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Basketball coach gets Shell-shocked



Shell Robinson, head women's basketball coach, gives instructions to sophomore forward Stacy Price Wednesday at SMU's Moody Coliseum. Wednesday was Robinson's last coaching appearance for TCU.

Robinson released after 8-72 record

By TASHA ZEMKE AND BLAKE SIMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU fired women's head basketball coach Shell Robinson due to a lack of improvement in her team's performance during her three-year stay, the university announced Monday.

Assistant coaches Leta Davis and Rick Archer also will not return next season.

"She (Robinson) and (Athletic Director) Frank Windeger had an understanding about improvements, which were not forthcoming," said Provost William Koehler, who made the decision along with Windeger and Chancellor William Tucker. "The losses far outnumbered the wins."

Robinson posted an 8-72 record at TCU. Her job will end May 31.

"I'm not bitter, and I respect their decision," Robinson said. "But I would have liked to have stayed longer."

Robinson said she agreed that the team needs improvements, but she was unable to make them happen. She struggled to rebuild a young

team that needed leadership, she said.

"I still believe in the young ladies and I support them. I'm still a Horned Frog," Robinson said.

Robinson told the team of the decision in a 2 p.m. Monday meeting. Several of the women said they saw the news coming before then.

Junior Jackie Jenkins, a starting guard for the Lady Frogs, said it was a "very emotional day," but she was not surprised at the news.

"It makes you look back and say, 'What could I have done to maybe change things?'" Jenkins said.

Jennifer Hickman, a freshman guard, said the decision would prove to be a positive one for both players and coaches.

"I think it's a blessing in disguise," she said, because the coaches can go on to new jobs and the players will get a new coach for their entrance into the Western Athletic Conference.

Hickman said that team morale was getting low at the end of the season.

"We didn't want to be there, we

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Parmer attempting to keep seat Democratic

By AMANDA BRONSTAD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

This year's Congressional election will decide if the 12th District U.S. House of Representatives seat will remain Democratic, as it has for more than 100 years.

Hugh Parmer is the Democratic candidate who hopes the century-long tradition continues.

In today's primary, Parmer, a state senator who served as Fort Worth mayor from 1977 to 1979, runs unopposed for the Democratic nomination. Former Rep. Pete Geren held the position last term, but announced his retirement on Dec. 15.

As part of his platform, Parmer has said he is committed to balancing the budget by a definite date, even if it means cutting spending for defense and corporate welfare.

"We spend \$100 billion a year defending Germany and Japan," he said in an interview with the *Skiff*. "They can pay for themselves, or they can pay us for the troops. Their economies are strong."

He said corporations can pay for their own welfare as well. The government has subsidized \$300 million to the three largest American car producers to build an environmentally

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'Super Tuesday' crucial for GOP candidates

By NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

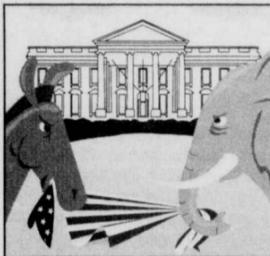
Today's "Super Tuesday" primary elections in Texas will be one of the biggest obstacles for Republican presidential candidates working toward the party's nomination.

Texas is one of the most important states for candidates campaigning in today's primaries since 123 delegate votes come from the state.

A candidate needs 996 delegate votes to be nominated for the presidential nomination. "Super Tuesday" accounts for 362 of them.

Seven states will select their presidential preferences for the 1996 presidential campaign throughout the day.

For the Republican Party, the choices on the ballot for president are Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.; Sen. Phil Gramm, R-



Texas; publisher Steve Forbes; TV commentator Pat Buchanan and radio host Alan Keyes.

"If Dole does well tomorrow, he'll be pretty close to winning the presidential nomination at the Republican convention," said James Riddlesperger, an associate professor of political science.

Riddlesperger said Texas is the most important state in "Super Tuesday" elections because of the

number of delegates it has.

However, Dole has already garnered almost one-third of the votes he needs for the nomination, Riddlesperger said. These votes came from the primaries of the 12 states in which the candidates have already competed.

"(The primary) will just confirm that he is the Republican nominee,"

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Religious groups discuss diversity

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

About 40 campus religious leaders decided Monday that through love they could conquer ignorance about religious diversity at TCU.

The dinner meeting involved representatives from 16 religious organizations and was an opportunity to share ideas about religious diversity.

"There was a oneness and that made me feel good," said Anne Jordan, a junior nutrition major and representative of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. "There are so many people that go untouched," she said.

Matthew Rosine, president of Uniting Campus Ministries and a sophomore radio-TV-film major, helped organize and facilitate the

event. He said it was the first time in 20 years that any kind of meeting had occurred focusing on religious diversity.

"I accomplished the goal I had for it: to spark communication between all religious groups and specifically target religious diversity and the benefits it would have for our campus," Rosine said.

He said he was pleased with the turnout and he told the participants he hoped they found at least one issue they were concerned about.

"Let's do something about this," he challenged the group after the discussion.

Douglas Newsom, a professor of

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Douglas

Members of International Student Association parade in their global attire in the International Week fashion show Saturday night.

News Digest

Police raid Italian crime rings

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — Police raided houses and hideouts across Italy at dawn Monday, arresting more than 200 suspected members of international drug and arms trafficking rings and other crime syndicates.

The biggest action came in the Naples area, especially small towns on the slopes of Vesuvius, a suspected base for heroin production, the Italian news agency AGI reported.

Investigators said various clans of the Naples-area Camorra crime syndicate ran drugs and arms in coordination with traffickers around the world.

GM plants closed by strike

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The week-old strike at two General Motors Corp. brake plants forced the automaker to close four more of its plants Monday, for a total of 15 idled by a shortage of parts.

GM's Arlington plant could be affected soon. No new negotiations were scheduled.

Monday's closures mean the walkout at two Dayton plants has idled more than 49,000 GM workers at 13 of the automaker's 29 North American assembly plants and two other parts plants, the company said.

Volcano 'poofs' ash over Mexico

RIO FRIO, Mexico (AP) — A huge, mushroom-shaped cloud of steam and ash erupted from the Popocatepetl volcano on Monday, leaving a cloud clearly visible from the capital 50 miles to the northwest.

Robert Quass of the National Center of Disasters Prevention told The Associated Press that the 9:21 a.m. eruption was "a sporadic emission, a 'poof.' Seismologic activity remains very low and there is no cause whatsoever for alarm."

He said steam and ash went about 3 miles into the air.

Clinton to sign Cuban legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will sign legislation toughening sanctions against Cuba today, primary voting day in Florida where he is seeking appreciation from Cuban exiles who generally vote Republican.

The legislation, known as the Helms-Burton Act, was passed in response to Cuba's downing of two civilian planes last month. Four Cuban-Americans, all activists with the exile group Brothers To The Rescue, were killed.

The bill also gives Cuban exiles the right to sue over property they lost during Fidel Castro's 37-year Communist rule.

Roman coins found in France

CAEN, France (AP) — Workers building a highway overpass in Normandy unearthed 1,700-year-old coins, the remains of a possible medieval leper colony.

Archaeologists dated the more than 1,000 bronze and silver coins to the third century because they bore the name of Marcus Postumus. The Roman Gallic officer had proclaimed himself emperor of Gaul, but was killed by his own men in 268.

The coins were found in a glass urn. The 30-acre site was unearthed last week at a highway site between Caen and Bayeux.

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

CRIME WATCH meets at noon today in Student Center 203.

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

TCU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL meets at 6 p.m. today in Student Center 205.

THE TCU SYMPHONY will present "Fantasia on a Theme" by Thomas Tallis at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Ed Landreth Auditorium.

HUMAN RESOURCES will host a brown bag seminar at noon Wednesday. Manochehr Dorraj will discuss traveling tips for the Middle East and North Africa. Call 921-7790.

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. Wednesday in the Coliseum. Kyle Dodd of DeLoos College will speak.

PSI CHI, national honor society for psychology, is accepting membership applications for membership. They are available on the bulletin board next to the psychology office in Winton-Scott Hall and are due March 15.

WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Colonial Cafeteria at 2600 West Berry Street. Author and therapist Georgia Williams will speak.

CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL needs volunteers for high school exchange students. Call Pat Johnson at 1-800-810-HOST.

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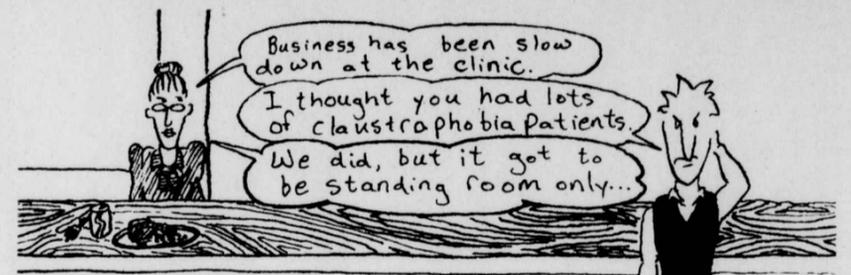
The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



PurplePoll

Paper or Plastic?

This week's Purple Poll questions are dedicated to the mundane but necessary decisions we all must make everyday, no matter how trivial or how irritating. Remember, Skiff pollsters volunteered for this duty; do not take out your frustrations on them, for "They also serve who only stand and ask."

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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



Firing

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didn't want to practice," she said. "But it's sad to see them go. I became good friends with the coaches."
Jenkins and Hickman said Windegger told the players the coaching position would be posted and the university would be taking resumes, but not until the NCAA tournament is over.
Freshman guard Shannon Cooper

said she was surprised that Robinson was fired, but added that the team was not having fun anymore.
"I learned a lot of life experience from her, but I didn't feel like I improved under her," Cooper said.
Jenkins called Windegger after hearing the news to make sure the players' scholarships would not be affected by the move. She said he assured her that the players "had nothing to worry about," she said.
Robinson said she has no immediate plans for the future. She said she

might pursue something with her business degree or she might continue coaching elsewhere.
Robinson graduated from the University of Texas in 1986, where she played basketball for the Lady Longhorns for four years.
The Lady Frogs were the last seed in this year's Southwest Conference championship tournament, and lost in the first round against Texas, 109-78.
The Lady Frogs 1995 record was 2-25. In 1994, it was 1-27, and in 1993, the record was 5-20.

Parmer

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safe car, a cost that they could cover themselves, he said.
But Parmer opposes reducing federal programs that provide college loans and grants, he said.
"The quality of education will determine how competitive we are (in the future)," he said. "(Reducing loans) would make it more difficult."
He also said he wants to protect the

environment by stopping Republican efforts to weaken Environmental Protection Agency laws. A clean environment is especially important to the next generation, he said.
Parmer said the federal government should continue to support crime prevention laws, such as the "three strikes and you're out" crime bill that guarantees life imprisonment after the third conviction.
He said the differences between him and Granger are strictly based on party lines.
"She will vote for Newt Gingrich

because she's a Republican," he said. "She endorses the Republican Contract for America. I'm opposed."
Jim Wright, former Speaker of the House who held the Congressional seat for 34 years, said that even though a Republican has never been elected to the seat, Parmer should not take a Democratic victory for granted.
"That's not to say it's impossible for a Republican to win," Wright said. "Pete Geren ran a close race in 1989."
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Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 76 and a low of 46.

Wednesday will be partly cloudy, breezy and warm with a high of 78 and a low of 52.

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Erick Chang

Artist reviews personal struggles

Sometimes I wonder if all the things I've ever done have had relevance to other people except for myself. It's really hard to think of creating a new story, a new song or even this column without knowing how people will respond to it. Criticism and envy always come to my mind when I think of people's responses.

I'm hard to describe, except as a crazy person or an unknown artist. I avoid talking about this hidden personality at the risk of being called arrogant. Half my life, I've been an artist, and few people know about it. I ain't the charming or impressive individual able to do anything. I look like a normal person, and I have to act like one.

It all started with a song (like Disney), followed as a soap opera, continued on as a short story, then as a novel and now on a web page. At least I have the hard copies to prove that it's real.

Sometimes I forget that 13 years ago I was dreaming of becoming a singer, writer and music producer. In the MBA program, people identified me as the guy who directed a choir to perform one of his songs. Even I barely remember that night 12 years ago. I am ashamed that now I'm only able to start songs and never end them. I wish I could have the inspiration of my teenage years when I could compose a song in an hour. Now I spend weeks and months perfecting one.

I stopped counting songs that I've written at 125 since 1983. Unfortunately, I stop counting at 10 the songs I've released through occasional presentations, and the CD I recorded a few days before coming to the States last year. It's true that only five copies of that CD were produced, but that cost me half of my savings. I will never forget Puerto Rico — the screams and the standing ovation proved that I was not a one-song writer. And the outcome of the CD... I picked it up from a radio station last December because the guys there thought I needed to give them something in exchange.

When I remember those days at the old channel 27, the words persecution, stress, threats and success come to mind. I taught a new way to produce television in my country, and a media boycott was my reward. I wanted to change the interviewing format, but a question to Guatemala's vice president ended that. At least I'm still alive, unlike others who wanted change and are now six feet under.

It took me two stories to write about someone else's feelings. One brought tears and congratulations from my pals. Now that some of my stories are on the Internet, I can be read without waiting for the applause, the prize or the critic's opinions. It's a direct virtual contact, and I am receiving positive feedback. Thanks

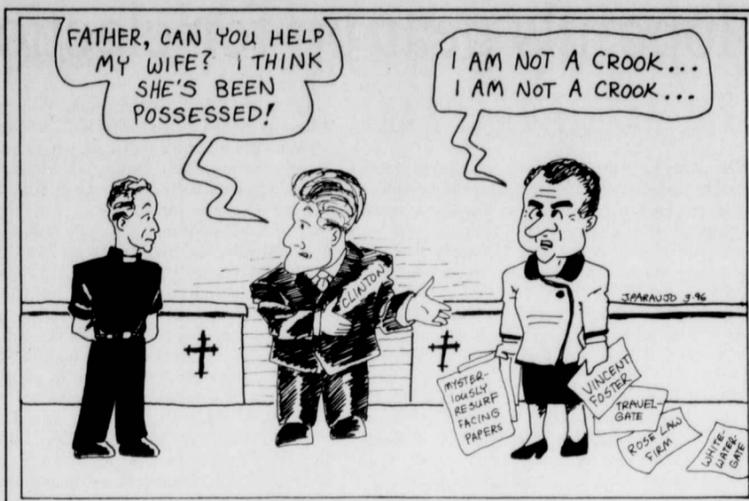
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to the Net, my story about my television career and media boycott will be used for a movie very soon. At least I got even after four years of waiting to tell the world this censored story.

After reviewing my hidden life as an artist, I always imagine how some individuals dealt with recognition in the past. I think of Da Vinci and Shakespeare on their times before becoming famous worldwide — how they were treated? Did they imagine becoming famous centuries after death? Perhaps my nightmare of becoming the Van Gogh of the next century can reduce my fears of anonymity, but only historians will confirm that.

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Scott Barzilla

Second Amendment needs to be repealed

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution has caused more confusion than any other amendment in the Bill of Rights. People like Charlton Heston and Ted Nugent have been called staunch defenders of the Second Amendment. If they only knew.

Many constitutional historians and the U.S. Supreme Court agree that the Second Amendment was actually intended to give states the rights to raise militias. Several legal precedents have established that the Second Amendment actually doesn't give individuals the right to bear arms.

Of course, there are many historians who say otherwise, but the decisions of the Supreme Court are the only ones that count. The Second Amendment is ambiguous, like many other amendments, to give the courts the ability to adapt the law to fit a particular time period. This is the main reason the Constitution has endured for so long.

Gun activists often cite quotes by the forefathers that support the notion of the individual's right to bear arms. These are all well and good, but we have to remember the context from which those quotes arose.

The late 18th century was a different time than now. The repeating rifle had not even come into circulation yet. Guns were still necessary in order to hunt for dinner. Guns also helped farmers protect themselves from Indian attacks on the frontier.

Oh, how times change: now we have handguns, semi-automatic weapons and bazookas that would marvel every militiaman of the 18th century. We no longer need to hunt wild animals for food. Indians are no longer a threat on the frontier.

The bottom line is that allowing citizens the right to bear arms in the 18th and 19th centuries probably saved lives. Giving citizens the right to bear arms in the 20th century endangers lives.

This means that the quotes many gun activists cite are irrelevant. It isn't that they are wrong, they were just interpreting the times they were living in. It is time for us to do the same.

Almost all western European countries do not allow their citizens to bear arms. The United States has the least restrictive gun control laws in the world. If you compare the murder rates of all of western Europe with a large city like New York, you will find that New York has many more murders in a year than all of western Europe.

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Social conservatives attribute these facts to the breakdown of the American family and the lack of Christian values in society. Believe it or not, there are actually more non-Christians in England than Christians. It is also difficult to compare family structures from one culture to the next. In the end, these arguments fall well short of explaining these trends.

It's too difficult to say that anything causes these trends in crime, but the difference in gun control laws is probably the biggest correlation. According to these statistics and conventional wisdom, it is hard to see how we can loosen our gun control laws and lower the crime rate at the same time.

The Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment allows us to pass any gun control law without having to worry about it being unconstitutional. Unfortunately, gun activists and owners continue to claim that these laws are an infringement of their constitutional rights.

Because of this fact, we should strongly consider repealing the Second Amendment. Most of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution was based on the social contract theory. According to this theory, the government is sworn to protect the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (or, according to John Locke, the property) of its citizens.

Statistics and conventional wisdom tell us that allowing citizens to bear arms endangers the lives of other citizens. In the social contract, life is more important than liberty. Liberty is not possible without life.

Therefore, we should repeal the Second Amendment and suppress the "right" to bear arms in order to protect the lives of citizens. In order to be a member of a civilized society, people must sacrifice some rights for the good of the whole society. The "right" to bear arms should be one of these rights.

Scott Barzilla is a senior political science major from Houston.

Religious diversity

World events show intolerance is intolerable

Recent world events have shown what can happen when a society or nation does not embrace religious diversity and freedom.

In Ireland and Great Britain, the war between Catholics and Protestants rages. The peace process there has been interrupted by bombing attacks.

The same has happened in the Middle East, where four separate bombs have been planted by the Islamic terrorist group Hamas. That group isn't alone in its desire to stop the peace process former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin died for — Israelis might boot Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, from office because of the bombings. All this over an outdated religious conflict.

And let's not forget the former Yugoslavia, where the Christian-Muslim battle has caused

unspeakable human suffering.

On a campus scale, religious differences can foster distrust and prejudice if they are not addressed. Racial and ethnic diversity has been stressed lately with Black History Month and International Week, but religious differences need attention, too.

The differences cannot be detected on the outside, but they are so volatile because they concern our belief (or disbelief) in a higher power, the origin of the universe and our futures after we die.

Uniting Campus Ministries should be congratulated for holding a religious diversity workshop at Texas Christian University. An open mind is the only thing that can save us from the senseless fighting that has enveloped the world.

Editorial

Letters

Turney does what he criticizes

I know this is probably only one of the many letters written in regard to Bob Turney's recent article about "why chicks suck." Now before he or anyone tags me as one of those "women who whine too much," I just want to say that I actually agree with most of what Bob Turney had to say.

All the performers Bob named, I really can't stand. In fact, the column by Skiffer Laura Potter hacked me off,

too. Granted, it didn't bother me as much as it would have were I a guy, but I definitely think that she (and other bitter, whining, hypersensitive and just plain-old-silly "womyn") need to just give it a rest. This opinion does not make me repressed and submissive, it just makes me willing and able to get along in this world without begging for sympathy and revenge at every turn.

Hang on there, Bob's not getting off that easily. I know he explicitly indicated that no one asked "what my stinkin' opinion was," but if he can paste his on the Opinion page, then I should be able to also. Bob expresses the view that "any male-bashing on the part of (some women) is just them lashing out at a society that they have alienated themselves from." Bob is a self-described "bitter, lonely, out-of-

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Todd Jorgenson

Basketball guru reveals tourney's top teams

Here's a guide to filling out your NCAA tournament office pool sheet, from a self-proclaimed expert.

In the East, Massachusetts is the No. 1 seed, with a 31-1 record. Look for them to mow over Central Florida, Stanford and Penn State on their way to the regional final in Atlanta. Their opponent should be Georgetown, who has the toughest task of beating an athletic Mississippi Valley State team, then New Mexico, who is 27-4 and won the WAC title. Then they will have to face Texas Tech, who is certainly powerful but untested against high-caliber opponents. The only upset will be a mild one, Stanford over Bradley in round one. Look for Georgetown to use the team's depth to wear down UMass and move into the Final Four.

The Midwest region is fairly strong, with Kentucky as No. 1, despite a loss to Mississippi State on Sunday, which didn't really hurt them but did show their vulnerability. The first round should go true to form, with Virginia Tech over Wisconsin-Green Bay

Poor Man's Pacifier

providing the only mild upset in what should be a good game. The Tulsa Golden Hurricane, the California Golden Bears and the Canisius Golden Griffins should all lose their luster in the first round. In the second round, Kentucky will beat Virginia Tech and Utah will beat Iowa State, but the other two could be close. I see overrated Villanova squeaking by unpredictable Louisville and Wake Forest barely overcoming Michigan (read: Texas has no chance). The region final will pit Kentucky against Wake Forest, with Ken-



tucky advancing to the Meadowlands.

I think the Southeast is the toughest region, with three potential Final Four teams. Connecticut, which may be the hottest team in the country right now, is the No. 1 seed. In the first round, Duke plays Eastern Michigan, the only team to beat Texas Tech this year, in what should be one of the first round's best games. Either team will get slaughtered by UConn in round two.

UCLA and Mississippi State should make an interesting second round matchup, but look for the Bruins to prevail. Warning: jump off the Bulldog bandwagon now. In the who-cares game of the tournament, Boston College should upset the woefully inconsistent Indiana, then lose to Georgia Tech in round two. Cincinnati will also advance easily with victories over UNC-Greensboro and Temple. This leaves the top four seeds, setting a region final between UConn and Cincinnati that could be one of the tournament's greatest games. The Huskies should win, but it will be close.

"Texas has no chance."

The West region is the weakest by far, with several mediocre teams and three top seeds that lost on the season's final weekend. There could be several first-round upsets, but a big one that looks very possible is No. 14 seed Valparaiso over No. 3 Arizona. Valpo is the underrated champion of the Mid-Continent Conference, and Arizona has been up-and-down all year. Also look for Santa Clara to upset Maryland, George Washington to topple Iowa and Clemson to beat Georgia.

Even Syracuse may have a first-round tussle with Montana State, a tough team from the Big Sky Conference. At any rate, Kansas should roll into the Final Four easily with wins over South Carolina State, Santa Clara, George Washington and Purdue.

Oh, and in that Final Four thing, I say Connecticut over Kentucky in the championship game. I guess I'll either look really smart on April 2, or really stupid.

Todd Jorgenson is a senior radio-TV-film major from Minneapolis.

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Hopefuls gear up for elections

By MICHAEL HOLMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Candidates for every office from president to precinct constable made last-minute pitches for votes Monday as Texans prepared to cast ballots in Tuesday's primary elections.

Secretary of State Tony Garza, the state's chief elections officer, voiced hope that many Texans would go to the polls.

With President Clinton virtually unopposed and the GOP presidential field sharply reduced by earlier contests, Garza said local races are the ones that will bring out voters.

"There's a sense, obviously, that the top of the ticket is not driving turnout," Garza said. "We're encouraging people to vote and are hopeful that people will get involved."

Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole took a whirlwind trip to San Antonio in his final appeal for the largest prize in the seven-state "Super Tuesday" balloting.

Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention, the most of any state holding elections so far and more than any state except California.

Campaigning with Dole were the state's top Republicans, Gov. George W. Bush, Sen. Phil Gramm and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

A second GOP candidate, commentator Pat Buchanan, spent much of the weekend in Texas.

On the Democratic side, 230 convention delegates will be awarded. But Clinton faces no major opponent nationally and none of the other candidates on the Texas ballot were widely known.

Making one last tour of the state, too, were candidates for the U.S. Senate.

Four Democrats are vying to challenge incumbent

Gramm, who held a more-than-comfortable opinion poll lead over his two little-known GOP challengers.

With pre-election polls showing undecided the favorite among likely Democratic voters, an April 9 runoff appeared likely in that race. Seeking the nomination are U.S. Reps. John Bryant of Dallas and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Mesquite high school teacher Victor Morales and Houston lawyer John Odam.

Morales, whose 1992 Nissan pickup truck carried his one-man campaign around the state, led in final polls. His opponents attributed it to his sharing the last name of Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, but the teacher called that an insult to voters and his hard work.

"That's an insult to the thousands and thousands of people and the thousands and thousands of miles and the many, many groups I've talked to," he said.

With Bryant and Chapman seeking to move up, and five other congressmen retiring this year, a whopping seven open U.S. House seats are up for grabs.

Much of the attention is being focused on east Texas, once solid Yellow Dog Democrat territory, but now viewed as an opportunity by Republicans.

Chapman is vacating the 1st District seat in East Texas, and the retirement of veteran Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, from District 2 creates a second vacancy.

In the 9th District, freshman Republican Rep. Steve Stockman of Friendswood got a bye through the primaries, but five Democrats are battling to challenge him in the fall.

Also being decided Tuesday was whether Carole Keeton Rylander, who chairs the Texas Railroad Commission, would be renominated by Republicans. Former commission employee Robert A. "Bob" Wood, 66, was challenging her, while Hector Uribe of Brownsville was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

Jewelry poses health threat

Department of Health seeks to recall mercury necklaces in South Texas

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLINGEN, Texas — State environmental officials announced a program Monday to collect potentially toxic mercury necklaces popular among South Texas children and teen-agers.

The announcement came just days after a 5-year-old Brownsville girl was exposed to mercury vapors when the necklace she was wearing broke as she played in a sandbox.

The necklaces are made with glass vials that are filled with mercury and attached to a waxed cord. They sell for around \$2.

"Although the amount of mercury in each necklace is small, (we) are concerned that the glass vials may break easily, exposing developing minds and bodies to a known toxin," said Tony Franco, regional manager of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Exposure to mercury can affect the brain and central nervous system and cause vision, hearing, memory and

learning problems. Prolonged exposure can be deadly, said Carlos Rubinstein, Brownsville health director.

"The principal hazard is the inhalation of the mercury vapor," Rubinstein said.

Officials were alerted to the necklaces about a month ago when a Brownsville teacher called city health officials to report a student had turned in a necklace containing mercury.

State and local officials have asked citizens to dispose of the jewelry. Beginning Friday, the TNRC will sponsor collection sites in Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco and McAllen.

An environmental response company licensed to handle hazardous waste will package the necklaces for transport to Houston, where the mercury will be recovered for reuse in other products.

Officials believe the necklaces are manufactured in Mexico, although they have been purchased on both sides of the border. They are popular among all age groups, from toddlers to college students.

"Winter Texans have even purchased some of these," Rubinstein said, referring to the retirees from northern states who winter in the Rio Grande Valley.

U.S. Customs officials are warning people who purchase mercury necklaces in Mexico of the potential dangers, but disposal is voluntary.

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touch" guy. It sounds to me like he has attained the same ends as those "radical, mutant, bitte" girls he so despises, and I find it ironic that the very act that he is so vehemently hating, he is doing also.

Next, I want to dispel another myth that Bob is spreading. He identifies sensitive men as those who succumb to any female wish, watch 9021HO (I did think that was funny), are spineless saps and have no will of their own. I don't know of one woman who is really looking for a guy like that. I know guys like that, and they are all repulsive to me. Women don't want doormats any more than men do. Okay, let me rephrase — women don't want doormats. We don't want someone to worship us; we just want respect, love and companionship. Sensitive doesn't mean losing your personality, Bob, it just means taking someone else's opinions and feelings to heart. Now, is that so hard?

Finally, I (and hopefully all of the other self-assured and levelheaded women who read Bob's article) am simply going to dismiss his plan for the repeal of the 19th Amendment

and the return of "barefoot and pregnant" as a joke. I am assuming Bob is at least halfway intelligent, and that he maybe just thought that claiming men are superior to women would be a funny end to a funny column. I think the fact that Bob will remain a bitter, lonely, out-of-touch guy for the rest of his (inherently superior male) life is

even funnier. I could go on, but it's not really worth it. I can't change Bob's views or the views of the "angry womyn," but I can be a vocal testament to the fact that there are some normal people out there.

Carrie Kroll
Junior, criminal justice/sociology

Man arrested at rally

Shotgun found in car at Buchanan appearance

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — A man was arraigned on two felony charges Monday after police found a loaded shotgun in his car outside a campaign appearance by Republican presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan.

Nickolas Owens, 34, of Arlington, was arraigned on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon in a place where weapons are prohibited — namely, a college campus — and an investigative charge of possession of components used for an explosive device, said Irving police spokesman David Tull.

A five-gallon can of gasoline and other undisclosed items were found in the trunk of Owens' car, Tull said.

Irving criminal court Judge Milton Sturman set bond for both

"He might have just been in the wrong place at the wrong time."

PAT BUCHANAN,
Presidential candidate

charges at \$4,000 for Owens, who remained in the Irving jail Monday afternoon. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The investigation continued with police saying they didn't know why Owens was at the rally or why he had the shotgun and the other items in his car.

"The arrest was without incident," Tull said. "We're still trying

to figure out what was going on."

Owens was taken into custody Sunday night at the University of Dallas as the conservative columnist arrived for a campaign appearance, Tull said.

"The motorcade was moving, and he was right behind the last car," he said. "He went right on in with them and disregarded the officer who waved him off."

Police stopped Owens' car and found a loaded 12-gauge shotgun in plain view in the front seat, Tull said.

Buchanan, speaking to reporters Monday afternoon in Tulsa, said he knew little about the matter.

"He might have just been in the wrong place at the wrong time," Buchanan said.

There was no answer Monday at a telephone listed in Arlington for Nick Owens.

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he said.

That means there won't be much of a competition between the candidates in the "Super Tuesday" states: Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and Oregon.

President Bill Clinton will most likely win every delegate in every state on the Democratic side, Riddesperger said.

"That's not surprising with an incumbent president," he said. Other Democrats will be on the ballot but probably won't get too many votes, he said.

"Super Tuesday" in Texas is more than just choosing from among presidential candidates. It also entails the congressional primary races.

Names of people running for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives will also appear on the ballots.

Four Democratic candidates stand in opposition to incumbent Sen. Phil Gramm. They are John Bryant of Dallas, Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Victor Morales of Crandall

and John Odam of Houston.

For Pete Geren's former seat in the House of Representatives, Kay Granger, the former mayor of Fort Worth, faces competition from Ernest Anderson of Southlake and Bill Burch of Arlington. Their names will appear on the Republican ballot.

The winner of today's primary will face Democrat Hugh Parmer, another former Fort Worth mayor, in the general elections in November.

Dawn Bowman, a senior political science major, said the primary elections are a time for people to make a decision about the candidates in their party.

"It's a time to pick and choose the people whose opinion you support," she said.

Bowman said she is going home to Bedford to vote. For the presidential nomination, she said she will vote for Dole, but has no opinions yet of the other elections.

In order to get information on the candidates, she said she consults the newspapers to see what questions they've answered from reporters and how they answered them.

Paul Sorrells, a senior political sci-

ence major and the chairman of the TCU College Republicans, said he will vote for Dole and Granger.

Sorrells currently holds an elected position as chairman of Precinct No. 1298, Paschal High School, and is up for reelection.

"I don't have a challenger, but my name will be on the ballot," he said.

A precinct chairman holds precinct conventions, such as pep rallies and information sessions, he said. Sorrells said he also gives advice to people who aren't sure who they should vote for and provides information about the candidates and elections.

Sondra Haltom, a sophomore political science major and the president of TCU's College Democrats, said the primary elections are not as important for student Democrats because their only main candidate is Clinton.

Also, she said many students on campus will not vote because they have residencies in other states and counties.

"They don't see it as a big deal, but they will go home to vote in the November elections," she said.

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Senate begins debate on spending bill

BY ALAN FRAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate took up a huge spending bill Monday designed to avoid a federal shutdown that is unlikely to occur and bearing Republican budget priorities that will probably never become law.

With money for dozens of Cabinet departments and agencies running out Friday, the Senate considered legislation that would provide about \$160 billion for the programs for the remaining half of fiscal 1996. President Clinton was demanding \$8 billion more. Without some measure-providing funds, Saturday would see the third partial federal shutdown since November.

But with Election Day on the horizon, few Republicans want to risk public blame for shuttering agencies again, as they did the first two times. In the likely event no agreement is struck with Clinton by week's end, House and Senate leaders want to send him legislation keeping programs afloat anyway.

"If there's any kind of difficult period here, we're also prepared to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government paid for, to keep things moving if necessary on a week-to-week basis," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told reporters in Atlanta.

Eventually, the two sides are likely to reach a compromise and begin budget work for fiscal 1997. But for now, they used the debate to launch political broadsides.

"The Republicans are giving new meaning to March Madness," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., playing off the nickname of the approaching college basketball tournament.

Noting the failure of last year's budget-balancing effort, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., called the GOP campaign to cut spending bills "the only deficit-reduction achievement in the 104th Congress."

Like a similar House bill approved Friday, the Senate measure faces a veto threat from the White House, which wants extra money for education, environment, job training, high technology and other programs the president says will fortify the economy. Budget-cutting Republican senators said they had already added more than \$1 billion the president wanted and would provide \$4.7 billion more if offsetting cuts elsewhere in the budget are found later.

"I believe we have gone about as far as we can," said Hatfield. "If there are the votes to do more, we will."

This wasn't good enough for Clinton, who used a speech at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, N.J., to criticize the GOP for proposed cuts in the Environmental Protection Agency.

"This Congress has mounted the most aggressive anti-environmental campaign in our history," he said. He accused Republicans of using a succession of stringent stopgap spending bills

since October "to slowly and quietly keep the EPA from doing its job."

Vice President Al Gore told municipal officials that both Democrats and Republicans were working on the assumption that the budget will be balanced, though it won't happen soon.

"It'll take a few years to get there," Gore told the National League of Cities' annual congressional conference. "Both the president and the Congress have laid out pathways differing in important details, but both getting to a balanced budget within six more years."

In the Senate, Democrats focused on proposed education cuts. Daschle proposed an amendment that would restore \$3 billion for schools, saying, "Siphoning off money from education consigns America's children to second-class futures."

Democrats were also preparing amendments to restore money for the environment, high technology and other programs.

Some Republicans, too, were eager to change the bill, including a move by some conservatives to restore abortion restrictions that were in the House version.

With all this, Senate completion of the legislation seemed likely for Wednesday at the earliest. That would make it unlikely that House-Senate negotiations for a compromise bill could be completed this week. This makes a deal with the administration even less likely.

The bill also contains about \$2 billion for victims of recent floods and blizzards, U.S. forces in Bosnia and military planes for Jordan.

House to consider memorial center

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A bill that would create a memorial center to honor students whose lives have been cut tragically short will go before the House of Student Representatives at its meeting at 5 p.m. tonight in Student Center Room 222.

The proposed House Memorial would be located in front of the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center and would honor the former students with a tree and a plaque.

The center's first honoree would be Eric Holt.

Holt died last spring after falling from a wheelchair lift in Reed Hall. Holt, who suffered from Duchenne muscular dystrophy, died of heart failure resulting from breathing difficulties.

The tree and plaque will cost \$525 per honoree, said Stoney White, chairman of the Permanent Improvements committee.

"This really is a small price to pay

to honor students who have contributed something here," said White, a sophomore political science major.

The House will also vote on a bill to update Frog Calls semesterly, said Sharon Selby, House president. The bill was tabled for consideration last week.

In other business, representatives will vote on two resolutions. The first will request that the Postal Service place a mailbox in the Worth Hills area for the convenience of those students who live there, Selby said.

The second resolution will ask students to support the efforts of the Berry Street Revitalization Committee and the Fort Worth Police Department in cleaning up the graffiti on the thoroughfare.

The House will also discuss its agenda for its annual meeting with the Board of Trustees and conduct an internal evaluation of the semester, Selby said.



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journalism and president of the board of the Tarrant Area Council of Churches, facilitated the discussion.

"We have too much of a tendency to pull ourselves apart," Newsom said. To build community, a group must share an identity, she said.

John Butler, minister to the university, said the group participated in good conversations and generated thoughtful ideas. The group learned how to deal with religious diversity in conjunction with diversity as a whole on campus and how each group affects the other, he said.

The Engagement with Cultures Fund, a university fund, paid for the event, and Butler said. He said diversity, not just religion, was the focus of the discussion.

After dinner, the participants answered four questions in small groups. They then shared their answers and experiences with the whole group.

Greg Riegel, a sophomore chemistry major and representative of the Wesley Foundation, spoke for his groups. He said different religious groups needed to "agree to disagree."

"We need to facilitate diversity by allowing people to identify with a certain group," he said.

Jill Farmer, a senior biology major and representative of Chi Alpha, spoke for her group and told attendees much of the TCU community is apathetic, and religious groups need to reach out with love.

In response to one question, which addressed whether different religious groups could work, play and pray together, Farmer said the groups do work together.

She said within the organizations, members need to encourage each other to experience other religions.

Mick Smith, the director of the newly-forming Latter-day Saints Student Association, said groups could pray together if they felt a common bond — in times of calamity for example.

Becca Bartlett, a freshman ballet major and representative of the Presbyterian student group, said, "Our goal is to educate members of our own communities."

Ruth Powell, a junior psychology major and representative of UCM and Baptist Student Ministry, said religious groups need willingness to find common ground.

All religions have similar ethics, she said. "We all seek the welfare of mankind."

Anna Mueller, a senior math major and representative of UCM, said tolerance and respect for other ideas are gifts different groups can bring to the community as a whole.

The problems groups encounter, however, include stereotypes about religions.

"People 'clump' us all together based on one example," she said.

Geoff Mitchell, a sophomore religion and philosophy double major and representative of the Disciple Student Fellowship, said, "I thought the evening went well due to the fact that we were able to open our minds without losing our faith. Instead, we broadened it."

Meghan Washburn, a freshman religion major and representative of DSF, said she having more visible and accessible events would be a solution to improving religious diversity on campus.

The group discussed ways to increase acceptance of religious diversity on campus through education, sharing of experiences and all-campus events.

Religious groups represented at the discussion were: Catholic Community, Baptist Student Ministry, Wesley Foundation, Christian Medical Society, Disciple Student Fellowship, Muslim Association, Campus Crusade for Christ, Eta Iota Sigma, Word of Truth Gospel Choir, Lutheran Students, Canterbury, Latter-day Saints Student Association, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Uniting Campus Ministries and Greek Council for Christ.

Boy's dog heroes get new home

BY KAREN TESTA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — They led a boy to the brink of death, then saved his life. Now two of the dogs have been rewarded with a new home.

Josh Carlisle, a 10-year-old with Down syndrome, was playing in his yard when a couple of wandering dogs apparently caught his eye and he followed them into the rugged, wooded Ozarks near his home.

For three days, with temperatures in

single digits, up to 350 volunteers searched for the boy. On Saturday, a man on horseback heard barking and found Josh with two protective dogs.

"The dogs took him in as if they were his mother," Sheriff Ralph Hendrix said Monday. "They probably curled up next to him and kept him warm, warm enough to stay alive on us."

The dogs are "God's angels," said Josh's stepfather, Lynn Coffey. He and Josh's mother, Johnny Coffey, want to give the strays a new home for keeping the boy alive.

The smaller dog, a dachshund, followed rescuer Oscar "Junior" Nell and his horse through rough terrain as they carried the boy to help.

The dog tried to keep up when a police car rushed Josh to a medical helicopter, but his legs gave out. "He stayed with us through thick and thin," Nell said.

The dachshund and a heeler will remain with neighbors and the sheriff's office until Josh comes home from the hospital. He was in fair condition Monday with frostbitten toes.

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It's the 9th annual gathering of siblings on the TCU campus & here's what we have planned for you!

Friday, March 29
Attend Classes - Register - Movie

In the evening, enjoy music & refreshments in the Student Center followed by the movie *Babe* at 9:00p.m.

Registration for Siblings Weekend will be held from 4:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. in the Student Center lobby.

Saturday, March 30
Campus Tours - Cookout - Frog Fest

Campus tours start the day. Those interested should meet at the Office of Admissions at 10:00a.m.

A traditional Texas style cookout begin at noon in front of the Student Center followed by Frog Fest.

Frog Fest is the highlight of Siblings Weekend. This annual spring festival is a fun filled afternoon of music, games, prizes & entertainment provided by local artists.

Saturday evening is free to give your TCU student the chance to tour the many highlights and activities available in Fort Worth.

Sunday, March 31
Breakfast - Battle of the Bands

Breakfast is included in your Siblings Weekend package. It will be served at the Main Cafeteria located in the Student Center.

The grand finale of Siblings Weekend is the annual *Battle of the Bands*. From noon until 6:00 p.m., six local bands will perform around Frog Fountain. A variety of games & activities will be available or just relax & enjoy the music.

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Frogs' weekend a comedy of errors

TCU commits three, Oklahoma four as Frogs lose to Cowboys 13-8; win 10-5

BY BRETT VAN ORT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU and No. 22-ranked Oklahoma State proved that costly errors can decide a ballgame. The teams split a two game series Saturday and Sunday at the TCU Diamond.

Oklahoma State (12-4) won the opener on Saturday, 13-8, in front of a 742-member crowd. TCU committed three errors. Oklahoma State came back Sunday and topped TCU's three-error performance by committing four. TCU (14-13) took advantage of the miscues and won Sunday's contest 10-5.

The Cowboys scored first in Saturday's affair after OSU turned a Matt Howe error at third base into two runs. Cowboy starting pitcher Ryan Graves (3-0) kept the Frogs at bay as OSU pulled away, scoring four in the fourth inning and five in the eighth.

TCU's Toby Dollar (0-6) took the loss and saw his ERA climb to an even 9.00 on the season.

TCU head coach Lance Brown took part of the blame for Dollar's loss.

"He was throwing behind in the count with runners on," Brown said of Dollar's three and two-thirds innings of work when six Cowboys crossed home plate. "He did throw some good pitches, but lefties are hitting really well against him, and they load up their batting order with seven or eight lefties. We should have gone with a lefty on the mound in Derek (Lee) or (David) Meyer."

The middle relief also did not come through when it was needed. The five-spot OSU put up in the eighth frame resulted because TCU reliever Clint Smith could

not hit the strike zone. Five of the six batters Smith faced scored, and the five runs proved to be the margin in the game.

OSU stopped TCU's comeback attempt in the ninth inning. Down by nine, TCU scored four in the ninth inning, finishing the game, 13-8.

"Coming in, I thought we matched up statistically with this team," Coach Brown said after Sunday's victory. "We got beat soundly, but Flint (Wallace) pitched great today."

Wallace's Sunday start resembled the complete opposite of Dollar's Saturday start for the Frogs. Wallace allowed 14 baserunners in six and two-thirds innings. He held runners on base, disabling them to come across home plate.

OSU stranded 13 baserunners compared to TCU's seven. The Frogs had seven hits; five in the gaps for doubles. The Cowboys out-hit the Frogs nine to seven, but the four errors scored three TCU unearned runs.

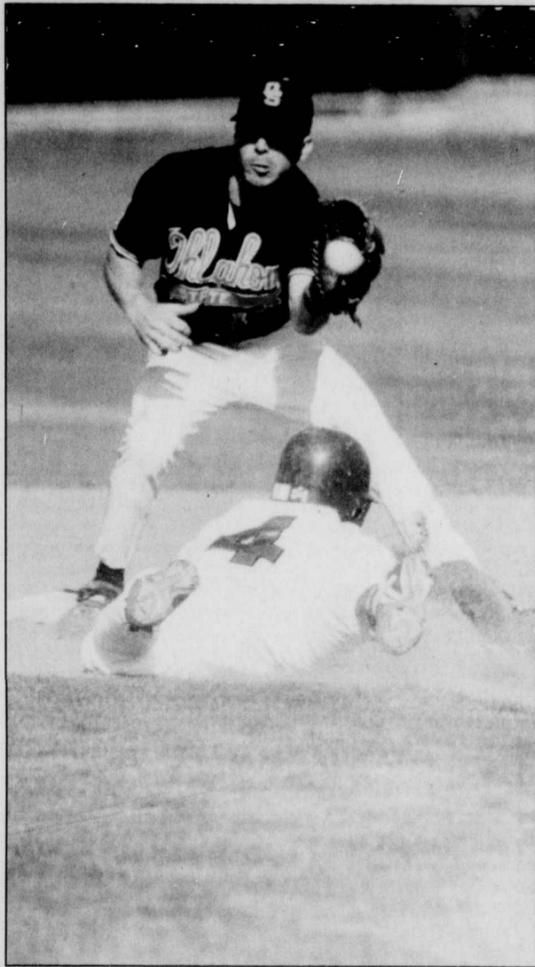
TCU had the first score of the game with four runs in the second inning. The Frogs took advantage of two errors by OSU second baseman Rusty McNamara and scored three unearned. TCU came back with three runs in the fourth to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

That was all Wallace needed while upping his record to 5-2 on the season.

McNamara pulled a sombrero in the error department by dropping a routine pop-up in the sixth inning. Fittingly, the run came around to score the fourth unearned run on the day for the Frogs.

Sophomore David Meyer threw

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TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims
Jeff Yarbrough successfully steals second base in Sunday's game against Oklahoma State University.

Sprinter finishes 4th at indoor nationals

Carter runs personal best: 20.88 in 200-meter dash

BY BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Junior Brashant Carter may have been the only TCU Flyin' Frog at the National Indoor Track and Field Meet in Indianapolis, Ind., this past weekend, but he represented his school quite well.

Carter finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a personal best time of 20.88 seconds.

Carter said he gained a great deal of reassurance of his abilities, which he hopes will help him qualify for outdoor nationals just as quickly at the next meet.

"It built my confidence up that I can really do well (and) that I can really run pretty fast," Carter said.

He entered the meet as the nation's 12th-ranked runner in the 200. Carter's time at Nationals surpassed his previous best of 21.43, set at the Daily Oklahoman Track Classic in Oklahoma City on Feb. 10.

Obadele Thompson of Texas-El Paso won in the 200-meter dash, with a time of 20.36. George Mason University won the overall team title with 33 points. TCU tied for 40th with four other teams, with five points.

Carter's performance in the 200 certainly did not disappoint his coaches.

"I'm very pleased and happy about (Carter's finish)," said Flyin' Frogs head coach Monte Stratton.

Stratton said he is enthusiastic about what it may mean for Carter in the remainder of the outdoor season, a campaign he hopes will yield similar results from his star sprinter.

"I expect him to be a candidate for the National Championships, as well as provide a vital part of the 4x400-meter relay," he said.

Coach John McKenzie said he looks for Carter to use his experience in Indianapolis as a springboard for the outdoor season.

"I think it will give him added confidence," McKenzie said.

Carter's high finish should also increase expectations of himself, McKenzie said.

Carter said he prefers running outdoors anyway, because of the surface differences of the tracks.

"It (the outdoor track) is not banked or anything, he said. "I don't have to worry about leaning into it."

Carter will join his teammates in College Station, Texas, on Saturday, March 16, for the Texas A&M Invitational.

UMass regains top rank before tourney

BY JIM O'CONNELL
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The top four teams in the final poll of the college basketball season match the top four seeds in the NCAA tournament. Sort of.

Massachusetts, which retook the No. 1 position Monday, Kentucky, which dropped to No. 2 and Connecticut, which held third, are three of the top-seeded teams.

The fourth No. 1 seed is Purdue, which is one of three teams to hold the No. 4 spot in the poll as the Boilermakers, Kansas and Georgetown finished in a tie for that spot. Research of polls since 1975-76 showed no other three-way tie in that period.

The Minutemen (31-1), who were ranked No. 1 for nine consecutive weeks until dropping to No. 2 for the last two polls, easily moved back on top, again switching places with Kentucky (28-2).

The two held the top two spots for the final 12 polls of the season.

Massachusetts, the Atlantic 10 regular-season and tournament champions for the fifth straight season, received 58 first-place votes and 1,587 points, 74 more than the Wildcats, who received two No. 1 votes. Kentucky had won 27 consecutive games before losing to Mississippi State on Sunday in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game.

Connecticut (30-2), the regular-season and tournament champions of the Big East, got eight No. 1 votes and 1,499 points to hold the No. 3 spot, while the trio of fourth-ranked teams had 1,259.

Georgetown (26-7) moved up two places after losing to Connecticut in the tournament final. Kansas (26-4), the only other school to be ranked No. 1 this season, dropped one spot after losing to Iowa State on Sunday in the

Big Eight tournament title game. Purdue (25-5), the Big Ten champion for the third straight year, was fourth last week and stayed there despite losing to Iowa in the regular-season finale.

Cincinnati, Texas Tech, which received one first-place vote, Wake Forest and Villanova rounded out the Top Ten.

Arizona again led the Second Ten, followed by Utah, Georgia Tech, UCLA, Syracuse, Memphis, Iowa State, Penn State, Mississippi State and Marquette.

The last five teams were Iowa, Virginia Tech, newcomer New Mexico, Louisville and North Carolina.

North Carolina holding on in the rankings is important heading into next season as the Tar Heels keep intact the longest current run of consecutive poll appearances — 107, a run dating to the 1990-91 preseason poll. Kentucky is next at 105 polls, followed by Kansas (97), Massachusetts (60) and Connecticut (51).

New Mexico (27-4), which beat Utah on Saturday to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament, had been ranked 25th for two weeks earlier in the season. The Lobos replace Wisconsin-Green Bay (25-3), which was eliminated from the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament in the semifinals by Detroit.

Thirteen teams were in every poll from the preseason through the final Top 25. Five — Massachusetts, Kentucky, Connecticut, Kansas and Villanova — spent the entire season in the Top Ten. The others to be ranked all the way through were Wake Forest, Memphis, North Carolina, Cincinnati, Virginia Tech, Georgetown, Iowa and Utah.

There was only one one-week wonder this season as Texas came in at No. 23 for one week in January, dropped out and didn't reappear.

Men's tennis team snags two victories; Utah, Clemson become latest victims

BY ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's tennis team continued its dominance of lesser-ranked opposition, shutting out No. 49-ranked Utah on Saturday and No. 42-ranked Clemson on Monday by identical 7-0 scores at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The No. 5-ranked Frogs improved their record to 10-1 overall while extending their winning streak to six. TCU is 6-0 at home.

The Frogs swept all nine matches against the Utes. Seniors Paul Robinson and David Roditi, ranked No. 8, downed Utah's Christian Svensson and Philippe Rodrigue, 8-5, at the No.

1 doubles position. No. 6-ranked juniors Ashley Fisher and Jason Weir-Smith won at the No. 2 slot, 8-4, to give the Frogs an early 1-0 lead.

TCU then took all six singles matches in straight sets.

Against the Tigers, TCU head coach Tut Bartzan switched the top two doubles pairs. Fisher and Weir-Smith lost their first match of the spring, losing to No. 19-ranked Bruce Li and Mitch Sprengelmeyer, 8-5.

But TCU's other two doubles pairs came through to earn the doubles point, and the Frogs were on their way. Senior Tim Leonard and sophomore Andres Urencio won at the still-undecided No. 3 spot, 8-5.

Bartzan is expected to mix and

match combinations of Leonard, Urencio and sophomore Matthew Walsh until this weekend's Blue-Grey National Team Championships.

"It's not settled," Leonard said. "We're just going to keep mixing it around."

The Frogs again swept singles play in straight sets. Robinson, ranked No. 2, slammed Sprengelmeyer at the No. 1 position, 6-2, 6-1, while No. 40-ranked Roditi defeated Li, 7-5, 6-3 at No. 2 singles.

"I haven't felt this good outside in a long time," Roditi said. "I can't blow anyone off the court. I don't have the game to blow anybody off the court. Every school is going to have at least two good players.

"They (the opposition) can play. It's just that overall, as a team, we're deeper. The bottom of our lineup is supposed to win easily."

No. 89-ranked freshman Talito Corrales won at the No. 3 position, beating Ryan Bauer, 7-5, 6-0.

"I'm playing better," Corrales said. "I'm getting more confidence. Playing outside is much better for me."

The Frogs leave Wednesday for the March 14-17 Blue-Grey Championships in Montgomery, Ala.

"It's the first time I get to go there," Corrales said. "I think we have a very good chance to win it, and if we win we can go to No. 3 in the nation."

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Lady Frog tennis gets win over weekend

BY ERNESTO MORAN
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The TCU women's tennis team continued to show signs of marked improvement over last year's team, beating Northeast Louisiana, 5-3, Saturday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The Lady Frogs' record moved to 7-3. Last season, TCU lost to Northeast Louisiana, 4-3.

TCU head coach Roland Ingram said the team has progressed just as he had hoped it would.

"I'm happy with the way they're progressing," Ingram said. "They're gaining more and more confidence."

Senior Christina Stangeland topped Eva Eguiguren, 6-3, 7-6, at No. 2 singles in what Ingram called one of the best performances he has seen in his TCU career.

"I've been here 13 years, and that was probably one of the finest matches I've seen played," Ingram said. "(Eguiguren) is a really good player. I was extremely pleased."

Stangeland said she was pleased with her performance as well.

"I'm definitely happy," Stangeland said. "I played really well. I've been playing really well lately."

Another Lady Frog who has played well all season is freshman Natalie Balafoutis. She remains undefeated (8-0) this year, beating Claudia Ibanez, 6-0, 6-3, at the No. 4 singles position.

"I can't really explain it," Balafoutis said. "I'm calm on the court, and that helps a lot."

Balafoutis said each win has helped the team gain confidence.

"It's given us confidence that we can win a lot of matches 5-4, especially against conference opponents," she said.

Ingram said another source of the team's success is its depth.

"The bottom of our lineup is really coming through for us this year," Ingram said. "The top of the lineup is doing what they're supposed to do, winning one or two out of the three. The bottom three is winning two or three. So we're going into the doubles up 4-2, and that really helps."

TCU hosts Southwest Texas on Tuesday, Oklahoma on Wednesday and Indiana on Saturday.

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Thomas signs 3-year extension

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Thurman Thomas, who will be 30 in May, signed a three-year contract extension Monday that will keep him in a Buffalo Bills' uniform at an age when most running backs are retired.

The contract, which is more a renegotiation than a new deal, will pay Thomas a little more than \$9 million this year and the following three years. It includes a \$2.3 million signing bonus.

It also saves the Bills a little more than \$2 million in salary cap money.

UT kicker has knee surgery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas kicker Phil Dawson is recovering from knee surgery and might be ready for the start of next season.

Dawson, an all-SWC kicker for the past two years, underwent reconstructive knee surgery last Friday and is expected to be out of action for up to six months, Longhorns coach John Mackovic said.

Dawson first injured the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during his senior year at Richardson Lake Highlands High School in 1992.

Ex-Cub, Phillie dead at 81

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) — Bill Nicholson, an outfielder with the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies who twice led the National League in home runs, died of a heart attack Friday at his home. He was 81.

Nicknamed "Swish" because of his forceful left-handed swing, Nicholson, a member of the Phillies' "Whiz Kids," helped the team reach the 1950 World Series.

In 1943, he hit 29 home runs to lead the league and drove in 128 runs while hitting .309 for the Cubs. The following year he hit .287 and again led the league with 33 homers and 122 RBIs.

Italian soccer players strike

ROME (AP) — Italian soccer players called a strike Monday for the next round of matches in protest to seek more say in how the sport is governed.

The weekend strike is being led by players in the Italian League's Premier Division. Players from the two lower divisions are expected to follow.

The main issues appear to be retirement funds, regulations that would limit foreign players and a stronger voice in soccer federation decisions.

Jaguars sign RB Means

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Natrone Means, a former Pro Bowl running back who was dumped by the San Diego Chargers last month in a salary cap move, was claimed off waivers Monday by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

By claiming the 23-year-old Means, the Jaguars have to assume the four-year, \$7.3 million contract he signed last summer after an 11-day holdout.

Means will only count \$1.6 million, against the Jaguars' salary cap because the Chargers have to pay the pro-rated portion of his signing bonus.

Heat wave anticipated for summer Olympics

BY MARC RICE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The first official weather forecast for the Summer Olympics says Atlanta may be hotter than normal.

Keep in mind that a normal Atlanta summer is plenty hot. Hotter than that and you're talking soaked shirt, parched tongue, fry-an-egg-on-the-side walk hot.

With the Olympics still over four months away, the National Weather Service on Monday emphasized that its long-range forecast is very preliminary. It hedged further by noting that the forecast is for a three-month period, and "radical" changes in the forecast for the 17 days of the Games — July 19 through Aug. 4 — are still possible.

Following last summer's heat wave, the new forecast sounds convincing.

It says there is a 39.3 percent chance that temperatures from June to August will be above normal. The chance for near normal temperatures is 33.3 percent and the chance for below normal is 27.3 percent.

"If you're a betting man, the odds slightly favor above normal temperatures," said Lans Rothfus, meteorologist in charge of the weather service's Olympic center near Atlanta.

The forecast did not predict how high the temperatures might go. As for thunderstorms, another infamous feature of Atlanta summers, the weather service said there is no indication that rainfall will be above or below normal.

The average high temperature in Atlanta in July is 87 degrees and in August 86 degrees. However, during those months last summer, the mercury often hit the high 90s and sometimes went above 100.

The weather service said the other cities hosting Olympic events this summer also showed a slight probability of higher than normal temperatures.

The greatest chance for hotter weather was in Miami, Orlando and Washington, D.C., the sites of preliminary soccer matches. Each of those cities had a 43.3 percent chance of higher than normal temperatures, according to the weather service.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is not unduly worried about the weather.

ACOG has embarked on a campaign to educate spectators about precautions against the intense heat, such as drinking lots of water and wearing light clothing.

ACOG also has helped arrange for athletes to train in the South so they can get acclimated to the heat.

Columnist predicts future of NBA season



SCOTT BARZILLA
Sports Columnist

Now that we have entered the month of March, the NBA playoff situation is beginning to clear up. The last few spots are still fairly contested, but the first five spots should remain fairly intact. However, there still might be a few surprises in store for us in the coming weeks. We will begin our journey with the Western Conference.

Houston, 3-1: The two-time defending champs are currently the fourth seed in the Western Conference and will not see Clyde Drexler or Mario Elie return to form until around playoff time. They seem to be clipping right along without these two key players, and when they get them back in April, this team could do what it does so often in the play-

offs: overcome the odds.

San Antonio, 5-1: The acquisition of Charles Smith helps a little inside, but this team is still missing the key ingredient for any championship team: heart. With "the Admiral" in the middle, and Sean Elliot on the outside, this team will be a threat to win it all, but they still need to prove it in the playoffs.

Los Angeles, 10-1: This team is currently in the fifth position, but has been red hot since Magic Johnson joined. This team could vault all the way up into the third seed with Magic's veteran leadership. They surprised a lot of people in the playoffs last year by giving the Spurs all they wanted. Magic might put the Lakers over the top this year.

Seattle, 12-1: This club continues to puzzle every basketball analyst. It seems to get better and better every year but fails to get out of the first round. It will have the home court advantage until the finals, but something is still missing from the mix. Perhaps if George Karl decides to get off of his duff and coach some, then the Sonics may win a series.

The Eastern Conference has tried

to catch its collective breath as the Chicago Bulls poise themselves to break the record for victories in a season. Unfortunately, the Bulls can't take those wins with them into the playoffs. A host of other teams will spend the rest of this season figuring out how to knock them off.

Chicago, 1-2: The Bulls have shown that they are the class of the NBA during this regular season. They have shown very few vulnerabilities this season, but the playoffs are completely different games. It's hard to go against the Bulls at this point, but they are a team with definite weaknesses (lack of a big man and lack of depth). It's just a question of whether anyone can exploit them.

Orlando, 4-1: The Magic surprised a lot of people last season when they made it to the finals with a very young team. This season hasn't been as easy because they have had some keys players miss some games along the way (Shaquille O'Neal, Horace Grant). This team's biggest problem is the fact that it struggles on the road and at the foul line. The Magic will not win if they can't find a way to rectify those two

problems.

Indiana, 5-1: The Pacers are coming off of two consecutive seasons in which they lost game seven of the Conference Finals. They have added Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson, which gives them a stronger bench. They still might not have enough firepower to overthrow Chicago or Orlando, but they can sneak up on you if you take them lightly.

Cleveland, 18-1: Most fans can't name one player off of this team, but they continue to win games. If Mike Fratello doesn't win coach of the year honors, something's wrong. This team keeps the scores down by playing tough defense and a half-court game. This will be to their advantage in the playoffs.

At this point, it is difficult to go with anyone but the Rockets and the Bulls in the finals, but Houston showed us last year that anything can happen. A Rockets-Bulls series would showcase the winners of the last five championships. It certainly would be a tough series, with Houston coming on top in seven and Hakeem dominating Luc Longely and Bill Wennington.

NFL and instant replay

Debate over controversial system returns

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
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PALM BEACH, Fla. — Instant replay, dead for the past four seasons, may be coming back to the NFL.

It's unlikely, however, to return this year.

On Tuesday, NFL owners will again discuss using technology to review calls on the field. But whatever system is installed, it will be a more limited version than the one used between 1986 and 1991.

And it's unlikely to be approved this year because the league needs time to test the new technology and probably does not have the required 23 votes from ownership for approval.

"I feel we'll have a really good discussion," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday after the full opening session of the owners' meeting. "But it will take a good deal of experimentation to get it in working order."

Instant replay is one of the few football issues on the agenda of this week's meetings, which is dominated by franchise moves.

Tagliabue and the combined finance and stadium committees gave final approval Monday to the deal that allows Art Modell to move his franchise from Cleveland to Baltimore, but allows the Browns' name, colors and records to remain in Cleveland for a new team in a new stadium in 1999.

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The tournament features many of the top schools in the nation, and marks the last chance for the Frogs to gain rankings points, as they will likely be ranked higher than their opponents, until the NCAA Champi-

onships in May.

"If we don't do well there, we can get in trouble," Roditi said. "We're going in there trying to win it. It's about time we win the tournament."

Roditi said the best the team has done in the previous three years he has been here is reach the semifinals.

"If we don't win it, I'll be upset," he said.

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well in middle relief for the Frogs and got the game in the hands of TCU's closer, Erik Brown.

Brown set down a Cowboy uprising in the ninth by striking out the two men he faced. The split-finger fastball he developed during the off-season was the out pitch in both at-bats. TCU won 10-5.

The Frogs will play Sam Houston today in Huntsville, Texas, and will then play at the SWC First Pitch

Tournament in Houston on Thursday.

"We wanted to get momentum going into the series of games coming up this week," Brown said. "Winning three of four here (the two game sweep of Maine Wednesday and Thursday) gives us a chance to play well against Sam and get the rotation in order for the tournament this weekend."

The Frogs play a twin-bill against Sam Houston starting at 1 p.m. The second game, which will begin around 4 p.m. can be heard on FM 88.7 KTCU.

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