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Catholics congregate for campus conference

BY TONY COVER
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Students from across the state are converging on TCU this weekend for the 25th annual Texas Catholic Student Conference.

"The purpose of the event is to promote fellowship and community among Catholic students across the state of Texas," said Becky St. John, chairwoman for this year's conference and a member of the Catholic Community.

"A lot of us have student centers on our individual campuses, but we don't really get a chance to get together through the ministry," she said.

Students participating in the conference can take part in one of 20 different workshops being offered, said Laura Dunning, co-chairwoman for the workshop committee.

"The workshops provide a wide opportunity for students to grow spiritually," said Dunning, a junior computer science major. "We have faith focus workshops, social issue workshops and other student-oriented workshops that are of interest for college students."

The theme for this year's conference is "Building the City of God."

"It's the name of a popular church song with some words that really sums it up well," St. John said. "It's a chance for us to come together and each do our small parts."

"Like people in this city who want to have clean streets and safe neighborhoods, we want our city of God to be a good city where people want to live and learn," she said.

The conference begins on Friday evening at the Ramada Hotel in downtown Fort Worth.

Friday's events include icebreakers and registration; last minute drop-ins are welcome, St. John said.

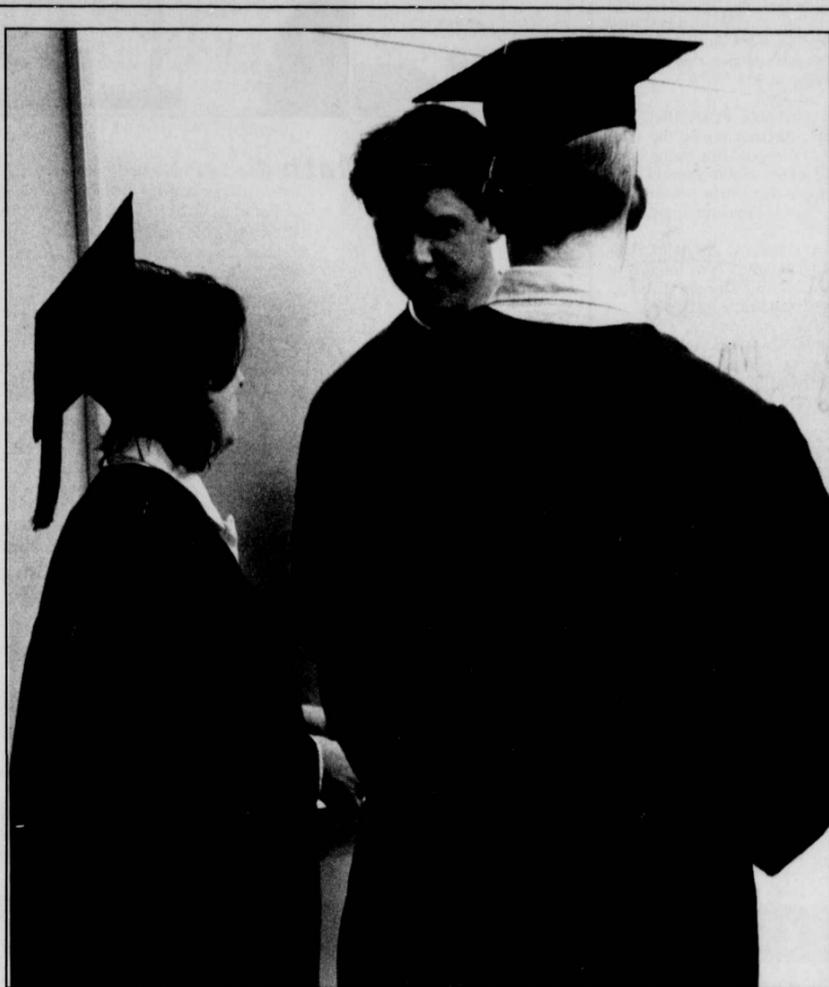
St. John said there will also be line dancing lessons and a worship service that evening.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, nationally known speaker Edwina Gately will give the keynote speech, "One Woman's Faith Journey."

Gately is founder of the Genesis House in Chicago, a home for rehabilitating prostitutes. She has also done missionary work throughout the United States and in Africa.

"She fits really well into our theme

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Mortar Board members Becky Pretz, a senior advertising/public relations major, and Bill Wellons, a senior political science major, "tap" Ryan Horstman (facing), a junior finance and accounting major, to become a member of the honor society Wednesday during Horstman's class.

Board taps new members

BY GINGER D. RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Forty juniors had their classes interrupted Tuesday and Wednesday by fellow classmates bearing carnations and invitations notifying them of their acceptance into Mortar Board.

Mortar Board, a national senior honor society, notified new members of their acceptance into the TCU Ampersand Chapter with the organization's traditional tapping ceremony.

During the ceremony, Mortar Board members tapped the new members, explained the purpose of Mortar Board and listed the honorees' achievements before presenting them with ribbons and carnations.

The public tapping ceremony caught some of the new members off guard.

"I just expected that if I got it, I would get a letter in the mail," said Colby Siratt, a junior accounting major, and one of the new inductees. "It was a really big surprise to have them come in, interrupt my class and just start talking about me — it was pretty exciting and a lot of fun."

Tapping is a Mortar Board tradition that originated with the society's founding in 1914, said Kelley Pelton, president of Mortar Board.

Jennifer Duncan, a senior business management major and Mortar Board member, said the society has three criteria when selecting its new members.

"We want people who have excelled in service, scholarship and leadership throughout their college career," Duncan said.

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Crime stats mixed in '95

Robberies, assaults down, thefts up from previous year

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Although burglaries and thefts on campus increased in 1995, the number of confrontational crimes went down, according to Campus Police statistics.

In 1994, four robberies and two aggravated assaults were reported to campus police, compared to one robbery and zero aggravated assaults in 1995.

But some crimes have increased on campus. While only 16 burglaries were reported in 1994, 38 were reported in 1995. Motor vehicle thefts also increased from two to six in 1995.

The number of crimes reported in 1995, however, are unofficial until campus police audits the reports.

Campus police attribute the lack of crime in certain areas to the introduction of police bike patrols and the student escort service.

"The bike patrols have probably been the greatest deterrent to crime," Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said.

Bike patrols allow officers to survey between dorms easier than do car patrols, McGee said. Officers can also hear students in distress better when using the bike patrols, he said.

"Crime has been low because visibility is up for officers," said Crime Prevention Sgt. Connie Villela.

The bike patrols also allow officers to respond to calls quicker than they would in a car, McGee said. He said the bikes are invaluable to campus police.

The Student Escort Patrol, instituted last fall, has also helped deter some crime, Villela said.

There are currently 15 students

employed by the program, Villela said. Students in the patrol are part of the campus work-study program.

"The student escorts are our eyes and ears on campus," Villela said.

The main purpose of the program is to escort female students on campus at night, Villela said. However, she said, the escorts take male students to their dorms as well.

Student patrols also report suspicious activity to campus police officers.

The escort program has benefited greatly from the new golf carts acquired by campus police this spring, she said. The students patrol the campus from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Villela said the student escorts also help increase awareness on campus.

"Students may be able to educate other students even better than we can," Villela said. "Students will more likely listen to someone in their peer group."

Chief McGee has also been instrumental in keeping crime on campus to a minimum, Villela said.

"McGee listens to the students' needs, and that is one reason we are successful," Villela said. "The students know what they need better than anyone."

McGee came to TCU last fall and implemented the bike patrols upon arrival. He said the Fort Worth Police had a very successful bike patrol, and he thought this program would work well on a college campus.

"We take a pro-active approach in trying new ideas and programs to deter crime and make students safe," McGee said.

Mike Russel, assistant dean of

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Prof, student send worms up in space

BY ALISHA LA ROCHELLE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Several thousand worms are scheduled to take a ride on the space shuttle Atlantis March 21.

The worms are a part of a research project being conducted by Philip Hartman, a professor of biology, and Tony Hlavacek, a senior biology major.

The microscopic worms are being sent into space to test the effect of cosmic radiation on DNA, Hlavacek said.

Cosmic radiation is made of high-energy particles and is emitted by the sun and other stars, he said. Some cosmic radiation reaches the surface of the earth, but the amount in space is much higher, he said.

The worms will be exposed to the same amount of cosmic radiation the astronauts are exposed to during the nine to 10 day mission, he said.

When the worms return to earth their DNA will be studied to look for mutations occurring as a result of exposure to cosmic radiation, Hlavacek said.

"DNA is DNA," Hlavacek said. "Presumably, if cosmic radiation affects worm DNA, it will affect humans the same way."

The worms being used are of the species *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The worms are commonly used in research because of their small size and their three-day life cycles, Hlavacek said.

The worms are about 1 mm long, and 100,000 of them can fit on one petri dish, he said.

Once the worms are back at TCU they will be grown and separated based on two mutation detection systems, Hlavacek said.

The researchers will be looking

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Group tries to combat image of 'tax and spend' Democrats

BY ANDREA DAUM
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Texas Democrats may have lost ground in the 1994 elections, but a new group says it is now ready to put the party back on the forefront of American politics.

The 21st Century Democrats is the brainchild of Steve Gutow, a former Dallas lawyer, who started the organization in September, 1995, in order to unify the state's Democratic Party.

The group's mission is simple: to help refocus the Democratic Party on basic issues such as jobs, education, health care and personal safety.

The organization is trying to develop a grassroots effort to restore pride and enthusiasm to Democratic activists, according to a mission statement.

Tim Harms, assistant director of communications for 21st Century Democrats, said the group organized because the Republican Party has defined Democrats on social issues and tax and spend policies.

"We are seeking to redefine the Democratic

party as the party of the middle class, not social issues," he said.

David Knoll, the group's field coordinator for the Fort Worth area, said that people spend too much time focusing on the internal difference in the party. He said 21st Century Democrats wanted to get away from that tendency and go back to the fundamentals of the Democratic party.

Knoll said that there is no doubt that the middle

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News Digest

California to get more quake aid

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Clinton administration offered California \$869 million Tuesday to help four hospitals recover from damage caused two years ago by the Northridge earthquake.

County supervisors got \$410 million to repair the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. They had hoped for \$1.3 billion, but the grant was more than the \$300 million offered last year by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The 900-bed Medical Center had to close its pediatrics and psychiatric services after the January 1993 quake.

Primary ballots cause problems

AUSTIN (AP) — Computers and humans alike Tuesday night experienced problems in reporting primary results statewide as many ballots from some metropolitan areas remained uncounted hours after polls closed.

The worst difficulties were in Dallas County, where officials said a "computer meltdown" would delay full reporting until 2 a.m.

Dallas County results are key in the race for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, was hoping for local support to gain a spot in a runoff against front-runner Victor Morales.

Airline plans Dallas expansion

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines, the nation's fastest-growing major airline, plans a \$72 million project to expand its base at Dallas Love Field by the year 2000.

Southwest plans to consolidate its training and data processing operations in Dallas.

The plans, which are anticipated to create hundreds of jobs, do not involve expansion of flights from Love Field.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk and Herb Keller, chairman and chief executive officer of the Dallas-based carrier, announced the first phase of the project Wednesday.

Tobacco co. agrees to settlement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The tobacco industry's united front began to crumble Wednesday when the nation's fifth-largest cigarette maker agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit accusing tobacco companies of manipulating nicotine levels to keep smokers hooked.

Liggett Group, which makes Chesterfield and Eve cigarettes, said that for the next 25 years, it will pay 5 percent of its pre-tax profits, or \$50 million a year, whichever is less, toward programs that help people stop smoking.

Big tipper wants money back

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore. (AP) — There's one tip waitress Ruth Bullis will never forget: \$1,000 on a \$3.95 gin-and-tonic.

Apparently, the tipper can't get it out of his mind, either. He wants the money back. But Bullis is not about to hand it over. In fact, she's already spent it.

She and her co-workers at Stanford's Restaurant and Bar say the tipper wasn't tipsy or otherwise addled when he signed the credit-card slip in November. And besides, "once someone gives you a tip, that's it," said Bullis.

Campus Lines

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 298050. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

PSI CHI, 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 Friday.

A 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 on building healthy relationships.

BLACK STUDENT CAUCUS will sponsor "Can You Play It Like You Talk It?" a dominoes and spades tournament, at 8 p.m. March 27 in Student Center 205-206. First prize

is \$75; second prize is \$50. Teams can sign up at the Student Center Information Desk or Room 220 for \$3 before Friday and \$5 after Friday.

"SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO," sponsored by the Black Student Caucus, will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 28 in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$3 at the Information Desk or \$5 at the door.

HUMAN RESOURCES will host a brown bag seminar at noon, April 12, in which Greg Stephens will cover tips for traveling in Mexico. Call 921-7790.

TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION is accepting new member applications through March 26. The Foundation is a service organization that promotes the welfare of the university by volunteering in various offices. Members must be classified as a sophomore or higher by Fall 1996 and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Applications are available at the Student Center Information Desk, the

Admissions Office or the Alumni Office. Call 921-7803.

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.

ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD during the summer and fall should stop by the Study Abroad office, Reed Hall 113, to obtain pre-departure information and academic approval forms.

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 students are welcome.

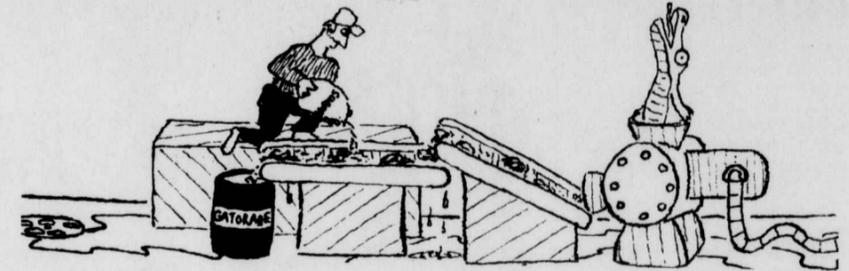
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by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



PurplePoll

Tastes great or less filling?

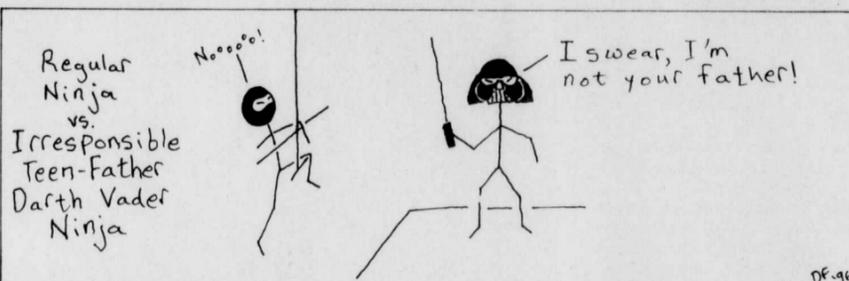
This week's Purple Poll questions are dedicated to the mundane but necessary decisions we all must make everyday, no matter how trivial or how irritating. Remember, Skiff pollsters volunteered for this duty; do not take out your frustrations on them, for "they also serve who only stand and ask."

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

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Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



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class is shrinking, and 21st Century Democrats wants to see the middle class stay alive.

"People are working harder for less pay, and the Republican Party's agenda is denying those who are trying to make it the same opportunities as those who are better off," Knoll said.

21st Century Democrats has already achieved one of its goals: to pass what they call The New Road Map Resolution.

The resolution outlines what the organization wants to focus on, including economic growth, educational opportunities, incentives for small business and initiatives that will ensure personal safety.

Having passed the resolution at Tuesday's precinct conventions, 21st Century Democrats can now take it to higher levels.

"Once it passes the precinct convention we can take it to the county convention and if it passes, we can take it to the state and then hopefully the national convention," Knoll said. "With this passed, we can show the public and the press what the organization is all about. We are hoping to motivate people to be Democrats."

Harms said that by passing the resolution, the organization will succeed in rebuilding and redefining the Texas Democratic Party for a strong Texas of the future.

"We can help the Democratic Party reverse the negative image it has been attributed by the Republicans," he said. "Things like (the perception that) we are a tax and spend party."

Knoll said, "Our aim is to refocus the party, not elect specific candidates, and to rebuild the party on the issues it was founded on."

campus life, said he also believes McGee has been a positive influence on keeping campus crime fairly low.

"McGee has brought different perspectives on policing and implementing different programs that are needed," Russel said.

The fact that students are more educated about crime helps prevent crime as well, Villela said. She said everyone contributes to reduce crime on campus.

"The RAs and hall directors help teach students to be aware and safer," Villela said.

More lights in the Coliseum parking area and the police mannequin have also helped reduce crime in that particular area, McGee said. The dummy acts as a deterrent for outsiders more than for students, he said.

McGee said Campus Police are always open to suggestions on how to lower crime on campus. He said he continually asks officers and students for ideas on how to keep the campus safe.

Correction

The Tarrant County Community of Churches was misidentified in Tuesday's story about the religious diversity discussion.

Thomas Kunkel's name was misspelled in the House story in Wednesday's paper.

The Skiff regrets the errors.

Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy with a high of 79 and a low of 56.

Friday will be mostly cloudy with a high of 78 and a low of 57.

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Chris Smith

Solutions to TCU's problems

Many detractors of the *Skiff* opinion page claim that negative sides of issues outnumber the positive and that solutions to said negatives are never posed. In order to quell this Letter to the Editor insurrection, as well as to put in my two cents, I offer up to you, the student body, problems with solutions. Hurrah!

Security-Problem: Security at TCU is lackadaisical at best. Granted, performance has improved from last semester, when being mugged at gunpoint was a common occurrence, but that still does not excuse a poor showing this semester. For some odd reason, campus police feel somewhat ubiquitous when they park cars in the quad parking lot.

Why patrol the stadium or Ranch Management lot when you have Steve the wonder Dummy to do it for you? Usually the places that have the worst lighting are those ripe for criminal activity, but that is just my amateur opinion.

Campus Police have a knack for ignoring reality when they are at fault. Last year, a girl was beaten up and had her purse stolen in the Ranch Management lot. Then Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart cited the girl's failure to use the call box properly as the reason they were unable to prevent a subsequent incident, according to an October 19, 1994, *Skiff* article. Instead of apologizing for not being in the most suscep-

tible area, Stewart looked for the avenue of irresponsibility.

Solution: TCU can actually put money in a useful place rather than use it to pander to various alumni and their archaic perceptions of reality. Better lighting for the periphery lots, more bike security at night (I have seen one bike officer this semester, and I live on campus and am a night person) and a patrol car stationed in all lots at all hours of the night are but a few solutions to the crime problem on campus.

The awareness factor becomes essential in security. If would-be criminals stake out certain TCU areas and see bike police, patrol cars and adequate lighting, then they may think that SMU would be a better target.

This is one monetary expenditure in which students may express approval. But most of all, it is a question of safety. The campus police cannot, must not and should not take a half-assed approach to the lives and property of students who supply their paychecks.

Parking Problem: With the new system, commuters have been left out in the cold. The paradox that those living closest to campus get to park on campus has been brought up many times. I offer to the administration a solution straight from the hamster-on-the-wheel that I dub my brain.

Modern Angst



Solution: Main campus students will be moved to the stadium parking lot. The quad lot and South drive spaces will be for commuters only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After that, the main campus students may park in those lots. This frees up space in the east lots and alleviates the insanity that marks the streets surrounding the east side of campus.

Pointing out problems is not an inherently evil practice as some erroneously assume. It opens up a state of inquiry in which solutions can be derived. If all live in ignorance, stagnation results. Yet if all demean themselves to the absoluteness of finger pointing, stagnation is again the inevitable conclusion.

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Kylie Johnston

Equality of humankind does not include women

"There's no use trying," said Alice, "one can't believe impossible things."
"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Well, campus, call me the Queen. I too choose to believe impossible things, even though I don't like to label them as such. I prefer to believe things that sometimes — often times — only seem impossible.

For instance, say, the equality of all humankind.

It sounds so good and it's nice to envision justice-for-all within our reach, and yet... evidence of its impossibility creeps into daily life. Just recently on the *Texas Christian University campus* I was given a jarring dose.

I was in the mailroom, standing by a trash bin and sorting through junk mail, when two girls hugged and giggled because one had sent the other a decorated interoffice letter. "Gosh," one of them said, "We sound like a bunch of girls."

"What's wrong with that?" I asked them. "What is wrong with being a girl? A woman? A female? Nothing, of course, and yet society says that my gender is my handicap. Girl, female, feminine; these aren't dirty words, but still we toss them around like a toned-down expletive, like an explanation for certain behavior.

This biased attitude is nonchalant, and its signs are subliminal.

An advertisement in a magazine out this month is a close-up shot of beans and meat on a bun, orange cheese dripping off the sides, and in the corner of the ad there was its promoter: Cheddar Cheese and the American Dairy Association. At the top of the ad, in a barely legible Crayola font, were the words, "Uh-oh, Mom's working late again."

This type of advertisement is ubiquitous, and it's almost a bother to expose one here when all it takes is a flip through any magazine to see the horror of women not just in aprons and laundry rooms, but women in working suits, balancing baby and briefcase and four-course meals. She is the *uber*-woman. The woman so super she can do it all, never exhausted, with the occasional guilt-free cheddar cheese-pork-bean meal for the kids. Then she can have more time to... clean the stove or spot some socks.

Thus Spake Zarathustra



And the man — if he's around — can come home from his day at the office and feast and fart in front of the television set.

Ah, the equality of all humankind. *Impossibly* lovely, isn't it?

So can I blame it all on Pat Buchanan? I sure can try. The name

of the co-chairwoman for his presidential campaign might ring a bell for any of those who remember the most recent constitutional attempt for the Equal Rights Amendment. Any-one remember Phyllis Schlafly? That is, Ms. Pompadour-Pastel Lip Gloss, straight out of another decade, the 1970s. She's still hefting her frightening flag of inequality over America.

In the 1970s, Phyllis butted strong, autonomous heads using her National Committee of Endorsers Against ERA. She lobbied, burning bridges that women have so painstakingly built over the past century. She said passage of the ERA would ultimately undermine American morality and destroy the family.

Equality is, of course, at the root of our familial breakdown. All hail Phyllis Schlafly and her incredible hindsight. Imagine how much worse our country would be if there were fair treatment among genders. I shudder to think.

So I blame Phyllis Schlafly. And I blame the two girls in the mailroom. And I blame the cheddar cheese ad.

But we are all conditioned to view women as the weaker sex. Women daily see and feel the pseudo-equilibrium upon which our country balances. And who can be found underneath these thick layers of inequality?

Men, I say! Cowering, rubber-kneed men, hovering over the archaic, misogynist interpretation of the Constitution and reveling in the politically incorrect.

I, myself, am woman.

Hear me roar.

Queen Kylie Johnston is a senior religion-studies/English major from Dallas.

House of Reps

This week's bill, resolution will help students

Tuesday the House of Student Representatives passed a bill and resolution that will benefit many students.

The members voted to give money to publish a spring supplement to Frog Calls that includes the students who moved between semesters and their new phone numbers. They also voted on a resolution to encourage the U.S. Postal Service to place a mailbox on the Worth Hills part of campus.

This legislation and other bills, scheduled for votes in the next meeting, are true representations of issues that matter to the student body.

The next bill asks for money to dedicate a memorial tree to a former Horned Frog, Eric Holt, who died in January, 1995, after falling out of his wheelchair on a first floor chair lift in Reed Hall.

Editorial

If this passes, another House action will demonstrate what students care about.

The people who will benefit from and appreciate these bills and resolutions are all over this campus. Sometimes, students think the House only does frivolous things, spending money left and right and passing resolutions that don't appear to do anything.

But the House has done things lately that affect us and satisfies our needs as students. That's its purpose, and it's encouraging to see the House working on issues that are important and which it can actually do something about.

The *Skiff* is always eager to point out the good and bad of what the House does. These bills and resolutions are of the good variety.

Cases prove Barzilla wrong

Once again, Scott Barzilla has taken on the Second Amendment with the same hokey nonsense about the Supreme Court allowing "us to pass any gun control law without having to worry about it being unconstitutional," that the Second Amendment's purpose is for states to be able to raise militias and other fallacies.

Please Scott, actually read a

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Supreme Court decision before you make such a claim. You wave the words "Supreme Court" a lot, but lo and behold I couldn't find one single case referenced in your editorial. It's the same old parroting of misinformation you tossed out the last time you wrote on this subject. The only indication that you have progressed since then is that you have finally adopted

the only Constitutional avenue for reaching your goal: Attempting to repeal the amendment itself. But face reality, Scott! You don't have a mouse's chance in a blender of repealing the Second Amendment any more than you have with the 10th.

Here are three fully cited Supreme Court cases and their key points (courtesy of the NRA-ILA, www.nra.org)

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Matt Pearce

"People who are fascinated with the British royals need to get a life."

Wasteful British monarchy should be eliminated

Charles and Diana have split up. Boo hoo. Unless you're a devoted reader of *People Magazine*, the whole mess makes you want to vomit.

The royal family has become nothing more than Britain's answer to O.J. Simpson. Media coverage in England, mainly in the form of supermarket tabloids, has trailed Chuck and Di through everything they've done and everywhere they've been.

People who are fascinated with the British royals need to get a life. The British monarchy is senseless and wasteful, and it is only a matter of time before the people of the United Kingdom stage a revolution.

Since Oliver Cromwell's rebellion in the 17th century, the monarchy has had almost no control over policy decisions. Rather than merely strengthening Parliament, Cromwell should have gone a step further and beheaded King Charles I's entire family.

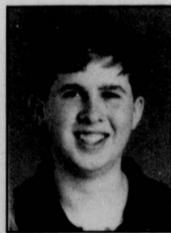
In December 1992, Charles and Di announced their split. Shortly afterward, the Prince of Wales' fling with British tampon

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queen Camilla Parker Bowles became public. It was later discovered that Diana also had an extra-marital affair.

These and other embarrassing incidents gave Britons new reason to sing "God Save the Queen" (you know, that song they modeled after "My Country 'Tis of Thee").

Britain's royal family is a constant reminder of why this country rejected the idea of a monarchy after independence. History books say it's because the founding fathers were afraid of a strong, oppressive government, but the reasons were the same



then as they are now. Americans just don't see the logic in paying people billions of dollars to do nothing.

The royal family is destroying the image and government of the United Kingdom. Most people outside of it don't know who the prime minister is (for those of you among the mindless masses, it's John Major), and many probably think the queen is a dictator. In reality, the queen's job is mainly to serve tea and crumpets to foreign dignitaries and stomp divots at polo matches.

In some ways, the royals are similar to the American Kennedys. Both families consist of reckless philanderers and millionaires who do nothing to serve their countries. The only differences are that the two most famous Kennedy men are dead, and no matter what the Kennedys do, the majority of Massachusetts residents continue to kiss their butts. While support for the Kennedys just won't go away, support for the Windsor clan is dwindling.

Could a thousand years of tradition be

destroyed by one decade of scandals? It can and it should. Charles is certainly in no position to become king when Elizabeth dies, and neither is Andrew, the Duke of York. The younger siblings, Princess Anne and Prince Edward, are not very popular among the British people either. Rather than tracing the family's inbred ancestry to find an extended relative to fill the throne when old Lizzy bites it, Parliament should just declare the monarchy null and void as soon as possible.

I know most Brits would be angered at the idea of an American telling them what to do with their government, just as I would at most foreigners who criticize our system. But anybody who's paying remote attention to Great Britain can tell that the monarchy has to go. If a bunch of 18th century Frenchmen had the balls to ditch its monarchy, today's Britons should also be able to get rid of theirs.

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Dole might consider asking Powell to join the ticket

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A day after Bob Dole emerged as the inevitable Republican presidential nominee, attention swung to Colin Powell, who might or might not run with him. The Powell mystique was back in full force.

Even Dole was caught up in speculation about whether the former general could be induced to join the ticket.

Powell is "the most popular person in the country, period," said historian Stephen Ambrose, who chronicled Dwight D. Eisenhower's ascension under comparable circumstances 44 years ago.

But Powell's hold on the American imagination is greater than Ike's was, said Ambrose, a Powell-for-president booster until the general ruled out running last November.

Republican pollster Linda DiVall said

Powell's decision to foreclose a presidential bid in 1996 was carried off with such grace that it only enhanced his appeal. Americans were enchanted by both Powell and his wife, she said: "The departure left them yearning."

In recent months, Powell's allure seems to have increased. His autobiography was a runaway best-seller. He attracted big, enthusiastic crowds on his book tour.

But he's kept a relatively low profile, staying away from the TV talk shows. With scores of invitations to choose from, he agreed to two commencement speeches — at Northern Virginia Community College and Bowie State, a predominantly black university in Maryland.

Still, he commands public devotion. A pollster asked a group of voters in Iselin, N.J., to engage in a game of word association regarding some political figures. About Powell, the words were all gushy: "wise," "intelligent," "trustworthy."

Polls in recent days suggest Powell, who is black, would help Dole, partly by drawing black votes from the Democratic Party's base. In one, Dole would lose when matched against Clinton but a Dole-Powell ticket would beat Clinton-Gore.

About all this, Powell said nothing Wednesday. But Ken Duberstein, Ronald Reagan's former chief of staff and a Powell adviser, said the general had not budged.

"He said it in November," Duberstein said. "He meant it."

Still, some old political hands said that if Dole presses, Powell could resist only so long.

"The point will come when he can't say no because he is a man who responds to duty," said Mickey Edwards, a former GOP congressman from Oklahoma who teaches at Harvard.

"Dole would be nuts not to ask him," Edwards said. Veteran Republican consultant Eddie

Mahe, on the other hand, saw disaster in that course.

"We don't want the campaign to be Bob Dole vs. Colin Powell," he said. "That's what it would become in terms of crowds, charisma, magnetism and every day on every issue."

He called Powell "woefully unprepared" for the rough-and-tumble of big league politics.

Lost to no one in the debate was the likelihood that Powell, win or lose as veep candidate, would have a head start on the presidential nomination in 2000.

If elected, Dole would be 73 upon entering office, and presumably would serve only one term.

Dole, in a television interview on the night he swept the Super Tuesday primaries, said he believed Powell would take the nomination if it were offered.

"This man has been a soldier all his life and he's responded whenever his country

needed him and I believe . . . that he would suit up again," Dole said.

Dole told reporters Wednesday that he hadn't talked to Powell about the vice presidency.

Powell, who has spoken in favor of gun control, legalized abortion and affirmative action — all positions opposite Dole's — would also drive away some voters. Pat Buchanan has made stop-Powell a campaign subplot. For his part, Powell has said he could not vote for Buchanan if he were the nominee.

While Powell ruled out running for anything, Edwards drew a distinction between getting into a nasty fight for the nomination and accepting a vice presidential nomination.

"If it is put to him that he could do a major service to his country, he would respond differently than when asked to fight against a lot of Republicans," Edwards said. "One is a call to ambition, the other's a call to duty."

Economy slips in Jan. snow

No cut in interest rates expected after survey shows recovery

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy, knocked for a loop by the blizzards of January, regained its footing in February, according to the latest nationwide survey of business conditions by the Federal Reserve.

Private economists said the reports, compiled by the Fed's 12 regional banks, were one more indication that the central bank will not cut interest rates when policy-makers meet on March 26.

The Fed's business survey reported that all regions of the country were reporting growth at moderate to solid levels in February following January's severe winter storms. It said the pickup in activity was coming without any worrisome signs of higher inflation.

Among the encouraging signs, the Fed cited significant gains in sales of new homes across most of the country, a surge in refinancing of existing mortgages by homeowners taking advantage of lower rates and a bounceback in retail sales from depressed January levels.

The central bank said that manufacturing activity had also rebounded in on the East and West Coasts although it found continued

weakness in the Midwest.

Analysts said the generally upbeat Fed survey, coming after last Friday's report of the sharp February improvement in employment, strengthened their belief that the Fed will not cut rates again anytime soon.

The stock market suffered its third worst point drop in history last Friday after the government reported the unemployment rate dipped sharply to 5.5 percent. Before that release, financial markets had been setting records on a belief that further rate cuts were on the way.

"The Fed is through cutting rates," said David Jones, economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "They will keep policy unchanged now through the election and the next change will be toward higher rates, probably at the end of this year or early next year."

The Fed last reduced interest rates on Jan. 31, its third cut in its federal funds rate since July. Before the unemployment report, many analysts were predicting two more rate cuts at the March meeting and in May.

Marilyn Schaja, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York said the Fed's new report "depicts an economy essentially picking up from a weather-depressed January." She said, how-

ever, that it left unanswered the question of whether the pickup was merely a recovery from bad weather or something more permanent.

Until that issue is resolved, further Fed rate cuts "remain out of the question," she said.

In the new survey, the Fed said the biggest sign of strength was in real estate and construction. The Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City and Dallas districts were reporting higher home sales, it said.

The New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Dallas regions also reported rising demand for commercial real estate, an area where there has been severe overbuilding for a number of years, the Fed said.

In manufacturing, the survey found a more mixed picture with both the East and West Coasts reporting a pickup in activity while the middle of the country reported slightly slower factory orders and sales.

The severe weather along with drought and fire had damaged the winter wheat crop and grazing for livestock in the St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas districts, while crops in parts of the Richmond district, the Pacific Northwest and the eastern Dakotas had been harmed by heavy snowfall or floods.

State psychiatrist refutes defense, says abortion clinic gunman sane

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

DEDHAM, Mass. — A state psychiatrist rebutted defense claims Tuesday that John C. Salvi III is a schizophrenic, although he acknowledged that he was unaware of certain delusions Salvi suffered.

Dr. Joel Haycock, chief of forensic psychiatry at Bridgewater State Hospital, said he declared him sane without knowing Salvi had told a defense psychologist that Roman Catholic babies were being injected with spermicide to sterilize them, or that Salvi said his father's car and home were bugged.

Salvi's lawyers admit he was the gunman who shot up two abortion clinics in December 1994, killing two women and wounding five others. They maintain, however, that he was a schizophrenic who saw himself as one of the good people in a battle between good and evil.

Haycock, who interviewed Salvi seven or eight times before writing a 40-page report, said Salvi does not suffer from the delusions that are characteristic of paranoid schizophrenia.

But under cross-examination, Haycock conceded that some of Salvi's beliefs could be considered delusional.

"Were you aware of John Salvi's telling his father the car and house in

Florida were bugged?" defense attorney Janice Bassil asked.

"I don't believe so," Haycock said. "Would that be a delusion?" Bassil asked.

"That's potentially a delusion," the doctor said.

"He did not give me the same information he gave Dr. (David) Bear," a

defense psychiatrist who testified earlier, Haycock said.

If convicted of first-degree murder, Salvi, 24, of Hampton, N.H., faces mandatory life in prison without the possibility of parole. If acquitted by reason of insanity, he will be committed to a state hospital until deemed sane.

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for your enjoyment and frustration, since you apparently couldn't find any on your own to support your claims:

United States v. Cruikshank, 1876. The Court recognized that the right of the people to keep and bear arms was a right which existed prior to the Constitution when it stated that such a right "is not a right granted by the Constitution . . . (n)either is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence."

United States v. Miller, 1939. In the absence of any evidence tending to show that possession or use of a "shotgun having a barrel of less than 18 inches in length" at this time has some reasonable relationship to the preservation of efficiency of a well-regulated militia, we cannot say that the Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear such an instrument. Certainly it is not within judicial notice that this weapon is any part of the ordinary military equipment or that its use could contribute to the common defense.

The case also made clear that the

militia consisted of "all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense" and that "when called for service these men were expected to appear bearing arms supplied by themselves and of the kind in common use at the time."

United States v. Verdugo-Urquidez, 1990. This case involved the meaning of the term "the people" in the Fourth Amendment. The Court unanimously held that the term "the people" in the Second Amendment had the same meaning as in the Preamble to the Constitution and in the First, Fourth and Ninth Amendments, i.e., that "the people" means at least all citizens and legal aliens while in the United States. This case thus resolves any doubt that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right.

Here are three cases that clearly show how the Second Amendment affirms, not grants the right of the individual to bear arms that are capable of having a military use, to be supplied by said individuals when called upon, and there are many more case examples.

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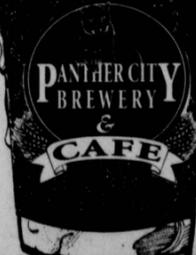
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SPJ grapples with discipline records

By NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Campus court records aren't as open as most student newspapers would like them to be.

During a meeting of the TCU chapter of Society of Professional Journalists Wednesday night, students watched a video of a panel discussion on the topic of open disciplinary hearings and then discussed the controversial issue among attendees.

The video presented different arguments for and against having interdisciplinary hearings open to school newspapers.

Carolyn Carlson, chairwoman of the SPJ Campus Courts Task Force, was one of the experts on the video. She said college administrators say their student judiciary systems are meant to be educational, not punitive.

She said the administrators say the students charged in the court have a right to privacy and a chance to get on with their lives without having youthful mistakes haunt them.

While this may be true, other students who have been tried in the campus court system have no way of judging if they've been treated fairly or not, said Natalie Gardner, a senior advertising-public relations major.

Corby Miteff, a junior philosophy and radio-TV-film double major, said the hearings are a personal matter for the students involved.

"They should be closed because

it's their ordeal," he said. "To publicize something they did wrong to the whole school is not right. It's gossip."

However, there is the argument that students have a right to know about the accuracy of the campus safety report.

At TCU, the disciplinary hearings are closed to the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

Gardner, who is also campus editor of the *Skiff*, said if a crime is reported to Campus Police, there will be a report filed, minus the names, which the *Skiff* can print. However, she said, any action TCU takes in regard to the case is closed to the public, including journalists, and dealt with internally.

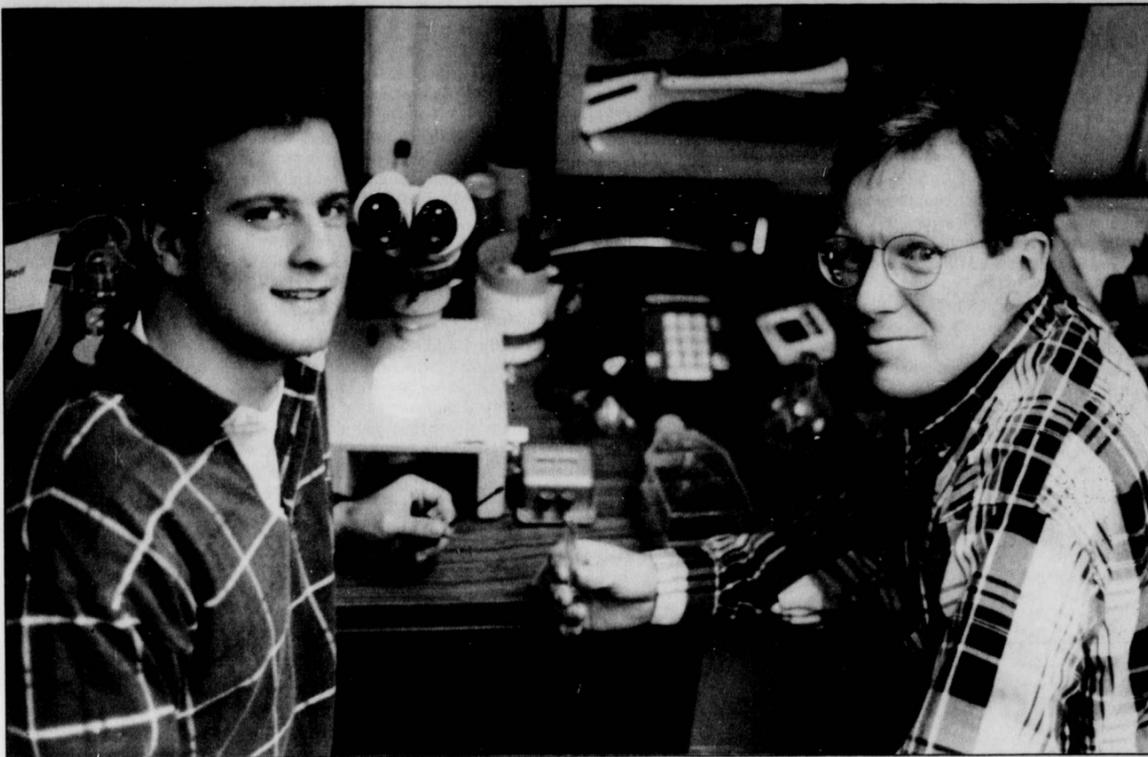
"There's no report on the hearings, and we never know the outcome," she said.

Gardner said the *Skiff* tries to get information on and cover issues that interest the TCU community.

Student disciplinary records that involve criminal misconduct are education records and therefore closed to the public, according to amended federal regulations released in January 1995.

The U.S. Department of Education, however, said these hearings may be open, but it is each university's decision whether the hearings will be open on its campus.

But when the campus crime is reported to the Fort Worth Police Department, then the *Skiff* can obtain the records, which are public records and are thus open to anyone.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Douglas

Tony Hlavacek, a senior biology major, and Philip Hartman, a professor of biology, are sending microscopic worms up in the space shuttle March 21 to test the effect of cosmic radiation on DNA.

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for mutations in the fem-3 gene and the unc-22 gene, Hartman said.

The fem-3 gene controls the worm's ability to produce sperm, Hlavacek said. The worms being sent up into space are sterile. If cosmic rays hit the gene, then the worms will become fertile, he said.

The fertile mutant worms will be allowed to reproduce and then their DNA will be extracted to see what caused the mutation, he said.

The unc-22 gene controls muscle structure and formation, Hartman said. If the unc-22 gene is disrupted,

the organism can't move well, he said.

Hartman said the mutants have a distinctive twitching so they are easy to isolate.

Once the mutants are isolated, the researchers will look at the nature of the mutation and find out what happened to the DNA, he said.

"If worm mutations occur, human mutation could occur, and astronauts who spend a lot of time in space could be subject to the same conditions," Hartman said.

About a dozen TCU students will be involved in the research, Hartman said.

Greg Nelson, a radiobiologist with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

in Pasadena, Calif., approached Hartman about doing the project, Hlavacek said.

Nelson has done experiments with worms in space perviously, he said.

In October, Hlavacek and Hartman went to Florida and ran through a simulation of the experiment, Hlavacek said.

He said they did everything but launch the space shuttle.

"It's important for us to do this experiment right the first time because they can't just send up another shuttle," he said.

The project is funded by grants from NASA and the TCU Research and Creative Activities Fund,

Hlavacek said.

The result of the project will be published in a scientific journal and conveyed to NASA in a series of meetings, Hartman said.

Hlavacek said most astronauts haven't been in space for long periods of time and NASA wants to know what the long-term effects on astronauts would be.

Hlavacek said there is always talk of sending astronauts to Mars. The trip takes eight months each way, he said.

"The overall goal of the project is to learn the rate at which mutations are induced by cosmic radiation and look at the nature of the mutations," Hartman said.

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All students graduating in 1997 with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA were invited to apply, she said. "It's an incredible honor because only 40 people are accepted and we had over 160 apply this year alone," Duncan said. "We look for the top one percent of the students on this campus."

Holly Lieder, a junior nursing major who was also tapped into Mortar Board, said she was honored to be a part of the exclusive society.

"From what I know of it, Mortar Board combines community service, scholarship and university involvement," Lieder said. "So I think it is

something worthwhile — something that I really wanted to take part in."

Siratt agreed. "I just saw it as an opportunity to be involved in other areas outside of my fraternity — I am very happy that I got in because Mortar Board is a great organization."

All applicants were required to submit three faculty recommendations and create a resume listing their academic achievements, leadership positions and community service.

They were also required to list their honors and work experience, as well as answer a variety of questions as part of the application process.

New members will be initiated at 2 p.m. March 31 in Robert Carr Chapel.

Bosnian government rejects Croat policemen

By AIDA CERKEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ILIDZA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Claiming their uniforms were the wrong color, Bosnian government forces turned away nine Croat policemen from a Sarajevo suburb they were supposed to jointly patrol Wednesday.

Their tiff, the second in two days, worsened tensions within the Muslim-Croat federation that is to govern half of Bosnia, including the ethnically mixed Sarajevo suburbs.

"This means there is no federation," said Mladen Tolo, a Bosnian Croat police commander, before he left the former Serb suburb of Ilidza with his men.

In the run-up to Tuesday's handover of the suburb to the Muslim-Croat federation, some houses, as well as most factories and warehouses, were gutted by fires blamed on Serb gangs.

"For the last few weeks, these people have been harassed by young Serb thugs and now they're getting it from young Muslim thugs," U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said in New York.

"The entry of federation police in Ilidza yesterday was accompanied by hundreds of 'Bosniaks' (Muslims) from Sarajevo and Tarcin," Foa told reporters. "These are young thugs, many of whom looted and robbed Serb homes and resorted to intimidation of the few Serbs who have

remained in Ilidza."

It was agreed among the Muslim and Croat authorities that the Croats could wear blue uniforms, while those from Sarajevo would wear green uniforms until all federal police get gray uniforms now being made.

But, ignoring the agreement, the nine Croats were turned back during the handover Tuesday. Muslim and Croat officials met Wednesday with mediator Michael Steiner, a civilian administrator, and agreed again that the Croats can wear their blue uni-

forms.

When the nine reappeared in the afternoon in Ilidza in their Croat uniforms, they were again turned back by the commander of the Ilidza police station.

"I think it is a serious problem," International Police Commissioner Peter Fitzgerald said, blaming the Bosnian government for breaking the agreement.

The nine left, outraged. "The Bosnian side is not accepting us as partners and allies," Tolo said.

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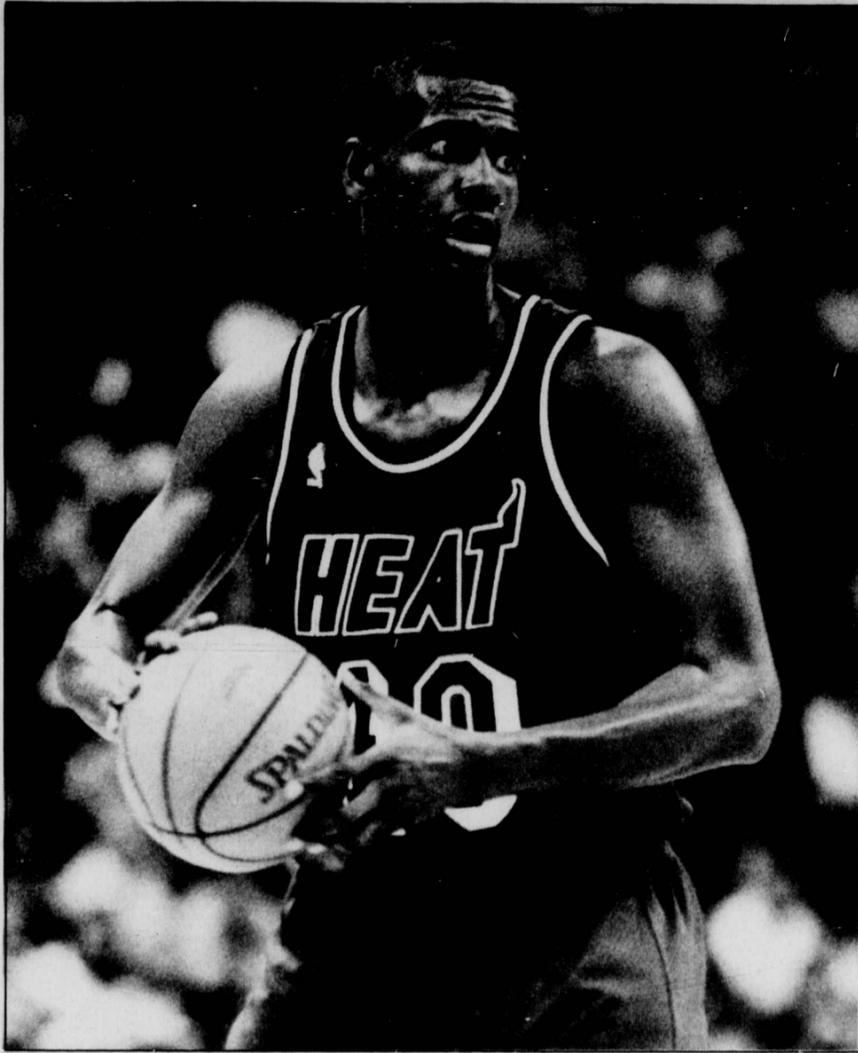
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Miami Heat's power forward Kurt Thomas had 22 points and 10 rebounds Tuesday night against the Dallas Mavericks in Reunion Arena. Thomas was a former TCU basketball player.

Rapid rise of a rookie

Former TCU athlete Kurt Thomas heats up NBA

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

*You try so hard,
You try so hard,
You try so hard,
To be like the big boys.
-Elvis Costello*

Kurt Thomas is playing with the big boys.

Thomas' coach, Pat Riley of the NBA's Miami Heat, is known for breaking in his first-year players slowly. Most rookies don't get a lot of playing time under Riley.

Thomas is not like most rookies.

In fact, the former TCU standout and first-round draft choice (No. 10 overall) has not only earned playing time, he's cracked the starting lineup, averaging 8.8 points and 5.4 rebounds in 54 games this season (going into Tuesday night's action), 22 of which he started.

As a senior last year at TCU, Thomas led the nation in scoring (28.9 ppg) and rebounding (14.6 rpg), becoming only the third player ever to accomplish the feat (the late Hank Gathers and Xavier McDaniel were the others). In 1995, Thomas was named third-team All-America by the Associated Press and won Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the Southwest Conference.

The NBA, however, was another story, and Thomas was projected as a reserve for this season, perhaps a starter somewhere down the road.

"My goal was just to come in and do whatever was asked of me," Thomas said Tuesday night before his first game back in the Metroplex against the Dallas Mavericks at

Reunion Arena. "I wasn't really thinking about being a starter, especially since I was a rookie and knowing that Pat Riley doesn't really play rookies.

"Mainly just getting into the rotation, that was my goal."

But Thomas got his chance to do more when center Alonzo Mourning and forwards Billy Owens and Kevin Willis got hurt in early December. Thomas had played in only two of the team's first seven games, and it wasn't until Dec. 10 that he made his impact felt on the court, with career-highs of 29 points and 15 rebounds at Sacramento. Riley rewarded him in the team's next game, as Thomas played a career-high 41 minutes at Golden State, producing 20 points and 12 boards.

"It was tough at the beginning, not getting much playing time," Thomas said. "Unfortunately, guys went down (with injuries), but it was fortunate for me that I was then able to get some playing time."

Thomas made the most of it, averaging 30 minutes, 16.4 points and 7.7 rebounds per game over a 13-game stretch from Dec. 9 to Jan. 4. He started 10 of those games.

The effort was impressive enough that Willis was expected to be let go after the season. But when Willis returned, Riley decided that Thomas was not only the future but the present as well, and he traded Willis to Golden State on Feb. 22 as part of a four-player deal to get point guard Tim Hardaway. The trade was just one in a flurry of deals Riley made trying to create a championship contender for this year and years to come.

And it's evident that Thomas is part of that.

"When I was out there, I was able to show the coaches and my teammates that I could play at this level," Thomas said. "I was able to get into the rotation, and now through all this trading, I've been able to move into the starting lineup."

Thomas has responded by averaging 10.4 points and 7.5 rebounds in nine starts before Tuesday night at the power forward position since Willis' departure. The effort has helped the Heat climb to eighth place in the Eastern Conference. In his 22 starts this year (not including the Dallas game), Thomas' averages include 13.4 points, 7.2 rebounds and 28.3 minutes.

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While the level of play is higher than in college, the biggest adjustment he has had to make, Thomas said, is adapting to a longer season (82 games, compared to 27 last season in college) and life on the road.

"It hasn't really been that tough on the court, except for what everyone knows about the size, the quickness and the overall talent of each and every player in the league."

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Mid-season report card for baseball

It's that time of year. Time for the mid-season report card on your TCU Horned Frog baseball team. The timing of this report card happens to coincide with the scholastic mid-semester unsatisfactory reports, which I am positive none of my enlightened and informed baseball insider readers will get this year. For those of you speculating on what authority I have to issue such a report on a major Division I college baseball team, my answer is, I have none. With this in mind, let's move on to the unmistakably credible analysis and judgement of the first half of the TCU baseball team's season.

OFFENSE: B+

To date, the TCU offense has

produced over 8.4 runs per game. Eight out of the 12 players in the position player rotation are hitting well above .300. However, the strikeout to at-bat ratio needs marked improvement, and game-to-game run production calls for more consistency. But the bottom line is that the TCU offense is getting it done, current record (16-13)



Gavin Millay
Sports Columnist

not reflective.

DEFENSE: C

The TCU defense has allowed 57 errors in 29 games; a ratio that must improve. One third of these errors have been made by the all-important middle infield positions. Opposing base runners have been successful 76 percent of the time when stealing. TCU's defense has not shown the ability to consistently make the routine play, a fact that must improve if the team wants any chance of capturing the SWC title.

PITCHING: C-

Well, so far the "armed and ready" bunch has been firing spit wads and has not shown much readiness. With the vast majority

of the staff's ERA in the 4.00 to 9.00 range, the high expectations are being questioned. But with the SWC tournament at hand, pitchers like Flint Wallace and Erik Brown continue to be steady. And sudden emergencies by David Meyer, Ryan Walter, Derek Lee, Reese Ryan and Scott Atchison have given the Frogs a needed boost going into SWC play.

COACHING: B+

Players were shuffled, different strategies imposed and veterans allotted much leeway, yet none of these coaching tactics have produced. For a team full of talent, these are usual and traditional

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Frog bats wake up in time for tourney

By BRETT VAN ORT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Who's hot and who's not. One hot team is the TCU Horned Frogs. So hot, in fact, it seems no one in the batting order is slumping.

TCU (16-13) ran its winning streak to three games after defeating Sam Houston State 10-0 and 11-3 Tuesday at Holleman field in Huntsville, Texas.

TCU head coach Lance Brown saw a complete effort from his Horned Frog club in both games. The first game featured junior Derek Lee and senior Erik Brown who shut out the Bearcats on one hit.

The one-hitter was the second on the season for the Frogs and the 13th overall for Horned Frog baseball. Lee gave up the one hit in the fourth against Bearcat Ron Thames. Thames poked a base hit through the hole at first and second to break up the no-no.

Lee (2-1) pitched five innings in what turned out to be a tune-up for Southwest Conference play, which starts its final season this weekend. Coach Brown plans on starting Lee, a lefthander, against Rice on March 16 because the Owls' order is loaded with lefthanded bats.

In the second game, TCU won behind the strong starting pitching from sophomore Scott Atchison (3-0). Atchison, in his second start of the season, went six innings

and gave up only one run.

Sam Lunsford, TCU's leadoff hitter playing in center field during the twin-bill, went 3-4 in the first game. Factoring in his 1-2 performance in the second game, Lunsford is 14 of his last 26, while scoring 12 runs and driving in 10. All of this comes during a seven-game hit streak for Lunsford.

Royce Huffman is another hot batter in the TCU lineup as the Frogs gear up for conference play. A freshman designated hitter, Huffman is 6-9 with nine RBIs in his last three ball games.

Huffman is also a quarterback on the Frog football squad and will have to participate in spring practice drills, coming up soon. Coach Brown does not know for how long he will lose his designated hitter, who has a nine-game hitting streak.

During the streak, Huffman raised his average from .257 to .364 while going 15-31 with nine runs and 11 RBIs. He has played in 19 games thus far and had a hit in 16 of those.

Another bat that awoke after an early season slump is that of Jeff McCurdy. McCurdy was forced out of center field after his average hovered around the Mendoza line.

When a hot Jeff Yarbrough entrenched himself in the center field position, it looked as if McCurdy, a .320 hitter last sea-

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Women's tennis team downed by Sooners; match blowout of 6-0 lowers record to 8-4

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team saw its two-match winning streak come to an end on Wednesday, losing to No. 42-ranked Oklahoma, 6-0, and leaving TCU coach Roland Ingram searching for an explanation.

The Lady Frogs' record fell to 8-4. TCU lost all six singles matches, and doubles play was subsequently suspended. Only TCU sophomore Annika Kjellgren was able to take her match beyond two sets, falling, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, to Linda Cifranic at the No. 3 singles position.

Freshman Natalie Balafoutis suffered the first loss of her career after nine straight wins that opened the season. Balafoutis lost, 6-2, 7-5, to Megan Ricci at the No. 4 singles spot.

Ingram said he was disappointed with his team's effort but not surprised by the result.

"I expected Oklahoma to be good, and they are good," Ingram said. "We're better than what we played."

"We were up in several games, 40-15, and we lost them all," she said.

All four of the Lady Frogs' losses this season have been ranked

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Women's Tennis Coach

opponents, and Ingram said the team is not at the next level yet.

"We have not found a way to win," Ingram said. "We have found a way to get close. We can't get

over the bump.

"I take as much blame as the girls, even though they have to play the match."

Ingram admits that the team's early success may have him demanding too much of his inexperienced squad. Senior Christina Stangeland and junior Deirdre Walsh are the only upperclassmen on the eight-player roster.

"I realize this is a young team," Ingram said. "I may be expecting too much of them. But I know if they felt as badly as I feel right now about losing, next time this happens, they'll find a way to do it."

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Former Sooner missing

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Former Oklahoma and Detroit Lions football star Billy Simms was reported missing Tuesday by his wife.

Edna Simms told police in Norman that the Heisman Trophy winner has been missing since Feb. 13. The report, filed Tuesday evening with Norman police.

Mrs. Simms said that her husband had gone to visit his children in Hooks, Texas, an Oklahoma City television station reported. The children's mother, Brenda Simms, said that the last time she saw Simms was the last weekend in February.

World Cup game cancelled

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Disappointed fans threw rocks and bottles, set fires and stormed the field Wednesday, forcing the World Cup semifinal match between India and Sri Lanka to be called off.

The Indian crowd of 110,000 at Eden Gardens was outraged over Sri Lanka's dominance over the Indian batsmen. India was restricted to 120 for eight when match referee Clive Lloyd stopped the contest after 34.1 overs and sent the players to the dressing rooms because of the crowd.

Police were needed to clear the field as fires burned in the stands and outside the stadium.

Abdul-Rauf still suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA on Wednesday found itself at the center of a controversy encompassing basketball, religion and freedom of speech as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf held firm in his refusal to stand for the national anthem.

The Denver Nuggets guard is suspended indefinitely without pay — a move that costs Abdul-Rauf \$31,707 per game.

Abdul-Rauf contends the Koran forbids nationalistic ritualism.

Islamic experts and the league's most prominent Muslim player, Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, disagreed.

Ineligible player hurts NMSU

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Northwest Missouri State University must forfeit 12 wins and vacate its share of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship because it used an ineligible player.

The MIAA announced Wednesday that center Rick Jolley was ineligible because he had played in an exhibition game with Penn State during the 1990-91 season before transferring to Northwest Missouri.

That meant he used two years of eligibility at Penn State, instead of the one counted by Northwest Missouri, the committee determined.

Golfer reveals lesbianism

When golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin went public with her lesbianism, it let the air out of an issue tugging on the edges of the LPGA.

"It's absolutely wonderful," she said Wednesday from Tucson while preparing for the Ping-Welch's Championship.

"It's been really consciously four years in the making," she said.

Former CBS golf commentator Ben Wright was quoted last May as saying that lesbianism hurt sponsorship of the LPGA and endorsements for its players.

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Thomas said. "The toughest parts (are) dealing with the number of games we play, day-to-day living and being on the road. Oh my goodness, the traveling — here one night, then the next night you're in another city."

Thomas got off to a quick start against the Mavs, with six points and six rebounds in the first quarter. He finished with 22 points (on 9-10 shooting from the field) and 10 rebounds.

Thomas actually first caught Miami fans' attention on Dec. 4 in a game at Boston, when he and Celtics forward Pervis Ellison got into a fight and were promptly ejected. Thomas received a one-game suspension from the league for the altercation, and the talk about his fiery reputation that followed him from college resurfaced.

"It was just a natural reflex," Thomas said. "I wish it wouldn't have happened, but it happened. I just have to deal with it."

"People are always going to bring up my past, and what I've been known for. So like I had to deal with it then, I have to deal with it now. I don't let it bother me."

Although the fight got him attention, his back-to-back performances against the Kings and Warriors quickly overshadowed it. And despite the numbers, Thomas says he doesn't think he's arrived yet.

"I don't think I can make that statement yet," he said. "I won't really know until two or three years from now. When I've become a known player in this league, that's

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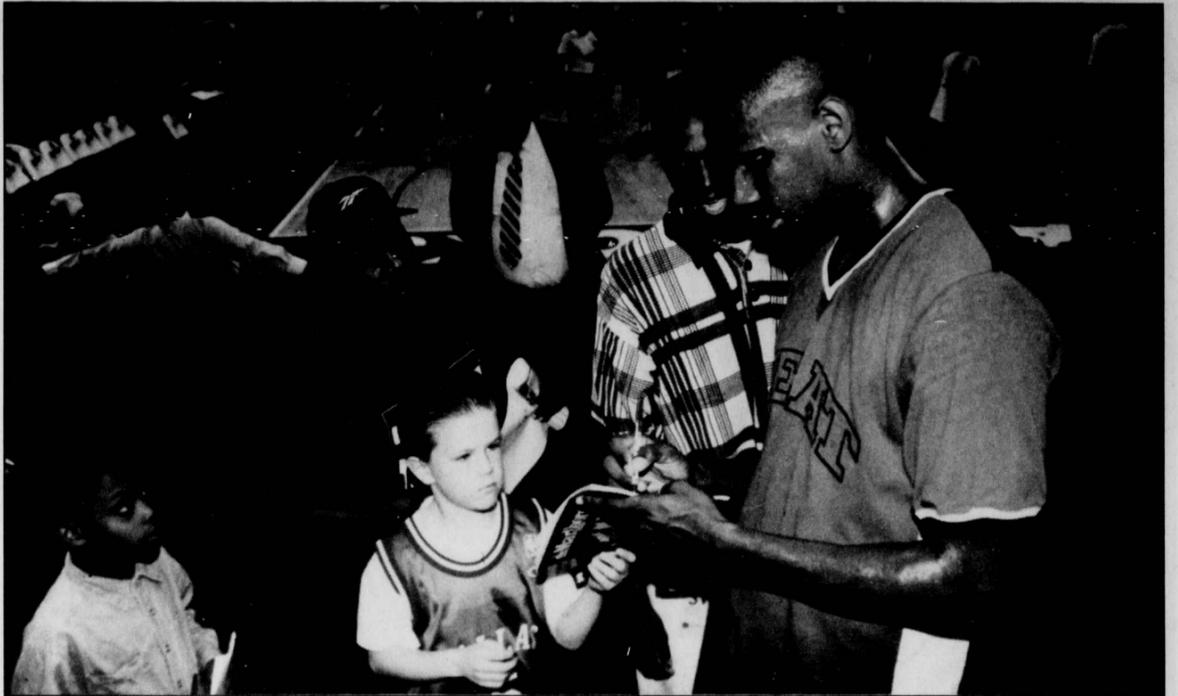
KURT THOMAS

when I can say 'I'm here.'"

Thomas says he has modest expectations for himself but high ones for the ballclub.

"I just want to go out there and be consistent each and every night," Thomas said. "I just want to do whatever's asked of me."

"Winning the NBA Championship one day I think is everyone's goal when they reach this point. I think that's our goal."



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Miami Heat player Kurt Thomas signs autographs for fans after Tuesday night's game in Dallas.

Frogs from page 7

son, might be phased out of the Frog lineup. But McCurdy has responded of late with the bat, raising his average from .213 to .275 while playing his way into left field.

As a team, TCU has scored 76 runs in its last six games while holding opposing offenses to 26 runs.

All of the runs have been scored without the aid of the home run. TCU has not homered in six straight contests. In fact, the home run drought doesn't end there. The Frogs have only one long ball in the last 11 games.

TCU put the first game away at Huntsville with a seven spot in the

sixth inning. On the season during the sixth frame, TCU is outscoring the opposition, 43-5.

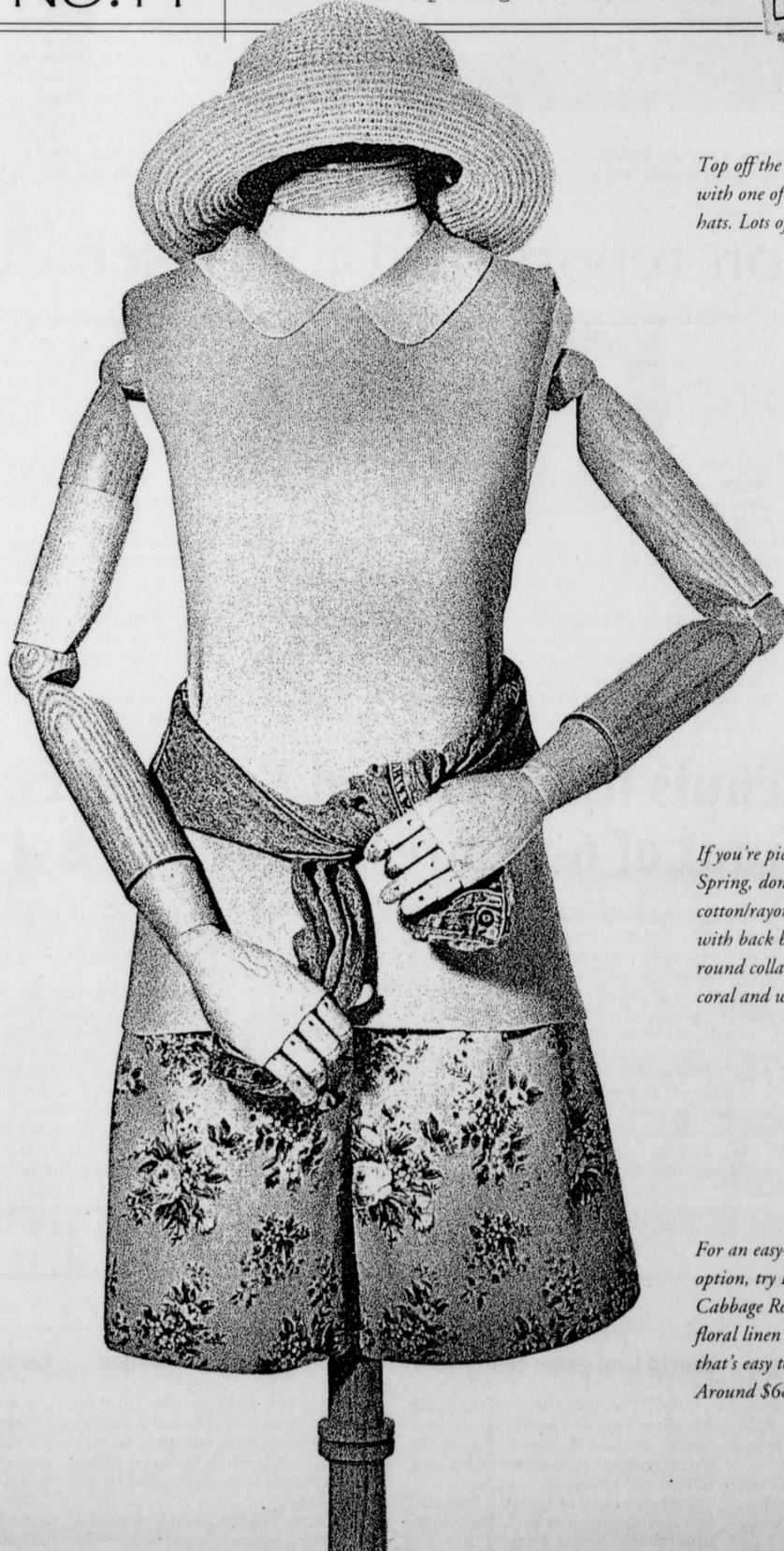
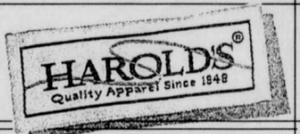
During the Southwest Conference First Pitch Tournament in Houston, TCU will play four games against four different conference opponents. The final opening game for TCU in SWC play will be at 11 a.m. on March 15 against Texas A&M at Houston's Cougar field.

The Frogs will play Texas Tech at Rice's Cameron field on the 16th at 1 p.m., then drive across town to play Rice at Cougar field at 7 p.m. The Frogs close out the tournament by playing Baylor on Sunday the 17th at 1 p.m. at Cameron field.

All games can be heard live, in their entirety on FM 88.7 KTCU except for the A&M game.

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Among the five plaintiffs, Brown has worked the longest for Shell — 27 years — without reaching executive pay level. The lawsuit says several white colleagues with less experience than Brown reached that level long ago.

Gaither, a 19-year company veteran, claims he has been denied promotions and "subjected... to humiliating, belittling and embarrassing treatment" when he complained.

In addition to monetary damages, the plaintiffs want a judge to order Shell to install an affirmative-action program that would increase the number of blacks in upper management.

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coaching procedures to lift a faltering ball club. These tactics are legitimate and were suited for the first half of the season. I say, too much hype and expectation, not coaching, has hindered the Frogs' mid-season success.

MISCELLANEOUS GRADES:

- The ability to beat any team: A
- The ability to be beat by any team: A
- Newcomer player production: B
- Road play: D
- Pre-SWC momentum: A+

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