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IFC must sell 800 tickets to bring Cowboys to campus

By CAMIE MELTON
TCU Daily Skiff

Getting the home field advantage just may help some TCU fraternity members beat the Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys in a benefit basketball game Thursday.

But the game will be cancelled if 800 tickets are not sold by tonight. This limit will ensure that the event will raise money for the charity and not lose money, said Ben Hall, the Interfraternity Council president.

"If everyone just buys their tickets in time, this will be a great event," he said. "It is the Cowboy's Super Bowl-winning year, and the money goes toward a good cause."

Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. Thursday. An all-campus party at Sam's Place will follow the game.

IFC is sponsoring the game, which will be held in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, to raise money for the Roever Educational Assistance Program. REAP is a non-profit organization that provides public schools with

speakers addressing the issues of self-esteem, chemical abuse, AIDS and suicide.

Student tickets are \$5, and general admission is \$8. A \$25 donation to the cause will admit a patron to an autograph session with the selected Cowboys. Tickets can be bought from the information desk, sorority and fraternity members and from the Daniel Meyer box office.

Ken Norton Jr., Nate Newton, Kenny Gant and Larry Brown, former TCU football players, are all tentatively scheduled to play in

Thursday night's game.

TCU Football Coach Pat Sullivan, Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills and the new Women's Basketball Coach Shell Robinson will be coaches for the game. And each sorority will select one member to be a cheerleader to root on the IFC All-Stars.

Two members of each fraternity will play for the All-Stars.

"The fraternities are very excited," Hall said. "They are going up against professional

athletes that could be 300 pounds. It will be hard to slam dunk it over a Ken Norton Jr."

IFC is holding a contest between all the Greek organizations to help sell more tickets. The two fraternities and sororities that sell the most tickets will win a helmet and jersey autographed by some of the Cowboys.

Top individual ticket sellers will win a free autograph session with the Cowboys who play Thursday night. The second highest

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Cult expert to discuss Waco tragedy

By NATALIE GARDNER
TCU Daily Skiff

The 51-day standoff with the Branch Davidians outside Waco has finally come to an end with the apparent mass suicide of David Koresh and his followers that reports say may have killed as many as 85 people, including 17 children.

Ronald N. Loomis, cult awareness consultant, will discuss the Waco situation and much more at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The speech is titled "Cults, Mind Control and Ritualistic/Satanic Activity."

"We wanted to present more diverse programs and appeal to different parts of the campus," said Kristen Turner, Forums Committee Chairman for the Programming Council. "This forum is relevant to events going on close to us. Loomis will discuss cults and their influences on people."

Loomis is a founding member of the International Cult Education Program's steering committee. He has served as student union and student activities administrator at the universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, Hamilton College and Cornell University and is past president of the Association of College Unions-International.

"Nearly 20 years after the mass suicide of almost 1,000 members of the People's Temple cult in Jonestown, Guyana, cults are even more numerous and more dangerous today than they were then, particularly on college and university campuses," Loomis has written.

Loomis will address students on the various types of cults and the specific mind control techniques used by various groups.

He also identifies characteristics

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Rachel Girtman and Chris Nickens, freshmen business majors, play miniature golf Tuesday at the Jeep Eagle Collegiate Health Fitness Tour.

Cult leader upholds vow

Documents reveal Koresh promised death before capture

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — Cult leader David Koresh vowed he would not be taken alive, according to court documents unsealed Tuesday, the day after the doomsday prophet and an estimated 86 of his followers perished in a blaze authorities said the Branch Davidians deliberately set.

"Neither the ATF or the National Guard will ever get me," the documents quoted Koresh as saying on Feb. 28 as agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms attempted to arrest him and search the compound for illegal weapons.

"They got me once, and they will never get me again. They are coming: The time has come," the affidavit quoted Koresh as saying. The document, filed April 18, was signed by ATF special agent Earl Dunagan, who was involved in the investigation and spoke with agents involved in the doomed raid.

The affidavit claims that Koresh was dressed in black and armed with a rifle. Other men were arming themselves and one man was seen with a string of hand grenades around his neck.

The affidavit also detailed a lengthy inventory of firearms it said the cult had bought for at least \$199,715 between October 1991 and the Feb. 28 raid.

The FBI continued Tuesday to try and focus blame for the deaths on Koresh, instead of the agency's stepped up tactics.

FBI special agent Jeff Jamar said investigators had inconclusive evidence some of the cult members may have been killed as they tried to escape the inferno.

One body with a gunshot wound was found in the remains of the buildings, but it was uncertain when that person was shot, Jamar said. "There might have been people killed who were trying to get out of the compound," he said.

Investigators, meanwhile, began the tedious job Tuesday of sifting through the ruins of the burned Branch Davidian compound, but the still smoldering remnants of the cult's home slowed their efforts.

"Ammunition was still cooking and exploding," Jamar said.

The Texas Rangers were in charge

of the Mount Carmel crime scene, with officials saying it could take at least two weeks to finish gathering their evidence.

At least one burned body found several feet away from the compound buildings was removed Monday and taken to the Tarrant County medical examiner's office, said Justice of the Peace James Collier. It was impossible to determine if the charred body was that of a man or a woman, Jamar said.

Collier said identifying dead cultists would prove difficult.

"They're going to have to do some digging, I'm sure. From what I saw of this one, I'm sure a lot of them, especially the children, are going to be totally cremated," Collier said.

At midday Tuesday, a small group of law officers poked around the compound grounds near a buried bus, where Jamar said followers of cult leader David Koresh could have survived the fire that engulfed the compound Monday and killed 86 people believed to be inside.

Several hours after federal agents began using tanks to punch holes and inject tear gas into the cult's home, the compound burst into flames and in strong winds was decimated in less than 45 minutes.

Nine people survived. Four were hospitalized and five were jailed. Among the dead were 17 young children.

Jamar said that in the underground bus the air was cool and free of gas. Bodies of cultists from the initial Feb. 28 gun battle previously were believed to have been buried in the bus.

"Had Koresh wished those children to survive, that was one place he could put those children," Jamar said.

Jamar defended the FBI's decision to step up its force against the cultists and said the agency was not to blame for the deaths.

"It's not because of our actions," Jamar said. "Those children are dead because David Koresh had them killed. . . . He had those fires started. He had 51 days to release those children. He chose those children to die."

The armed Branch Davidians had remained in a stalemate with federal agents since the Feb. 28, when four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol,

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House votes to approve 1994 budget

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Members of the House of Student Representatives voted to approve the fiscal year 1994 budget, which includes a \$1,900 raise for the House executive committee.

Representatives also voted to use the remaining money, \$579, in this year's budget to help send four R.O.A.D. Workers to a HELP Network conference in Charleston, S.C.

The raise in officer salaries was the most sensitive part of the budget, Finance Committee Chairman Mike Henry told representatives.

According to the budget, the student body president's salary will go up from \$1,350 to \$1,750. The other four officers' salaries will be raised to

\$1,500 from \$1,250.

The raise was proposed because executive committee members work about 15 hours each week, making it hard for them to make money elsewhere, Henry said.

"That time (spent in committee meetings) is time that we cannot be at a part-time job, making money," he said.

The new salaries will also encourage future candidates to run for executive offices without having to worry setting time aside for a job, Henry said.

"We don't want to limit somebody from running for student office just because they need to have a part-time job," he said.

Other changes in the budget include: a \$250 cut in administrative services such as supplies, print-

ing and mailing; a \$100 cut in conferences and honors; a \$710 raise for the Big/Little program; a \$250 raise for the alcohol awareness program; a \$1,000 raise for the Permanent Improvements fund; a \$1,000 cut in the Special Projects fund and an additional \$6,000 for the Programming Council.

However, the budget is not set in stone, Henry said.

"If it comes out that something is over, something will be under somewhere else," he said. "It's going to be up to me and others to make sure money is saved somewhere else."

The R.O.A.D. Workers are a service organization that helps promote drug and alcohol aware-

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Houston law school offers gay issues class

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU Daily Skiff

The University of Houston law school is offering a new course designed to discuss the legal aspects of sexual orientation in an attempt to address the many legal issues and controversial topics surrounding the gay and lesbian community.

"The course investigates how the law impacts people based on their sexual orientation," said Dennis Duffy, an associate professor of law at UH who teaches part of the course. "We're not trying to offer a course that looks at the morality of homo-

sexuality, or even the emotional aspects. We want to look at what the law says and why it says it."

The course, which is called Special Topics in Discrimination Law, is also being instructed by law professor Chris Bacon, president of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and law professor, and family law specialist Mary Anne Bobinski.

The course is based on legal issues that are currently being challenged and questioned.

"Suppose you are homosexual and your employer says 'I don't want any fags.' Are there any laws that protect you? What if a person attends a gay

parade. Does the right to free speech insure that they can't be discriminated against?" Duffy said.

Approximately 25 people are enrolled in the course this semester, and it will now be offered regularly. The course is not a required bar course.

When integration was a prominent issue, these same sorts of questions were being raised, Duffy said.

"The law is not as bigoted as people are," he said. "When lawyers and law makers took a good hard look at the constitution they realized that segregation was and should be illegal."

"That was the end of it. What they felt personally didn't matter," he said. "That's what this course attempts to do — outline where the law stands on gay issues."

Bacon predicted that law courses that specialize in current controversial topics will be seen at more universities around the country.

"Gay and lesbian issues are going to be the issues of the '90s, not only as far as our society is concerned, but also as far as the law is concerned," Bacon said in an interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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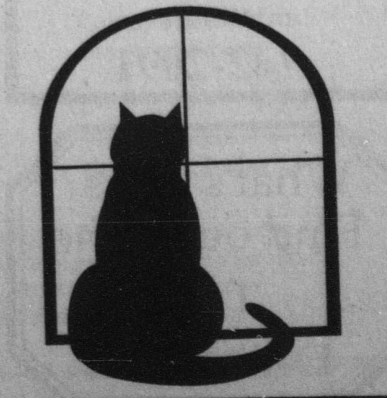
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Today will be sunny with a high temperature of 66 degrees.
Thursday will be sunny with temperatures in the 70s.



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

Studio art show The Bachelor of Fine Arts studio show will be held April 26-30. Twelve graduating seniors will display their work. A reception will be held April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Showing hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Piano recital János Ungár will perform romantic music on April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. For more information call 921-7810.

Wind Ensemble will perform April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. For more information call 921-7640.

Social Work Association Raffle for prizes including Billy Bob's concert tickets 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.

Internship Applications for the Houston JC Internship are due May 1. Only graduating seniors or graduate students may apply. Send a one to two page biographic summary, statement of career goals, an official cumulative transcript and two letters of recommendation from faculty members to: Institute of International Education Southern Regional Office, 515 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 150, Houston, TX 77027-9407. For more information call James Falk at (713) 621-6300.

Opportunities for volunteers The Council for International Educational Exchange is looking for people for this summer's International Workcamp Program. Volunteers go to Europe, Africa and other places. The cost is \$135 plus transportation. For more information write CIEE, International Workcamp Department, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 661-1414, ext. 1139.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

CREATOR'S SYNDICATE
TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Set goals for the year ahead; look in the mirror and redesign image to match your new outlook. Use experience, but add common sense, insight and imagination. You're going places, so get going.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Old job and new ideas may not mix. Give yourself a chance to catch up with thoughts, dreams and ideals. The early hours refresh you more than companionship, so turn down after-work fun for once.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). Extend professional courtesies at work. Let friends talk you into joining them for lunch or plans after hours. Some important contacts are pulling for you behind the scenes; call old pals for job tips.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). New responsibilities greet the day; be sure you can handle more before you commit. Promises made to you now will be kept. Older relative who has been estranged returns to your life. Power from past.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance is on the agenda. One who speaks up about love interest today is a natural good luck charm for you. Take part in all the kids' doings tonight; they pay attention to your instructions for a change.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Troublesome money problem can be approached with sound moves now. An old item borrowed should be returned today; luck follows. Ask for that overdue bonus, or investigate improved insurance

plan.
SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Strike a bargain, and it's a win-win situation. True companionship comes when the one you love confesses a secret heart. Get professional advice; make appointment with doctor or job counselor.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Borrow an idea, if you haven't one handy. Set a health goal, or start a doctor-approved diet. Submit work for consideration or enroll in a class. True friend knows the truth.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Why not risk a little enthusiasm? Hunches are strong to win. Stride through paperwork with ease, and then do some writing of your own. Correspondence mailed today returns good fortune. Libran has wisdom.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Surprise! Family is heeding your suggestions; make sure to give good ones. Extend a hand to nearby relatives. Start home projects. Something misplaced is found at home. Give Capricorn a listen.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Impress friends and family with your sincerity. It's not too late to learn something new; how about a new, doctor-approved exercise program? Investigations yield nuggets; find out about insurance.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). Job hunts are a go. Talk your way in, and expect support as well as competition. Resolve to do better with expenses, and make a real deal with mate for both of you to stick to budget.

Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Hemlock

by Andy Grieser



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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Duffy said the class has not come under any fire by the "homophobic population" yet.

"We knew in the beginning that students may avoid this course because they didn't want to be associated with this issue, but the reaction has been very positive," Duffy said.

"Our law course on discrimination isn't for discriminators any more than this course is for homosexuals. We don't take a demographic role of the course, but I think things are representative of our population," he said.

The class will also discuss domestic laws but will remain politically neutral, Duffy said.

"Ideally, it shouldn't matter whether you are a liberal or conservative. We know that sexual preference makes it harder to obtain a child in a divorce," Duffy said. "Why is this? What is the legal justification? That is what we want to know," he said.

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ticket sellers will win a half-time locker room visit. The game is also being advertised off-campus to sell tickets in the community.

Getting the Cowboys to come was easier than reserving Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, Hall said.

"It took weeks to know about the coliseum, and it was really expensive," he said. "We set out to raise those funds so that as much of the money as possible could go to the charity."

IFC received \$1,000 from the House of Student Representatives to help rent the coliseum. IFC members will also go to other campus organizations in hopes of getting more contributions. Greeks are volunteering their time in order to help keep costs low, Hall said.

"It has been great to have everyone working together for this," he said. "All of the Greeks also agreed not to have mixers Thursday to help increase ticket sales."

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of individuals most susceptible to cult indoctrination and discusses evidence of satanic activity. Loomis offers students resources for preventive education.

The Forums Committee of Programming Council wanted to present a different type of forum for different groups of people on campus, Turner said.

"Students and faculty alike should really see this as informative and educational," Turner said.

"With the latest action, I think the speaker will be very interesting and informative as to what is going on in Waco," said Penny Warren, a freshman biology major.

A former cult member will join Loomis and speak about his experi-

ences within a cult.

Student Center Director Larry Markley knew Loomis, and after seeing him on NBC's "Today Show" discussing the Branch Davidian cult, asked him to speak at the university.

"The sociology, psychology and religion departments will probably be really interested in this forum," Turner said.

Loomis is a nationally recognized expert on cults and mind control and has been quoted in such publications as the Chronicle of Higher Education, The New York Times and the Congressional Quarterly.

The forum is free and open to the public.

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In other news, Student Concerns Chairman Ben Hall encouraged students to buy tickets to the Thursday night basketball showdown between members of the Dallas Cowboys and the Interfraternity Council.

To bring the Cowboys to campus, a total of 800 tickets need to be sold. To reach this goal an additional 400 tickets need to be sold by tonight.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the Student Center Information Desk.

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Opinion

Time remains for good friends to share one more song together

I've been told that the more often you do something, the easier it's supposed to get. That's certainly true when it comes to eating boiled shrimp, taking derivatives and tying flies.

It's not true of column-writing, which I've been doing quite diligently for four years now. If anything, it's gotten harder. Studying, too, is much harder now. Proper motivation is not the hallmark of a graduating senior who knows there are only 24 more shopping days until the 15th.

Column-writing is a great self-indulgence. The powers that be here at the mighty *Skiff* actually pay me (a pittance) to expound about life, and then they print what I have to say.

Sometimes though it's difficult to nail down a subject for a column, especially at a time when the mind is pushing the en-



JEFF BLAYLOCK

far away for someone to want to park there. Someone suggested I do a "philosophy o' life" piece, but that's boring. Besides,

lope of "senioritis," or when thoughts of the future and past decide they need some air time.

I had thought about making out some kind of a senior will. The only thing I could think of that I could properly bequeath was my parking space, but it's too

that sort of grand soliloquy is best done with a live audience, in the Student Center Mall, where I spend many a spring hour, especially now.

Between conversations and hellos, I think about how memories are slowly beginning to shuffle themselves into boxes, and pictures are starting to come down from the walls, how tying up loose ends is fast becoming a full time occupation.

And in the back of my mind is an old Jackson Browne tune — the one about the roadies and staying around for just one more song — as I watch the student body trickle in and out of the Student Center.

But when that last guitar's been packed away, you know that I still want to play. So just make sure you got it all set to go before you come for my piano.

More and more my attention turns eastward, to a bluff overlooking the Potomac, to Georgetown, where I'll soon settle down and make a new start. A glutton for punishment, I've charted a course for a new town and another degree.

We've got time to think of the ones we love while the miles roll away. The only time that seems too short is the time that we get to play.

It's a big step, a stride far away from home. Many students made that step when they chose to come to Fort Worth. Still many others, like me, have it in front of them, looming larger with each passing spring afternoon.

When the sun comes up and starts beating down, you'll awaken here in your own town, but we'll be scheduled to appear a thousand miles away from here. People

staaay just a little bit longer. We want to plaayay just a little bit longer.

Clinging to our Flash pictures and a mosaic of memories, uncertain yet hopeful, we're about to begin our separate lives in that dreaded place called the real world. My hope is we'll still occasionally invest in some first class postage and the long distance company of your choice.

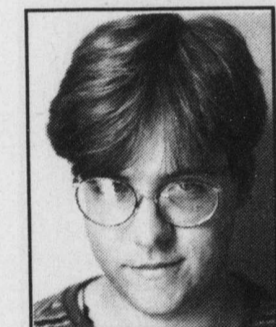
There's still time for one more jam session. One more song. One more show. There's no need to put that piano away just yet.

If we take a little time, we can leave it all behind, and sing one more song. Oh, won't you staaay just a little bit longer? Please, please, please, say you will.

Jeff Blaylock is a senior journalism major from Fort Worth.

Graduating seniors face a cavalcade of questions from friends and family

Life is filled with plenty of questions, from the time you're little (when the big question is "Why?") to when you are old (when you're asking more specific questions like "Why did I marry him/her?") But perhaps no time in life is filled with more of them than upon college graduation, a prospect I'm facing in just three and a half weeks.



CARL KOZLOWSKI

For most graduates, it's the end of the line for fun in life. The hunt for jobs is upon us, and the hunt for a spouse often follows. Some of you may have already tied yourselves down, or landed a career outside of McDonald's. Or some of you (like me) could be hiding out for another year or two in grad school, avoiding the real world while maintaining the freedom to see whomever you want for the next couple of years.

But all of us face the questions — the four basic questions every friend and relative inside our nation's borders just HAS to ask. Usually there are no answers to them, or we get tired of responding with the same lines.

So as a public service to my fellow graduates in the Class of '93, I'll analyze each question and try to provide incisive commentary.

Number One: "Are you glad to be graduating/Are you excited?" This is a question with a twofold answer: Yes, I'm glad I won't ever have to study again, and yes, I'm glad I won't have to consume Marriott food, either. The prospect of big cash from relatives is also a plus. But no, unless Dad or Uncle Ralph is setting me up with a plum job in their corporation, I'm not excited about finding a job in an economy that has none.

It's also thrilling to move to a new city and search for a place to live, find new friends while not knowing whom to trust, and basically start completely over without a reputation of any kind. But come to think of it, college was a lot like that, and it wasn't too bad.

Question Number Two: "So where are you going now?" If you're lucky, "on vacation" is your answer. "Disneyland" is another old standby. For me, the answer is "home, for nasal surgery."

But the bigger implications behind this question are where you are going in the next phase of your life, so let's be realistic: "The unemployment office." "McDonald's." Or possibly even an exciting tour of duty in the military.

This question is maddening to contend with, but it at least allows you to look into the near future without telling them the plan for your entire life. You can tell them you're joining the Peace Corps, driving aimlessly through the nation's back roads, or just planning to spend the summer by the pool with a king-size cooler of mind-numbing beverages, burning away any traumatic memories of your four years here. The choice of answers is yours, even if you'll never get to act on them.

Even worse, however, is Question #Three: "What are you going to do with your life?" This is the granddaddy of them all, with two possible lines of answering: You can tell them what you WANT to do with your life, or you can be realistic and tell them what you're GOING to do with your life.

Sample answers of the "wanting" variety could include spending your life bungee-jumping off the Grand Canyon and other world landmarks, or sailing down the Amazon. If you're a male, you could say you want to be Michael Douglas' replacement with Sharon Stone in "Basic Instinct 2," or if you're a woman, you could opt for a career as the love interest in Richard Gere's and Tom Cruise's next ten films.

To truly be realistic, contemplate what's going to happen: "I'm going to get married to someone I don't understand, take out three mortgages to pay for my house, work at a job that drains the life out of me just to get out of my college debts, and raise kids who'll grow up to be pregnant pot smokers."

Your relatives will stare back at you, but they'll know it's true. And kids, just remember: it could always be worse.

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Koresh deserves the blame for deaths of Branch Davidians

After 51 days, the Branch Davidian cult standoff is over. The ending to the standoff was dramatic, senseless, unfortunate and tragic. It did not end in a manner that any of us would have chosen — we would all have welcomed a peaceful end to the situation. However, I cannot honestly say that I was surprised to see Koresh and his followers choose a mass suicide when they realized they were going to have to face certain justice.

Now that the standoff is over, everyone has become an absolute authority on how the situation could have and should have been handled. Why didn't the FBI wait longer? Didn't they know there was the possibility of a mass suicide?

In less than 24 hours after the FBI flooded the compound with tear gas, the bureaucratic finger-pointing launched into full swing. Talk has erupted concerning investigations into the proper handling of the whole situation. Senator Arlen Specter stated that the Senate Judiciary Committee may launch an investigation. Attorney General Janet Reno has offered to resign her position if necessary. Accusations fly that President Clinton is going to great lengths to distance himself from the entire situation.

When something as horrible, tragic and senseless as Monday's mass suicide occurs, it is natural for people to immediately blame others in their futile efforts to search for answers. However, in the midst of these accusations we need to remember who the "bad guy" is here. No one forced Koresh to continue the standoff. The FBI tried to negotiate to a peaceful end. How long should the FBI have waited for Koresh to give in? Another month? Two months? A year?

Leaving aside the issue of how much the standoff was costing each day, efforts had to be made to bring the situation to an end. If Koresh had wanted to negotiate and settle peacefully, he would have done it before Monday.

In the days and weeks that follow, we will continue to hear from "authorities" on how the situation should have been handled. However, let us all please keep one very important thing in mind: David Koresh and his followers set the fire that killed the 80-plus people including innocent children inside the compound. That was their decision and theirs alone — not Janet Reno's, not the FBI's. Koresh and his followers are responsible for taking their own lives.

Whether or not people want to blame the FBI for the provocation of the suicide, NO ONE outside the compound forced them into that end — it was their choice. The extreme tragedy is that their selfish choice of self-sacrifice included the senseless taking of lives of young, innocent children. If these people had that much disregard for human life and were willing to kill innocent children along with themselves, then who knows what they would have done had the situation gone on much longer?

Let us also try to remember that hindsight is 20/20. It is fairly safe to assume if the FBI knew the results of its actions ahead of time, it would have planned accordingly. But, they did not. None of us knew for sure what Koresh and his people would do from day to day. As long as the FBI and those who were calling the shots made careful, rash, sound well-informed decisions, there is not much more that could have been done.

On a final note, I think we should all be impressed with Janet Reno's willingness to take full responsibility for the situation. I am having a hard time remembering the last time I heard someone say live, in a national press conference, that they were completely and totally responsible for a decision and its consequences. If Reno sets a trend for bureaucrats and politicians alike to take responsibility for their decisions, and the consequences that accompany those decisions, we will all be much better off.

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EDITORIAL

Cult tragedy

As the embers smolder, the controversy now roars

After a 51-day standoff between the FBI and the Branch Davidian cult outside Waco, the waiting is over.

Although many details of Monday's inferno are still not known, a fire to rival the flames near Waco has broken out in Washington as federal officials try to find someone to blame for the apparent mass suicide which may have claimed over 80 lives.

Janet Reno, who as attorney general oversees the operations of the Justice Department and the FBI, is at the forefront of the controversy. Reno accepted full responsibility for the FBI's attack on the compound, which she said had been planned for over one week.

For 51 days we have witnessed the cult's behavior and known that all was not right inside the compound. Tearing down parts of the compound would obviously only provoke cult members who had been holed up inside the compound and bombarded with bright lights and loud music for over seven weeks.

Reno was right to commend her agency for its restraint and patience, but that patience

should have accompanied preparedness.

Monday, Reno endured a barrage of criticism for an operation that began and ended violently. "Everything that we were told, every indication — reactions to the pressure up to that point — was that that would not occur," Reno said.

But it did, and questions need to be answered concerning the FBI's judgment before and after the tragedy. Why was the mass suicide not anticipated? Did we learn nothing from the 1978 mass suicide in Jonestown, Guyana? Why were women and children not evacuated before the initial attack on the compound Feb. 28?

Reno is right to assume responsibility for the operation and to offer to resign if President Clinton so desires. However, any future federal investigations should not be conducted for the sole purpose of pointing fingers and blaming officials; rather it should assess what, if anything, the ATF and FBI did wrong so that future tragedies can be avoided.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homosexuality

In his April 13 column, Christian Ellis thinly disguised his opposition to having gays in the military by citing reasons for their admission with a bitter, sarcastic tone.

Based on Mr. Ellis' arguments, it is obvious that he believes some common misconceptions about homosexuality, including society's stereotype that all gay men are effeminate, HIV-positive, limp-wristed pansies.

Regardless, Mr. Ellis fails to realize that homosexuals who enlist in the military will have the same sense of self-preservation that nearly every human possess.

The homosexual soldier is, in most circumstances, not going to intentionally endanger his safety or reputation by exposing his sexual preference to less-than-receptive soldiers.

Along the same lines, a gay soldier would probably not gawk "lustfully" at forty well-conditioned other men in the shower for fear of his safety.

Contrary to Mr. Ellis' opinion, gays are not sex-starved maniacs who cannot control their desires. In fact, in the time that Mr. Ellis has lived in the dormitories at TCU, he has undoubtedly showered with more than one homosexual student without even knowing it.

Unfortunately for Mr. Ellis, in his attempt to discredit arguments for allowing gays in the military, he stated some profound truths. For instance, in his closing paragraph Mr. Ellis joked, "How silly of some Americans to think that homosexuals can't do everything as well as heterosexuals..."

Actually, it IS silly for people to think that homosexuals can't do everything heterosexuals can do; Mr. Ellis would probably be surprised to learn that every day gays and lesbians raise children, become policemen, join the military, and would get married if society allowed them to!

As Mr. Ellis so ironically states, "Homosexuals are American citizens and should be treated as such." How very true.

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Cult Tragedy

Surviving Branch Davidians keep the faith after fire

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — Followers of cult leader David Koresh said Tuesday they remain devoted to the doomsday prophet's preachings. One said he's sorry he wasn't in the inferno where Koresh and 85 followers are believed to have died.

"If there were any sadness that we are experiencing right now, it's that we were not with our brothers and sisters at the center when the events yesterday took place," said Livingston Fagan in a telephone interview from the McLennan County Jail.

"Those of us of the Branch Davidian faith

who remain are not any less loyal than those who sealed their fate in flames," said Fagan, who left the compound March 23.

Fagan and other surviving Branch Davidians also insisted that federal agents began the Monday blaze that destroyed their home.

While entering a federal courtroom Tuesday, Remos Avram, one of the nine who escaped the burning compound, blamed the government. Federal officials insisted that FBI agents saw cult members ignite the fire.

Avram shouted to reporters at the courthouse that one of the tanks that was spraying tear gas into the compound knocked over a lantern. He said there was "no plan for suicide."

Brad Branch, who left Mount Carmel March 19, told his attorney, Richard Ferguson, on Tuesday that the jailed cultists believe there's no way Koresh set the blaze.

"They're sad and shocked, but at the same time they have a lot of religious faith," Ferguson said.

Rick Ross, a cult deprogrammer who's worked extensively with former Davidians and their families, said the words of Fagan and Branch show how spellbound they remain by Koresh.

"They're in a state of denial because reality doesn't match the philosophy," he said. "They need help to sort through all of this." Ross said the first step in the cult mem-

bers' recovery is to accept that Koresh's belief of a pending apocalypse was a hoax.

"They can see that he's dead and the world is still here," Ross said.

"The prophecy has failed. The message was false. They need to realize that Koresh was a fraud and get on with their lives," he said.

Several relatives, struggling with their emotions and hoping that family and friends may yet be alive, said they also are remaining faithful to many of Koresh's teachings. "I read my Bible. That's where I find my answers," said Mary Jones, Koresh's mother-in-law.

She said Monday's destruction was God's will. "God was mad at the way they were treating God's son," said Jones, who fears having lost her daughter, Rachel, Koresh's wife; her son, David; and three grandchildren in the blaze. Her husband, Perry, is believed to have died in the Feb. 28 raid that began the stalemate.

Jones said she was not bitter toward federal agents, but warned "God will get them because they don't care."

Koresh's mother, Bonnie Haldeman, also has lashed out against the government's actions. But Tuesday she turned to prayer to try settling her nerves and to understand what happened.

Officials say 17 children died under sect leader's control

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — They were the innocents. Trapped inside the prairie compound's pink walls, they had no voices, no recourse, no protector.

Seventeen young children, some of them just babies, had the hour of their deaths dictated by David Koresh, the religious zealot who was father to many of them and who controlled every aspect of their brief existence.

These children, none older than 10, "were absolutely under his control," FBI special agent Jeff Jamar told reporters Tuesday in Waco. "Once he decided that this is what he was going to do, he was not going to let them go."

Neither were the children's mothers able or willing to disobey their leader's plan. Jamar said the FBI had evidence that some cult members may have been killed inside the Branch Davidian compound before the flames reached them. More than 60 adult cult members, including Koresh, were believed dead in Monday's inferno, and seven older youths are almost certainly among the victims. Eight adults and a 17-year-old girl survived.

In the aftermath, FBI agents said they wanted to ratchet up the pressure on Koresh, or break the resolve of his followers. Maybe, finally, they would capitulate. Maybe, at least, they would set the children free.

From the start, the children were at the center of the standoff. They were the reason the FBI waited almost eight weeks before moving on Koresh, a 33-year-old high school dropout who fathered several infants with women he claimed as his "wives."

"We thought that their instincts, the motherly instincts would take place and that they would want their children out of that environment," FBI special agent Bob Ricks said Monday.

"That did not occur," he said. "Unfortunately they bunkered down

the children the best we can tell, and they allowed those children to go up in flames with them."

Also victims were the 21 children who left the compound in the course of the standoff, ranging in age from 5 months to 12 years. Many lost their parents in the flames.

"Anytime that you have to talk to children about the death of their parents, it's difficult," said Bob Boyd of Child Protective Services in Waco, which handled the custody of the freed children. "Children shouldn't have to go through that."

Boyd said all the kids brought up by Koresh were "innocent victims."

"They didn't choose to be there like many of the adults did. It's a horrible tragedy," he said.

Unlike the adult members, youngsters and teen-agers had in most cases never known any home other than the isolated Branch Davidian compound.

Cult members have said children played in the compound pool, watched TV and raced around outside, like "normal" kids. Attorney Dick DeGuerin, hired by Koresh's mother to represent the cult leader, backed up that portrait.

"I saw no physical abuse of the children," said DeGuerin, who visited the compound periodically during the siege. "I didn't see any scared kids. I saw happy kids — kids that were at peace."

But former partisans have described a stark world: one in which Koresh had sex with minors, including a 14-year-old girl who bore his child; one in which Koresh whipped the children in an underground bunker area known as "the spanking room."

"There was in fact evidence of the mistreatment of children," FBI Director William Sessions said Tuesday. "We know, for instance, from the beginning that some of those children were in fact wives to Mr. Koresh, that there were children who were born to children. . . . The pattern of abuse was there and it was systematic."

President Clinton, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and agents in charge have all said the children's safety was largely what prompted the decision to move armored vehicles into the compound Monday.

"Mr. Koresh's response to the demands for his surrender by federal agents was to destroy himself and murder the children who were his captives," the president said Tuesday. "He killed those he controlled, and he bears ultimate responsibility for the carnage."

Reno said reports that Koresh had abused children were among the primary reasons the FBI ended its waiting game.

"We had information, and I'm not sure of the timing of the information,

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Clinton orders cult investigation

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered an investigation of the assault on David Koresh's compound Tuesday, but said there was no need for his attorney general or anyone else to resign "because some religious fanatics murdered themselves."

Clinton said he had approved plans to pump tear gas into the Texas compound and would accept full responsibility. But he also said that Koresh "killed those he controlled, and he bears ultimate responsibility for the carnage that ensued."

He called the cult leader "dangerous, irrational and probably insane."

At a news conference in the Rose Garden 24 hours after the hellish end to the 51-day siege, Clinton ordered the Justice Department and the Treasury Department to investigate "whether anything could have been done differently" to avoid the fiery end of the siege. The House Judiciary Committee

already plans to begin hearings on the matter next week, and other investigations are likely. Rep. Jim Traficant, D-Ohio, said there is plenty for Congress to look at.

"When you have 100 TV crews but not one fire truck, that's not a well thought out plan, that's box office," he said on the floor of the House. Fire trucks arrived at the scene well after fire ripped through the compound.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said, "I'm reluctant to politicize this. I think that would be a very foolish thing to do. On the other hand, there are questions of competence, questions of effectiveness."

Clinton firmly backed the actions of federal agencies in Waco, Texas, saying the FBI "made every reasonable effort to bring the perilous situation to an end without bloodshed and further loss of life."

Federal officials said the inferno that destroyed Koresh's compound was started by his followers. More than 88 cult members — including 17 children — apparently died in the blaze.

Clinton said Attorney General Janet Reno briefed him on Sunday and "described generally" the plan, including the use of tear gas to flush out Koresh and his followers. She also told him FBI agents would not fire on the compound.

Reno pressed for action against the cult members because "the danger of their doing something to themselves or to others was likely to increase" and because hostage experts in Waco might be needed elsewhere. She also feared for the children inside.

Clinton said he and his top law enforcement official talked about what could go wrong, including the possibility of mass suicide, and that Reno said the FBI was "convinced that the chances of bad things happening would increase with the passage of time."

The incident took on a political edge Tuesday, with the White House denouncing reports that Clinton had distanced himself from the tragedy for 24 hours.

"It's not possible for a president

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GOP reaffirms opposition to jobs bill



WASHINGTON (AP)—President Clinton's jobs bill seemed all but dead Tuesday as Senate Republicans reaffirmed their rock-solid opposition to it upon returning from the Easter recess. Barring an unexpected new effort at compromise by Clinton, the GOP unity meant that the legislation had virtually no chance in the Senate. And that leaves Clinton staring at what would be his first major legislative defeat. Clinton says the measure would create jobs during a still uncertain economic recovery, but Republicans

say the measure would pile billions of dollars onto record budget deficits while doing little for the economy. The bill contains \$12.2 billion in new spending for everything from new computers for federal agencies to aid for school districts. It also contains \$3.2 billion for road-building that would come from the highway trust fund. Clinton slashed \$4 billion from the measure on Friday in hopes of moving toward a deal. Republicans rejected that overture because it ignored their core demand: that Clinton offset its costs by cutting existing programs. The Senate planned test votes on Clinton's package and a much smaller, \$6 billion GOP alternative. Republicans are outnumbered by Democrats in the Senate 57-43, but 60 votes are needed to cut off any filibuster.

Researchers link DDT, breast cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—Women with the highest exposure to the pesticide DDT had four times the breast cancer risk of women with the least exposure, researchers said Tuesday. Their study is one of the first to link the insecticide with breast cancer, although DDT has been known for decades to cause cancer in animals. While the findings do not constitute proof that DDT causes breast cancer, they could provide a possible explanation for the puzzling rise in breast cancer in recent decades in the United States. "Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, and a

lot of the risk is unexplained," said the study's principal author, Mary S. Wolff, a chemist at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Even though DDT was phased out in 1972 in the United States, "we're all exposed to it through the diet," she said. Before 1972, DDT was common in meat and dairy products, and because it is stored in the body for decades most Americans still carry DDT residues, she said. Children are exposed to it through their mothers' milk, Wolff said. And DDT is still widely used in other countries, including Mexico, she said.

Abuse charges levelled at state school



DALLAS (AP)—An attorney representing more than 5,000 residents of 13 state schools has filed court documents claiming more examples of abuse and neglect at the Fort Worth State School have occurred than previously reported. The allegations precede Wednesday's federal court hearing to discuss how proposed state budget cuts would affect settlements of two 19-year-old lawsuits. The class-action suits, filed

before U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders, deal with care and treatment of the mentally retarded and mentally ill in Texas' state schools and hospitals. David Ferleger alleged in his court brief that since settlement of the suits in 1991, "the number of deaths at FWSS has tripled." Jaylon Fin-cannon, the state's deputy commissioner for mental retardation services, accused Ferleger of taking the numbers out of context. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation reports say that in the year following the settlement, six residents died at the school. Fifteen cases of abuse and neglect were confirmed, the reports say.

All in the Family

Math major follows lead of brother, claims Integration Bee contest title

By KRISTI WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

Sometimes a knack for mathematics runs in the family. Ted Strout, a junior English and mathematics double major, out-figured 34 other students on Tuesday and became the second member of his family to win the math department's annual Integration Bee. "Competing in the Integration Bee is the most nerve-racking thing I've done at TCU," said Strout, who solved 10 anti-derivative problems correctly to earn the \$50 prize. "After having a couple of years of

calculus, the first six problems were easy," said Strout, a Calculus III student. "One was really hard and three were difficult."

"I figured that I had a pretty good chance at winning because I like math and I'm good at it," Strout said. "My high expectations made me a lot more nervous."

Strout almost captured the Bee's title once before in 1991 as a freshman. Strout and his brother Doug, then a senior at the university and the Bee's three-time defending champion, competed against each other for the top place. Doug ended up winning his fourth title.

This year, Strout prepared for the Bee by solving sheets of integral problems, he said.

"I skipped my Shakespeare class to practice for this today," he said. "Hopefully winning this will give me a good excuse."

Integrals, which measure the area under a graph of a given function, are one of the basic elements of calculus. Integrals are where it all begins in calculus, Strout said.

The contest tests the students' ability to solve anti-derivatives, which are the first step in evaluating definite integrals, said Robert Doran, professor of mathematics and chair

of the department.

Second-place winner Jonathan Campbell, a senior computer science and mathematics major, said he participated in the Bee just for fun and to practice solving the problems.

Many other students said the opportunity to earn extra credit in their math classes lured them to the contest.

Shawn Gay, a junior physics major, finished third.

The participants were mainly mathematics, physics, computer science and engineering majors.

Scientist addresses minorities' concerns

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

George Langford, a biologist at Dartmouth College, told an audience at a Black Student Caucus Minority VIP luncheon Tuesday that social environment is a major factor in the success of minorities and women in graduate school and science fields.

Colleges across the country are focusing on recruiting minorities, but Langford said changes must be made within institutions first. Students who had negative experiences in graduate school will discourage others, while positive experiences

will automatically draw minorities, he said.

"All students need to be at schools with programs that reinforce who they are and their self-esteem," he said.

"If a graduate school is not culturally supportive, as well as financially and academically supportive, you need to look elsewhere," he said.

Langford said cultural support is hindered by a "communicentric" attitude that exists in the social environment of the science community.

"Communicentricity is a tendency to make one's community the center of the universe," he said. "This attitude makes problems that exist outside of that circle impossible to understand and

even feel that they don't exist."

The ultimate goal is to remove the attitude, Langford said. Increasing the number of minorities and women in science is the first step in making that change, he said.

"Science is impoverished now because it lacks the new perspectives that minorities and women can bring to it," Langford said.

Nevertheless, Langford said these groups have the responsibility of changing their environment.

"By taking responsibility, you also take charge of your own career," Langford said. "If you are not part of the solution, you are a part of the problem."

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to distance himself from things that happen when the federal government is in control," Clinton said.

And his aides were privately chastising reporters who suggested that Reno's high visibility on Monday was a telling contrast to Clinton, who issued only a written statement after the fire broke out.

Clinton said Tuesday, "I take full responsibility for the implementation of the decision."

But he also made it clear that it was Reno's decision because "I didn't have a four- or five-hour detailed briefing from the FBI. I didn't go

over every strategic part of it."

Clinton said he felt sick when he saw the compound burning on TV. "I felt terrible. And my immediate concern was whether the children had gotten out and whether they were escaping or whether they were inside trying to burn themselves up."

He ordered federal agencies to cooperate with the House Judiciary Committee, which will conduct an investigation into the matter beginning April 28.

The administration's inquiry will be conducted by the Justice Department and the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which led the Feb. 28 raid on the compound that resulted in the deaths of four federal agents.

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Tobacco and Firearms were killed in a botched raid on Koresh's home. Sixteen agents were wounded, and six cultists were believed to have died in the gun battle.

As the debris from the blaze smoldered Tuesday, the Rangers took control of the compound grounds. Jamar said forensic experts would begin to identify the bodies, most likely using dental records, once the premises had cooled down.

Jamar refused to comment on reports that the FBI had a listening

device planted inside the compound before the assault began.

President Clinton led a chorus of top-level federal officials Tuesday defending the FBI action but, in a White House news conference, called for an investigation "to uncover what happened and why."

Jamar again said cultists started the fires around the compound and said the tear gas the FBI was using could not have ignited them.

For some cult members who survived Monday's inferno, Tuesday was a day spent in criminal court. Three men, whose identities were not revealed, appeared before a federal grand jury.

Writing Center named in trustee Adams' honor

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

The university writing center has been named the William L. Adams Writing Center in honor of the active University trustee.

The Board of Trustees approved a resolution last month for the change. Adams, a TCU trustee since 1983, is chairman of the Union Pacific Resources Company. Major funding from the company helped begin the center in 1988.

Christina Murphy, director of the center, said Adams is very interested in helping people learn how to write and communicate. "By getting the center started

and continuing to support it, he is helping to prepare people for the world of the next century where communications skills will be vital," she said.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said that Adams is very interested in what will make students do better academically.

"My experience with him is that if he sees a need that will make the campus better, he is not hesitant to say so and then will back it up with time and money," he said.

The new nameplate will be placed at the entrance of the Rickel Building, where the center is located.

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that the babies were being beaten. I specifically asked, 'Do you really mean babies?'" said Reno, who said the reply was, "Yes, that he's slapping the babies around."

After seven weeks of siege, she said, sanitation was deteriorating and she came to believe the children were at risk no matter what she chose. "If I delayed it... I could go in there in two months and find children dead of any number of things," Reno said.

The attorney general was visibly moved as she spoke of the children Monday night. In one interview, her voice caught as she tried to explain the discrepancies in the number of children said to be inside the complex. Some were minors whom

Koresh considered his wives, she said.

Later, asked if she could fathom how anyone could let a child die, she said solemnly, "No. It's absolutely beyond me."

Boyd would not comment specifically on the physical or emotional state of the children who left the compound, saying only: "A lot of families believe in corporal punishment, but I would not characterize their lives as a violent existence."

Boyd said he was devastated by events at the Waco compound.

"Their beliefs may have been different," Boyd said. "Their religious beliefs were certainly non-traditional. But they are kids. They cry, laugh and play. They have the same fears as other children have."

"These kids should have never been put in this situation."

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Sports

Frogs sweep Dallas Baptist

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU Daily Skiff

The resurgent Horned Frog baseball team successfully tuned up for their crucial weekend series at Baylor by pounding the Dallas Baptist Patriots in both games of a double-header on Tuesday.

TCU (32-18) took the first seven inning contest by a score of 10-3, then proceeded to stomp the Patriots (33-20) in the nightcap, 14-2.

The resurrected TCU offense continued to put up numbers resembling the ones they tallied earlier in the season. Frog hitters combined to score 24 runs on 27 hits in the two seven inning ball games.

The Frogs belted four homers in the two contests, upping their season total to 50. Sophomore DH Gavin Millay picked up from where he left off last week by smashing the first of the four homers in the second inning of game one. The home run was the 12th of the year and the fifth in the last five games for Millay, who was named Southwest Conference Player of the Week for his performance in games against Tarleton State and Houston last week.

Sophomore first baseman Adam Robson and senior catcher Johnny Cardenas each hit grand slam home runs early in game two to put the con-



TCU Daily Skiff/Jenny Putschinski

TCU pitcher Kelly Johns throws a pitch against Houston earlier this week. The baseball team swept Dallas Baptist 10-3 and 14-2 on Tuesday.

test out of reach early. For Robson, it was his second homer of the day and 12th of the year, tying him with Millay for the team lead.

"We really needed to get this type of hitting today," said TCU head coach Lance Brown. "It was important for us to keep up that type of offense heading into the next two weeks. When you only have six games left, it helps to know that you are hitting the ball well going into those games. It gives us a lot of confidence."

Senior starters Jeff Zimmerman

(6-3) and Glenn Dishman (5-1) each pitched strong games to pick up victories.

The doubleheader sweep gives the Frogs five victories in their last six games. More importantly, however, the Frogs have played solid ball during that stretch, which is an extremely important factor as TCU heads to Waco to face Baylor next weekend.

"We're playing good baseball again, and that's what really matters," Brown said. "We just have to keep it up the rest of the way."

Tennis team boils Rice

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

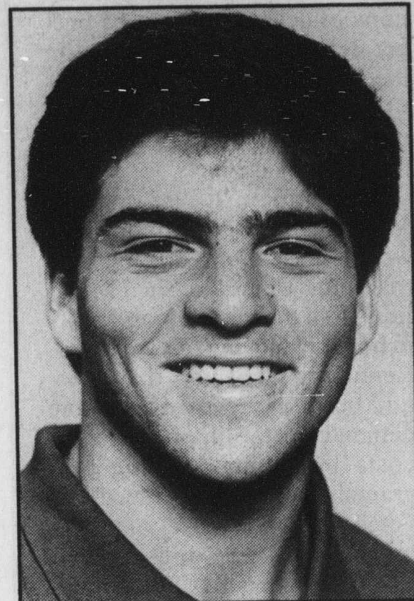
The TCU men's tennis team bounced back from last week's heart-breaking loss against Texas to defeat Southwest Conference foe Rice, 5-3, on Saturday at Houston in the Frogs' regular season finale.

The No. 17 ranked Frogs finished its spring campaign with a 17-4 overall mark and a 5-1 SWC record, good for second place in the conference. The team is seeded second in this weekend's SWC Tournament and will face Baylor in the first round. The Frogs shut out the Bears, 7-0, earlier this season.

Freshman David Roditi, ranked No. 60 in the nation, continued his late-season hot streak, winning at No. 4 singles 6-4, 6-3 for his ninth consecutive victory. Roditi finished first in the SWC at the No. 4 position for the season, with a perfect 6-0 conference record.

"I had it clinched before the match," Roditi said. "But it was good to win just to make sure."

Senior Ricardo Rubio, freshman Paul Robinson and junior Dax Peterson won their singles matches as



David Roditi

well, dropping only one set between them. Robinson won the SWC title at No. 5 singles, and Peterson finished in a three-way tie for first at the No. 6 position.

Senior Laurent Becouam teamed with Peterson to earn a 9-8 (8-4) doubles victory. The duo is ranked No. 38 in the country. Rubio and Roditi

combined for a 9-8 (8-5) doubles win to give the Frogs the doubles point. Roditi said the team now is focused on not just reaching the finals of the SWC Tournament, but winning it as well.

"Everybody is just looking forward to the tournament," Roditi said. "Everyone's gonna work hard this week to prepare for this weekend."

The team, though ranked No. 17 nationally, is not by any means guaranteed one of the 20 spots in the NCAA Championships in May, and knows that to lock up that spot, it must win the SWC title.

"We're not sure if we're gonna go to the NCAAs," Roditi said. "It's gonna be very close. I wouldn't bet on (making the NCAAs without winning the SWC)."

Roditi expects to face Texas again in the final, and said it should be just as close as last Wednesday's 4-3 Texas win.

"Every match is so even that we could win 7-0 or they could win 7-0," he said. "It's just a matter of who wants it the most on that day."

The SWC Tournament will begin Friday and run through Sunday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Basketball team signs 3 players

By WILLIAM HATFIELD
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's basketball team began the long process of rebuilding the program by signing two high school guards and a junior college forward Tuesday.

Matt Akridge and Jeff Jacobs are the first two prep school stars signed by head coach Moe Iba in his seventh recruiting season at TCU.

The two prepsters are expected to fill a couple of voids on a Horned Frog team that lost two starters off last year's injury plagued 6-22 squad.

Both Akridge and Jacobs are expected to compete for the positions vacated by departed Brent Atwater and Allen Tolley. Jacobs will look for minutes at point guard while Akridge will compete for the shooting guard position.

Leroy Gaston, a 6-8 forward from Mesa Community College, signed a letter-of-intent during the November early signing period and completes the trifecta. He will help bolster a front line that, barring injury, will be the strength of the Horned Frogs next season.

TCU assistant head coach Garry Mendenhall said that both Akridge and Jacobs are promising players.

"They are a couple of very good guards," Mendenhall said. "We

needed perimeter help. The Southwest Conference is a perimeter conference and both those players are good enough to play."

Both bring outstanding credentials to the Horned Frogs. Akridge averaged 18.1 points and blocked 62 shots in his senior year at Eastern High in Louisville, Kentucky. These numbers helped the 6-2 guard earn Associated Press All-State honors in Kentucky.

"He is a really good athlete," Mendenhall said. "He'll be a shooting guard and he can light it up. He's got great leaping ability. He went to the same high school as (Allen) Tolley."

Much like Tolley, Akridge was recruited by such schools as SMU, Marquette, Western Kentucky and Louisville before deciding on the Horned Frogs.

Jacobs will likely try to fill the point guard shoes of Atwater. Jacobs is taller than Atwater at 6-1 and averaged 19.9 points a game and 3.4 assists at Andean High in Merrillville, Indiana. He was named consensus Northwest Indiana Player of the Year his senior season and was an academic all-state as well.

Gaston is probably the most interesting of the three. His 6-8, 210 pound frame will make him a threat in the middle. But Mendenhall said his pure athleticism will be his

biggest asset.

"Gaston will be the best athlete on the team," Mendenhall said. "He has a 7-2 high jump and has great running and jumping ability. He's more of a defensive specialist, but that doesn't mean his offense is horrible."

Gaston comes from a junior college that had a coaching philosophy more like TCU than a UNLV. Mesa stressed defense and the statistics back it up. Mesa lead the country in total defense and this past season finished 24-6 and ranked 12th nationally in the final juco polls. Mesa captured the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference championship last season with Gaston chipping in 12.7 points a game and grabbing 7.2 rebounds.

Mendenhall said the Frogs expect to sign up to five guards during this recruiting season.

With the return of SWC leading rebounder Eric Dailey and the comeback of Kurt Thomas, the Frogs expect to be tough in the middle. Add Byron Waits, Myron Gordon and Gaston, TCU has a the potential for a five deep front line.

"Jentry Moore is the only returning pure guard we have," Mendenhall said. "We need to get the shooters."

The Frogs are hoping to have the other three scholarships filled by the end of next week.

Texas A&M's athletic director resigns

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — John David Crow, athletic director at Texas A&M since 1988, resigned Tuesday to become a limited partner in a dog racing track, school President William Mobley announced.

Crow, a former Texas A&M Heisman Trophy winner, played for the Aggies in 1955-57 and was coached by the late Paul "Bear" Bryant.

"John David Crow is a highly respected individual in both athletic

and business circles," Mobley said. "He has advanced our overall athletic program and will continue to play an important role in the university."

Mobley said Crow's resignation would allow him to play a leadership role in the school's "Capturing the Spirit" endowment campaign.

It was not immediately known when Crow when begin work at Gulf Greyhound Racing Park, which is owned by Paul Bryant Jr.

Crow was a running back with the Chicago Bears, St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers.

He played in the Pro Bowl four times.

Crow is a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

He previously served in athletic administration at the University of Alabama, Northeast Louisiana University.

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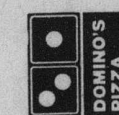
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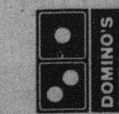
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