally unequipped.

Even still, as a symbol for the pro-life movement, McCorvey doesn't quite fit the bill. The spokespeople for the ultra-conservative Operation Rescue are "overlooking" the fact that McCorvey still advocates first-trimester abortions. Not to mention the fact that she's a lesbian. These factors contradict the theology that Rescue workers embrace.

These cases are the kind that just embarrass those of us who call ourselves feminists. These women are taking on the powers that be without the emotional stamina necessary to be a part of history. Battling the big bad system requires more than just wanting something you don't already have.

Leigh Anne Robison is a senior English and history double major from Houston, Texas.

■ MATT PEARCE

The one post that we need to get rid of

Since the birth of the 104th Congress, there has been much discussion about decentralization and eliminating certain government positions. In the midst of the chaos surrounding the nomination of a surgeon general, some republican congressmen have suggested eliminating the post altogether.

There is one government post, however, that is never mentioned in discussions of eliminating federal officials. There is an executive official that earns over \$100,000 a year, but does little more than shake hands and attend funerals. This person is officially known as the vice president of the United States.



Let's first examine the history of the vice president.

There are very few people who can name a vice president that served before World War II, with the exception of those who later served as president.

This is because no vice president has ever made a significant accomplishment in this country. Dan Quayle, who served from 1989 to 1993, is perhaps the best vice president this nation has ever had. He

never spoke unless he was asked to, and he provided the nation with some humor over his four years.

The vice president is often ridiculed for his virtually pointless job, yet the elimination of it has never been brought up by Congress. The vice president's only defined duty in the body of the Constitution is to break tie votes in the senate. This problem can be solved in a number of ways.

One solution would be to give Puerto Rico one senator, thus creating an odd number and eliminating the possibility of a 50-50 result. This would also give Puerto Rico the feeling that they have a say in our government.

A simpler alternative would be to give the tie-breaking gig to either the president or the senate majority leader. There are several ways that we could use to eliminate the position. Either way, the vice president's job would be rendered obsolete.

The vice president does have one other official title: President of the Senate. This title has far less meaning than it might seem to. Technically, the vice president doesn't have to attend senate meetings. The senator with the title of president pro tem takes charge when the vice president is out, but even he doesn't do much. Most of the session work is done by the junior senators.

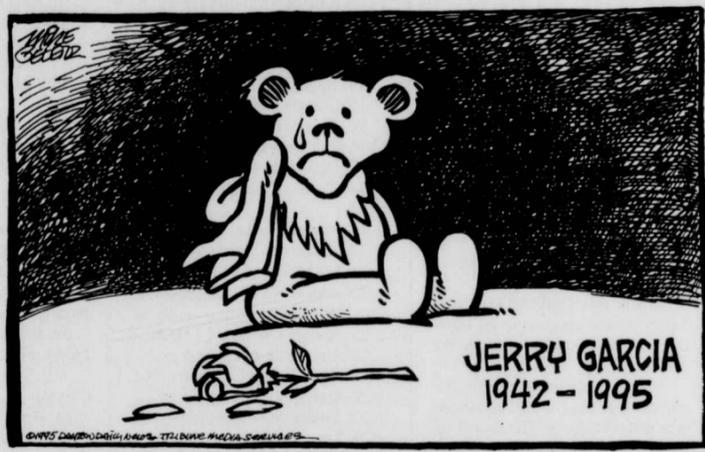
The most significant problem with the vice president is the very nature of his job. The vice president's biggest responsibility is to be ready to take over in case the president dies or has to leave office for some other reason. Imagine if most jobs in America consisted of waiting for your immediate superior to die. If something were to happen to the president, the speaker of the house, who is next in line after the vice president, could easily take charge.

As for picking a running mate in the 1996 election, my advice for the nominees is simply: don't pick one. This would be a smart yet risky move. After waiting around for an emergency concerning the president, the vice president's largest role takes place before he is even inaugurated. The presidential nominee's running mate is used simply as a tool to win electoral votes.

For instance, politicians such as Wyoming senator Alan Simpson and New Hampshire senator Bill Zeff are highly unlikely to ever be nominated for vice president, because their states carry few electoral votes. It is traditional to pick a running mate from a large state like California or Texas, because they carry more votes. This strategy has a mixed success rate.

The GOP has made honorable steps and in eliminating needless government posts and pushing to eliminate more. However, both parties have overlooked the most useless post of them all, and that needs to change. With the removal of the vice president, the government would save money and reduce waste.

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■ JEFF BENSON

Hometown fish fry was a good, fun experience

Last week I had the opportunity to return to my hometown, Brownwood, Texas, for the annual Texas Law Enforcement Fish Fry. If you are not familiar with Brownwood, then all you need to know is that it is a typical small town except for the fact that it is the exact geographical center of Texas.

Groner Pitts, a Democrat from Brownwood, started the event about ten years ago. Every August the fish fry takes place at his boxcar on Lake Brownwood to take time out and to honor and recognize those men and women who work to keep our communities, state, and nation safe. Mr. Pitts is known by a variety of people and political leaders across the state of Texas.

The event is sponsored by the Texas Youth Commission and the Brownwood Mafia. As soon as I mention the word mafia I am sure that most of you conjure up images of big men in black suits and organized crime. However, the Mafia is not what you think it would be, it is composed of key businessmen in the area that help promote the growth and development of Brownwood.

Most small towns across the state and nation have some sort of political figures that help promote their community. They are often instrumental in getting the word out about the community. However, the Brownwood Mafia is an unique group of men that have a lot of political connections and have made a huge difference in Brownwood.

The Brownwood Mafia have been able to get the likes of Governor George W. Bush to attend the fish fry. In the past they have attracted former Governors Mark White and Ann Richards, and several other political leaders at the local, state, and federal levels.

The ability to have a Republican governor attend any event sponsored by a Democrat proves that Mr. Pitts and the Brownwood Mafia know a lot of people and have a lot of pull around the state. I did not vote for Governor Bush in the last election and if Ann Richards ran again I would vote for her. However, I had an open mind about meeting the governor even though I disagree with him on several issues.

After meeting and hearing him speak, I was impressed with his caring personality and his positive comments about Texas law enforcement. He appeared to me as an individual that believes in Texas and making it a better place.

Mr. Pitts made an important comment in my local paper, he said whether our governor is Republican or Democrat, he is our governor and the citizens of Texas should support him. I agree with Mr. Pitts and believe that citizens should support political leaders once they are elected no matter what their party affiliation. Texans can support the governor, but still disagree with him on issues.

Supporting our government officials is very important in the vitality of our society. The fish fry increased my respect of George W. Bush and the rest of the government officials who attended it. The fish fry in Brownwood honoring law enforcement was a great success. Every facet of law enforcement from the local REACT club to the Texas Department of Public Safety was honored for the hard work they do.

If you have not thanked a law officer lately, I encourage you to do so because you never know when they might save your life.

Jeff Benson is a junior political science major from Brownwood, Texas.

■ EDITORIAL

VALUE

Is TCU really worth the price we pay?

Recently, Money magazine listed their top one hundred best values in universities. TCU was missing from the list.

This publication's opinion is simply that: an opinion, but it does raise some interesting concerns. Four other Texas schools made the list, including Rice, which was second on the list.

This is not first time that TCU has been left off of these types of rankings.

Why is it that magazines always seem to place TCU at the bottom of the barrel?

The administration should not ignore the fact that TCU does not have the reputation as being a good buy. Especially in the face of significant tuition increases over the past few years. The low rankings also shed a bad light

on the school for prospective students.

Granted, several campus improvements have raised the standard of living at TCU, but what more can be done to make TCU "worth the money."

These matters deserve serious investigation and consideration. The administration also has an obligation to make known their opinions of the low rankings.

However, the ratings are not the end of the world.

Perhaps the magazines forget one of the most important factors in examining an institution: "Do the students who attend the school enjoy their experience?"

While their are certain intangibles that cannot be measured, TCU cannot afford to ignore the rating. Prospective students won't.

■ LETTERS

The Skiff should check its facts

In Friday's edition, in the Editorial, there was a couple of things that really disturbed me in the accessibility editorial.

I would like to start by suggesting to the editorial department that before they write an editorial that they check all of their sources to make sure they are correct.

The first thing was that the first paragraph in the second column read, "... Handicapped students are just as important to the TCU community as other students. If we were a public institution it would be the law."

There is only one law that I know of that deals with accessibility issues, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 which was signed into law by President George Bush. There was a prequel to the ADA, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which was not quite as elaborate or detailed.

I refer you to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under Title III you will find entities which are covered by the ADA. "...Public Accommodations, defined as private entities, including...10. Nurseries, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate private schools; and other places of education," page 132 *Americans with Disabilities Act Handbook Second Edition.*

So to refute that statement; Yes, the ADA does cover TCU as does it cover any other private university. The second thing that disturbed me was that there was no mention of the new accessible door at the south east entrance of the Student Center. The door leading into the mail room was mentioned but there was no mention of the new door.

I would like to say thank you to the administration for working so hard on the accessibility issue with us and for being supportive of our request that an accessible door be put in the Student Center. This is a great stride forward and I commend the university on their timely action.

If anyone would like more information on the Americans with Disabilities Act or if you have any questions concerning it I suggest that you call the Texas Rehabilitation Commission office here in Fort Worth. They will be more than happy to answer your questions and or send you information.

I would like to leave you with one thought. My mom (she is in a wheelchair and uses a service dog) recently said, "We have spent thousand of years making this world inaccessible. We can't expect things to be perfect and have everything fixed over night."

Dennis O'Loughlin
Senior, Deaf Education

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Woman to give away business

By SHANNON WALLER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

They say a hundred bucks won't go far these days. But now, \$100, a little creativity and an enterprising spirit could win a \$1.5 million business and \$50,000 operating capital.

Janice Lewis, 53, of Arlington, is giving away her jewelry store and pawn shop in the "American Dream Essay Contest." After opening her business for 16 years, Lewis is ready to retire and wants to give someone else the chance to realize their "American Dream."

"I truly want my business to continue on and to thrive for someone else who has their own 'dream,'" Lewis said.

The contest, which began in February, requires a 250-word essay on why you want to own a business, and a \$100 entry fee. Hundreds of entries have already been received and Lewis said she expects at least 5,000 more.

The winner, to be chosen Nov. 1, will receive J.T.'s Jewelry and Loan - Arlington's Lady Pawnbroker. Along with this, they will win the pawn shop license and all its merchandise, \$50,000 cash for operating capital, income from outstanding cash loans, and three months of free training. The contest deadline is Oct. 15.

Lewis says she has no particular type of person in mind to win the contest, but that she would like to see it go to a young person who has little opportunity of starting a business otherwise.

"These young people are just getting out of school thinking, 'What do I do now, now that I've got my degree?'" Lewis said. "Had I been handed this opportunity 16 years ago, it would have been just a dream come true, so I want to do that for a

young person."

Lewis' life is truly a rags to riches success story.

After moving from town to town throughout her childhood, Lewis said she married and started a family before she was 20. During this time, she said she helped her father open a pawn shop in Fort Worth, and he went on to be active in the founding of the Texas Pawnbrokers Association.

After working with her father for several years, Lewis said she decided she was ready to go in her own direction.

"I loved my Daddy and appreciated everything he had taught me. Now, I knew it was time to move on and accept a new challenge," she said.

That new challenge was not always fun though, and not always easy, Lewis said.

"In 1979, it was very difficult for a woman to open a new business, much less a pawn shop," she said.

She said her first few years were difficult, leaving only a few dollars in the register some days.

Although her sign advertised cash loans, Lewis said, "I would pray that the customer coming into the store did not want to borrow any money."

Lewis said she also met with frequent frustration as a woman trying to obtain loans.

"I was told by the banker that a woman could not successfully own and operate a pawn shop, that it was a 'man's business,'" she said. "I wasn't about to back down from any challenge. I knew that if it was to be, then it was going to be solely up to me."

Her business soon took an upward turn, she said.

Lewis joined the Texas Pawnbrokers Association and, in 1985, was elected first woman president of the

organization. She went on to gain publicity and support for female entrepreneurs by speaking to local business groups.

Lewis said much of her success comes from a strong work ethic and a high standard of customer service.

"My Daddy taught me strength, to make the best of what life hands me, and life was handing me a big job but also a big opportunity," she said. "He used to tell me, 'New customers are tough to invent, so try to keep the ones you get.'"

Lewis' business soon expanded to include a jewelry store and repair shop. She began investing in local real estates, eventually owning more than 20 properties.

Now, though, Lewis is ready to settle down to her estate on the Brazos River, she said. She also said she wants to spend more time relaxing with her family.

"You might say there are some new goals I have to reach for and these are personal goals like seeing a sunrise in Australia or Canada. It's not about staying busy anymore; it's about enjoying each and every day," she said.

And, in the process, someone will inherit Lewis' successful businesses.

"It's almost as if they were placed in my care to nurture, grow and then pass on to another person," she said. "That's what I am doing now and somewhere there is someone with that dream waiting to come true. I am certain of this."

Perhaps she is talking about you. Lewis greatly encourages all interested college students to enter the contest.

Anyone interested in entering the contest can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The American Dream Essay Contest, P.O. Box 121409, Arlington, TX 76012, or call toll free 1-800-66-ESSAY.

Money magazine announces top 100 university values in country

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The top 100 college values in the nation, according to a study by Money magazine.

1. New College of the University of South Florida
2. Rice University (Texas)
3. Northeast Missouri State University
4. Trenton State College (N.J.)
5. California Institute of Technology
6. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
7. State University of New York at Binghamton
8. Spelman College (Ga.)
9. University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
10. State University of New York at Albany
11. Rutgers University-New Brunswick (N.J.)
12. St. Mary's College of Maryland
13. University of Texas-Austin
14. Hanover College (Ind.)
15. Georgia Institute of Technology
16. State University of New York-College at Geneseo
17. University of Florida
18. James Madison University (Va.)
19. Miami University (Ohio)
20. Hendrix College (Ark.)
21. University of Washington
22. Texas A&M University-College Station
23. Auburn University (Ala.)
24. University of Georgia
25. Wake Forest University (N.C.)
26. University of Virginia
27. Florida State University
28. Mary Washington College (Va.)
29. Clemson University (S.C.)
30. Fisk University (Tenn.)
31. Hillsdale College (Mich.)

32. Ottawa University (Kan.)
33. Washington and Lee University (Va.)
34. University of South Carolina-Columbia
35. University of Iowa
36. Howard University (Washington, D.C.)
37. Siena College (N.Y.)
38. University of Wisconsin-Madison
39. Trinity University (Texas)
40. State University of New York-College at Fredonia
41. St. Bonaventure University (N.Y.)
42. Emory and Henry College (Va.)
43. Harvard University (Mass.)
44. State University of New York at Stony Brook
45. University of California-Berkeley
46. Yale University (Conn.)
47. State University of New York at Buffalo
48. Drury College (Mo.)
49. University of the South (Tenn.)
50. College of William and Mary (Va.)
51. Creighton University (Neb.)
52. University of Delaware
53. Le Moyne College (N.Y.)
54. New Jersey Institute of Technology
55. Wabash College (Ind.)
56. Pennsylvania State University
57. Furman University (S.C.)
58. University of California-Los Angeles
59. Birmingham-Southern College (Ala.)
60. Southwestern University (Texas)
61. Berry College (Ga.)
62. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
63. University of Cincinnati (Ohio)
64. State University of New York-

- College at Plattsburgh
65. St. John's University (N.Y.)
66. William Jewell College (Mo.)
67. Assumption College (Mass.)
68. Illinois College
69. University of California-Davis
70. University of Missouri-Columbia
71. Transylvania University (Ky.)
72. Rutgers University-Camden (N.J.)
73. Chestnut Hill College (Pa.)
74. North Carolina State University
75. Johns Hopkins University (Md.)
76. University of California-Irvine
77. Grinnell College (Iowa)
78. Virginia Polytechnic Institute
79. State University of New York-College at Oneonta
80. Central College (Iowa)
81. Wofford College (S.C.)
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88. Nazareth College of Rochester (New York)
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91. Thomas More College (Ky.)
92. Loyola University (La.)
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Committee gives Frog Horn new pull

By MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Frog Mobile, TCU's newest spirit booster, was introduced outside the Student Center Wednesday when members of the Committee of 100 and trustee Malcolm Loudon handed the keys over to Chancellor William Tucker.

The Frog Mobile is a 1995 white Chevrolet pickup with a customized paint job that will be pulling the Frog Horn, TCU's bellowing donation from Burlington Northern.

The Frog Horn sits in the south endzone at Amon Carter Stadium during home football games and sounds off after touchdowns, field goals and other big TCU plays. It also appears in parades and was able to travel to Shreveport last year for the Frogs' Independence Bowl berth.

Jack Roger Williams, president of Jack Williams Auto Mall, helped the Committee members acquire the truck. He said that the Frog Mobile will help getting the Frog Horn to the stadium and through parades.

"It was a need the university had," Williams said. "They need something to pull that big ol' horn. That thing weighs over 20,000 pounds."

Williams was able to get the committee a great deal on the Frog Mobile and its customized paint job, Loudon said.

Chancellor Tucker eagerly received the Frog Mobile and was pleased to have the university's representation increased so noticeably.

"I think it's a marvelous vehicle," Tucker said, "and it's painted in such a manner that no one will miss it."

The Frog Mobile has a big, purple horned frog painted on the hood with "Horned Frogs" painted in big letters down the sides. "Go Frogs" adorns the tailgate.

Though he will not be personally driving it to the stadium, Tucker said that The Lariats or another university representative will be in charge of the Frog Mobile. The Lariats have been in charge of the Frog Horn since its donation last season.

The Committee of 100 also discussed ways to increase ticket sales and get the community surrounding TCU more actively involved in supporting the Frogs. Loudon said that during the luncheon, Committee members raised enough money to send 2,000 Fort Worth area school children to the home opener against Iowa State Sept. 9.

The Committee was initially made up of around 100 community leaders, donors and trustees who set out to promote TCU throughout the Fort Worth community through the athletic program.

Now numbering over 200, the Committee is continuing to raise support for TCU as Fort Worth's home team, said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs.

Lauer said that the Committee wants to provide the surrounding area a "family-style, fun and games-type atmosphere at home games."

"Part of the idea of the Committee is to add value and fun to coming to a TCU game," Lauer said. "The Committee wants to create the concept of TCU as Fort Worth's home team, even if you didn't go to TCU."

Help available for fighting first-year fears

By JENNIFER MAHONEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

From the Writing Center to upperclassmen, there are many people on campus who are willing to help freshmen out as they adjust to college classes.

For most freshmen, this is their first time away from their parents and sometimes this absence of guidance may be overwhelming.

According to T. Waldek Zerda, an associate professor of physics, students will try to explore all of the new options that were not there for them before.

"I have seen in the past years that students are losing the focus of their studies and they forget why they came to TCU," Zerda said. "They think that going to a bar, a movie or a party is more important," Zerda said.

The Center for Academic Ser-

VICES is available to students throughout the year to help improve study skills and to provide academic counseling. They also offer several workshops during the year to help students improve their study skills.

Students should manage their time so that they do not fall behind, said Wade Wilson, a graduate student in English and part-time faculty for the honors humanities program.

"I am learning how to manage my time better with a different class schedule from high school," said David Avis, a freshman physics major.

Many students also are learning to keep written schedules to help them to keep up with their work.

"I keep a notebook and make time to study. I also keep a schedule which helps me a lot," Elanor Whitmore, a freshman music per-

formance major said.

Marjorie Lewis, associate professor of English, said notetaking is another important skill to learn.

"Freshmen should take good notes. It would be better to recognize your teacher by his or her voice than their face," Lewis said.

Recopying notes to acquaint students with the material and to make them more organized and readable is very important, said Erin Trujillo, a senior social work major and Sherley Hall resident assistant.

Writing long papers will be a new experience for many freshmen as well. The Writing Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help out any students who would like some assistance with their writing. The Writing Center can help students during any stage in the writing

process.

Wilson said keeping up with papers is a good idea. Old papers can be used as study guides for later tests and papers, Wilson said.

"Keep all of your papers even if you don't like the grade. Don't throw them away. Study them for your next test," Lewis said.

Work is also a concern for some people.

"I am working as little as possible so that I can dedicate time to my studies," Brett Avis, a freshman astrophysics major said.

The balance of the student's schedule makes a difference for freshmen.

"Have study time and have play time," Wilson said. "You want to balance it all so that you don't get burned out in one area. Try to sleep regularly because that will also wear you down."

Drug pair can induce abortions, study says

By DANIEL G. HANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors can quickly and safely induce abortions at home with a combination of two drugs already on the market for other uses, researchers reported in a study that could pre-empt the political debate over whether to make the French abortion pill available in the United States.

The two-drug combination may be as effective as the French abortion pill, RU-486, which is undergoing testing in this country. The two kinds of drug-induced abortion have not yet been compared directly, and neither is likely to work as well as surgical abortion.

A small study published last October in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed the

potential of the two-drug combination. Now a much larger study in this week's New England Journal of Medicine describes its safety and effectiveness.

RU-486, which is also called mifepristone, was developed by the French pharmaceutical firm Roussel Uclaf and has been used in Europe for more than a decade. The Population Council is overseeing testing at several hospitals and clinics in the United States as a step toward seeking FDA approval.

Hausknecht, a gynecologist at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, tested the approach on women in their first nine weeks of pregnancy. It involves a combination of methotrexate, a widely used cancer drug, and misoprostol, an ulcer medicine. Methotrexate destabilizes the

uterine lining, and misoprostol triggers contractions that expel the fetus.

The combination induced abortions in 171 of 178 pregnant volunteers, or 96 percent. Other studies show that RU-486, the French pill, is about 95 percent effective.

Any doctor can legally prescribe the new combination for abortion, even though the medicines have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this purpose. However, because so few studies about the technique have been published, doctors may be vulnerable to malpractice lawsuits if something goes wrong.

"We would urge women and their doctors to use this regimen as part of a controlled clinical trial" and not do it routinely, said FDA Deputy Commissioner Mary Pendegast.

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been invited to participate in this conference, he said.

Adams said that possible venues for next year's seminar are Hong Kong, Latin America and Europe.

"We're hoping to be able to take our students to Hungary," Dorraj said.

Adams said seven students from Hungary are currently studying at TCU through the program. Dorraj said while in Hungary he found that the people were warm, hospitable and generous.

"It was a very rewarding experience for all of us who went," Dorraj said.



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Fall calendar showcases 'stellar' fine art events

BY SUSAN CLARK
TCU DAILY SKIFF

"The fall fine arts calendar is packed with concerts, art exhibits, theater productions, and dance performances," said Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

"There are so many exciting events for the fall. Pick any department and you will find stellar things going on," Garwell said.

Theater

The theater department will present Shakespeare's classic battle between the sexes, "The Taming of the Shrew" from Sept. 27 through Oct. 1. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. The same production will be performed in November for other theater faculty and students at the Southwest Theater Association's annual regional meeting in Richardson.

The department will also present "Quilters," a musical about the problems and courage of early America's pioneer women in Texas and New Mexico.

"There are 57 different characters played by seven girls," said cast member Katy Goeschel, a sophomore vocal performance major. "It's not a normal musical. I'm really excited about it."

Each "Quilters" scene will display a block of quilting that relates to the characters. The quilts used in the production will be created by the Trinity Valley Quilters Guild. Opening night for "Quilters" is Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. It will run through Nov. 19.

TCU Theater has now added Saturday matinees to their schedule to accommodate the demand for tickets.

Metroplex Art Exhibit

TCU's Art Department will host the 13th Annual Art in the Metroplex exhibition to kick off the annual Fort Worth Gallery Night Sept. 9, from 2 to 8 p.m. There are 49 works from 36 artists in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Previously, entries were chosen by museum curators, but this year artist James Surls looked at the 160 entry slides to make the final deci-

sions.

Surls, a sculptor who resides in Cleveland, Texas, has taught at SMU and has shown works at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth as well as museums in Dallas and New York.

"We thought it would be interesting to have an artist choose the work," said Ronald Watson, art department chairman.

Templeton Art Center volunteers worked throughout the summer to help TCU faculty prepare for the exhibition.

Art

The art department will also display faculty artwork from TCU's sister school, The Universidad de Las Americas, in Puebla, Mexico. Eight UDLA artists offered their works for display. On display will be paintings, prints and sculptures.

"It's been a really nice relationship (with UDLA) that I think will go stronger as time goes on," Watson said.

The exhibit will travel to other universities including Stanford and

the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, Watson said.

Thomas Walsh Sculptures

Sculptures from metal caster Thomas Walsh, head of sculpture at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, will be displayed from Oct. 30 through Nov. 22.

Walsh will be TCU's artist-in-residence from Nov. 6 through Nov. 10 to give workshops on metal casting, Watson said.

Ballet

The Department of Ballet and Modern Dance will host the "Diamond Gala Evening," the primary fund raiser for scholarships in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

The evening will combine classical ballet and modern dance. The performance will feature choreography of Fernando Bujones, regarded by many as one of the greatest male dancers from his generation.

Bujones danced professionally for 25 years and gave his farewell performance with New York's American Ballet Theatre last June.

The performance will also include new modern dances created by faculty members Susan Douglas Roberts and Susan Haigler-Robles.

The "Diamond Gala Evening" will be from Oct. 26 through 28 at 8 p.m. and on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10 and \$6.

Mozart

Students in the TCU Music Department are planning student and faculty concerts to play all of Mozart's piano sonatas between Oct. 31 and Nov. 3.

"I'm very excited that our students would initiate such a series," said Kenneth Raessler, music department chairman.

Faculty members John Owings and Jose Feghali will be participating in the concerts. Owings will play Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feghali will play on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The rest of the performers are mainly students, Raessler said. About three years ago Owings played all 32 Beethoven piano sonatas in a seven-recital series within a month.

Fine Arts Calendar

Art in the Metroplex
Sept. 9

IDLA faculty
art exhibit
Oct. 9-27

Thomas Walsh
sculpture exhibit
Oct. 30-Nov. 22

Walsh Sculpture
Workshops
Nov. 6-10

John Owings
piano concert
Oct. 2

José Feghali
piano concert
Oct. 30

Diamond Gala Evening
Oct. 26-29

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action really isn't the issue, because if you take it away, the problem will still be there. We need to get the same opportunity at the same level for everybody."

Sharonda Powe-Fuller, an African-American sophomore education and language studies major, said with or without affirmative action policies, minorities will still face uphill battles because of their ethnicity.

"I could care less if affirmative action comes or goes," Powe-Fuller said. "It's good because it opens doors, but I don't like it because a lot of people don't treat you like you earned

your way. I want to be accepted because I earned my way in."

Manochehr Dorraj, a Persian political science professor, said UC's decision to drop its affirmative action policies could have grave consequences.

"It took a long time for people who were concerned with equality to get affirmative action on the agenda," Dorraj said. "If this decision has a snowball effect, then this may be a step backwards."

"Let's face it," Dorraj said, "education is a vehicle to gain social and economic status. Without affirmative action minorities have less chance for education and better jobs."

Joe Garcia, a Hispanic junior business finance major, said UC's decision could have positive or negative outcomes.

"If affirmative action quotas are cut and the number of Hispanics or African-Americans admitted goes down, then I'll be angry," Garcia said. "But if the numbers remain the same, that will be encouraging."

Despite its problems, Dorraj said affirmative action is still needed.

"In a society divided between the haves and the have-nots, it's prudent to have affirmative action," he said. "We haven't reached the social or economic threshold where it is unnecessary or obsolete."

Fonseca said affirmative action has been degrading.

"I work 56 hours a week in a hospital and I'm taking nine hours of classes this semester," he said. "The lowest grade I've ever gotten is a 'B.' I don't owe that to affirmative action."

L'Amie from page 1

"We're looking for more reputation-building stories, and pushing them more aggressively to targeted audiences," L'Amie said.

Before L'Amie arrived, the office of communications annually produced some 500 news releases, he said. That number is now down to around 350, he said.

L'Amie said the cuts come primarily from sending out fewer advance stories about upcoming events in and around the TCU community.

Instead, he said they are focusing on projects like bringing media attention to TCU's Next Frontier campaign. He said even though the media typically ignores things like fund-raisers, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Dallas Morning News covered the Next Frontier's kickoff.

Other examples include TCU's piano department and the partnership between the education department, Lockheed/Martin and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

The partnership, L'Amie said, lets TCU education students watch children learn in a special classroom at the museum. Funding for the special classroom was donated by Lockheed/Martin, he said.

L'Amie said he always wanted to be in broadcasting, and began his journalism career while he was a student at Texas Tech University. He said he worked for the student paper and radio station and also for a local television station. When he graduated, Channel 8 offered him a part-time position.

"I was in heaven," L'Amie said. He spent seven years with them, the last three as a senior reporter in the Fort Worth office. L'Amie said he was laid off when the Texas oil business busted in the late 1980s. He went back to Texas Tech and taught some classes while earning a master's degree in mass communication.

He said made stops in Huntsville, Ala. and Nashville before hearing of the opening at TCU. He said he had to adjust from meeting nightly deadlines to planning long-term projects. But he said he didn't mind all that much.

"It's more fun on this side," said L'Amie. "I'll always consider myself a journalist even though I'm now in public relations."

ISA from page 1

dent at the reception," Mladenka said. "It's important that new students be introduced so that they can feel at home with our other international students."

Activities for the upcoming semester will be outlined at the reception as well.

ISA's first meeting will take place Sept. 7. The theme of the meeting will be "Welcome to Texas."

The annual International Friendship Program Picnic will take place Sept. 16.

Parents' Weekend will see an international flag parade at half time of the TCU-Houston game. Students will march with flags from their respective countries during the half time performance at the game.

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TCU, Baylor will head to bowl games

Potent rushing attack, stingy defense keys for Bears

BY GREGOR ESCH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The 1994 Baylor Bears had legitimate hopes of picking cotton on Jan. 2 in Dallas last year. With Texas A&M ineligible for post-season play, Baylor was favored by many to represent the Southwest Conference in the Cotton Bowl. But the Bears were denied that trip to Dallas after getting pasted by Texas 63-35 in the last game of the 1994 season. They had to settle for a share of the conference title with the Longhorns, TCU, Rice and Texas Tech and earned a berth in the Alamo Bowl, which the Bears lost to Washington State, 10-3.

Sixteen starters return from what was a somewhat disappointing 1994 season. Last season seems to have left a bad taste in the mouths of head coach Chuck Reedy's players, who have played with renewed enthusiasm in practice.

"This (was) the most productive spring we've had since I became the head coach," Reedy said. "The area we've made the most progress in is attitude."

QB maturity a must

The Bears ranked first in the SWC in scoring offense last season, but the numbers were disturbingly uneven. The Bears were second in the conference in rushing, but only seventh in passing offense. But despite the one-sided offense, Baylor ranked 13th in the nation in scoring with a 32.6 points per game average.

The potent rushing attack will be led in 1995 by sophomore Jerod Douglas, who missed all of spring practice while running track for Baylor. Douglas rushed for a school-record 210 yards against Texas and is considered one of the most explosive backs Baylor fans have ever seen.

The passing attack will be led by another young player, unproven sophomore quarterback Jeff Watson, who will lead the team for the second straight year. Watson has lost weight and become more mobile over the summer. He was a proven winner in high school, going 40-0 as a starter at College Station Consolidated High School. Watson's coaches are pleased with the way he guided the high-scoring offense last season. He threw for 1,615 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1994.

The Bear offense in 1995 will feature more rushing plays and

less reliance on the option, which was used last season. There will be a greater potential for big plays from the wideouts, a group that is led by senior Dustin Dennard, Baylor's leading returning receiver. A year's maturity for Watson is seen as perhaps the biggest key to the Bear offense.

Defense could dominate

Reedy promises aggressive blitzing from his team's 3-4 defense this season, and the coach expects his defensive backs to employ tighter coverages.

"Winning always starts with defense and that's where we've tried to put our emphasis and where we've tried to put our best athletes," he said. "Defense should be the team's long suit. With seven senior starters, that's only natural."

"If we can make as much improvement defensively as we made last year before we started getting hurt, we'll be pretty darned good," Reedy said. "I see no reason why we can't be a Top 20 defense, maybe better than that."

The defense will need to be of the Top-20 caliber that Reedy predicts, because outscoring the likes of Mississippi State, North Carolina State and Miami in non-conference games will be difficult. Those games will be good dress rehearsals for the Bears' venture into the Big 12 Conference next season.

In the SWC this year, the Bears should be lumped together with all the other teams in the category of mis-runs behind the Texas A&M Aggies. If there is more consistency from Watson at quarterback and a better performance defensively than in 1994 as Reedy promises, the Bears could finish as high as second in the SWC. If not, the Bears will fall to the middle of the SWC pack. Either way, Baylor should be looking at its second consecutive trip to a bowl game.

Projected 1995 Record:
6-5
(4-3 SWC)

Projected SWC Finish:
4th

Frogs ready for big year after tasting success in '94

BY THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

By now everyone knows the story of the TCU football team. A successful 1994 that ended with the team's first bowl berth in a decade has brought pride and spirit back to the Horned Frogs. Head coach Pat Sullivan became a very hot commodity very quickly, and turned down the first of what will probably be many job offers, opting to stay at TCU instead of packing for LSU. The team is on a high. So the main question now is, what can the Frogs do for an encore?

Right now, all signs point to another strong season for the Frogs. The offense should be potent, led by seniors Max Knake at quarterback and Andre Davis at tailback. The co-SWC offensive players of the year in 1994, Davis and Knake provide TCU with the best combination of rushing and passing attacks in the conference.

Line, receivers play key roles

But the key to the Frogs' season lies beyond the team's two most well-known players. Knake and Davis will not have successful seasons without a great season by TCU's offensive line. Barrett Robbins, the Frogs' leader down in the trenches last year, is in the NFL. But TCU head coach Pat Sullivan and his staff

feel that the offensive line this year is superior to last year's. Junior Ryan Tucker has been moved to center for this season, and has received high praise from the coaching staff for his work ethic. Sullivan sees Tucker as an anchor on the line.

Tucker will be joined by junior Fabian Stegall and senior Kevin Brewer at the guard positions, and seniors Clifford Barnes and Kevin Holmes at the end spots.

Knake's success in 1995 will also have a lot to do with the play of his receivers, and TCU has some of the best pass-catchers in the Southwest Conference. Receivers John Washington and Chris Brasfield both have the ability to make a game-breaking play, and tight end Brian Collins is high on many proscouts' lists of NFL prospects at that position. Factor in that Davis is also a great receiver out of the backfield, and there should be no lack of receivers for Knake to throw to this year.

The offense will be good. Nobody in the conference doubts that. But the Frog defense will be the real key to success this season. TCU was 6th in the conference in scoring defense last year, and that statistic will have to improve.

Experience a plus on D

The defense is loaded with experienced veterans. Linebackers Lenoy Jones, Chris Piland and Tyrone Roy

are all senior and should all make a big impact. The secondary returns four starters from last year and should be one of the backbones of the team. And tackle Gaylon Hyder appears to be ready to step in for Royal West, the big-play man in last season's defense.

A new era?

For loyal followers of TCU, a 7-4 1994 was like a dream come true. TCU had been in the lower echelon of SWC teams for years. But in the conference's final year, TCU should be a contender.

The schedule helps. Iowa State, Tulane and Vanderbilt aren't exactly championship-caliber teams. The Frogs, if they stay focused, have a very good chance to be 6-0 heading into an Oct. 28 showdown at Baylor. That scenario would make the Baylor game the biggest for TCU in a long time. A national ranking could

be on the line, which is something nobody has thought about around here in a while.

Two key games stick out on the schedule. The first is the contest with the Bears, and the second is Nov. 11, when the Frogs visit Texas Tech. These two games should make or break the SWC season for TCU. If TCU can split those two road games, they will be right there with the Bears and Raiders in a race for third in the conference. If the Frogs can win both those games, the team could challenge Texas for the runner-up spot. Challenging Texas A&M for the SWC crown doesn't appear to be an option.

The Frogs should be able to build on and improve upon what they accomplished in 1994. With the talent and experience the Frogs have on both sides of the ball, matching last season's record could be putting

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Men's soccer team strives for consistency

BY TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Nineteen of the 28 players on the TCU men's soccer team this season are underclassmen, and though the new players come from strong club programs, the team must work on playing as a whole, head coach Dave Rubinson said.

"It's going to take time and energy to put the team together and get the right group on the field," he said. "We have players from different backgrounds, but they are qualified players who will make a difference."

Between 45 and 50 men tried out for the team, and 11 freshmen as well as several transfer students were picked up, Rubinson said. New players come from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois.

Darin Hogue and Mark Papini, both freshmen from Naperville, IL., will start as midfielders during the Frogs' first games this weekend. Transfer student Britt Stroud from Denton will start as frontrunner, and Jon Boggess, a transfer from San Antonio, will be the new sweeper.

These men came in with a high level of skill, Rubinson said, and he expects considerable performances from them.

Rubinson said he also expects strong seasons from returning players Kyle Sawai, a junior from Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Peter Vail, a senior from Austin. Sawai leads in the midfield and Vail is the leader up front, Rubinson said. The two are TCU's leading scorers.

In the last two days before its first

"We have players from different backgrounds, but they are qualified players who will make a difference."

DAVID RUBINSON,
TCU men's soccer coach

game, the team will be working on tactics, defense and consistency, Rubinson said.

"It's hard to fix problems until you know what to work on, and the first game gives us a chance to test our abilities, see where we're at," he said.

"What I'm looking to create is consistency in players," he added. Rubinson said that often a player will stand out in one game and perform well, but he said his objective is to bring players to a level where they perform their best every game.

"I want to know they're out there every day, not just occasionally," he said.

The team will play its first game at 6 p.m. Sep. 2 against Mary Hardin Baylor, then turn around to battle Schreiner College at 5 p.m. Sep. 3. Both games will be played at the TCU Soccer Fields.

The men will play a variety of teams outside the Southwest Conference, because SMU and TCU are the only universities with a men's program in the SWC.

Competition will come from Division I-A teams including the University of New Mexico and UNLV and



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

A member of the TCU men's soccer team handles the ball during practice Monday afternoon. The Horned Frogs season opener will be Sep. 2.

also Division I-AA teams like Austin College and LeTourneau University.

With the switch to the Western Athletic Conference next year, the men will see more consistent competition and develop good rivalries,

Rubinson said. But he has no doubts that SMU will remain one of TCU's toughest games each season.

Assisting Rubinson this season are Blake Amos and David Suess, both former TCU players.

Breakup of conference a sign of the times



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Ah yes, its time to smell that breeze that usually hits this part of the country on Saturday afternoons in late August. Football. College

football. Southwest Conference football. Unfortunately for the SWC, the breeze doesn't smell so good anymore.

This is it folks. The last hurrah. The final bell has sounded for the last lap. The white flag is out. They're throwing in the towel. It's their final clearance sale and everything must go.

Yep, it's over after this season. After eighty seasons. At the end of this academic school year the Southwest Conference will be a defunct conference. But why?

Why must this conference which is so rich in tradition and heritage, have to be the one that gets dissolved at the end of the year?

One word: Money.

National television exposure dominates college athletics. Money comes along with national television exposure. Therefore, it is a fact that money dominates college athletics.

Some may say a lack of SWC teams competing for and winning national championships in football (no SWC team has won the national championship since 1970, when UPI voted Texas No. 1 at the end of the season) sent the SWC into oblivion. But when was the last time a Big West, Western Athletic, or Pacific 10 Conference team won a championship? Those answers are never, once in 32 years, and not since 1972.

Some may also say that the death of the conference is attributed to athletic sanctions recently placed by the NCAA on SMU, TCU, Houston, and Texas A&M. Certainly those sanctions came into play, but the sanctions were the result of the dollar bill being exchanged where it should not have been.

The dollar bill meant so much to the Southeast Conference that it grew to 12 teams and split into two divisions. In 1992 the SEC concocted an idea to play a nationally televised playoff game in the New Orleans Superdome to find out who gets to play at the Sugar Bowl about a month later.

That money-making ploy spread across the country. In 1996 we will see Mega-conferences all over the nation.

The Big Eight, a powerhouse conference in its own right, expands to the Big 12 next season. The four new teams that will come out of the ashes of the

SWC and join the Big 12 will be Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and Baylor. Those teams will join up with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to form the Southern Division of the conference. Following the lead of the SEC, the Big 12 will have a one-game playoff pitting the two division winners against each other in a nationally televised event.

Instead of UT, Tech, A&M, and Baylor playing before a strictly regional audience (the state of Texas only), the four teams now play to two states instead of one, and that's not including the competition they will receive from Northern Division Big 12 schools like Kansas and Colorado. More territory to cover means more audience, which means more pull TV has over the advertisers' dollars, which means more payout from TV to the colleges.

The WAC expands to 16 universities, nine states, 4,000 miles, and five time zones next season, making it the most geographically spread out of all the conferences. Of course, the WAC will also blindly follow the SEC by creating two separate divisions and a conference playoff game that will be nationally televised.

TCU, SMU, and Rice did get in on a good deal here. Instead of playing to a population of 17 million in Texas on the Raycom Network, they will play to a combined population of 50 million persons on ABC if they reach the conference playoff, which is pretty likely to happen in the next few years.

Sure the passing on of the Southwest Conference is the end of an era. But the SWC teams being absorbed will certainly be better off. Who knows what will happen to Houston? They're out on their own now and are not strong in football...at all. An 0-11 season is eminent. Going independent and playing against Notre Dame would not be prescribed by the Cougar trainers.

The SWC is dead. Nothing can change that. It is a sad day when a conference eighty years in the making dissolves into nothing.

Call me a traditionalist. Yeah, I didn't like it when baseball did the wild card thing. Now it seems baseball has done the right thing by creating fan interest in markets such as Milwaukee, Philadelphia, and Kansas City, teams that would be otherwise eliminated from the pennant race without the wild card format.

Just like majorleague baseball, the SWC sold out to the allmighty dollar. Time will tell if it was a smart move or not. If the breakdown of the SWC brings more exciting football and a larger fan base then great. If not well... It will be the WAC and Big 12's final clearance sale and everything will go.

Football facilities manager enjoys move to TCU

BY KATE WILCOX
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Late at night, after most people have left the stadium, Michael Sinquefield makes sure the gates have been locked and starts to head home. After a 14-hour day, he should sleep soundly.

Although the new TCU football facilities manager works up to 16 hours a day, he doesn't mind the hours because he is doing what he loves.

"I have grown up around football," Sinquefield said. "I have a lot of fun being around the kids that play."

This will be Sinquefield's tenth

season working with a football program. He graduated from Louisiana State University in 1992, after having spent two years as a student athletic trainer and three and one half years as a student equipment manager. Since then he has worked at East Carolina, managing and coordinating the equipment for almost twenty different sports.

Sinquefield said that he was excited when the opportunity to work at TCU came to him.

"I really wanted to work at TCU because it would give me the opportunity to work primarily with the

football program," Sinquefield said. "I also wanted to just try something new and different."

Sinquefield's job consists of coordinating the entire football facility. He is the one that makes sure everything in the stadium is in order on game day.

"I am still really learning my duties," Sinquefield said. "Football is a year round program and I'll be busy all the way through spring training."

Sinquefield replaced former football facilities manager Bruce Smith, who accepted a position at Reebok.

Sinquefield said he has really enjoyed working with this year's

football team.

"These kids have been working harder than any team I've been around," he said. "There are some great players and I'm looking forward to a good season and hopefully a bowl game."

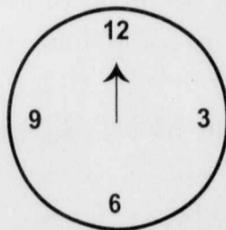
Sinquefield looks to students to help lessen his workload.

"The students that work with me are great," Sinquefield said. "I really depend on them to help me."

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expectations too low. This team has a very good chance of winning all its non-conference games. And if the Frogs can miraculously win against both Baylor and Texas Tech, a 9-2 season, no matter how far-fetched it sounds, may not be out of reach. But however the Frogs fare against Baylor, Tech, Texas and A&M, the 1995 season should end in the same fashion as '94 did: with TCU heading to a bowl game.

Projected 1995 Record:

8-3
(5-2 SWC)

Projected SWC Finish:

3rd

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