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Businesspeople, school officials discuss fine arts' future

BY NEELIMA ATLURU
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Members of the TCU Fine Arts Board of Visitors and the Fort Worth business community came together Thursday night for a Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" program.

The program, held at the Kimbell Art Museum, was designed to promote TCU's fine arts programs.

Ron Moore, chairman of the Fine Arts Board of Visitors, said the 18-member board formed about a year-and-a-half ago to pro-

mote the visibility of TCU's fine arts department locally and nationally.

Approximately one-sixth of the students at TCU are in the fine arts department, Moore said.

"We've developed a seven-page strategic plan to provide a sounding board and resource board for Dean (Robert) Garwell," he said. "And we want to make the community aware of some of the centers of excellence at TCU."

He said one of these centers is an intensive piano training program for students from all over the world who are taught by former Van

Cliburn winners.

Moore said there are currently 32 TCU piano majors from 16 different countries.

Another "center of excellence" in the fine arts program is the ballet and modern dance department. The TCU bachelor of arts degree in ballet, established in 1949, was the first in the United States.

Moore said the last "center of excellence" is the new F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Performing Arts Center. This state-of-the-art center will include a theater and a recital hall, Moore said.

"When it is completed, there will be no

finer acoustic hall in the country," he said.

Robert Garwell, dean of the college of fine arts and communications, said Thursday night was a memorable event.

"We connected with the community side of the college," he said. "This shows that TCU is well-thought of in the community."

"Business After Hours" is a monthly event sponsored by the Chamber and is held the first Thursday of the month. It involves the business community in the cultural aspects of Fort Worth.

Approximately 500 members attended the event, which was co-hosted by Southwestern

Bell Telephone.

Ted Pillsbury, director of the Kimbell Art Museum and a member of the Fine Arts Board of Visitors, said the event is a place for culture and commerce to combine for the common good of the community.

"It's a place to informally meet the other members of the museum and to invite others who share their interest in the fine arts," he said.

At events like "Business After Hours," business is conducted on a social level, said

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Students sample global cuisine at Taste of the World, a Thursday event for International Week.

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TCU seeks boost to academic rep

Committee hopes for better rankings

BY NATALIE GARDNER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A better student evaluation process is a crucial aspect of TCU's overall goal to create a national presence for TCU's academic community, said Nowell Donovan, chairman of the geology department and the university's Institutional Effectiveness Committee.

"These evaluations are a key component to the whole thing," Donovan said. "We are supposed to be the transmitters of knowledge. These tell us how effectively we are doing that. It tells you what you, the students, are getting for your bucks."

If individual courses are graded poorly by student standards, then faculty members aren't living up to TCU's academic excellence standards, Donovan said.

Thursday the Faculty Senate focused on new developments in the student evaluation process and various avenues that will be taken to

meet the standards for university accreditation set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Arthur Busbey, an associate professor of geology and chairman of the university's evaluation committee, and Larry Kitchens, director of instructional services, presented current projects to the Faculty Senate.

The committee's projects include recommendations to change the structure and nature of the current instructional evaluation forms, improvements to the format and content of the evaluation sheets that are returned to instructors and a handbook for teaching faculty that will provide useful guidelines for assessing and improving instructional techniques.

The forms that are currently used to evaluate teaching are frequently based on content area and not on the style of instruction, Busbey said.

Proposed evaluation forms will be

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Safe Break begins week of awareness

Students encouraged to act responsibly

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Many students think of Spring Break as a week-long party, but Programming Council and Alcohol and Drug Education are encouraging students to be responsible by sponsoring Safe Break 1996.

Safe Break starts today, and will continue next week with several educational and fun programs. The week is also sponsored by Students Reaching Out and Campus Police.

"Safe Break is a long-running tradition that encourages students to act responsibly over Spring Break," said Stoney White, Safe Break chairman and coordinator.

White said Safe Break will highlight three areas: self-defense, alcohol responsibility and safe sex.

The Rape Aggression Defense program will be promoting its services at the kickoff at noon today in the Student Center Lounge.

Mocktails will be served at two movie screenings in the Student Center

Ballroom. "Clue" will be shown at 9 p.m. tonight and "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be shown at 9 p.m. Saturday.

On Monday and Tuesday, students can pledge not to drink and drive by handprinting butcher paper from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

"It is unlikely that students won't drink during Spring Break, but we want them to do so responsibly," White said.

Safe sex will be the subject of two events during Safe Break.

"Let's Chalk About Sex" will be held from noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Frog Fountain. Condoms and sex safety information will be distributed.

Some might think the university would not approve of condom distribution. However, White said that the administration has been supportive.

"As long as information on how to use them properly is distributed with them, it is OK," he said.

Angie Taylor, director of Alcohol

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Susan Ducey, presidential candidate, spoke on the media's role in national campaigns Thursday in a journalism class.

Presidential long-shot visits journalism class

BY JILL TAYLOR
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Susan Ducey does not have the same name recognition or financial resources as Sen. Bob Dole, Pat Buchanan or Steve Forbes.

But Ducey, like Dole, Buchanan and Forbes, is running for the Republican presidential nomination. On Thursday, she spoke in an introductory journalism class about her struggle to be recognized by the news

media as a viable candidate for office.

Ducey, 42, said she is campaigning with a grass roots perspective, emphasizing her valuable representative role as "An Ordinary American" in campaign literature.

Ducey is a nurse, a sign language interpreter and a home schooler educated at Seattle Central Community College and Highline Community

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KTCU revamps format with more sports

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For 12 years, Rosemary Solomons, classical music coordinator for KTCU, has hosted "Classical Excursions" at 2 p.m. on KTCU. However, this tradition ended Thursday when her show was moved to 10 a.m. due to scheduling changes at the station.

KTCU 88.7 FM changed its schedule, effective Thursday, to accommodate a request made by

TCU administration to broadcast all baseball, basketball and football games.

Starting in the fall, all games will be on the air. Teresa Hale, program manager for the station and a senior radio-TV-film major, said that the new format will allow the KTCU sports broadcasters to work in more capacities.

Station Manager Andy Haskett said he thinks that more sports broadcasts will benefit the station. "When you are not an all-sports station, then sports spices things up," Haskett said. "Even

though it interrupts regular programming, it is special."

Although Solomons' show has been moved, her new time slot is one that will not be affected by sports or other radio shows. Her former afternoon show would have come into conflict with certain sports broadcasts during games.

"She's in a more protected spot that would never come in conflict (with games)," Hale said.

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News Digest

Clinton buys first campaign ad

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's first re-election television ad begins airing Friday, his campaign said today.

Officials said the ads will run in Ohio, Michigan and other states key to his re-election effort.

The announcement came two days after Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole cemented his front-runner status with an eight-state primary sweep. The president has about \$20 million in his campaign treasury to spend before the Democratic convention; Dole will be nearly broke after the GOP primary season is over.

House agrees on regulation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats and Republicans agreed today to a major rewrite of a bill deregulating the financial markets, officials said.

The bipartisan agreement drops some of the most controversial elements of the legislation, sponsored by Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas.

The compromise was forged in extensive negotiations between Fields, chairman of the telecommunications and finance subcommittee, and the panel's ranking Democrat, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

Gov't: air bags have killed kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's auto safety agency said today that 15 children have been killed by air bags in car crashes. Most of the children did not wear seat belts or did not use them properly, the government said.

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, also testified before a Senate committee that air bags have saved more than 900 lives since 1987.

House passes debt ceiling bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving to sidestep a new budget clash with the White House, the House approved a bill today to temporarily avoid a federal default.

The House voted 362-51 to extend federal borrowing authority through March 29.

Without the extension, the government's debt ceiling could be breached on March 15. The measure now moves to the Senate.

Republicans are seeking the extension to decide what pieces of their budget-cutting agenda to put on a longer-term debt-ceiling extension that President Clinton wants.

Circuit fails aboard shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A critical computer circuit aboard the space shuttle failed today, prompting NASA to rush a team to the backup landing site in California — just in case.

The crew was not in danger, and unless more computer circuits fail, Columbia should land safely.

Mission Control told the astronauts to aim for a Kennedy Space Center touchdown as planned Friday morning. If the weather turns out to be as bad as forecast, they should expect to go to Edwards Air Force Base.

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

TCU TRIANGLE'S Sunday meeting has been cancelled.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS' spring picnic will be Saturday. Meet at 12:45 p.m. in front of the Student Center and bring your own lunch. Call Andrea at 263-4687.

A WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Mod-

ern Dance and Ballet Building Studio B. The three-hour Aikido workshop is \$15 for students and \$20 for non-students. Call Extended Education at 921-7130.

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

PSI CHI, the national honor society for psychology, is having its spring membership drive. Applications are available on the bulletin board next to the psychology office in Winton-Scott Hall. Applications are due by March 15.

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.

ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center 211.

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

TCU UNIVERSITY CHAPEL is at noon Wednesdays at Robert Carr Chapel. All students are welcome.

CRIME WATCH meets at noon the second Tuesday of each month in Student Center Room 203.

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 Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



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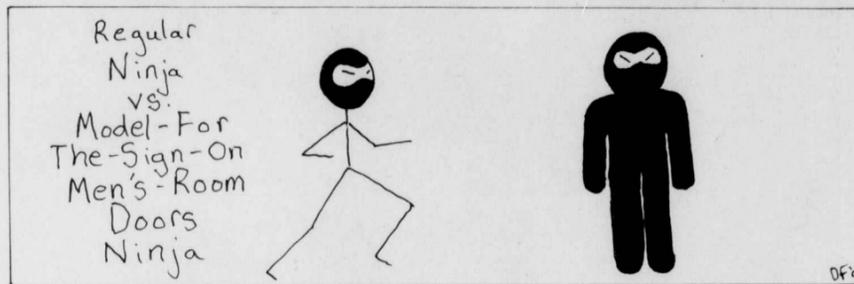
Did you go to the Women's Symposium?

	YES	NO
WOMEN	12	38
MEN	5	45

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

Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



Senate

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based on the type of class rather than the content area. For example, all large lecture classes over the entire university would use the same type of form, he said.

These forms will enable administrators to compare instructors across all academic units, not just in each department, Busbey said.

The proposed forms would contain four blank bubbles that the instructors or departments could use to create their own questions for students. The questions would be known only to the instructors and/or departments, he said.

"We're going to have public meetings to run through the prototype forms we have for the different kinds of classes, to get people's feedback on the kind of questions we're asking on the forms," Busbey said.

Kathleen Martin, a professor of education, said the committee needs to look closely at the purpose of the evaluation system. She said the evaluations are an important component for tenure promotion, pay raises and comparing faculty in the department.

Kitchens said evaluations need to be examined carefully since the forms reveal students' perceptions of the instructors. He said instructors can also conduct their own course evaluation by asking students more open-ended questions midway through the semester.

Donovan said his concern and that of many students, is that the section for personal comments is only viewed by instructors and not required to be

shown to department chairpeople. "Students are rather miffed about that, to put it mildly," he said. "I see a lot of comments written in third person."

Students think their evaluations are going straight to the department chairpeople, so they write that their "professor does this or does that," Donovan said.

Several Faculty Senators said their departments' faculty members were good about showing evaluation comments to department chairpeople.

"The majority of (religion) faculty give their comments to the chair," said Andrew Fort, an associate professor of religion. "If you don't, it's a little bit of a strike against you. Departments handle it differently. I know I'm much more interested with what is on the back of the form."

The Faculty Senate also heard reports from Donovan on steps taken to advance TCU's academic excellence image across the country.

TCU's endowment is in the top 50 among colleges, but its academic excellence image is ranked in the mid-200s. One of the main goals of Chancellor William E. Tucker and university administrators is to market TCU's academics, not just its athletics.

Donovan's committee will help establish and promote nationally the university's "centers of excellence." Departments such as ranch management are already considered a center of excellence, since the department is ranked number one in the country, he said.

Donovan said centers of excellence could be developed within particular departments or schools, such as piano in the music department, or communi-

cations in the School of Business.

The committee is also discussing creating a Committee of 100 for Academics, modeled after the athletic department's Committee of 100.

Donovan said other suggestions include making massive improvements to the Honors Program, offering more international experiences for students and renovating dorms to create more of an academic focus.

"We plan to take a long-term look at things, try to picture where TCU will be in 2010," Donovan said. "We have to aggressively market TCU because we are in competition with other schools to attract quality students and faculty. We want to get the best quality people and be known across the nation."

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Janet Wilhite, a Chamber of Commerce member.

Wilhite, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, said TCU and the Chamber have a mutually beneficial relationship.

"We feel like TCU is our home school because it's in Fort Worth," she said. "We're always supportive of TCU and vice versa."

Deanna Hailey, another Chamber member, said the Chamber tries to expose their 3,800 members to a little bit of everything. She said University Park and the Osteopathic Medical College of Texas are future sites of "Business After Hours" events.

Weather Watch

Today will be mostly sunny and cold, with a high of 49 and a low of 25.

Saturday will be partly cloudy and warmer with a high of 55 and a low of 28. Sunday will also be partly cloudy with a high of 63 and a low of 34.

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■ Laura Potter

Stress reducers prove ineffectual

Here's some astonishing news... college is stressful. If you look up stress in a thesaurus, you'll find it's synonymous with college. If you don't know this — where have you been?

Since everyone is aware that college is stress, and since they are all positive that they have "the answer," we have a plethora of stress management techniques floating around. Surprisingly, NONE of them work! While they might work for that particular individual, it's my guess that individual isn't under any stress in the first place.

Seriously, have you ever tried these suggestions?

I was once given the advice to buy a tape with whale sounds and when I became stressed, to close my eyes and play the tape. Let me tell you, listening to a bunch of screeching whales is ever so relaxing. It's like having a bunch of little kids in your room alternately complaining in whiny voices.

Besides the fact that you are cringing with each new whale bellow, you're not getting the work done which was giving you the stress in the first place.

What about the suggestion you should only worry about one thing at a time? Yes, well... REALITY CHECK! We don't choose what we worry about. Telling a college student not to worry is like ordering her/him

not to breathe.

You can't just decide, "Hum... today is Monday. I think I shall worry about my VISA bill today. The car payment, rent check, English paper, math exam and history research paper will just have to wait until tomorrow." (Never mind the fact they were all supposed to be finished or paid for yesterday.)

Someone once told me that to help reduce stress in my life, I should try to eliminate the situation that gave the most stress. I imagine this sort of thing would work, except for the small problem that you go to jail for killing professors. (Yeah, so you might get out after three or four days, but still...)

Recently, the *Skiff* printed an article in which someone said she reduced stress by studying for one class while sitting in another. That's a fabulous advice if you can do more than one cognitive task at once, unlike everyone else in the world.

What about the suggestion you read over your notes while you're driving? Now that has got to be completely safe. "I'm sorry officer. I didn't mean to run over that little ol' lady and her seeing eye dog, but I was studying my chemistry notes. You see I have this test..."

The truth is most people are on their own, doomed to experience stress without relief. Because honestly, the

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real means to eliminate stress are beyond our means of control.

We can't quit college, since we will be qualified to do everything in our field with our

degrees, but end up flipping hamburgers.

We can't choose which courses we want to study for, since every single one of them affects our GPA. We can't kill our roommates because the 4.0-guaranteed-if-your-roommate-dies-thing is just a myth.

My suggestion: give up, run while you can, run far, far away to the deepest, darkest part of the earth where no one will find you. Escape the madness. Of course, I've heard that worrying about large carnivorous predators can be stressful too...

Laura Potter is a senior English major, who really doesn't look like the picture in the *Skiff*, honest.



■ John Lamberth

Technology advances; instructions get left out

We live in an age where technology runs amok, destroying everything in its path, a veritable Godzilla. And just like Godzilla, modern technology can either be a big help, or it will smash you all flat and ruin your model train set.

Speaking of Godzilla, that reminds me of the Japanese, the big shots in technology. They apparently have nothing better to do than to create these monstrosities of technology. These evil electronic wizards create all sorts of nifty devices to make our lives easier/more complicated, such as my Sony 5-disc changer. Yes, this neat little machine is truly the pinnacle of technology.

Now, if you're like me (let's hope not), you probably buy some gadget and start using it without reading the instructions first. And that is exactly what I did three years ago when I got this machine. I set it up and started using it without reading about it. The instruction manual ended up in a box somewhere.

Well, recently, I found the tech manual in the very same box I had stuffed it in. Since I was bored, I started skimming through the manual. (Besides, without Calvin and Hobbes or The Far Side, there just ain't no good literature out there.)

Most of the manual contained things I already had figured out for myself. There were a couple of functions I read about that I didn't know about. Of course, they were so bizarre I couldn't figure out why I would want to use them anyway. Then I came to the last page which was the "Troubleshooting Guide."

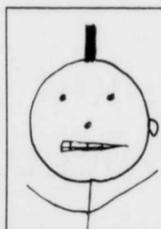
After reading this page I am convinced of something: The Japanese must think we are complete idiots.

The page has a nice little box with three columns in it. The first column is the "Trouble" column, the second is the "Causes" section, and last comes the "Remedy." I read through each of these and discovered that this box is a complete waste of space.

It starts off with the trouble being "No audio from one or both channels." Sure, I've had this problem before; this might be useful. The cause for this problem is listed as "Incorrect operation of the amplifier." Well, that makes sense, O wise and all knowing Troubleshooting Guide, but how do I fix the problem? The "Remedy" for this particular problem is "Operate Correctly." Well, DUH! If you really needed to go to the Help page for this, then 1) you are too stupid to have a CD player in the first place and 2) you aren't going to get any real help here at all.

There are multiple causes of the second trou-

The Dark Side Beckons



ble on the chart, "Play does not begin." The first is "No disc in the compartment." The absolutely mind-boggling brilliant remedy for this is strangely enough, "Put disc in the compartment." Well, why didn't I think of that?! And here I thought that the CD

player made the music all by itself.

In the next section, we find help if the "Remote commander does not operate the unit." For those of you who don't speak that hi-tech talk, the remote commander is also known as... the remote control. Anyway, my favorite problem-solution combo here is "There is an obstacle between the remote commander and the unit" so "Remove the obstacle."

Now possibly, somewhere in Africa, there is some guy in his tribal village who has just set up his brand new CD player but can't get his remote commander to function correctly. His lack of technological knowledge prevents him from deducing that the reason the remote commander doesn't work is that there is now a zebra between him and the CD player. Fortunately, he has the troubleshooting guide. Assuming that the guide is printed in his language, he can then discover the problem and make the zebra get out of the way. In this way, the troubleshooting guide is handy.

Here is the interactive section of today's column. Try and solve these problems:

1. The disc is set upside down.
2. The disc is extremely dirty.
3. The remote commander is not pointed at the remote control sensor.
4. The remote commander is too far away from the unit.

If you answered each of these problems with the absolute, most obvious, common sense answer, then you got it correct. If you weren't sure or just plain didn't know, then it is time to get rid of that 8-track, pal.

Meanwhile, the Japanese must be having a good laugh at us dumb Americans.

John Lamberth is a junior RTVF major from Arlington, who is still amazed by fire, sliced bread and the wheel.

Media coverage

Numerous candidates can't expect equal time

Thursday, a Republican presidential candidate visited our campus. Susan Ducey is a nurse and mother of two from Pennsylvania who has set her sights on the nation's highest office. She spoke to a class about the difficulty her campaign has had getting off the ground.

Ducey said she has become frustrated because the media is not taking her candidacy seriously for a couple of reasons. For one, she doesn't have the money to execute a widespread campaign. She also has no political experience, which she said is one reason she is being ignored.

There are approximately 150 people like Ducey. They are legitimately on the presidential ballot, and they come from all parties and genders. If each of them were given equal press coverage, the news would last until 3 a.m., and the newspa-

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pers would be too heavy to lift.

The only answer is for voters not to rely strictly on the commercial media if they want to be educated about all 150 candidates. It takes research to be truly educated about all facets of a presidential campaign. The public may want to sit like zombies in front of a TV and be spoon-fed all the information it needs, but it won't happen.

With the exception of Steve Forbes, who has vast personal wealth, candidates have to rely on a broad base of supporters to give them contributions. Broad support plus money equals media attention.

If people care enough to vote, they should care enough to research their decision carefully — and not rely solely on media coverage that is limited by both space and time.

■ Cheap shots, Mr. Turney

Well, Mr. Bob Turney, despite the fact I think you wrote this article for the purpose of receiving attention that you are obviously lacking, I will provide you with a response. Let me begin by saying I am not a feminist. I will have to agree with you in some areas.

There aren't many women who love Tiffany, Debbie Gibson or Samantha Fox. We all know their

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music was terrible and their ten seconds of fame left us nothing of worth. Courtney Love is not one we would defend and neither Traci Lords, Tori Spelling, Shannen Doherty nor Cindy Crawford are particularly good actresses. In other words, your attempts at "chick bashing" are really cheap shots. I could stoop that low and name embarrassments to the male

gender such as Rico Suave, Milli Vanilli, Jason Priestley and Rob Lowe, but I won't waste my breath. Instead, I will use this opportunity to name a few women that you have so conveniently left out.

Despite your political beliefs, Hillary Clinton is a perfect example of a strong, successful woman. Her only obstacle is her husband Bill. Other political leaders include the late

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■ Scott Barzilla

Passing judgment not a Christian action

This country is suffering from a disease, a disease that threatens to engulf us all if we aren't watching. This disease is known as judgment.

From the halls of Congress to the airwaves. From the campaign trail to right here in Fort Worth, judgment is spreading like the plague.

It's been rumored recently that *Skiff* columnists are flaming liberals who have no respect for God or their fellow man and want to destroy everything which is good, righteous and pure.

Then, another example appeared in the staff editorial which talked about a school district in Merrimack, N.H., that has decided to prohibit alternative lifestyle instruction. Any story authored by a gay person is censored. AIDS instruction has ceased since they believe that only homosexuals get AIDS.

It is important to understand that I am not attacking the people who start or believe these rumors or the school district

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who made the decision. They are certainly entitled to their opinions, but the problem comes in their intolerance of other schools of thought.

In my two years as a columnist and my one semester as the Opinion Editor, I have rarely ever been offended by those who disagree with me or the *Skiff*.

However, after being called an anti-God atheist, I felt I had to speak up. I am a 22-year-old Roman Catholic. I make mistakes, but I am fairly satisfied with the moral decisions I have made in my life so



far.

Hardly any columnist who writes a column has attempted to discount Christianity or God, but it's sometimes very difficult for some people to understand that there is room for variance, even among Christians.

Often times, when you ask a protector of "what is right and good" why they believe what they believe, they will answer with "because that is just the way it is."

When some of us suggest that there might be another way of viewing the subject then we are called moral relativists. Those who strike out against "moral relativism" are assuming that their way is the only "true" way. This causes them to judge others as wrong or evil.

When people say that homosexuals are sinners and therefore deny them the right to an equal and fair education, then I consider that to be a clear sign of judgment.

When people automatically assume that all "liberals" must be atheistic and anti-God, I consider that to be a clear sign of judgment.

It's sometimes difficult to remember that Jesus' life was spent spreading the good news of love, peace and tolerance. Tolerance in his day referred to the likes of the Gentiles, tax collectors, prostitutes and adulterers.

We should be able to tolerate homosexuals and (gasp!) even learn to love them. We should also be able to tolerate different religions and different views represented within Christianity.

It's important to understand that those of us who blast conservatives' views don't do so to promote what is "wrong" in society. We do so because we think that conservatives aren't promoting the Christian values we hold dear to our heart.

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Police Blotter

Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from March 1 to March 7:

ALCOHOL VIOLATION AND FORGERY

March 2: Police were dispatched to Milton-Daniel Hall in response to a received fake ID. A resident assistant found two students drinking beer and wine coolers. The RA made the students pour out the alcohol. The students had two 16-year-old girls drinking in the room. Parents were notified to pick up girls at Campus Police.

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

March 1: Police observed suspects in a campus parking lot. Suspects smelled of alcohol and admitted to drinking at an off-campus location. Neither of the suspects had been driving.

March 2: Three alcohol violations were given in the Worth Hills area between 6:30 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.

March 3: Police spotted a suspect with an open beer bottle in a car. Police noticed four other open beer bottles in the vehicle.

TRAFFIC

March 3: Police observed a white Pontiac Grand Prix driving the wrong way on Pond Drive. A driver's license report showed outstanding DPS warrants. Fort Worth police were notified and the suspect was taken into custody.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY

March 3: Police responded to a disturbance call at Colby Hall at 10:07 p.m. The RA on duty said a suspect entered the east door on the first floor and walked back to lobby. The RA told the suspect he needed an escort to enter. The suspect then ran down the east wing of the first floor and the RA could not find him.

THEFT

March 4: Student parked car at 9 p.m. in coliseum parking lot. Upon returning on March 5 at 4 p.m., student noticed four wheel covers missing from her car.

ILL STUDENT

March 5: A 911 call came in saying a student was down sick at the Student Center. Police found the student lying on his back in Sadler Mall. Two students had removed the food he was choking on during a diabetic seizure. Medstar and the Fort Worth Fire Department came to the scene. When the student was coherent, he refused to go to hospital.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

March 7: A man was approaching students on University Drive asking for money. Police issued a criminal trespass warning. The suspect claimed to be on parole for armed robbery.

Compiled by JENNIFER LONGLEY.

Bike race to benefit charity fund

By BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

On any ordinary March afternoon, the streets surrounding Frog Fountain are usually occupied by cars desperately pursuing parking places.

But for two hours today, Main Drive will be periodically closed to automobile traffic for the Tour de TCU bicycle race, sponsored by the International Student Association as part of International Week.

ISA wants all students with a love for bike riding to pay a \$3 fee for a day of fun and competition, said race organizer Laura McGregor.

The proceeds will benefit the United Nations Children's Fund.

Christian Faiz, vice president of ISA, said he expects students to rally behind the cause.

"We want to increase the attention of the children of the world," he said. "It's happening on campus (so), it should draw the attention of the students."

McGregor said the TCU bicycle police are also welcome to participate.

Although prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, ISA is hopeful that students will enter for the overall enjoyment of cycling, McGregor said.

The race will consist of several preliminary heats, each three laps around Frog Fountain on Main Campus Drive, with the top finishers advancing to the finals, said Rita Coddington, secretary of International Student Affairs.

McGregor said men and women will compete separately in each of the heats.

Campus police will reopen the street after each race to allow traffic to pass through from North

South and Stadium Drives.

International Week Chairwoman Patricia Endara said both fraternities and sororities will be vying for intramural points.

Despite the competition inherent in this internal contest, Endara said she hopes students will remember the intended purpose of the race.

"Most of all, we want to have the participation of all campus," she said. "By getting all students, we can help students all over the world."

Registration will begin shortly before the race, with the contestants gathering at 2:45 p.m. at Frog Fountain, Coddington said.

The festivities are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. and will conclude two hours later, Coddington said.

Among the prizes to be awarded are a poster-sized photo from Flash and a sweatshirt courtesy of The University Store, said McGregor.

Army ROTC sweats for fundraiser

By CHIP CALLEGARI
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The first annual Army ROTC Sweat Challenge was held at 6 p.m. Thursday in front of Frog Fountain to raise money for the cadet fund.

Participants raised money by receiving pledges for each push-up and sit-up they could do in three minutes.

Jeff Moehling, a senior nursing major, said, "This is a good way to raise money and to build teamwork among the cadets."

Sharon St. Clair, a junior nursing major and Sweat Challenge coordinator, said the ROTC plans to make over \$1,500 from the Sweat Challenge. They have been planning the program since February.

For three weeks, the cadets have gathered pledges from friends, faculty and family to donate a certain amount of money for each push-up or sit-up they could do in a three-minute period, she said. Donations ranged from two cents to 10 cents per calisthenic, St. Clair said.

The cadets now have two weeks to collect the money they raised.

"How much money you earn depends on how strong you are," Moehling said.

St. Clair said the ROTC program at TCU is totally self-sufficient and the Sweat Challenge is one of many fundraisers held throughout the year.

Other fund-raisers include Coke sales at the home football games and candy sales. Starting next fall, they will hold a silent auction that will be open to all students.

"Coke sales account for about one-fifth of what we'll make today," she said. "This should be our biggest fund-raiser next year."

"Each year we try to keep a \$2,000 legacy in the cadet fund, so we won't have to start from scratch each year," she said.

Eileen Weston, a junior nursing major and Sweat Challenge assistant coordinator, said the money raised from the Sweat Challenge will help pay for ROTC events and programs like the annual spring Military Ball and the annual fall Dining In, a military dinner that brings together

ROTC regiments from several universities.

St. Clair said the Army pays for some things like bus rides to and from weekend training sessions, rations, uniforms and equipment.

"Anything extra, any extra equipment, any social programs we have to pay for," she said.

Eric Kratzer, a senior neuroscience major, said "With the government budget crisis there is no allotment for the ROTC program to train people properly."

"This is one of many fund-raisers this corps is doing to raise money to train properly in order to maintain our high standards of excellence," he said.

The ROTC corps has won the Douglas McArthur Award two out of

the last five years, Kratzer said. This is an award given to the best corps in the nation, he said.

Weston said all juniors and seniors were required to participate in the Sweat Challenge. There were about 45 juniors and seniors and 10 underclassmen participating.

An alternate session was held Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for those who could not attend because of classes, jobs or other obligations, she said.

This is a practical way to raise money, because cadets do these calisthenics normally, Weston said.

"We do this three times a week and we are graded on it once a month," she said. "You can say it's like putting your money where your mouth is."

Fashion show to help underprivileged kids

By TONY COVER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Walking down the runway as a model is a dream for many young girls.

This weekend, a number of girls will get to live out that dream with the help of a few TCU sororities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Lambda Alpha sororities are volunteering their time Sunday to help underprivileged girls in the YWCA's annual AIM fashion show.

"AIM, which stands for Achievement, Ideas and Motivation, is a program for adolescent girls in the prevention of teenage pregnancy," said Benita Jones, director of the AIM program. "We work with girls from low-income areas such as public housing communities."

The models for the fashion show are volunteers from the above groups, Jones said.

The majority of the fashion show's clothing for the past three years has

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Aikido course offered to women

BY TONY COVER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Office of Extended Education is offering the fourth in a series of women's self-defense seminars this weekend for TCU students.

The workshop is taught by Lynn Fabia, a top ranking female Aikido instructor in Texas.

"Aikido is distinguished from other martial arts by its fluidity and freedom of movement," Fabia said. "The basic concept is blending and using the attacker's energy against himself."

"We teach you not to fight resistance, and that's what makes it easier for women," she said.

Fabia said one of the most important things she teaches her students is awareness.

"Teaching them to walk with awareness," she said. "Being quieter in their movements, both physically and mentally, so they can hear what's happening around them."

She said she also teaches the students to remain calm and relaxed in a bad situation.

"If you get nervous or uptight

and something happens, you're not able to function," she said.

Fabia said the movements taught in Aikido are simple and basic and cater to women.

"They'll definitely get something out of the workshop," she said.

"From what to do if somebody grabs you from behind, to what to do if you're wrestled to the ground."

Fabia said that no woman can afford not to be prepared for such an attack.

"Most people take serious things too lightly," she said. "They always think that it won't happen to them and that's the worst thing that they can think."

"They have to live more defensively because society has changed so much," she said.

Fabia, who has been described as a pioneer in women's Aikido, said she started teaching because there were few women involved in the art.

"Since martial arts have always been thought of as a man's type of training, I wanted to help teach women separately," she said.

"Most people take serious things too lightly. They always think that it won't happen to them and that's the worst thing that they can think."

LYNN FABIA,
Aikido instructor

"Maybe they would feel more comfortable having a female instructor and being supported by other women, instead of being intimidated by an all-male class."

Fabia has been teaching women's Aikido classes for six years throughout the North Texas area and recently travelled to Tennessee to teach a seminar.

Susan Roberts, a professor of modern dance and a student of Fabia, said she became involved in Aikido because of today's unpredictable society.

"I think as a woman, one of my

greatest fears is that I'll find myself in a situation that's both dangerous and life-threatening," Roberts said. "I have no idea what I'd really be like in an attack."

"But I've done a lot of her workshops and I have a whole lot more knowledge than I had a year ago to help me in such a situation," Roberts said.

Fabia said the response has been excellent from the women who have taken her workshop.

"I let them know that when they come to class to relax and enjoy themselves because that accelerates the learning process," Fabia said. "But I don't want them to forget why they're here because it's a very serious subject. These moves can save their life."

The Aikido workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the TCU Ballet and Modern Dance Building in Studio B.

The workshop costs \$15. Students can advance register through 5 p.m. today by calling the Office of Extended Education at ext. 7130. Students may also register at the door.

Safe Break Events

Mar. 8 - Kickoff 12 p.m. SC Lounge - Get a "Clue" 9 p.m. SC Ballroom	Mar. 9 - Mocktails & Mockingbirds 9 p.m. SC Ballroom	Mar. 10 - Peer	Educator Training 11 a.m. Rickel, Room TBA Mar. 11 - Handprints 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SC Hallway Mar. 12 - Handprints 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	SC Hallway Mar. 13 - Let's Chalk about Sex 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Frog Fountain Mar. 14 - Sex Talk with Angie 12 p.m. SC Ballroom
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and Drug Education, will host a frank and open discussion about sex issues at noon Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom.

"Historically, Spring Break is seen as a time to party the whole week," Taylor said. "We want to remind students of the negative consequences that go along with the overconsumption of alcohol."

Taylor said these negative consequences include acquaintance rape and alcohol poisoning, and hopes Safe Break will remind students of these consequences.

"Getting drunk increases the odds of being a victim of crime," Taylor said. "We don't want this to happen to TCU students."

White said peer educator training will also take place during Safe

Break. This is an opportunity for students to be trained as peer educators at no cost. Alcohol and Drug Education will pay for this course.

The students who take part in this will have the opportunity to go to a conference at Baylor University in April, he said.

The program is part of the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness, she said. This program is sponsored by the Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, she said.

White said the executive committee of Students Reaching Out has been planning Safe Break for about two months.

"We re-evaluated how to do the week to best communicate responsible behavior to the student body," he said.

Students Reaching Out worked with Hyperfrogs, ROAD Workers and Peer Educators while planning Safe Break, he said.

Ducey from page 1

College in Washington state. The 1996 presidential campaign is her first involvement in the political arena.

Ducey is one of 177 lesser-known "additional candidates," according to a list compiled by PoliticsUSA, an organization that maintains a World Wide Web site for political news, resources and involvement.

A self-described conservative Republican, Ducey explained the difficulties regular citizens face when they go about doing what the U.S. Constitution allows them to do — run for the top job in the land.

"I am not a politician, and that makes it very difficult to get media coverage," Ducey said. "News is only news if one or two important people want it to be."

She said the lack of media coverage has kept her from being listed as a candidate on several states' primary ballots. She listed California, New York, Florida and Georgia as states that make it particularly hard to "break into" their primaries without sufficient media coverage.

Ducey said the media's continuing refusal to give her campaign attention made her feel like a "phantom candidate," but she firmly maintained her position as a viable candidate.

"Phil Gramm was considered a viable candidate, and he's gone. I am not considered a viable candidate (by the media), but I'm still here," Ducey said.

Tommy Thomason, an associate professor of journalism, counters that the media does not in fact conspire against the 177 lesser-known candidates.

"Journalists aren't trying to keep ideas out," he said.

"There's a finite and dwindling news hole, so what goes in the paper is what newspapers have room to cover. Newspapers are only going to

cover people in the presidential race who actually might get elected," Thomason said.

Ducey was on the ballot in the New Hampshire and Arizona primaries. No delegates committed to Ducey, but she got 125 popular votes in New Hampshire and 550 in Arizona.

Several students questioned Ducey's lack of political experience and her ability to be an effective president, but Ducey explained that she meets all the constitutional requirements for candidacy.

She also said she has gained knowledge of what the position requires by extensively studying the U.S. Constitution and regularly watching the C-SPAN Congressional television network.

She said political experience should disqualify people, rather than qualify them for the presidency, since she thinks politics removes people from the lives of average citizens.

In response to a student's question, Ducey presented her ideal vision of the candidacy process.

"All serious contenders should be invited and allowed to speak (at debates). Someone has to break through and be recognized by people."

Babbili said Ducey contacted the journalism department last week to schedule a speech about the media's role in the presidential campaign. He said he presented Ducey's position as a learning experience for his journalism students.

"My intent was to demonstrate the difficulties in running a presidential campaign, especially if you're marginalized in American society."

"I wanted to make students think critically about who grants you the legitimacy of being a viable candidate."

"The political parties and the media determine legitimacy and credibility of potential candidates. If you don't have the support either of your party or of the media, you've got problems," Babbili said.

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Nathan Lane (left) Hank Azaria (center) and Robin Williams (right) star in the new comedy "The Birdcage," a remake of the French film "La Cage aux Folles."

Photo courtesy of United Artists

Williams shines in remade role

'Homeward Bound II' formula; Iranian children's tale delights

"The Birdcage" (R)

Robin Williams and Gene Hackman star in "The Birdcage," a remake of the popular French comedy "La Cage aux Folles."

Williams plays Armand Goldman, a gay nightclub owner whose live-in companion, Albert (Nathan Lane) is a part-time drag queen and star of the show at the club.

Together they raise Armand's 22-year-old son Val (Dan Futterman) into a responsible adult.

Val announces his plans to marry Barbara (Calista Flockhart), the daughter of very conservative U.S. Senator Keeley (Hackman). Naturally, Senator Keeley and his wife Louise (Dianne Wiest) would like to meet Val and his family.

But Val and Barbara have lied to Barbara's parents about Val's real family — claiming they are a wholesome husband and wife with solid conservative values.

So Val and Armand must straighten up for the Keeleys' arrival. They have to remove Armand's artwork, furniture and clothes — and

Albert. So they call up Val's actual mother (Christine Baranski), whom he has not seen since birth, to act as his mother.

They also have to teach their butler (Hank Azaria) how to deal with wearing a suit and shoes. But as time grows shorter and the list of problems grows larger, comic circumstances are certain to ensue.

"The Birdcage" manages to keep up a hectic pace without compromising solid emotional acting. Williams leads the way with an excellent restrained performance. He is able to play a diverse character with just the right amount of sass and seriousness. The touching moments contrast nicely with the scenes of confusing mayhem.

Lane is also fine as the cross-dressing Albert. Best known as the voice of Timon in "The Lion King," this could be his breakthrough role. His obvious enthusiasm for his character is infectious.

Hackman and Wiest perform

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'Lucy' fails to live up to potential

"If Lucy Fell" (R)

Lucy Ackerman (Sarah Jessica Parker) and her best friend Joe MacGonaghill (Eric Schaeffer) made a death pact that requires them to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge if they don't find love before turning 30.

And since the previews don't depict a horror film, guess what happens?

They both realize that "death pact day" (how poetic) is a month away. Joe tells Lucy that she has to go out with anyone who asks — which means Bwick. (Ben Stiller) a bizarre yet oddly sweet painter. Lucy states that Joe must finally tell Jane (Elle Macpherson) how he has been obsessing about her for the past five years.

With prospects like these, it's either love or the Bridge for these two.

Predictable? Oh yeah. Funny? At times. Great film? No way.

The overzealous Schaeffer (who wrote and directed this movie) has created the typical friends-turned-lovers scenario (don't act so shocked) with a gratuitous amount of himself and not much else.

Except Macpherson, who is hypnotically beautiful, until she attempts to act. She plays the idyllic dream woman in the film and shouldn't be allowed to speak.

Parker is great as the conventionally flippant Lucy who puts her prospective mates through such rigors as the "hug test" and the "will-you-drink-my-spit-test." (Very few pass the second test; wonder why?) She is a therapist who tries to help people more screwed-up than she is and her techniques are hilarious.

There are many, many loose ends in this film. Schaeffer seems to say, "less plot... more Elle." And while most of you testosterone-influenced viewers might agree, it just makes the movie more and more hard to believe.

Another gripe is that the film seems centered around the repetitious sad music of "Marry Me Jane." The movie becomes a 93 minute video for

the band's whiny songs.

This film could have been so much more... but it's not. The script needs

submarine of his very own.

The Naval brass get together and want Dodge to helm a rusty World

female love-interest Emily (Lauren Holly), Hitler's love child, Marty Pascal (Rob Schneider), the slobbish cook Buckman (Ken Hudson Campbell), and Nitro (Toby Huss), the frazzled electrician who uses his body as a conductor.

Not only is the script bad, but the acting is atrocious. This film is all that "Stripes" isn't. And I think that some of the scenes are still on the cutting-room floor because a lot of the film sequences just don't make sense.

But that would be redundant considering the film. Stay at home and watch your aquarium for about an hour — it'll be just as exciting.

Grade: D

"French Twist" (R)

This is a great example of a love triangle... with a French twist.

Loli (Victoria Abril) is a sexy neglected housewife who's husband Laurent (Alain Chabat) runs around with any and every female he can find.

One day, while Laurent is away, a psychedelic van breaks down in front of their house and out steps the brutish yet tenderhearted Marijo (Josiane Balasko). The lives of the couple will never be the same.

This a raucous riot of a comedy has the perfect revenge for a cheating husband — cheat on him with someone with whom he can't compete.

Cheat on him with a woman. Sure, it's brash and bold, but it's hilarious. This film has more twists than a pretzel and I really can't say much more than just see it for yourself.

The acting isn't the best but the script and plot are so original and shocking that it doesn't seem to matter.

Even through all the eroticism and various sexual partners, the film focuses on love, true love, and what some people will go through to get it. Need a refreshing change from Hollywood and a shock or two? See this film and gain new appreciation for French movies.

Grade: B+



Photo courtesy of TriStar Pictures

Eric Schaeffer and Sarah Jessica Parker star as two friends who make a death pact if they don't find love by their 30th birthday in the new comedy, "If Lucy Fell."

better dialogue, the characters need more development, and you have better things to do with your time.

Grade: C

"Down Periscope" (PG-13)

If you've seen the previews, you've seen the movie.

Thomas Dodge (Kelsey Grammer) is a wacky Navy Lt. Commander who dreams of having a nuclear

War II diesel-fueled sub against their modern subs in a tactile series of war games.

Admiral Graham (Bruce Dern) harbors hatred for Dodge and assigns him a crew of misfits and losers — but if Dodge can defeat the Navy's modern subs, he'll get to command a new nuclear submarine. Can't you just feel the tension?

Among the crew are the gratuitous

Where to Play March

8 Friday. Concert — The Kentucky Headhunters will be performing at Billy Bob's Texas at 10:30 p.m. Reserved seats are \$9.50. General admission is \$6.50. Call 589-1711.

Movie — Programming Council presents "Clue," as part of Safe Break. Showtime is 9 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free.

Comedy — Beth Donahue and Butch Lord will be headlining at Hyena's Comedy Club. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 and there is a two drink minimum.

9 Saturday. Movie — "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be playing at 9 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free.

Concert — Baboon will be performing at 8 p.m. at Dog Star Cafe. Call 924-1446.

10 Sunday. Concert — The TCU Concert Chorale will perform at 3 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Admission is free.

★ Todd Jorgenson "THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY"



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The Force becomes new collector's item

By JOHN LAMBERTH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Have you noticed all the Star Wars stuff out there lately?

From digitally enhanced videos and action figures to comics, magazines and cheap plastic things, we are being inundated with the "Force."

By now, you have probably heard that George Lucas, the creator of this space epic, has announced he intends to film the next trilogy. This one tells the story of young Obi-Wan Kenobi and young Anakin Skywalker.

Furthermore, Lucas has redone "Star Wars," adding scenes originally cut the first time around, as well as better fight scenes.

But this is all pretty much common knowledge by this point.

Now, here's some stuff you may not know. The next trilogy is slated to be released in May of 1998. How-

ever, Lucas has mentioned that it might get moved back to 1999.

Don't be surprised if this happens. Lucas is a perfectionist and he won't release anything he isn't happy with.

In the meantime, expect to see "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" back out in theaters. Lucas intends to do the same thing to these two films as he did to "Star Wars." These will probably be released shortly after the release of the updated "Star Wars" in February 1997.

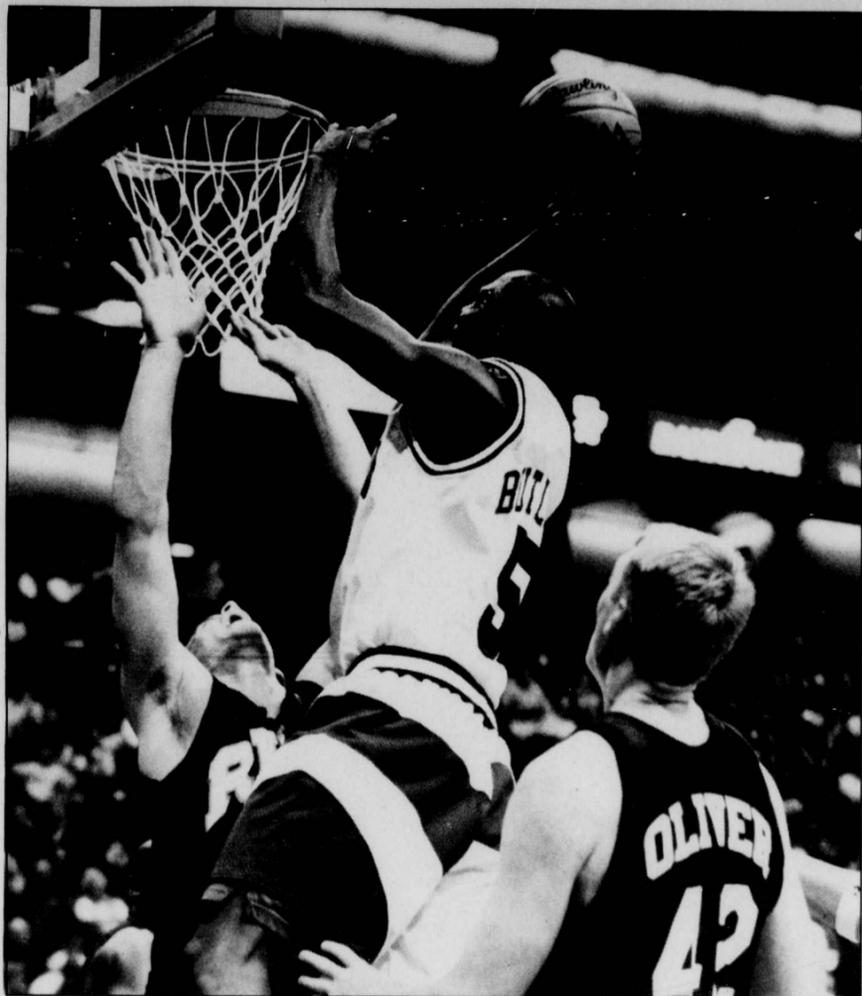
In the meantime, here are a few really cool things to keep you occupied while waiting for all of these movies:

You've probably seen the new "Star Wars" figures just about anywhere toys are present. The new Kenner figures include Luke Sky-

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In Current Release

Film	Todd	Amy
"Before and After"	C-	—
"Happy Gilmore"	D+	B+
"Heavy Metal"	—	B-
"Mary Reilly"	C+	C-
"Mr. Wrong"	D-	C
"Muppet Treasure Island"	B-	—
"Rumble in the Bronx"	B-	—
"Up Close and Personal"	B-	B+



Junior guard Sharif Butler jumps for the layup, trailed closely by two Rice Owls. Butler scored 15 points and had two rebounds.

Frogs shoot their way out of conference race

Walker lone bright spot during 78-67 loss

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

DALLAS — Most college basketball coaches will tell you that basketball is a team game, and games are won or lost as a team.

The TCU men's basketball team turned in a losing team effort in what turned out to be its final Southwest Conference game Thursday night.

The No. 4-seeded Frogs shot one of 15 from the field to start the game on its way to a 78-67 loss to No. 5 seed Rice in the first round of the final SWC tournament at Reunion Arena in front of an announced crowd of 8,997.

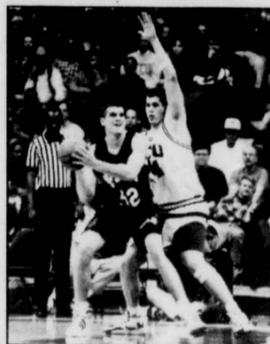
The Frogs end their season with a record of 15-15, while Rice goes on to play No. 1 seed and eighth-ranked Texas Tech in the tournament semifinals.

"We missed some stuff underneath the basket early," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "We couldn't get anything going offensively."

TCU shot 10 of 30 (33 percent) from the floor in the first half, including one of eight from three-point range.

The lone bright spot for the Frogs was the play of freshman center Damion Walker. Walker was five for nine from the field and four of five from the free throw line for a first-half total of 14 points.

"Give credit to Rice for doing a good job defensively," Tubbs said.



TCU's Dennis Davis and Texas' Kevin Nanney.

Things got so ugly for the Frogs that midway through the first half, senior forward Byron Waits was the only player on the floor who had scored for TCU, as the Frogs trailed 27-9. At the 9:39 mark, Waits had four points, while Walker and junior guard Anthony Burks sat on the bench with two and three points.

Yet the 18-point margin was not the biggest deficit for TCU. The Frogs trailed, 31-12, after a layup by Owls forward Kevin Nanney with 6:13 left in the first period.

The high scorer for Rice was senior guard Tommy McGhee. McGhee had 18 points in the first

half — two points shy of his average output for the season. McGhee hit on five of 11 shots from the field, including three of five three-pointers, and five of six free throws.

Rice took a 38-26 lead to the locker room for the break.

The TCU backcourt hit on two of 12 shots in the half, so naturally, Tubbs came out with a three-guard lineup to start the second half.

The strategy initially worked, as three-pointers by Burks and junior guard Sharif Butler and a jumper by Walker cut Rice's lead to 40-34.

But back-to-back treys by McGhee broke the game open, 50-37, at the 14:08 mark.

"I got a couple of shots to fall, and that got my confidence going," said McGhee, who finished with 31 points and 12 rebounds to lead all players in both categories.

Walker had team-highs of 24 points, and nine rebounds for TCU. Butler added 15 points and Waits had 10.

For the Owls, junior forward Shaun Igo had 16 points, including eight in the first half, all of which came in the first six minutes of the game.

"Shaun got us out to a good start early on," Rice head coach Willis Wilson said.

Rice shot 43 percent from the field for the game, including 60 percent from behind the three-point line, while the Frogs shot 40 percent and 21 percent from behind the arc.

Lady golfers to attempt Top 10 finish

By JONATHAN CONWELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's golf team is striving for a Top 10 finish this weekend as it heads south to do battle at the Betsy Rawls Invitational in Austin.

Four out of the five Lady Frogs making the trip to the state capital have played this course in previous tournaments, but freshman Shannon Fisher has an advantage that tops them all.

"I grew up on this course," Fisher, a premajor, said. "This is my home course."

The Lady Frogs are ranked No. 36 in the nation, and coach Angie Larkin said the team would like to finish the tournament in first place because it would improve the team's overall standings. But realistically, she said, she expects a Top 10 finish.

"We weren't ranked at the beginning of the year," Larkin said. "But after our first tournament we were ranked 50th, and by the end of our fourth tournament we were ranked 36th, which is our current standing."

Larkin said she expects this weekend to be highly competitive since most of the Southwest Conference teams will be teeing off in the tournament.

The University of Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M are all currently ranked higher

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Mavs' three pointers liven up b-ball's dog days

We are now in the dog days of the NBA regular season. The months of February, March and April are usually interminable for the league's elites and also-rans.

Your Dallas Mavericks, to the surprise of some, fit in the latter category this season.

The only thing Mavs fans have had to talk about during this period in recent years has been the Mavs' fantasy of landing the No. 1 pick in the lottery.

Unfortunately, this is still dominating the conversation when it comes to pro basketball around here, but the teams' recent play on the court has made its way onto the talk show circuit for a change.

The Mavericks have become the most exciting 21-37 team in league history in less than a week. The Mavs have livened up an otherwise dull last month and a half of the regular season

by bombing opponents at a record pace. Of course, I mean bombing as in bombing from three-point land. The Mavs are now playing a three-guard offense, shooting threes and making them at an incredible rate. I'm beginning to think Dallas needs that new area code just for Mavericks players.

The team has broken its NBA record for attempts in a game twice in a week and has set an NBA record for makes in a game with 18 twice. Wow! With apologies to Keith Olbermann, the Mavs have said bang



Gregor Esch
Sports Columnist

after going from way downtown many times.

I can't give Dick Motta credit for devising this basketball version of the Run 'n' Shoot offense because it was something they were almost forced to do. They have never had an inside game to speak of, but they also have never had this many injuries at one time to front-court players.

Due to depletion of the roster, the Mavs ran the risk of bottoming out if the new offense and a trapping defense was not implemented.

Also, Motta himself has admitted that his daughter came up with the idea. But give him credit for trying because he knows there's nothing to lose. If you're going to lose, have fun doing it. Players and fans are having fun in the land of the threes.

This triple-shooting offense has peaked the interests of many again in an otherwise disap-

pointing season from a team perspective. It has been a temporary relief from the grind of a long season for coaches, players and fans.

Well, let's hope for the Mavs' sake that it is only this season.

This three-guard stuff is very exciting and the right antidote for the final 23 games this season. I love fast-paced high scoring as much as any fan, but let's not think the Mavs will develop into a dynasty playing this way.

You live by the three, you die by the three. It's a cliché, but it's oh so true. In order to be successful in any sport, an offense has to be diversified. You can't win consistently playing the same way all the time.

The style is like a gun with bullets. The gun will be effective in the short term, but it will

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Black Bears freeze, lose to Frogs 16-4

By BRETT VAN ORT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The University of Maine Black Bears felt at home in the cold temperatures Thursday at the TCU Baseball Diamond. But the norther that chilled North Texas did not give an unfair advantage to the Bears, who wound up losing to the TCU Horned Frogs 16-4.

The win inched TCU (13-12) back over the .500 mark. The Black Bears (0-12) dropped their 12th straight game and have yet to win this year.

TCU swept the two-game series and outscored the Black Bears 37-5. TCU scored all 37 runs without the aid of a home run and only eight extra base hits.

Both ball clubs had four errors in the game, but Maine's hurt its cause more than TCU's.

Black Bear pitchers Garrett Quinn and Mat Huff were the recip-

ients of seven unearned runs. The nine walks given up by the two Maine pitchers also hurt the Black Bears while TCU's staff gave up only three bases on balls.

TCU scored its 16 runs on 15 hits in the contest while taking advantage of every opportunity given to them by the Black Bears. Unlike Wednesday's game, it took a while for TCU to pull away from Maine.

TCU took a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning, but Maine scored three runs in the top of the fifth to even up the score. TCU scored three in the bottom half to pull away for good.

TCU went on to score 10 runs in the last three frames as a close game turned into a blowout in a hurry.

Top hitters for the Frogs were shortstop Sam Lunsford, left fielder Jeff McCurdy and center fielder Jeff Yarbrough. Lunsford went 4-4 and reached base safely in all six plate appearances; he also scored three runs and had two RBIs.

McCurdy and Yarbrough, the No. 7 and 8 hitters, reached base in eight of 10 plate appearances. During the series, the two reached base at 15 of 18 plate appearances. The two also had 10 hits in 12 at-bats during the two-game series.

TCU head coach Lance Brown said prior to the start of the season that last year's club had some automatic outs scattered among the lineup.

This year, Brown has more confidence that anyone in the lineup can reach base safely. Yarbrough and McCurdy started playing well recently and gave the Frogs a strong lineup.

TCU will take Friday off and will wait for the Oklahoma State Cowboys to show up for a two-game weekend series. TCU will play Oklahoma State at 1:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and both games will be at the TCU Diamond.

THIS WEEKEND IN TCU SPORTS

- Baseball: **TCU vs. Oklahoma State**
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and 1:30 p.m. Sunday
at TCU Baseball Diamond
- Men's Tennis: **TCU vs. University of Utah**
1 p.m. Saturday at Mary
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TCU vs. Clemson
1:30 p.m. Monday at Mary
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- Women's Tennis: **TCU vs. Northeast Louisiana**
1 p.m. Saturday at Mary Potishman
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Bold face indicates home games.

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Bulldogs slapped with probation

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The NCAA slapped Mississippi State with probation Thursday after determining that an employee and two boosters made improper inducements to potential football recruits.

The school could have received more severe penalties, but the NCAA allowed the Bulldogs to remain eligible for television appearances and postseason play.

"I never thought the allegations of this case were serious enough for a television and bowl ban," Mississippi State athletic director Larry Templeton.

SWC first round results

Texas, Texas Tech, Southern Methodist and Rice universities were the winners of Thursday's first-round playoffs for the Southwest Conference championships, held at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

No. 1 Texas Tech beat No. 8 Texas A&M, 85-57; No. 3 Texas defeated No. 6 Baylor, 86-65; and No. 7 SMU knocked out No. 2 Houston, 62-57. And No. 5 Rice beat No. 4 TCU, 78-67.

Second round begins today. Texas will play SMU at 8 p.m., and Texas Tech will play Rice at 6 p.m.

National basketball playoffs

Playoffs for men's basketball tournaments around the country are in full swing. Results from Thursday's matchups are as follows:

Massachusetts beat St. Bonaventure, 69-56. Connecticut beat Seton Hall, 79-58. Cincinnati beat St. Louis, 62-59. Syracuse beat Boston College, 69-61. Louisville beat Tulane 98-79. The University of Texas, El Paso beat Hawaii, 77-69. Auburn beat Vanderbilt, 68-65. Florida beat Mississippi, 75-62. Temple beat Xavier, 67-50.

Foschi misses Olympic chance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jessica Foschi, unnerved even before she reached the starting block, put her troubles on hold Thursday to swim the 200-meter freestyle at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

But the 15-year-old failed to make the final. Foschi had the 14th fastest time in the preliminary heats at 2 minutes, 3:49 seconds. However, it was good enough for only the consolation final.

"I tried to think about the race, but I kept thinking of all the people here," she said. "I felt very small in a large group."

UT cleared of wrongdoing

AUSTIN (AP) — The NCAA announced Thursday that it has cleared the University of Texas of any possible wrongdoing in the infamous case of ineligible football player Ron Weaver.

UT Athletics Director DeLoss Dodds said the NCAA informed the school there would be no further investigations into Weaver or his playing time last season.

Weaver, 30, changed his identity to extend his college eligibility. He enrolled at Texas as 23-year-old Joel Ron McKelvey.

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admirably as the ultra-conservative, grumpy senator and his ditz wife, though some of the subplots involving their characters seem somewhat irrelevant.

Overall, director Mike Nichols ("The Graduate," "Wolf") and screenwriter Elaine May ("Heaven Can Wait") have fashioned an often hilarious comedy with strong portrayals that uses sheer zaniness to overcome some sluggish and silly elements. "The Birdcage" can't match the classic source material, but it's still a lot of fun.

Grade: B

"Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco" (G)

I really enjoyed 1993's "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey," itself a remake of the 1963 film "The Incredible Journey."

The films featured two dogs and a cat trying to find their way home together after being lost in the wilderness. The animals talked in the remake, sure, but the adventure was still exciting and the ending still tearful for folks of all ages.

"Homeward Bound II," which opens today, is a blatant attempt by Disney to capitalize on both the success of the 1993 film and last year's talking animal movie of choice, "Babe," and it's a real assault on audience intelligence.

It's about time filmmakers grab a clue as to what made those other

movies so successful — emotion, humor and smart writing and characters — rather than continue to throw the same bathroom humor up on the screen in every movie aimed at child audiences.

Even the voices of Michael J. Fox and Sally Field, back from the first film, can't save this mess.

Grade: D

"The White Balloon" (NR)

A small child takes an unexpected adventure in this pleasant Iranian fable that opens today.

Razieh (Aida Mohammadkhani) is a precious 7-year-old girl who wants to buy a plump goldfish for the New Year's celebration, which is only hours away.

Despite the high cost, her mother gives her more than enough money and sends her into the city's bazaar to make her purchase. On the way, however, she loses her money to snake charmers and down a gutter, and must use her resourcefulness to get it back before the stores close.

With scenes both startling and outright hilarious, "The White Balloon" is truly magical. The story, which takes place during the present day, is never less than compelling. It would make a perfect film for children (minus the subtitles), but adults should be equally entertained.

With a wonderful lead performance, solid direction and writing, and wholesome supporting characters, "The White Balloon" is the type of film we get all too rarely these days. This is a real treat.

Grade: A-

Star Wars page 6

walker, Darth Vader, Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2, C-3PO, Princess Leia, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Stormtrooper, X-wing Luke, Boba Fett, Lando Calrissian, Yoda, Han in Hoth Gear, TIE Fighter pilot and Dagobah Luke.

Vader, the first Han, R2, and Chewbacca are still easy to find. Boba Fett and Yoda are next to impossible. As for Lando, the first Luke, Leia and Obi-Wan, they are no longer included in the cases. Your best bet is to try a hobby shop. These figures look great (except for the Leia figure - Uuuuuuuugly!) and are selling well. A great item for any fan.

Some concern has risen about these figures possibly bringing down the value of the older figures. Fear not! As a matter of fact, the older figures are becoming more valuable even as we speak.

Another neat item is the Customizable Card Game from Decipher games. This is a lot like the Magic card games that are extremely popular.

In it, there are "Light Side" and "Dark Side" cards depicting characters, weapons, ships, locations, and effects.

A player creates a deck of sixty cards, with one opponent being the "Light Side" and the other the "Dark Side."

The cards come in a sixty card "starter deck," which is essentially a deck ready for play. Each person can

purchase "booster packs" in order to outsmart their opponents or just reflect their favorite stuff.

The limited edition of the set, with the black border, has been out for about two months now and supplies are getting low.

But the unlimited set, with the white border, is just beginning to hit the stores. All of the major characters, such as Luke and Vader, are rare cards and will sell sometimes for as much as \$75 apiece. The limited set is going for about \$750.

Serious "Star Wars" collectors will want to try and get a limited set. Those fans who just want to play a fun game will probably prefer to go for the unlimited cards, which are not as pricey.

The last little bit of info is about an interactive event called "Shadows of the Empire." This has been described as "a movie without the movie." It includes all of the neat tie-ins you would expect from a movie — toys, books, games — except that there is no film.

The story's timeframe is set between the "Empire" and "Jedi" films and involves Luke, Leia, Lando and the others, and their search for Han Solo, who is currently frozen in carbonite.

The bounty hunters, such as Boba Fett and IG-88, also play a big role in the event. The major villain is a crime boss named Xizor, who is trying to replace Darth Vader as the Emperor's right hand man. The event begins in April.

That's all for now. And remember, "May the Force Be With You!"

Symposium numbers up

BY NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU community participation in the second annual Women's Symposium increased over last year's turnout.

Kay Higgins, director of the Women's Resource Center and an organizer of the symposium, said every aspect of this year's event was positive.

"We've had 40 to 50 plus attendance at every session," she said. "About 300 people were at Pepper Schwartz's speech. It's been a great two days."

Lynse Larance, a junior political science and Spanish double major, said the symposium was interesting and informative because people gained exposure to new and different information.

"People felt comfortable discussing the different experiences that wouldn't normally do in a public setting" during the Women and Sexuality session on Wednesday, she said.

Alan Wright, a Brite Divinity student, said he attended the Women and Faith session because it was pertinent to his studies.

"I'm going into the ministry and I need to know this," he said.

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KTCU is also making other format changes. There will be a huge extension of soft rock programming, Hale said.

Jazz programming has been limited to one hour on Sundays. Haskett said dropping jazz was not an easy call.

"The overall feeling is that fewer formats are better than many," Haskett said.

Hale said the KTCU staff asks much of their audience to remember all the different programs.

"We carry a lot of things for as much practice as possible (as college students)," Hale said.

Some KTCU disc jockeys said they look at the format change as a valuable lesson.

Daniel Baham, a freshman pre-major, said the format change is a

chance to gain more experience working with a variety of formats.

Ty Schepis, a freshman neuroscience major, said the new programming is a good thing for the school.

"There are sportscasters and players who will get experience," Schepis said. "I think we're catering more toward students."

Adding sports programming will limit the amount of music disc jockeys are able to play during their programs.

"I don't want to be on the air with my format any less than I have to," said Ronnie Garcia, music director for modern rock.

Garcia, a junior history major, said some games will pre-empt his broadcasts, which air from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

With the addition of more sports broadcasts, KTCU is also increasing its sports shows. "Sports Talk" will now air at 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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eventually run out of bullets; and someone, in this case the Mavs, will be killed in the long run. Don Nelson learned at Golden State that a bunch of 6 foot 5 inch guys who can shoot and are quick might be good for a first-round upset, but they don't win NBA championships.

The Mavs' glaring need is still a big man, no matter how many trays they hit. (How long was Paul Westphal's last coaching stint in the NBA?)

Not every player is effective in the offense. The Mavs still have to take into account that players such as

Popeye Jones and Loren Meyer are more comfortable when the pace isn't as hectic. Jones has been, and Meyer is expected to be, a major contributor to the team. You don't want to phase them out just to set records.

Records are sometimes dangerous to achieve because they occasionally take away from the goal of winning. The games don't really mean anything now, but you still want to win as much as possible. I'm getting bad vibes that the Mavericks are more satisfied to launch 50 three-point attempts in a game.

Thanks, Dallas Mavericks, for saving this season, but save future seasons by going back to the basic lineup.

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been donated by T.J. Maxx clothing stores.

"We also have a store here called AIM's store, where the girls can earn AIM bucks and purchase other donated clothing for the show," Jones said. "And the women from TCU are helping the girls coordinate those outfits."

Trinia Cain, Alpha Kappa Alpha chapter president, said this event allows them to work directly with the girls they are helping.

"We're helping the young ladies with their walk," Cain said. "We're helping them to assemble different outfits and teaching them about self-esteem at the same time."

"Hopefully we're helping them to establish a positive self-image through this and to just have fun," Cain said.

Jones said besides promoting self-esteem, the show allows the girls to participate in an extra activity since they come from low-income housing.

Jones said she hopes to raise \$500 this year and expects a good turnout.

"A lot of volunteers are coming out," she said. "Though we don't get a lot of parent participation, unfortunately."

"But we do get a lot of other community people who are interested in the girls being successful, coming out to support them," Jones said.

Jones also said the service provided by the TCU sororities has been very helpful and important to the girls' outlook on the world.

"They've had real joyful attitudes and do whatever they can to help motivate the girls," Jones said. "And the girls are impressed because they're meeting some college students who are willing to give of themselves."

Cain said it's important for them to help because they're able to assist other black women in the community.

"We're fortunate enough to be in a position where we can go to college and have done a lot of positive things with our lives," Cain said. "And we're just trying to turn around and help them do the same."

Golf from page 7

than TCU. No. 1-ranked UCLA and No. 2-ranked San Jose State will be playing in the tournament as well.

Fisher said the team has been preparing hard for this tournament and is hoping to do well enough to break into the Top 25.

"Everyone is playing really well right now," Fisher said. "Since most of us have played this course, I think that we have a good chance to break into the Top 25 by the end of this weekend."

The men's golf team, ranked No. 5 in the nation, will also be competing away from home this weekend. It will compete at the Gold Digest Invitational at the Woodland TPC course in Houston.

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