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Programs to remind campus of Holocaust

BY ANDREA DAUM
TCU DAILY SKIFF

United Campus Ministries has designated this week "Never Again . . . Not Here, Not There, Not Anywhere," to serve as a reminder of the systematic execution of Jews and other peoples by Adolf Hitler's Germany.

The programs associated with Holocaust Memorial Week will show the horror of the Holocaust as well as its impact on modern events, said Anna Mueller, chairwoman of

the Faith Education Task Force, which is organizing the event.

"This year we are not just trying to remember, but realize it still effects us," said Mueller, a junior mathematics major.

The week will feature a lecture by Manochehr Dorraj, an associate professor of political science, tonight. Dorraj will speak about the situation in Bosnia and how it compares to the events in the Holocaust.

Mueller said, "We are having the Bosnia talk because we found that people expressed a desire to discuss modern issues as well as

those in the past."

Heather Hogan, a junior English major, said Wednesday's noon chapel service will be modeled after Yom Hasho-ah. It is a memorial service for Holocaust victims that is observed annually by Jewish people worldwide.

"This is to include everyone," she said. "It's to show our support, as human beings, that we share in the pain as well."

Hogan said instead of having a speaker as in years past, there will be a drama presented. Mark Dunn, an organist at Temple Beth-El,

will be the cantor.

Wednesday night, the committee will show a movie about the prospect of another Holocaust titled "The Wave," Mueller said.

"We want people to realize it could happen again and that it could happen in the United States," she said. "We want people to be aware of what happened before so that it does not happen again."

Mueller said Thursday afternoon's reading of the victims of the Holocaust will be in front of Frog Fountain from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This year's readings will be the names

of children.

"Last year the names were read in front of the courthouse downtown, and we invited people to go," she said. "We realize, though, that not too many people can attend something like that and so we moved it to Frog Fountain in order to bring it closer to home. The reading of children's names makes it more emotional."

Mueller said she was excited about Thursday's survival panel.

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Glassblower sculpts art for science departments

BY JILL TAYLOR
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A worn worktable in the basement of Sid Richardson holds a strange assortment of glittering glass: spiraling condensing tubes, gleaming bulb-bottomed flasks and asymmetric objects that look more like Star Trek aliens than delicate chemistry equipment. These instruments were not created by national glass supply houses Corning, Ace or Kimble.

Instead, they were made to order by TCU's own glass craftsman, Jaime Cuanzon.

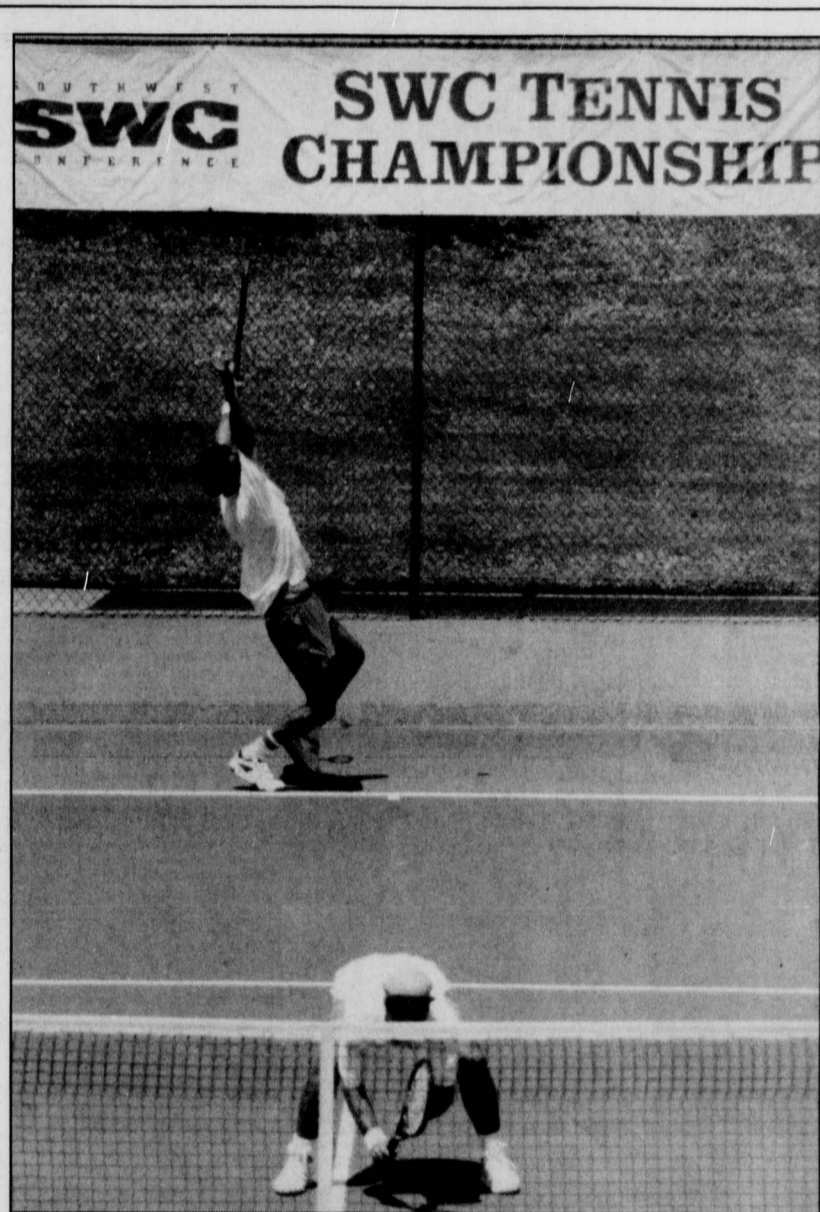
Cuanzon, a native of the Philippines, has a degree in chemistry, but he has found that his trade training in glass blowing is valuable to many members of the science departments here at TCU.

Cuanzon said he has been able to combine the elements of his education to perform a unique job. Knowing a trade has added a great deal to his employability.

"My background in chemistry helps me visualize my glass work better," Cuanzon said.

Cuanzon, who has worked at TCU for two years, describes his job in the glass shop as a "support job." Cuanzon uses a variety of specialized cutting and heating instruments to repair glassware and create new instruments for professors in the building. For each project, he must take into consideration the properties, including expansion and melting point, of the various types of glass. The shop itself, he said,

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Paul Robinson serves at the final SWC tennis championships this weekend.

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TABC crashes Greek parties

Agency targets underage drinkers

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Every year, Greek organizations throw "by invitation only" parties for their members. But this semester, there have been several instances of unexpected guests crashing the celebrations.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission officers have attended just about every Greek party this spring in an attempt to halt underage drinking, said TABC Lieutenant Karen Smith.

"TABC finds out about the parties through anonymous phone tips," Smith said.

TABC precautions and regulations
The TABC does not rely simply on the presence of officers to combat illegal activities. The commission has taken further steps to curb the underage drinking that Smith said is common at fraternity and sorority parties.

TABC will no longer issue caterer's licenses to establishments that wish to cater fraternity and sorority parties, Smith said.

Greg Hamilton, TABC chief of enforcement, said, "In our experience, many establishments that cater these parties do not prevent minors from drinking." He said the majority of fraternity and sorority members are under age.

Hamilton said this directive is not new to TABC and affects the entire state of Texas, not just Fort Worth.

"I have worked here for one year and eight months, and this has been our policy for that entire time," Hamilton said.

He said each party is considered independently, and TABC performs a background check for each license.

"There is no blanket rule," Hamilton said.

Smith said this directive was decided upon internally by TABC. The commission saw the need to set guidelines where fraternities and sororities are concerned.

Educating TCU chapters
TCU has responded to this TABC policy by trying to inform Greek members about the directive, said Rebecca Conner, a junior psychology major and president of Panhellenic.

"Our main concern is to make chapters aware of the policies so there will not be any future problems," Conner said.

Conner said the chapters have been very compliant but are uncertain of the policies they need to follow in the future.

Members of the TCU administration met with Greek chapter presidents last week to address the issue, Conner said.

Clint Brumble, a junior accounting major and president of the Interfraternity Council, said TCU informed presidents of the TABC policy at the meeting.

Fraternities and sororities must now have parties at hotels or other businesses that have their own liquor license, Brumble said.

Otherwise, the organizations will not be able to have alcohol at the party, Brumble said. Greek organizations cannot provide alcohol for party guests because it violates the chapters' risk-management policies.

"We are encouraging chapters to follow their risk-management policies and to stop underage drinking," Brumble said.

Some suggested solutions have been to require party-goers to show two forms of

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Theatre brings comedy to life in 'Travesties'

BY BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU University Theatre will be whisked back to the beginning of the century at 8 p.m. Wednesday, as the theater department makes its final contribution to Tandy Retro-Fest '96.

The students will present Tom Stoppard's comedic fantasy "Travesties" through April 28, bringing to a close the three-month celebration of the innovations of the second decade of the 20th century.

Seniors

Krista Burnham, Courtney Mitchell and Amy Conant join juniors Allison Unruh, Brian Stanton and Travis Schuldt and freshman Caleb Moody in presenting the play. The plot involves the meeting of



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The first class of TCU engineering students will graduate in May.

Linda Kaye

Engineering school graduates first class

BY KIMBERLY WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Josh Wilken has sat in an engineering class with five other students. He has also done micro-electronic machine research with Dr. Edward Kolesar, a professor in the TCU engineering school.

Wilken, a senior, will be in a select group at commencement this May — he is one of the members of

the first class of graduates from the TCU School of Engineering.

Senior Laura Johnson, a classmate of Wilken's, summed up their unique situation: "To a certain degree, we're the guinea pigs."

Robert Bittle, a professor of engineering, said he was interested in teaching at TCU when he heard of the new school, but after his first

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News Digest

Columnist Bombeck dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Erma Bombeck, the housewife turned humorist who poked fun at life in the suburbs in columns and books such as "I Lost Everything in the Post-natal Depression," died today. She was 69.

She died at a hospital in San Francisco, where she had undergone a kidney transplant earlier this month, said Alan McDermott, senior editor at Universal Press Syndicate.

Bombeck began her column in 1965. It appeared twice a week in about 600 newspapers, amusing readers with her gentle, self-deprecating humor.

Awards granted in piracy case

BEIJING (AP) — A local court awarded three U.S. software companies \$53,600 in a piracy case, an official newspaper reported Monday.

It was the first civil suit concerning software since China signed the Berne convention protecting literary and artistic works in 1992, the *China Youth News* said.

The Beijing Intermediate Court ordered the Beijing Juren Computer Co. to pay damages to Microsoft Corp., Autodesk Inc. and WordPerfect application group, now a part of Corel Corp.

Study links meat to cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest research by the National Cancer Institute said cooking meat too long increases the risk of cancer.

Those who prefer their meat medium, medium-well or well-done are about three times as likely as those who eat their beef rare or medium rare to get stomach cancer.

Heterocyclic amines may be the key. These are carcinogens — cancer-causing agents — and they are formed when animal protein known as creatinine is heated to high temperatures.

Missing climber's body found

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The decomposed body of a British mountain climber missing since February has been found in a Spanish canyon, police said Monday.

Christopher Bennett, 36, died from a severe head injury, an autopsy showed. A shepherd found his body on April 18 near the mountain village of Trevez, the British Embassy in Madrid said.

Police said they saw no evidence of foul play and believe he fell to his death.

Bennett was last seen in a village near the city of Granada.

Finland train derailment kills 4

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — A train was traveling through heavy fog at more than triple its permitted speed when it derailed, killing four people and injuring 50, investigators said Monday.

They also said a passenger was found dead in the express train's engine, where access is strictly limited. They could not say why the passenger was there.

The engine and eight of the train's cars ran off the tracks at a railroad switch Sunday, about 30 miles north of Helsinki. It was Finland's worst train wreck in nearly 40 years.

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THE TCU BETA EPSILON CHAPTER of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars will hold its annual Induction Ceremony and Reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Woodson Room of the Student Center. Members are urged to attend.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ABROAD'S program director will meet with interested students from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in SC Reading Room A.

ORDER OF OMEGA'S 40th Anniversary Diamond Gala is at 7 p.m. Friday at the Arlington Marriott.

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

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CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL STUDENTS meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays for dinner, a program and an evening prayer.

PurplePoll

Did you get all the classes you need for next fall?

YES	NO
63	37

No Opinion 0

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

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three revolutionaries of the period, who all lived in Zurich during World War I, and illustrates the connection between the politics and art of the time in a lighthearted way.

"The heavy political discussions are laced with slapstick comedy," said the play's director, George

Brown, an assistant professor of acting and directing. "It ties in the tradition of the British music hall as well as burlesque and vaudeville. At times, the comedy borders on that of Monty Python."

The story is told through the eyes of a senile British consulate, whose spotty memory increases his importance to the story, Brown said.

The student cast, which represented TCU over spring break at a

festival in Budapest, Hungary, will present 8 p.m. performances of "Travesties," through Saturday. Matinees will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

All performances are open to the general public. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. TCU students will be admitted free upon presentation of their student IDs.

To make reservations, call the TCU Box Office at 921-7626.

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identification and to provide birthday lists for the bartenders at the parties, Brumble said.

Chapter presidents were allowed to ask any questions of TCU administration members at last week's meeting, Brumble said.

"TCU assured us that they are not tipping off TABC," Brumble said. "TCU is not out to turn in the Greeks."

Campus Police Chief Steve McGee said another meeting is

planned with chapter presidents today. TABC will address its policies and rules that Greek organizations are expected to follow.

Brumble said, "We just want TABC to tell us their rules, so when they show up at our parties we will know what we are dealing with."

He said TABC has not been very helpful as of yet, but he sees the entire issue as a message to Greeks.

"What this all leads to is that Greeks need to start following and living by their own standards that are described in their rituals," Brumble said.

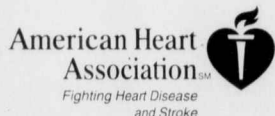


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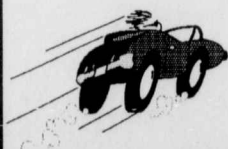
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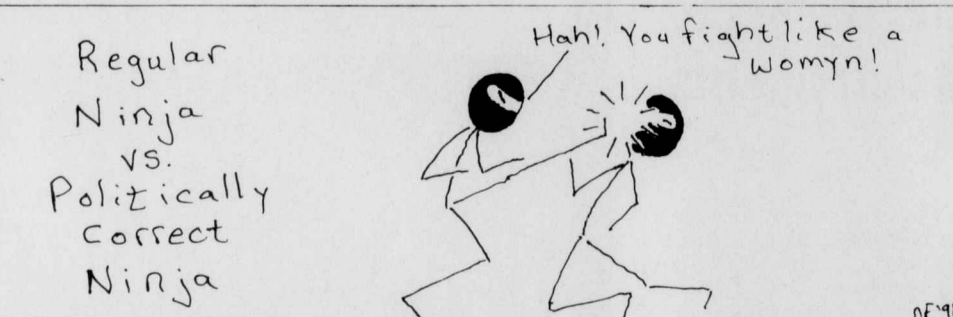
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by P. D. Magnus



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by Don Frederic



Weather Watch

Today will be decreasingly cloudy with a high of 72 and a low of 51.

Wednesday will be partly cloudy with a high of 78 and a low of 50.

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■ Scott Barzilla

The 1995-96 Skiff in review

The 1995-96 school year brought many interesting events. As a columnist and the opinion editor during the fall semester, I played a small part in some of them. We at the *Skiff* have always done the best we could, but maybe there are some things we can learn from a few of these events.

Rape on campus Actually, the charges were dropped, but it never seems to matter in rape cases. The two male students were cleared, but we got enough media attention anyway.

Lesson: We did the best we could, but sometimes we don't look at those who are charged as "innocent until proven guilty." This particular occasion just drives home the point that we all need to be more careful when situations like this arise.

Skiff Endorsements This was one of the most difficult situations for us. It is always difficult for seven or eight people to say this person will do a better job than that one. It also didn't help when none of our endorsees won his or her respective elections.

Lesson: Maybe these endorsements weren't such a good idea. They didn't seem to have much of an effect on the campus, and they probably caused more trouble than they were worth.

Utensil Heist This was easily the low point of the fall semester. It caused a silly disagreement between

the *Skiff* and the House that nobody wanted to see. It also didn't help that it happened right around the time we were making our endorsements.

Lesson: Producing a newspaper is a very serious business. Representing the students is also a very serious business, but I think we take things a little too seriously at times. The *Skiff* will always criticize the House and the House will always criticize the *Skiff*, but petty feuds don't help anyone.

Trustees and Intercom The trustees raised tuition again, and they still won't let a student on the board. Many members of Intercom took offense at our criticism of their performance in the meeting with the trustees.

Lesson: I think both parties are to blame for this one. It is one thing to say that members of Intercom weren't forceful enough with our concerns, but it is something else entirely to call them names. Members of Intercom should be angry at name-calling, but they should understand that people have differing opinions about how the situation should have been handled.

Phi Delta Theta It's amazing how the Greeks take offense at every editorial or column that criticizes them. Just this year, the Phi Deltas and members of Delta Tau Delta have been

Voice of Reason



caught in several violations.

Lesson: The Phi Deltas have reason to be angry if the decision of the Judicial Board is upheld. It would seem to me that stealing a few

dozen Christmas trees is more serious than hazing, but I guess that's why I'm not on the Judicial Board. Unfortunately, every situation must be evaluated on its own merits. If that's their punishment, they should accept it. It just seems the Phi Deltas got off with a slap on the wrist.

Unfortunately, many of us learn these lessons far too late, but we can always apply what we learned to the real world. It seems so often that we learn more by trial and error than we do in the classroom.

Scott Barzilla is some guy who studies something and comes from some place.



■ John Lamberth

Chips, sauerkraut juice can make you Grimace

In lieu of my usual insightful, thought-provoking columns, today I'm discussing some pointless, silly topic. This has nothing to do with world events or anything even remotely useful to you. However, you might just relate to this stuff.

While enjoying a substance sometimes known as meat at McDonald's, I was looking around at the fascinating decor when I came across a picture of Ronald McDonald and all of his friends. Birdie, the large, mutant um... bird was there, and so was the dead cow kleptomaniac, the Hamburglar. Even my favorite, Mayor McCheese, was there.

These, of course, are easily identified things. Birdie is a bird, Ronald a clown, Hamburglar a hamburglar, Mayor McCheese a guy with a cheeseburger for a head (sounds like an Adam Sandler character). But then there is Grimace.

Grimace, as you may know, is the large bell-shaped creature that is apparently Ronald's sidekick. He is annoyingly cheerful and takes great joy in giving children "Happy Meals." However, I have no idea what he is.

He can only be described as a "big, purple thing." If he ever had a biography or any background information done on him, I missed it completely. I even tried to find a 1-800 number for the McDonald's corporation, but I couldn't find one. This is probably a good thing. Somehow I don't think that whoever was manning this customer service line would be very pleased if I called asking for the life story of Grimace. This would be along the lines of using the Batphone to find out what kind of gas mileage the Batmobile gets in Gotham.

Further problems appear when you think about his name. A "grimace" is not anything like that big, purple thing. A grimace is a face someone makes to express pain or disgust. Grimace, the big, purple thing, is too jolly to make anybody be unhappy. And he himself is too jolly to be unhappy. So is his name some sort of bizarre joke, an ironic twist intended to sell hamburgers?

It is this unwarranted happiness that may give us a clue as to his origin. Think for a minute. Big, purple, annoying, works with children, TV star. C'mon, you see where I'm going with this. Of course, I only speak of some possible relationship to Barney the Dinosaur. Perhaps Grimace is a distant relative or even a primitive ancestor of Barney. They both love kids, they are both big and purple, they both have almost completely useless arms. Could it be? I hope not, because I actually kinda like Grimace. Barney, on the other hand, should die a thousand deaths.

The Dark Side Beckons

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Some of the other possible explanations for Grimace include a big, talking gumdrop or maybe a walking, talking eggplant. If someone knows what he is, please tell me. I just don't have a clue.

Not that I'm suddenly changing the subject or anything, but

have you tried the new Pizza Hut Doritos yet? I tried some with a few friends once, and we all thought they tasted like one of the other flavors of Doritos (Nacho, Cool Ranch, and Taco). We finally came to the conclusion that Pizza Hut Doritos are made from the leftover seasonings of the other flavors. The leftover seasonings are mixed together, creating that one-of-a-kind Pizza Hut taste.

You realize of course that since we have Pizza Hut pizza-flavored and Taco Bell Taco Supreme-flavored chips, this only leaves KFC Original Recipe Doritos left to be developed. Mmmmmmmmmmm, tastes like chicken.

Speaking of strange tastes, did you know you can buy sauerkraut juice ready to drink in a can? I can only guess it is ready to drink because on the can, there is a picture of a sea green liquid that I assume is sauerkraut juice, in a very nice looking glass. This says to me, "Please, drink me!"

I have a friend, let's call him "Wayne," who once tried sauerkraut juice. He took a swig from the can, Grimaced, and said, "How can this be a marketable product?!!!" He then surprised me by downing the rest of the can all at once. Wayne then proceeded to gag, spit, curse and almost vomit. It took a long time for that taste to go away. When I later asked him why he proceeded to consume a large quantity of something he knew was akin to poison, he simply replied, "I didn't want to waste it."

The morals of today's column are: (1) Don't drink sauerkraut juice; (2) The people who make Doritos are weird; and (3) Grimace is a big, purple thing.

John Lamberth, RTVF, junior, Arlington. Got it?

Racket Men

Frogs' tennis team deserves recognition

The TCU men's tennis team took first place at the Southwest Conference tournament over the weekend. It was no surprise to most — our Horned Frogs have swept the season to become the highest-ranked sport at TCU this year. The Frog are ranked No. 4 in the nation as a team.

Senior Paul Robinson has jumped from the No. 2 to No. 1 singles player spot in the nation. Not too shabby. He's the SWC player of the year, and also the first non-Texas athlete to be named SWC player of the year for three years in a row. He also rocks the doubles court with his partner, senior David Roditi; the tandem is No. 3 in the United States.

It's hard for teammates to outdo Robinson and Roditi, and perhaps the rest of the team doesn't always get the same shining recognition, but it takes

■ Editorial

more than two players to win a conference championship.

Three other singles players and one other doubles team are ranked: junior doubles pair Jason Weir-Smith and Ashley Fisher are ranked No. 8; Roditi is ranked No. 35 in singles; freshman Talito Corrales is No. 53; and Fisher is tied at No. 94 in singles competition. How often does a team see so many high rankings in one year? Much less at TCU?

TCU has been criticized as a school good at "country club" sports. But if you've got it, flaunt it. Our men's tennis team has put out a lot of effort to accomplish what it has, and the *Skiff* staff thinks that No. 1 in the SWC is just a step on its road to greatness.

Keep up the good work, guys.

Professor says "Thank you."

■ Letters

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to TCU students, faculty and staff for their prayers and notes of sympathy I've received since April 1, when an artery burst in my spinal column. There have been literally dozens of them. So many in the TCU community have offered such wonderful encouragement.

I am able to move my legs now and sit up in a wheelchair for short periods

of time. It's my goal to be able to walk eventually — perhaps within a year — with the use of a cane. I may be released from the hospital by May 3.

I hope to return to TCU soon. Being with students — teaching, sharing ideas, mentoring, guiding — has always been my highest priority at TCU. I miss my students very much.

Because I am not in a position to

answer each note or thank everyone individually, I hope you will be able to publish a part of this letter.

John Freeman
associate professor, radio-TV-film

PC receives kudos.

On Saturday, I attended the PC Fine

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■ Kevin Arceneaux

"It's moot to talk about the Founding Fathers' intentions."

Militias must recognize need for government

After 18 years, 22 injuries and three fatalities, the FBI may have caught the Unabomber. This is a person with so much hatred for technology he has been mailing bombs to unsuspecting victims because they dare wake up each morning and aid technology in its progress.

If Theodore J. Kaczynski is really the Unabomber, we'll all breathe a sigh of relief. Every society has its bag of mixed nuts. Kaczynski is nothing but a loner and a weirdo. We don't understand his heinous acts of violence, but then again, we don't have to. As a society, we can deal with the solitary uncompromising looney-toon. We run into trouble when we get groups of them.

Take anti-government groups. These people are filled with hate and fear. The government isn't just after them, they say, it's after each of us. They fear a totalitarian government taking over our thoughts and seizing our guns. For reasons unclear, there are government conspiracies everywhere. Talk about uncompromising looney-toons. Sometimes it

Entropy in Eden

seems funnier than it does scary.

There's a veritable cornucopia of government-hating groups, each erroneously following some creed of fear-inspired half-thoughts.

We've got the militia movement.

These people distrust the government so much, they've decided to arm themselves to the teeth and fight for freedoms lost. Well, I'm not sure what they're talking about.

Last time I checked, they still have the rights of suffrage, trial by jury and free speech. If we had a real totalitarian govern-



ment, they would already be dead for even attempting to say what they already have, much less mounting a ragtag army of misfits.

I'm sorry they have to pass driving tests, hunt only during certain seasons and pay taxes. But the alternatives aren't much better: unregistered and untraceable cars destroying lives and property, a lack of wild game and fish to hunt and no roads to drive on.

And just because the government doesn't want private citizens buying missile launchers and tanks doesn't mean it's out to take away every gun in the country.

Moreover, it's moot to talk about the Founding Fathers' intentions. They drafted a purposely vague Constitution so it could be interpreted to change with the times. Maybe if they had possessed automatic machine guns, "cop killer" bullets and nuclear warheads in 1787, we wouldn't even have a Second Amendment.

But these groups ignore Constitutional historians and political scientists in order to interpret the Constitution as best suits them.

Hey, let's defraud banks, businesses and credit card companies. We'll just call ourselves the Freeman and consider our immoral deeds acceptable, since we've decreed the government and banking system illegal anyway.

Or we can found the Republic of Texas. After all, Texas was illegally annexed by the United States 150 years ago — at least we think so. Now we're free to set up our own government, although by what right we aren't sure.

What these groups don't realize is that in order to have a working society, we have to acknowledge authority at some point.

We might not all agree with how the government is run or the policies it makes, but blowing up buildings, arming ourselves for Armageddon or pretending it doesn't exist will only promote a hate and fear capable of destroying us all.

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Senate OKs mental health insurance amendment

By DIANE DUSTON
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WASHINGTON — Sen. Alan Simpson described in detail the mental illness that slowly consumed his niece until one day she bought a pistol, went to an isolated field and "blew her chest away."

The Wyoming Republican's story and similar recollections by other senators led to a surprising victory for the mentally ill last week. The Senate voted to require that mental illness be considered the same as physical illness in health insurance policies.

On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to pass the overall bill, a popular bipartisan measure assuring

workers continued health insurance coverage if they change or lose their jobs, even if they have health problems.

The fate of the mental health amendment may be in jeopardy, however, as the bill progresses through the House-Senate conference committee that will meld it with the House version.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who cosponsored the amendment with Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., said he was aware the amendment could fracture the large but fragile coalition of business, labor and medical groups supporting the core bill.

"When you... understand what is going on out there in America

with reference to the mentally ill people and their inability to get adequate insurance coverage, you have to try to effect some major change," Domenici said.

At least one big trade group immediately withdrew support because of the amendment. "It is undisciplined and lacks definition. It covers virtually anything from intense schizophrenia to just being unhappy," said Mark Ugoretz, president of the ERISA Industry Committee. ERISA lobbies for the nation's largest employers on health and other matters.

The Senate vote made mental health advocates who have worked for years to get this far ecstatic.

"It is a very strong message to

people with mental illness in their families that they are no longer second-class citizens in health care," said Laurie Flynn, executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Business officials criticize the amendment as the largest federally mandated benefit ever suggested for American business.

"I have not seen any support for this concept anywhere" among employers, said Neil Trautwein, manager of health care policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

He estimated the cost of insurance premiums would rise 8 to 11 percent and said the House should strip the amendment from the bill.

Flynn of the mental illness

alliance acknowledged support for the amendment is weak in the House but vowed to "work hard to protect this in the conference committee."

She cited studies she said concluded that equitable coverage for mental illness could be offered at a cost low enough that overall premiums would be increased by only about 3.9 percent.

About 5 percent of health plans already offer coverage for mental illness, Flynn said. She said they often discriminate dramatically by offering 200 to 300 days of inpatient care for a major sickness like cancer or diabetes but only 30 to 60 days for mental illness. And a lifetime limit for cancer treatment may be \$1 million, while mental illness coverage

is capped at \$50,000.

Yearly limits on maximum days of outpatient treatment also vary widely. For diabetes or heart disease, it is usually very generous or unlimited. For mental illness it may be only 20 days, she said.

Flynn's organization works for people suffering from mental illnesses including schizophrenia, manic depressive disorder, clinical depression, obsessive compulsive disorders and severe anxiety disorder.

These are diagnosable problems that respond well to treatment, she said. "We are talking about medically necessary services, not about endless therapy for your mid-life crisis."

Politicians celebrate 26th Earth Day

By SONYA ROSS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Clinton helped clear a flood-damaged canal while House Speaker Newt Gingrich served as a tour guide for schoolchildren at a zoo.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said Americans' "love affair" with nature is putting a strain on national parks, while the Sierra Club accused the government of dumping toxic chemicals into the capital city's Anacostia River.

Monday was the 26th anniversary celebration of Earth Day, and some of the day's events seemed to mix concern for the environment with a little election-year politicking.

The president announced a series of actions he intends to take to boost the national parks system, which has been under severe strain because of an increased number of visitors. The package, National Parks for Tomorrow, would expand two parks in states that are pivotal to Clinton's re-election bid.

Port Reyes National Seashore in California, where Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton spent their second wedding anniversary, would be expanded by 38,000 acres. The Sterling Forest on the New York-New Jersey border would get an extra 18,000 acres.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore joined vol-

unteers on a towpath along the C&O Canal in Great Falls National Park, a few miles north of the capital in Maryland. The path is popular with hikers and bikers, and many have helped repair damage caused by floods earlier in the year.

"We can and we must protect the environment," Clinton said. "None of our children should have to live near a toxic waste dump or eat food poisoned by pesticides. Our grandchildren should not have to live in a world stripped of its natural beauty."

The administration announced plans to curb commercial flights over national parks and to increase the amount of land designated as wilderness within the parks.

"The love affair that Americans have with their national parks is creating a huge set of management and maintenance and fiscal problems," Babbitt said during a White House briefing. There are 300 million visits to national parks each year, he said, a number that outpaces population growth.

In Atlanta, Gingrich toured the city zoo with a group of school children.

"I believe deeply in preserving the environment," Gingrich said. He pointed out that he taught environmental studies at West Georgia College during the 1970s, and gave speeches to help raise money for Zoo Atlanta to obtain two new black rhinos, Boma and Rosie.

Environmentalists accused the federal government of dumping toxic pollutants into the Ana-

costia River, threatening the health of residents nearby.

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund said it would file suit in 60 days against the Navy and the General Services Administration, charging that the Washington Navy Yard and the Southeast Federal Center have discharged PCBs and heavy metals such as lead, mercury and arsenic into the Anacostia in violation of the Clean Water Act.

Navy officials denied polluting the river. Beth Freese, safety environmental director for Naval District Washington, said tests conducted last November did not find evidence of pollutants.

Clinton did his work only a few hours after he returned from Moscow, the last stop in a 19,000-mile, round-the-world trip that included Korea and Japan. He spoke of the beautiful sights he saw: the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, the newly restored Kremlin in Moscow and the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

"I saw some of the most magnificent manmade creations in the world," Clinton said, "but none of it is any more beautiful than this wonderful nature that God has given us, right here in this national park."

Clad in khakis and a denim workshirt with the sleeves rolled up, the president cleared flood debris for about 10 minutes, then teamed with the blue-jeaned Gore to hurl a log down to the banks of the Potomac.

Nun stages protest against Guatemala

Sister wants info on her rape released

By RICHARD KEIL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A nun who says she was raped and tortured in Guatemala said Monday she will eat only bread and water until the government releases information it has on her case and other human-rights violations in the Central American nation.

For 22 days, Sister Dianna Ortiz, an Ursuline nun from Grants, N.M., has conducted a silent vigil in a park across the street from the White House in an effort to gain access to information the government has on her 6-year-old case.

While her cause appears to be gathering momentum — she has met with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton — little movement is apparent toward release of government files.

Sister Ortiz spoke haltingly about the day in 1989 she was abducted and tortured while in Guatemala to teach poor Indian children how to read.

She said she recalls hearing a man with an American accent who appeared to exercise control over the men who brutalized her.

The man, called "Alejandro," may have been connected with the U.S. government, she believes, and she is seeking documents from a

host of U.S. agencies under the Freedom of Information Act. Among them are the CIA, the State Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency.

"I have waited patiently for six years, and for six years I have been told to wait," Sister Ortiz said. "I want to know what the truth is. I want to know who 'Alejandro' is. Until I receive this information, I cannot heal."

"Those FOIA requests have gone nowhere," said her lawyer, Michele Arington. "Based on conversations I have had with the government, it is clear they are sitting on a pile of documents."

The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City says a thorough investigation found nobody it employed in 1989 who matched Sister Ortiz's description of "Alejandro."

"Those who work here are very committed to openness where it's possible and to making documents available," State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said when told of Sister Ortiz's latest move. "I don't know how close we are to turning documents over."

The Intelligence Review Board investigating the cases of Sister Ortiz and others did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

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Charges not filed in Polish spy case

By ANDRZEJ STYLINSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARSAW, Poland — An investigation into whether former Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy spied for Moscow has been closed because of insufficient evidence, a military prosecutor said Monday.

"I have no basis today to present charges to Oleksy," Col. Slawomir Gorzkiewicz, who headed the probe, told a news conference.

The three-month investigation into the allegations that drove Oleksy from office earlier in the year established "no direct proof" against him, Gorzkiewicz said.

The 49-year-old Oleksy, who has asserted his innocence, was not immediately available for comment. He scheduled a news conference for today.

The espionage allegations were leveled in Parliament in December after President Lech Walesa lost his re-election bid to Aleksander Kwasniewski, a close friend and a party comrade of Oleksy.

Then-Interior Minister Andrzej Milczanowski, a Walesa loyalist, said intelligence agency files included evidence that Oleksy spied for the Soviet Union and then for Russia for 13 years until 1995. He asked military prosecutors to investigate.

Oleksy, a former provincial communist party boss, has acknowledged frequent contacts with Soviet and Russian diplomats but has denied passing secrets to Moscow. He resigned after the investigation began.

Gorzkiewicz said the evidence against Oleksy was "meager . . . ambiguous and raising a number of justified doubts."

Leftist leaders win majority in Italy

By DANIEL J. WAKIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Italy took a turn to the left, results from national elections showed Monday, but just how far left was in question as disputes boiled among factions trying to form a coalition government.

Parties in the Olive Tree coalition, dominated by former Communists, won a slim three-seat majority in the national Chamber of Deputies and a more comfortable nine-seat majority in the Senate.

If the coalition succeeds in forming a government, the Italian welfare state appears safe despite huge deficits and debt.

On the day after the voting, seeds of discord were sprouting. The coalition's centrist candidate for premier, Romano Prodi, may be pushed further to the left to satisfy a hard-line Communist electoral coalition partner.

The same kind of political incompatibility did in the conservative coalition government of media magnate Silvio Berlusconi in 1994 when

the Northern League, which seeks autonomy for Northern Italy, withdrew support.

This time, Berlusconi's coalition lost without the Northern League, which made an unexpectedly strong showing running unaligned.

Already Monday, Prodi ruled out wage increases pegged to inflation, a cardinal tenet of the Communist Refoundation party.

"It would bring dramatic problems," Prodi said of the measure, which was abandoned in 1985 as a major cause of inflation itself. "We truly want to guarantee worker salaries, but not with wage-indexing, which represents a self-destructive tool."

The Olive Tree won by uniting disparate elements on the political spectrum. It is dominated by the Democratic Party of the Left — the former Communist party — but has former Christian Democrats in it along with Communist Refoundation.

"The life of the government will depend . . . on how it corresponds to our positions," said Communist Refoundation leader Fausto Bertinotti, who nonetheless said the party

would support the establishment of a Prodi government.

State television said President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro will designate a premier, probably Prodi, by May 20. The new premier would try to form Italy's 55th postwar government.

His Christian Democratic background is alien to Communist Refoundation. So are the policies of technocrats like acting Premier Lamberto Dini, a former No. 2 at the Bank of Italy who also inhabits the alliance.

Along with wage-indexing, the Marxist party wants full national employment, legalization of light drugs and a rollback of pension cutbacks passed by Dini with Left Party support. It opposes privatization of state industry — which was Prodi's very task while head of the IRI in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Communist Refoundation calls NATO "anachronistic" and opposes the European Union's fiscal guidelines. Its young followers wear Che Guevara T-shirts and wave hammer-and-sickle flags at rallies.

The Left Party never managed to win an elec-

tion when it was the Communist Party during the Cold War, though it has governed in several north-central Italian regions.

The party kept its distance from Moscow and supported Italy's membership in NATO. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, it dropped Marxist rhetoric and sought to project a social democrat image in transforming itself into the Left Party.

In this election, it campaigned on promises of preserving the welfare state while streamlining Italy's massive bureaucracy.

The election was the nation's third in four years and was called to try to cure a political paralysis that persisted despite hopes for renewal after a long corruption scandal.

The prospect of any government at all boosted Italian financial markets. Share prices on the Milan stock exchange soared and the lira gained against the German mark.

In a bright spot for Berlusconi's coalition, Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, kept her seat in the Chamber of Deputies. Another Mussolini grandchild, Guido, failed in his election bid.

Talks to ban use of land mines begin

By CLARE NULLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — A two-week conference to tighten restrictions on the use of land mines opened Monday with a renewed appeal by the U.N. chief for a complete ban on these "loathsome weapons."

"We must ban the use of land mines. We must ban their production," said U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

U.N. figures indicate about 110

million mines are scattered through 69 countries, killing about 10,000 people — mainly civilians — every year and injuring 20,000 more.

Between 2 million and 5 million new mines are planted every year. Only 100,000 are cleared.

Horrified at the human toll, some 28 countries have endorsed a complete ban on the use of antipersonnel mines.

"I urge you to demonstrate the necessary flexibility and compromise so that the tragic consequences of these

loathsome weapons can be further reduced," Boutros-Ghali said.

At the Vatican on Sunday, Pope John Paul II called for an elimination of the "weapons of death." Boutros-Ghali and all the leading U.N. and private aid agencies want an outright prohibition.

Countries such as China, India and Pakistan oppose an overall ban and say proposed limits on usage are too cumbersome. Russia also has reservations.

Talks on a total ban collapsed in

Vienna in October; since then, negotiators have focused on trying to draw up restrictions to limit casualties while satisfying military demands.

A compromise text drawn up by conference chairman Johann Molander of Sweden will be on the table in Geneva.

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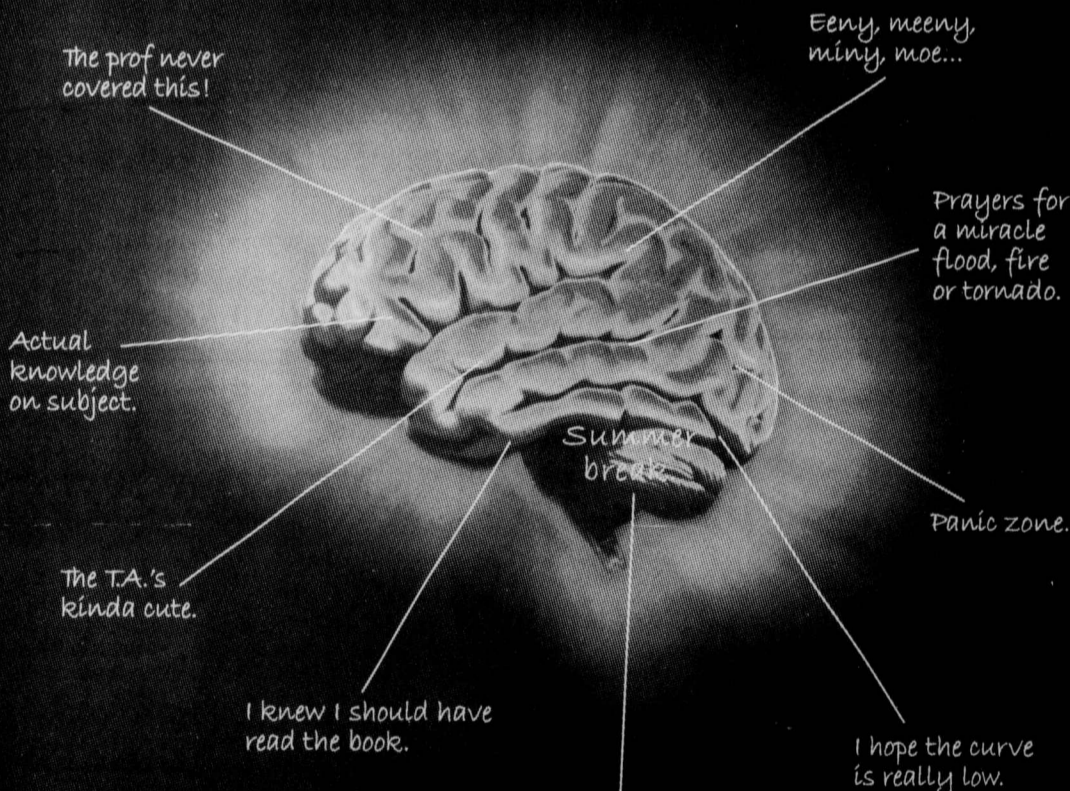


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German pianist plays TCU

Award winner Christian Zacharias to display talents tonight

By BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Award-winning German pianist Christian Zacharias will showcase his critically acclaimed talents at 8 p.m. tonight in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Zacharias was the recipient of a silver medal for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1973. He was awarded first prize in the Ravel Competition in Paris in 1975.

Zacharias will play pieces by

three famous composers and arrangers. He will lead off the recital with Scariatti's "Seven Sonatas." Zacharias will round out the show by playing Schumann's "Kinderszenen, Op. 15" and Debussy's "Preludes: Book I."

The pianist is in the midst of an American tour during which he has performed with the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestras and the Boston Symphony.

Before he leaves the United States, Zacharias will accompany

the Cincinnati Symphony at Carnegie Hall and the National Symphony with Leonard Slatkin.

The piano recital will be preceded by a lecture by pianist David Dubal at 7 p.m. in Room 141N of the Moudy Building as part of the Cliburn Conversation series. Dubal is on the faculty of the Juilliard School and has written several books.

Tickets to the recital are available through the Central Ticket Office for \$10, \$18 and \$32. Call 738-6536 for more information.

House to vote on fiscal policy

TCU DAILY SKIFF

The House of Student Representatives will vote today on eight bills that would total, if passed, almost \$20,000 and would revise the fiscal policies of the organization.

The fiscal policies of the House have not been changed since 1991, and the representatives will debate and vote on the amendments at the meeting.

One bill will request \$1,000 for Panhellenic to bring hypnotist Tom DeLuca to campus in the fall semester.

The Permanent Improvements Committee will present several bills: a bill requesting \$9,793 to replace the seat cushions and covers in Robert Carr Chapel; a bill asking for \$2,500 to buy

a new Staimaster for the Rickel Building Weight Room; a bill for \$3,300 to improve lighting in the Reed-Sadler Mall; and a bill asking for \$2,500 to put a new sound system into Eden's Greens for the coffee house, which will be added soon to the cafeteria.

The committee had also introduced a bill for \$7,260 to erect four kiosks on campus at the House's last meeting. It was tabled, like the others, for a week, but will be tabled again because the Finance Committee needed more information before approving it, said

Sharon Selby, House president.

A bill for \$285 to help fund the Panhellenic-sponsored new member barbecue will be decided on.

The House will also vote on a bill which asks for funding for the Word of Truth Gospel Choir "Gospel Fest 1996."

Selby also said a resolution submitted by Becca Gardner, Student Concerns Committee chairwoman, will be introduced at the meeting but will be tabled for a week to get more information. The resolution will request Reed Hall to be a smoke-free hall.



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visit to the campus, he was sold on the idea.

Bittle was drawn to TCU because he felt that its program "is probably the vision of what engineering and education is all about."

Bittle said not every engineering student is cut out for the "noble laureate" role that schools sometimes prepare them for.

"It ought to prepare students to work as an engineer and also prepare them to go to graduate school," he said.

The use of the university core curriculum at TCU as part of the engineering degree is "pretty significant," Bittle said.

He said the students in TCU's School of Engineering are probably learning better communication skills than students at other schools because they do not only take classes geared toward engineering students.

"It's a nice, refreshing break to sit down and not pore over equations for a while," Wilken said.

Wilken said it is also nice to be in classes with people majoring in something other than engineering.

Nelson said he thinks "the UCR is pretty well thought out." He said the challenge faced by engineering students taking UCRs is that the accreditation board requires students to take classes with a certain amount of depth.

Bittle said the students also have a lot more contact with their professors than the sizes of other schools permit.

Wilken said the professors are "like parent figures, almost."

"When you're sitting in a class with five other people, the teacher knows if you know the material or not," he said.

Wilken said after attending a program at the University of North Texas this summer, he witnessed a "vast difference" between engineering students at TCU and at UNT in terms of communication skills.

Nelson said TCU's engineering stu-

dents have oral speaking assignments and writing assignments.

"We're small, so it's easier for us to give writing assignments," he said.

Harold D. Nelson, chairman of the engineering department, said TCU wants to keep the department small, between 200 and 300 students.

Bittle said TCU engineering students spend more time in labs than students elsewhere, and all labs are taught by university professors. There are no graduate student teaching assistants.

"We get our hands on a lot of things that most students can't get involved in until they are upperclassmen," Wilken said.

Texas A&M Director of Mechanical Engineering Gerald Caton said the lack of accreditation makes a difference when students apply for jobs and to graduate school.

"It's definitely going to be an extra hurdle," Caton said.

Bittle agreed that TCU students may have to work "a little bit harder" than students at other schools because, "TCU has no rep-

utation at this point."

Bittle said the students graduating this spring are finding that companies understand they are the first students to graduate from this program.

"I'm very encouraged," Bittle said. "Our top students are getting interviews."

Nelson said the board of advisers makes contacts to help publicize the new school. He said "most companies are looking for talented people," not stamps of accreditation.

Nelson said the board has provided the department with exceptions to normal rules, such as allowing the graduating seniors to take the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam before the school is accredited. This is the first concept exam that engineering students take, Nelson said.

Bittle said students have been accepted to graduate programs at Georgia Tech, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

"Those are all well-respected engineering schools," he said. Caton said A&M is "pretty flexible"

about whether or not an applicant is coming from an accredited school. He said the fact that TCU's faculty members are known and that TCU is located in Texas helped A&M make the decision to accept the student.

Johnson said she thought the lack of accreditation would be a disadvantage, but said that "in all honesty, no one has asked about it yet."

"We're not known so well throughout the community (outside of Texas)," Wilken said.

Nelson said because the department is new at TCU, changes in the curriculum are to be expected.

"Each semester, we make adjustments to the content of the classes," Nelson said. "Usually these are fairly minor changes."

Nelson said he is extremely proud of the students in the engineering program at TCU.

"I think they're very well-prepared in comparison to other programs," Nelson said. "In terms of other schools in the country, we're doing an excellent job."

Letters page 3

Arts Committee's Fine Arts Day. I want to commend the PC for having the event because it was very entertaining and a lot of fun. It was too bad that more people did not attend. The letters to the editor that the Skiff usually receives are accusations or complaints about something wrong on campus. I thought that a thank you would be a nice, upbeat way to end the year. Thanks again, PC!

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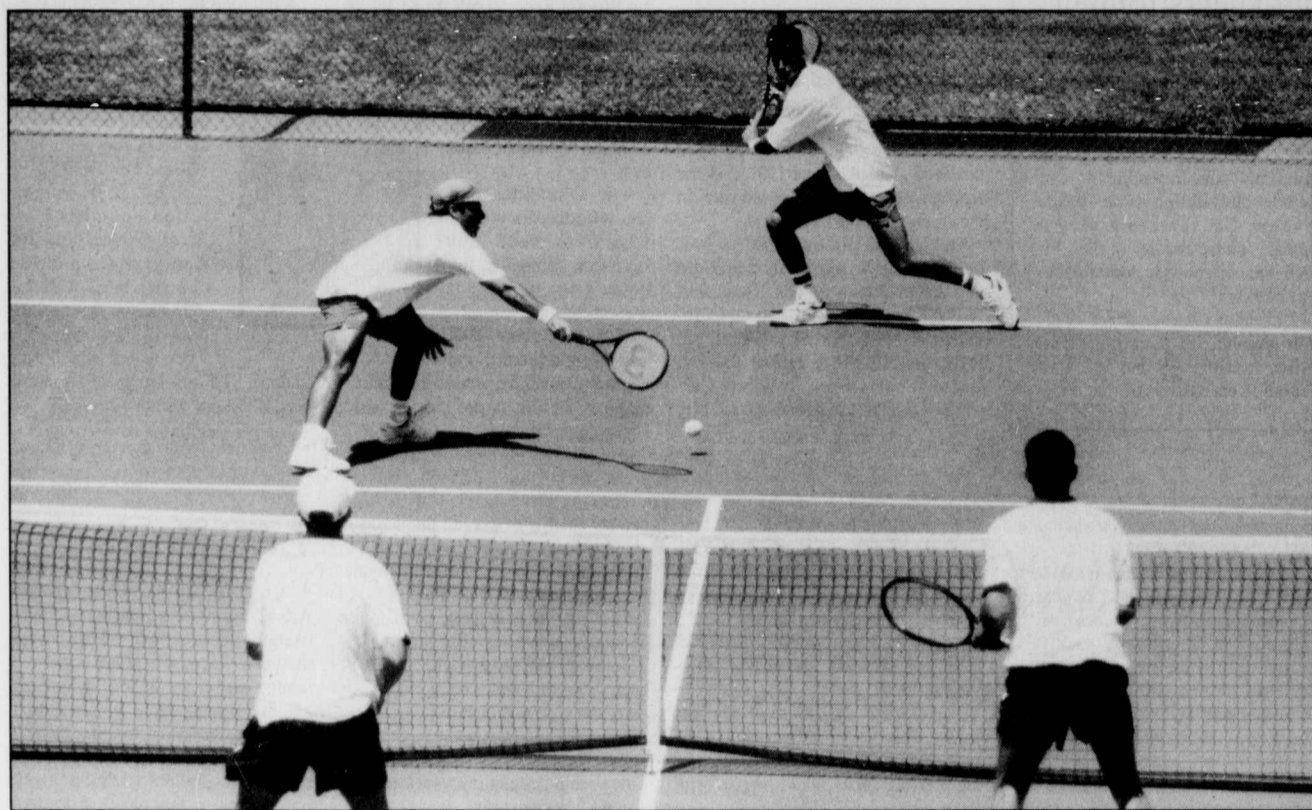
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TCU senior tandem David Roditi (top left) and Paul Robinson (top right) take swings against Texas A&M opponents Carlos Tori (bottom left) and Blake Arrant (bottom right). Robinson and Roditi beat Tori and Arrant 8-5 on Sunday.

Frogs beat Aggies 4-2 in final round of play

BY ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

No. 4-ranked TCU entered the final men's Southwest Conference Championship this weekend as the top seed in the tournament. And with good reason: the Frogs rolled through their SWC schedule undefeated and were hosting the tournament at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Which made them the target of the rest of the conference.

"I told our guys, 'You strove all season to get to the top,'" TCU head coach Tut Bartzan said. "But instead of things getting easier, everybody wants to play you."

"We're thankful we got through it."

Despite struggles at the top of the lineup, TCU won its third straight SWC Championship, defeating No. 3-seeded Texas A&M, 4-2, in Sunday's final.

The Frogs reached the title game by downing No. 5 seed and No. 46-ranked Texas Tech, 6-0, in the semifinals Saturday, while the No. 24-ranked Aggies upset second-seeded Texas (ranked No. 15), 4-2.

In the championship match, TCU won at Nos. 1 and 3 doubles to take a 1-0 lead. Seniors Paul Robinson and David Roditi, the nation's No. 3-ranked pair, topped A&M's Blake Arrant and Carlos Tori, 8-5, at the No. 1 position. TCU junior Andres Urencio and freshman Talito Corrales teamed up to post an 8-2 win over Eric Elek and Robbie Krause at No. 3

doubles.

"We (Roditi and I) seem to be getting it going in doubles," Robinson said. The duo started the season ranked No. 1, then fell to No. 8 before climbing back up to third. "It's good for us and good for the team."

The Frogs then needed only to split the six singles matches to clinch the win and the title. But it would not come easy.

Robinson, the nation's top-ranked singles player, struggled all afternoon, losing, 6-4, 6-4, to Arrant. The two had met four times previously, with Robinson winning all four times, though three of the wins were the full three sets.

"It was tough," Robinson said. "I was struggling all through the match, trying to get some confidence in my shots."

Juniors Ashley Fisher and Jason Weir-Smith won at Nos. 4 and 5 singles, respectively, and the Frogs were one win from the championship. But Corrales (ranked No. 53) fell at No. 3 singles, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, to Eduardo Martinez.

That left Roditi (ranked No. 35) and Urencio, both of whom were locked in the three-set duels.

"It looked like it was going to be a disaster," Bartzan said.

But after dropping the first nine games in a row, Urencio pulled out a 0-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1 victory to give TCU its seventh SWC crown in Bartzan's 23 seasons at the university.

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Lady Frogs upset Bears, fall to Aggies

BY ERNESTO MORAN
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In the days leading up to the final women's Southwest Conference Championship, the TCU tennis team insisted that its 8-1 loss at Baylor on April 11 was an aberration, and that, given another shot at the Bears, things would be different.

Point taken. The sixth-seeded Lady Frogs (15-10) upset third-seeded and No. 44-ranked Baylor, 5-3, in Friday's quarterfinals of the SWC tournament before falling to No. 2 seed Texas A&M (ranked No. 26), 6-0, in the semifinals Saturday.

"It was a very positive performance," TCU head coach Roland Ingram said. "They wanted it pretty badly."

"We felt so much better about playing them this time at home," said senior Deirdre Walsh, who started the TCU comeback from a 3-0 deficit with a 6-2, 7-5 win at No. 1 singles.

After straight set losses at Nos. 3, 5 and 6 singles, victories by Walsh and freshman Natalie Balafoutis (No. 4 singles) pulled the Lady Frogs to within 3-2.

TCU's hopes for victory then rested on the shoulders of sophomore Annika Kjellgren, who was in

the third set of her No. 2 singles match against Hortensia Hernandez. Three-set matches had been common for Kjellgren all season long.

"I just have this thing," Kjellgren said. "I like for everyone to wait up for me."

The Lady Frogs needed a win to tie the match, while a loss would have put TCU on the brink of defeat, 4-2.

"That (a 4-2 deficit) would have been difficult," Ingram said. "It was a very important match. Annika really had a good effort out there. Last time, they (Baylor) won both three-set matches."

This time, Kjellgren won, 6-3, 2-

6, 6-3, to tie the match at 3-3 and give the Lady Frogs momentum as Walsh and Balafoutis began their No. 2 doubles match.

"If Annika had lost, we probably would have lost (the entire match)," Walsh said.

Kjellgren said that while in other matches she felt fine physically, only to suffer a mental lapse and lose, the reverse was true this time.

"I didn't feel like I was playing well," Kjellgren said. "But I felt mentally strong."

Walsh and Balafoutis followed with a win at No. 1 doubles, and

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Frogs snap 7-game losing streak

Brown achieves 299th career coaching victory in 14-4 win over Houston

BY BRETT VAN ORT
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Finally. After a seven-game losing streak, the TCU Horned Frogs have won a game. And coach Lance Brown saw his 299th career win as skipper of the TCU squad.

The Frogs (26-26 overall and 8-9 in the Southwest Conference) visited the University of Houston (24-23, 6-12) this weekend and found that even a last place team can have its way with the Frogs, especially when they are playing poorly.

The Cougars won the first three games of the series, 9-2, 5-2 and 10-9, but the Horned Frogs had their way with Houston at Cougar field on Sunday, 14-4, salvaging the series. The win made Brown the winningest Horned Frog manager, surpassing Athletic Director Frank Windeger's 298 victories.

"It is a thrill because I know Frank and played under him," Brown said after the victory. "It's great to be in that class with him." It took a while for Brown to get

the 299th because Frog starting pitching went into a slump from which it has yet to recover.

Dating back to a 17-7 loss to Baylor on April 7, TCU starting pitchers have allowed 38 earned runs in 23 2/3 innings of work.

The ERA for that span calculates to an enormous 14.74. The average start by TCU pitchers lasts less than three innings in that span.

The free fall left the Frogs in the middle of the pack in the Southwest Conference; TCU is tied for third with Baylor, and percentage points ahead of fifth-place Texas A&M. Over the weekend, Baylor knocked off front-running

Texas, taking two of three, while Rice swept a three-game series from A&M.

The Frogs couldn't capitalize on the other SWC teams knocking each other off. Brown was worried that his team might take the series too easily.

"We told them coming in that even though Houston was in last place, it is still a competitive team," Brown said. "This happened to them last year. But it was hard to try and make them realize that."

"Last year I accepted the losses to Houston and the losing streak because we were young,"

Brown said. "I thought maybe we would have learned from it."

Last season, TCU was in the same position, a front runner in the conference, when a four-game sweep to Texas sent the Frogs reeling. This season it was the three-game sweep to A&M that set the Frogs on the edge.

In the first two games, Houston received strong pitching performances from Mark Manbeck and Jason Schreiber. Both pitchers threw complete games while allowing two runs apiece.

Schreiber not only pitched well in the series, he also tattooed Frog pitching all series long. Schreiber finished the series 7-14 with a homer, two doubles and eight RBIs.

In TCU's only victory of the series, sophomore Scott Atchison turned in a strong relief performance on the mound.

Atchison entered the game in the third inning with TCU trailing 3-2. He shut down the Cougars and finished out the game, pitch-

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National Rankings

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 15 TEAMS

1. Wichita State (32-6)
2. Cal State Fullerton (38-6)
3. Southern California (34-10-1)
4. Florida (33-11)
5. Louisiana State (36-9)
6. Florida State (37-8)
7. Tennessee (29-12)
8. Miami (31-10)
9. South Florida (36-9)
10. Georgia Southern (35-9)
11. Alabama (31-14)
12. Clemson (34-10)
13. Texas (32-16)
14. Texas Tech (37-19)
15. UCLA (25-17)

mkc Source: Collegiate Baseball poll

Sports Digest

UConn star declares for draft

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — UConn All-American Ray Allen, the Big East Player of the Year says he will forgo his senior season and make himself available for the NBA draft.

"I believe a lot has been learned by me here at this university, and it is time to move on," Allen, a likely top pick, said Monday. "Wherever I end up after this year, I will always be an ambassador of this university." "Clearly, he has graduated basketball life," said Coach Jim Calhoun. "He has done everything here a coach could possibly ask."

U.S. track star tested for drugs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Butch Reynolds, the world-record holder in the 400-meter dash, was tested for drug use at his home by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

"They just said it was a random drug test," said Reynolds, who is preparing for this summer's Olympic qualifiers.

IAAF officials, who can demand a test at any time under IAAF rules, were at his home for about three hours on Sunday.

Reynolds said he would know the results in about a week.

Nets fire head coach

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Butch Beard was fired today as coach of the New Jersey Nets, just two days after the team finished its second straight dismal 30-win season.

General manager Willis Reed confirmed the firing this afternoon. Reed said the decision to fire Beard was his.

The outspoken Beard called his NBA team a bunch of "second-line players" who might never get better.

Reed said that the Nets want Kentucky coach Rick Pitino to head the team.

Golfer may not join Seniors

GARNER, N.C. (AP) — Tom Kite, golf's all-time leading money winner, said Monday he may bypass the lucrative Senior Tour when he hits age 50 if he remains competitive on the PGA Tour.

Kite, who has won more than \$9.37 million and has 19 PGA Tour victories, would be the first big-name golfer not to make the tour switch since the senior circuit began its boom in the 1990s.

Other top Senior Tour golfers — Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd and Hale Irwin — have continued to play PGA Tour major championships, while still playing seniors.

Coach defends music choices

ELGIN, Texas (AP) — High school athletic director and football coach Eddie Baca says he played Christian music in the Wildcats locker room to create "an environment conducive to positive living."

A group of parents and students say the music was part of a campaign of religious intimidation and coercion by Baca. He Elgin ISD was scheduled to decide Monday night whether to renew Baca's contract.

Baca said he has led team prayers and played Christian music at other schools and has never had complaints before.

Golfers take 5th in SWC

Women's golf team 'intimidated,' falls in second round

BY TASHA ZEMKE
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Head women's golf coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said she thought her team would have played better at the Southwest Conference Championships if they were less intimidated.

The Lady Frogs finished fifth out of six teams at the tournament, held at the Pebble Creek Country Club in College Station, Texas, with 945 strokes. The University of Texas won the SWC title with 907.

"I was disappointed," said Ravaioli-Larkin. "During the first rounds, we were in the top three."

The second round caused the fall of the Lady Frogs; they shot a 319, the worst of any team on the course that day.

TCU was paired with Texas and Texas A&M, "which we wanted," Ravaioli-Larkin said. But the pow-

erhouses served as an intimidating factor for the Lady Frogs and it became "a mental thing," she said.

"We need to get over our pairings in a hurry," she said.

The weather was perfect, the women came in physically prepared, driven and playing mechanically sound, Ravaioli-Larkin said.

"But we didn't play well. We need to get over pairings dictating play. Each of our individual players are as good as, if not better than, who we played against," she said.

"I have some players who will eventually be All-Americans."

In the meantime, TCU plays against the best.

With competition like Texas's freshman Kelli Kuehne, who won the tournament, was named player of the year and is ranked among the nation's Top 10, the best a TCU member could do was place seventh.

TCU freshman Susan Horton took that honor, shooting 72 during her first round, then falling to 80 and 79 strokes in rounds two and three.

Ravaioli-Larkin said getting a handle on the intimidation factor will come with time, as the Lady Frogs are a young team.

"We've come a long way. It was our goal to break 310 this year, and it took almost seven months, but we did. It was our goal to finish in the top five in a tournament, and we finished second in Oklahoma," she said.

The Lady Frogs are waiting to hear whether they will gain a bid for regional competition. The top 10 teams in a district are chosen and Ravaioli-Larkin said TCU is "right on the bubble."

If chosen, TCU will play at regional competition from May 9 to 11 in Omaha, Neb.

Funeral services held for Berringer, Lake

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOODLAND, Kan. — In a service where the number of mourners nearly equaled the size of his hometown, Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer was eulogized Monday by a sobbing coach as a "great example of how to live your life."

Friends, family and teammates filled a high school fieldhouse for a joint funeral service in which a Nebraska football helmet rested on Berringer's casket.

"I can honestly say that there was nobody I coached that had better character than Brook Berringer," Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said. "He was just who he appeared to be, and I'm certainly a better person for knowing him."

In a town of about 5,000 people, some 4,000 mourners attended the funeral for Berringer and Tobey Lake, a friend who was in the small plane that crashed last week near Lincoln, Neb., with Berringer at the controls.

Nebraska quarterback coach Turner Gill addressed his eulogy to Berringer.

"You were the definition of a team player," Gill said. "I was so proud to have coached you and to have known you. You were a great example of how to live your life."

Gill broke down in tears after his eulogy.

Around town, many people were wearing red-and-white ribbons, the Nebraska colors, and ribbons were tied to street signs. The schools were closed, as were many businesses.

In Washington, Sen. Bob Dole called it "a very sad day" for the community.

"Countless Kansans and Nebraskans have testified to the fact that Brook was a champion in all aspects of his life," he said.

Two caskets on wheels were set up in the Max Jones Fieldhouse, where Berringer played basketball. On one casket was a Nebraska helmet, on the other a heap of red roses.

The numbers 18 and 99 registered on the scoreboard — 18 for Berringer's number at Nebraska, 99 for Lake's number as a high school football player at Goodland.

Mourners watched highlights of

the two men's lives on two large-screen televisions. Berringer was shown reading to children and playing football.

"Perseverance is a key to my life," Berringer said on the tape. "I know my dad is watching me everywhere I go."

Berringer was seven years old when his father died.

Marty Melia, a family friend and owner of radio stations KLOE-KKCI, recalled that Berringer always had time for children.

"He was always kind of a Pied Piper for kids because he was available to them and honest with them," Melia said.

The funeral was delayed about 45 minutes by the arrival of a bus from Lincoln carrying Berringer's former teammates and coaches.

The service began with pastors Dan Bowman and Loren Strait reading obituaries of the two men.

A reserve quarterback who helped Nebraska win the 1994 and 1995 national championships, Berringer, 22, also loved to hunt, fly airplanes and spend time with school children and other Nebraska football fans.

The crash in the alfalfa field occurred two days before the NFL draft, and Berringer was expected to be among those chosen.

Lake, 32, of Aurora, Colo., was the brother of Berringer's girlfriend, Tiffini Lake. Lake, also a licensed pilot, managed an interior finishing business in Denver.

Berringer spent most of his career backing up star quarterback Tommie Frazier. He stepped into a starting role in 1994 when Frazier was injured, and led Nebraska to seven straight victories, despite having a partially collapsed lung.

Berringer was expected to be a middle-round selection. He might have been taken by Kansas City, one of 14 teams for whom he worked out.

"We felt very comfortable that he would be an outstanding developmental quarterback," said Lynn Stiles, Chiefs' vice president of player personnel. "The only thing I can say is my heart goes out to all the fans of Nebraska. He was a quality, quality person."

"Without a doubt, he would have been considered by the Chiefs."

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ing seven innings of one-run ball on five hits while striking out seven.

The performance allowed the Frogs to pound out 11 runs in the final four innings. A three-run homer by TCU junior David Johnson and sophomore Jeff Yarbrough's first collegiate homer in 212 at-bats, were the highlights of the final game.

TCU will take this weekend off from conference play. They travel to Norman, Okla. and will take on the Oklahoma Sooners Friday and Saturday. The two teams will play again Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Ballpark in Arlington. Tickets at discounted rates for students will be available prior to game day. For more information call the Horned Frog ticket office at 921-7967.

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freshman Rachel Niwa and Stacey Sabala won at No. 3 doubles to clinch the victory.

Against the Lady Aggies, TCU suffered straight set losses at Nos. 2 through 6 singles.

"A&M's just too deep," Ingram said. "They're too strong."

The Lady Frogs now await a possible invitation to NCAA regional competition (May 10-12) and a chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships (May 18-26). And some of the players are repeating a familiar theme.

"I think we'd like another shot at A&M," Walsh said. "But first we have to get in."

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"We really won that down at the bottom," Bartz said.

Roditi's singles match was not completed.

The Frogs now await an almost certain automatic berth into the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Athens, Ga., from May 18 to 26. Eight schools are invited, and eight others come from regional tournaments. Bartz said he would like to avoid having to play in regional competition.

Raptors fire coach; assistant moves up

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Brendan Malone, his team having finished its inaugural season with a 21-61 record, was fired Monday as coach of the Toronto Raptors because of differences with general manager Isiah Thomas.

He was immediately replaced by assistant coach Darrell Walker, a former teammate of Thomas' who was signed to a three-year contract.

The moves came one day after the expansion team completed what Thomas called a "great year." The collection of castoffs and young players beat Chicago, Orlando and Seattle this season, with home attendance at 950,000.

Malone, who had been an assistant with Detroit and New York for nine seasons, was in the first year of a three-year contract reportedly worth \$300,000 annually.

"He was a tireless worker," Thomas said. "Everything that he did was about winning."

"Unfortunately, as you all know, we had philosophical differences about the way this organization should run and where we should go in the future."

Malone's departure had been expected for weeks after he and Thomas openly disagreed about which players to use and when to use them.

"As Brendan more or less said

himself, his competitive nature more or less made him short-sighted and (he) wasn't able to see the big picture in terms of where we were trying to go," Thomas said.

In separate news conferences, the Raptors and Malone called the parting amicable.

Asked if he was fired or if he resigned, Malone said: "Those are just words. It was a good parting. It's a fair package. And now it's time to move on."

Walker, 35, takes over after just one season as an assistant. He came to the Raptors after a 10-year career as an NBA player in New York, Denver, Washington, Detroit and Chicago.

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