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## Frog Camp coordinators hope to tap the Rockies

BY ANDREA DAUM  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Frog Camp may soon be going national — even global. In the past, camps have been held at the Green Family Camp outside of Waco, but now, possible sites include Colorado and Mexico, and Frog Camp activities could range from river rafting and rock climbing to touring ancient ruins, said Jay

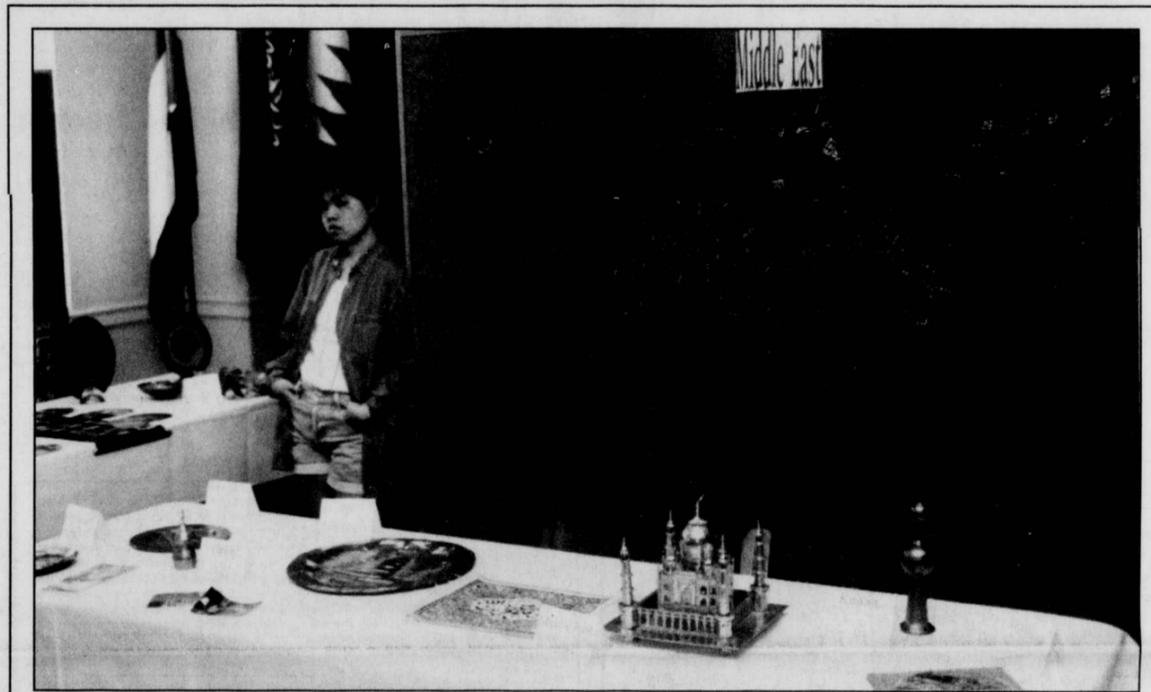
Young, Frog Camp coordinator. TCU decided to offer the Frog Camp program in Colorado for those campers who want to do something other than what previous camps have offered, Young said. "We would love to have enough people sign up," he said. "If we get the students then it will happen. The reason we looked at different types of camp is because we have different types of students coming in with dif-

ferent types of interests. What we want to do is accomplish our core goals while offering diverse opportunities through Frog Camp. Young said rafting and hiking in hill country or biking in the Northwest were also possibilities. The Frog Camp in Mexico would be for those who would like more intellectual work such as visiting museums or going to ancient ruins, Young said.

Students would also participate in a community building project with other students from the Universidad de Las Americas, Young said. "Mexico is more complex," he said. "It takes more planning and consideration. There is more traveling, and we have to deal with cross-cultural boundaries as well. It probably will not happen right now, but we would like to see it in the future."

Since the first camp, attendance has risen significantly. "Frog Camp had just grown and grown," Young said. "The first summer we only had 111 students. The second summer we had 550 students. This year we have the capacity to hold 600 to 700 students and if we have to, we will accommodate more students." The objectives of Frog Camp are to have students bond with each other, build a sense of community,

create an awareness of issues of diversity, improve self-understanding of the participants and increase retention, Young said. "We find that retention rate is higher among students who attended Frog Camp than those who don't," he said. "Students who have been to camp and are applying to be facilitators all say they still see their group members, still talk and some are even best friends now."



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Ratna Goenardi, a freshman communication graphics major from Indonesia, looks at the Middle East exhibit Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge. The artifacts on display and the multimedia show are a part of International Week.

## Interns safe after blasts

### Security becomes a concern for TCU students in London

BY AMY GALPIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU students interning in London have had to deal not only with the stress of jobs and tests, but with several recent terrorist attacks that have wreaked havoc in their new home. With ten TCU students studying at Regent's College in London, the issue of safety in the city after a recent wave of violence by the Irish Republican Army has suddenly become a concern.

"The first pictures of the Docklands bombing that I saw reminded me of the federal building in Oklahoma City, with blown out windows and the wires hanging down," said Angela Seutter, a TCU junior broadcast journalism major. "The increase in security has been noticeable," Seutter said. "Every day they have bomb warnings where they evacuate tube stations or clear people out of buildings. The problems are almost always packages that have been left unattended, but it gives you an eerie feeling to see the flashing blue lights and hear the sirens as you are herded out of the tube station by police." It is now routine for students to think twice before venturing out on the town, said Leandra Hernandez, a junior fashion merchandising major. "It really makes you think before going out in London, whether it be to work, sightseeing or entertainment,"

Hernandez said. "Obviously you can't stop living, only be more cautious and wary."

Seutter said her colleagues at work see the bombings as more of an inconvenience than a threat. "I am interning at NBC news, and last week an announcement came over the PA system saying 'Stay clear of the windows. Scotland Yard just called and they are investigating a suspicious package on Tottenham Court,'" Seutter said. "People in the office were more annoyed at the inconvenience than scared of a possible bomb. In general, there is an air of annoyance rather than fear."

Don Jackson, Herman Brown professor of political science and director of TCU/Regent's College London internship program, received a Feb. 21 letter from Susan Wheeler, associate dean of Regent's College, assuring Jackson of safety measures being taken.

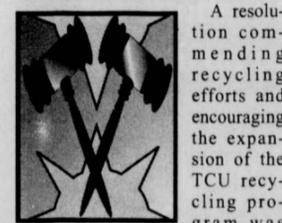
"I understand your concern and the concern of the parents of your students, and I hope you will feel reassured by the greatly heightened security throughout the city," Wheeler wrote. "The police are a very obvious presence throughout London — in cars, on foot, on horseback, in the rail stations and in the Underground. I have read in the papers that police have also set up road blocks and stop motorists in certain areas."

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## House reps encourage recycling, sound system

BY ALISHA LAROCHELLE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Student Representatives unanimously passed a resolution encouraging the administration to purchase a new sound system for the Student Center Ballroom at its meeting Tuesday.



A resolution commending recycling efforts and encouraging the expansion of the TCU recycling program was also passed unanimously. Bill 96-5, which asks for \$285 to print a spring supplement of Frog Calls, was also introduced at the

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## Writing help offered via e-mail

BY ALISHA LAROCHELLE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students can now get help from the TCU Writing Center via e-mail. Margaret-Rose Marek, technologies director for the Writing Center, said the program was implemented to make the Writing Center more accessible to students and faculty. "Some students work and can't come in between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.," she said. "This program gives them a 24-hour option." The program is also more convenient for faculty mem-

bers. It enables them to receive writing advice without leaving their office, she said.

Marek said there are a few things students and faculty need to know in order to use the new e-mail option:

- All requests for help should be less than two pages and must contain specific questions.
- People should only send the part of the paper about which they have a question.
- The paper must be saved as an ASCII file regardless of what program created it. She said people can come by the Writing Center to learn how to save documents as an

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## Dole sweeps eight states, takes big GOP lead

BY JOHN KING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Dole stormed to a commanding lead in the Republican presidential race Tuesday with an eight-state primary sweep against fast-fading Pat Buchanan and a shrinking field of challengers. "I always felt in my heart it was going to happen, but you never know until the people vote," Dole told The Associated Press, flush with confidence that his third bid for the GOP nomination would be successful. His victory was fueled by Republican voters anxious to stall Buchanan and turn the party's attention to beating President Clinton in

November. "I think it is a big, big boost," Dole said, predicting he would handily win New York's primary on Thursday and carry momentum into next week's "Super Tuesday" contests in Texas, Florida and five other states. "I think we are in a very strong position to win the nomination," the Senate majority leader said, and for once there was no voice in dissent. Dole won primaries in Georgia, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine,

Massachusetts, Colorado and Rhode Island — a "Junior Tuesday" primary sweep. There also were caucuses in Minnesota and Washington to begin choosing their convention delegates. All told, the day's booty represented more than a quarter of the 996 delegates needed to clinch nomination — with another 93 up for grabs in New York and 362 next Tuesday. Convinced Dole's lead was insurmountable, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar was preparing to quit the chase. He told associates he would

bow out Wednesday. It was another dismal election day for former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, and a senior campaign aide told senior Republican officials that Alexander was likely to quit, too — perhaps as early as Wednesday. Some GOP leaders said the nomination was Dole's. "If he doesn't have it wrapped up, he's close," said Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar. He urged others to clear the field: "There's no need to keep fighting among ourselves." Buchanan vowed to fight all the way to the August Republican convention, but acknowl-

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### News Digest

#### Cow gives birth to quadruplets

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP) — There's big moos in Sonoma County — a cow named Winonna has given birth to quadruplet calves, a one in a million occurrence. "It would be easier to win the lottery," said Jim Oltjen, a beef specialist with the University of California at Davis. The quadruplets, two bulls and two heifers, were born early Sunday to a 5-year-old Hereford owned by rancher John Pagliaro. The calves are small but healthy. Of the 40 million cattle born each year in the U.S., there are only about 30 sets of quadruplets born.

#### Russian arms exports skyrocket

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia exported \$3 billion worth of arms last year, an 80-percent increase over the previous year, First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets said Tuesday. Soskovets, speaking at a meeting of the government's coordinating council for cooperation in military technologies, said revamping Russia's military marketing systems was paying off, the Interfax news agency reported. Arms sales were a good source of hard currency for Russia, he said, and 75 percent of the deals were in cash.

#### TABC opens liquor hotline

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission has opened a toll free telephone number for people who have complaints or questions about liquor service. The commission regulates and licenses more than 40,000 businesses that sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Doyle Bailey, commission administrator, says he wants people who have complaints or questions to be able to reach his agency. The toll free number is 888-THE-TABC (888-843-8222). Callers can reach the service from all around the state, 24 hours a day.

#### Champion booted from Iditarod

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The only five-time champion of the Iditarod was ejected from the sled dog race after one of his dogs died, a decision that drew angry protests Tuesday from fans from around the nation. Rick Swenson was disqualified Monday for violating the "expired dog rule" that was introduced this year in response to criticism from animal rights groups. The rule is designed to protect the more than 1,000 dogs in the mushing marathon; last year, two dogs died during the 1,150-mile Anchorage-to-Nome race.

#### Elephant poaching resumes

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Poachers appear to be returning to work in Uganda after years in which elephants in the east African country were safe, an environmental group said Tuesday. Poachers have killed seven of Uganda's few hundred elephants since January, according to the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Three Ugandan elephants were poached last year, the fund said. The African elephant is not considered an endangered species, but its numbers have dropped from about 1.2 million in 1985 to 600,000 in 1995.

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**TCU'S SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM** will be today and Thursday. The theme is Women and Relationships. Visit Student Development Services, Student Center 220, or call 921-7855.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY** will meet at 4:30 p.m. today in the Sociology Building. All are welcome.

**A FREE STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP** will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at the Center for Academic Services, Rickel 106. Call 921-7486.

**WILD THINGS 5: PARTY ANIMALS** will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Caravan of Dreams. It will benefit the JPS Healing Wings AIDS Center. Call 927-1599 or 534-7200.

**"RABIES OUTBREAKS IN TEXAS,"** by Dr. Susan Neill of Texas Department of Health, will be at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

**RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS** classes will be offered for female students from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays March 5 to March 28 and Mondays and Wednesdays April 1 through April 17. Both courses cost \$15. Call D.J. Swiger at 921-7777.

**THE RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR GROUP** is now forming at the Counseling Center. Contact Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

**UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES** meets at 4 p.m. Mondays in Student Center Room 211. All are welcome.

**TCU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL** meetings are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center 205. Call Chris Alexander at 920-2458.

**TCU UNIVERSITY CHAPEL** is at

noon Wednesdays at Robert Carr Chapel. All students are welcome.

**TCU COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK** meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in University Ministries. All students are welcome.

**FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION** is available from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Student Center Annex. Call 921-7924.

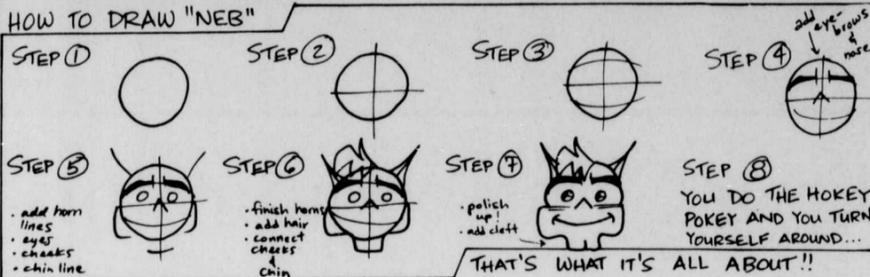
**CAMPUS CRUSADE** has small group Bible studies at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center 205-206. All students are welcome.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES** meets at 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Coliseum. This week, Kyle Dodd of DeLoos College will speak.

**CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL** needs volunteers to locate host families, monitor students progress and participate in planning cultural activities for high school exchange students. Call Pat Johnson at 1-800-810-HOST.

## The Adventures of Superhog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



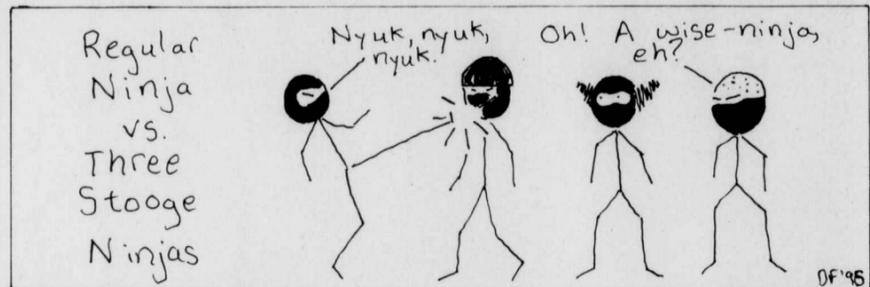
## The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



## Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



## PurplePoll

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?

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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

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edged, "It's an uphill battle everywhere." Buchanan's core support splintered in Tuesday's voting, and it appeared he would fail to match even his 1992 showing in Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts and Georgia.

Publisher Steve Forbes was focusing on the Thursday showdown in New York, declaring, "We can win in New York and nationwide," he said, ignoring Dole's lead in the state—and the momentum likely to come from Tuesday.

"This has been a strange year," said his campaign strategist, former Sen. Gordon Humphrey. "Anything can happen."

The returns looked like this: In Georgia, with more than half the precincts counted, Dole had 39 percent, Buchanan 34 percent, Alexander 13 and Forbes 11.

The New England states were solid for Dole. He was picking up 48 percent of the vote in Massachusetts, with Buchanan next at 26. In Connecticut, Dole had 54 percent and Forbes 20. In Vermont, it was 41 percent for Dole, with Buchanan, Forbes and Lugar all in the teens. In Maine, Dole had 46 percent, Buchanan 25.

In Maryland, Dole had 54 percent and Buchanan 20. Colorado gave Dole 45 percent, Forbes 21 and Buchanan 20.

Several major Dole backers said Buchanan and Forbes were dreaming if they thought they were still in the race.

"It's over," said New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Dole, for his part, said he couldn't tell rivals what to do. But he said: "We need to get the party together and aim at Clinton. So far, the guy has had a free ride while we beat each other up but that is about to change."

The wins in Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut gave Dole 76 delegates from those winner-take-all states, and he was assured of picking up most of the 89 delegates at stake in Georgia, Maryland and Maine. By the end of Tuesday's contests, Dole was sure to have at least 20 percent of the 996 delegates he needs to wrap up the nomination, far more than his nearest challenger.

Across the states voting Tuesday, Dole cut into Buchanan's core support among religious right, very conservative, low-income and Ross Perot voters. Dole supporters said beating Clinton and his experience in Washington were his most important qualities.

In state after state, there was evidence that Buchanan's early success—he won the New Hampshire primary—had triggered a block-Buchanan movement among Republican voters.

More than half of voters interviewed as they left their polling place said Buchanan was too extreme to be president, and six in 10 of this group voted for Dole. Asked whom they would choose if Buchanan and Dole were the only candidates, two-thirds of voters in the eight state primaries said Dole.

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tant qualities.

The big night for Dole followed a resounding win Saturday in South Carolina.

President Clinton was assured of victory in the Democratic primaries. But Dole, already urging Republicans to unify around his candidacy, suggested Clinton's tranquility was about to come to an end.

Even before Tuesday's voting, there was pressure on the lagging candidates to clear the field. Gingrich led this chorus, and GOP Chairman Haley Barbour said the time was soon approaching when he might have to nudge a recalcitrant challenger or two to the sidelines.

"We are not at that point yet," Barbour said in an interview. "But we may reach it well before any candidate has the 996 delegates needed to mathematically clinch."

Lugar didn't need to be nudged. Once it was clear he was losing Vermont, and that Dole was winning everywhere, he told advisers he would bow out Wednesday. Lugar scheduled a noon announcement in Washington. "He is a good friend and he ran a fine campaign," Dole said of Lugar.

Alexander had framed Georgia as his do-or-die state, but had already retreated to Florida, vowing to stay in for at least another week.

"If he beats me in Florida, I'll gladly get out," Alexander said of Dole. But several confidantes appealed to Alexander to exit sooner if his support was weak in Georgia, and more discussions were planned. One top campaign adviser was telling senior GOP officials Tuesday night that Alexander would quit before Super Tuesday.

## Weather Watch

Today's high will be 72, with a slight chance of thunderstorms.

Thursday will bring decreasing cloudiness, a high of 58 and a low of 44.

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Both Hernandez and Seutter said their families fear for their safety. "Families and friends are concerned, as well as the students here," Hernandez said. "When the bombing news hit the U.S., parents were frantic trying to call Regent's College. Fortunately, all TCU students are well."

Seutter said, "At this point, I'm not really worried about my safety. I know my parents are worried about me, but for the most part I still feel safer here than I do in the states."

The conflict between England and Northern Ireland is rooted deep in history. Recently, the two nations experienced a year-and-a-half period of peace. However, on Feb. 9, the

IRA issued a statement saying, "It is with great reluctance the leadership announces that the complete cessation of military operations will end at 6 p.m.," according to an article in the *Houston Chronicle*.

Within an hour of the declaration, the IRA set off a bomb from an underground parking lot in a London business and media district. The bomb, which could be heard up to four miles away, killed two people, injured 100 and caused damage to area buildings. This incident was the first IRA bombing since Sept. 1, 1994.

World leaders, including President Clinton, expressed concern over the bombing, although the violence was just beginning.

London police disarmed another bomb found in a phone booth in the theater district on Feb. 13.

After the second bombing, an IRA source said, "If what is happening in London doesn't get the message home, the same signal will be sent by activity in other major British cities," according to the *Chronicle* article.

A third bomb exploded on a double-decker bus on Feb. 18, killing one person and injuring eight others.

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Kevin Arceneaux

## 'Big Tent' may fold on GOP

Since there is so much interesting stuff going on in the news the past couple of days, I find it hard simply to write on one topic. So I thought I would take a stab at all of it, and give y'all some thoughts on random news items. (In other words, I put off writing this column until the last minute.)

**Right Wingers:** I once thought that after the Super Bowl was over, I would suffer post-football season depression, but then came the Republican primaries. Ah, with the Republicans bantering about, who needs football? To be honest, I thought this thing would be wrapped up a long time ago. I only saw one clear answer: Bob Dole.

But the Republicans are suffering from a few growing pains I never anticipated. In fact, they may have to rethink that "Big Tent" thing. Like the Democrats of old, the Repubs had to do some odd coalition building. The Democrats' problem has been the liberal wing, all while the Repubs had a seeming "solid base." But now that they are king of the Hill, they have the same problem, except with the right wing.

Here we are, past Iowa, New Hampshire and a handful of other primaries, and we have a four-person race. It seems the right-wingers have seen fit to heckle their party's senior statesman, Mr. Dole — a man who used to be considered the "right" side of the party.

They've pushed away Lamar Alexander, the only Repub with enough nationwide appeal to beat Bill Clinton.

**Pat Buchanan:** Let's see, good ole Pat isn't a racist, but if we have a place for "We Shall Overcome" in the civil rights movement, we have a place for "Dixie." That's a joke, right? Correct me if I'm wrong, but the former represents a positive view of overcoming the obstacles that stop humans from treating everyone as equal. And the latter represents keeping one group of humans oppressed in the name of prejudice, ignorance and free labor.

**Censorship:** Just when I thought conservative school districts only burned books, Merrimack, N.H., comes along to surprise me. Recently, that school board banned teachers from discussing the "gay lifestyle." Well, then, why don't we shove our heads into the sand and call it a day? I wonder why every time a right-wing ideologue gets his or her hands on things, the ultimate goal becomes stopping those damned "fags" from turning our children into "perverts."

First, most homosexuals know they are gay from an early age; it is not something they learn. Second, just because we discuss the lifestyle and admit it exists doesn't mean children are going to flock to it. If that were the

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case, we would have no homosexuals, because we spend plenty of time emphasizing the heterosexual lifestyle.

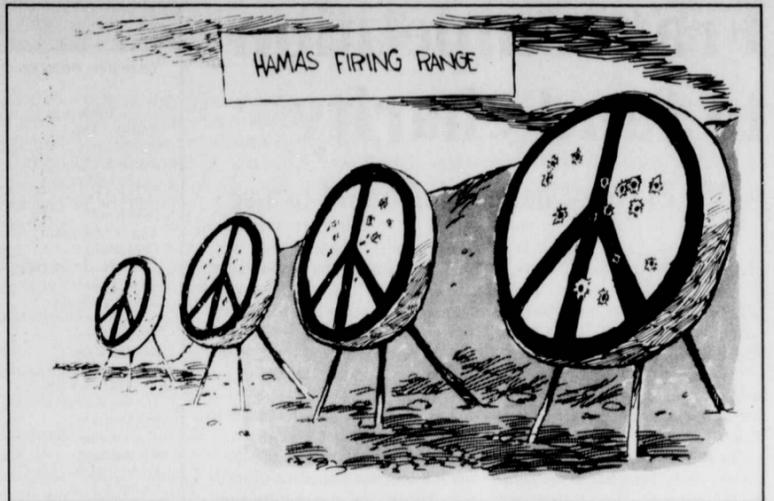
**Busing:** A school district in Richardson, Tex., wants to

bus children from one very overcrowded, poor school to one under-crowded, rich school. Of course, the posh parents don't want their children to sit side-by-side their "lesser" counterparts. God forbid they see the tyranny their parents are helping to promote.

**Alan Keyes:** This guy is the sore loser of the century. He can't get more than one percent of the vote, then a couple TV stations have not let him in on the debates. So he throws a hissy fit and goes on a hunger strike.

More power to him; we could use one less idiot.

Kevin Arceneaux is the Great Cornholio.



Andee Moore

## College-age customers subject to bad service

When are we going to get a break? No, not Spring Break, which is approximately eight days, 192 hours, 11,520 minutes from now, but the kind of break that many college students rarely get.

Allow me to elaborate. When we were young children, adults would treat us as if we did not know or understand a great deal. When we were in our early teens, we were often labeled "no good" and "rowdy." Business owners often frown when a group of teenagers enter his or her store or restaurant. And so, in the immortal words of Rodney Dangerfield, we got "no respect."

But what about now? Most of us are past those adolescent "look-at-me-I'm-being-loud-years" and have crossed over into adulthood. But is this how the rest of society views us? Unfortunately, not always.

Let's take, for instance, a situation that occurred just last week. A friend of mine gets coupons for a rather popular Chinese restaurant near Hulen Mall. He and his friends go there often. Two and a half weeks ago, a problem arose as they were paying. My friend gave the cashier and owner a \$20 bill, and she only returned change for a \$10 bill. Each insisted he or she was right. Angrily, she gave them the money she felt was not theirs, with a warning, "I will remember you."

And did she ever. About a week later we all went back for dinner. She lived up to her promise, clearing dishes when we weren't through and eyeing us as though we were common thieves. Worse yet, she charged one member of our party for the buffet when, at most, he had a single bite from my plate.

And so, another problem arose. My friend refused to pay, looking to the waiter for verification that he did not in fact have the buffet. Our waiter was no help. He just smiled and cleared the plates. Meanwhile, our friendly cashier kept making rude comments such as "You can go eat somewhere else. I don't care. I don't care."

It was so ridiculous we had to keep from busting out laughing. We tried to show some respect. Upon paying, we told my friend, who was trying to leave a tip, "You want change. You go somewhere else." Maybe he should not have left the tip; not many people still would. However, because he was able to ignore her and was mature about the situation, he did anyway.

She proceeded to cause a scene as she slammed the cash register drawer. I caught the

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older couple behind us looking at her with astonishment because of her behavior toward us. As two of the guys went to leave the tip, I stood by the exit waiting. The woman turned to me and asked if I knew what they did last week. I told her yes, and that they insisted it was a 20-dollar bill.

With contempt, she said she was sure it was not. As we left she informed us that next time, she will call the cops.

Call the cops for what? If there is a law against rude behavior, she would be the one arrested. I understand she feels ripped off, but if my friends actually had lied, would they have had the nerve to go back? I don't think so.

What angers me now that the laughter has subsided is what I believe to be the main point of my story. If we had been a family, with Mom, Dad, two kids and a dog, she never would have behaved that way toward us. She would have accepted what she felt was a \$10 loss knowing the family will most likely keep returning if the service was good and friendly. Thus, the restaurant would eventually make up the difference.

But no. Because we are college students, she immediately assumed we were trying to pull one over on her. Maybe if people stopped thinking this way, the young adults in society that actually do what we were accused of would not. One thing is certain: if business owners are supposed to remain calm and collected and follow the general rule that the customer is always right, then Ms. Cashier failed miserably.

I suppose she has yet to notice that a large percentage of her clientele is composed of college students. This can't happen enough for her to decide the profits from us are no longer worth it. Maybe she needs enlightenment, and I should send her a copy of this. On second thought, my mug shot is on it and I'd like to finish my meal before my plate is taken away next time.

Andee Moore is a sophomore advertising and public relations major from Austin

## Hamas

### Deadly attacks in Israel devastate hopes for peace

For the fourth time in nine days, a member of the radical PLO faction Hamas detonated a bomb Monday, killing himself and innocent civilians around him. This time, however, instead of a bus, the bomb exploded in front of a Tel Aviv department store, killing 13 and wounding at least 109, many of them children celebrating Purim, a Jewish holiday similar to Halloween.

Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres has so far shown great restraint in that he has not issued an outright denunciation of the Oslo Peace Accords. Israel is fortunate that he is dedicated to those accords; however, with parliamentary elections upcoming in May and the right-wing opposition positioned to make large gains in, or win outright control of, the Knesset, Peres must seem tough on the radical Arab fringes, or he will lose the election.

Yasser Arafat faces a similar dilemma. While he has just won an election with overwhelming support, Arafat faces increasing pressure from both the United States and Israel to crack down on terrorist groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Arafat has done so, but he has to be careful not to push too hard, or he risks alienating his base of moderate Palestinian supporters.

While it is important to crack down on these terrorists, it is more important to address the conditions that breed this hatred and the money that finances it. The Palestinian Authority has made great strides in

bringing jobs to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but unemployment is still endemic, and large numbers of out-of-work youths is not an auspicious sign for any society.

More importantly, however, is to continue to work to cut off funding to these terrorist groups, and that means cutting the Iranian and Sudanese pipeline that has kept them afloat. Iran, particularly, has continually exerted its influence to destabilize the region, redoubling its efforts since the peace accords. Iran has been warned by the United States, the United Nations and countless other countries and organizations to keep out of Middle East politics, especially after the damage it did in Lebanon.

By ignoring these warnings and continuing to provide money, weapons, training and in some cases Revolutionary Guards to carry out missions, Iran is playing with fire. The nation of Israel is not known for its subtlety when it comes to fighting terrorism, and it is on the brink of being pushed too far. It took all the political capital that George Bush could muster to restrain the Israelis from responding to Iraqi missile attacks during the Persian Gulf War, and had the warhead not been conventional, he would not have been able to do so.

Iran, Hamas and all practitioners of terrorism, if not deterred by appeals to avoid killing innocents, should fear the response of the sleeping giant. If these attacks continue, the giant may awaken.

### Editorial

Ryan J. Rusak

"They won't be inhibited by the evil force the rest of us call English."

## Education too important for feel-good changes

Ours is a world of disappearing standards. After decades of liberal do-gooding and self-esteem enhancement, it's no longer acceptable to say one person has accomplished more than another or achieved a higher level than the next.

The destruction of standards is not more evident than in education. *The Dallas Morning News* reported Friday that several area private high schools had abolished the system of ranking high school graduates based on grades.

The *Morning News* began its story with the tale of Libby Denton, a 1995 Highland Park High School graduate. She ranked just a hair under the 25 percent cutoff for automatic admission to the University of Texas. She was admitted later, but only — gasp — after "additional scrutiny."

The poor dear — UT actually had to look at her application. She probably needs counseling after this traumatic blow to her self-esteem.

After this thrilling anecdotal ploy for

### From the Hip

sympathy, the story examines the wonderful benefits of not ranking students. Thankfully, several college admissions officers see through this pathetic attempt to downplay achievement, including TCU's own Leo Munson, who told the *Morning News*: "The schools are trying to accommodate the needs, egos and vanities of parents."

For every Libby Denton, there are probably 700 high school seniors who are damn proud of their ranking and flaunted it profusely while applying to college. Those students are punished greatly when an entire



system that benefits so many is eliminated simply to make someone feel better about ranking 71st instead of 70th.

And while we're making everyone feel better by hiding the shameful signs of achievement, we better also take care of those who are "phonetically challenged." Yet another incredible phenomenon is catching on in liberal education circles — inventive spelling.

Basically, third and fourth graders are allowed to spell a word however they think it should be spelled. That way, their creative juices can flow and they won't be inhibited by the evil, beastly force the rest of us call English.

The Arizona Department of Education says about teaching: "Instruction in grammar may actually harm a student's writing ability especially if grammar instruction increases time for writing instruction." Yeah — teaching someone how to use a language correctly really kills their writing ability.

At least this scourge is limited to

young'uns, right? Wrong. In the March 4 edition of *Newsweek*, Jennifer Lynn Weston actually advocates restructuring the language to accommodate idiots like herself who cannot spell. She even wants people traditionally called "bad spellers" to acquire the moniker "polysyllabic."

Weston is obviously intelligent — she quotes Benjamin Franklin and Mark Twain in her crusade to butcher the language many of us have conquered. Yet she expects us to alter the standards of the King's English so she won't feel so bad about being an atrocious speller.

When a society eliminates its standards, it is in danger of collapse. Such is the sad state of the American education system. But don't we all feel good?

Ryan J. Rusak is a sophomore news-editorial and history major and Skiff copy desk chief who graduated 8th in his high school class and went to two regional Spelling Bees.

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## Frat competition to fund charity

### ADPi Playday helps McDonald house

By TONY COVER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The holiday season may be long gone. But for many TCU students, the spirit of giving lives on.

The Alpha Delta Pi sorority is holding its annual Playday fundraiser this week to benefit the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families of seriously ill children who come to Fort Worth for pediatric medical care.

"Playday is a fraternity competition to raise money for philanthropy," said Caroline Nixon, Alpha Delta Pi chapter president. "It's a national project that a lot of Alpha Delta Pi chapters, both in the United States and Canada, participate in."

During Playday competitions, fraternities pay an entry fee that is forwarded by the sorority to the Ronald McDonald House, Nixon said.

Nixon said the fraternities earn points by participating in a number of competitions against each other.

"We'll have a wish list of things the Fort Worth house needs and they'll earn points by donating those items," Nixon said.

Today, the group is having a skit competition at the Alpha Delta Pi chapter house.

"Our seniors will judge the skits by awarding spirit points to the dif-

ferent groups," she said.

Nixon said that on Friday afternoon, there will be a football tournament with points awarded to the players.

"Whoever wins the most points in the end will get to go to our party," she said.

Nixon said the sorority hopes to raise about \$1,000 this year.

She said this type of fund-raiser gives everyone an opportunity to do their part in the community while enjoying themselves at the same time.

"What we're trying to do by having this sort of competition is trying to make it fun by adding an aspect to make service enjoyable," Nixon said. "And that way, it'll get more people interested and involved in serving the community."

Heather Phinney, special events director for the Fort Worth Ronald McDonald House, said they couldn't continue to operate without the help from groups such as Alpha Delta Pi.

"Personal and corporate donations are how we keep our house running on a daily basis," Phinney said. "Alpha Delta Pi has been wonderful. The Ronald McDonald House is their national philanthropy and they're just a great group of girls that have always been willing to help."

"We've really been blessed to benefit from their events," Phinney said.

### HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - HOW THEY VOTED

Taken from House Records, March 5, 1996

Town Reps	Resolution 96-6	Resolution 96-7	Waits Hall	Resolution 96-6	Resolution 96-7
Adrienne Elrod	yea	yea	Sara Carpeaux	yea	yea
Jaime Garcia	yea	yea	Sarah Paxson	yea	yea
Martin S. Graul	yea	yea	Christine Spencer	yea	yea
Michelle Linn	absent	absent	Wiggins Hall		
David Quinlan	yea	yea	Elise LaMontagne	yea	yea
Leon Reed	yea	yea	Alpha Chi Omega		
Angela Sifuentes	yea	yea	Julie Street	yea	yea
Amy Smeltzer	yea	yea	Alpha Delta Pi		
Brachman Hall			Lauren Dedecker	absent	absent
Danni Geleva	yea	yea	Chi Omega		
Sharon Waigand	yea	yea	Dallas Walker	absent	absent
Brite Divinity School			Delta Delta Delta		
Tracey Lawler	absent	absent	Caryn Conwell	yea	yea
Monica Myers	absent	absent	Delta Gamma		
Jennifer Schooley	yea	yea	Kim Jones	yea	yea
Clark Hall			Delta Tau Delta		
Thomas Kunkel	yea	yea	Chris Holbert	yea	yea
Ryan McNutt	yea	yea	Fiji		
Colby Hall			Todd Chiscano	yea	yea
Renee Foster	yea	yea	Kappa Alpha Theta		
Kristen Nygren	yea	yea	Libby Baird	yea	yea
Chanel Schrier	yea	yea	Kappa Kappa Gamma		
Foster Hall			Monica Avila	yea	yea
Heather Anderson	yea	yea	Kappa Sigma		
Meredith Harrison	absent	absent	Stewart Hamel	yea	yea
Nightingale Ngo	yea	yea	Lambda Chi Alpha		
Janet Spugnardi	yea	yea	Greg Leet	yea	yea
Francis-Sadler Hall			Phi Delta Theta		
Karen Humphrey	absent	absent	J.B. Cheatham	absent	absent
Jarvis Hall			Phi Kappa Sigma		
Jennifer Bedell	yea	yea	Chris Brooks	yea	yea
Elizabeth Faucette	yea	yea	Pi Beta Phi		
Wanda Kadlec	yea	yea	Christine Neiner	yea	yea
Mindy Markland	yea	yea	Sigma Alpha Epsilon		
Milton Daniel Hall			Brian Krpec	yea	yea
Giovanni Digiacomo	yea	yea	Sigma Chi		
Mark Imig	yea	yea	Brett Luz	yea	yea
Mark Irish	yea	yea	Zeta Tau Alpha		
Kevin Nicoletti	yea	yea	Kiplyn Lively	yea	yea
Moncrief Hall			Voting Officers		
Joe Briggs	absent	absent	George Fassett	yea	yea
Khadevis Robinson	yea	yea	Becca Gardner	yea	yea
Sherley Hall			Theresa Hill	yea	yea
Marny Brum	yea	yea	Julie Markus	yea	yea
Andrea Kinder	absent	absent	Chad McBride	yea	yea
Morgan McGiffin	absent	absent	Clement Ouda	yea	yea
Tom Brown Hall			Ashley Russell	yea	yea
Kenny Baird	yea	yea	Brian Spindor	yea	yea
Chris Haynes	absent	absent	Todd Watson	yea	yea
Willy Pinnell	yea	yea	Stoney White	yea	yea

\* denotes no recorded vote  
Resolution 96-6: to encourage further administrative action on the purchase of a new Student Center Ballroom sound system.

Resolution 96-7: to commend the efforts and to encourage the expansion of the TCU recycling program.

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meeting and tabled to the Finance Committee.

According to the bill, the supplement will only have the names and phone numbers of students whose numbers had changed from the previous semester.

Stoney White, Permanent Improvements chairman, introduced the resolution encouraging the administration to make the purchase of a new sound system a priority.

White said the administration has been approached about the need of a new sound system in the past, but has failed to make a definite commitment to purchase a new one.

"We want to make a statement to the administration that there is a concern and a need for a new sound system," said Chanel Schrier, a Colby Hall representative.

According to the resolution, the condition of the ballroom affects the university's image during Monday at TCU, Orientation and lectures by campus speakers.

White said the Permanent Improvements Committee is willing to commit \$5,000 to the purchase of a new sound system when the administration makes it a priority.

Student Concerns Chairwoman Becca Gardner introduced the resolution encouraging the expansion of the TCU recycling program.

She said she realizes the administration is taking steps to improve recycling on campus but thinks more can be done.

Leon Reed, a town representative, said he thought TCU's recycling program is still behind.

"Our generation is going to be the one that makes a difference," he said.

## Jury selection begins for Rene slaying trial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Jury selection began Tuesday and is expected to take several weeks in the trial of a man accused in the 1994 abduction and slaying of a teen-ager whose 911 call for help drew nationwide attention.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Bruce Webster, 22, of Pine Bluff, Ark., who is charged with kidnapping that leads to death. Webster is the second defendant to stand trial in the case.

A lengthy jury selection was a prelude to the trial of Orlando Hall, 24, of El Dorado, Ark., who was sentenced to death Nov. 6 after he was convicted of the same charge.

Prosecutors contend that Webster and Hall are the most culpable of five men charged in the kidnapping and slaying of Lisa Rene, who was beaten with a shovel and buried alive in a nature preserve near Pine Bluff, about 45 miles southeast of Little Rock, Ark. Investigators believe the abduction resulted from a bad drug debt allegedly owed by Rene's brothers.

The Sept. 24, 1994, crime drew nationwide attention for the 911 tape of the 16-year-old girl screaming and pleading for help as men broke through a sliding glass door and

dragged her from the Arlington apartment she shared with a sister.

Webster has been depicted as a vicious drug gang enforcer. Prosecutors contend Hall mapped out the crime and ordered Webster to fly to Texas to help with the abduction.

Hall was the second person in the country to be sentenced to death for a kidnapping that led to a death, one of several death-penalty crimes codified in a 1994 federal crime law.

On Feb. 13, Hall's court-appointed attorneys filed a notice that they will appeal his death sentence to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The appeal will challenge the written confession Hall signed with Arlington police and the FBI in October 1994, said Michael Ware of Fort Worth, Hall's attorney.

Three men have pleaded guilty to federal charges and are testifying for the prosecution in exchange for guarantees that they will not face the death penalty.

Steven Beckley, 23, of Irving; Marvin Holloway, 24, of Pine Bluff; and Demetrius Hall, 19, Hall's brother, will be sentenced after the Webster trial.

Demetrius Hall and Beckley could receive up to life without parole; Holloway could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

## Uvalde gets special visit from first lady

By KELLEY SHANNON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UVALDE, Texas — First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton took her husband's re-election campaign to South Texas on Tuesday and picked up the coveted endorsement of former Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

"I'm a great admirer of the tradition that Gov. Briscoe represents," Hillary Clinton said, "and I am pleased to be here on behalf of the president to say thank you for your words of support."

The campaign stop, which came one week before the Texas primary, was aimed at shoring up support for President Clinton among the conservative wing of the state's Democratic Party.

It marked the first time a first lady has visited Uvalde — a ranching town of about 15,000 located 80

miles west of San Antonio — since Bess and Harry Truman came calling in 1948 on former vice president John Nance Garner.

Mrs. Clinton and Briscoe went to great lengths to draw parallels between the two visits as they spoke to a crowd of about 3,000 on the lawn of Garner's museum home. They were accompanied by Briscoe's wife, Janey, and other high-ranking Texas Democratic officials.

The first lady, after receiving a greeting and bouquet of yellow roses from Briscoe's granddaughter, Muffing Vaughan, emphasized her theme of helping children.

Clinton said her husband advocates a voluntary television ratings system and the "v-chip" for parental discretion; a competitive education system; uniforms for school children to prevent strife over status-symbol

clothing; and work programs to help anyone who wants to attend college afford it.

The first lady also referred to the coming campaign season, urging voters not to be swayed by opponents' fear tactics or those who advocate isolationism.

"The United States has never succeeded when it has tried to pull up the gang plank and construct a wall around itself. . . We have to lead and we have to have a president like a President Truman or President Clinton," she said.

Earlier in the day, Clinton visited

with parents, students and teachers at a middle school in Corpus Christi. After Uvalde, she headed to Dallas for a speech sponsored by the School of Law of Southern Methodist University.

But it was the Uvalde visit that highlighted the president's re-election efforts in Texas. Townspeople came out in droves to see the first lady.

"I have been impressed with what Bill has done. . . We have to lead and we have to have a president like a President Truman or President Clinton," she said.

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## White House report stresses AIDS education for teens

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
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WASHINGTON — Teen-agers are contracting the AIDS virus at an average of more than one an hour, and the White House again urged the nation Tuesday to teach them how to protect themselves.

To some disappointed young people, the report and its media fanfare were just more government talk and no action.

"This report isn't really doing something for youth," said Lam Duckim, 24, of Washington, who has the HIV virus. "There is a need for accountability."

Between 40,000 and 80,000 Americans become infected with the AIDS virus each year, and one in four is a teen-ager. Based on those sobering statistics, President Clinton asked the White House Office of AIDS

Policy to talk to young people to find solutions.

The office's report echoes what many scientists and AIDS activists have said for years: Strong AIDS education is a must for children, so that if they later have sex or experiment with drugs, they know how to protect themselves.

"Kids are dying because adults are arguing about what to tell them about AIDS," said Miguel Bustos, 25, of San Francisco. He was asked to help write the report because as a teen, he organized student AIDS education.

"Teach the children. That's our message," he said.

Most American school systems provide some AIDS education. Many systems' policies prohibit discussion of sexual intercourse, homosexuality, bisexuality and condom use, the report said.

Conservative groups have criticized AIDS awareness campaigns. They contend advising teens that condoms can prevent HIV infection condones teen-age sexual activity. They charge that some education programs promote homosexuality by and condone drug use by discussing AIDS prevention techniques.

The White House report said: "Discussion of the facts concerning such matters is not inconsistent with also encouraging abstinence or delayed sexual activity."

It recommended that young people with HIV be used in campaigns to tell their peers how to protect themselves, because teens often tune out adults.

While the White House report mentioned homosexuality, it never recommended how to reach gay teens, criticized the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. The center said 63

percent of AIDS cases among men under 25 are due to unsafe sex with other men.

"However well intended, the report's recommendations... turn a blind eye to gay and bisexual youth," said center director Lorri Jean.

And young people in the audience when the report was issued had some tough questions: Will the White House ensure that states follow the report's recommendations? Will it force school systems to provide condom education and discuss homosexuality? Or provide money for student-run peer-education programs?

AIDS Policy Director Patricia Fleming responded that the report was "a call to action." She acknowledged it broke little new ground but said it marked the first time the government has spotlighted teen-agers' needs.

A private group promised Tuesday to fund peer-education groups nationwide. The Until There's a Cure Foundation, which gave the White House \$100,000 to do the report, raised the money by selling more than 100,000 gold and silver AIDS commemoration bracelets, founder Dana Cappiello said.

The report also recommended that: Governments allow teens to get HIV counseling and testing without parental consent. Some 23 states already do.

Clinics offer free or low-cost HIV tests to teen-agers and stay open after school hours.

The Department of Health and Human Services establish a board of teen-agers who have HIV to advise on government services for preventing HIV among youth and treating those who contract it.

The department has made no decision.

## Tensions mount in Taiwan again

By PATRICIA KUO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

QUEMOY, Taiwan — Stopped by a passer-by on busy Fuhshing Road in Quemoy, the soldier was all smiles, thinking he was being asked for directions.

His smile vanished when he was queried about the mounting tensions with China. "Please, don't ask me this," he said. "This is just too sensitive now."

China is just 1.4 miles across the water from the island of Quemoy, Taiwan's front line in the war of nerves being waged by Beijing.

Tensions shot up again Tuesday with China's announcement that it plans to test-fire another batch of missiles Friday off Taiwan.

On a visit to the island last week, most people seen on Fuhshing Road were soldiers, who make up half the island's 100,000 population.

They were hanging out in the gam-

ing arcades, shopping for CDs and crooning in the karaoke bars, and they seemed as relaxed as the tourists who would ordinarily be swarming around on these balmy spring days.

Only 500 tourists a day come to Quemoy now, compared with 2,000 in more peaceful times, said travel agent Hu Hui-huang.

At night, security tightens visibly, with soldiers guarding checkpoints and the entrances to the tunnels dug into the granite.

The Nationalists who fled the Communist takeover of China in 1949 held Quemoy against a massive Chinese onslaught. But China, which claims Taiwan as a renegade province, did not give up. It launched a 44-day bombardment in 1958 that killed 600 people but failed to dislodge the Nationalists from the 59-square-mile island.

The issue of Quemoy even made

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## Senate passes Cuban sanctions

House expected to approve, send bill to president this week

By JIM ABRAMS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a swift response to Cuba's downing of two civilian planes, the Senate Tuesday overwhelmingly passed a bill to tighten sanctions and further isolate the Cuban government.

Amid pledges to bring Fidel Castro's rule to a quick end, the Libertad — or liberty — bill passed by a 74-22 vote. The action came just 10 days after Cuban MiGs shot down two private planes flown by Cuban-Americans, an attack that solidified U.S. opposition toward the Cuban leader.

"Fidel Castro is a brutal dictator and murderer and he has to be taken out of power in Cuba," said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Passage of the bill became a certainty after President Clinton and congressional negotiators agreed last week to controversial provisions

that would allow people who lost property in Cuba to sue foreign companies which invest in that property.

Clinton said the bill "is a strong, bipartisan response that tightens the economic embargo against the Cuban regime and permits us to continue to promote democratic change in Cuba."

The House is scheduled to pass the bill later this week, sending it to the president for his signature.

The bill was passed in different versions by the House and Senate last fall but was headed toward legislative oblivion because of a threatened presidential veto. The legislation was revived when a Cuban MiG-29 on Feb. 24 shot down two American planes off the Cuban coast, killing the four Cuban-Americans aboard.

"Nobody has done more to ensure enactment of this legislation than Fidel Castro himself," said Rep. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan.,

who said she supported the bill with reservations. "By shooting down two American civilian airplanes last week he demanded that we respond."

Opponents said it was a bad bill being passed in the emotional backlash from the attack on the American planes. They said it would tie the president's hands to change policy toward Cuba, flood U.S. courts with lawsuits and antagonize other countries who have normal trade relations with Cuba.

"Fidel Castro has survived the enmity of nine American presidents," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M. "In concert with his enemies in south Florida he retains a hypnotic ability to induce stupidity in Yankee policy makers."

The bill urges the president to seek an international embargo against Cuba and authorizes the president to aid the democratic movement inside Cuba.

## Mexican courts to intervene in police analysis

By SARA SILVER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government formally asked the Supreme Court Monday night to intervene in the prosecution of state police.

State police massacred 17 peasants who were on their way to a protest rally June 28, 1995.

Dissatisfied with the results of a state investigation closed last week, the Interior Ministry announced it would, for the first time in 50 years, invoke a clause of the Mexican constitution to bring federal judges or legislators into the case.

"The President of the Republic considers that what occurred at Aguas Blancas is exceptionally grave... and it is necessary to exhaust all means to completely resolve the facts and give real satisfaction to the injuries suffered by the victims, their families and the nation," Interior Minister Emilio Chuayffet said in a press conference.

In a decision that outraged rights activists, a special investigator Feb. 28 cleared the governor of Guerrero and other state officials of blame in the massacre of 17 members of the radical Peasant Organization of the Southern Sierra.

Prosecutor Oscar Varela Vidales said on Feb. 28 that ineptitude caused police to fire on vehicles carrying the peasants in the municipality of Coyuca de Benitez, one hour north of the Pacific Acapulco resort.

But human rights groups say investigators ignored evidence that Gov. Ruben Figueroa Alcocer and his top security officials ordered police to set up the roadblock where peasants were gunned down. The government's own National Human Rights Commission found that officials had covered up evidence of deliberate police action.

Varela Vidales closed the case two days after a videotape of the massacre was broadcast on local televi-

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Top: Cory Gavito, a junior music education major, feels at home with a collection of famous composers.  
Above left: Winnie Lin, a student in the Intensive English Program, has added a touch of home to her room.  
Above right: A place for everything and everything in its place.  
Right: Taking a common approach to dorm decoration, freshman premajor Craig Stotzer lined his walls with music posters.

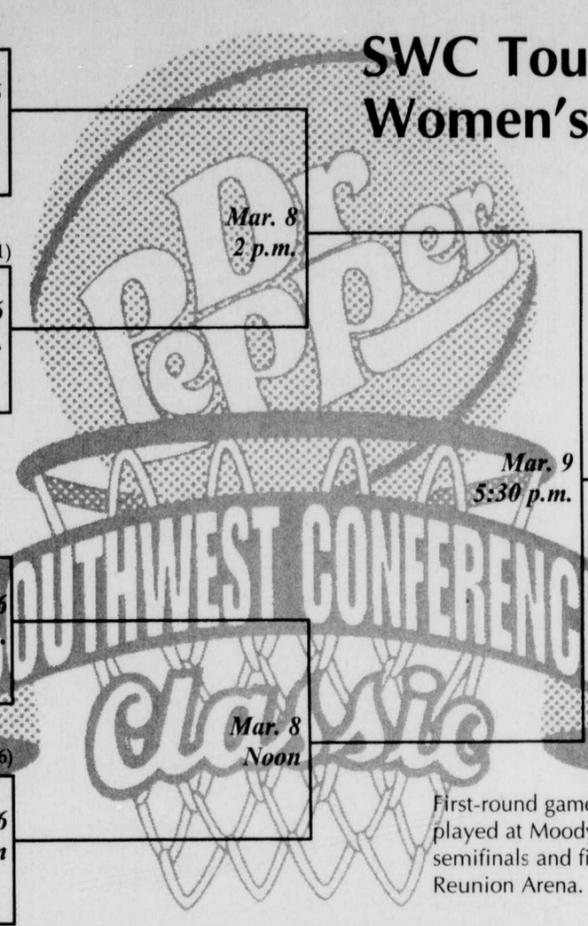


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## TCU to play Texas in SWC champs

### Lady Frogs enter SWC finals 2-24

#### SWC Tournament Women's Bracket



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<p><b>SMU</b> 19-9 (9-5)</p> <p>Mar. 6 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Mar. 8 2 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Houston</b> 11-15 (4-10)</p>	
<p><b>Texas Tech</b> 23-3 (13-1)</p> <p>Mar. 6 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Mar. 9 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Baylor</b> 11-18 (3-11)</p>	
<p><b>Texas</b> 19-7 (13-1)</p> <p>Mar. 6 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Mar. 8 Noon</p>
<p><b>TCU</b> 2-24 (0-14)</p>	
<p><b>Texas A&amp;M</b> 17-11 (8-6)</p> <p>Mar. 6 Noon</p>	<p>First-round games will be played at Moody Coliseum, semifinals and finals are at Reunion Arena.</p>
<p><b>Rice</b> 13-13 (6-8)</p>	

By K.E. STENSKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Lady Frogs were beaten by the Lamar University Lady Cardinals 109-86 on Sunday, ending their season with a 19-game losing streak. The streak began with a loss to Arkansas on Dec. 21, 1995.

The Lady Frogs ended their season with a record of 2-24. The team went 0-14 in conference play.

"It's really disheartening to lose like we did Sunday and have to turn around and play a team like Texas (in the Southwest Conference Tournament)," assistant coach Rick Archer said.

TCU will play Texas at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Southern Methodist University's Moody Coliseum for the first round of the SWC championships. The Lady Frogs are seeded in the No. 8 spot, while the Lady Longhorns are seeded No. 1.

TCU lost to Texas 96-33 on Jan. 13. In the rematch in Austin, the Lady Frogs made it more of a game, but still lost 115-82.

"We know how to break their press," Archer said. "We know what we need to do on the court. If we can do that, then we can match up half-court wise. We can definitely give them a run for their money."

The game against Lamar, however, did not leave TCU with a bonus win.

"We just basically didn't come ready for their pressure," Archer said. "It's very disappointing, we thought we came mentally prepared."

TCU led by as much as five points in the first half, but not for long. A jump shot at the 14:38 mark by Lamar forward Denise Scally put the Lady Cardinals up to stay. Lamar led by as many as 23 at one point.

The Lady Frogs continued to fight, but could never close the gap to fewer than 10 points.

The Lady Cardinals cruised much of the game, boosted by sophomore guard Lara Webb's career high 44 points, breaking a 12-year-old Lamar scoring record. The Lady Cardinals' 109 points were also a season high.

"She's real smooth, real basketball

smart," Archer said of Webb. "We tried everything we could think of. We tried to totally deny her the ball, but that didn't work. She was just on."

Sophomore forward Stacy Price went down 13 minutes into the game with a sprained ankle, and the loss of her on the court was a definite factor on TCU's defensive end, Archer said.

Price is listed as day-to-day and may not play in the SWC tournament game against Texas on Wednesday, he said.

TCU was led by freshman forward Jennifer Hickman and junior guard Jackie Jenkins, each with 21 points. Junior center Shawanda Harps had her

third double-double of the season with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Sophomore guard Leah Garcia added 14 while dishing out nine assists.

TCU went 11-22 from three-point land. Jenkins' 6-11 shooting from behind the three-point arc tied a TCU season high in three-pointers. Hickman went 5-9 behind the line.

The game provided records for the Lady Frogs as well.

The Lady Frogs' cumulative 86 points was a season high. TCU's 51 percent from the floor was the team's second highest shooting percentage of the season. The Lady Frogs' attempted 22 three-pointers, also a season high. Junior guard Jackie Jenkins had 11 of the attempts and hit six three-pointers, both individual highs.



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### Frog netters fall to S. Carolina

By ERNESTO MORAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team lost its third match of the season — all against ranked opponents — falling, 7-2, to No. 19 South Carolina on Tuesday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The Lady Frogs dropped to 6-3 overall, 1-1 in the Southwest Conference. The team's other two losses have come against No. 22 Louisiana State and No. 2 Texas.

The Gamecocks moved to 5-5. The loss came after two consecutive victories, including TCU's first SWC win of the year, an 8-1 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday in Lubbock.

Against the Gamecocks, TCU managed two singles wins. Freshman Natalie Balafoutis remained undefeated (7-0) for the season, beating Tracy Kotseos, 6-3, 6-2, at the No. 4 position.

"I really didn't expect to be playing this well," said Balafoutis, who joined the team in January.

Balafoutis said the Lady Frogs are getting closer to knocking off a favored opponent.

"We know now that we can win (close matches) against good teams," Balafoutis said.

Senior Christina Stangeland managed the other victory, a 6-4, 6-2 win over Karolina Bulat at the No. 3 position.

The Lady Frogs needed to win two of the three doubles matches to pull off the upset. The Gamecocks, though, swept all three in straight sets.

The Lady Frogs continue their six-match homestand with a contest against Purdue on Friday. Play begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, and admission is free.



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

South Carolina's No. 1 singles player Heather Greene serves Tuesday afternoon at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. Greene scored a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory over TCU's Deidre Walsh helping South Carolina defeat the Frogs 7-2.

#### SWC Women's Basketball Champions 1991-1995

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### Longhorns slip back into winning ways

By MIKE JONES  
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH — How soon they forget. It was only a year ago that the whispers about Jody Conradt swirled around the Texas women's basketball program with the same bluster as the springtime Hill Country winds.

Last season was the first since 1982 that the Lady Longhorns had not been invited to the NCAA Tournament. As Texas stumbled to its only losing record (12-16) since Conradt took over the program in 1976, it was evident — or so it was said — that the game had passed her by. That she no longer could attract the top players to keep pace in the conference that she put on the national map. That Conradt was better off devoting full-time duty to her position as women's athletic director and turning over the coaching reins

to someone younger, someone more in touch with today's game.

"Certain things happen in your career when you know you've arrived," Conradt said recently, punctuating the observation with a laugh. "Our growth has paralleled what happened in the men's game."

In essence, Conradt said that after striving for so long to reach parity with the men's game in coaches' salaries, in promotion and in media attention, it was only natural that women's coaches be subjected to the same job scrutiny.

It is fitting, however, that in the final season of the Southwest Conference, the woman who has been the major force behind the establishment of the league as one of the nation's best in recent years has gone from a has-been to coach of the year. A team

see Ways, page 8

### Sports Digest

#### Cassell has elbow surgery

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets doctors removed loose cartilage from Sam Cassell's ailing right elbow Tuesday and said he should be back on the basketball court before the end of March.

"There were really no surprises at all," team physician Dr. Walter Lowe said. "We think this should solve the problem. As soon as Sam feels like playing, he can."

Cassell's elbow has bothered him since the playoffs last season, but it flared recently. Cassell decided Sunday to have the surgery immediately so the elbow will heal before the playoffs.

#### Jackson criticizes CBS' Packer

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS basketball analyst Billy Packer said he spoke with the Rev. Jesse Jackson by telephone Tuesday morning about his use of the term "tough monkey" to describe a black player.

On Saturday, Packer used the term to describe Allen Iverson of Georgetown, and his comment immediately drew criticism from black leaders.

In Washington, Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition, suggested that Packer's response to criticism "shows him to be incredibly naive or insensitive."

#### Graf to play at Evert Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Top-ranked Steffi Graf, sidelined since undergoing foot surgery in December, will make her 1996 debut at this week's Evert Cup tournament.

It will be Graf's first tournament since winning the WTA Tour Championships last November.

Jennifer Capriati, who began her comeback last month at a tournament in Germany, and co-No. 1 Monica Seles also will play in the Evert Cup, which begins Friday.

For the first time, the Evert Cup women's event will be played at the same time and the same site as the men's tournament.

#### Hall-of-Famers picked

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Earl Weaver, who managed Baltimore into four World Series, and Jim Bunning, a 224-game winner, were among four people elected to the Hall of Fame today by the veterans committee.

Negro Leagues pitcher Bill Foster and turn-of-the-century manager Ned Hanlon also were chosen by the 14-member committee.

Weaver led the Orioles to a record of 1,480-1,060, and won six AL East championships.

Bunning, now a member of Congress from his native Kentucky, was 224-184 and in 1964 pitched the seventh of baseball's 14 perfect games.

#### Coke ads to focus on fans

LONDON (AP) — The Coca-Cola Co. will focus on fans instead of athletes in its advertising campaign for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

"Rather than featuring typical, sports-related advertising we are viewing the world's most important athletic events through the eyes of fans," a Coca-Cola executive said Tuesday.

In one commercial, a narrator says, "Some athletes are born great and some athletes are forced into greatness by 50,000 screaming maniacs who are not going to take 'no' for an answer."

## Israeli troops step up offensive

By SAID GHAZALI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli troops blockaded more than 1 million Palestinians inside the West Bank on Tuesday and sealed the homes of Islamic militants whose bombing war has terrorized Israel and shaken the peace process.

Stepping up their offensive against the militants, soldiers raided a West Bank village, herding all the men into the main square for questioning. Prime Minister Shimon Peres vowed to imprison relatives of the suicide bombers without trial.

In an about-face, the military wing of Hamas said it would heed a call from the group's political leaders to halt the bombing attacks until July. The wing, Izzedine al Qassam, claimed responsibility for four bombings in nine days that killed four bombers and 57 other people.

Angry Israelis buried the 13 victims of the latest attack, killed Monday when an Islamic militant blew himself up outside Tel Aviv's main

shopping mall. Half the dead were children.

The bombings have forced Israel's beleaguered government, its popularity plunging ahead of elections May 29, to abandon its defensive policy toward such attacks.

Thousands of troops set up roadblocks Tuesday around 465 West Bank communities — most of them nominally autonomous under the Israel-PLO agreements — confining about 1.2 million Palestinian residents to their home towns.

Israeli soldiers sealed the homes of 10 suspected Hamas members. Troops also soldered shut the metal doors and windows of the houses of three of the four suicide bombers.

In the West Bank village of Burka, soldiers forced all men older than 15 into the main square and made them sit on the ground as the army questioned them one by one.

Israel did not re-enter the seven West Bank towns now fully under Palestine Liberation Organization control. Under the Israel-PLO accords, Palestinian police patrol

the rural areas the Israeli soldiers entered Tuesday, but Israel retains overall control.

The army's actions threatened to discredit Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — and the peace plan.

"This goes completely against the agreement," Arafat said of the blockades.

Israel's top commander in the West Bank, Maj. Gen. Ilan Biran, said Israel has arrested 102 suspected militants and plans to shut down West Bank academic institutions and community centers it considers breeding grounds for terrorism.

Peres also announced that Israel will not withdraw its troops from the West Bank town of Hebron until the PLO amends its covenant to revoke calls for Israel's destruction. The pullout was to have occurred this month.

Israeli President Ezer Weizman called for a "major strike" against Hamas "to stamp out this plague."

"In war, you attack," he said. Yossi Beilin, the Cabinet minister

responsible for coordinating the peace process, insisted the agreements with the PLO must be preserved.

But across Israel on Tuesday, the mood was glum and militant. Hundreds of demonstrators scuffled with police and shouted slogans against the government near the site of Monday's bombing in Tel Aviv.

"We tried, God knows we tried. We tried to make peace. We were ready to pay a high price . . . despite the fears, despite the warnings," wrote Yosef Lapid in the daily *Maariv*. But after the latest carnage, he wrote, "This is it."

Hamas' military wing said it would honor its political leaders' appeal and stop its suicide bombings in Israel until early July. "We will not be responsible from now on for such attacks inside the Zionist entity," it said in a leaflet.

The group has offered truces before, only to see offshoots carry out attacks. And the truce will hold only if Israel does not crack down on Hamas for its bombing war.

## Writing from page 1

ASCII file if they have questions.

The writing center e-mail address is IN%writingcenter@tcu.edu". Marek said the address must be treated like an off-campus address even if the e-mail is coming from on-campus.

She said people requesting help through e-mail should type "wc help" in the subject line to make it easier for the Writing Center staff to find.

Marek said help requests will be answered no later than the day after the request is received. Requests made on Friday or over the weekend, however, will not be answered until Monday since the Writing Center is closed on weekends.

Students can receive the same type of help through e-mail as they receive when they visit the Writing Center in person, she said.

Another new feature of the Writing Center is a Web page on the World Wide Web. The Web page address is <http://delta.is.tcu.edu/~marek1>.

The Web page contains a history of the TCU Writing Center and profiles of the Writing Center staff, she said. Other writing centers can also be accessed through the Web page, she said.

"These are new tools students will be using not only throughout college but into their professional lives," she said. "The sooner they take advantage of them, the better off they will be."

The Writing Center was created in the fall of 1988 when the writing emphasis requirement was added to

the university core curriculum, said Joe Law, assistant director of the Writing Center.

The Writing Center staff consists of both faculty and students, Law said. Most of the student tutors are English majors from the Honors Program, he said.

Sirin Torpis, a senior English major, has worked as a tutor in the Writing Center for two years.

She said when students come to the Writing Center, she sits down with them and either reads their papers and makes suggestions or has the students read their papers to her. She said a five-page paper takes between 30 and 45 minutes to discuss.

Law said students came to the Writing Center for help 8,000 times last year.

He said the Writing Center is open to all students, not just English majors.

He also said the Writing Center can help students with job application letters and creative writing endeavors.

Carrie Knowles, a junior modern dance and movement science major, said she visits the Writing Center three or four times a semester to work on various class projects.

She said the Writing Center staff is very helpful and friendly. She said she was surprised the first time she went to the Writing Center because the help she received was so interactive.

"It's here. It's available. It's an entirely voluntary system," Law said. "It would be silly not to take advantage of it."

The Writing Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and is located in the Rickel Building Room 100.

## Taiwan from page 5

its way into the 1960 American presidential race: The candidates, Vice President Richard Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy, clashed on whether U.S. military help was needed to defend the island from the Communists.

China and Taiwan continued to sporadically fire ammunition and shells packed with propaganda leaflets until 1979. Since the late 1980s, trade has replaced saber-rattling between China and Taiwan

until last June.

Then Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui visited the United States. China interpreted that as a move to make Taiwan independent, and the missile tests began.

In recent weeks, a flood of reports about Chinese plans for large-scale war games in Fujian Province have kept nerves on edge.

While Taipei's stock market has plunged and some Taiwanese are moving their money abroad in case of war, people on Quemoy say they aren't afraid of China.

"We are not afraid of the mainland's military maneuvers at all,

because we all have been through wars before," said Tsai Cheng-chih, an island official.

Many residents have vivid memories of the 1958 bombardment, when they hid out for days in basements and tunnels.

The military has shown signs of trying to prevent isolated incidents from getting out of hand. It is less inclined to fire on Chinese fishing boats that intrude into Taiwanese waters.

Today, the islanders' main gripe is that the tension is cutting into their unauthorized but thriving trade with China.

Chang Ming-hsueh, a 28-year-old

seafood vendor, says she now gets fish only twice a week from Chinese fishermen, instead of daily. The price of crab meat has risen ten-fold.

Quemoy was a closed military area until recently. Martial law was only lifted in 1992, five years after it was in the rest of Taiwan. The island bristled with heavy guns and the beaches were strewn with mines, which still pose a hazard.

"We grew up on a battlefield. I don't want other people to go through that again," said Hu, the travel agent. "We hope both sides can have peace so that Quemoy can have hope."

## Mexico from page 5

sion, showing police rushing down from hideouts in surrounding hills and firing on unarmed peasants.

A videotape shown to investigators had been altered, the National Human Rights Commission declared last year.

Police claim they fired in self-defense after peasants attacked them with machetes.

The mayor of Atoyac de Alvarez, Maria de la Luz Nunez Ramos, reported getting a call from the government on the eve of the killings saying the demonstration must be stopped "at any cost." She also said the governor called her on the telephone two hours after the massacre.

Forty-three police and government officials are being prosecuted in the case.

The western Guerrero state is one of Mexico's most violent, and Mexican army troops increased their presence there after a peasant rebellion in the southern state of Chiapas. It was a stronghold of Mexican revolutionary movements in the 1970s.

## Ways from page 7

picked three months ago to finish fourth in the SWC, rose from the ashes of a tough December to battle Texas Tech for the final championship and enter this week's Dr Pepper SWC Classic as the No. 1 seed.

"Jody has done a great job with this team," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "There's no question they really fought through some adversity. No team in the country could have survived the injuries and inexperience they had last year. She's done a great job of putting together a really special season."

It has been that for Conrad. "It has been huge," she said. "Personally, this is 20 seasons. The first 15 of those the University of Texas dominated. We went 12 years with-

out losing to a conference school. That was such an incredible run that it's hard for me to imagine now that's in distant history.

"So to come back and have an opportunity to put one final stamp on this conference for this program through a very special group of young women is something that is really special."

There have been many special seasons for teams in a league that, other than the Pacific-10 (Southern California 1983-84, Stanford 1990), is the only one to boast two NCAA national-championship teams: Texas' 34-0 team in 1986 and Tech's Sheryl Swoopes-led titlists in 1993.

"This is a conference that has come from what might have been the worst starting out to absolutely one of the best in the country," Conrad said.

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