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House votes on funds for Easter service

The House of Student Representatives will present a bill today requesting funding for Uniting Campus Ministries' Easter Sunrise Service.

Bill 98-10 requests \$1,135 from the House's Special Projects Fund. According to the bill, it will cost UCM \$1,710 to hold the event and UCM plans to contribute \$575 from its programming budget.

According to a preliminary funding report submitted with the bill, UCM has not done any fund raising on campus for the event. The service, which will be held Sunday, April 12, has been a tradition at TCU since the mid-1970s. UCM is expecting 150 to 200 people to attend, according to the bill.

The House will meet at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222.

Cliburn concert features Russian pianist

Pianist Grigory Sokolov will perform at 8 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium in a Cliburn Concert.

Sokolov is an internationally-acclaimed musician from Russia. He received the first place award in an international piano competition in Moscow in 1996 and has also performed at Carnegie Hall.

Tickets, which cost \$12, \$24 and \$36, are available by calling 335-9000. Admission for TCU students is free with an I.D.

Sororities donate toys to local charities

Panhellenic, TCU's sorority governing body, collected 690 toys to benefit the Anne Simon Reeves Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Tarrant County Women's Haven, a domestic violence shelter, during its toy drive Feb. 23 through March 6.

The Delta Gamma sorority donated 166 toys, the highest of all sororities.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the only other sorority to raise over 100 toys, gave 146 toys.

Amy Hanson, Panhellenic director of service and a junior speech pathology major, said the drive was very successful.

Hanson said the recipients were overwhelmed and overjoyed to receive the toys.

The total exceeded last year's donations by over 100 toys.

Job fair offers work prospects

In conjunction with the Metroplex Area Consortium of Career Centers, the TCU Career Center will participate in the Metro Job Fair '98 today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way.

Students who attend the fair will have the opportunity to explore employment opportunities in sales, marketing, computer science, government, hospitality and other areas by talking to local employers.

Students can also distribute their resumes to employers and have their resumes critiqued by professional staff members from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., according to the release.

For more information, call Career Services at 257-7860.

World

Germany to refund gold stolen in WWII

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Officials at Germany's biggest bank said Monday they were giving \$3.1 million to Jewish foundations from a 1995 gold sale because of suspicions that Nazis may have robbed the gold from Jews.

Deutsche Bank officials said the origins of the gold remain unclear, even though researchers have traced it to the early 1940s. The possibility that the gold was stolen from Jewish owners could not be ruled out, they said.

Half of the money is to go to the World Jewish Restitution Organization, which benefits Holocaust survivors. The other half is to go to March of the Living, which pays for Jewish trips to concentration camp museums, officials said.

Chancellor finalist on campus

Drake president Ferrari well liked by university faculty, staff

By Kimberly Wilson
SKIFF STAFF

A distinguished alumnus of Michigan State University, Michael "Mick" Ferrari has taken on several different jobs during his 57 years.



Michael Ferrari
chancellor candidate

His latest position — as president of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, may be coming to a close as sources close to the Chancellor

Advisory Search Committee have reported that Ferrari will visit campus today as the preferred candidate of three finalists.

According to Linda Ryan, Ferrari's executive assistant at Drake, he is an energetic leader who has a full schedule every day. Ferrari begins his day at the office at about 8 a.m. and leaves some nights well past 6 p.m. Ryan said he also often works on the weekends.

"There's not too many days that he's not here," Ryan said.

Drake faculty and staff said their current president is a capable leader who students and faculty interact with regularly.

Janet Keefer, dean of the school of journalism and mass communication at Drake, said Ferrari has been excellent at rallying his constituents to get things done.

"He's a very dynamic leader," she said. "We'd be sorry to see him go."

Keefer said Ferrari has created an atmosphere conducive to student learning.

"He sees education as being a lot more than just a training for a career," she said.

Felicia McCarthy, a senior magazine journalism major at Drake, said she thinks most students at Drake find Ferrari acces-

sible. "If you want to see him, he's available," she said.

She said when she worked as a resident assistant, she e-mailed Ferrari and met with him on several occasions and found him to be receptive.

Keefer said Ferrari invites administrators and others to monthly social events at his home.

"He does try to find out what people are thinking," Keefer said.

Betty Gause, director of student activities, said Ferrari created an incredible environment for the students.

"He's an awesome guy," Gause said.

"We hope not to lose him." Ryan said Ferrari tells new students each year that he expects them to e-mail him with any concerns they have and promises them a response within 48 hours.

"He learns a lot that way," Ryan said.

While members of the Drake community are forthcoming with praise about their current president, some TCU faculty members argue that despite the talents of any chancellor candidate, they would have appreciated more influence in the search for the next leader of TCU.

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Pi Kapps capture Greek GPA rank

By Kristina Jorgenson
STAFF REPORTER

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity ended an era of sorority domination in academics by leading all TCU Greek chapters with an overall 3.13 GPA for the 1997 fall semester.

The Greek grade results, released after each semester and compiled by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs through the Registrar's Office, showed a higher overall Pi Kapp GPA than the second place Chi Omega sorority by .01.

Susan Batchelor-Adams, assistant vice chancellor and dean of campus life, said she has never seen a fraternity top a sorority in grades in her 21 years of working at TCU.

"I'm very pleased," Batchelor-Adams said. "It shows, in a tangible way, that we have several fraternities that value their academic experience."

Pi Kapp President Kevin Nicoletti, a junior business major, said he was surprised and pleased to hear his fraternity beat out the sororities.

Despite the win, it is still important that Pi Kapps continue to strive to improve their overall GPA, Nicoletti said.

"I think it's good to see Greeks competing in something as noble as academics," he said. "As a fraternity,

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Dancers visit Italy

Students take classes as part of cultural exchange

By Mindy Gray
STAFF REPORTER

Twelve students and two professors from TCU's department of ballet and modern dance spent their Spring Break dancing in Italy and enjoying the sights.

The dancers traveled to Reggio-Emilia, Italy, as part of Fort Worth's Sister Cities International exchange program.

Ellen Paige Garrison, chairwoman of the ballet and modern dance department, said the department has had a relationship with the Italian dance company, "Let's Dance," for the past few years. Three years ago, TCU dancers made a similar trip to Italy, and last year, the Italians performed and taught classes at TCU.

"The idea of all of the exchanges is to build relationships so other oppor-

tunities can be explored," she said.

In the past, they have invited the dancers to come to TCU's summer workshops and TCU students have even been offered jobs in other countries, she said.

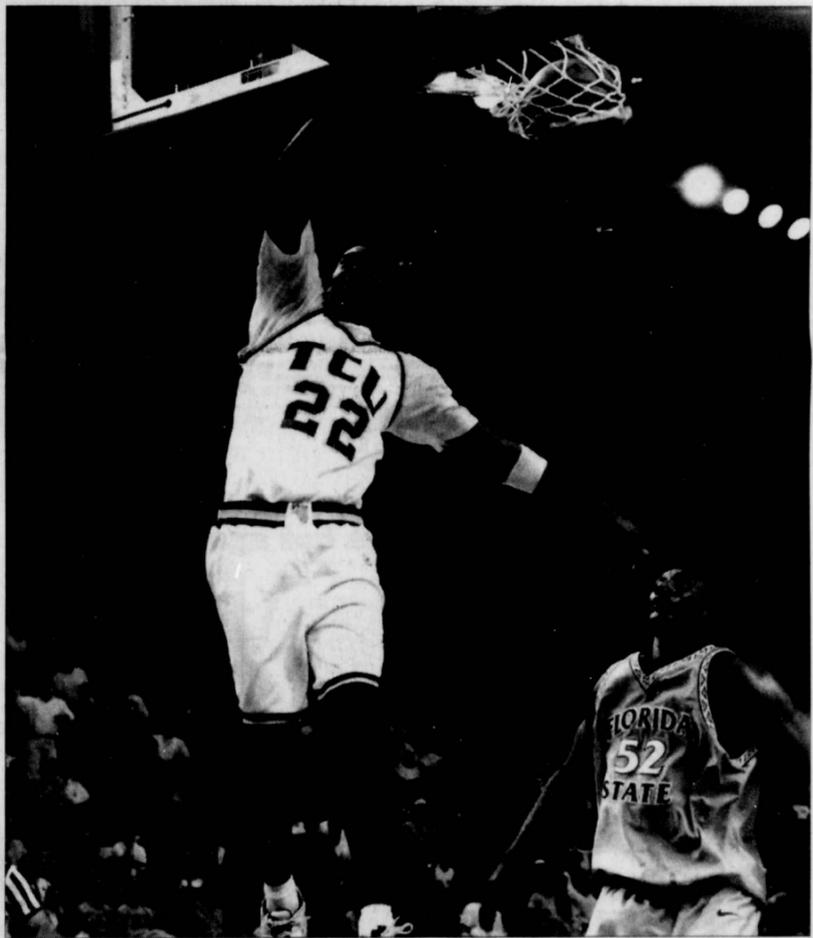
Garrison said the opportunity for the faculty of both countries to meet and discuss their cultural viewpoints on dance is beneficial. It may also lead to future exchange programs involving faculty members.

She said students benefited from the experience by being exposed to a different culture. While in Italy, the dancers stayed with host families and saw the Italian culture firsthand.

For many, this was the first time they have traveled out of the country, she said. "They see everything," she

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Disappointing finish



Jason Taylor SKIFF STAFF

Senior forward James Penny slam dunks the ball in the Frogs' first-round NCAA Tournament 96-87 loss to Florida State on March 13. See related story on page 7.

Kristina D'Aun Boesque SKIFF STAFF

Kim Whalin, a sophomore social work major, takes advantage of Monday's warm weather to read "The Awakening" for her women's literature class.



Rohypnol a cause for caution over break, some students say

By Jason Crane
STAFF REPORTER

Those students who spent Spring Break in South Texas and Mexico were more likely to fall victim to the so-called date-rape drug Rohypnol and similar drugs because they are legal in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

Angie Taylor, director of Alcohol and Drug Education, said since thousands of college students from all over the country congregate in relatively few vacation spots, such as South Padre Island, Texas, and Cancun, Mexico, they are easy targets for victimizers who are looking for easy money or sex.

"It's like a shark feeding frenzy down there," Taylor said. "There are a lot of strangers all thrown in together, so it's easy for someone to slip something into a drink."

Stephen Carter, a freshman finance major who traveled to South Padre Island during Spring Break, said clubs were all crowded and the beach was "basically one big party."

"People would get you drinks all the time, so I can see how easy it

would be to put something in them," Carter said.

Laura Head, a freshman premajor who went to Cancun last week, said although she knew about Rohypnol and its dangers before she went, she didn't think much about it while she was in Mexico.

"It's such a carefree atmosphere down there that it's easy to think nothing can happen to you," Head said. "But now that I think about it, it's almost too easy for that kind of thing to happen."

Rohypnol, which is prescribed as a sleeping pill or used as an anesthetic in over 60 countries, is often used as a sedative for sexual abuse. The pill is odorless, tasteless and colorless, and it dissolves quickly in liquid.

Taylor said although Rohypnol is stereotyped as solely a date-rape drug, it has been used by several different types of people for many different reasons.

"Males or females can use these drugs, and they may not necessarily be trying to rape somebody," Taylor

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Pulse

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PEER EDUCATORS AND CAMPUS MENTORS will meet at the Rickel Building Room 104 at 9 p.m. today.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY presents the first annual "Essence of Beauty" fashion show. It will be held Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 PM in the Moudy Building 141N. The cost is \$3 per person.

DISCOUNT TICKETS TO SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS are available at the Information Desk in the Student Center. Tickets are valid March 28 through April 5. The cost is \$19.75 per ticket. All rides will be open, including Mr. Freeze. Regular passes are also available for \$26 and season passes are selling for \$57.

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Dangerous disorders plague students

Anorexia, bulimia common among college freshmen seeking self-esteem

By Julie Redwine
STAFF REPORTER

For many girls, an addiction concerning their bodies starts at a young age.

This addiction is always rooted in attempts to maintain self-esteem through negative habits, according to information distributed by the Ridgela Family Guidance Center on Hulen Street.

This addiction often takes the form of an eating disorder, which affects 5 percent of females and a total of 5 million or more Americans, according to the center.

Cheryl Dielman, a licensed professional counselor at the center, described the psychological process of an eating addiction.

Dielman said a frequent way an addiction starts is when a person experiences a drop in self-esteem that is followed by an event or action that makes the person feel better.

When the person's self-esteem declines again, the person looks for something that will boost his or her self-esteem again. The cycle can lead the person to turn to drugs, alcohol, gambling, caffeine, addictive relationships or food to experience that boost.

Dielman said the gap between each time a person feels the temporary relief becomes smaller as the addiction grows.

"They do it to numb other feelings out," Dielman said.

The National Organization for Rare Diseases defines anorexia nervosa as an illness of self-starvation resulting in marked weight loss and characterized by a disturbed sense

thinning of hair, stopping menstruation, feeling cold though temperature is normal or slightly cool, losing 15 percent or more of the ideal body weight and continuing to diet or restrict foods even though the person is not overweight.

Signs of bulimia include binge eating, reacting to emotional stress by overeating, experiencing depressive moods and having an inability

and fad diets; then it gets out of control.

"Students want college life to be ideal," Kintigh said. "There's something about depriving their body that helps their self-esteem."

Dielman said the key to conquering the disease is educating the families of victims so they can understand how the disease works. Part of the healing process is not to focus on the food, but on the underlying problem of self-esteem.

The Ridgela Center and the TCU Counseling Center offer information and counseling for women with eating disorders.

Sharon Ward, a licensed intern at the Ridgela Center, said eating disorders may have roots in the way in which society views women.

"Women are trying to find a way to conform to the way we think society wants to see us," Ward said.

Kintigh said students who have friends with eating disorders should encourage them to get help from a counselor or a doctor.

She also said eating disorders are often about personal feelings.

"It's about self-acceptance and being able to love yourself," Kintigh said.

"Women are trying to find a way to conform the way we think society wants to see us."

— Sharon Ward
licensed intern at Ridgela Center

of body image and anxiety about weight gain. The organization defines bulimia as a psychiatric disorder consisting of binge eating, often followed by self-induced vomiting or purging by the use of laxatives and diuretics.

The Renfrew Foundation, a women's mental health center, lists symptoms of anorexia and bulimia: Signs of anorexia nervosa include exercising obsessively, losing or

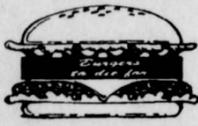
to voluntarily stop eating.

An eating disorder can take from a few weeks to years to develop, she said.

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor at the TCU Counseling Center, said adjusting to college is hard for many students, and some resort to eating disorders to cope. The disorders occur more often in freshmen because they start with diet pills

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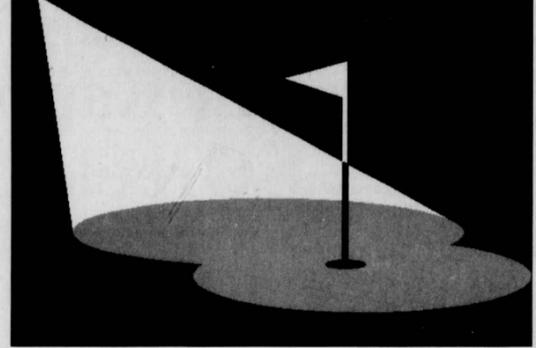
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—Newsletter of the Law School Admission Council, March/April 1997

Not since the high-rolling days of the late 1960's have New York's corporate law firms wooed the top law students so assiduously. The economy is sagging, lawyers are doing very nicely, thank you.

—The New York Times, August 14, 1997

So many firms are recruiting talent that competition tremors for top law school graduates and well-regarded mid-level associates...many of the lawyers recruited have about seven offers on the table.

—The Washington Post, March 27, 1997

Some times just keep getting better for the law business. "We're having another great year in 1997 for mergers and acquisitions, real estate, tax, litigation, product liability, you name it," exults Robert Sheehan, executive partner at Scadden, Arps, Manager & Pion.

—The Wall Street Journal, July 1, 1997

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editorial

RIGHT TO KNOW

What happened to the TCU 'community'?

Although administrators will deny the decision is official, TCU's next chancellor is on campus today to check out the office and campus he will soon call home. "But wait!" you might exclaim. "What happened to the selection process? What happened to the other candidates?"

Exactly what we'd like to know. Although we don't doubt the qualifications of Michael Ferrari (in fact, from all accounts, he will fit the TCU campus well), we cannot help but wonder what our other choices were.

Despite the proddings and phone calls of the *Skiff* and every other major media outlet in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, the TCU administration maintained the utmost secrecy surrounding the chancellor search, saying the publication of candidate names could damage their existing job security.

We have one word: Wah. TCU is continually promoted as a "community" atmosphere where students, faculty and administrators alike walk around campus in seemingly perfect harmony.

Such "community" is not reflected when those people most involved with the survival of TCU — students and faculty — are largely eliminated in the search for their next leader.

The least that TCU could have done to make campus members part of one of the most important processes in university life was to release the names of the finalists and let the "community" debate the merits of the candidates.

Students (whether current or former) provide much of the financial support to keep TCU running. Faculty provide the educational basis that keeps TCU strong and intellectually oriented. They have earned and deserve enough respect from the university to make decisions about the future.

Otherwise, perhaps we should rethink this "community" concept we're all so proud of.



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Telling secrets

How much does the American public really need to know?

The masked magician was the only person brave enough, or evil enough, to tell us what's what. Never mind that he has to wear a mask to do it; it's part of his appeal.

Commentary



JULIE FINN

The masked magician is the Fox network's latest gimmick to bring its menial everything-but-Sunday-night programming out of Montel Williams talk-show-mediocrity.

The masked magician is a theoretical first-rate magician who consented, upon condition of anonymity, a mask and a body-concealing cloak, to reveal all of magic's greatest secrets in the television shows "Magic's Greatest Secrets Revealed" and the more recent "Magic's Greatest Secrets Revealed II."

Unfortunately, this constitutes the worst of betrayals among magicians, and they would like to blackball him, but they don't know who he is.

How ironic. You'd think a bunch of magicians would be able to work some sort of magic to discover the identity of an

errant colleague. If they can't, they're obviously not real magicians, and need to be revealed for the tricksters they are. Of course, there are a few useless pithy things to say about tradition and mystery, and magicians never revealing their secrets.

It does sort of spoil the fun to have a vague contempt for a magician performing a trick because you know exactly how she does it. However, the truth is

they can be wondered about, and the answers can be imagined, and we can even drool a little bit in awe while we imagine, but certainly we can never seriously ask, and definitely never answer.

Tragically, they are asked, and they are answered, and the answers take our souls piece by piece. Weren't we happier worshipping and singing our worshipful happy songs, before we figured out there is no God?

tims are just really thin and scrunchy. Putting the model in a box and cutting her in half? She just sucks in her stomach. Stuffing her in a box and sticking knives in it? More scrunching.

So magicians are just like everyone else in society, desiring and enforcing the desire of thin and scrunchy women. This knowledge was far less disgusting when it existed only in the subliminal.

The same goes for just about any knowledge, really. We're far happier leading our bland little mannequin lives when we don't have to think about any issues, or be told the truth. Why do you think dystopia books are so popular? Secretly, that's what we all want the world to be.

The masked magician has good intentions. He intends to get money, after all, which is a perfectly reasonable and good thing to want. And he realizes his intentions by providing a product — one we all want to see.

Everyone would like to know how all the magic tricks are done. However, we don't need to know. We shouldn't know. And the fact that now we do know can only destroy us.

Julie Finn is a senior English major from Fort Smith, Ark.

Everyone would like to know how all the magic tricks are done. However, we don't need to know. We shouldn't know. And the fact that now we do know can only destroy us.

far more important, or at least compulsively desired.

We, as a society, want to know the truth at any cost. We're always asking annoying little questions and then, even more annoyingly, and at the expense of our precious innocence and naiveté, trying to answer them.

Is there a God? Can people be cloned just like sheep? How do you shove that really thin woman into a box, cut her into three pieces, move the pieces all around and then put them back together again?

None of these questions ever should have been asked. Sure,

Wouldn't we have been happier if scientists hadn't told us they were thinking about cloning humans, thus marring us with all these pesky medical and ethical issues, and instead just have done it, setting up the amazingly cloned people as things to worship in place of our so-recently dismantled god?

And weren't we happier when we thought the magician really did cut the model up, move her around and then put her back together again?

Turns out, the magicians don't really cut anyone up at all. All the models they employ as vic-

Murderer reform questionable

I'm sure by now everyone is sick of hearing about the death penalty. Nonetheless, I've waited so that when the issue died down I might have the last word on the subject.

As expected, the state executed Karla Faye Tucker last month. My take on the subject is that if she truly was a Christian then she is now in the kingdom of heaven. Case closed.

I'm not in favor of the death penalty, but I am also not totally opposed to it. It does have its merits.

It's one of those lose-lose situations. Keep murderers alive and it upsets one half of the population; kill murderers and it upsets the other half.

I don't have a lot of sympathy for brutal criminals, especially when their actions hurt innocent people. On the one hand, I don't believe anyone deserves to die, but on the other hand, I don't think we can coddle deviant members of society.

Everyone else drives the same stressful highways, gets beaten by the same economics and faces the same basic rigors in life. Few of us, however, retaliate against society.

The Tucker case wasn't the one that caught my attention though. Not long ago, the state executed Ricky Lee Green for serial killings he committed in the early 1980s. Green snatched his victims from local areas, ranging from Interstate 35 to nearby Lake Worth.

His victims ranged from sleazy hitchhikers to prominent businessmen. His last victim, an employee of the local KXAS Channel 5 television station, disappeared in 1984, after a chance encounter with Green at Casino Beach. Police apprehended Green the following year.

His victims were random, and usually tortured. Like Tucker, Green claimed to have found Jesus while waiting on death row, but the picture printed

in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* suggested otherwise.

Taken just two days before his execution, the photograph showed a man oozing sheer evil. Those piercing eyes and nasty grin made me feel as though he was looking at me, not the photographer.

I never met Ricky Lee Green, but still I shivered as if I was the one he wanted to reach and strangle through the camera lens. I felt I was his one last victim who wasn't going to get away, just like in a horror movie.

When I was a teen-ager, I worked at a movie theater, and like many 16-year-olds tasting freedom, I foolishly disrespected my independence. For me, weekends meant an occasional all-night, all-you-can-drink fest with the guys from work.

Beer was difficult to acquire and cops were even harder to avoid. So during our binges we stuck to a well-known, but secluded, area close to a friend's house. Sometimes we would get so-drunk-you-can't-stand-up drunk, but most times we stuck with garden-variety boozing.

Our hangout was a nappy place with nappy people, who tended to mind their own business. Most times we kept quiet, but occasionally we would get so-drunk-we're-annoying-other-people drunk.

This included a traipse across the sand to interact with random strangers. Most people simply humored us until we stumbled off to rejoin our own group. It seems pretty stupid now, considering how trashy and decadent some of them looked.

Eventually the gang matured and we pursued separate life paths. I stopped frequenting the scene in 1986, right after my 18th birthday.

Looking back, they aren't the fun memories, and because of Ricky Lee Green I'll never forget how foolishly I behaved, or how vulnerable I was to the danger that lurked in the shadows. Nowadays, I'm afraid to go near that spot, even in the daytime.

The place? Casino Beach.

Tim Skaggs is a senior speech communication major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



TIM SKAGGS



letter to the editor

'Disneyfication' of mythology appropriate for children

The Magical Kingdom. Does that sound to you like a place for raping and pillaging? Well, not to me. I think it is utterly ridiculous to complain that Disney cartoon movies are not accurate enough! I mean, look at for a second from the perspective of Disney.

We can all recall when not too long ago there was a big fuss over removing Bambi from the libraries and parents getting all worked up over the movie because Bambi's mother was killed. Don't you think that Disney got the message loud and clear?

I mean, if there are parents who couldn't stand to have their children exposed to the death of a deer — even with a happy ending, mind you — can you imagine the response to a movie with rape, infidelity and NO happy ending?

Second of all, these movies are made for children...not as a study guide for college-level mythology. Disney is, as we speak, being boycotted for many for its support of homosexuals. That's a fact of society today, but parents wish to protect their children from being exposed to it.

The most important thing of all is to remember that these movies are geared toward children; their purpose is to entertain and tell a story. I have a 3-year-old godson and he will sit and watch Disney movies for hours — never once has he turned to me and complained that they weren't accurate enough.

Let the kids have their movies, and when they grow up, they can watch "Natural Born Killers" and learn the intricacies of mythology if they want to.

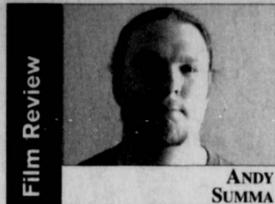
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Oscar Night 1998



Predictability of Academy Awards ceremony buoys 'Titanic' triumph



ANDY SUMMA

Film Review

The 70th Annual Academy Awards offered few surprises, fewer upsets and little excitement.

As expected, "Titanic" ran the table, surfacing with a boatload of Oscar statuettes. "As Good As It Gets" grabbed two awards, as did "Good Will Hunting," but their wins were crushed by "Titanic's" record-tying bounty.

Garnering a record-tying 11 Oscars, the billion-dollar film won all but three of its nominated categories.

"Titanic" beat out "As Good As It Gets" and "L.A. Confidential" in the category for Best Picture.

Ratings for the Oscar telecast was more than 1 billion, up significantly from last year.

James Cameron also won Best Director honors for the sweeping love/disaster epic "Titanic."

Cameron, who also directed

"Terminator," "Terminator 2" and "True Lies," also co-wrote the screenplay for the movie.

Jack Nicholson walked away with Best Actor honors for "As Good As It Gets." His prickly role as an obsessive/compulsive writer was great — even for the incomparable actor.

Dustin Hoffman ("Wag the Dog"), Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold"), Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting") and Robert Duvall ("The Apostle") had no chance against the most famous eyebrows in Hollywood.

Helen Hunt, she of "Mad About You" fame, laid claim to the Best Actress Oscar for her role as a down-to-earth mother/romantic lead in "As Good As It Gets." Holding her own with heavyweight Jack Nicholson line-for-line throughout the film, Hunt finally proved her mettle as a bona fide actress. She also beat out "Titanic's" Kate Winslet and Helena Bonham-Carter ("The Wings of the Dove").

Robin Williams nabbed the Best Supporting Actor statuette for his role as the fatherly college professor in "Good Will Hunting." After going 0-for-3 in past Oscar nights, Williams was due.

In fact, these past snubs may have propelled him past Burt

Reynolds ("Boogie Nights") and Greg Kinnear ("As Good As It Gets"), who delivered the performances of their respective careers.

Williams' role in "Good Will Hunting" isn't the best on his illustrative movie resume, but his cumulative work probably pushed him over the top.

The Best Supporting Actress winner, Kim Basinger of "L.A. Confidential," beat out stiff competition to take Oscar home with her hubby, Alec Baldwin.

The Best Original Screenplay Oscar went to Ben Affleck and Damon for "Good Will Hunting," a sweetly sincere movie about dealing with life and intelligence. Their win wasn't surprising, but with competition from "The Full Monty" and "As Good As It Gets," the race was pretty close.

Best Adapted Screenplay went to Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential," an intricately deep, maze-like film noir. "Donnie Brasco," the film's only other competition, is more than a year old, so enthusiasm for "Brasco" was hard to come by. "L.A. Confidential" was a deserving winner.

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Left: James Cameron's "Titanic," the billion dollar-grossing love epic, won 11 Oscars Monday night at the 70th Annual Academy Awards ceremony. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, the film was nominated for a record-tying 14 statuettes. The film also earned Cameron a Best Director nod. "Titanic," which was made on a \$200 million budget, has earned nearly \$500 million in North America alone. Below: Curtis Hanson's twisted film noir "L.A. Confidential" won Best Adapted Screenplay honors at last night's ceremony. Kim Basinger, who played a sultry Veronica Lake-look-alike in the film, won Best Supporting Actress.

PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE SKIFF

Oscar Winners

Best Picture TITANIC	Best Actor JACK NICHOLSON	Best Actress HELEN HUNT
Best Director JAMES CAMERON	Best Supporting Actor ROBIN WILLIAMS	Best Supporting Actress KIM BASINGER
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The last challenge of a socially conscious society?
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DANCERS

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said. "The nuts and bolts about different people and different attitudes. Italy has a rich heritage of art and dance and music."

Garrison said that while in Italy, the dancers took classes and performed in a concert with the dance company.

The students had the opportunity to take more than the traditional ballet and modern dance classes that are offered at TCU, she said. The Italian school also teaches salsa, meringue, jazz and African dance.

She said the students who attended are all at different levels and each gained something different from the experience.

Lori Yuill, a junior modern dance major, said she enjoyed the trip. "It was fabulous," she said. "They were very open and welcoming. I really enjoyed learning about their culture and way of thinking."

She said the dancers took classes from both Italian teachers and TCU professors. She said the Italians taught a variety of classes including modern jazz, funky jazz, aerobics, rock-n-roll gymnastique and African dance, along with the traditional ballet and modern.

She said while in Italy they had the opportunity to do more than just dance. They went to Venice and Florence, and also spent time with their host families.

"I really enjoyed the gondola ride because I was able to see the not-so-touristy side of Venice," she said.

She said the families the dancers stayed with were all connected with the Italian dance company in some way, either as teachers, dancers or musicians. She said some of the dancers stayed by themselves with a family, but she

stayed with two other TCU students.

Both pieces that the TCU students performed in the concert were originally performed at last fall's dance concert. The ballet piece "In the Rhythm of Jazz" was choreographed by Fernando Bujones, TCU's choreographer-in-residence, and the modern piece "Tierra, Cielo y Alma" was choreographed by Sunny Savoy.

Savoy is the director of the dance department at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico, a school with which TCU has an exchange program.

Garrison said the students who traveled to Italy were chosen because they were part of the original cast who performed the dances.

These dances were chosen because of the quality of the work and their length, which totals about 35 minutes. The department could take only 15 people, and these dances also had small casts, she said.

"There were not a lot of sets and props," she said. "The dances were technically easy to produce and a good representation of the department."

Garrison said the trip was funded by the department's hosting of the American College Dance Festival last year, department travel funds and the students themselves. The Sister Cities program lets those involved stay with a family instead of in a hotel, helping to lower some of the cost.

She said the last time the dancers went to Italy, the mayor of Fort Worth went with them. While in Italy this time, they were presented to the city council and mayor of Reggio-Emilia in a ceremony.

GREEKS

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we want to continually improve. We want to build on our successes."

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities averaged the lowest GPAs, with overall averages of 1.79, 2.50 and 2.58, respectively.

Kristen Kirst, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life, said those low GPAs are cause for some concern.

"It will be an issue that (National Pan-Hellenic Council) will address and that each chapter will have to address individually," Kirst said.

Kappa Alpha Psi President Lenward Bentley Jr., a senior psychology major, said he could not believe his fraternity averaged a 1.79 GPA.

Bentley said the reasons for the lower GPA could be due to the low number of fraternity members — currently 10 — and also to the amount of time the members invest in sports, since all are on either the football or track teams.

"I'm not trying to point fingers; I know we have to bring our grades up," Bentley said. "We have to balance our studies with our athletics."

Fraternity members can participate in a study hall each weekday, and the members will study together after every Sunday night chapter meeting, Bentley said.

The presidents of the Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities could not be reached for comment.

Phi Delta Theta, a fraternity that was recently reinstated on campus and is still in a probationary status, scored lowest of the Interfraternity Council fraternities with a 2.54 overall GPA.

Kirst said the university looks at grades as a necessary priority for Greek chapters to meet.

"Academics is always something we look at when we look at a chapter that's challenged," Kirst said. "Academics have got to be a priority."

Gardner Eastland, Phi Delta scholarship chairman and a sophomore criminal justice major, said he was shocked and embarrassed to discover the Phi Deltas' GPA.

He said his chapter is considering enacting a program where members would have to be involved in academic activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday to Friday.

If members don't meet a 2.0 GPA, the fraternity would likely remove any members from the active list, Eastland said.

"Our fraternity is about sound learning," Eastland said. "If you forgot what the fraternity is about, you may as well turn in your membership."

Overall, each fraternity and sorority GPA has decreased since the 1996 spring semester except the Pi Kapp, FIJI and Kappa Sigma fraternities. Phi Deltas had no 1996 spring semester GPA information available.

Alpha Chi Omega President Ashley Vaught, a junior Spanish major, said trends have shown that students consistently do better during the spring semester. "I think fall is always a more difficult semester," Vaught said. "Usually our grades go up in the spring."

Lambda Chi Alpha President Ricky Paradise, a senior accounting major, said disappointing new member grades hurt his fraternity's GPA, which scored an overall average of 3.05.

Now that Pi Kapps have set a

higher standard for fraternities to meet, Paradise said he is looking forward to some competition.

Lambda Chi has often led the fraternities in GPAs, and Paradise said the group plans to retake first place this semester.

"I'm thrilled Pi Kapps did so well because it's a direct challenge to us, and one we'll meet in the next semester," Paradise said.

Chi Omega President Kim Smith, a junior business major, said she is proud of Chi-O's first place among the sororities, and she looks forward to some friendly competition with the Pi Kapps.

The Chi-Os had led Greek GPAs for the previous three semesters.

"I'm proud of (Pi Kapps)," Smith said. "I think it's great that the guys are paying more attention to scholarship. It's giving us a little competition, and we'll step it up next semester."

None of the Panhellenic sororities averaged lower than a 2.90 GPA.

The Pi Kapps will receive a plaque recognizing their achievement at the annual Order of Omega Greek awards banquet in April.

Second space rock found in Texas town

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONAHANS, Texas — Hours after a suspected meteorite was reported striking land in this West Texas town, a deputy found a second possible space rock Monday as he was driving to investigate the first.

The deputy found the small rock embedded about three inches in an asphalt-caliche road as he was nearing the first reported landing site, Monahans police Capt. Dave Watts said. Part of the road mix melted

around the indentation, the deputy reported.

"We've got a man with the planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland," Watts said. "He did some checking, and he said it looks like the real thing."

Neither the deputy who found the rock nor Steven Schmidt, the planetarium worker who visited the site, returned phone messages by Monday evening.

Residents in approximately a 70-

mile swath around Monahans reported sonic booms and an eerie, streaking light around dusk Sunday. That's when teens playing basketball on the north side of Monahans, 60 miles southwest of Odessa, noticed something appear to hit the ground nearby.

They discovered a black rock had struck the sand with a thud. It weighed 2 pounds, 11 ounces.

The other suspected space rock, weighing 2 pounds, 15 ounces, was found on a road about 800 feet from

the first scene, Watts said. Neither caused any injuries.

"I guess that's pretty close, in space terms," Watts said.

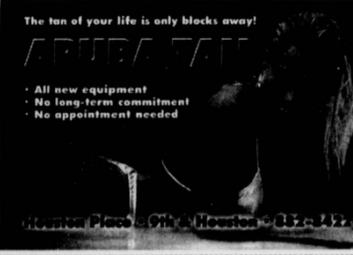
Marc Wetzel, coordinator of public programs at the University of Texas McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis, said it's extremely rare for someone to see meteorite pieces from the sky and be able to find them.

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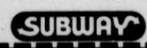

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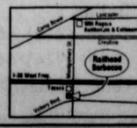
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FERRARI

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Members of the Chancellor Advisory Search Committee have said a lack of confidentiality with regard to the search would have compromised the quality of the applicant pool.

Attempts to contact search committee chairman Denny Alexander were unsuccessful as of press time.

Several Drake faculty have named Ferrari's expertise in improving faculty relations and creating a sense of inclusiveness as some of his strong points.

Gause said Ferrari has done wonders in the area of faculty and staff relations as well.

Gause said he brings Drake's Board of Governors and Board of Trustee members to a dinner on campus each year and seats members of the boards with faculty and staff members. She said he encourages the Drake staff to use this time to bring up anything they wish with the board members.

In addition, Gause said Ferrari has a monthly social with all faculty and staff, which she said has dramatically

improved relations between academic faculty and staff and members of student affairs.

"He has been able to draw us closer together," Gause said. "We now see a lot of collaboration between the two groups."

Frances Bartlett Kinne, a member of the Drake University Board of Governors and chancellor emerita of Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla., said she has been impressed with Ferrari in his 12 years at Drake.

"He's one of the outstanding presidents that I have known anywhere," Kinne said.

She said Ferrari has been "superb at fund raising, but a great academic as well."

Ferrari's career did not begin 12 years ago at Drake, though. An accomplished author, scholar and member of several boards and councils including the Presidential Advisory Board on Information Technology, Ferrari is known for "keeping tabs on what is going on in the city (of Des Moines)," Ryan said.

She said Ferrari's wife, Jan, is also a Drake supporter who is actively involved in university activities daily. The Ferraris also have two grown children, Elizabeth Ferrari Masterson and Michael III.

Ferrari has been named Outstanding Administrator of the Year by the student government associations at both Wright State University in Ohio (where he was a professor of management) and Bowling Green State University (where he served as provost and chief academic officer and interim president).

The Michael R. Ferrari Award was established to honor Ferrari for his administrative accomplishments in 1982 at Bowling Green.

Ferrari has been credited at Drake for increasing technology at Drake, increasing the diversity of faculty and staff and his aptitude at fund raising. A recent campaign, titled "The Campaign for Drake" was completed in 1994 and exceeded the \$115 million dollar goal one year ahead of schedule.

Keefe said generally those on the

Drake campus have not fully realized that this may be Ferrari's last semester at Drake.

"It hasn't had time to sink in," Keefe said.

Gause said most students are unaware of the possibility of Ferrari leaving Drake because the news broke after Drake's Spring Break vacation began, but she said she can't go anywhere in the community without being asked "Are we going to lose him?"

Ryan said members of the Drake community are "devastated" that Ferrari may leave Drake for TCU.

"They just feel a big loss," she said. "We're so aware of all his accomplishments."

Ryan said most people didn't expect that he might leave Drake anytime soon.

"They thought he would have a year or two," she said. "I guess they just thought he'd be here forever...They hoped he would."

"We just wish him the best of luck," she said. "If there's anyone that's just sick over this, it's me."

DRUG

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said. "Sometimes people want to steal money or have other intentions altogether."

Taylor said she has heard of cases in which people are drugged with Rohypnol and taken to a lab where their kidneys or other organs are removed. The organs are then sold on the black market, she said.

The makers of Rohypnol never sought approval for the drug by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, so it has never been legally sold here. However, the drug, which is legal in 64 countries, is often smuggled into the United States and sold on the street under names such as Roofies, Roachies and "the forget pill."

The number of cases of Rohypnol seizures at airports and border checkpoints by the U.S. Customs Service rose from five in 1990 to 81 in 1995.

A ban on the importation of Rohypnol was announced on March 5, 1996.

Taylor said the manufacturers of Rohypnol have made some efforts to decrease the amount of instances in which it is used to sedate sexual-

assault victims. She said when the pill dissolves, it releases blue bubbles to make it more noticeable. She also said the pill does not dissolve for about 20 to 30 minutes.

"Even with all the precautions, Rohypnol is still a very dangerous drug," Taylor said. "Once it hits you, you don't know what's going on and you can't remember exactly what happened when you wake up the next day."

A study by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences found that alcohol was present in 36 percent of the rape victims studied. Tranquilizers were found in 8 percent and Rohypnol was present in less than 1/100 of 1 percent.

Taylor said students who are simply going to clubs around the Dallas/Fort Worth area should always be aware of their surroundings.

"Always know what you're drinking, because the people who commit these kinds of crimes know that you are not on guard, and they know you are susceptible," Taylor said.

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Campus

Huffman receives WAC honor

TCU junior third baseman Royce Huffman was named the Western Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the Week for the week of March 16-22.

Huffman went 12-18 with 11 RBI, eight runs, four home runs, two doubles and a stolen base as the Horned Frogs went 2-2 against the University of Oklahoma and Brigham Young. In all four games he recorded multiple hits, including four in TCU's 22-5 victory over BYU on March 20.

He also added a pair of home runs, a career-high six RBI and three runs in the win. In an 11-10 loss to BYU in the series opener, Huffman was 3-5 with three RBI, three runs, a double and two homers. He closed the series by going 3-4 and adding two runs in an 11-7 TCU victory. Huffman extended his hitting streak to 13 games.

Franchione fills final staff position

Head football coach Dennis Franchione filled the final football staff position with the hiring of Charley North as the new director of football operations, which was announced Friday.

For the past 18 years North served as an assistant football coach with the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arkansas. He was the offensive line coach at Oklahoma from 1979-1994 and spent the last three years in a similar position at Arkansas.

North was a high school coach at three different Oklahoma high schools from 1967-1978 and was a collegiate football and baseball player at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., from 1964-1966.

Flint to compete at nationals

Junior swimmer Jason Flint will compete at the NCAA Championship meet this weekend in Auburn, Ala.

After finishing 16th at the Championships in 1997, he will look to achieve All-American status for the second consecutive season.

Flint will swim the 100-yard breast stroke on Friday and the 200-yard breast stroke on Saturday. As the only TCU swimmer in the Championship meet, Flint is the Frog's only hope at placing among the nation's top teams.

MLB

Phillies defeat Rangers, 7-4

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Kevin Jordan's ninth-inning double scored Mark Lewis to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 7-4 exhibition win over the Texas Rangers on Monday.

Lewis led off the inning with a single off reliever Tim Crabtree (0-2), then scored on Jordan's second double of the spring.

The Phillies broke a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning on Ruben Amaro's RBI double.

The Rangers tied it again in their half of the inning on Juan Gonzalez's second homer of the spring.

But Lewis and Jordan ignited a three-run rally in the top of the ninth to make a winner of Phillies reliever Darrin Winston (2-0).

Philadelphia starter Mike Grace gave up five hits and two runs in a 4 2/3-inning stint. Texas starter Aaron Sele allowed three hits and one run in six innings.

NCAA

Final Four action set to begin

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Stanford will be the first team in the NCAA men's basketball championship tournament to work out in the Alamodome on Friday.

Stanford plays Kentucky and Utah meets North Carolina on Saturday in the semifinals. The winners play Monday night for the title. The order of games for Saturday hasn't been set, but the first game starts at 4:42 p.m. CST.

NCAA Tournament hopes fall flat

Seminoles eliminate Frogs in first game

Cinderella feels right at home during the NCAA Tournament. Too bad she put on the glass slipper that belonged to TCU. The Horned Frogs didn't have enough firepower at the end of the contest and the 12th-seeded Florida State Seminoles advanced to the second round with a 96-87 victory. Florida State shot an impressive 54 percent from the field and outbounded the Frogs 44-34.

"They got second and third chances, and I thought that was the real key to the game," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "We failed to stay on the boards with them."

The Horned Frogs had difficulty defending Florida State's inside threats of Randell Jackson and Corey Louis who each had 20 points and a combined 23 rebounds.

"We talked about trying to attack and be organized in our attack," Florida State head coach Steve Robinson said. "We showed a lot of discipline and we got good shots."

TCU was hindered by the absence of freshman guard Ryan Carroll, who twisted his ankle in practice the Wednesday before the tournament began. This shortened an already short bench and forced more minutes out of TCU's starters.

"I thought Ryan Carroll really left us in a bind, especially our rotation on the perimeter," Tubbs said. "But it also left us in a bind in the late game situation when we lost Lee and Dennis."

Florida State had major trouble stopping TCU junior center Lee Nailon. Nailon's 32 points was a game high, and he grabbed eight rebounds and hit eight of nine free throws.

"We didn't have much going for us on the perimeter, and (Nailon) was the best offensive threat that we had going for us," Tubbs said.

Senior guards Malcolm Johnson and Mike Jones struggled for most of the afternoon and were a combined 9-29 from the field. Even with the poor shooting of two of the Frogs' key offensive personnel, the Horned Frogs forced the Seminoles into a deadlock score of 46 at intermission.

Florida State took the lead for good with just over 16 minutes left in the second half. A 13-7 Seminole run gave Florida State a seven-point advantage, leading 64-57 with 13 minutes remaining in the game. TCU would come within one on a Nailon lay-up with 8:07 left, but Florida State was able to extend the lead after a media timeout.

The key moment in the game might have come with 4:15 left when the officials blew the whistle and gave Nailon his fifth and final foul.

"Until the time he went out of the game, I really thought we were going to win the game," Tubbs said. "With him in there, I thought our chances were much better."

Without the big man in the middle, the Frogs still managed to stay in the contest. Down by four, 91-87, TCU put Florida State on the free throw line with 1:07 left. He missed both free throws, but TCU was unable to grab the rebound, which forced another Horned Frog foul by senior forward Dennis Davis, giving him his fifth foul also. TCU played the final minute of a two-possession ball game without both of their big men. This time the Seminoles made the free throws and sealed the game. For head coach Billy Tubbs and the Horned Frog team, it was a clear disappointment, but for the school the exposure was invaluable. Everyone around the media and in the crowd was excited about TCU. I talked to a father and son from Oklahoma City who got tickets to see the games.

"I like TCU and Billyball a lot," Greg Hall said. "I look forward to seeing TCU's style of play."

If average fans are excited about TCU, that can only help the Frogs in the recruiting wars in the future.

Certainly TCU could have had a better showing in the "Big Dance," but remember that TCU fans waited 11 years to see a basketball team go to the NCAA Tournament. No Horned Frog team won as many games as the 1997-98 Frogs, and TCU became the first team to go undefeated in WAC play.

Cinderella has claimed many victims during this 1998 postseason madness, and TCU was no exception. This year's team has set the standard for Frog teams to follow. The mission next year: Get back to the NCAA Tournament and stay on the ballroom floor a little longer.

Analysis



RICHARD DURRETT

Lady Frogs climb rankings
Tennis wins four, defeats two top-30 teamsBy Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's tennis team did not feel the sand in their toes over Spring Break. Instead, they felt their sneakers pounding against concrete tennis courts across Texas. Along with the pounding on the courts, the Lady Frogs pounded out four more wins.

Head coach Roland Ingramcq said the biggest victory of this past week was the 6-3 win over currently ranked-No. 19 South Carolina on March 12.

To capture their second upset of a top-30 team, TCU had to gather themselves before the doubles matches. The match was knotted 3-3 following the singles matches when TCU turned up the tempo to run away with all three doubles matches and the overall match.

No. 67 in the singles rankings, Lucie Dvorakova, added another victory to her repertoire. She beat No. 53 Celine Regnier in three sets. Junior Natalie Balafoutis and sophomore Daria Zoldakova both

added singles victories in the South Carolina match before teaming up with sophomores Rachel Niwa and Jessica Kjellgren, respectively, to obtain doubles wins.

Only a day later, the Lady Frogs took on Western Athletic Conference rival Rice. Rice handed TCU their third loss in dual competition by holding off a late surge 5-4.

After getting behind 2-4 in the singles matches, the Lady Frogs again made an impact in doubles competition. The teams of J. Kjellgren and Zoldakova and Dvorakova and senior Annika Kjellgren both won 8-4. The Australian duo of Niwa and Balafoutis lost a close match 8-6 that helped Rice outlast TCU.

Following the disappointing loss to Rice, TCU had the opportunity to face yet another WAC squad in Texas-El Paso on March 16. The Lady Frogs initially found themselves struggling playing at that altitude and went down in the match 3-4. Again the doubles played a key role for TCU as the

team of Dvorakova and A. Kjellgren's victory tied the match with only J. Kjellgren and Zoldakova still on the court.

J. Kjellgren and Zoldakova were down a third set tie breaker to UTEP's Jana Perkova and Claudia Santosq when they broke UTEP's match-clinching serve.

Then the TCU duo won seven of the next eight games to win the doubles match as well as the overall match for the Lady Frogs.

"We just got outplayed," UTEP head coach York Strother said.

"We had the lead in three matches and didn't finish." TCU took the emotion from the come-from-behind win over UTEP into their match against Louisville Saturday. The Lady Frogs rolled over the Cardinals 6-3.

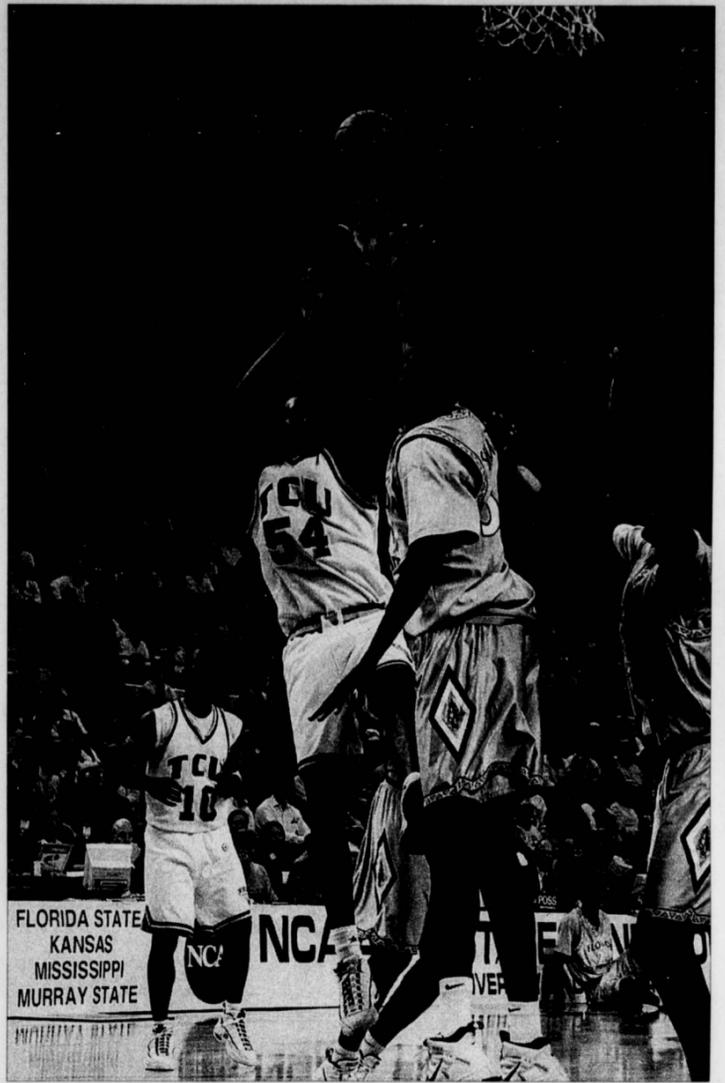
For the sole time over Spring Break, TCU won more singles matches than they did in the doubles competition. All five Lady Frogs who finished their matches were victorious. J. Kjellgren had to default from her match with an upset stomach after getting ahead 4-0 in the second set.

"We won more singles matches because they just weren't as strong as some of the other teams we've been facing," Balafoutis said.

With the overall match wrapped up, TCU, which had won seven of nine doubles matches over the break, lost two of the three doubles matches against Louisville. With J. Kjellgren still out of action, TCU prepared to face No. 49 Colorado on Sunday. Niwa filled in for J. Kjellgren by beating Colorado's Aggie Bek at the six spot. The only other TCU singles victory came behind the racket of Zoldakova who won (6-2, 6-2). TCU followed its habitual routine of taking the overall match in the double competition. They swept Colorado's doubles teams including a Niwa and Balafoutis win over the No. 38 sister tandem of Aggie and Anna Bek. "We'd rather not come from behind, but we have confidence that we can win that way," Balafoutis said. The 11-3 Lady Frogs were upped to the No. 47 ranking behind their four Spring Break victories. Their next opponent is Texas Tech on Friday.



Sophomore Rachel Niwa forehands the balls in a recent practice.



Junior center Lee Nailon puts up a jump shot over Florida State defenders in the Frogs' NCAA Tournament first-round game March 13 in Oklahoma City.

Spring Break ball games
give team 19-10 recordBy Kevin Dunleavy
SKIFF STAFF

While most students traveled home or went on vacation over the Spring Break holiday, the TCU baseball team played a string of eight games in three different cities over the course of a week. After challenging the Utah Utes, the Oklahoma Sooners and the Brigham Young Cougars, TCU improved its record to 19-10 in the regular season and 6-

winning streak despite good play by Huffman, senior shortstop Jeff Yarbrough and junior first baseman David Wallace. Scarborough said a successful team is able to win road games. "You're not a good team unless you can win on the road. That's where it's at—the road. You play hard, hit well and throw hard and just let the chips fall where they may."

— Mike Scarborough
junior center fielder

Prior to embarking on their Spring Break road games, the Frogs played two games against the Texas Tech Red Raiders. TCU split the games by losing 16-4 the first day and pulling out a 8-7 victory in extra innings the following afternoon.

Although the Frogs lost by a substantial amount in the first game, they rebounded in the second to give Tech its first home loss of the season. A single by senior second baseman Sam Lunsford in the 11th inning brought home junior Mark Silva for a one-run advantage, and the Red Raiders were unable to retaliate.

On March 13 TCU journeyed to Utah to challenge the Utes in four games, one of which counted as a non-conference game. TCU swept the series against Utah over the four-day period by winning 5-3, 8-0, 11-8 and 5-3 respectively. Strong pitching by senior pitcher James Wortham and junior pitcher Heath Collins helped keep their opponents' runs to a minimum while every starter managed to somehow contribute to TCU's weekend domination of the Utes. Efforts by junior third baseman Royce Huffman, senior right fielder Chris Connally and junior left fielder Matt Howe proved to be a defining factor in the sweep.

Junior center fielder Mike Scarborough said that getting accustomed to the colder Utah weather was important in the wins.

"We have to go in with a good attitude no matter what the conditions are," he said. "Weather can be your friend or foe, but you can't let it get to you. Just play the game."

No rest for the weary, the Frogs then proceeded into Oklahoma to face off against the Sooners. The Sooners took an early lead and TCU tried valiantly to return to the game but ultimately fell short, losing 7-6. Oklahoma broke TCU's five-game

winning streak despite good play by Huffman, senior shortstop Jeff Yarbrough and junior first baseman David Wallace.

Scarborough said a successful team is able to win road games.

"You're not a good team unless you can win on the road. That's where it's at—the road,"

he said. "You can play hard, hit well and throw hard and just let the chips fall where they may."

On March 19 the Frogs headed back to Utah to confront the Brigham Young Cougars in three games that spanned the weekend. In the first game, TCU once again came close but fell short by a single run in an 11-10 loss, despite the pains of Connally and Huffman who slammed four home runs between them.

TCU countered quickly the next day by sending the Cougars off the field in embarrassment. Connally, Huffman and Wallace each hit two homers in the Frogs' 22-5 defeat of BYU. Huffman and Connally also racked up six RBIs a piece. With momentum for the next day, TCU finished off the series by beating BYU 11-7.

Scarborough said there is a lot of fun in the TCU baseball team.

"Everything is coming together, and there's a big sense of camaraderie in the club," he said.

"There's no big egos on the team either. We can make fun of each other but be serious on the field; that's a good team."

