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World-renowned author gives free lecture Sunday

By BEN JOHNSON
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Internationally-renowned author and political figure Carlos Fuentes will discuss "The United States and Latin America: Sharing a Hemisphere" Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall.

Fuentes is well known for his novel "The Old Gringo," the first book by a Mexican author to become a best seller in the United States. Its movie version starred Jane Fonda and Gregory Peck and increased his popularity in this country.

He recently wrote and presented the five-part BBC-TV series, "The Buried Mirror," a documentary on Hispanic culture.

The lecture is in conjunction with the

international media conference "Communication Between the Americas: Bridging the Gap."

The conference will be held Saturday through Tuesday at the Worthington Hotel in downtown Fort Worth and is hosted by the TCU journalism department.

Mercedes Olivera, instructor in mass communications, said Fuentes was chosen to speak at the conference because of his perspective on U.S. ties to Latin America.

"He seemed to be perfect to address the issues of what the conference is all about," she said.

Arturo Flores, associate professor of Spanish, said he is looking forward to Fuentes' visit.

"Everyone in Latin America knows him

really well, even though some people may disagree with his political views," he said.

Olivera said that Fuentes is frequently critical of U.S. foreign policy.

Fuentes was born in Mexico but grew up in Washington, D.C., where his father was a diplomatic representative for Mexico.

Fuentes has also lived in Argentina and Chile.

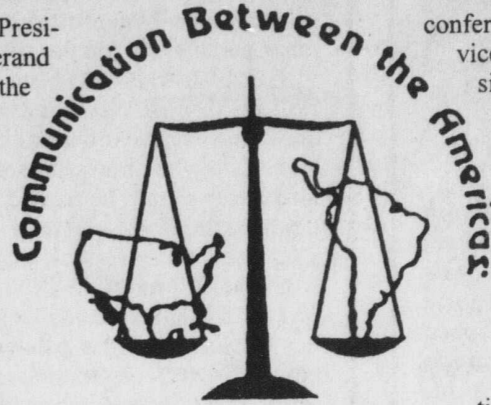
He served as Mexico's ambassador to France and is a member of Mexico's National Commission on Human Rights.

Fuentes' fiction covers a variety of genres from political spy thrillers such as "The Hydra Head" to erotic ghost stories and dream histories of the Spanish-speaking world.

He was presented the Legion of Honor

award by France's President Francois Mitterand in 1992, as well as the Cervantes prize by King Juan Carlos of Spain in 1988.

Fuentes also holds a number of degrees from institutions throughout the world, including Harvard, Cambridge and Dartmouth universities.



Bridging the Gap

conference include Marty Haag, vice president-broadcast division, A. H. Belo Corp.; Tony Pederson, managing editor, *Houston Chronicle*; Dave Lawrence, publisher, *Miami Herald*; John Guerra, vice president for Latin America and the Caribbean, AT&T; Carlos Ornelas, executive director, U.S.-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange, U.S. Embassy, Mexico City; and Joaquin Sanchez, Organization of Latin American journalism schools, Bogota, Colombia.

Students lobby for equal tuition grant funds in Austin

By MICHELE GRAY
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Rain, reconstruction and bustling legislators on Wednesday could not stop the arrival of over 400 students from private universities across the state, TCU among them, to lobby for the Tuition Equalization Grant in Austin.

Thirteen students were chosen to represent the 735 students at TCU who receive the TEG.

Greg Trevino, a sophomore business major, was assigned to speak to his senator and representative from the Corpus Christi area.

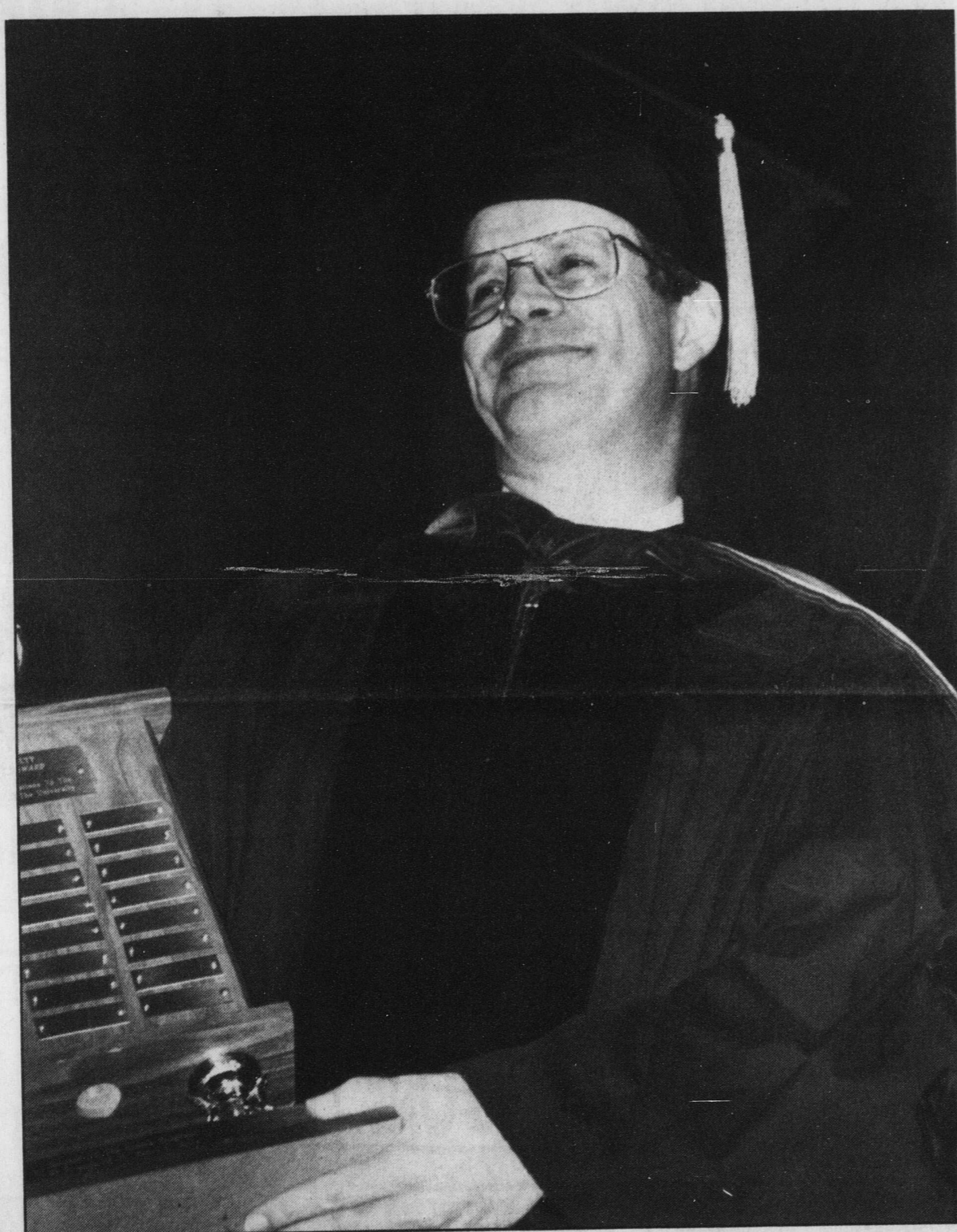
"It was a good chance to meet our representatives from home," Trevino said. "It was great to be able to go to them and thank them for their support."

The TEG subsidizes some of the tuition costs for private school students who receive financial aid. The average grant at TCU is currently \$1,570, but a student can receive up to \$1,900 if he or she demonstrates financial need.

The students were scheduled to speak to a senator and a representative from their hometown area. Afterwards, they could watch the legislative process in the Capitol, where the \$67 billion appropriations bill was being debated. At noon, students were scheduled to invite their representative to a barbecue.

Although some students intended to thank their senator and representa-

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Math department chairman Robert Doran receives the Honors Professor of the Year award at the Honors Convocation Thursday.

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Doran named top professor

Math department chairman Honors Professor of the Year

By ROBIN SHIRLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Robert Doran, chair of the mathematics department, received the 1993 Faculty Recognition Award during the 31st annual Honors Convocation Thursday.

Doran accepted the award with delight and surprise.

"I feel it is an awesome award, and I feel so honored," Doran said.

"It's the students that appoint this award, and I view this as very special," he said.

Doran has been on the TCU faculty since 1969.

He has received many honors in his lifetime. In 1989, he was named a CASE gold Medalist, which recognized him as one of the top 11 professors in the United States.

Doran received the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988.

He also received the Mortar Board Preferred Professor and Student House of Representatives Teaching Excellence awards in both 1986 and 1987.

Doran also became internationally known for solving a famous mathematical problem that had previously been unsolvable for 26 years.

He was also named a member and trustee of the prestigious Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J., which has included scholars such as Albert Einstein and Robert Oppenheimer. Doran served as president of

the IAS from 1990-1992.

Doran's wife, Shirley, said he was very surprised about the award.

"We were very happy and honored that the students thought of him," she said.

Davis Addis, associate professor of mathematics, said Doran is well deserving of the award.

"He shows great concern for his students and puts in a lot of his time," Addis said. "He really is interested in students as well as mathematics."

The Honors Faculty Recognition Award is one of the most prestigious, student-given teaching awards, said Akum Norder, Honors Cabinet chairwoman.

All honors students can nominate any faculty member whom they feel deserves recognition, Norder said.

The winner holds a fireside discussion during the year. During Honors Week, Honors Program members hold a banquet in honor of that year's professor, she said.

"It's seen as a great honor by faculty because it comes from the university's top students," Norder said.

Anantha Babbili, chair of the journalism department, received the honor last year and is still very honored to have been recognized as a top instructor by some of the university's top students.

"To be recognized by the Honors Program means something in itself because you are elected by a group of

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Group provides support for homosexuals

'Allies' network aims to promote understanding for university's gay, lesbian community

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

Gay and lesbian students on campus now have a group to turn to for support and compassion.

Allies, a network of faculty, staff and students, is dedicated to providing "support to gay, lesbian and bisexual students on campus and educational advocacy to the entire campus community," according to the Allies statement of purpose.

Last year, members of the Division of Student Affairs attended a conference where they viewed a teleconference discussing gay and lesbian issues on college campuses. Members of the TCU community who attended decided that the university needed to provide some type of assistance for homosexual students.

Jennifer Clough, a counselor from the Career Planning and Placement office; and Scott Horton, assistant director of student activities, decided to form a group called "Allies."

Last October, the Allies group began to actively look at what it could do for students, Clough said. The members decided that they

would have a dual role. The organization would function as a network to provide confidential support and resources to gay and lesbian students while also working to educate the campus about homosexual issues.

"The role of Allies is not really to be a political advocate," Clough said, "but to be here for students."

Claudia Camp, an associate professor of religion-studies and also a member of Allies, said that the mission developed from the Philosophy, Objectives and Goals statement of TCU that states,

"Affirming the incalculable worth of each individual, TCU seeks to be a caring community, encouraging close working relationships among all members of the University . . ."

Because of this, support should be available to all students regardless of their sexual orientation, Clough said.

Andrew Fort, associate professor of religion-studies and a member of Allies, said the organization hopes to make non-mainstream ideas clearly welcome at the university.

Allies is currently in its evolutionary stages, and there is no formal structure in place yet, Fort said.

"Publicizing that we are available is the number one job," he said.

Many faculty, staff and students feel that the organization is long overdue.

Fort said that, in the past, he has been concerned with the lack of a gay and lesbian organization on campus.

"Ever since I have been at TCU, I've been distressed over the homophobia and the lack of appreciation for this alternative lifestyle," he said. "The general atmosphere (of TCU) is intolerant."

Fort said an important thing about Allies is that most of its members are heterosexual, married and have children.

"We're working to open TCU to support people with this (homosexual) orientation," he said.

Camp said she hopes the group will help open up the university to discussing gay and lesbian concerns.

"Overall, my impression is that for gays and lesbians, TCU is not a safe place to be out," Camp said. "I think that's what we'd like to see changed."

Camp said she hopes TCU will become a place where gays and les-

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biens can openly discuss their concerns and "be out" rather than hidden.

Allies offers a variety of different members who each can help in their own way, Clough said. For example, counselors can help in psychological issues and University Ministries can offer guidance in religious concerns, she said. Allies members offer a variety of resources.

Dorothy Barra, a psychologist for the university counseling center, said she got involved with the Allies program because of the number of clients she had with homosexual concerns.

"Even though gays and lesbians

have many of the same issues as other students," she said, "it's important to understand their concerns within the context of a heterosexual culture where many face isolation, prejudice, and the fear of being victims of hate crimes."

Barra said that counseling can be important to help homosexuals develop and accept a healthy identity. The TCU Counseling Center is gay and lesbian affirmative in that the counselors are willing to support the students, she said.

Barbara Jeanne Schroeder, a student member of the Allies committee, said that Allies is the first step in making homosexual students feel comfortable on campus.

"It's really hard for students to be gay at TCU," she said. "They don't know who they can trust. I know people who personally left TCU because they are gay."

Schroeder, a senior biology major, said that she thinks TCU is not that intolerant in accepting gays and lesbians, but those who are homophobic tend to stand out.

"The faculty members are usually very accepting," she said.

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Today will be sunny
with a high temperature of
74 degrees.
The weekend will be
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CAMPUSlines

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, is hosting a regional conference on April 17. Papers will be presented and Light Cummins from Austin College will speak at the luncheon. For more information call Emily at 921-3222.

Organ Recital Fredrick Grimes will play a guest recital April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

Sigma Delta Sigma is sponsoring a "Poetry Extravaganza" April 19 at 8 p.m. in Moudy Room 320S. Ulf Kirchorfer is the featured poet, and live music will be played by Drama Tiki. For more information call 921-2906.

Sculpture show Fort Worth sculptor Paul Lucke will present his Master of Fine Arts showing in the Moudy Building's Exhibition Space from April 19-23. Reception April 19 from 6-8 p.m. Showing hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Integration Bee will be held April 20 at 4 p.m. in Winton Scott Hall Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded. Advance registration in Winton Scott Hall Room 112.

Film series Two films on Andean culture will be shown on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall Room 134.

Social Work Association Raffle for prizes including Billy Bob's concert tickets begins Monday and continues through May 1. Tickets are available in the Student Center April 27-30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to Tarrant County Women's Center and Rape Crisis program. For more information call Kristie at 346-2650 or Janie at 926-8807.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON CREATOR'S SYNDICATE

ARIES(March 21-April 19). Love is sweetest after waiting and wondering so long. What you do for others will be long remembered. Sweet dreams are waiting, too, so get extra rest. Preventive health care is best. Ask Libra.

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Let a friend drag you into a new situation, even if it seems a bore. You know how to take charge and coordinate club and community projects. Family needs firm guidance; parents ask you for advice.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Follow through, get organized and take a chance on a new kind of love. One who shows possessive tendencies should be treated with kindness, even as you hang on to your freedom. Love with Virgo.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Stretch the budget to include taking a chance on a new activity, or buying a new book. Mental relaxation is as important to your health as that new diet you're promising to go on; take it easy.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Make a plan to improve finances. Past obligations can be dispatched successfully. A big favor asked by a friend or family member should be considered carefully; being overgenerous may benefit no one at all.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Call a friend who is going through a tough time. Reestablish understanding with those who matter most. Exciting new opportunity comes next week, so be ready with updated resume or reports.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Tasks flow easily at home, and a

healthy meal puts you in top condition to clear away old matters and finish up what's been put off. Shop for a new tool; there's a sale out there waiting for you.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take advantage of super chances to make amends; practice in forgiveness assures your future security. Strong support from lover helps. Have a first date.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Give consideration to family needs; you'll be too busy to worry about it in the days to come. You're almost ready to introduce a new love to relatives. This could be the real thing at last.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Socialize, enjoy worship services of join in community volunteer effort; clear your mind of worry. Support a loved one, a comforting soul, is key.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). News of sales or other money-saving opportunities cheers you. Ahead is a new start in family relations; a little compromise with one who has opposed you will bring great gains in the end.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Special efforts of a friend on your behalf may land you the job of your dreams. Spend time spiffing up possessions. You've a good chance to win in rivalry for a lover's affection. Trust Virgo.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: The weekend is right for new love. Friday afternoon errands lead to love prospects; keep your eyes open! Friday night go out in style, but take the flirting easy; a conservative Saturn frowns on your sweet nothings. If you are late for a date, honesty is the best policy.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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tives for supporting the TEG, many could not because senators were in committees and representatives were already in session.

Student Activities Director Susan Batchelor said students still achieved their objectives just by going to Austin.

"Our main objective was to thank our representatives for supporting TEG and for students to see the legislative process in action," Batchelor said. "First, we achieved better visibility for students who attend TCU and secondly, we learned the legislative process."

Melinda Langhertz, a senior accounting major at Baylor University, said that although it may be difficult to get in contact with legislators, the experience is all worth it.

"It's extremely difficult with legislators busy in session. Unfortunately, it's hard to get in. But a lot of times we'll get people out of their meetings," Langhertz said. "Students should be thankful, at least they're getting (the TEG). At least TEG is in the budget when some things are getting cut from the budget."

The current appropriation for TEG is \$24,200,000, but Larry Lauer,

associate vice chancellor for University Relations, said the need for the money is more than double that amount.

Lauer said the state actually saves money by funding TEG because taxpayers pay about \$4,868 for students who go to public universities versus the \$1,570 that goes to private school students. The difference in the amount of money is the key point, Lauer said.

Lauer said this is the second year students could lobby in Austin although they have had TEG support for 22 years.

Lauer said the lobby day was a success. "There was not a lobbyist in Austin who didn't know what was going on and why these students were there," he said. "The symbol of the impact clearly worked."

"It was a very successful day," he said. "It was a bit more crowded at the Capitol and there were challenges for students to find their representative and get in contact with them. But more importantly the group numbered up to more than 400."

Lauer said students were able to bring the issue of financial need among private school studentsto the

forefront.

"The fact of 400 people saying thanks humanizes the situation," he said.

Students who attended the Lobby Day in Austin were Al Dominguez, Christian Ellis, Michele Gray, Ben Hall, Mike Henry, Danielle Kunkle, Rudy Lara, Matt McClendon, Anitha Nair, Jennifer Schooley, Priscilla Shaw, Michelle Waldrop and Scott Wheatley.

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students that are very demanding of quality," he said.

"I feel very humbled," Babbili said. "When you think about where you're born and where you come from — living in a different culture and still being able to make an impact in another culture makes me feel grateful."

Babbili was born in India and came to the United States for graduate school in journalism.

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The Allies program will be a comfort to gay and lesbian students so they know they have someone to talk to, she said.

Schroeder also said there is a gay and lesbian student support organization on campus, and that through Allies referrals hopefully more students will join.

Anyone interested in joining Allies should contact Jennifer Clough in the C PPC.

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Opinion

Bill proposed for funding Texas schools falls far short of goal

Two days ago, the Texas Legislature fired the opening shot in the next round of legislative battles between the "haves" and the "have nots". As is so common these days, the stakes involve at least one aspect of our future. In this case, the new proposal, Proposition 1, is an effort to equalize funding for Texas schools. Despite its good intentions, however, such legislation will quite probably bring just as much harm as good in the long run.

The latest proposal requires a minimum property tax of 86 cents per \$100 of property value. While this may sound bold at first, only 18 of the 1,045 school districts in Texas will be forced to raise their property tax rates. Moreover, each of these thirteen is what has been defined as a wealthy school district. And even though



ANDY HERNANDEZ

increase even further as a result of this proposal. After the legislators are finished congratulating each other for a job well

each of these thirteen school districts will be forced to share some modest amount of their increased revenue, the rest will either be wasted or used to improve already superior educational programs. The gross disparity in the quality of education will

done, they will be horrified to discover they have only further institutionalized the very inequality they sought to rectify.

For a moment, let's ignore that relatively minor oversight. For the current school year, 1992-1993, \$350 million was redistributed from wealthy districts to poorer districts. Proposition 1 will take an additional \$60 million for the next school year from the 156 districts that have been defined as wealthy. This money will also be redistributed among the poorer districts.

Consider that there are at least three poor school districts for every district that has been categorized as wealthy. This gives us 468 poor school districts. For the sake of argument, assume that each of these districts has about 3,000 students. By these numbers, which are admittedly only

estimates, there are 1,404,000 students who will be dividing up a funding increase of \$60,000,000. Thus, there will be an actual increase of only about \$60 per student. This will not be enough to create computer labs in schools which have none, nor to begin college preparatory programs in schools which have never heard of Advanced Placement. In the end, what seemed at first to be a considerable amount of money turns out to be a mere drop in the bucket.

Proposition 1 is certainly well intended. Sadly, good intentions usually are not enough. This proposal is only a patch. However, it is also the only feasible proposal that will appear on the May ballot. Of three different propositions, only Proposition 1 offers a modicum of

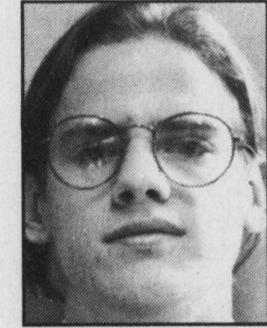
improvement over the current plight of education in poorer school districts.

Action must be taken, and it must be taken as soon as possible. For the moment, voters should consider that Proposition 1 is the only proposal that will offer a productive course of action. But those of you who will be voting in May must proceed with caution. This proposal is only one step, and it is a very small one at that. The time will come when more far-reaching measures will be necessary. And the children whose futures will depend upon the quality of their education in Texas can only pray that both legislators and voters will be able to rise to the occasion.

Andy Hernandez is a senior history major from Shreveport, La.

Richness of our language proves incompatible with concept of equality

I pride myself on being opinionated. More pointedly, I usually have an opinion on just about anything I've heard anything at all about. I have to confess that I am a distinct failure in one area. That area is political correctness, that ominous homogenizer of language.



P. D. MAGNUS

It's interesting that with P.C. it's the conservatives who are lined up on the side of rights, although it is the right to be racist, sexist, and offensive that's up for question.

First, I should clarify what I'm talking about when I say "political correctness." I don't mean affirmative action, attacks on sexual discrimination in the work place, gays in the military, or the movement towards healthy food and away from lard.

I don't mean any of the progressive movements that generally get grouped with P.C. when a conservative speaker has an axe to grind.

Simply, I mean only the quest for an end to sexist language and racist language.

I think you can call a black man a black man (but not a spade a spade). There's a similarity between two black men that simply can't be expressed by saying "African-American." After all, what if one of them isn't American?

I see how language can conspire against women, however. What's the word for someone who mends trousers and does alterations? A seamstress? A tailor? These are two different words, each only applicable to one sex. Who ever heard of a seamster? (Jimmy Hoffa doesn't count.)

I can even lend some credence to the argument that the image of blackness as evil and whiteness as purity constructs a propensity for bias.

At the same time, I have to mention that black isn't always evil, anymore than white is always good. The Cisco Kid, Zorro, and Batman all wear black. Cisco and Zorro are even Hispanic.

Sure, it's true that Darth Vader wore black, but the Stormtroopers wore white and the evil Emperor in the third "Star Wars" film was white-skinned.

I just can't lend too much credence to the use of color as agents of racism. In a culture as rich as ours, it's possible to show any theme repeated numerous times. It's more a statistical inevitability than a form of racism.

The question now becomes one not of identifying what's potentially dangerous, although that's filled with many more pitfalls than those explored above, but one of what should be done about it.

Do we change old masterpieces? If so, do we keep Shakespeare in iambic pentameter or just shove in an awkward but politically correct alternative? "Frailty thy name is 'Vick'" lacks the power of Shakespeare's admittedly sexist original "Frailty thy name is woman."

I don't think even the most politically correct person would suggest bowdlerizing the classics (although Bowdler did it himself when he was alive). I think our cultural richness, the great gift of previous generations, should be embraced (except for the really boring stuff, of course), whether it is racist, sexist, and generally offensive or not.

Unfortunately, I'm afraid I have no choice but to side against political correctness.

My logic runs something like this: Suppose that sexist and racist language are perpetrators of sexist and racist thinking, so that if the first exists so will the second. Further assume, as I do, that sexism and racism are bad. (Even if others disagree, I'll stand by this one.)

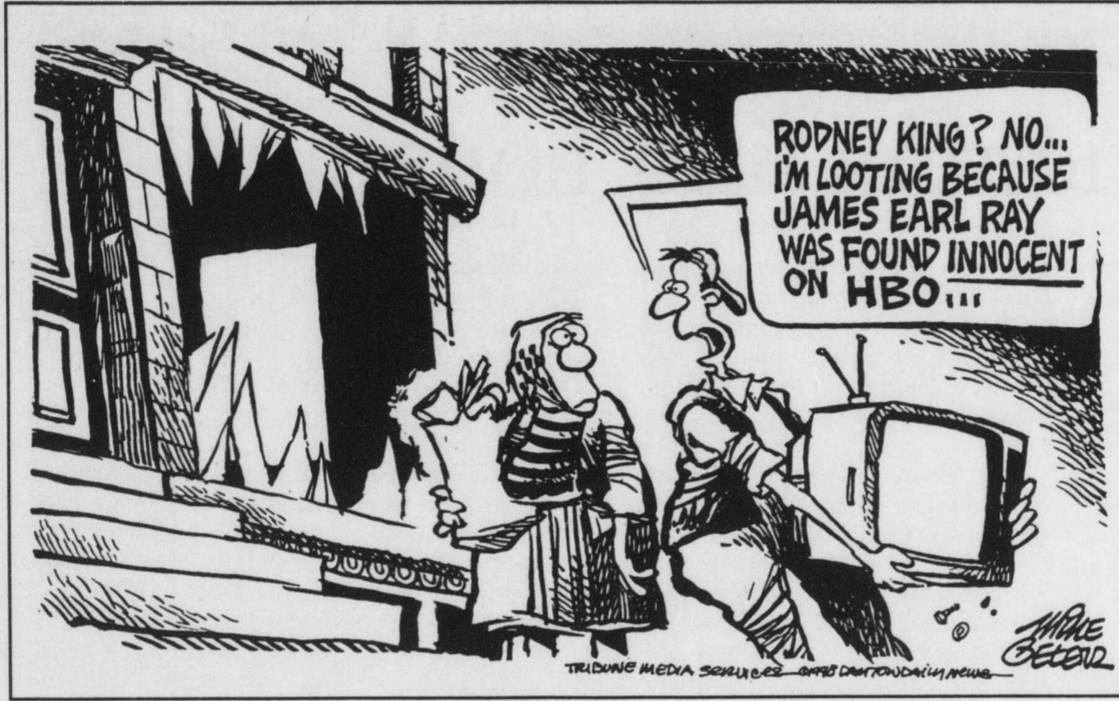
It therefore follows that we must either fell compelled to reject racist and sexist language in order to expel the accompanying evils or we must accept those evils.

Neither is tolerable, because the former would destroy a fine cultural heritage and the latter would tolerate what is admittedly evil.

That is my caveat. I'm left unable to have an opinion. The richness of the language and the concept of equality are both things I embrace, even though P.C. makes them logically incompatible.

As such, I'm going to get on with my life, do my best to be a good person, but still call a manhole a manhole.

P.D. Magnus is a freshman premajor from Burleson, Texas.



Society wrongly condemns mixed race relationships

There I sat. The place: Downtown Richmond. The time: shortly after happy hour. By some strange fit of divine intervention I had found my way into a bar on Saint Patrick's Day. Sure, I had made some friends, nothing special, just some guys to sit around a bar with on Saint Patrick's Day.

The environment was smoky and you could get your 32-ounce mug of beer refilled for only a buck fifty. The music was loud enough so you were safe not making conversation. This is what I was doing when Sparky (my new acquaintance that never explained how he got his nickname) leaned over and said, "You see that girl over there?"

"Yeah, sure," I responded and glanced at the brunette he had motioned to. "What about her?" I asked.

"She's got jungle fever. If you know what I mean," he paused and then said, "Oh, of course you know what I mean, you're from Texas." He smiled and went to go fill his mug.

His bluntness surprised me; I don't know why. My stop at the General Lee Restaurant and Civil War museum on the way to Richmond, showed me that the states of the deep south were still celebrating the Civil War as if they had won it.

Regardless of my thoughts of Civil War merrymaking, I did know what he meant by "jungle fever," as he so eloquently put it. It wasn't because I was from Texas; it wasn't because I had heard of a Spike Lee movie with said title. I knew what he meant because my sister has had and still does have "jungle fever."

I was once told that if you want to administer a litmus test to a white male regarding this issue you simply need to ask him if he would let his sister date a black man. If the answer is "yes," no racism. And if the answer is "no": brand the man a racist on the spot.

I don't know what this hypothetical question had to do with anything, but I do know that my sister dates a black man so I find this question relatively easy to answer.

The truth is, not only do I not care that my sister dates a black guy, I prefer it. The reason being that he treats her well and is a rather nice fellow. As my mom says, "I don't care if he is purple with yellow polka dots. As long as he cares for you, he is fine by us."

This is, after all, the only thing that really matters about interracial dating. But now it makes no difference who (or what) she dates so long as she is happy.

I know I am not presenting both sides to this issue; I am, after all, writing from a white, middle-class, suburban point of view (which I think places me in the actual minority nowadays), and I don't want to leave out the "black perspective." Regrettably, my only knowledge of this comes from "X", another Spike Lee movie.

In this movie, Malcolm Little gets the maximum fine for burglary. According to Malcolm, he received this penalty not because he stole from the rich but because he was sleeping with a white woman (a claim that probably has quite a bit of validity).

During the course of the movie, Malcolm argues that white slave owners often took black women at their leisure and now white men live in fear of the big black man raping white women for revenge. This theory sounds good: Our deepest fears are often cloaked in anger and hate.

I am by no means saying that you should immediately throw down this column and rush out to date your nearest black friend. What I am saying is: If a person makes a conscious choice to date a person of a different race, color or creed, that person should not be condemned and slandered by society.

Miscegenation has prevented racial strife in areas around the world (Puerto Rico and Portugal, to name two), and a little cross-cultural dating and marriage might go a long way in solving the racial problems that grip the United States in this modern decade.

Craig Martin is a junior history major from Bedford, Texas.

EDITORIAL

Budget

University's new process increases efficiency

The Fiscal Affairs Office recently enacted an important change in the university budgeting process that should make TCU a better school.

In response to complaints about the budgeting procedure used in previous years, the fiscal affairs office this year adopted a "bottom-up" needs assessment that takes more administrators' opinions into account when forming the budget.

Before, no formal procedure existed for faculty and staff to alert vice chancellors to their needs. When a department needed a new computer or additional funding for postage, sometimes the vice chancellors in charge of the budget knew, and sometimes they didn't.

Now, faculty and staff who oversee budgets are asked to submit a list of their needs to the fiscal affairs office before the budgeting process begins. This change is a logical one, and fac-

ulty members have welcomed it.

This new budget plan is a more efficient process and promotes stronger communication between faculty, staff and administrators.

Hopefully, faculty members and academic departments will have better access to university funds and administrators will have an increased and more extensive knowledge of what departments need.

In addition, students will benefit because professors and instructors in their classes will have a greater and quicker access to supplies and materials that previously had been delayed by a long and cumbersome budget process.

The fiscal affairs office is to be commended for their willingness to come up with a better system.

This new method of forming the budget should be vigorously pursued and continued in future years.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Military ban

I am writing in response to Christian Ellis' column about gays in the military. I feel that I should try my best to "persuade him by my awesome logic and concrete reasons" that I, a liberal, have supporting the resolution.

First, according to the General Accounting Office, the prohibition on gays in the military costs at least \$27 million a year, given the fact that 1000 men and women are dismissed and replaced. That's an awful lot of money that could be spent in more constructive ways, don't you think?

Secondly, the United States is one of the only industrialized nations that still has a homosexual ban. West Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands all allow homosexuals to serve. Why are we so behind the times?

Mr. Ellis expressed concern about homosexuals showering with heterosexuals. Well, I've got news for him — the showers have been "infiltrated" with gays for a long time now without a problem. And if a homosexual soldier happened to make sexual advances at a straight soldier, there are rules about harassment and fraternization which prohibit sexual advances and activity while on duty that

would continue to be enforced.

I have one last point to make. According to their lawyers, over a dozen openly gay and lesbian reservists were called up for the Gulf War and were sent to the front. In wartime, the blanket Pentagon rule about homosexuals not serving has been left to the discretion of commanding officers. The military knows that gays don't automatically make bad soldiers; they can be trusted under fire.

So, Mr. Ellis, there is logic in the liberal view. (Imagine that!) Next time, please do us all a favor. Don't impose your ideas on us unless you have research to back them up.

Amara Scull
Junior
English

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News

Who says science is boring?

'Rebel scientist' urges humanity, responsibility in technology

By ROBIN SHIRLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Science is somewhat responsible for the condition that America is in today, said Freeman J. Dyson, a physicist from the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton during the 31st annual Honors Convocation Thursday.

"We need to explain to ourselves and to our children why science has failed to deliver its promised benefits to mankind," he said.

Dyson said the scientific community has focused more on technology that would benefit the rich rather than the poor.

"The scientific community should invest heavily in projects that benefit

all segments of our population," he said.

Dyson also compared science and poetry.

"Poetry and science are gifts given to all of humanity," he said.

Poetry and science don't pay attention to country or skin color, he said.

"It belongs to everybody who is willing to make the effort to learn it," Dyson said.

The problems in Russia were caused by too much emphasis on promoting science instead of promoting people, he said.

Many Russians were trained in science with high standards, but there were no jobs once their education was completed. He asked what good

it is to have a scientific education if there are not jobs.

"We need to develop a new style of science education, oriented toward useful jobs rather than paper qualifications — teaching kids to combine rebellious thinking with practical skills," he said.

"... (If the kids in the ghettos can see that science offers them a future different from the past, then they will come pouring into science, and we will have some hope of becoming a scientifically literate society," Dyson said.

Amy Petri, a junior English major, said she found the speech surprisingly entertaining.

"I thought it would be sort of dull and dry because he's a scientist, and

I'm not very interested in science," Petri said. "But I was very entertained by it."

Petri said she never expected a scientist to say that science had helped create discrepancies between the rich and poor.

"He took responsibilities for the bad things that have come through science," Petri said.

She said the speech helped her look at things in a new way.

Peggy Watson, an assistant professor of Spanish, said that she also found the speech fascinating.

"I was extremely impressed with his concern for social issues, which you don't normally expect of someone involved in a highly technical field," she said.

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Biologist to discuss 'culture of science'

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

Georges Langford, professor of biological sciences at Dartmouth College, will deliver his speech titled "The Culture of Science from an African-American Perspective" at a VIP luncheon Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Woodson Room. The luncheon is being sponsored by Black Student Caucus.

At the luncheon Langford will address what he calls a "real human resource need" for women and minorities in the science field. Langford is the National Lecturer for Sigma Xi, the scientific research society which is sponsoring him.

Wanda Mosely, president of Black Student Caucus, said Langford requested an opportunity to meet with students in an informal setting to discuss the issue of underrepresentation of minority and women in the sciences.

"I am pleased that Dr. Langford took the initiative to bring this problem to our attention and

impressed that he is willing to devote a portion of his visit to discuss solutions," Mosely said.

The biologist will give a lecture Monday at 8 p.m. titled "Actin-Dependent Organelle Motility in Squid Axoplasm or How Organelles Move in Nerve Cells" in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Langford received his Ph.D. from the Illinois Institute of Technology and served as a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Shinya Inoue at the University of Pennsylvania.

He has also taught at the University of Massachusetts and Howard University and received his professorship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Monica Mendez-Grant, minority student adviser, said Langford will be a valuable influence for all students.

"He has important views and experiences to share in a field where only a few minorities and women have paved the way," she

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Homeless AIDS victims find housing

By CHARLSIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

Homeless individuals with HIV or AIDS can find shelter in a local housing facility directed by a TCU alumna.

Carol Hendrix, a 1970 graduate of the university, is the executive director for Tarrant County Samaritan Housing. This non-profit organization has set up an apartment complex on the northwest side of Fort Worth for homeless people with AIDS or HIV.

"It (the Samaritan Housing project) is not another shelter," Hendrix said. "This is permanent housing."

According to the United Way 1991 Needs Assessment, housing for homeless individuals with AIDS/HIV is one of the greatest needs, Hendrix said.

Housing and Urban Development guidelines determine eligibility of living in the Samaritan house, she said. The Tarrant County project is financed by HUD, she said.

An individual must be homeless or in danger of becoming homeless to

qualify for the housing according to HUD standards, Hendrix said.

The Tarrant County project needs volunteers for general maintenance on the 32-single-room complex before its June 28 opening date, she said.

The housing project's dedication ceremony will be July 7; the consecration ceremony will be July 4 at First United Methodist Church.

The housing projects staff is small and needs volunteers, Hendrix said.

Campus groups can come out and volunteer on Saturdays to aid in the

renovation, she said.

"This would be the perfect spring (service) project for many campus organizations," she said.

The Tarrant County project will have a tour of its facilities on April 22, Hendrix said.

Hendrix is looking for donations of carpet or artwork as well as volunteers, she said.

For more information about the housing project or to volunteer for service call Carol Hendrix at the Tarrant County Housing office, 870-1937.

Alpha Phi Omega welcomes brethren

By NATALIE GARDNER
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU chapter of Alpha Phi Omega will host approximately 115 members of the service fraternity from around the country for the group's annual sectional conference Friday through Sunday.

"This conference is designed to bring other chapters together to exchange ideas on service projects and ways other chapters are organized," said Angela Kaufman, sectional chair.

The conference will begin with a volleyball tournament Friday night at the Rickel Building. On Saturday, nine seminars will be held on community service, pledgeship, alumni relations and Alpha Phi Omega history.

In 1994, the national convention of Alpha Phi Omega will be held in Dallas. The schools which are meeting at TCU this weekend are part of Section 41 and will be working together to help put the convention together. Chapters will exchange ideas on what they can do to prepare for the convention, Kaufman said.

Alpha Phi Omega's national vice president, Wilfred Krenck, will speak to the nine chapters participating in the conference at a banquet Saturday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

The TCU and SMU chapters of Alpha Phi Omega have a competition between each other to see who can accumulate the most service project hours in a semester, Kaufman said.

The winning chapter will be announced at the Saturday evening

banquet. The losing chapter will have to do a service project on the other school's campus, she said.

Sunday morning the convention will end when all the chapters combine their efforts in a service project at the Botanical Gardens.

"I think this will be a great conference," Kaufman said. "Accessing the resources from TCU and our own chapter gives us a lot to work with."

The last time the Alpha Phi Omega convention was held at TCU was in 1988.

"This is not something that comes around on a regular basis," Kaufman said. "We get to show off TCU's campus and people."

"We chose to have the convention's events at TCU instead of the nice hotels in Fort Worth because we wanted the other chapters to see what a beautiful campus TCU really is."

Alpha Phi Omega is a service fraternity that began in 1925 at Lafayette College. Until 1976, the fraternity was an all male group.

The fraternity was founded under the principals of the Boy Scouts of America by a man who had just

come back from World War I. He formed the first chapter of the service fraternity and established it much like a social fraternity. Today, the fraternity has over 500 chapters across the country with over 2000 members.

The main goal of the fraternity is to provide service to the community, nation, campus, and chapter, Kaufman said.

TCU's chapter is involved in four to five service projects a week. Service projects of the chapter include Eco Bin, babysitting for a diabetes support group, March of Dimes Haunted House, Main Street Arts Festival and All Church Children's Home.

On campus, the fraternity helped in Hunger Week and worked in bringing the AIDS Quilt to TCU in the fall.

The actives are required to serve the community at least 15 hours a semester, Kaufman said. Most actives do a lot more than 15 hours, she said.

Alpha Phi Omega also has a traditional pledgeship that was started when the fraternity began.

"Pledgeship helps develop a

brotherhood among members," Kaufman said. "We get to know this

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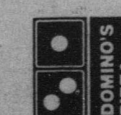
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In 1974, TCU's Abe Martin appointed a Country Club tennis coach with a job offer that enticed many coaches.

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News

Coach builds nationally ranked tennis program at TCU

By PERRY MARCHBANKS
TCU Daily Skiff

In 1974, TCU Athletic Director Abe Martin approached Colonial Country Club tennis pro Tut Bartzten with a job offer that would not have enticed many coaches.

Martin wanted Bartzten as head coach at TCU. The university barely had a tennis program. There were nine courts that the team and student body had to share, and there was no money for scholarships or equipment.

Bartzten said yes and began an association with the university that has resulted in one of the nation's outstanding tennis programs.

"I was excited to come to TCU and coach college tennis players," Bartzten said.

When Bartzten came to TCU, he already had a national reputation as a player.

Bartzten began playing tennis when he was 10 years old. He went on to play in high school and won high school interscholastic singles championship twice, the doubles championship once and the National Interscholastic title in singles. He then went on to play at the College of William and Mary, where he had a

record of 50 consecutive wins and was an NCAA champion.

Following his collegiate career, he broke into the top 10 in the USTA rankings and remained there for nine years. He also served as co-captain for the U.S. Davis Cup team. While representing his country, he won all 15 of his singles matches.

Since 1977, Bartzten's TCU team has remained in the top 20 with the exception of only one year. He has coached 12 All-Americans, including an NCAA doubles championship team. He believes his experience and reputation as a top player has enabled him to be a better coach and to recruit better players.

Bartzten said he has boxes of recruit letters from tennis players all over the world hoping for a spot on the team. He said he answers all the letters, but Bartzten knows what he is looking for.

"I would rather have a lesser player who is receptive to learning and getting better than a kid who thinks he's a star. I don't care for prima donnas. In my view, he's not a star if he's just coming to college," Bartzten said.

Although this year the majority of players are from the United States, there has been discussion about

availability of scholarships to foreign players, he said.

"When you're recruiting, you're not looking at race, you're looking for who plays the best tennis," Bartzten said. "I want Americans, but it's not always possible."

When a university is in recruiting competition with schools such as Stanford and UCLA, it is hard to get the best Americans, Bartzten said. One year, Stanford took the top four American players in the country. When this happens, coaches have to go elsewhere, he said.

"Most of the time they (foreigners) contact us. They want to play tennis and get an education — something you can't do anywhere else but the United States," he said.

"Most of these players have been here for a few years. It's not like bringing them over on the next boat," Bartzten said.

Foreigners come to the United States because the curriculum is less demanding in the United States than in other countries; therefore, playing a sport and getting an education is only possible in the United States, said Ricardo Rubio, TCU's team captain and senior from Cadiz, Spain.

"I came to the United States when



Tut Bartzten

I was 14. I had a friend at the John Newcomb Tennis Ranch, and I thought I could benefit by coming to the United States. I could play tennis,

get good competition and learn another language," Rubio said.

Bartzten keeps his team working hard. The team practices five days a week from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and once during the weekend.

"Matches are won and lost on the practice court," Bartzten said.

While the season is in progress, the men's tennis team has an average of two games per week.

When the team is not playing dual matches, they are playing or preparing for tournaments that could last up to five days.

"It's difficult to keep up with school work when half the time you're on the road, but somehow you manage," Rubio said.

Coaching is only a small part of Bartzten's busy day. Whether it's checking in new clothes for the pro shop, answering calls about recruit-

ing or scouting, acknowledging all recruit letters or traveling with the team to tournaments across the United States, there is always a connection with tennis. But that doesn't bother him, he said.

At 65, Bartzten hears many rumors about his retirement. He said that some sound good, but none are true. He said he does think about retirement, but he does not know when it will be or what he will do with the spare time.

He said he will always be connected with tennis because of everything he has to offer. Outside of tennis, he said there are a few things he would like to do.

"Possibly I'll do some traveling around the U.S. with my wife, play some golf and do some working in the yard — a true labor of love," he said.

Student fakes poem in creative writing contest

By CHARLSIE MAYS
TCU Daily Skiff

A local high school student submitted a plagiarized poem to this year's Creative Writing contest, said an English faculty member.

The prize-winning poem, "Comes the Dawn," was submitted by a student from Western Hills High School.

Neil Daniel, chairman of the English department, confirmed that the poem had been plagiarized but refused to comment further.

"We have already dealt with it

(the plagiarism), and we would like as little publicity as possible," Daniel said.

Daniel learned of the plagiarism 40 minutes before the award ceremony April 1, according to a letter written by associate professor of English Linda Hughes. Hughes sent that letter to a university student who had called her to report that the student's entry was not an original piece of work.

The award given to the high school student was invalidated and her name was not announced at the ceremony, Hughes wrote.

"I'm sure I speak for all artists when I say this (plagiarism) is not a joking matter," said Michelle Smith, a senior English major who has previously competed in the Creative Writing Contest.

The poem still appeared in the creative writing booklets because they had already gone to print, Hughes wrote.

"Plagiarism is robbery," Smith said. "You rob the original author and the person who deserved to win."

The original author of the poem is unknown.

TCU CADET PROFILE JASON THOMAS FISHEL

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HIGH SCHOOL: Blue Springs High School

CLASSIFICATION: Freshman

MAJOR: Pre-Med

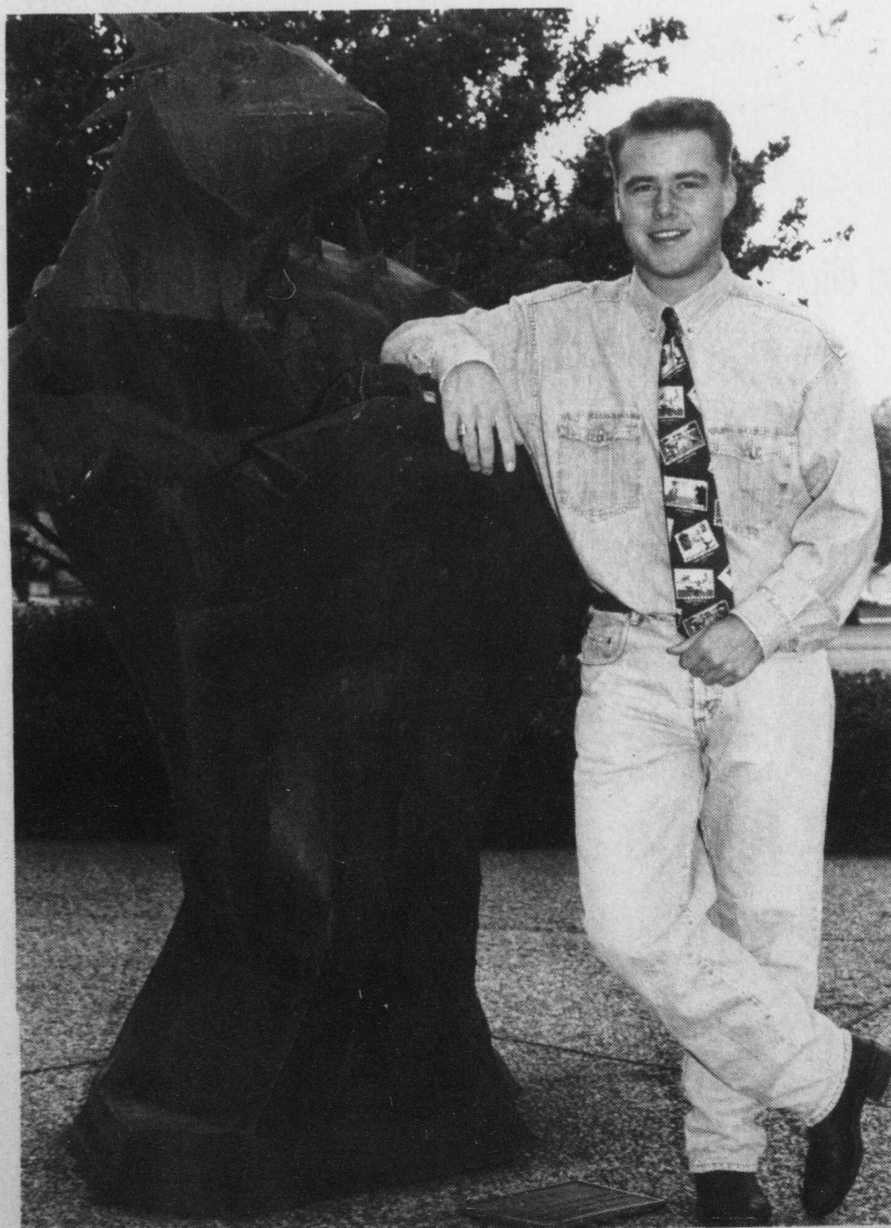
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Sports

Frogs host Houston in crucial series

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

When the dust on the TCU Baseball Diamond clears this weekend, the Frogs will have a pretty good idea of where they stand regarding the Southwest Conference tournament.

Basically there are two possible scenarios.

(1) The Frogs (28-17, 1-8 SWC) sweep all three games from the University of Houston (27-17, 2-10 SWC) and climb back into the thick of the race for a spot in the tournament.

Or (2) The Frogs continue to struggle against SWC opponents, losing a game or two to the Cougars and eliminating themselves from the possibility of post-season play.

This series is, to say the least, crucial for the Frogs. Then again, if you are 1-8 in the conference with only nine games remaining, every series is crucial if you still hope to gain a post-season berth.

"Basically we need to sweep this series from Houston and then sweep Tech next weekend," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "Its going to take eight wins to get us in, so we really have to go out there and play our best the rest of the way and just win as many games as we can."

The Frogs have played well against the tough competition of the SWC thus far, but the team simply hasn't been able to pick up some important wins.

"We played well against both Texas and A&M, but we came up a little short," Brown said. "Then the Rice series really hurt us. We just haven't been able to get some big hits



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putchinski

TCU first baseman Adam Robson applies the tag to an opposing player in an earlier game this season. The Frogs host Houston this weekend.

when we need them. But hopefully we will be able to put those games out of our minds and rebound against Houston."

TCU woke from its two week hitting slump earlier this week with a convincing 15-0 victory over Tarleton State. Hopefully for the Frogs, that game will mark the return of the potent TCU offense that we all saw during the first half of the season.

"We were really in a hitting slump," Brown said. "Hopefully that game got us back on track and will carry over to the weekend."

If TCU can sweep Houston this weekend, next week's series at Texas Tech becomes the biggest three games of the season. The Red Raiders (32-11 overall) have a record of 7-5 in the SWC, and don't play any conference games this weekend. If TCU sweeps the Cougars, the Frogs

will be three games behind Tech heading into the three game set.

"The Tech series will be very important," Brown said. "If we can sweep Houston and then sweep Tech, we will be tied with them. Then they will have to play Texas while we play Baylor. If we can play well and sweep both Houston and Tech, we will be in good shape."

But TCU will have to get through this weekend before focusing on the distant future.

The Frogs know that this weekend will determine their fate in the Southwest Conference. If the Horned Frogs can transfer that knowledge from their minds onto the baseball diamond, the final position in the Southwest Conference tournament might just belong to TCU.

"We know what we have to do," Brown said.

Thumbs up to rule changes

by
Greg
Riddle

Sports Columnist



Moe Iba probably wasn't too happy today when he picked up the paper and saw that the NCAA voted Wednesday to reduce the shot clock from 45 to 35 seconds next year in men's basketball.

Judging by TCU's play this year, one would think that Iba was the one that invented the four corners offense. Somebody obviously forgot to tell him that you weren't supposed to use it the whole game. You need an hour glass to time the Frogs slow-motion, commotion, offense. A TCU fast break this year resembled a Chinese fire drill.

Iba was seen going into cardiac arrest several times this year when the Frogs put up a shot with more than five seconds left on the shot clock. And people wonder why so many players have left the past few years. Cincinnati's Eric Martin probably took more shots in this year's NCAA Tournament, than he did the whole time he was at TCU.

The NCAA's move to reduce the shot clock is one of the best moves they have made in a long time. Good thing we finally got Jerry Tarkanian, Billy Tubbs and Paul Westhead on the voting committee.

The shot clock was introduced in the 1985-86 season to prevent teams from stalling. Probably should have called it the Dean Smith or John Thompson rule. Smith used to be known as the dean of college coaches when it came to the four corners offense. I remember a Georgetown-SMU game in the NCAA Tourna-

ment one year that ended up something like 32-31. Can you say B-O-R-I-N-G boys and girls? The new rule will make the game faster paced, more exciting and put more fans in the stands.

Slowly but surely, the NCAA is starting to resemble the NBA. Good thing college players don't get paid. The college game will now be strictly run and gun. No defense allowed. Teams like UNLV, Oklahoma and Loyola Marymount have been waiting for this moment to arrive for years. These teams never met a shot they didn't like.

The new rule will produce more shots by each team and should produce more scoring. Think places like Burger King and Pizza Hut will continue to give away free food to fans every time a team breaks the 100 point barrier? Wonder why we have never seen these kind of deals at TCU games. Will be interesting to see if TCU can even average 70 points a game next year.

The NCAA also voted to stop the game clock after each field goal in the last minute of regulation or overtime. Can we call this the Chris Webber rule?

Teams now won't have to worry so much about saving their timeouts until the final minutes of the game, because the clock will stop after every basket.

Interesting how the NCAA came up with this new rule right after Webber's little faux pas in the NCAA finals. Think Michigan coach Steve Fisher had anything to do with this?

Hopefully, this new rule will reduce the excessive fouling in the closing minutes of games. You can go walk your dog, order a pizza and mow the lawn in the time it takes to play the final two minutes of a college basketball game.

This rule change will probably

hurt teams like North Carolina, Duke and Indiana that stress strong free throw shooting, while helping teams like UNLV, Georgetown and TCU that have always had a problem putting the ball through the basket from the charity line. Teams that are trailing in the final minutes now will have a chance to catch up if they can play defense for a mere 35 seconds, rather than simply trading a basket for two free throws every time down the court.

One rule that won't be in affect next year is the five-second count. The NCAA voted to do away with the five-second dribbling violation when a player is closely guarded.

This means that we can watch point guards dribble around for about 30 seconds and then pass off to a teammate for a shot. Funny, that sounds kind of like the TCU offense this year. Maybe Iba knew something we didn't last year. He was getting his team ready for next season.

I'm sure a lot of coaches besides Iba will probably be upset by these new rule changes. I can just see Indiana's Bobby Knight throwing a chair or Tony Barone doing his Italian jitters dance when they read about these changes. The game will now come down to who can make the most shots in 40 minutes.

It is obvious that the NCAA is trying to cater to the fans, which it should, since they're the one's paying the money to watch the games. The games will now be shorter and more exciting, which will put more fans in the stands and bring in more money to the school's.

While these rule changes are good for the game and the fans, the NCAA must make sure they don't go too far in the future and start trying to dictate the game themselves. But for now, let's give the NCAA rules committee two thumbs up for a job well done.

Ryan to have surgery

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Nolan Ryan, baseball's all-time strikeout king who is playing his 27th and final season, was scheduled to undergo surgery Thursday to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

Ryan is expected to miss between two and five weeks, the Texas Rangers said.

The 46-year-old righthander said he felt pain in his knee during a workout on Monday but decided to pitch against Baltimore on Wednesday night because it was feeling better. He felt discomfort during his warmup and was bothered by pain during the start in which he lost 6-5 to the Orioles.

Ryan allowed eight hits and six runs in four innings and was late covering first base on a routine grounder

as he suffered his 288th major league loss. The rain and cold made it difficult for pitchers and fielders during the game.

Ryan was not available for comment after the game, not his normal practice after a victory or a loss.

Dr. John Conway examined Ryan Thursday and discovered a cartilage tear.

This will be the 14th time that Ryan has been on the disabled list and the first time he has been sidelined with a knee problem.

Ryan's surgery was scheduled for Harris Hospital in Fort Worth. He was not expected to be available to speak to the media.

Ryan, is 1-1 with a 2.70 earned run average in two starts this season. He is baseball's career strikeout leader at 5,677.

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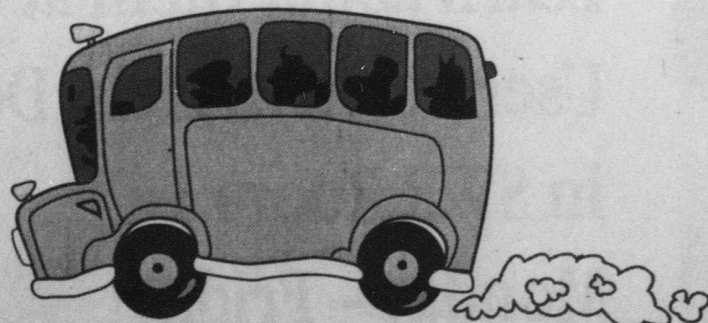
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Sports

Texas avoids upset, defeats men's tennis team

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

This was one matchup that lived up to the hype.

The upset-minded TCU men's tennis team was denied its third consecutive regular season Southwest Conference title Wednesday, losing a heartbreaker to No. 16 Texas, 4-3, in Austin.

The Longhorns, with an overall record of 15-4, and 5-0 in the SWC, clinched the title and the No. 1 seed in the SWC Tournament.

The Frogs, ranked No. 17 nationally, fell to 16-5 overall and 4-1 in the SWC. The team finishes its regular season Saturday with a SWC match against Rice at Houston.

"It was awful close," said TCU head coach Tut Bartzén.

That was an understatement. Trailing 1-0 after doubles play, the Frogs had their work cut out for them, needing victories in four of six singles matches to win the match.

The team came out on fire, though, quickly winning three of the first four matches. Senior Laurent Becouarn, ranked No. 69 in the nation, beat No. 23 Anders Eriksson rather handily, 7-5, 6-3. Freshman Paul Robinson won for the 18th time in his last 19 matches, 6-4 7-5.

Freshman David Roditi, ranked No. 60 in the country, lost the first set 1-6 and found himself down in the second set, 5-6, with his opponent, No. 55 David Draper, serving for the match.

"I got killed (in the first set)," Roditi said. "I hadn't broken his serve yet (in the second set)."

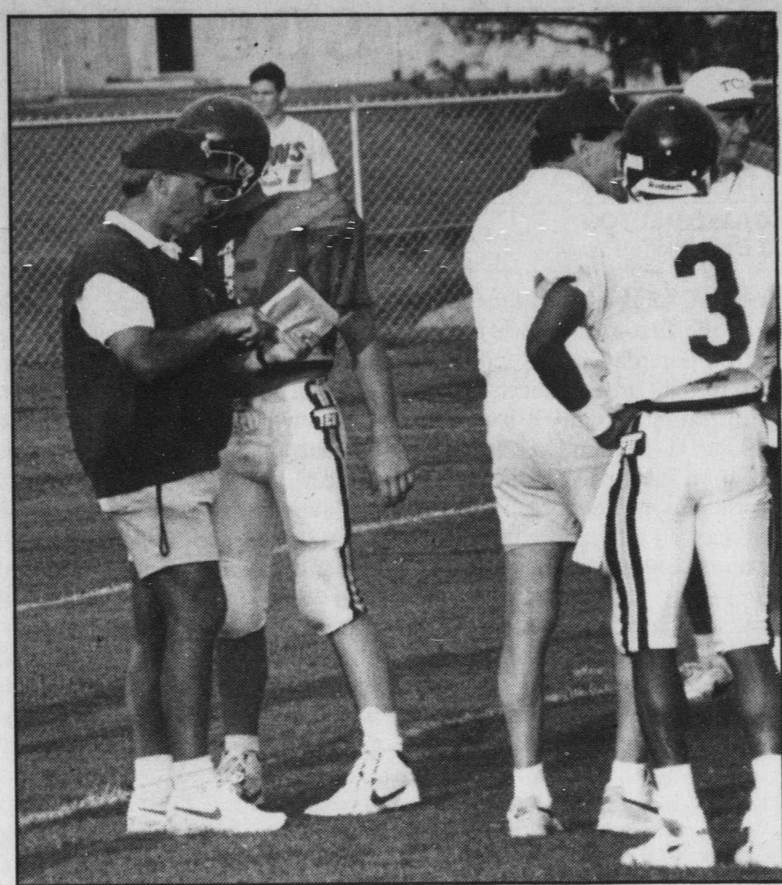
Roditi broke, however, to make it 6-6, but then fell behind in the tiebreaker, 1-4. He came back, though, to win the tiebreaker and the set 7-6, then took the third set 6-1.

"Every game was kind of long," Roditi said. "I played well, though. I played really smart."

The victory put the Frogs up 3-2, one win away from completing the comeback and pulling off the upset. But Texas won the remaining singles matches, all of them in three sets, with third set scores of 6-4, 6-4 and 7-6.

"It was as close as it could have been," said Bartzén. "One of the closest I've had in a long time."

Mark your calendars, then, because if everything goes as planned, the Frogs and the Horns will meet again in the SWC Tournament final. The tournament, played at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, begins April 23. Admission is free for students with a TCU ID.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jenny Putschinski
TCU head football coach Pat Sullivan talks to quarterback Max Knake during practice. The Frogs will have a scrimmage Friday at 3:30 at the intramural field.

UH players accuse coaches of practice violations

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Several former University of Houston football players are accusing coach John Jenkins of running practices last season longer than the 20 hours per week allowed by the NCAA.

Receiver Tracy Good and offensive lineman Jeff Tait said Jenkins and the Houston staff frequently exceeded the guideline, which limits practices to no more than four hours a day.

"There is quite a bit of excess practice," said Tait, whose allegations appeared Wednesday in the school's student newspaper, the *Daily Cougar*.

"They drove us like cattle," Good said. "Practice is necessary, but you don't have to go to extremes."

Other players, however, as well as Jenkins, denied the allegations.

Jenkins called them "slanderous remarks. That's all there is to it. I have no problem showing written documentation signed by each player."

Good, however, said daily time sheets filled out each week and

"They drove us like cattle. Practice is necessary, but you don't have to go to extremes."

TRACY GOOD,
UH receiver

required by the NCAA and the Southwest Conference already were filled out and players were pressured to merely sign them.

"If you don't sign, you don't play," Good said.

"That is absolutely not the case," Jenkins said.

School officials said they have notified the NCAA.

"They don't seem particularly worried about it," David Keith, UH's vice president for external affairs, said. "What you've got is disgruntled athletes making accusations."

Houston in 1988 was placed on three years probation for rules violations and is subject to the so-called NCAA "death penalty" through the end of this year if additional problems are found.

Pitching hits new low

by
Ty
Benz



Sports Columnist

In Denver the score was Montreal 19 - Denver 9. Philadelphia beat Chicago 14-11. No these aren't low scoring NFL football games, these are baseball scores.

Yes, thanks to the wonderful thing called expansion, pitching in the big league has fallen to a new low this year.

Despite all the great things expansion brings: new money, new fans, new excitement, it is dealing baseball a critical blow to pitching staffs all around all around the league. Yep, the pitching has been downright ugly this year and might get worse.

Teams are so desperate for pitching that they are signing guys who had been waved and inserting them in the starting rotation. An example is former Blue Jay David Wells, who was released in spring training. The pitching poor Tigers started him the next win, and he got a win, pitching seven strong innings. Unfortunately, it will get worse before it gets better.

Another example of how bad it's gotten is that former Brave-Royal-Padre-Giant reliever Mark Davis, who was released by Atlanta this spring has over five teams begging him to pitch for them. Huh? This was the guy that had an E.R.A. over six the past two years.

Unfortunately for baseball, it looks like a 2-1 game will be seen this year as often as Halley's Comet comes around.

In other baseball news... Mets right fielder Bobby Bonilla has sounded off this year, with his bat and his mouth. Bonilla, who hit only .249 last year, has gotten off to a good start this year with his bat. He also is roaring at the mouth and tried to punch out writer Bob Klapisch, who collaborated with two other beat writers to write "The Worst Team Money Could Buy." Hey Bobby, stick to hitting baseballs not sportswriters.

Expect Kansas City manager Hal McRae to be the first one to get axed this year because the Royals are getting off to another horrible start this year. Last year the Royals started off 1-16, and this year has been just as bad as KC is 1-7. Please fire him and put him out of his misery. I mean how can a team this talented be this bad.

The loss of Nolan Ryan for five weeks, he had knee surgery Thursday, is a serious blow to the Rangers. Now Texas is going to have to replace him with either Roger Pavlick or Dan Smith.

But don't be surprised to see manager Kevin Kennedy try to go with a four-man rotation or call up Allen Anderson, the 1988 AL E.R.A. champion, up from Oklahoma City.

Either way, Ryan will be missed, in the clubhouse and on the field.

On to the football, don't be surprised if New England doesn't select a quarterback with the No. 1 pick in the draft in two weeks. Head coach Bill Parcells is a defensive minded coach and Florida State linebacker Marvin Jones will be a superstar in the NFL one day, if not next year.

Don't be surprised if former Miami, Fla. and Heisman Trophy winner Gino Torretta isn't taken in the first three rounds. NFL scouts blasted him during the off-season, saying that it was the talent around him, not his, that made Miami go. Also they keep remembering how wretched he was in last year's Sugar Bowl against Alabama. Could be a long draft day for Torretta.

Speaking of 'Bama they could two defensive linemen, John Copeland and Eric Curry, drafted in the top five. Those two were a wrecking crew last year for the Tide and were the big reason behind the Tide's national title last year.

The Reggie White sweepstakes is over and he landed in Green Bay, says God told him to sign there. Hmm, do you think that the four-year, \$17 million contract had anything to do with it?

It looks like free agency is going to turn the NFL into a money trap for fans. With salaries escalating into the stratosphere, guess who's going to pick up the tab? Yep, you and me fans. Ticket prices will go higher and higher and soon the NFL is going to introduce pay-per-view for most of its games, especially the Super Bowl. It could really ugly, fast.

Moving onto the NBA playoffs: don't be surprised if a team comes out of nowhere and scores a big upset. The Suns, SuperSonics and Rockets are teams that could be upset early.

Despite the play of Hakeem Olajuwon, who should be the MVP this year, the Rockets are very mortal. They are very streaky from the outside and the team's most important player isn't Hakeem, but guard Vernon Maxwell. Just call Max "Mr. Dow Jones" because he's been up and down more than the Dow Jones.

Phoenix has taken more punches than Bill Clinton and is hurting badly. Phoenix has over four players, all starters, playing with serious injuries. But the reason why they'll stumble in the playoffs is because they are soft inside, rely on jump shots for their offense and aren't comfortable in their half court offense, which they'll be forced to play because the pace in the playoffs slows to a crawl.

Seattle has fallen apart. It's gotten so bad that they lost to the pitiful Mavericks... at home. In a desperation move, head coach George Karl benched star Shawn Kemp and Derrick McKey. Whatever coach, the real problem in Seattle is that there aren't enough shots to go around as guys are fighting each other to shoot.

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Infielder Manuel Lee, who has been sidelined since March 22 with a pulled left rib cage muscle, was expected to be activated from the 15-day disabled list for Friday's game in New York.

Ryan had wanted to make his final season in the big leagues something special. He joked he had just one request: "I hope the Rangers can make it to the World Series. That would be a perfect ending."

Ryan's only appearance in the World Series came during his rookie season with the New York Mets.

Ryan had an ailment-free spring training and beat the Boston Red Sox 3-1 in the opener.

"It was great to get started like that," Ryan said.

Last season Ryan missed six starts because of injuries and lasted less than three innings on three other occasions because of physical prob-

lems. He didn't win his first game until his 12th start, on June 28 against Detroit.

Ryan was 5-9 last year and his bullpen blew six of his leads. It was the fewest victories ever in a full season and his strikeout totals were the fewest in a full season since 1971.

When Ryan decided to retire, he said several factors entered into his decision.

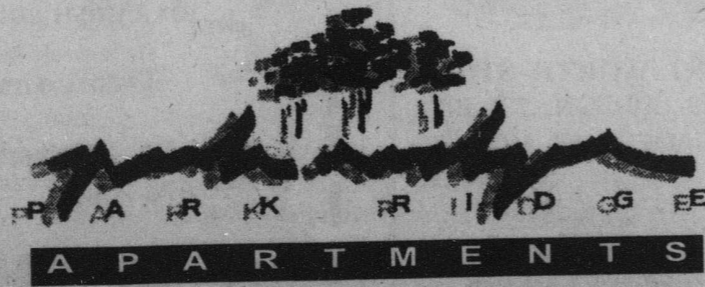
"First and foremost I wanted to spend more time with my family," he said. "They are growing up fast and I wanted to be around them. I still feel good and feel like I will have a good season. I want to go out on top and not stay around past my prime like some ballplayers do."

Ryan also has pressing ranching, real estate and banking interests. He is still on a 10-year personal services contract with the Rangers has indicated he will help the team in a public relations capacity after the end of the season.

Ryan is making some \$3.5 million this year with the Rangers.

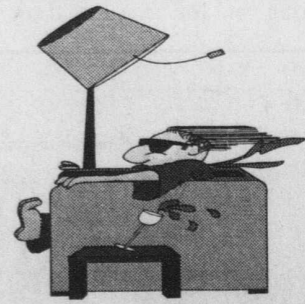
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News

Group of Seven's donation to help Yeltsin



TOKYO (AP) — Russia's foreign minister on Thursday praised a \$28.4 billion aid package that the seven richest democracies hope will boost President Boris Yeltsin's chances in a leadership referendum in nine days. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said the Group of Seven plan showed

Moscow and its former enemies are meeting "each other midway in an effort to win a democratic peace, as democrats on both sides won the Cold War." The aid will come from development agencies such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, which are financed mainly by the industrial powers. It is in addition to individual aid packages announced by several nations during the two days of talks on emergency aid for Moscow. Earlier this month, major donor nations also agreed to make it easier for Russia to repay \$15 billion in debts of the former Soviet Union.

South African government threatens crackdowns

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — The government threatened a security crackdown and urged swifter progress toward ending apartheid Thursday after nationwide violence during memorials for slain black leader Chris Hani. Senior government ministers said multiparty talks on sharing power with the black majority must proceed as quickly as possible. But they said further

unrest would not be tolerated. Government officials said extra troops would be deployed and police would be given expanded powers of detention in areas hit by violent protests Wednesday. At least seven people died and hundreds were wounded, many by police gunfire. Further violence is feared during weekend protests and at Hani's funeral in Johannesburg on Monday.

Taco Bell recalls finger puppets, balls



IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Taco Bell Corp. asked customers Monday to return promotional finger puppets and balls after complaints that some puppets stuck to children's tongues and that blowing up the balls caused dizziness. There were complaints that the Richard Scary character puppets,

"Lowly Worm" or "Huckle Cat," got stuck on the tongues of three tots, the company said in a statement. It cited "several" complaints about children getting dizzy trying to blow up the "Rocky and Bullwinkle" inflatable balls. Both products had passed mandatory federal tests, the company said, quoting their manufacturer. The puppets were given away with Taco Bell Kid's Meals from Jan. 25 through March 28. The balls, also a Kid's Meals promotion, were distributed from March 29 through March 31. Customers who bring them back get a free taco.

Indian tribe sues state over gambling dispute



EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Tigua Indians filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking to force the state to negotiate on a gambling compact that would allow the tribe to open Texas' first casino. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Pecos, alleges the state and Gov. Ann Richards violated the

federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act when they failed to negotiate on the proposed compact, or treaty. The 1988 gaming act allows tribes to open gambling operations if the state governor approves. The Tiguas believe the gaming already allowed in Texas, such as the lottery and parimutuel horse racing, opens the door for their proposed \$70 million gambling complex. But Richards has said existing law does not authorize her to negotiate on the Tigua's proposal seeking approval of Class III gaming, which includes slot machines and table gaming.

County officials say no nudes is good news

HIGH ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Jefferson County officials are warning nudists that if they remove their clothes along with litter in a beach-cleaning program, they'll wind up busted. Rusty Haway, a spokesman for UBFree, said Wednesday his group would bring in more than 100 nudists from across Texas and Louisiana to help out in the Adopt-a-Beach program April 24. The beach is along an isolated stretch of Texas highway 87, which runs parallel to the Gulf of Mexico shoreline along the Jef-

erson-Chambers county line. Haway said the group has used that area of the coast for years and posts signs to warn those who might be offended that people in the area practice nudism. Haway said his group would check in — fully clothed — with the Chambers County Adopt-a-Beach coordinator, then go to the section of beach they normally frequent, disrobe and collect trash. County Commissioner Waymon Hallmark, whose precinct includes the beach, told the group members he can't tell them to stay away, but wants them to show up clothed.

Sorority sponsors 'Race for Cure'

Zetas sponsor Saturday event to raise money for breast cancer research

By CAMIE MELTON
TCU Daily Skiff

Zeta Tau Alpha is one of the sponsors of the first-ever "Race for the Cure" on Saturday which will raise money to fight breast cancer.

The Tarrant County Chapter of The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is sponsoring the race to fund mammogram screening and breast cancer education for medically underserved women in the Fort Worth area.

The Zetas decided to team up with the Komen Foundation to continue their tradition of helping women, said Mary Margaret McDonald, national president of Zeta Tau Alpha

and a TCU alumna.

"We are a sisterhood and founded in the love of a sister, so we felt that this was a perfect match," McDonald said. "It's women helping women, helping women."

Zeta chapters across the United States will provide volunteer power to each of the 34 race sites nationwide.

Saturday the race will be in Fort Worth and each TCU Zeta will be either a volunteer or a runner in the race, said Stephanie Milling, the president of TCU's Zeta chapter.

Race organizers expect 2,000 women and girls to run in the 5K race which will be held during the Main Street Arts Festival.

"We are very excited to be able to help the Komen Foundation," McDonald said. "Everyone has really embraced the program."

One million shower cards were also passed out April 1 by the 220 Zeta chapters in the United States, Milling said. The cards explain how women can do self-examinations for early detection of breast tumors that can be cancerous. The importance of early detection cannot be underestimated, McDonald said.

"We are helping each woman learn how to do a self-exam," she said. "There is no cure for breast cancer, but early detection can lead to a very high survival rate."

The race will begin near the

Downtown Pier 1 Store in Sundance Square. Registration is \$15 per person.

"We are very excited about the positive response we have received from the community," said Rozanne Rosenthal, co-chair of the race. "We want to encourage as many women and girls as possible to run in the 5K."

Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds from Saturday's race in Fort Worth will be given to the Doris Kupferle Breast Centers/Harris Methodist Health System and St. Joseph's Hospital. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to fund national breast cancer research grants.

From working-class hero to superstar, Alan Jackson is still 'just a regular guy'

By JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The most dressed-down person at an Alan Jackson concert has to be Alan Jackson.

The men in the audience are more dressed up than the star, determined to stand out in their Garth Brooks uniforms.

The women split between cowpoke dress, and more rock 'n' roll inspired clothing.

Jackson, a good-looking 34-year-old native of Newnan, Ga., can barely get a word — much less a song — through the sea of adoration. "I am constantly trying to remember that I am just a guy that sings," Jackson said during an interview.

"I'm just a regular guy and I always have been."

This regular guy has three platinum albums, including the current "A Lot About Livin' (And a Little 'bout Love)," and 10 No. 1 country singles.

His jeans may be casual, but there's little ordinary about his state-of-the-art, video and lighting

enhanced performances.

He attributes his flashy stage show to a need to compete with more dramatic performers, like Brooks.

"I need elaborate stage lighting because some acts are more entertainer types. I don't get up there and dance around a lot."

As a young man, cars far outshone music as a love.

The closest thing the former forklift driver, construction worker, and mailroom employee at The Nashville Network ever had to a career was being a car salesman.

"I never really listened to a lot of music," Jackson said. "I enjoyed it but never bought new records or went to concerts."

That unassuming perspective may be what separates Jackson's traditional, but sleek, honky-tonk from the pack of hats he competes against. "I'm not real intellectual and I don't read much. I never had that big vocabulary so a lot of my stuff is real limited and it's the way I'd say it if I was just talking to somebody."

Jackson has a knack for writing personal songs that connect.

"Working Class Hero" was writ-

Alan Jackson's albums, with record label and year of release:

- ☆ Here In The Real World (Arista) 1989
- ☆ Don't Rock The Jukebox (Arista) 1991
- ☆ A Lot About Livin' (And A Little 'Bout Love) (Arista) 1992

ten after his father retired from a Ford plant and hails blue collar workers as heroes.

Jackson has never heard John Lennon's bitter class-system denouncement of the same title, and doesn't seem to be in any hurry to do so.

"I never did really know much about the Beatles. I was thinking of him (his father) and so many people like him," Jackson said.

"All they do is punch a clock all their life. At that time I was getting all this recognition for my songwriting and singing and record sales and

all. "The working people are really the backbone of the country to me. I wouldn't be sitting here if it weren't for people like that."

Jackson likes to think he's still part of that backbone.

"It's hard work, even though it's routine. You still have to always work at it," he said.

"I think that's why I got bored with other careers — I'd be interested and then I'd get to a certain point and you've done all you can do with it." "I think this job will always be a challenge."

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incredibly rich history. We learn where the fraternity started, why it started and what the fraternity's goals are."

The fraternity is based on leadership, friendship and service, she said.

"It's a way of looking at the fraternity," she said. "I feel it's the threefold purpose of the group."

The chapter has been planning the sectional conference since last April when they won the bid to host the conference.

"I think a conference like this is a really good experience for anyone," she said. "They realize Alpha Phi Omega is not just their chapter, but it's made-up of chapters everywhere, different types of people doing different things."

"Each campus is different," Kaufman said. "It all depends on the people. This is one of the reasons we get together."

Kaufman thanked the university for its help in setting up the conven-

tion. "We couldn't have done it without TCU letting us use the facilities. This weekend will be a lot of fun," she said.

The schools attending this year's conference will be SMU, Austin College, University of North Texas, East Texas State, Texas Wesleyan, Tarlington State, University of Texas at Arlington, Eastfield Community College and TCU.

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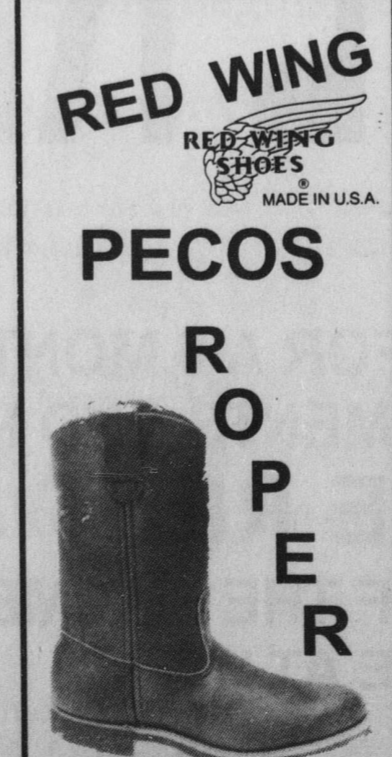
Ernest Couch, associate professor of biology, has known Langford since 1973.

"He is a first-rate scientist, and that is the most important thing," Couch said. "But even non-science majors will benefit from him because he

knows about problems in academia in a university setting and can reach everyone."

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Spring is in the air

There're lots of things to do in the Metroplex, now that the weather is warmer

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It's spring in the Metroplex, which (aside from all the rain we've been getting) means it's time to go outdoors. Forget the bars, ditch the movie theaters and throw your TV set out the window — there's plenty to do around these parts, and the following is a big list of them.

First up is this weekend's 8th annual **Main Street Arts Festival**, which brings more than 600 performers and 250 top decorative artists from around the country for a free four-day extravaganza. The action takes place in downtown Fort Worth, and the crowds are so big you can't miss it. So don't worry about directions, but good luck finding parking.

This year, the Festival's headline performers are a mix of current and past stars from the worlds of jazz, rock, R&B and zydeco. As the action unfolds on seven stages, the big stars for Friday night are jazz saxophonist Richard Elliot (currently No. 1 on the nation's jazz charts) at 10:30 p.m. and jazz/R&B pianist/singer Marcia Ball at 10 p.m. Ball and Elliot will appear on separate stages; schedules and directions can be found downtown.

Longtime rocker T-Bone Burnett rolls into town Saturday at 8 p.m. for a night emphasizing rock'n'roll. Paul Revere and the Raiders, one of the most notorious examples of bad '60s pop with such hit wonders as "Cherokee People," take the stage at 10:30 p.m. Wayne Toups brings his zydeco Cajun band to town as well Saturday, playing at 10 p.m. on a different stage.

Not all the activities are musical, however, as revealed by the Festival's Fine Arts and Video Arts Galleries in the Bank One Building at 7th and Main. Video films of 10 minutes or less were judged by a panel headed by Fernando Sulichin, one of the producers of "Malcolm X." Among the most notable videos are a film on AIDS and a supposedly unique music video by Sara Hickman. While the Video Arts Gallery is in the bank's lobby area, the Fine Arts Gallery is just an escalator ride up to the mezzanine. Organizers promise a controversial show this year and opted to keep it top secret from advance reporting.

But the biggest wonder of all at the Festival this year could be the presence of Fiorella Terenzi, an Italian astrophysicist (yes, you heard right) who uses raw data from a galaxy 180 million light years away to capture radio waves in the form of light and transforms it, first into sound and then into music. Don't ask how she does it, but if it goes wrong, there's always the bands to drown her out.

The Festival runs from 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday night. Everything's free except the food, drinks and other stuff you might want to buy. But don't forget to take a couple bucks for parking.

The **Fort Worth Zoo**, just off South University Drive on Colonial Parkway, is open and still pretty fresh from its remodeling six months ago. Of course, there's the usual assortment of animals from around the world, but starting this Saturday, the zoo's renovation continues with the opening of the Asian Rhino Ridge.

The 24,000-square-foot exhibit will house one-horned Asian rhinos, as well as Asian cranes, black buck and axis deer. The whole setup is designed to replicate the rhinos' natural homeland of Nepal — complete with waterfalls, shallow pools for rhino wading and a mud bath.

If all this sounds like your idea of excitement, the zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults (that means over the age of 13) and \$2.50 for kids ages 3-12 and senior citizens (over 65). Admission for children under 3 is free. All rates are half-price on Wednesday. Call 871-7050 for more information.

Catch the **Texas Rangers** while you can find them in their usual early season, league-stomping mode. The Rangers are usually good for about the first six weeks of the season before wallowing in despair and an ultimate fourth place finish (third, if you're lucky). By the time September rolls around, forget it — it's over.

This year, however, marks the potentially dramatic final season of future Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan, as well as the first full season in a Ranger uniform for superstar slugger Jose Canseco. Added fun comes from the fans, who are at their rowdy, loud and sarcastic best whenever the Rangers are getting clobbered.

While the Rangers are on a road trip this weekend, they'll return on Wednesday the 28th for a homestand that should take TCU fans into finals week. And two of those games seem to have an extra appeal: on Friday the 30th, the first 35,000 fans will receive an old-time style Rangers cap. And Saturday, May 1 is the Rangers' Turn Back the Clock night, in which the Rangers will try to make fans feel like they're back in the 1940s even though the team only dates back to the early '70s. Let them figure it out, as long as those general admission outfield seats are a mere \$2 for the night.

Thankfully, this is the last season for the small, ugly Arlington Stadium before the opening of its traditional style baseball palace in the '94 season. Tickets range from \$4 to \$14, but bring an extra \$2 or \$3 for food and drinks and a whopping \$5 for the parking (yes, it actually costs more than the outfield seats). Game times are 7:35 p.m., except for Sundays when afternoon games get underway at 2:05 p.m.

And finally, if you're in for free activities on a daily basis, Fort Worth offers a trio of parks in the TCU area. **Trinity Park** is the largest and most basic, but the park does have two unique attractions: the best kiddie train you'll ever ride (40 minutes long!), and one heck of a playground, featuring an enormous red-rope spider web for climbing (and if you're not careful, for falling from).

The **Water Gardens** are located just past the Tarrant County Convention Center, on Commerce Street. Featuring artificial waterfalls, the park is protected from the surrounding heart of the city by walls of bushes, leaving park-goers with almost complete silence.

There are also lots of strange pyramid structures in the middle of the park, allowing hours of fun in the tradition of "American Gladiators'" infamous wall climb. One word of warning, however: the exits are favorite spots for pigeons, so hold your nose on your way in and out of the park.

Finally, don't forget the **Fort Worth Botanic Gardens**, which welcomes park-goers with sweeping gates off of University Drive, across from Trinity Park. It's a nature-lover's dream and an allergy-sufferer's nightmare all wrapped in one, as dense trees and dozens of flower varieties share space with carefully terraced landscaping to provide almost total seclusion from the outside world (or at least from Fort Worth, which always comes in handy).

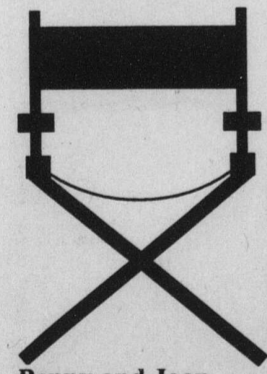
All three of these parks are favorites for TCU students looking for a study spot or a needed break. So next time you need a rest, forget those "Gomer Pyle" reruns on Channel 21 and get some fresh air.



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The Water Gardens in downtown Fort Worth is a great place to spend a warm afternoon studying.

Benny and Joon rates above the rest with its unique twist on romance

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Benny and Joon.

Imagine a movie with no car crashes. No chases. No punchings or beatings. A movie in which there are original characters who have emotions that are presented in a way that's rarely been seen before.

Now throw in the fact that such a movie is a unique romance with a lot of laughs, and you have this weekend's terrific

Starring Johnny Depp in his first film role since his 1990 oddball classic "Edward Scissorhands," "Benny and Joon" starts out as the tale of a mentally ill young woman and the brother who cares for her.

June (Mary Stuart Masterson) spends her days painting, as well as responding to voices in her head and setting things on fire for fun.

Benny (Aidan Quinn), her brother, is a struggling mechanic who spends so much time responding to June's "emergencies" (such as a lack of peanut butter in the house) that he has no time left for a social life.

The one thing Benny does for fun is play cards with his friends. One night, June comes along for a game and Benny lets her take his place as he steps out for some errands.

By the time he comes back, June has already lost the match in a very big way.

And lacking anything of value to give the winner, she and Benny are saddled with the winner's visiting cousin, a fellow named Sam (Depp).

It turns out Sam is even more bizarre than June, as witnessed by his fascination with silent movie clowns like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton — an obsession that has him dressing like them and performing their physical-comedy routines almost anywhere he goes.

And sure enough, Sam and June slowly make a romantic connection that helps each other even as the outside world closes down upon them.

"Benny and Joon" is one of the most unusual films you're ever likely to see, at least in these imaginatively deprived times of Hollywood sequelitis. But at a recent



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they were seeing — eyes glued to the screen at serious moments, erupting with laughter and thunderous applause at the many humorous spots. People respond to quality, no matter how strange the film.

Johnny Depp proves his great performance as Edward Scissorhands was no fluke by giving life to Sam's unique, mysterious character. He

provides a movie-length episode of "The Wonder Years," with plenty of laughs and no sappy message.

preview screening, the packed audience seemed spell-bound by what

mixes an amazing ability to duplicate some of film's greatest comic routines with a deep range of emotions.

Masterson complements Depp well with a similarly wide-ranging performance that ranges from funny to sad to harrowing.

Aidan Quinn is stuck going along for the ride in this film as the straight man to the comic starring pair, but he comes through strongly just the same.

"Benny and Joon" is a film that deserves to be seen in a time in which Hollywood and American filmgoers seem to think a movie like "Indecent Proposal", in which people sleep together for money, is romance for the '90s.

Let's hope not. Score "Benny and Joon" an A+.

Another movie that entertains viewers without throwing endless streams of sex, violence and other assorted offenses at them is **The Sandlot**, which opened last weekend.

The story of nine boys in the summer of 1962 and the adventures that surround their daily baseball games, "The Sandlot" starts out like an extended version of "The Wonder Years" before veering sharply into a highly unusual battle between the boys and a mysterious creature called "The Beast".

Both aspects of the film work on a purely entertaining, unemotional level.

"The Sandlot" is told in flashback narration through the eyes of character Scotty Smalls, who moves to a new town at age 10 and has a hard time finding friends.

The reason is everyone wants to play baseball, and Scotty only knows how to make weird inventions with his Erector set.

But both come in handy when Scotty learns how to play, joins their team and winds up smacking his stepdad's extremely valuable autographed ball over the back fence of the sandlot.

The battle lines are drawn when Scotty realizes he has to go after the ball, despite his teammates' warnings that no one goes over that fence and expects to come back alive.

There is an enormous creature lurking in the shadows behind the fence, and it will take every possible homemade invention they can think of to fight it off.

"The Sandlot" scatters hilarious side stories throughout the main premise, as Scotty learns to play catch from his stepdad (MTV spokesman Denis Leary), the team raises hell at the local pool, and the boys experience massive gastric distress when they chew tobacco before riding at the amusement park.

It's a goofy movie, but it will make you laugh, and that's all it seeks to do.

"The Sandlot" is like a great movie-length episode of "The Wonder Years," with plenty of laughs and no sappy message. Regardless of whether you're a baseball fan, it's a lot of fun. Score it a B.

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Edgefest encore

Local radio station hosts second annual alternative music festival

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Nine bands. Nine dollars. Ten and a half hours of music.

That is the offer that KDGE-FM 94.5, known more commonly as "The Edge," is tempting alternative-music fans with this Sunday as they bring the second annual Edgefest concert to the Starplex Amphitheatre in the Fair Park area of Dallas.

This year the event is being held on Earth Day, and the Edge is promoting environmental concerns by calling the show

The Edge Earth Concert and hosting representatives from ten different environmental organizations.

Edge Promotions Director Jeff Cunningham, who's also a TCU student, said that early ticket sales have already made the concert a rousing success.

"As of last Sunday afternoon, we've already sold 15,000 tickets," Cunningham said. "The Starplex holds 20,000, so we're expecting it to be close to a sell-out."

The Edge is further packing the rafters at Starplex by handing out tickets at various Dallas "ticket attacks," as well as through its sole Fort Worth promotion — a table at the Main Street Arts Festival downtown this weekend.

The reason for all the excitement is the fact that the Earth Concert is the biggest rock event to hit Dallas since last September's Lollapalooza stop.

"The lineup is a real cross-section of alternative music," Cunningham said. "We have local music like Pop Poppins, rocking guitar music from Gumball and Dada, techno-dance music like 808 State, to a flashback from the past with Jellyfish."

"All the bands are donating their time, making sure the proceeds go to the organizations the money is being raised for," Cunningham said.

The majority of the day's proceeds from T-shirts and ticket sales will benefit Earth Promise, a non-profit organization devoted to species conservation and environmental awareness in Texas.

But the essence of the show for concert goers is the music, and the following is a rundown of the bands available.

Gumball starts the day off from noon to 12:30 p.m. with its brand of power pop guitar music.

While they are perhaps the least-known among the national acts at the show, Gumball probably delivers the goods due to the fact that their debut album, "Super Tasty," was produced by Butch Vig, who has helped break bands like Nirvana and Sonic Youth into the big time.

Local heroes **Pop Poppins** go on next, from 12:45 to 1:25 p.m., making a big stride forward for industry attention by sharing the stage with the national acts on the rest of the bill.

Sure, you can see these guys anytime, but they're always worth catching.



From 1:45 to 2:25 p.m., **The Tragically Hip** is another band that's so new little is known about them.

Described as performers of "hook-laden roots rock," the hipsters ought to provide a new experience for concert goers just by their being fresh on the scene.

Gene Loves Jezebel finally get the big-name national talent rolling from 2:55 to 3:45 p.m. with their

catchy, slamming guitar hooks.

Most famous for the song "Jealous," Gene Loves Jezebel has a consistent sound that should provide 50 minutes of musical fun.

Dinosaur Jr. is perhaps the day's most interesting act, as the band brings its snarling guitars and the froggiest vocals in rock today, courtesy of lead singer J. Mascis.

Chosen in 1991 as one of *Rolling*

Stone magazine's cover-story "New Faces of Rock," Dinosaur Jr. is an act that falls under that classic heading of love 'em or hate 'em. Judge for yourself from 4:05 to 4:50 p.m.

Belly is yet another new band, although it centers around lead singer Tanya Donnelly, who previously won alternative-rock fame as the lead singer for Throwing Muses.

Belly's music is a swirl of guitars in the light-pop vein of 10,000 Maniacs, although Belly's tunes are much faster-paced. They perform 5:20 to 6:10 p.m.

Jellyfish goes on from 6:40 to 7:40 p.m., bringing an extremely broad and excellent range of '70s-influenced art rock that has drawn the band numerous comparisons to acts like Queen.

Jellyfish provides goofy fun, guaranteed.

Dada rides into town on the success of its big single "Dizz Knee Land," but like their name says, this band has a lot of styles rolled into one.

Compared frequently to the Police due to their strong pop-trio sensibilities, Dada has become a Dallas favorite with three appearances in the past two months. Check 'em out from 8:10 to 9:00 p.m.

808 State closes the festivities with an hour of technopunk music from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. If you've made it this far through the day, congratulations.

"We're going on, rain or shine, as always," Cunningham said. "The Edge often attracts rain at events like our Birthday Bash and the first Edgefest, but this time maybe we'll be blessed with good weather."

Tickets for the Earth Concert are still available at Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets for \$9.45 plus service charges.

Doors to the Starplex open on Sunday at 11 a.m.

"Old Blue Eyes" mentioned in mob hearing

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Three reputed mobsters were on trial but Frank Sinatra momentarily stole the show: His name came up in a secretly taped conversation that the government placed in evidence.

In the tape, Lorenzo Mannino asks Giuseppe "Joe" Gambino if he would "talk to Frank Sinatra (about) getting a few jobs for Al Martino in Las Vegas."

At another point in the tape, made in October 1988, Mannino indicates that such a request might be futile.

"Sinatra can't stand Al Martino, Joe," he says. Gambino responds: "Yeah, I know."

Martino appeared in the movie "The Godfather" as singer Johnny Fontane, a character many believe was meant to suggest Sinatra.

Mannino, Gambino and his

brother, Giovanni, are being tried on charges that they engaged in racketeering, murder and drug trafficking while working for the Gambino crime family.

A call to Sinatra's publicist seeking his comment was not returned.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Maya Angelou encouraged students to appreciate different cultures on campus.

"Make sure your time at this institution of higher learning is not spent in vain," the poet told more than 1,000 people, many of them students, at the University of North Carolina on Tuesday night.

In "An Evening with Maya Angelou," sponsored by the Carolina Union Forum Committee, Angelou recited poetry, sang and stressed the importance of literacy and understanding all people through reading.

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