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TCU DAILY SKIFF

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)- A government commission has discovered that ousted President Ferdinand E. Marcos hid \$800 million in a Swiss bank account, a major step toward locating up to \$10 billion he allegedly spirited out of the Philippines, an official said Thursday.

President Corazon Aquino, meanwhile, ordered Philippine banks to freeze all assets held by Marcos, his wife, Imelda, and 31 of his associates.

Ramon Diaz of the New Commision on Good Government announced iscovery of the Swiss bank account Thursday but refused to provide details or say how the commission learned of its existence.

Commission head Jovito Salonga has estimated that Marcos and his associates illegally diverted \$5 billion to \$10 billion in national assets to overseas accounts and investments.

Raul Daza, also a commission official, told a news conference that the Aquino government is "optimistic and hopeful" it will regain any wealth Marcos invested illegally in the United States "in line with pronouncements previously made by the United States that they will cooperate with she Philippine government."

Salonga began a 10-day visit to the United States on Wednesday. He plans to collect evidence of Marcos' holdings, consult U.S. legal experts on ways to regain the funds and meet with with State Department officials,

Marcos allegedly bought property in New York City and Long Island.

Lost cash returned to owner

her 3-year-old friend, Martha Estrada's bagful of money-\$11,094, to be precise-went right out the window.

pair, who found the plastic garbage bag along Harry Hines Boulevard, furned it over to police, and it has found its way back to the distraught El Reinecke said. Paso woman.

Dallas police at first thought the money may have been lost by drug dealers, but it actually belonged to Estrada, who had a hard time convincing police of her story.

She told police that her father had sent her to Dallas with the money in cash to buy a dump truck for his landscaping business in El Paso.

After arriving in Dallas, Estrada went on an errand with a friend, Viky Whitehead, and Whitehead's 3-yearold daughter. Somewhere along the way, "the kid threw it out of the car," White said.

Estrada and Whitehead didn't notice the money was missing until about six hours later.

Police said they believed Estrada's story when she and her father supplied information about the denomination of the bills and how they were wrapped.

A group of TCU men has formed a Fort Worth colony of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Should they be recognized by the TCU Interfraternity Council? See Page 2.

Why is it that a team like Prairie View A & M with a 3-25 record can get so close to getting an NCAA tournament bid? Is the NCAA's method for choosing teams flawed? See Page 4.

Today's weather will be fair and mild with high in the mid 60s and a north wind at 5 to 10 mph. There is a chance of thunderstorms this vening with the highs in the 70s and the lows in the 40s.



Joe Williams / Staff Photographer

Whitehurst for the senior honor society Thursday. Members are chosen on the basis of "service, leadership and scholarship.

dedication Being pre-med takes

Shelley Whitehurst beams

as she receives congratulations from Mortar Board

member Tricia Murphey. Murphey "tapped"

By Kurt Goff

Oh, what a feeling!

Some students who consider being pre-meds think there will be a lot of money in their futures, but forget there is also hard work involved. Manfred Reinecke, chairman of

TCU Heath Professions Advisory Committee, said a lot of students choose pre-med because it is considered to be an "acceptable" major.

"When they find out how much work and dedication is involved, some bail out," he said. "There are the years of study, the long hours and the DALLAS (AP)- With the help of amount of debt you accumulate. It scares a lot of students off."

Today's average person out of medical school, has debts amounting Luckily for her, an honest Dallas up to \$40,000, Reinecke said.

'When students ask me about this, I always tell them that it's tough, but there is always room at the top,

He added that a doctor will not make a tremendous amount of money in his lifetime.

"You take a recent high school graduate and apprentice him to a plumber or carpenter. Then compare him to someone who goes through medical school. You'll find that money-wise, the doctor usually never catches up," Reinecke explained.

The people who succeed in medicine are those who enjoy it as they go along, Reinecke said.

With TCU's pre-med program ranked as one of the best in the nation, Reinecke credits its success to the relationship between advisor and stu-

"Our job is to give students the opportunity to see what the profession is like, both in terms of academics and attitude," Reinecke said.

"We also think the caring aspect is an important part of our program

'The typical TCU pre-med student is dedicated, hardworking, and very well organized. As a rule, they care about each other and other people," Reinecke said.

Reinecke said that students who have worked with doctors and in hospitals have an advantage in the medical school selection process.

This, he said, is because health care is a service profession, and that means working with and for many people.

"Here at TCU, we stress this people-oriented idea to all of our pre-med

students," he said.

About 150 pre-med students are accepted each year, of which 40 will graduate and go on to medical school. Reinecke said that there is no attempt to flunk people out of the

The program looses 40 percent in the freshman year, and 24 percent in the sophomore year.

'Some students think the courses will get easier, but they don't," Reinecke said. "You have to have the want to. If you are motivated by anything else, it won't be enough to carry you through the rough times."

Reinecke said that if a student doesn't make his grades, it could mean that his personality may not be suited to the profession.

At present, there is much controversy in the medical community about the number of doctors in the United States.

Some experts say there are too many, and others say there are not enough. One thing, however, is surethe nature of health care is changing.

Companies now contract doctors to treat their employees based on a set

Women waiting may never wed

By Lauren Coleman Staff Writer

"Women waiting to wed may lose out," was the title of a recent article published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and it has since stirred controversy among many TCU students.

The article focused on an unpublished survey maintaining that women who delay marriage to attend college and pursue careers are finding that when they do decide to marry, the market has disappeared.

Statistically, college-educated women who have not married by age 25, have only a 50 percent chance of ever marrying.

Only 20 percent of single women 30 years old can be expected to marry, and 1 percent of women beyond the age of 40 will marry

The study also showed that, in general, a lower percentage of today's total population of women marry.

'When I first read the article, I had mixed emotions. I was surprised and scared because I'm not involved in a steady relationship," senior Heather Bristol said.

"I found the article to be depressing. It made it seem like I don't have a very good chance of getting married when I graduate," sophomore Julie Liebman said.

'My plan has always been to go to college, work for a couple of years, and then get married. I never thought that by attending school, I would decrease my chances," she said.

ing higher education and careers. age," Ginn said.

"We are finding out that it reaches a point eventually where the marriage market, in effect, falls out from under them," Bennett said.

"I think that more women are finding out that they just don't have the time to raise a family and have a career and are now opting for the career, senior Andrea Payne said.

TCU junior Craig Ford said the idea of women pursuing careers has become just as important, if not more so, than getting married because women's personal goals and need for self-fulfillment have become more significant in their lives.

They are more career-oriented these days. I think that most guys that go to college want to marry a girl with an education. I know I do," Ford said.

TCU sociology professor, Jean Giles-Sims, attributes the decrease in marriage to the baby boom generation. However, the group most affected by this decrease would be single women in the 40-year-old

Giles-Sims found the article to be somewhat misleading because the statistics used were most likely from a 1980 census.

Even though the responses varied from finding the article depressing to the realization that women have options other than marriage, sophomore Robbie Ginn pointed out yet another aspect of the article.

"I think it's terrible that girls worry One sociologist conducting the surabout marriage as much as they do. vey, Neil Bennett, believes this de- Too many people get married for the ferral of marriage is the result of wrong reasons. I still believe that 'fallwomen investing more time in purs- ing in love' can still happen, at any

Gas prices to steady at \$1, Iacocca says

HOUSTON (AP)- Gasoline prices Chairman Lee Iacocca predicted

"I think a buck is where it's (gasoline price) going to find itself," he said at a news conference.

Jacocca, on the third stop of a 10city tour promoting new Chrysler models, said he believed falling oil prices were the result of a deliberate effort by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The attitude of the oil exporters toward the United States is "let them suffer,"

"More important, (domestic oil) exshould bottom out around 75 cents ploration and development goes to per gallon and eventually stabilize at hell. In five years, they've got us about \$1 per gallon, Chrysler Corp. again," he said. "Cheap gas is like a drug habit. And we're going to get hooked again. Make no mistake about it. Everybody's off on a binge again.

> Iacocca acknowledged, however, that the lower gasoline prices mean more Americans are buying bigger cars with less fuel-efficent, larger engines. Those bigger cars, with higher profit margins, mean more money for the nation's automakers.

"I go to the bank with all these cheap gas profits and not have any guilty conscience," he said.

members stay fit during lunch hour Faculty, staff

By Karee Galloway Staff Writer

Some faculty and staff members at TCU are walking, jogging, bending and stretching their way through the

Between 30 and 40 employees meet in the Rickel Building each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon to attend either a walking or a flexibility and exercise class.

Both classes are also held at 5:15 p.m., although fewer people attend the evening sessions.

Gerald Landwer, the walking class instructor, said he started a similar fitness program at TCU in 1977, but the program fizzled out after two years because of staff reorganization and other problems.

Landwer, however, said he has higher hopes for this program, which began at the start of the semester.

While the first program emphasized getting people started, Landwer said the new fitness program will go one step further and work at the maintenance of good exercise habits.

"We're trying to make (exercise) a part of their daily lives," Landwer

The camaraderie of group exercise is instrumental in keeping people interested, Landwer said.

"All these people could do it on their own at different times, but the social aspect makes it easier," he said. Frank Forney, computer center director, walks both at noon and in the

evening three times a week.
"Walking leaves me physically and mentally refreshed," Forney said.

"I walk with a friend or alone depending on my mood," said Forney, who averages four miles a day. "I need discipline in exercise, and this provides that discipline.

"Walking is something everyone can get into," Landwer said. "The only thing you need is a pair of running or walking shoes."

One national fitness survey estimated that over 34 million people walk for exercise, making it the nation's single most popular adult exer-

In addition to burning up 300 calories per hour, brisk walking strengthens the heart and lungs and increases muscle tone.

Because walking is such a natural movement, it does not stress the skeletal muscles, like other activities, Landwer said.

Landwer gives his walkers advice on distance, pace and muscle stretches. He also teaches them to record and evaluate their heart rates.

"We don't just sit around and lecture," Landwer said. "I introduce an exercise and explain its benefits while they do it. They get the how and the why at the same time. The walking class meets and warms

up together in the gymnasium and then splits into smaller groups, according to distance and pace, for the The walkers range in distance from

a half mile to two-and-one-half miles in one session. The faster walkers cover more than a mile in 12 to 15 minutes, Landwer

said. Some members even prefer to

While the walkers pound campus pavement, another group of fitnessminded faculty and staff work on maintaining flexibility and muscle tone by stretching to the music of an easy-listening radio station. Donna Cole, instructor of the exer-

cise class, said the purpose of the class is to release muscle tension and achieve freer movement. "When you have flexibility, you

have strength," said Cole, a graduate student specializing in exercise phy-Although Cole tries to include all the major muscle groups in the stretches, she said her class empha-

the shoulders and hips. These people have been standing and sitting, and stooped over a desk all day," Cole said. "People who sit a lot may get constricted movement in the hips.

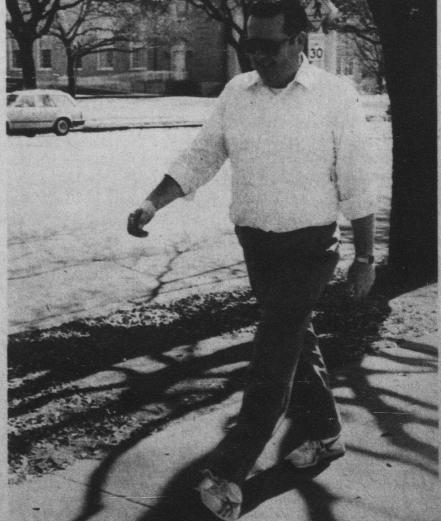
sizes exercises that release stress in

She said the class members, both men and women who range in age from the early 20s to late 60s, aren't looking for a strenuous exercise

"They're just people concerned about their health," Cole said.

"Donna definitely has the right tempo," said Charles Ingram, a member of the noon class. "She doesn't overtax us, and she understands what

The class is intended to combine simple and safe exercises with music to create a soothing atmosphere that workers can repeat at home, Cole



Stretching his legs - Class member Frank Forney takes a break from his job as computer center director for a brisk two mile walk around campus.

OPINION

Predominantly black colleges serve purpose

By Darryl Brown

Robert L. Albright, president of a historically black college in Charlotte, N.C., makes a case for the continuation of black colleges in America that is a commentary on the social life, educational priorities at our nation's universities, and the temper of our society.

Albright is a black scholar who earned his graduate degrees from predominantly white universities, so he knows first-hand as well as second the tensions and mixed emotions of blacks on white campuses.

He remembers black undergraduates who "found it terribly difficult because they were fighting for acceptance; they were fighting social pressures; they were, quite frankly, fearful for the small number of black students. Also, knowing that people thought they were there because of some special program, not because of intellectual abilities, it really creates a terrible burden."

One purpose of black colleges is to ease that burden. Most schools are at least on their way to full integration, and racial tensions flare with less hostility and frequency these days. But while classes, dorms and cafeterias may be racially missed, many social aspects of college life are not.

Seen many integrated fraternities lately? Social life is a large part of what makes a culture. But the cultural lives of black and white Americans, for a few good reasons and some bad, are still very different.

There's a difference in ignoring race and accepting it. Too often the majority assumes that integration means letting minorities join the club as it is rather than mixing, altering and enriching the social life. An inflexible social atmosphere can feel like a hostile one.

Albright wrote, "It is no secret that black institutions have been pioneers in developmental education and have done a far better job than most of their white counterparts in recognizing the value-added approach to education—that is, in providing the rigorous instruction and support that permit students to learn and grow in an appropriately nurturing environment."

White institutions have valuable lessons to learn from black ones about remedial education. And, as the plethora of laments over public education attest, it is not only black students who have some catching up to do. But so far, white colleges seem uninterested.

Few predominantly white colleges are going out of their way to recruit low-income, educationally disadvantaged minorities, finding most of their black students instead in the ranks of the slowly growing black middle class. That way there is less need for remedial education in the student body, though the need goes unmet in the larger community, save when it is served by black colleges.

But even if white colleges made more diligent efforts to recruit and educate blacks and create a more supportive institution, there would still be justification for black colleges.

Albright makes the case that blacks should have the choice of attending a predominantly black college just as whites have the de facto option of a largely white one. But, some say, a black college is a less realistic environment, because those black graduates still must live in a predominantly white society. Yes, but the alumnae of women's colleges face a world half-filled with men, and graduates of religious institutions must survive in a secular nation. Those groups seem to be doing quite well.

Black college graduates are doing fine also. Albright felt decidely more secure in a majority-white graduate program after his undergraduate years in a historically black college. And he has a long list of others who did the same

He likes to tell the story of Tommy Johnson, who applied to the college over which Albright presides with a total SAT score of 430

and a C-average from a small Mississippi high school. Hesitantly admitted, he graduated if four years later with honors. He then earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

"While many people would argue Tommy Johnson is the exception, I think if you come examine our records you find there are thousands of Tommy Johnsons who come to our institution, and frankly would not have been admitted to other institutions," Albright

We need more schools that will take that kind of chance, and then take the care to produce that kind of triumph.

Darryl Brown is a writer for the American College Syndicate.



Sigma Nu colony needs fair chance

All that most people ever want is a fair chance.

We all like to think that we have the same equal and fair opportunities to get good grades, become successful and eventually lead happy lives.

It's natural then that when we strive for individual goals, we expect to be given a fair chance.

And all that a particular group of male TCU students has ever wanted was that same fair chance.

About a year ago the group of TCU men organized with hopes of someday becoming a fraternity. The group's current leader, Michael Dilbeck, said they have never been or intended to be a threat to TCU's existing fraterni-

What the group has hoped to do is offer an alternative to existing fraternities, and to respond to what Dilbeck said is a growing interest among male students to belong to fraternities.

The goals of the group are admirable. They hope to promote the development of campus leadership. They want to serve TCU and the surrounding community. And perhaps most impressive of all, they hope to maintain a 3.0 overall GPA as a group.

These goals seem genuine, and if not that, at least they are not what we would perceive to be as threatening.

From the beginning, the group has operated within the university's rules. In November they went before the Student Organization Committee with hopes of being recognized as a club. At that time they called themselves the Saber Society.

The committee offered them club status only with the stipulation that, should they contact a national fraternity, they would lose their recognition.

Dilbeck said the group considered accepting the recognition, but, because of the stipulation, declined the university's offer.

Soon after, they began contacting national fraternities.

The Sigma Nu Fraternity was impressed with the group; and after a lengthy screening process, the TCU students recently became a colony of Sigma Nu.

In the past year they have grown to 20 members. They are a diverse group with a variety of majors and interests. Still, a goal they all share is to someday be recognized by TCU.

Dilbeck said the colony will continue to function as an asset to TCU and the community even if they are not recognized. He said they are more than willing to follow all of TCU's rules to increase their chances of being recognized.

They have in no way tried to identify themselves as an official part of TCU, nor have they expected to be given the privileges of participating in activities with the recognized fraternities.

Still, the Interfraternity Council has indicated that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Sigma Nu colony to be recognized now or in the future.

We realize many issues and difficulties may arise should the Sigma Nu's ever be invited to join TCU's Greek system.

What is difficult for us to understand is why a reasonable opportunity to become part of the system has not been granted to them.

We think that at the very least they deserve a fair chance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jesus basis of moral life

Brett Hoffman's editorial Wednesday had a common thread weaved throughout it—there is a moral expectation by God of us. And the basis of this moral expectation is Jesus' life and teachings.

Why does Jesus' life and teachings lead to the conclusion that God has a moral expectation for us? Well, Hoffman used a passage from the book of John as an example: Jesus addressing the woman caught in adultery, forgiving her and telling her to "go and sin no more" (John 8:11).

This passage would seem to indicate that there are moral rights and wrongs and expectations by God for us.

Jesus demonstrated a life in harmony with God, to be sure, a life characterized by compassion and kindness as well as moral integrity. But he also laid upon others the same

moral lifestyle. After a lengthy instruction on a mountainside, he noted that the one who neglected his moral teachings was a person upon whom destruction would someday descend (Matthew 7:24-29).

But many people object to restrictions placed on their lives, regardless of the source. But think of it in this way: a goldfish, if you smash its goldfish bowl, is certainly free, but gasping for breath, out of its proper environment. In the same way, God has sought to help us stay in our proper environment, an environment of fellowship with him.

Many today would soundly reject this idea, but to do so is to reject not only Jesus' teaching but his life as well.

-Lynn Gentry Senior, Journalism major

Cartoonist, House make peace

Todd Camp came to discuss his political cartoons, which appear in the *MetroFocus*, at the March 11, House of Student Representatives meeting, and his concern over the questions being raised about his work was a professional attitude.

The House had no "childish vendetta" against Camp, just questions about his cartoons. There were several people, including Brian Lawe and myself, who value political satire but could not understand why Camp used a recurring theme and negative attitude.

When questioned about both the recurring theme and negative attitude, Camp promptly explained his motives.

Because of Camp and the House of Student Representatives pow wow, the air is clear between the cartoonist and the House. The House understands that Camp has no personal grudge against the House and vice versa.

After all, Camp has a job to do just like the House has its job to do too. Maybe Camp will take time out of his busy schedule to sit in on House meetings more often since the air is clear. Hopefully, Camp's actions will set a precedent for all who have any qualms about the events of the House meetings or committees.

-Son Hye Schultz Freshman, Pre-major/pre-med

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The TCU Daily Skiff welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns. The page is designed to offer a forum for thought, comment and insight concerning campus, state and national issues. All letters and columns must be typed and double-spaced. Letters should be no longer than 300 words and must be signed. Both letters and columns must be accompanied with the writer's classification, major and telephone number.

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Edward Albert succeeding in family business-acting

By Kevin Marks Staff Writer

After slamming down a double scotch and water, he stepped out of his white stretch limousine into a faceless crowd of lenses and flashes.

His dark Ray-Bans reflected flashes of light from the celebrity-seeking crowd's 35mm cameras. A heavy scent of Rodeo Drive's best lingered in the air, dousing his audience in fascination.

Behind those dark Ray-Bans is a man who was born into a legendary Hollywood family. A 35-year-old veteran actor, Edward Albert literally grew up with the aristocracy of the film world.

Carole Lombard was one of his mother's best friends and his father A hung around people like Marlon Brando and Errol Flynn.

Looking back on those years, what Albert remembers most is travel.

"My parents took me all over the world and I loved every minute of it," Albert said. "Traveling with the people you love is the greatest education anyone can get.'

Though his parents never pressured Albert to pursue the family business, he did pursue acting.

"I never felt any huge drive to be an actor, but it was kind of silly if I didn't try since I had two of the best actors in the world," he said.

Albert described acting as a glamorous job because it plunges a person into situations that will probably nev-

When Albert was 11 years old, he starred in his first film, "Fool Killer" with Anthony Perkins. "I was young,

and it was fun, but it was never some! thing that I took real seriously," he

During his college years, he gained reputation as a respected musician and composer doing studio work with Rita Coolidge, Joni Mitchell and Glen Campbell.

"Music has always been an important passion to me. I love the way it allows you to surrender to it totally whether you're playing it, writing it, or just listening to it," he said.

Albert was not to be denied the silver screen. Mike Frankovich, Hollywood producer and director, was looking for a young unknown actor to play the lead opposite Goldie Hawn in Butterflies Are Free.

"I read the script and knew in an instant that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Albert said. "My dad said, 'Hey, you get a script like this once every 10 years; if you're going to act, give it a shot."

Frankovich recognized the chemistry between Albert and Hawn, Albert's talent, and signed him for the

The result was a huge a success at the age of 20, both with the critics and the box office. He received a Golden Globe Award for his role as a blind

"It was then that I realized that acting is a very personal form of selfrevelation, an expression from the heart and for the spirit.

"It is an education in its most intimate form, both for the artist and the audience, when it's done correctlyit's pure magic," Albert said.

Albert said that because of the nature of the business and the mentality of Hollywood, he was offered every paraplegic and handicapped role

Then Albert did the unexpected; he disappeared from the American film

"I knew that I needed to grow as an actor, and the roles that were being offered to me were not ones that would have aided that process," he

He left for Europe going "underground" to star in the French film Taxi Mauve" and in the stage productions "Hamlet" and "The Glass

People thought I was crazy for working on small European pictures, but I knew I was right. It was a selfdesigned-on-the-job training course. had the freedom to choose roles without worrying how it would affect my career," Albert said.

"Filming in the states is ridiculous because you can't deviate from your schedule without going through five executives. That's why many actors go over to Europe or do independent productions. They want to be a part of the input process." he said.

Albert said he finds Europe to be a more creative work environment where the roles an actor can play are more diverse.

Hollywood and New York have been refined to such a business science that there is increasingly less creativity. They don't call it show art, but rather show business.'

Currently, Albert's projects have been snow-balling.

In addition to starring in his new film "Getting Even," he has a starring role on the CBS hit series, "Falcon

Race against time - Tag Tagger (Edward Alpert) attempts to disarm a chemical gas time bomb planted 50 stories above the Dallas skyline.

When Albert isn't pouring his heart into his career, he is enjoying the lifestyle his successes have brought him. Married for the last ten years to his wife Kate, the couple and their daughter, Thais, maintain a rustic, sprawling ranch high in the Malibu

'It's completely isolated from the outside world," Albert said. "It's an ideal place to raise a child. My daughter loves to garden with me and we grow most of our own food. She has even helped me birth a goat. If that isn't nature, I don't know what it is."

Surviving the Hollywood life has been fairly easy for Albert, but he said it has not been that way for others.

Tve seen many young actors tackle that double-edge of quick success. They make self-destructive decisions like using drugs or alcohol. Repeated failure is hard to take and it beats many people down.

'If your life is predicated on someone liking you, who has never met you and could care less about you, then the degree of rejection is constant, especially in Hollywood. There is one ves for every 25 nos," he said.

Albert said he hopes it will change one day.

The era of great actors like my father and mother is quickly fading into the history books. I want to be on those pages of that book before that final chapter is written," he said.

CAMPUS NOTES

Counselors

Applications for orientation counselors will be available in Room 223 of the Student Center March 3-14. Applications are due March 14. For information, call Dottie Phillips at 921-7927.

Scholarship

Applications for the Martin Luther King Scholarship are being accepted in the Financial Aid

It is available to minority stulents who are TCU undergraduates or high school seniors. Stulents should have a 3.0 grade point werage and be able to demonstrate inancial need.

Applications are due April 15 in he Financial Aid Office in Room-108 of Sadler Hall.

More Jazz

KTCU-FM will begin a new eries of jazz programs titled "88's Top 8." The Top 8 Jazz list will be aired at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday with special late-night programming on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday. "88's Top 8" will air all day Saturday.

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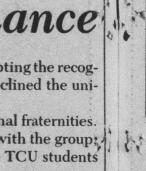
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Duke vs. Prairie View? Almost Lott silences pack



Jim McGee

On March 9, Prairie View A&M lost its 26th and final basketball game of the season. The Panthers just missed an NCAA tournament

Prairie View limped through the regular season with a pathetic 3-25 record, but the Panthers managed to make it to the championship game of the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament.

Prairie View lost to Mississippi Valley State in the finals, 75-58. The loss avoided a classic first round NCAA match-up between a 6-25 Prairie View squad and topranked, 32-2 Duke. Sigh of relief from NCAA officials.

But because of the wonderful conception of the postseason conference tournament, these things can happen. It is unknown how Prairie View, with its hapless 3-win regular season, somehow defeated Southern University and Jackson State in the SWAC tourney.

Perhaps the Prairie View administration threatened to drop the basketball program if the Panthers didn't win at least five games.

Perhaps the Panthers suddenly came down with amnesia and the coach convinced them they were the Lakers (Prairie View's colors are purple and gold). Perhaps the players received acupuncture treatments in their postseason

Whatever. But it happened. And it should make the noble NCAA take a good, hard look at itself.

The national champion should be the best basketball team in the country. But is this the best team as measured throughout the season, or the best team at the end of the season? Apparently, the NCAA is opting for the latter view.

As a result the regular season is reduced to almost nothingness.

The same kind of silliness is reflected in professional sports. Why do pro basketball teams play more than 80 games just to eliminate seven teams? Worse still, why do pro hockey teams play an entire season to eliminate just five teams?

The answer is money. But professionals can get away with that sort of stuff because their primary business is making a buck. College sports, however, ought to be a little different.

The concept of the let's-giveeverybody-a-chance postseason tournament has many proponents.

Many say that if a regular-season champ (like TCU, among others) can't beat the weaker teams when the pressure is on, then it doesn't deserve to be called champion.

Others point to teams like the 1982-83 national champion North Carolina State squad. The Wolfpack wouldn't even have been invited to the NCAA tournament if it hadn't won its conference tourney.

But if a team doesn't perform during the regular season, why should it be given a chance in the postseason? The automatic bids that go to conference tournament winners often keep deserving teams out of the NCAA playoffs. This serves only to weaken the NCAA field.

TCU, Texas A&M and Texas all got a taste of this, being snubbed by the NCAA, while 17-13 Texas Tech gets the automatic bid. Montana, TCU's first-round NIT opponent, was also left out after losing to Montana State, which jaunts off to the NCAA with a 14-16 record.

Those types of upsets are inevitable. Conference tournaments mean that teams like Prairie View can compete with renewed vigor. And highly touted teams tend to slack off, knowing they will be invited to the NCAA tournament anyway.

The effects are felt by indepen-

dent schools and others hoping to get at-large bids. The more upsets, the less chance of getting in. TCU was rumored to be the 65th choice for the 64-team NCAA tourney. One less upset, and the Frogs would have had an NCAA banner to hang in Daniel-Meyer.

The postseason conference tournament system also guarantees a dismal end of the season for nearly every team. It prohibits retiring coaches like Guy Lewis from going out on a high note.

Lewis' Houston Cougars pulled off a remarkable win in their last regular-season game against TCU. But Houston was quickly disposed of in the first game of the Southwest Conference tournament, making Lewis' farewell an anti-

"The only way to win your last game is to win the national championship," Lewis said after the loss. "Not many people picked us to do that."

If the money-hungry conferences insist on having postseason conference tourneys, why not allow just the top four teams to compete? This would put a little more competition back in the regu-

And it would keep teams with 25 losses out of the "prestigious" national playoffs.

at Big Sky 'ZOO'



Grant **McGinnis**

They told me it would be difficult to get there. And once I was there, they said, I'd wonder why I came.

Missoula, Mont., isn't exactly a hot spot when it comes to booking vacations. Most folks who venture into these parts either have skis or fishing poles in their possession.

But earlier this week, I trekked into the mountains of western Montana for another reason-the Killer Frogs.

On Tuesday night, the TCU basketball team earned a victory in the most unlikely of locations. Thanks to the scheduling wizards of the National Invitation Tournament, TCU opened the first round of post-season play in Missoula while the other 30 tournament teams sat at home and practiced for games in friendlier climes.

It looked like a sure lose situation for the Horned Frogs. Not only was it near impossible to get to Missoula, but once they did get there, it wasn't the easiest place to walk away from with a win.

Getting there came first.

After two plane rides en route to Spokane, Wash., 200 miles of treacherous driving through the mountains of Washington, Idaho and Montana, and a trip through pelting snow at Lookout Pass, we arrived shortly before game time.

Then it got ugly. When we stepped out of our Hertzmobile, we were greeted by thousands of screaming hooligans, all waiting to get a seat in the section of Adams Field House they call the

'ZOO

The "ZOO" is famous in the Big Sky-Conference. When Michigan State Head Coach Jud Heathcote was the Grizzlies' mentor, he redesigned the arena and had the people moved closer to the court.

So close, in fact, that they've been known to spit Coke on the legs of visiting players. Coke sticks, you know. So you can't run down the court and you can't beat the Griz.

But that's not all they do in the "ZOO." Jim Killingsworth was the head man at Idaho State several years back and he recalls having a local newspaper photographer trip one of his players as the visitor ran up the

They also yell and scream a lot at Montana U. And it's effective.

The Grizzlies came into Tuesday's ballgame with a perfect 16-0 mark on their home court this season. In fact, Montana had won 26 in a row at home.

But Tuesday night, something happened that the folks in Missoula didn't count on and probably didn't even

That something-or rather some body-was Carl Lott.

Each time Montana scored, the place went schizoid. Each time Lott came down the floor and calmly potted a 15 or 20-footer, silence set in.

By the time the game had wound down to the final three or four minutes, the copper and gold-clad Montana faithful lost their religious fervor.
They knew the impossible had just become reality. Lott's 12 of 14 night and 27 points had stunned the Missoula crowd into a silence they had experienced only on Main Street on a Saturday night.

With my story filed and the crowd long gone, I stepped out into the crisp mountain air of a Montana night. The x. silence of the sleepy mining town was eerie, the cheers and jeers of the "ZOO" long gone.

All that remained for the folks of Missoula was the night sky of Montana, the pride of Big Sky Country.

Hooray! Today

By Melissa Howell Staff Writer

Not many football coaches get a day honoring them after a 3-8 season. But Coach Jim Wacker is special.

Friday, March 14, 1986, will be declared Jim Wacker Day by Fort Worth's Sertoma Club.

The service organization is awarding Wacker its Service to Mankind

Award for his leadership, dedication, guidance and service to TCU students as well as to the city of Fort Worth, the club said.

Wacker's willingness to openly examine the conduct of TCU football boosters and players during recruitment earned respect and admiration, the Sertoma Club said.

Wacker was selected as the national Coach of the Year by UPI, ESPN and The Sporting News for his accom-

plishment. He also received the American Sportsmanship Council's Bobby Doad Coach of the Year Award, presented annually in honor of the former longtime Georgia Tech football coach.

After coming to TCU in November 1982, Wacker turned the Frogs' 1983 season into its first winning season in 13 years. In 1984, Wacker led the team to its most successful season in

vitation to the 26th Bluebonnet Bowl. Wacker has a career coaching record of 116 wins, 53 losses and three ties during 15 seasons at TCU, South-

25 years, which was capped by an in-

west Texas State University, North Dakota State University and Texas Lutheran College. His teams have won four national titles and have appeared in national playoff competitions six times on the

NAIA and NCAA Divison II levels. Wacker and his wife, Lillian, have been married 24 years, and they have three sons, Mike, Steve and Tom.

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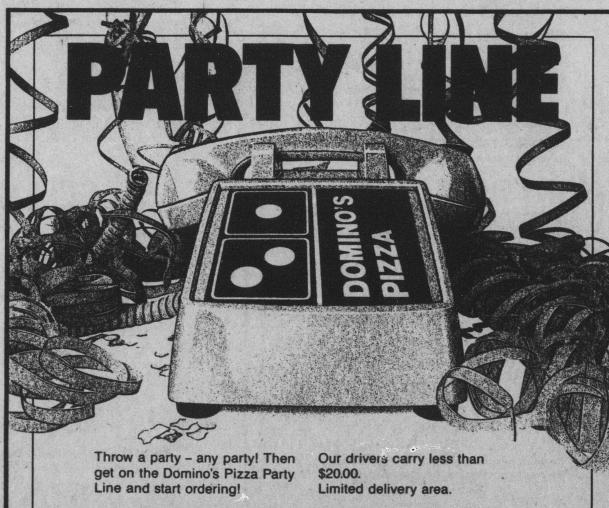
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QUOTE: "The highlight of my experience as a cadet at TCU was traveling to West Germany during the last Spring break ad skiing, parachuting, and firing NATO weapons wit the West German Army. I savour new challenges and experiences. TCU Army ROTC has already given me a lifetime's worth."

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