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U.S. Ambassador to speak at Kelly Center

Jeffrey Davidow, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, will give a free public lecture 7:30 p.m. today at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. He will speak about U.S./Mexican relations in the next century.

The event is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Greater Fort Worth, the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Worth International Center.

Colleges

\$50,000 posted for any leads in murder

(U-WIRE) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Gov. John Rowland offered a \$50,000 state reward on Friday to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction in the killing of Davenport senior Suzanne Jovin.

The reward came at the request of New Haven Police Chief Melvin Wearing and New Haven State's Attorney Michael Dearington.

"Although we are continuing our investigation, at this point we have exhausted all avenues and are seeking assistance from the general public," Wearing wrote.

Jovin, 21, was found suffering from multiple stab wounds to her neck, back and head at Edgemoor and East Rock roads in New Haven on the night of Dec. 4.

Her death triggered a joint New Haven-Yale police department investigation that included the assistance of a forensics expert and a Federal Bureau of Investigation attempt to develop a psychological profile of the killer. New Haven police have said they believe Jovin knew her killer, but have made no arrests.

The NHPD have named Yale political science lecturer James Van de Velde in a pool of suspects, but he has maintained his innocence.

An official who is close to the investigation said a reward is always a last-ditch effort because it signals that the police are literally looking for any new tip.

—Yale Daily News
Yale University

Man killed in car chase with UA police

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — An unidentified man died Friday night after crashing into a van during a high-speed University of Arizona police chase.

A UAPD officer was stopped at a red light on East Sixth Street and North Campbell Avenue at about 11:35 p.m. when the driver of a red 1986 Ford Mustang went through the light, headed south on Campbell, police said.

The man passed the officer and was reportedly driving at a high rate of speed.

The UAPD officer pursued the Mustang south on Campbell and then east on East Eighth Street.

The chase ended "in less than a minute," when a 1997 Pontiac mini-van, driving south on North Tucson Boulevard, struck the man when he ran a stop sign at Eighth and Tucson.

The Mustang's driver was dead when officers arrived. A passenger inside the Mustang was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

—Arizona Daily Wildcat
University of Arizona

Board adds faculty, raises tuition

By Beth Wilson
SENIOR REPORTER

The addition of 21 full-time faculty positions to replace about 120 class sections taught by occasional, or adjunct, professors was approved Friday at the Board of Trustees meeting.

The money for these positions has been budgeted beginning next fall and the professors will be selected through each college and then approved by Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William

H. Koehler.

William L. Adams, chairman of the student relations committee of the Board of Trustees, explained Friday to student members of the committee what the board discussed.

Adams said the board was aware of the students' concerns about occasional faculty.

"Now, more dollars are going into teaching," Adams said.

An additional six staff members will be hired in user services to facilitate software implementation and the introduction of new technology.

The board also increased tuition to \$365 per hour, up from \$345.

Adams said the amount of financial aid was increased proportionally to the tuition increase to ensure no students slip behind the curve.

A master plan for the university was also discussed.

"It's the most in-depth look at what the university ought to be," Adams said.

Adams said the last serious look at the plan of the university was in 1991.

"The plan is a living document," Adams said. "We build and as we go along, we modify."

The published master plan for the university indicates areas where future buildings could be erected.

Adams said the university plans to maintain green spaces as construction continues to add buildings and parking lots to campus. He also said trustees discussed the future of a

parking garage on the east side of campus.

The progress of the Tucker Technology Center and the athletic learning facility were also discussed. Adams said the board considered gathering funds for the technology center a top priority.

He said about \$8 million has been raised for the \$23 million technology center.

Construction on the first stage of

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Cinda Cheney, a 1991 graduate, and her 3-year-old son, Eric, open a plastic egg he found during the Easter Egg hunt in front of Sadler Hall. (Right) Maggie Rodriguez, 16 mos., peers into a basket filled with treats.

Happy Hunting

Easter fun provides chance for young alumni to meet



By Jason Crane
CAMPUS EDITOR

The smile on Aubrey Burghardt's face was as golden as the egg that she proudly held high above her head.

The 5-year-old daughter of TCU alumni Melissa and Norman Burghardt was one of about 100 lucky children who found a golden egg hidden somewhere in front of Clark, Sadler and Reed halls on Sunday afternoon.

The golden eggs, interspersed among the 3,500 plastic eggs, assorted candy and toys scattered across the lawn, were worth a special prize for the infant to 9-year-old children who crawled, walked and ran in search of their Easter bounty.

The previously bashful Aubrey showed no hesitation as she ran toward a table to claim her prize.

"I hope I get a Beanie Baby," Aubrey said.

The Beanie Baby she did get, a yellow duck, was one of hundreds of prizes donated by area businesses. Golden eggs could also be exchanged for prizes such as gift certificates and TCU football tickets. Jenny Cox, associate director of alumni relations, said about 600 children were registered to attend the fifth annual egg hunt, but the gray skies kept some of the participants away.

"We hoped for better weather, but we are happy so many alumni still participated," she said.

Kim Blouin, president of the Fort Worth chapter of the Young Alumni Association, said the egg hunt is one of the most popular

alumni events of the year.

"In the fall everyone calls and wants to do it again," she said. "More young alumni volunteer every year and we get involved in the community."

Sara Donaldson, a freshman pre-med major and member of Student Foundation, said alumni and student volunteers spent over an hour "hiding" the eggs.

"All that, and the actual hunt is over in less than five minutes," she said. Kelly Krueger, a junior fashion promotion major and member of Student Foundation, said the event helps bring alumni, and their children, to the TCU campus.

"It's a great way to keep the alumni involved," she said. "And there are all these future Horned Frogs running around."

Cinda Cheney, a 1991 graduate, said her 7-year-old daughter Claire and 3-year-old son Eric are two of those future Frogs.

"It's activities like this that will make my kids want to come to TCU," she said.

Cheney said the annual event gives her a chance to meet other area alumni who have young children.

"Even though you have old college friends, your lifestyle changes when you have kids," she said. "You need a connection with people like yourself."

Cox said the event is simply a way to get alumni back together.

"We do family events like this so that alumni and their children can meet each other," she said. "It's a nice way to serve the community."

Eligibility rule nixed

TCU athletics to keep own academic standards

By Joel D. Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

It will be business as usual in TCU's athletic department, despite a federal judge's ruling that the NCAA's freshman academic eligibility requirements unfairly affected black athletes.

On March 8, U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter ruled that the NCAA can't use standardized test scores to determine eligibility for students attempting to participate in college athletics. Buckwalter, citing the NCAA's own research, said the test-score criteria "has an unjustified disparate impact against African-Americans."

The regulation overturned by Buckwalter stipulates that athletes must have a grade point average between 2.0 and 2.5 in 13 "core" high school courses, and a SAT score from 820 to 1010. Proposition 16 was passed in 1992 and is modeled after NCAA Proposition 48, which was adopted in 1986. Proposition 48 required that athletes who did not attain at least a score of 700 on the SAT be disallowed from competing as freshmen.

TCU Director of Athletics Eric Hyman said he was somewhat miffed that Proposition 16 was overturned.

"If you look at the genesis of the legislation, the presidents of

MEASURING UP				
These are the average SAT scores for freshman student-athletes who entered Texas colleges and universities from 1994-95 through 1997-98. An asterisk means the school has no team playing that sport. (MB - men's basketball, FB - football, WB - women's basketball).				
SCHOOL	MB	FB	WB	AVG
Rice	1150	1082	1156	1129
SMU	1009	974	1033	1005
UT-Arlington	1028	*	963	996
Texas	1010	958	1006	991
North Texas	1037	952	952	980
Texas A&M	953	937	1029	973
UT-El Paso	937	956	930	941
TCU	909	943	956	936
Baylor	927	976	896	933
Texas Tech	1005	920	854	926

SOURCE: 1998 NCAA Division I Graduation Rates

the universities were the ones who determined the standards," Hyman said. "These people were educators, and they felt this was good legislation. Now you have a judge that overturned that legislation. I find that a little unsettling."

"In the future, I think everybody will be judged on a case by case basis (at TCU)."

An NCAA study showed that 21.4 percent of black athletes failed to meet Division I eligibility requirements in 1997. Only 4.2 percent of white athletes were affected by the requirements.

"Certainly we're disappointed with the ruling," said Jane

Jankowski, a spokesperson for the NCAA. "There are a lot of unknowns, but hopefully there will be some clarifications in the next few weeks."

Leigh Ann Smith, TCU's director of athletics academic services, said she doesn't expect TCU to adjust its academic standards for incoming freshman athletes.

"You have to be admitted to TCU no matter what," Smith said. "TCU is a strong academic institution, and that's what we've been competing under."

TCU head football coach Den-

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Financial aid stays at TCU

By Jared Hooker
STAFF REPORTER

Students who study abroad in Mexico may have more dinero to spend than those who study in Spain.

Why? TCU does not offer financial aid to students who participate in non-TCU study abroad programs. Students can keep their aid only if they participate in a program for which they pay tuition to TCU.

TCU's program in Mexico at the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla is the site of one of TCU's study abroad programs. TCU does not have

any of its own programs in Spain.

Roberta Corder, coordinator of study abroad, said students keep their federal grants and loans no matter where they go, but any aid that comes directly from TCU cannot be used for non-TCU programs.

"The basic reason TCU is not providing money to their students is the simple matter of not wanting to give money away when there is no offsetting return," Corder said.

Sandra Tobias, associate director of financial aid, said that even if a stu-

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Guys teach nursery rhyme and reason

By Erin Brinkman
OPINION EDITOR

The room is huge and filled with toys of all kinds — blocks, dolls, art supplies, dress up clothes and more — but all the children sit in a tiny circle around their teachers. The children sport purple fingers, lips and tongues.

"More," one 3-year-old boy demands.

"Hold on a second, Harrison. You have to wait your turn," a young man, says, cutting up fresh cherries as quickly as possible. The children continue to salivate, and a little girl

reaches for a piece of fruit, getting her fingers a little too close to the knife.

"Careful, Anna," a young woman says, moving the girl's hand back a safe distance.

After the special snack, the 3- and 4-year-olds help the teachers clean up: washing the plate, throwing away the trash and wiping off the table. And after their parents come to pick them up, the University Baptist Church Preschool Suite is back in order for the next batch of chil-

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Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

Christian Science Organization will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 214.

A golf tournament will be held by Air Force ROTC Cadet Wing April 11 at Carswell Golf Course. Proceeds from the event will go towards training for cadets. Golfers can match their game against the players from the TCU Golf team during the tournament. Deadline to enter is Thursday. For more information contact Brant Nickell at 921-7461.

Get groovy and get wet this week at a film festival sponsored by the Programming Council Fine Arts Committee. "Austin Powers" will be shown 10 p.m. today in the Moudy Building North, Room 141. And don't miss "Waterboy" at 10 p.m. Friday at Frog Fountain for a "drive-in" showing. Concessions will be available at "Waterboy." Watch from your car or bring a blanket.

Can't find a summer job? Look at www.JobMonkey.com for free information on job opportunities. The Web site can help students and recent graduates find jobs in Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and other locations. The site can access profiles of more than 2,000 employers such as airlines, casinos, cruise and land tour companies, national parks and forests, ski and beach resorts and schools that hire English teachers in Asia and Europe.

News ROUNDUP

Nation

Jurors who oppose death penalty excused in gay slaying case

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Two men who opposed the death penalty were dismissed as potential jurors in the first-degree murder trial of a man charged in the beating death of a gay college student.

Fourteen potential jurors were released Thursday from the trial of Russell Henderson, who faces the death penalty if convicted in the Oct. 6 attack on Matthew Shepard. More candidates were questioned today.

Opening statements are expected to begin April 6.

Henderson and Aaron McKinney, both 21, are accused of luring Shepard out of a bar, pistol-whipping him and tying him to a fence.

The University of Wyoming student died a few days later. Authorities have said Shepard's sexuality was a factor in the slaying.

Both men face murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery charges. McKinney will be tried in August.

McKinney has been complaining about his treatment in the county jail.

His attorneys have alleged that he is being treated more harshly than other inmates, that visitation by family members has been restricted and that he was denied athletic shoes his father attempted to drop off.

Texan killed in Arizona crash

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP) — An El Paso man was killed when a van in which he was riding collided with an unoccupied Border Patrol vehicle sitting on the shoulder of Highway 92.

Rogelio R. Rodriguez, 65, was killed in Sunday's accident, the Arizona Department of Public Safety reported.

Carol Capas, spokeswoman for the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, said the driver, Roberto R. Dagnino, 47, of Bisbee was jailed for vehicular manslaughter after treatment bruises and abrasions. She said he was released after posting \$25,000 bond.

Why the Border patrol vehicle was parked along the road was unclear.

Herbal remedies linked to infertility, scientists say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have uncovered a new worry about some of the most popular herbal remedies: the possibility that they could cause infertility, or genetically damage sperm.

Many women who are pregnant or trying to con-

ceive carefully avoid taking prescription and even over-the-counter medications for fear they could endanger their chances of a healthy pregnancy.

But herbs and other dietary supplements are advertised as "natural," with the implication that they're safe, non-drug remedies.

In fact, many powerful prescription drugs were derived from plants, and many of the herbs sold in health-food stores and supermarkets also can have powerful, medicine-like actions — and side effects.

The new study by researchers at Loma Linda University suggests that the side effects of some of popular herbs — St. John's wort, echinacea and ginkgo — could include blocking conception.

The study also uncovered suggestions of genetic damage to sperm, raising questions of whether such changes could cause problems for a resulting baby.

The test-tube study is not proof that couples trying to conceive should avoid taking herbs. Indeed, lead researcher Dr. Richard Ondrizek stressed that laboratory research doesn't always accurately predict what happens in humans.

Nobody has ever tested actual herb users to see if the products concentrate in their sperm or eggs — the key to knowing if there's any risk.

Still, "this is a very important study that could provide important information to patients suffering from infertility," said Alan H. DeCherney, editor of Fertility and Sterility, the journal that published the herb study this month.

Denver church votes to sanction same-sex marriages

DENVER — After two years of First Plymouth Congregational Church has agreed to sanction same-sex marriages and to form a support group for homosexuals.

It also undertakes not to discriminate against gays in church employment.

With 1,400 members, First Plymouth is one of the largest in the United Church of Christ to take such action.

"We've taken a big step down the road of compassion and justice," said the Rev. Scott Landis, the church's senior minister.

The United Church of Christ allows its regional units to determine whether their churches can ordain gays and whether ministers can officiate at same sex unions.

Nationally, 273 of its 6,100 congregations have voted affirmatively.

State

State to test 911 database from Southwestern Bell competitor

AUSTIN — Southwestern Bell has agreed to let state 911 officials test a new emergency database provided by a competitor.

The agreement means Texas can continue plans to track emergency calls from wireless phones.

"We're happy because we'll be able to proceed with the pilot project," said Carey Spence, deputy director of the state 911 system.

State authorities chose SCC Communications

over Southwestern Bell to provide a new 911 database, but ran into opposition from Bell in its implementation.

When SCC Communications tried to test the system in Houston, Bell officials refused to link the database, saying it might jeopardize the phone network.

State 911 authorities complained to the Public Utility Commission that Bell officials were delaying life-saving improvements to the network.

Both sides went to mediation and agreed to do the test.

Southwestern Bell officials now say they don't expect the pilot project to jeopardize the phone network because initial technical problems have been resolved in negotiations.

"The purpose of the pilot is to be sure all systems work together," said Ron Huelsing, Bell's product manager for public safety.

If SCC's database — which includes a list of phone customers' names, addresses and phone numbers — works with Bell's network, then 911 districts around the state would have a choice.

They could continue to use Southwestern Bell's database services or hire SCC Communications.

"Competition will bring products and services to the public-safety community," said Steve Meer, SCC's chief technology officer. "Rather than public-safety agencies dealing with 10 different telephone companies to see if the customer information is correct, we provide that to them."

The new database would be used in the state's plan for wireless phone customers to have the same 911 protections as those provided for wired phones.

A call from a wired phone automatically gives the 911 operator the caller's address and phone number so the operator can dispatch emergency vehicles.

But that capability is not available for wireless customers.

Four dead, one injured in shooting

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Four teen-age females were shot to death and a man wounded Monday at a duplex, officials said.

Police released few details about the incident but said they were summoned to the duplex about 5 p.m.

A wounded man was found in the driveway and the four other victims, including one who was pregnant, were inside, police said.

The women were identified as Sandy Witt, Naomi Martinez, Penny Estrada and Erica Arispe, KTXS-TV reported. Injuries to the fifth victim, Larry Hammond, were not believed to be life-threatening.

Police at the scene told KTXS that they were looking for a light-colored Cadillac that was seen speeding from the scene.

KRBC reported that Hammond might have been shot while investigating the gunshots at the duplex.

These stories are from the Associated Press

CORRECTION

In the March 25, 1999 edition of the Skiff, Marilyn Eudaly was incorrectly identified. She is the chairwoman of the professional development committee of the Office Staff Personnel.



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editorial

FACULTY FUNDING

Teaching to improve with more money

Ask any student and he or she will tell you how frustrating it is to have a question about class with an inaccessible professor. That student could also tell stories of professors who are obviously teaching for the money and not for the love of bringing understanding to students.

Ask any administrator, however, and he'll tell you that occasional faculty are a necessary part of the university.

This is not to say that all part-time or occasional faculty are ineffective or not interested in students' education. The truth is, occasional — or adjunct — professors are fully qualified to teach us. In fact, sometimes they're preferable because they are currently in jobs that their students will someday pursue. They know current trends and are up-to-date on the market.

But there are incredibly noticeable differences between having, say, a law class taught by someone trained to teach law as opposed to someone trained to practice law.

But the Board of Trustees has lent an ear to these frustrations. They have approved funding for 21 new full-time faculty members to join the TCU family.

Although the departmental appropriation of the new professors has not been determined yet, administrators say since the funding is in place, some of the positions are expected to be filled by the fall semester.

The new professors will replace about 120 class sections currently taught by occasional faculty members. This decision shows a major dedication on the part of administrators and board members to the education we are paying for.

TCU prides itself on its commitment to its students. One of the advantages of attending a university the size of TCU, is that faculty are accessible to students. This allows students and professors to forge relationships with one another, allowing learning to take place beyond lectures and textbooks. More full-time faculty will make this kind of interaction possible for more students and faculty.

In addition, students can feel more confident that their professors will not only be knowledgeable in their fields, but will also be devoting all of their time to our education.

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Meaning exceeds accuracy

Do you have a friend who corrects your grammar? Maybe it's your mother or grandfather or a fastidious aunt. It annoys you, right?

Perhaps you have had an English professor who insisted that you not use sentence fragments.

"Complete sentences!"

"Always!"

Maybe you have been engaged in a debate as to whether African-American vernacular English — a.k.a. Ebonics — should be taught in schools.

Maybe you just want to get your point across. Perhaps you say nothing for fear of the word police, who are always on the lookout for people using the wrong word or the wrong punctuation at the wrong time.

They seek to eliminate the mis-

appropriation of terms that runs rampant in our society. The word police attempt to weed out clichés, just to find more popping up in their place. They are vigilant in their quest to eradicate grammar and spelling mistakes. But what if they miss the irony?

I spend a lot of my time doing this. As an advertising proofreader and copyeditor, I am forced to question the way people use words. It's my job. As a writer, I am forced to think about my audience and whether they (you) will understand me.

Do you? I am not so naïve as to think I, or anyone else, can change the way people use (or misuse) the English language. In fact, I think it is a waste of energy to constantly try to streamline language. (What a bore it would be if we all spoke the same way.)

But, as someone who loves words like a musician loves notes, I must admit, I get frustrated with people who don't think about what they are trying to say. Some people seem like they are too lazy to think of the word they really want and,

instead settle for, "good" or "cool." If someone asks you how your day was and you say "good" are you really getting your point across? What does "good" really mean?

We all want to get our point across so people will understand us. Language is a manifestation of what is on the inside of all of us.

But here's the problem: There is too much static in the world. There is too much interference. Every word I use — once it passes my lips, gets sent via e-mail or gets jotted down on paper — is competing with all the other words out there. If I want anyone to listen to me, to understand me, I have to distinguish my words from the words of everyone else.

Deep down, I think that is why I became a writer; I wanted everyone to listen to me and I thought, if I could master the language, they would. If I could just say it eloquently enough, everyone would listen, and everyone would understand me. I thought if only people could understand, then they would really know me.

But what would happen if you only listened to the way people said things and never to what they said? What if I focus too much on punctuation and grammar and completely miss what's in between? What if we scrutinize the words and forget to look for the ethos, the feeling?

There is too much static in the world. Sometimes feedback blocks the reception. Why should we create more? Every word I say is out there competing with all the other words for a space in your short-term memory. Professors talking about tests, and significant others talking about their needs usurp my ability to get through to you.

You probably don't even know who I am apart from these words. And I don't know you. Can I ever know you? Can you know me — apart from the words? I don't know the answer. What I really want to do is cut through some of the static.

William Thomas Burdette is a senior English major from Fort Worth.

Commentary



WILLIAM THOMAS BURDETTE

Others' deaths offer opportunity to examine life

I read last week that the father of Cal Ripken Jr. died of lung cancer. Cal Ripken Sr., the family patriarch of the Baltimore Orioles star third baseman, was only 62 years old. Ripken's death reminded me to celebrate the life of my own father.

In March 1985, Dad started seeing crazy things. He would look at a newspaper or traffic sign and could not recognize a single letter. After my mother realized that it was not his poor eyesight, she took him to see a neurologist.

Dad had a brain tumor.

After surviving brain surgery, it was apparent that he had very little time to live. The tumor was a "type four," which spreads very quickly. Dad went to an oncologist and began taking both chemotherapy and radiation.

I can still remember that my two brothers and I went into the recovery room after surgery. Each of us told Dad that we loved him. He must have thought something was seriously amiss because none of us had even uttered words like those before. We were not a close family and didn't express any kind of gushy emotions.

Dad was relatively functional at home through the summer and early fall of 1985. Mom equipped their huge, two-story house so she could stay downstairs to be near him. They brought in a hospital bed and made Dad as comfortable as possible.

So what do you say to a human being who is going to die? Day by day, we watched as my father slowly lost the ability to function in the world. Soon he enjoyed no activities. The caretaking was very hard on my mother. She would not ask for help and wore herself out. She had the opportunity to get hospice care but refused. She never shared her pain with her friends.

Is it better to have someone you love die very suddenly so the grief is not anticipated? Or is it preferable to have an extended but predestined knowledge that a loved one is wasting away? This is a question each individual must answer. It would be nice to have a third option where loved ones live forever.

In early November 1985, I was in San Diego feeling very sorry for myself in a hotel room with a bad case of influenza. My mother called and said I must come home immediately because Dad was near death. I was on a plane home 45 minutes later.

Dad did not die for another 10 days. But something wonderful happened. We got to spend time together as a family and celebrate Dad's life. Mom, my two brothers and I gathered around Dad's bed as he lay comatose in the hospital. We re-told all the corny jokes Dad had recited at the dinner table for 40 years. We reminisced about our family vacations, made fun of eccentric relatives and relived our history as a family. It was not an expected reunion, but in retrospect, it was a family event I would not liked to have missed.

I stood alone at the side of my father's bed as he drew his last breath. I had never seen anyone die before. So at first, it shocked me. Then the thought crossed my mind, "I wonder where he is going now?"

Dad had never professed any belief in any religion that I could recall. He lived a good and honorable life. He served as an elder in the church but I could never get him to tell me what kind of relationship he had with God.

Cal Ripken Jr. did not have any better relationship with his father than I had with Dad. We were both estranged. However, I would bet that if Cal Sr. was anything like my dad, he led by example. He was truthful, indulgent, hard working and made a good role model. I often think about my dad and wonder what he would think about how his sons turned out. Someday, I may find out.

For now I live with the memories of a nice guy who gave me opportunity in life. Life was a great gift, Dad. Thanks.

David Becker is a graduate student from Pueblo, Colo.

Commentary



DAVID BECKER

students speak OUT

Does TCU need to improve its diversity?

"Yes, it does — to improve the culture of students in an environment where there is more than one type of culture. Especially with how global the world is getting — different cultures and religions are expanding — with technology it is even more global. If TCU doesn't accept that, how will we be ready for the real world?"



Nathan Krieger sophomore speech communication major

"TCU has an image of being a white school anyway... I had another friend who went here and graduated from here, and that was one of the things she complained about. I guess it depends on how you look at it. The only way to really change that is to change its whole image."



Weston Edson freshman advertising/public relations major

"Yes, TCU needs to be more diverse. One of the ways we could do it is to start off by having minority faculty. That way we could have the role models. They just need to start recruiting more minorities."



Carla Corona senior nursing major

"I think TCU needs to increase the diversity here. If there were more diverse people, then more people would know about the needs of the community and about the people that would be in their communities in the future. That way they could meet the needs of all people and not just certain individuals."



Ryan Jeffcoat freshman music education major

"Not so much in the actual numbers of minority students and Caucasian majority students, but in the consciousness of the students, faculty and staff. I think having more minorities involved in higher administration and higher staff level positions would increase the amount of minority students and involvement on campus."



Diana Munro junior marketing major

NURSERY

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dren and teachers. Trusting someone else to take care of your child can be hard, especially if the care-giver is young and/or male, but it can also have its rewards for children, parents and college student care-givers.

Ten college students, most from TCU, earn extra money taking care of children alongside older co-workers at various church programs, said Caroline Prater, Children's Minister at UBC.

"It's great for my major," said Amy Sutherland, a senior psychology major. "I want to do clinical child psychology in graduate school."

Sutherland, who does general child care on Sunday and Wednesday nights and teaches more structured lessons at the Tuesday and Thursday Parent's Day Out program, said that in addition to gaining valuable experience for the future, she enjoys the job because children love unconditionally.

"They know Miss Amy better get her good morning hugs, or they'll get tickled," she said.

Kevin Lintz, a recent TCU gradu-

ate and a kindergarten teacher at Riverside Applied Learning Center in Fort Worth, has done child care at UBC since his freshman year at TCU — a total of eight years.

"It was a job within walking distance, it didn't take a lot of time and I knew I could do it," said Lintz, who had worked with children before coming to college.

He said even though he doesn't need the extra money anymore, he could never give up working at the church.

"I absolutely love the children," Lintz said. "I couldn't leave. I'd be too sad."

Having worked at UBC for so long, Lintz said he has a real sense of being a part of the children's lives.

"It's neat to watch the kids grow up," he said. "I like the longevity I have. I've been a consistent figure in both the kids' and the parents' lives. I think it's reassuring for both the parents and for the older children who can come back to visit."

Prater said college students in general aren't better or worse than older people at working with children.

"It's hit or miss either way," she said. "Some college students are great, some aren't. Some older people are great, some aren't."

Dave Avis, a senior physics major, said he had never worked with children before getting the job at UBC, but when he heard about the job opportunity from a friend, he decided to try it out.

"It was hard at first," he said. "I didn't know how the kids would react because most child care workers aren't guys. It helped that on the first night that one boy decided he wanted to play with me and only me and sat in my lap."

Some parents are surprised to see a male working in a nursery, Avis said, but most get used to it and are even glad to have a male there to play with their kids.

Lintz said he's never felt any pressure from parents or kids because he's a man, but sometimes he puts that pressure on himself.

"I get worried when new kids come in, about how they'll react," he said. "I sometimes worry about being a guy working in early child-

hood, but I take steps to combat that. I always keep the doors open, or if I have to help a child button his pants, I do it out in the open."

Sutherland said she's known some parents to be surprised that college men would want to work with kids.

"We try never to have anyone alone in a room, and we try to always have a woman in a room with a man," she said. "And all the males we have working there are excellent."

Kathy Reed, a UBC member whose 3-year-old daughter, Kendall, and 9-year-old son, Andrew, participate in child care at UBC, said her children like having men help take care of them.

"Andrew loves it, and Kendall's really taken to it," she said. "I've always been surprised that Dave and Kevin want to do that, but it's neat."

Reed also said good child care was one reason she and her husband began attending the church. At UBC, child care workers get on the floor and play with the kids, she said, but at her previous church the

workers just sat in chairs and watched.

Prater said some parents have concerns about college students, who are young and are not parents, watching their children.

"I try to educate the parents, and help them get over that prejudice," she said. "And we make sure the students are well-supervised, especially when they first begin, so we can help them make wise choices."

"College students are just as worthy of taking care of children as people with children of their own."

Sutherland said she knew of one parent who was hesitant about leaving her child in a class taught by a college student.

"Caroline (Prater) said she had complete faith in me, and now that mother never wants her child to leave my class," Sutherland said.

Saying goodbye to children who move away or promote out of her class is one of the hardest parts of working with children, she said.

Avis, who has worked with all ages, from the 1- and 2-year-olds to school-aged children, agreed.

"It's hard to see kids grow up and leave your class, because then you don't see them anymore," he said. "You really do get attached to them."

Lintz said working with the children at UBC for so long has made him feel like part of their families.

"I'm truly a part of their lives," he said. "I get to watch them grow and change over the years. I get the chance to baby-sit them, which lets me know the parents want me to be a part of their lives."

Working with children is also just plain fun, Lintz said.

"You get to color, play with Play-Doh and do all that other stuff that we all want to do, but most of us just dismiss as 'kid stuff,'" he said.

Avis also considers the job fun, he said.

"It's such fun that I don't think of it as a job anymore," he said. "When I'm filling out a job application and they ask for my job history, I always forget to put the nursery down."

"When you have a bad day, the kids always make it better. They are fun. They make you feel wanted."

Deadline nearing
Help available for students filing taxes

By Crissa Renteria
SKIFF STAFF

TCU students don't have much time left.

The deadline to file their income taxes, April 15, is quickly approaching.

Though some students let their parents handle their taxes, many file their own, and help is available.

Citibank is offering a free brochure, titled "Tax Facts for First-Time Filers," which is designed especially for college students.

Sonam Atuk, account executive for Ruder-Finn, said the brochure is designed to ease college students into the tax-paying process.

"The goal of the tax filing brochure is to provide information to students about filing taxes to help prepare them for their first job after graduation," Atuk said.

According to a Citibank news

release, most college students earn less than \$4,250 a year, which means filing an income tax return is not required. But if students do decide to file, they could receive a refund for as much as a few hundred dollars.

Aaron Bradley, a junior finance major who works at Frost Bank, said he has been filing his own taxes for the past two years.

"It's not really complicated at all," he said. "Most college students use the 1040EZ form and all they really need to know is how many W-2 forms they are getting from their employers. If students claim themselves they are likely to get a bigger refund than if their parents claim them."

The 1040EZ or 1040A tax forms are available at post offices, libraries and by mail from the IRS.

Chuck Rogers, a senior market-

ing and management major, said his parents had always filed his taxes in the past, but now he does his own.

"I thought it would be a good idea if I learned how to do it because eventually I'm going to need to know how to do all this," he said. "It's not that hard at all, you just need to make sure you follow all the rules exactly."

Many frustrations can be avoided simply by gaining a better understanding of the entire process, he said.

Atuk said the brochure stresses how important it is for college students to learn good money management at an early age. Although the brochure deals specifically with filing taxes, money management techniques are also discussed.

Citibank's tax brochure is available by calling 1-800-669-2635.

San Antonio mother pleads guilty to child injury charges

By Kelley Shannon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — A mother believed to have a disorder that causes her to injure or kill children for attention pleaded guilty Monday to endangering one son by tampering with his hospital feeding tube.

Cynthia Martinez Lyda, 32, pleaded guilty to child injury charges and faces up to 32 years in prison at sentencing. Her plea came on the eve of jury selection in her trial.

Doctors have diagnosed her with Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, a disorder in which caregivers fake or induce illnesses in children to win attention by rescuing them. Mrs. Lyda denies having the condition.

Of her six sons, Aaron died when he was 2 years old of poisoning from ipecac, a syrup used to induce vomiting in children. Another son, Daniel, now 7, fell into a vegetative state at a hospital six years ago when a machine monitoring his respiratory and heart rate was turned off.

And a foster son died when he was 2 years old while in Lyda's care in Phoenix in 1993.

Monday's charges pertained to Joseph, 5, who nearly died when he was eight months old.

Officials at Wilford Hall Medical Center on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio had installed a camera in the boy's room after becoming suspicious of the mother. The camera showed her discon-

necting the tube and blowing into it, forcing air into his stomach.

She was also caught disconnecting a ventilator tube leading into the boy's trachea, depriving him of oxygen for a full minute, and inserting some gauze into his feeding tube, blocking the flow of food.

Lyda contended she was trying to unblock the tube.

"At the time, your honor, I intentionally did what I did," Lyda said in court. "I understand it was reckless, especially now, five years later. But at the time, I thought it was best for my son."

As part of her plea bargain, charges related to Daniel's case were dropped. No charges were filed against her in the deaths of Aaron and the foster child.

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NCAA

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nis Franchione said he agreed with the judge's decision, but believes the NCAA should provide some minimum qualifying standards.

"I'm not sure that the ACT and SAT is the best way to determine eligibility, because there is some bias and unfairness to the test," Franchione said. "But I do think there should be some standards that every school follows."

"When we first passed the rule (in 1986) for eligibility standards we were concerned that most kids wouldn't make it, but most kids did. Then when we adjusted it to a 2.5 GPA, we were concerned again, but most kids made it again. I believe that there is a human factor that determines how hard someone wants to succeed. Commitment is always important."

The 1983 proposal of Proposition 48 was met with thunderous debate

from two diametrically opposed camps. One side wanted to ensure that incoming athletes were academically competent and the others believed that the regulation disproportionately affected minorities and students from low-income backgrounds. Since then, the standards have been adjusted several times, culminating in Proposition 16.

Western Athletic Conference Commissioner Karl Benson said that an acceptable alternative to Proposition 16 needs to be reached.

"I think the issue has been controversial from the beginning," Benson said. "It doesn't surprise me that this has happened (Buckwalter's ruling). There's obviously a level of anxiety and uncertainty. We need a compromise on what are fair and reasonable standards."

Monte Stratton, TCU's head track coach, said his coaching experience

has taught him that the SAT doesn't always accurately reflect an athlete's chances for academic success.

"I don't know how I feel about (Proposition 16)," Stratton said. "I've seen athletes who came in with great SAT scores and who don't apply themselves, and I've seen some come in with lower SAT scores and do just fine."

"There has to be some standards, but I know the SAT isn't necessarily the best predictor of success."

Smith also said an alternative to Proposition 16 should be agreed upon.

"Is the SAT the perfect indicator? No, absolutely not," Smith said. "There should be some standard, somehow, to protect the students and universities."

Jeffrey Penn, a spokesman for the College Board, which administers the SAT, said while minorities do

tend to score lower on the test, it is not a reflection of any unfairness or cultural bias. Instead, Penn said students with lower scores usually come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, meaning they aren't afforded the same educational opportunities as other students.

"We know some people score better and that some people don't," Penn said. "But we believe that inequitable educational opportunity is responsible. We support (NCAA) efforts to come up with a way to keep people students first and athletes second."

A statement released by the College Board said: "It is important to note that the judge did not throw out the SAT as biased. On the contrary, he deliberately stressed 'that this case does not preclude the use of the SAT, or any particular cutoff score of the SAT, in the NCAA's adoption of an

initial eligibility rule."

Penn said the College Board goes through a process that helps to eliminate possible bias on the SAT, including a pre-testing of the exam's questions by a diverse panel of test-takers.

"Anybody can say anything they want," said Penn, referring to critics who claim the SAT is culturally biased. "There's no data that supports that argument. This definitely raises questions about what is the best solution to promote standards of achievement for student-athletes."

Jankowski said the NCAA is currently working on a provisional set of eligibility requirements that will replace Proposition 16.

"Right now alternatives are being developed and looked at by the NCAA governance," Jankowski said. "There is some sort of misnomer that our staff develops the rules. There are 310 different rules, because there are

310 different schools in Division I."

Penn also shifted the responsibility to maintaining academic standards to the schools.

"We don't direct colleges or universities on how to set up their criteria," Penn said.

In an effort to create impartial eligibility requirements, the College Board's statement recommended "giving equal weight to scores and grade point averages, instead of weighting test scores twice as much as grade point averages."

While cautioning against letting other schools dictate academic criteria for recruiting athletes, Hyman said a universal standard is still needed to keep a degree of competition between schools.

"There's never a level playing field," Hyman said. "That's why you have a standard of measurement to keep things balanced."

AID

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dent has a 4.0 GPA and can't afford to study abroad without TCU scholarship money, there are still no exceptions.

Corder said since the London Centre has replaced a previous program with Regents College, students who still choose to study at Regents College will not receive TCU financial aid but will keep their state and federal aid. But students who study abroad at the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla in Mexico and the London Centre pay tuition to TCU, so they can keep both their TCU aid and state and federal money.

Some TCU students said they think the financial aid should be given to students wherever they go to study abroad.

Keri McNew, a sophomore biology major, said students who study abroad help to promote TCU, so financial aid should go toward all programs, not just TCU-sponsored ones.

"We are basically taking TCU's name to another school," McNew said. "I was looking at going to Australia to study marine biology, and I was hop-

ing that the money would transfer over."

Amy Donovan, a freshman accounting major, said TCU's current policy isn't in the students' best interest.

"I think studying abroad should be considered a part of everyone's financial aid," she said. "I don't think it's fair for them to not give students money."

Colleges and universities around the country use a variety of procedures in granting financial aid to students who study abroad, but many allow students to keep all aid, regardless of its source.

Shannon Cates, a study abroad adviser at Rice University, said students keep their Rice-based financial aid no matter where they study abroad.

"A student can apply anywhere and all Rice financial aid and federal financial aid is applied to the student's account," Cates said. "Students will keep all of their grants and loans from Rice University."

Syracuse University students also keep their financial aid regardless of where they study abroad. Additionally,

they may receive funds from a study abroad loan program and from scholarships awarded to students who attend programs in certain countries.

James Buchman, associate director of study abroad at Syracuse, said students from universities around the country are also eligible to receive Syracuse financial aid.

"We receive students (at Syracuse) from other schools, including from TCU, and we routinely award some financial aid to those students too, even though we like it when they can keep their own school's aid."

Rex Soutar, associate director of financial aid for client services at the University of Southern California, said finances for students who are studying abroad are essentially the same as those who study at the Los Angeles campus.

"We treat (students) as if they were still attending USC for that semester or that year, but we adjust their budget according to what the costs of that program are," he said.

Soutar said the adjustments compare

how much more or less the program is and how much a year or semester of classes at USC would cost.

"Tuition is charged on students accounts (at USC)," Soutar said. "That means that USC may be paying tuition to another university, but they are strictly treated as if they were attending USC."

Paula Lehrberger, associate director of financial aid at the University of Houston, said different schools consider giving aid on a case-by-case basis.

"It's really an institutional decision. Do they want to give (students) state and federal dollars or do they want to give students institutional dollars?" she said. "If you are paying tuition to your home school then it gets the revenue, but if you are paying tuition to another school where you are studying abroad, then your home-school isn't receiving revenue."

The deadline for TCU study abroad programs for the summer and fall semesters was March 15.

"Students are still being accepted on a space-available basis," Corder said.

BOARD

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the athletic complex, the track, will begin next month and construction of the learning center is scheduled to begin in June. John S. Justin, Jr., a trustee since 1979 and chairman of Justin Industries, donated \$3.5 million to the athletic facility, which will bear his name.

The board also approved \$9.5 million for improvements to residence halls. Adams said the second phase of the Pete Wright Residential Community will be completed by January.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the Student Center renovation planning is underway and consultants will be seeking student input of what should be included April 6 and 7. Recent building projects have put the university in debt of about \$90 million.

Adams said the debt isn't serious in relation to the size of the university's endowment and budget, but the trustees don't want to get to levels which would jeopardize the university. Adams said a review of the core curriculum is already underway to address students' concerns about what is necessary to compete in the world outside of TCU.

In addition to these decisions, four members resigned, eight were re-elected and three new board members were elected; Robert D. Krebs, of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation; Leonard H. Roberts, of Tandy Corporation; and Patricia Penrose Schieffer, who served on the board from 1971 to 1979.

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Supreme Court to rule on using student fees

By Richard Carell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether public universities can use mandatory student activity fees to subsidize campus groups that pursue political goals.

The justices said they will review rulings that barred the University of Wisconsin from dipping into activity fees it collects from every student to finance such groups. Advocates for gay rights organizations say limiting subsidies will hurt "disfavored groups" nationwide.

A decision is expected next year.

A federal trial judge and an appeals court ruled that the subsidies unlawfully force some students to subsidize views they find objectionable and thereby violate free-speech rights. The lower courts barred the university from using fees collected from objecting students.

Several law students with conservative political views challenged the funneling of student activity money to 18 organizations on the Madison campus.

"The forced funding of such organizations significantly adds to the burdening of the students' free-speech rights," a three-judge panel

of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last year. It said the university "cannot use the allocable portion of objecting students' mandatory activity fees to fund (those) organizations."

The appeals court panel's ruling did not shield objecting students from paying any activity fees but gave them an opt-out privilege.

They can identify the political or ideological groups they do not want to support and have their fees reduced on a prorated basis.

Among groups objected to in the 1996 lawsuit against the university were Students of National Organization for Women, International

Socialist Organization, Campus Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Center and an AIDS support network.

"We look to the Supreme Court to stop this narrow-minded assault on a neutral system for supporting campus dialogue," said Patricia Logue of the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a gay-rights group.

In a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the university's appeal, Lambda's lawyers had argued that the appeals court's ruling "confuses payments to construct a stage with being forced to speak upon it or fund an organization that uses it."

The nation's highest court ruled in 1995 that public universities and colleges cannot create a "public forum" for students and then refuse to subsidize some student groups because of their viewpoint. That decision said the University of Virginia wrongly refused to subsidize a student-run Christian magazine.

The 7th Circuit panel said: "If the university cannot discriminate in the disbursement of funds, it is imperative that students not be compelled to fund organizations which engage in political and ideological activities -- that is the only way to protect the individual's

rights." The justices had left that issue undecided in their 1995 ruling.

The full 7th Circuit court voted 8-3 against reconsidering the panel's decision limiting the university's use of the student-activity fees. The three dissenters noted that the Wisconsin case involved a "viewpoint-neutral forum" in which all points of view were eligible for subsidies.

That was not so, they said, in the Virginia case or in earlier cases in which the Supreme Court barred unions from using some collected dues to finance goals unrelated to collective bargaining.

NATO bombing escalates, ethnic Albanians flee

By George Jahn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia -- Ground-attack jets took off for Kosovo on Monday as part of NATO's expanded attacks on the Serb forces carrying out a "scorched earth policy" in the separatist province.

While tens of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees flooded neighboring countries, specialized A-10 "Warhog" planes were spotted taking off from Aviano Air Base in northern Italy. The A-10 is a low-and-slow-flying tank-killer aircraft that could be used to strike Serb ground forces.

Air raid sirens blared Monday evening in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, and two detonations shook

Pancevo, six miles to the north, marking the beginning of a sixth night of bombing.

As new atrocities were reported in Kosovo, Russia's prime minister announced he was going to the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade on a peace deal, and rallies for and against the airstrikes took place in London, New York, Prague and other cities.

NATO spokesman Air Commodore David Wilby said the latest air attacks targeted Serb and Yugoslav units involved in atrocities in Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia.

"There are indications genocide is unfolding in Kosovo," said James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, citing reports of sum-

mary executions and people being forced from their homes at gunpoint.

Wilby said NATO had received reports that Fehmi Agani, an ethnic Albanian negotiator at recent peace talks in France, was "executed" on Sunday and that others had gone into hiding.

Four other prominent ethnic Albanians were also reported executed in the Serbs' "scorched earth policy," NATO said.

The Serbian Media Center in Pristina, the Kosovo capital, claimed later there was no evidence to support the accusations.

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon, speaking in Washington, said more U.S. aircraft, including five B-1 bombers, would soon join the mission.

He said NATO planes hit at least one column of Yugoslav military vehicles, but the task of attacking Serb army and police forces is being complicated because Serbs are using refugees as human shields.

The western allies want Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop his campaign against Kosovo's separatists and accept a peace plan that calls for 28,000 NATO troops to enforce the accord, including 4,000 Americans. His refusal to accept the peacekeeping force triggered the NATO airstrikes.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people inhabitants. Serbs, however, consider Kosovo theirs because it was the birthplace of their culture before they lost it to the Ottoman Turks in

the 15th century. Serbia regained the province shortly before World War I.

Serb reprisals against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo have reportedly escalated since NATO launched its air attacks.

French President Jacques Chirac said NATO had to act against Milosevic's troops.

"(Europe) cannot accept on its soil a man and a regime that, for nearly 10 years, has conducted ... operations of ethnic cleansing, murders and massacres, of destabilization in the entire region, resulting in more than 200,000 deaths and millions left homeless," Chirac said. "It is enough."

Russia, as a longtime ally of Yugoslavia and Cold War enemy of NATO, again condemned the NATO

attacks. Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov planned to go to Belgrade on Tuesday to seek "an immediate halt" to the bombing that began Wednesday.

But there were few signs of any Serb capitulation Monday. Instead, Yugoslavia geared up its war effort, prohibiting men of military age from leaving the country in an order announced Monday night.

"Our country must be defended to the last man and the last available piece of arsenal," said Col. Gen. Spasoje Smiljanic, head of the air force and air defenses. He acknowledged \$300 million worth of damage to stationary targets and infrastructure, and said that seven air force personnel were killed and 17 injured.

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Atchison named Pitcher of the Week

Senior pitcher Scott Atchison was named the Western Athletic Conference pitcher of the week for his performance last week.

He won his fourth WAC game of the season in a 6-1 victory over San Diego State Friday. He struck out 12 Aztecs in eight innings and allowed one run on five hits and two walks. He lowered his team-leading ERA to 2.53 overall and 1.19 in conference play.

NCAA

UConn wins national championship

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Connecticut spoiled the Duke Invitational.

The Huskies beat top-ranked Duke, the team no one thought could be beaten in this NCAA tournament, for their first national championship in their first Final Four appearance.

The 77-74 victory Monday night ended Duke's 32-game winning streak, kept the Blue Devils from an NCAA record for wins in a season, and prevented them from ending the '90s with a third national championship.

Richard Hamilton led third-ranked Connecticut (34-2) with 27 points, but it was some tremendous team defense and a big shot and free throws by Khalid El-Amin that won it all.

Trajan Langdon led Duke (37-2) with 25 points, but Duke's last two possessions ended with him making turnovers. And so the Blue Devils fell short of what everyone had expected — another title.

These were the only two teams to hold the No. 1 ranking this season and they played a final game worthy of the two best.

With 3:50 to play Hamilton made two free throws and gave the Huskies a 70-68 lead.

He hit a 3-pointer 21 seconds later for a five-point lead and suddenly Duke was playing a role it had very little experience at this season — the chaser.

William Avery's free throws with 54 seconds left got the Blue Devils within one. El-Amin, whose driving basket had given Connecticut the 75-72 lead, missed on a drive with 24 seconds left and Duke had life.

The crowd of 41,340 at Tropicana Field, the court where Duke's season ended a year ago, was roaring as the Blue Devils went for the final shot without calling a timeout.

NBA

SuperSonics beat Mavericks by eight

DALLAS (AP) — Gary Payton and Detlef Schrempf each scored 20 points as the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Dallas Mavericks 109-101 Monday night.

Billy Owens added 15 points, John Crotty 11 and Dale Ellis 10 for the SuperSonics, who had dropped two of their previous three and four of six.

Gary Trent's 20 points and nine rebounds paced the Mavericks, who lost their fourth in a row.

Schrempf scored eight of Seattle's last 19 points of the third quarter and the Sonics took a 77-57 advantage into the final quarter.

The Mavericks missed 16 of 20 shots in the third period.

Flyin' Frogs bring home wins

By Jared Hooker
STAFF REPORTER

Despite cold and rainy conditions Saturday morning, the Flyin' Frogs cruised to nine wins at the Southwestern Track and Field Invitational at Clark Stadium.

Senior Jarmiene Holloway was victorious in the 100-meter dash and clocked his best time of the season at 10.20 seconds. Freshman teammate Lindel Frater finished third, with a time of 10.44 seconds. Holloway's time provisionally qualified him for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Holloway said he felt good about the race. "I intended to run a good time and not get hurt," he said. "I wanted to put on a good show for the home crowd."

Holloway said the crowd wasn't a factor, but it may have helped the Frogs because it was the first time all season they have been able to participate in a meet in the Fort Worth area.

In the women's 100-meter race, senior

Catoshia Lewis flew past the competition to win with a time of 10.81 seconds. Freshman Chaunte Baldwin finished seventh (12.12 seconds) and freshman Heather Hanchak was eighth (12.13 seconds).

Lewis said she was pleased with her performance because of the weather, but her time wasn't where she wants to be.

"I was looking to get a good start and a good finish because in past meets I've started slow," she said. "There are still a lot of improvements to be made."

The Frogs got another win in the high jump, where sophomore Jason Howard set a new TCU outdoor record and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships with a leap of 7 feet, 2 1/4 inches. The previous mark was set in 1983 by John Harrison (7 feet, 1 inch).

The men's and women's 4x100-meter team both burned their competitors. With the quartet of Hanchak, junior Dywana Crudup, Lewis and Baldwin, the women's team won with a time of 45.30 seconds. The men's team, which

set the nation's best time the previous week (39.19 seconds), featured senior Bryan Howard, Holloway, Frater and freshman Ricardo "Flash" Williams. They placed first with a time of 39.54 seconds and finished 15-meters ahead of their closest challengers (Texas A&M University, 41.13 seconds).

Head coach Monte Stratton said he was pleased even with the results especially taking the bad weather into account.

"Considering the weather, we had some exceptional performances and we didn't get anyone hurt, so all of that combined, I thought it was a very successful day," he said. "The weather certainly hindered their performances ... everything in that weather was not sprinter oriented, but they did well and we are healthy."

Other runners who performed well were: Sophomore Gladys Keitany, who placed first in the 3,000-meter run (10:32.15); junior Johnny Collins, who placed first in the 400-meter race (47.25 seconds) and third in the

200-meter dash (22.15 seconds); Junior Allison Harvey was third in the 3,000-meter run and senior Alyssa Anes was fourth and clocked times of 10:54.28 and 10:55.01 respectively; Ricardo Williams won the 200-meter race (21.52 seconds); freshman Katie Singleton, who finished first in the 1,500-meter run (4:46.66); also in the 1,500 freshman Georgeanne Biancardi finished second (4:48.07), senior Ryan Sartwell placed fourth (4:56.09) and sophomore Ashley Boothe was fifth (4:57.68) and sophomore Roy Williams, finished second in the 400-meter race (47.69 seconds).

The Flyin' Frogs will continue their outdoor season this weekend in Austin at the Texas Relays.

"(The Texas Relays) are always a big one," Stratton said. "This is one where we want to go and do our best, and everyone else wants to do that, which is what makes it prestigious if we come out on top. It won't be a cakewalk by any means."



The baseball team swept San Diego State in a three-game series last weekend to move into sole possession of first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

Baseball sweeps San Diego

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

Head baseball coach Lance Brown said he won't start watching other Western Athletic Conference outcomes until late in the season, and senior left fielder Royce Huffman said he only cares about what his team does. After seeing what the TCU team did this weekend, it was obvious why the Horned Frogs led their games determine the standings.

While Rice was playing Nevada-Las Vegas, TCU swept San Diego State in a three-game series. The victories resulted in a 10-2 WAC record and sole leadership of first place, a position the Frogs had shared with Rice going into the series.

The final game, on Saturday, was the closest of the three. For the most of the game, it even seemed the broom in the stands would have to be hidden as San Diego scored first and held the lead into the ninth.

A scoreless game became one that San Diego controlled in the fourth inning. Sophomore pitcher Chris Bradshaw had held the

opposition's bats hitless through three innings, but in the top of the fourth, San Diego scored its first hit of the game.

After TCU answered with three runs in the bottom half of the inning, San Diego scored three more in the sixth. Each team added a run before TCU stepped up for its last at bat.

San Diego's A.J. Samadani had come in on relief to finish the eighth, but he wouldn't finish the ninth inning. He hit senior catcher Mark Silva who led off the inning, but then he seemed to settle down by getting the next two Horned Frog hitters out.

Down to his last out, Brown called on sophomore Cade Harris to pinch hit. He responded by doubling home Silva. Then Brown made two more changes. Junior Jeff Dover came on to run, and sophomore Tom Bates came on to hit for junior shortstop Mike Hamilton. After Bates walked, TCU came within a strike of losing the game. Junior third baseman Eric McLamore hit a 3-2 pitch into center to score Dover.

The Horned Frogs had tied the game, but they weren't done yet. McLamore stole second, and San Diego opted to intentionally walk Huffman. San Diego brought Marcos Mendoza on to face senior first baseman David Wallace. He walked on four straight pitches and forced home the game-winning run.

"I was biting my nails when McLamore's count went to 3-2 with two outs, but I just kept believing we were a better team," Silva said.

Friday's game was one of less pressure, but it revealed another good pitching performance by senior Scott Atchison. He gave up a run in the first, but then shut San Diego down, striking out 12 over the next seven innings.

While Atchison was earning WAC Pitcher of the Week honors, his teammates were compiling runs. The first came in the bottom half of the first inning before they even got a hit. McLamore was hit by a pitch, and then advanced to third on an errant pick off throw. He came around to score on a Huffman

sacrifice fly.

The next five runs came in the final three TCU at bats. McLamore singled home senior second baseman Jimmy Mousousdakis, and then scored on a successful double steal with Huffman in the sixth inning. Sophomore center fielder Marshall Wilson bunted home junior right fielder Brad Rogers in the sixth, and freshman designated hitter Shaun Wooley drove in two runs on an eighth inning single.

Atchison picked up the 6-1 victory for his fourth this year in the WAC, and he lowered his WAC earned run average to 1.19, and Silva said his fast ball was dominant.

"It should come as no surprise that we got that kind of performance from Atchison, because he's been doing it all season," he said. "He keeps his fast ball down, and now his curve ball keeps the hitters off balance."

TCU will put its newly earned first-place status on the line this weekend when the Frogs play a three-game series in Provo, Utah, against Brigham Young.

Men's golf takes 5th

By Wendy Bogema
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's golf team bounced back from a disappointing last place finish in a tournament over Spring Break to place fifth in the Chris Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational in Statesboro, Ga., last weekend.

"I was really pleased with the way we played," head coach Bill Montigel said.

After the first two rounds on Saturday the Frogs were sitting in 11th place.

On Sunday the Frogs came out and shot the fourth lowest score of the day to pull themselves into a fifth place tie with Duke University. They were 16 strokes away from Clemson, which won the tournament in a play-off with second place Georgia. South Carolina and Florida rounded out the top four.

TCU placed two players in the top 10. Sophomore Scott Volpitto led the way for the Frogs. He tied for fourth place, three strokes out of the lead. Senior Grady Girard placed ninth after shooting a 69 in the final round.

Freshman Adam Rubinson tied for 27th, freshman Andy Doeden tied for 66th and junior Aaron Hickman placed 69th out of 75 competitors.

Volpitto has been the highest finisher for the Frogs in all three tournaments this spring. Montigel said he was excited with the way Volpitto has been playing.

"He has really improved a lot," Montigel said. "He's been really consistent and is a guy we can count on to perform at each tournament."

This tournament was full of highly ranked teams. Clemson is the No. 1 team in the country in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin college rankings. Georgia is ranked No. 10 and Florida is No. 9.

Georgia Tech, the No. 3 team in the country, placed ninth in the tournament, and No. 18 North Carolina State tied for 13th.

Montigel said beating highly ranked teams was encouraging.

"If we play our best we're capable of playing with anyone," he said. "... We were competitive, and that's what I want."

The Frogs head to St. Augustine, Fla., this week to participate in the U.S. Collegiate Championships.

Flint ends TCU career

By Tom Sullivan
STAFF REPORTER

He has been called one of TCU's greatest swimmers. His career is one of the most successful in school history.

But senior Jason Flint didn't finish his TCU career the way he wanted to.

Flint competed in the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis over the weekend, finishing 25th in the 200-yard breaststroke and 33rd in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Flint said he would not blame his performance on the congestion problem he had prior to the meet.

"I should've done better and I'm not going to blame it on anything," he said.

Head coach Richard Sybesma said the illness might have been a factor.

"He wasn't fully recovered, and he didn't perform at the level he is capable of," he said. "But we're both still pretty disappointed."

Flint said the result was one he

has never experienced.

"I've never had as bad a meet as this one," he said. "Swimming can be a sport where one day you're up and the next day you're down."

Sybesma said training also might have been a factor.

"Missing our peak in practice and Jason being sick didn't allow him to compete the way he usually does," he said. "It had to bother him."

"It was a combination of sickness and missing our peak — and I take full responsibility for it."

Flint said the meet won't change his feelings about his career.

"I'm not going to dwell on this because I'm fortunate with the way things have gone in my four years," he said. "Going undefeated in dual-meet competition is my best accomplishment."

"I wanted to swim better for coach and go out with a bang."

Flint ends his career at TCU as the record-holder in the 200-yard breaststroke and an All-American.

Flint also won 30 consecutive

200-yard breaststroke races.

"Jason had such a wonderful career here," Sybesma said. "The only thing I wish was different is finishing his career the way we wanted to."

Sybesma said he and Flint expected to place in the top 15.

"He should've finished in the top 15 in the 200," he said. "He had the 16th fastest time coming in ... I guess I didn't have him prepared."

Flint said, "A few of the swimmers that made the finals in the 200, I beat during the dual-meet season. But they had it and I didn't."

With his collegiate career over, Flint said he will take some time off.

"I'm going to take two months off and then get ready to qualify for the Pan-Pacific Championships in (Sydney) Australia," he said.

Sybesma said the team will feel Flint's absence.

"Anytime you lose one of the program's top swimmers it's a huge loss," Sybesma said. "He's had such a great career, and we're going to miss him."



Senior Jason Flint, shown above, finished his TCU career last weekend at the NCAA Championships.

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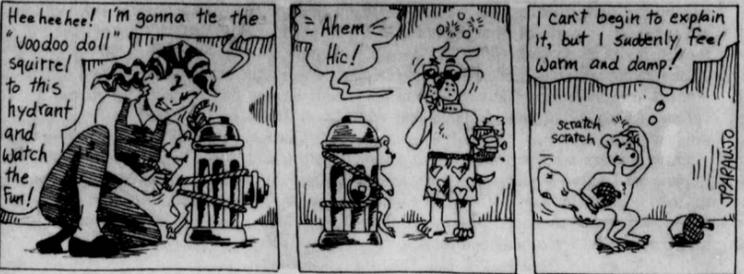
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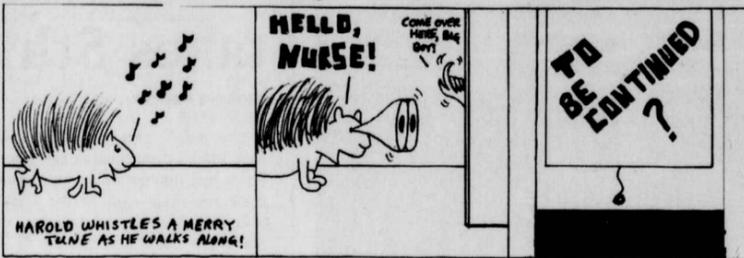
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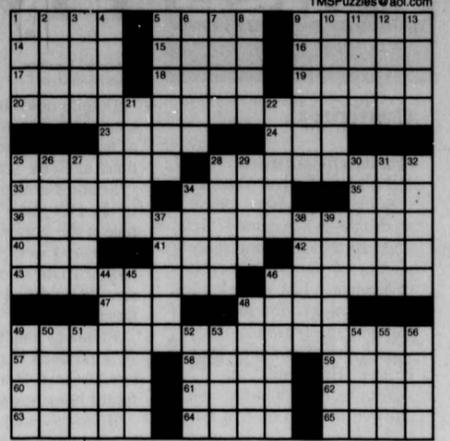
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