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TCU graduates open women's discount clothing store

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TCU, a university known for its fashion flair, taught an alumni couple the value of a good deal.

The education led Cammie and Jimmy Nowell, from the TCU class of 1988, to open their own clothes liquidation store called Clothes-Out, which offers women's discount clothing and accessories, said Cammie, co-owner.

"We buy directly from the manufacturer," she said. "We do not have to buy through an apparel market like other retailers, so we are buying

below wholesale."

Clothes-Out, which usually takes 50 to 80 percent off regular retail prices, sells women's clothes sizes 4 to 26, jewelry, purses and other accessories.

The Nowells and Vicki Wilkin, Jimmy's mother, started the business last May.

"We got the idea from a garage sale," Cammie Nowell said. "It seemed like the right time with the economy going down. People were looking to buy at below regular prices at stores like Marshalls and Ross."

The Nowells said that they were

hopeful that the store would develop a university following because of their roots at TCU. Cammie holds a radio-TV-film degree with a minor in advertising/public relations, and Jimmy has a degree in speech communication with a marketing minor.

The university prepared the couple to open a business by teaching them marketing skills, Cammie said.

"TCU helped me definitely in the marketing area," she said. "Marketing skills help you deal with people and buy."

The skills also help display merchandise and determine what sells and what doesn't, she said. Knowl-

edge of public relations is also useful in dealing with people, she said.

It is important for hopeful, graduating TCU entrepreneurs to get experience before setting up a business, she said. Cammie worked in a local advertising agency before she left to devote full time to the Clothes-Out store.

"I would work anywhere they could for a least a year or two in a similar field," she said. "Get experience at someone's else's expense."

Awareness of the country's economics and persistence is also very important, she said.

"Research is a must," she said.

"You've got to be up on things. Follow the stock market and economic trends."

Finding a good location is important also, Jimmy said.

Wilkin had owned a shop called "Victoria's" in Fort Worth's Tanglewood Village for seven years. Many TCU students worked there, Cammie said. The store was similar to a Ralph Lauren store or a Harold's, she said.

"She (Martin) had the contacts in the retail business," Cammie said. "She knew how to buy off price."

The business started through such initial contacts, she said. The Nowells now buy clothes and accessories

from the manufacturer that are either samples, clothes that department stores have overstocked, or over-made clothes. The clothes are usually in the current fashion season, or some may be a year old or brand new, Cammie said.

Clothes-Out has a number of different brands, but the owners cut the tags out of most of the clothes. Department stores can get upset with the manufacturer if they're aware that people can buy the brands they are selling at cheaper prices, Cammie said.

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Bank offers benefits to student customers

By JENNIFER VOKOLEK
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Ownership changes at two local banks mean more benefits to university students and the community, said Chris Patton, the branch manager and an assistant vice president of the local Bank of America.

Sunbelt Savings and First Gibraltar were purchased by the San Francisco-based bank, making Bank of America one of the largest banks in the nation, said Patton.

Being a large corporation offers more benefits to the customer said Randy Hicks, a Bank of America corporate communicator.

Bank of America offers MasterCard and Visa merchant services that neither of the two other banks did, Patton said.

The \$181 billion international institution also offers large and small business loans, investment options, extended hours and 260 offices and 270 automatic teller machines (ATMs), said Hicks.

Unlike many other institutions, Bank of America has devoted \$1 billion to lower income loan packages, Patton said.

"We want to help minority groups understand that it is unsafe to carry cash everywhere," he said.

The bank also wants to help university students, he said.

Special student packages are being prepared by the marketing department, and loan counselors will be on campus during new student orientations, Patton said.

"Graduating students who have shown responsibility and willingness to pay debts have a good chance of getting a loan with us for things like a new car," he said.

Visa and MasterCard are available through the bank for students who have an income of \$200 a month, he said.

"We understand that TCU is our bread and butter," he said. "So, we try to make banking as easy as possible."

A new system for easier banking, Versateller checking, is also being developed to help university students.

Versateller checking works like ATMs but is less expensive and more convenient than present systems, Patton said.

Banking will be even easier when supermarket banking (having bank branches inside the store) comes to the area, he said.

Larry McNabb said in the April 23 issue of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that "consumers are going to see greater convenience and better service," with supermarket banking.

Students and others in the community also have a chance of earning up to \$50 by banking with Bank of America, Patton said.

The promotion offers a \$10 certificate of deposit that matures to \$50 in seven years, or \$10 on the spot plus another \$10 for each friend (up to 4) that opens an account and 150 free checks to anyone who closes their checking accounts elsewhere and opens one with them, he said.

"We try to promote a friendly, warm atmosphere so that people are comfortable coming in and banking here," Patton said.

THE PROPOSAL



Stephanie Lewis, junior music education major, and Joy Hope, graduate music student, perform in the TCU Opera presentation, "The Proposal," Saturday in Moudy Room 141N.

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ROTC awaits Clinton's call

Ban on homosexuals in military affects collegiate cadets, officers

By SHANNON SILL
TCU Daily Skiff

Until it's clear whether or not President Clinton will lift the ban on homosexuals in the military, members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps on campus are playing it safe by removing a question about sexual preference off enrollment forms.

"Previously, we had a question on the form regarding sexual preference. But we no longer ask questions regarding homosexuality or sexual disposition," said military science department chair Lt. Col. Paul Myers. "Until the decision is made whether the ban will be lifted or not, we just aren't asking."

Myers said the decision not to ask questions regarding homosexuality is the only change removal of the ban would bring to the ROTC program.

"Everybody will still have to maintain the same standards, reach the same physical fitness level and pass summer camp to be commissioned," he said.

The Association of the United States Army stands firmly in support of the ban against homosexuality in the armed forces, according to its issues newsletter.

Members of ROTC will follow President Clinton's orders on the issue under any and all circumstances, Myers said.

"As commissioned officers, we swear to obey the orders of the Pres-

ident of the United States," Myers said. "He is commander-in-chief, civilian or not, and it is our duty to carry out lawful orders on his behalf."

Myers said ROTC cadets are briefed on the rules and regulations of the Army before entering the program. They are made aware of the exclusionary policy, which prohibits known homosexuals from performing military service, and of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which prohibits homosexual behavior in the military.

Myers said he wasn't worried about a decrease in participation if the ban is lifted.

"We talk to the cadets about the issue, but since it won't affect us too much, we haven't stressed it," he said. "We have had some parents who have expressed concerns, but even those have been casual, informational inquiries, not serious doubts."

"Here in ROTC, with the cutbacks in the budget and scholarships being cut back 40 and 50 percent, the issue of homosexuality is a low priority compared to the big picture," he said. "We've got bigger problems than this, so whichever way the ban goes, we're obliged to obey it."

Obligation or no obligation, the general feeling among cadets is that no one wants homosexuals admitted,

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Safety issues prompt action from university groups

By ANDY GRIESER
TCU Daily Skiff

Safety has become a primary concern on campus, and groups like the House of Student Representatives have been working with the administration and Campus Police to improve the current situation.

Many of the measures are designed to increase safety at residence halls.

According to an article in the

March 30 issue of the *TCU Daily Skiff*, the Board of Trustees approved an electronic ID-lock system for the halls. The system will replace keys to outside doors with identification cards similar to students' meal cards, the article said.

Issues such as increased lighting are also being raised.

"I think lighting would be a big part of it," said Holly Cole, Jarvis Hall director. "I also think ID cards for the doors would be a great idea.

It'd be so much easier because they wouldn't have to come out and change the lock (if a resident lost the outside door key). They could just make sure that person's number is removed from the system."

Jarvis Hall has implemented some safety measures of its own, including a holding a self-defense session and providing residents with flashlights after dark.

Antoinette Perez, a sophomore biology major, helped organize a

self-defense session at Jarvis Hall. Perez said she was considering moving off campus when she realized she didn't know how to defend herself. She then realized most of her fellow residents didn't know much about self-defense.

"I just thought it was the kind of thing everybody needed to learn," she said.

After a number of phone calls, Perez located Paul Shover through the Everman City Hall. Shover, a

medical technician, works at community centers in his free time, Perez said.

Shover taught the girls survival techniques, Perez said.

"He taught us a lot of stuff you need to know in tight situations," she said. "You have to think fast, and you can't think, 'This might hurt him' or something... A lot of stuff he (Shover) taught us included breaking

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Rent-a-Frog offers temporary employment

By SHANNON SILL
TCU Daily Skiff

Local employers looking for temporary help can rent a Frog to get odd tasks done quickly.

Rent-a-Frog provides temporary help, typically college students whose interviews, hiring and paperwork have already been completed, said Mike Alguilar of Rent-a-Frog. This saves time for country clubs and other private groups who want to hire temporary help.

"Rent-a-Frog is for anyone, but we look primarily for TCU students as staff," Alguilar said.

Students interested in doing temporary work fill out the necessary forms, complete an interview and are placed on an availability list if selected, Alguilar said.

"Reliability and dependability are important traits we try to identify through the interview," he said.

Rent-a-Frog advertises in the *Skiff* and on campus at the beginning of each year, he said.

"We tell people that they should be prepared to do a variety of odd jobs within reason," Alguilar said.

"A group called last week wanting to hire three couples to go to a high school dance and get the party started by actually dancing.

"Another time a group of people from Russia hired us to chauffeur them around Fort Worth for the day," he said. "Some of the jobs are strange, but we do anything."

Alguilar said payment depends on the job. Workers are paid \$4, \$5, \$6, or \$7 an hour. The biggest jobs with the biggest tips pay the lowest rate,

Alguilar said. Valets can expect \$10 to \$15 an hour with tips, he said.

Holidays are the busiest times, he said, with business slowing slightly in the summer.

TCU graduate Wes Hoaglund owns the Rent-a-Frog business.

Hoaglund, who worked as a "rented frog" in college, bought the business from its previous owner soon after his graduation in 1988.

"I knew buying the business was a risk, but I wasn't scared," Hoaglund said in the university's alumni magazine. "I think risk is all the fun. Not stupid risks, but calculated risk."

"Business is like a game," he said. "It's like real Monopoly: how you can do things better than your competitor, how you can get that contract, always thinking of ways you can better your profits."

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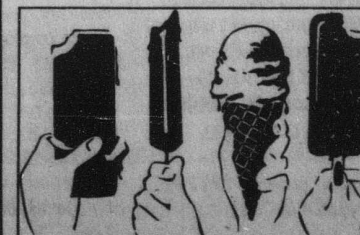
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Today will be sunny with a high temperature of 82 degrees.

Wednesday will be partly cloudy with a chance of scattered rain and a high temperature of 82 degrees.



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CAMPUSlines

Math lecture Professor Roy Johnson from Washington State University will present "The Lebesgue Integral and a Category Analogue" today at 4 p.m. in Winton Scott Room 145.

Alpha Epsilon Rho is holding a reception for Radio-TV-Film students interested in joining today at 5:30 p.m. in the Moudy Building South Green Room.

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

Studio art show The Bachelor of Fine Arts studio show will be held until April 30. Twelve graduating seniors will display their work 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information call 921-7643.

Social Work Association Raffle for prizes including Billy Bob's concert tickets continues through May 1. Tickets are available in the Student Center until April 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Women in Communications will have their final meeting of the semester April 28 at 5 p.m. in Moudy Room 312S.

Internship Applications for the Houston JC Internship are due May 1. Only graduating seniors or graduate students may apply.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON CREATOR'S SYNDICATE

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Sophisticated romancer is actually a scared kitten inside. A loved one stuns you with humorous information about a confusing problem.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). Training on new job procedures will prove helpful in career situations to come. The teen-ager of a friend wants romantic advice from you but really needs you to listen.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). An uncommon conversation with a man of power brings a life-long friendship. Some classy decorations make the workplace a better environment.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). You get friendlier with an associate, but your moves are ill-timed. Wait until Thursday. Attitude change follows vigorous afternoon exercise.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Flirtatious act starts the ball rolling in an office romance. Before you make the final decision on a money matter, consult a relative.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Treasures from friends. Old items become valuable in your hands. You get promotion to a managerial position.

SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your ability to speak with the boss on his/her level is impressive. A new car is in the works.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work day perks up when an attractive client of the opposite sex shows up. Keep yourself from a sticky social situation by avoiding prying pals.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your strong work ethic is rewarded. Checks, perks and special favors come. The approval you seek is given wholeheartedly.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Last-minute pressures bring out creativity. Sweetheart shows up where you would least expect.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). A job offer comes in the afternoon — accept no less than the salary you asked for.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). Consult an expert quickly. Foes are up to something! A love interest finally asks you to an event.

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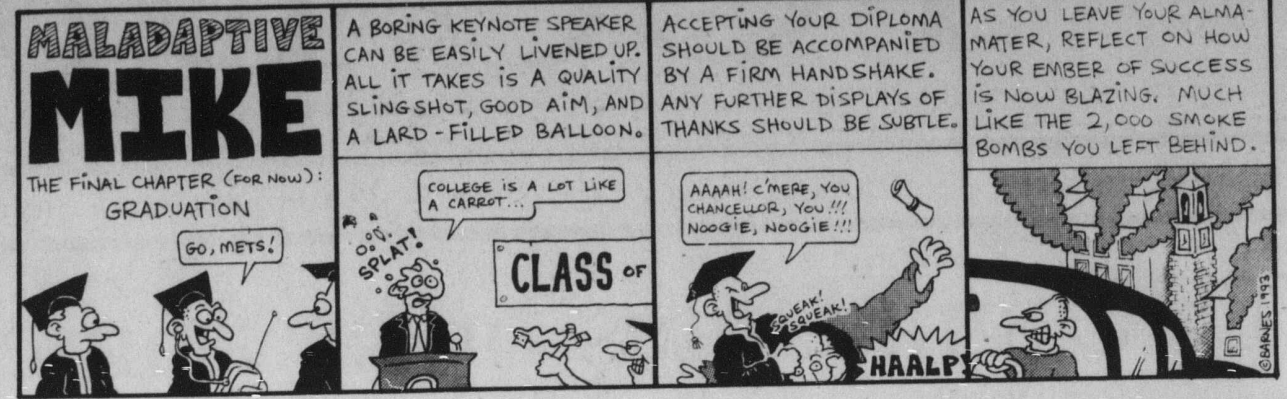
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Insanity Fair



by Joe Barnes

Hemlock



by Andy Grieser

Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson

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One brand the store sells is "On the Verge," which is particularly known for its wrap skirts, she said. The brand can be found at Dillard's and at a merchant's cart in Hulen Mall.

Clothes-Out is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The owners go to the manufacturers to buy merchandise Monday through Wednesday.

"We are like clothes liquidators," she said. "One of the reasons the store is so popular is because it has new merchandise every weekend."

The couple started the store with \$10,000, which is a small amount to open a store, she said. Its popularity has grown quickly, and the inventory has been expanded, she said.

Cammie said that the success of the store has amazed the owners; however, the store's popularity is not due to a massive advertising campaign.

The store has placed an advertise-

ment in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram every week, and the owners have put flyers at homes in neighborhoods and on car windows.

"A large percentage of our business is word-of-mouth referrals," she said. "Half of Granbury and Weatherford come to our store."

About 10 to 15 percent of the store's customers are from TCU, Cammie said, but the owners have

only recently put flyers in TCU's women's dorms and around the campus.

Lady Korski, the receptionist in Brachman and Wiggins residence halls, said she found out about the store when the Nowells came to Wiggins Hall to pass out flyers.

"They had very nice deals and very nice clothes," she said. "It is a

small, but very neat store. I am not used to a community dressing room, but it was fun to laugh with everyone about trying on the clothes."

The service was great, she said. Korski said the people would have helped her in any way they could.

Clothes-Out is located at 3710 W. Vickery in Fort Worth. The store hours are Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Advertisement for JACK LONDON'S SAN FRANCISCO SALOON: TUESDAY IS SKIMPI SKIRT NITE! DRINK SPECIALS! (6-11 pm) for Everyone Wearing a Skirt!

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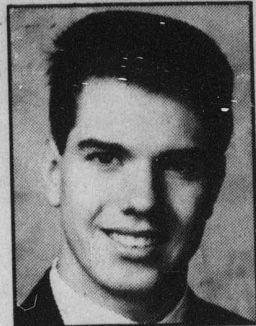
Passing semesters fail to answer numerous university mysteries

Good grief. The semester is almost finished, and soon we will be enjoying the summer.

However, I find it hard to believe that my college career is halfway over. There are still so many things about this year that I have not yet figured out.

For instance, the Campus Police continue to baffle me. How can a force of armed officers fail to capture a campus flasher who makes repeated performances for unsuspecting coeds, yet be able to find my car in a fire lane 30 seconds after I parked there?

I can remember the awesome University of Texas football game that the Frogs won this fall. Why were the students barred from going onto the field? I remember seeing people I knew being clubbed under the



CHRISTIAN ELLIS

chin and knocked to the stadium turf.

I can understand why they would rather us not tear down the goalposts, but I do not see anything wrong with innocently celebrating on the field.

The last time the Horned Frogs beat UT, my parents were still in college.

Speaking of football, I still have not heard a logical explanation of why the

team is not allowed to sing the alma mater after the games. I feel that the tradition is definitely worthwhile and should not be abandoned. It only takes about 30 seconds to sing anyway.

Another tradition that continues is senior Skiff columnists writing mushy, sentimental articles about their final year of college and what lies beyond.

You don't see me writing about my big jump from sophomoredom to juniorhood and the many regrets and triumphs I've had.

In fact, you can hold me to the promise that if I'm still writing columns during my senior year, I will not write one of those read-it-'til-your-eyes-grow-teary good-bye articles.

On the third floor of Sadler Hall, across

from Vice Chancellor Don Mill's office there is a large locked vault. What the heck is in there? What is so important to the third-floor-Sadler-dwellers that they have to keep it in a floor-to-ceiling safe? I have never bothered to ask because I would rather my imagination run wild with possibilities.

Most dishes served in the Main have cards that state the nutritional contents of the food. However, some of the entrees do not have any listed. Instead, the cards simply say "No Nutritional Information Available."

What exactly does this mean? Does Marriott not know what is in the food? Have they just not thought about it? Or, do they know and just don't want to say? Is there any nutritional value in the food at

all?

TCU seems to have a lot of integrity. Chairman of the Board of Trustees John Roach said that tuition needed to be raised to "preserve the financial integrity" of the university. The House of Student Representatives was not allowed to put lights on the Moody Building to avoid violating the "architectural integrity" of the building.

Is integrity more important than making our school safe and affordable?

Indeed, this year has brought up many questions that have yet to be answered. For some reason, I think that most of them will continue to be unresolved even after I graduate.

Christian Ellis is a sophomore business major from Arlington, Texas.

Teacher evaluations rarely separate the wheat from the chaff

There was an article in one of the journalism magazines a few months ago entitled: "Those who can't do, teach." It discussed the impression that some people have of instructors not being successful in their fields, so the only alternative is to teach. Teach what they failed to do themselves, and hope one of us can succeed by doing it.

With the teacher evaluations coming out now, I wonder how many people are debating whether or not their teachers fall into this category.

Some teachers are just plain good. They could be teaching the astrodynamics of a meatball, and have an entire auditorium spellbound.

Then there are the others, the ones with classes filled with students required to take that course so they can graduate. They too could be discussing the astrodynamics of a meatball, but you are too busy looking for something to keep you awake to pay attention.

These classes are great for the college student with far too much to do. The hour is a great time to update that things to do list, or write your best friend that long overdue letter. It's a great time to catch up on your "Sports Illustrated" readings.

But when it comes down to the teacher recommendations, what are you going to say? You know people in the past have said it before, but nothing has changed. This instructor is still the worst teacher in the department, but no one other than students seem to care.

Teachers will reassure you — "Now I want you to be honest on these and don't worry, I won't see them until after your grades are in." But they've said that magic word — grades — how can you be honest now?

You hold the little bubble sheet in your hand. You check the number two pencil you have for a sharp point. Deep Breath. You work your way down the bubbles wondering how many alternative concepts can a person present on the physical structure of a peanut. You consider whether he or she has presented other resources you could turn to, as if you care. You wonder if the question about how fairly the instructor calculates the grades means are you getting what you think you should be getting — which almost always is an A, but the teacher is giving you a C.

You fill in the little teaser questions at the bottom — No, this isn't in my major. Like I would take a course about the history of the Roman influence on the stratosphere just for fun.

Then you flip the page and there it asks for the strengths and weaknesses of your instructor, or for additional comments on the course and the instructor.

Then you have to decide — do you do it? Do I put down that I really think Dr. Staff sucks? Should I mention the fact that the only thing I got out of the class was a chance to write a short novella, or read the entire Spring Spectacular issue of "Modern Bride?"

The good teachers are easy. They get all fives. You write glorious things about how interesting and wonderful they are. But the bad ones keep you up at night. You fume over the fact that it took you four days to write that term paper that you got a D on.

You can ream the instructor for his or her horrible teaching skills, boring lectures and idiotic grading habits. You could complain about the insufficient feedback and the lack of sufficient warnings before major projects would be due. Let everyone know that instructor was horrible. Take a stand and tell it like it is.

Or you can opt to just say nothing. Because if you are like me, and have been here for awhile, you know how many of those forms you've filled out honestly. You mentioned how teacher X was always late with getting papers back and was out more than you were. And, semesters later, you find out that nothing changes. Your friends are still calling them teachers from hell.

I don't really know where those forms go, or who sees them — but I can tell you one thing — don't stress over whether or not to be honest in the back part. Whichever you choose, it doesn't really change a thing.

To those instructors who have inspired me to become a journalist with their charisma, outstanding teaching skills and tremendous knowledge, I thank you. And to those who bored me to tears, I thank you too, because I wrote some terrific letters, and stayed up-to-date with my "Newsweek" readings.

Lisa Yonco is a senior journalism major from Huntington, Conn.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professionalism

Change is supposed to be good right? Wrong. With the resignation of Dave Henning as director of bands, the search went out for a new director. The search was narrowed down to three candidates who came to TCU to work with the bands and have their final interview. The final choice was made, and it was a director from New Mexico. During the visit, he said that his goal would be to increase the numbers in the band, and it seemed like a good idea at the time.

I tried out for a scholarship, just like many of my friends, with the idea that there was a possibility of receiving financial assistance for our talent. There was no mention of the fact that it was utterly useless for us to audition since there was no money allocated for existing students. Is it the quantity of the students that the music department is seeking, or is it the quality of the students?

After my audition, Mr. Henning told me that I would be hearing from them in early April. He didn't say you will be hearing from us if you receive the scholarship.

April 14 rolled around, and I still hadn't heard anything. I asked Mr. Henning when we would be hearing something from them, and he told me to come talk to him in his office. On April 21, Mr. Henning told me that all of the money had been given to incoming freshmen. I still hadn't received any kind of letter in the mail from the music department.

What was the music department thinking? Were they thinking that we would just forget about it? They expect respect from us, but how can we respect them when they don't respect us? It is extremely rude and unprofessional of them not to write any kind of letter to those of us who are existing students and tried out. It would have been very simple to write a short letter and say something like, "Thank you for trying out, but we regret that we are unable to give you a scholarship."

Is it just the scholarship students that the department cares about, or do they actually care about all of us? Let's weigh this out: Upper classmen not on scholarship are hard working, they enjoy band, and have many years of experience. Incoming freshmen are straight out of high school, not used to college, and don't know what's going on.

The fact that I didn't receive a scholarship isn't what I'm completely upset about, it's the lack of professional courtesy that the music department used when notifying students that makes me mad. The existing students should have an equal shot at scholarships as do the incoming freshmen. Segregation ended in the sixties, didn't it?

Dennis O'Loughlin
Junior
Deaf Education

Violence

Some comments my friend recently made generated a lot of questions. She explained to me that her perception of the movie "Platoon" was good, even though it was 'R' rated and

full of violence. She said it made an anti-war statement by conveying the mutilations and atrocities of war rather than glorifying war the way the old movies did. When the movie ended by showing a virtual "field of blood" — hundreds of dead or dying soldiers — it clearly made the point that war is horrible.

I couldn't help wonder why people pay to go see this terrible violence. Then, I wondered why the media and a large segment of our society feels they must shield the public from the violence perpetrated every day in the United States against innocent people. I wonder what effect seeing the "graphic" evidence of the mutilations would have on the public. Would the eyes of those who have been sheltered for so long be opened?

How would the viewers feel about watching the limbs being torn from a body and a nurse trying to put the body parts together like a puzzle? What effect would it have on them to see a baby whose skin has been burned off by the saline solution injected into the mother's womb?

I think they would be horrified by this hidden reality. They would also be able to see that a preborn baby is a human being, not a "blob of tissue." Although the baby is protected by the mother's body, it is not "part" of it.

If the public knew that a baby's own heart is beating, own brain waves functioning, own blood circulating just a month after conception, they could recognize that a preborn baby is indeed an individual human being. I believe that if people knew the facts, they would make a choice not help create a child they aren't ready for, or choose not to snuff out the life of another human being for the sake of personal convenience.

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Speech Communication

Homosexuality

In a letter on Friday, Priscilla Shaw wrote that one doesn't "have to be Christian to disagree with homosexuality." That may be true, but one also doesn't have to disagree with homosexuality to be a Christian.

Laying claim to Christianity as if it were one's own to distribute, and condemning others in the name of Christ, I find terribly offensive. I'm saddened to think that so many people reject Christ after being given a picture of him as selective, judgmental and condemning, instead of experiencing Christ as a proponent of peace and justice.

I cannot understand the conservatives' stronghold on Christianity, since Jesus Christ himself was most liberal, radical person to ever walk this earth. There was nothing conservative about him. He presented us with a challenge to love, and that challenge is as strong as it has ever been. Until we are willing to accept that challenge, peace and unconditional love cannot and will not exist.

Ellen J. Archambault
Graduate Student
Music

Toilet seats show difference between males and females

Battle of the sexes moves to bathroom

Since this is my last column in the heralded Skiff, I figured that I would leave "y'all" with a final bit of my considerable, yet often warped insights. The topic for the week: Relationships.

In my opinion, the difference between boys and girls is in the way that they think. To a guy, logic does not coincide with that of a female. And vice-versa.

This imbalance can be illustrated in one aspect of everyday life that both sexes take part in. But it's not the act, but a derivative that should be studied.

The aspect is the common, everyday toilet seat.

Whenever the two sexes use the same commode on the same day there is bound to be trouble. The problem: should guys leave the seat up or down?

The man has always been taught to leave the seat up. It is very clear to him that the seat was meant to be left in the neutral (upright) position. However, a girl will become extremely irritated if she runs across a toilet seat in the upright position. Apparently, the cold porcelain commode is not an enjoyable experience.

Ladies, let me make this perfectly clear: Boys are trained to lift the seat. Mommies tell little boys, "If you sprinkle when you tinkle be a sweetie and lift the seatie." Moms are females, too.

Thus, the trained boy will forever lift the seat because mom said so. However, when little boys grow up the game changes quite dramatically.

I wonder how many fights have been sparked by the common commode? How many times have girls accidentally sat on the porcelain? To a guy, the entire problem could be solved by simply checking before sitting.

That, however, would not be logical. Anyway, there is more than a commode problem. There is much more. Take dinner for instance. To a guy, dinner consists of a stop at McDonald's or a burger and beer at a bar and grill. To a girl, dinner consists of getting dressed up and going to a place where there is a 30-minute wait and the waiters are wearing ties. Both ways are fine, but they are very different.

Take a trip to the mall. To a guy, shopping consists of going to the store to get the item that they want and then abruptly exiting, followed by a stop at Spencer's and then going home, where there is cable. Simple.

To a girl, shopping is not a chore. It is an adventure. A girl may not have money or a particular item in mind. "Let's just look." Shrieks of joy can be heard from a girl who finds a pair of shoes to her liking. She may not even buy them. Finding them is just as much fun. Complicated.

Communication. Let us take the telephone. Guys use it when they need to talk to someone about something. If a guy is courting a girl, he sees no reason to call her if he will eventually see her at The Pub later that night. At most, the guy will say, "I'll meet you there."

Girls use the telephone to see how long they can talk. Preferably about nothing. Girls become irritated if their male counterpart does not call them every night, even if there is nothing to discuss.

The problem is as simple as different expectations. The solution is as simple as compromising. Compromising the expectations of the opposite sex is the only way for a relationship to work.

There are, however, certain things that should never be compromised. Guys, FIGHT THE POWER, leave the seat up.

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Widows of U.S. troops visit Kuwait



WORLD NEWS BRIEF
KUWAIT (AP) Some relatives of American troops killed in the Gulf War said Monday they had discovered meaning behind their losses as they began a weeklong visit to Kuwait. "Instead of wondering, 'Why? Why?' we can now see the reason. We can picture faces," said Suzanna Galvan, 31, of Navarre, Fla., one of 193 Americans on the tour. She lost her husband, Capt. Arthur Galvan, when his plane was shot down over Saudi Arabia on Jan. 31, 1991. She said Americans,

including some who lost relatives, had not grasped the pain Kuwaitis suffered. "What we saw on TV during the war was like a movie," she said. The visit, dubbed Desert Peace, was organized by more than 30 Kuwaiti and American companies and organizations in cooperation with the two governments.

All expenses were paid. The relatives arrived Sunday night after a 14-hour flight from New York. Their visit follows a tremendous welcome Kuwaitis gave to former President Bush, who is considered a war hero here. Bush led the coalition in 1991 that expelled Iraqi troops from the oil-rich kingdom after a seven-month occupation. Some 96 U.S. troops died in the brief campaign.

Biological survey to cost \$179.4 million



NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS
WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton set in motion Monday a \$179.4 million inventory of the nation's plant and animal species to increase understanding of America's biological resources. The National Biologi-

cal Survey will be conducted by an agency formed from the consolidation of eight bureaus of the Interior Department. Most of the 850 biologists and the money for the program will come from the Fish and Wildlife Service. A White House statement said the initiative was designed "to prevent another serious natural resource conflict of the sort currently plaguing the old-growth forest communities of the Pacific Northwest." That debate has pitted environmentalists against loggers and timber companies.

Documents show flaws in nuclear plant



TEXAS NEWS BRIEF
HOUSTON (AP) — A federal examination of the South Texas Nuclear Plant is focusing on possible management flaws at Houston Lighting & Power Co. ranging from worker intimidation to poor training to the bypassing of important technical specifications, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Monday. In a copyright

story, the newspaper reported that documents it has obtained show a Nuclear Regulatory Commission team investigating the plant has identified more than 100 potential weaknesses. The investigating team spent two weeks at the plant last month and planned a final week of inspections and interviews beginning Monday. The detailed inspection comes in the wake of numerous personnel and equipment problems at the plant near Bay City, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. The plant, which is managed by the Houston utility, has been idle since early February.

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Anchor Splash earns funds for blind

Lambda Chi clinches event title; Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi win top honors

By CAMIE MELTON
 TCU Daily Skiff

The Delta Gamma Anchor Splash competition raised approximately \$5,500 last week for sight conservation and aid to the blind.

Half of the proceeds raised by the annual event will be sent to the Delta Gamma executive offices and distributed nationally to organizations that aid the blind. The rest of the money will be donated to organizations in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, said Lynita Ayala, president of Delta Gamma.

"It was really a fun-filled week," she said. "Everything went very smoothly and we raised a lot of money for a good cause."

This year's Anchor Splash was open to teams outside of the fraternities in Worth Hills, but only one new team participated. Sigma Nu, an off-campus fraternity, took part in the week's events.

"Although we only had one new team join this year we still made a lot of contacts with some non-Greeks that may decide to join next year," Ayala said.

"Maybe we will get one more team next year, then two more after that. We hope to keep building," she said.

The lack of independent interest may have been because of the \$60 entry fee or stereotypes, Ayala said.

"It may have been difficult for other groups to come up with the money at the last minute or it might have been because it has been

thought of as only a Greek event for so long," she said.

The events came to an end Friday when Lambda Chi Alpha clinched the Anchor Splash overall title. Sigma Nu came in second, and Sigma Chi placed third. Friday's water events counted 50 percent, and the rest of the total came from a combined score from other events.

Winners were also named in each event. Sigma Nu took home the first place trophy in the Mr. Anchor Splash competition. The competition included one contestant per team. Each performed a skit and was asked unique questions by the judges.

Lambda Chi Alpha won the "Most Beautiful Eyes" contest that helped raise money for the philanthropy throughout the week. Jars featuring pictures of the eyes of one member of each team were set up in the Student Center. The jar with the most money at the end of the week became the winner.

The spirit competition was also won by Lambda Chi. Sigma Nu was second and the Sigma Chis won third place.

The Anchor Splash week led up to Friday's swimming events in the Rickel Building. Sigma Nu came in first place overall in the water events. Sigma Chis were second and the Lambda Chis were third.

Lambda Chi also won first place in the water ballet competition. The Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity came in second place and Sigma Nu took third.



Above: Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon incorporate kick boards into their water ballet routine Friday in the Rickel Building.

Below: Beta Upsilon Chi performs its aquatic skit, which earned them a second place in the competition Friday.

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House approves handgun proposal

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
 Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Licensed Texans would be allowed to carry concealed handguns under a measure that won preliminary House approval Monday.

The House voted 95-47 in favor of the bill. A final vote is scheduled for Tuesday.

"I'm very pleased that we got it passed through this first hurdle," said Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth and a sponsor of the measure.

However, the bill would not go into effect unless approved by Texas voters under one amendment added to the measure.

The amendment by Rep. Curtis Seidlits, D-Sherman, would put the handgun proposal on a statewide ballot Nov. 2. If approved by the voters, the bill would go into effect in January.

"This is an issue that is so big and so volatile that if it's going to happen, it's going to affect everyone in this state," Seidlits said.

"Let's give the people of this state the opportunity to debate this issue," he said.

The amendment was approved 77-63. But Rep. Ron Wilson, cosponsor of the concealed handgun bill, said it is unconstitutional.

Wilson, who originally urged defeat of the amendment, said the proposal could be a leverage point in urging Gov. Ann Richards to support the bill.

"Strategically it's great for us," said Wilson, D-Houston. "The opponents obviously made a mistake. That's not our problem."

Richards has said she is opposed to the handgun bill, and will likely veto it if it passes both the House and the Senate.

However, Richards' spokesman

Chuck McDonald, following Monday's floor debate, said the proposed statewide referendum could affect the governor's decision.

"We're going to have to talk about the whole thing again now," McDonald said.

It takes a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to override a veto. Earlier Monday, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock fired a verbal volley at Richards over the issue.

Bullock, presiding officer of the Senate, called on Richards to state plainly whether she is for or against the gun bill.

"I think the governor ought to take a firm stand one way or the other," he said.

Another Richards spokesman, Bill Cryer, said the governor opposes the bill and has said so repeatedly. But, he said, Richards will not say whether she will veto the legislation until lawmakers act on it.

Bullock said a lot of senators want to know Richards' stance because they support the proposal. He said he favors the measure and would vote for it in the Senate if a tiebreaker was needed.

Other amendments adopted by the House included one that would allow the handguns to be either concealed or exposed.

The overall bill would allow Texans 21 and over to apply for a license to carry a gun.

To be eligible, applicants could not have been convicted of a Class A or B misdemeanor in the five years before applying; ever have been found guilty of a felony; be under indictment; or be chemically dependent or of "unsound mind."

The Texas Department of Public Safety would perform a criminal history records check and investigation of the applicant. The fee for the 4-year gun license would be \$140.

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said Army ROTC cadet Trisha Clark. "I feel that sexual preference should not make a difference because it doesn't affect a person's desire to serve," Clark said, "but the majority's attitude is that they don't want homosexuals."

Clark said she thinks people in the military are afraid of the situations that would be brought about by admitting homosexuals.

"People are afraid of the housing problems like bunking and showering together. There are gay people in the Army now; they're just not open about it," Clark said. "Right now a straight person doesn't feel threatened because he doesn't know the guy in the next bunk is gay. If the ban is lifted, everyone will know and that worries people."

Clark said she thought soldiers also worry about the AIDS virus and being threatened by it.

"What people don't realize is that all soldiers are tested for HIV," she said. "AIDS is a concern for anyone, but it's not like admitting homosexuals would suddenly cause many

more cases."

Average soldiers are too young and immature to have a good attitude about lifting the ban, Clark said. They don't realize that there are gays in the military now doing commendable jobs.

"Right now straight people would be more of a problem than homosexuals. The people who come in are young, macho rednecks who have been raised believing homosexuality is wrong," she said.

"The majority of Army privates are barely out of high school and don't have the maturity to deal with the situation positively," Clark said. "I can foresee more problems like the one with that Marine getting beaten up occurring."

"I haven't run into anyone who wants the ban lifted," said cadet Paul Weyrauch. "I think the main reason that it's even being considered is that people are trying to start some sort of social change."

"The military isn't the place to start a push for gay rights because of military obligations. Teamwork and unity are so important to the military that a homosexual in the unit would cause unnecessary problems," Weyrauch said.

"Let's say an officer turned out to be gay," he said. "He would not get the respect due him because the men wouldn't feel comfortable and the cohesiveness of the unit would be ruined. It might not be fair, but that's the way it would be."

Clark said she didn't feel that ROTC would be too strongly affected if the ban was lifted.

"In ROTC, we're only in class and lab together; we're not paid to live and work together. I don't think it would be as serious a situation as that in the real Army," she said.

However, Weyrauch said he could foresee problems in ROTC if the ban was lifted.

"I think lifting the ban would have an affect on ROTC because of the natural bias people have toward gays," Weyrauch said. "I hope that participation wouldn't fall off, but it might happen in both ROTC and the Army."

President Clinton has asked a committee to research the issue and prepare a proposal by July 15 for lifting the gay ban.

The group is listening to historical and legal presentations, discussions of unit cohesion. They are also taking field trips to military installations

and talking with soldiers about their opinions on the issue. Officers from each of the services will be included on the study panel, according to a U.S. News and World Report article.

"The current regulations are that if someone states he is a homosexual, then he won't be brought into the service," Myers said. "If someone is in the Army and admits to being a homosexual, he can voluntarily leave with an honorable discharge or be processed for elimination."

All cases involving homosexuality are currently being sent to the U.S. Attorney's office. Until a decision on the ban is reached, these cases are being given continuances and the soldiers involved are being stationed in the ready reserve. They will either be discharged or invited back into the service following the decision and policy.

"People who are in leadership positions need to watch what they say because they represent the president and his policies," Myers said.

"If his policy is to put women in combat or homosexuals in the Army, then that's our policy, and if we don't like it, we can go join someone else's army," Myers said.

Arson investigators say Branch Davidians set fire

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press

WACO, Texas (AP) — A preliminary report by independent arson investigators released Monday corroborates FBI claims that the deadly fire that destroyed the Branch Davidians' compound last week was started by the doomsday cult.

"It is the opinion of the investigative team that this fire started in the interior of the building in at least two separate locations at approximately the same time. The team believes this fire was intentionally set by persons inside the compound," said Paul Gray, who headed the team.

The findings contradict some of the nine survivors who have claimed the fire, which claimed an estimated 86 lives, began when a tank knocked over a burning lantern at the Branch Davidians' sprawling compound.

Also Monday, a second victim of the blaze was identified, and one of David Koresh's purported "inner circle" advisers emerged from hiding and surrendered to authorities in Houston.

Gray said several factors contributed to the quick movement of the fire. The compound burned to the ground in less than 45 minutes.

"The building contained a large amount of unusually flammable materials," including bales of hay and several types of gaseous liquids, and a "remarkable amount of firearms, ammunition and military-type ordnance," Gray said.

The compound was poorly constructed and had no firewalls. The blaze was fanned by wind gusting to 30 mph.

Gray said investigators had not determined if followers of Koresh had spread fuel to speed the fire.

The FBI has said its snipers saw a cult member stoop down and start a fire, and that helicopters saw the blaze begin in three separate places at

about the same time.

The fire spread quickly, and firefighters arrived too late to save either people or property.

"By the time water was applied to the fire, the building was already totally destroyed," Gray said. However, the team concluded that because of the other factors, a quicker response "may have been inconsequential."

Gray, an arson investigator from Houston, led a team whose findings will be submitted to Attorney General Janet Reno and federal authorities here.

Reno ordered the independent report to answer questions raised about the FBI's role in the fire.

Peace Justice David Pareya identified the second victim as Shari Doyle, 18. Pareya said Doyle had a gunshot wound to head, but also contributing to her death were smoke and carbon monoxide poisoning and extensive charring.

Her body was found atop the bunker inside the fortress next to another gunshot victim.

The FBI has said that three cult members had been shot. County medical examiners said Doyle was the second so far.

Earlier Monday, Paul Fatta, 35, one of Koresh's reputed "inner circle" advisers, emerged from hiding and surrendered in Houston. He was charged with conspiracy to manufacture and possess unregistered machine guns, said Texas Ranger Brantley Foster. Koresh and his followers accumulated a huge stockpile of weapons and munitions.

Fatta said the Branch Davidians sold weapons and munitions to the public to raise money.

Fatta had been sought since the Feb. 28 raid outside Waco that left four federal agents dead and set off the 51-day siege that ended with last week's deadly inferno. Fatta was not at the compound during the standoff.

Fatta's attorney, Mike DeGuerin, said his client chose to surrender to the Rangers because he did not trust federal marshals.

U.S. Magistrate Marsha Crone ordered Fatta held at least until a detention hearing on Friday.

Fatta and his 14-year-old son had left the cult's Mount Carmel commune early in the morning of the raid to attend a gun show in Austin. They could not return after authorities sealed off the area.

Koresh was among the 86 Branch Davidians believed to have died in the inferno. Forty-four bodies have been salvaged from the rubble.

The first victim was identified Sunday as David Michael Jones, Koresh's brother-in-law. Jones was the mail carrier who learned from a television photographer of the impending raid on the compound, said Koresh's lawyer, Dick DeGuerin.

Jones told Koresh and the group was ready when the ATF agents arrived Feb. 28, DeGuerin said.

Three of the fire's nine survivors appeared in court Monday. Graeme Craddock, Dave Thibodeau and Ruth Ottman Riddle went before a federal judge on detention hearings, with another hearing scheduled in the afternoon.

Thibodeau was ordered released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and was being processed Monday afternoon.

Craddock was ordered jailed without bond. Riddle was sent to a halfway house.

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bones and cutting off airflow."

"They were really excited about it," Cole said. "They had mats and everything."

About 20 residents attended the course, she said.

Jarvis Hall's Permanent Improvements Committee purchased a number of flashlights for residents who have to be out after dark, Cole said.

"Whenever the girls have a night class, they felt it'd be more secure walking (with the lights)," she said. "If you're walking around with a huge light, maybe you'd attract more attention to yourself, so people wouldn't want to attack you."

Lighting has been a concern for the House of Student Representatives.

The House passed a resolution in March to pressure the administration into increasing campus lighting. The resolution came after a plan to install lights on the south side of the Moudy Building was rejected.

An additional light for Colby Hall was approved, but the proposed Moudy lights would interfere with that building's design integrity, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Service Edd Bivin told the Skiff.

Despite the current emphasis on lighting and self-defense, the trend toward safety is not a new one.

Safety has always been important, but awareness has risen lately, Perez said.

"I still don't think people think about it enough," she said.

"I think safety has always been an issue," Cole said. "I think students have always been concerned about it."

Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart said students are presently more concerned and more involved in campus security.

"The best things students can do is to be aware," he said.

Campus Police response is often hurt by students waiting before reporting incidents, Stewart said. Students should dial 7777 at the nearest emergency phone immediately after seeing anything that might require police attention, he said. Authorities can be at a trouble spot in at most two minutes, he said.

"I really think they're doing a

good job," Cole said. "I think the Campus Police are always right there — they're always very prompt to respond to any problems."

Several proposals have been made to make the Campus Police even more efficient, Stewart said.

Plans include installing cameras in remote areas, purchasing five new radios for the officers and installing more emergency phones around campus, Stewart said. An additional security guard may also be hired, he said.

Salaries should also be an issue, Stewart said.

"We're concerned about it, and we don't need to go to sleep on the salaries," he said. "We need to keep salaries compatible to get quality officers. We need people who are intelligent and who can make compassionate-type decisions."

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Frogs lose in final, wait for NCAA bid

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

The No. 15 ranked TCU men's tennis team, seeking its third consecutive Southwest Conference title, and fifth in the last six years, was turned away by top-seeded Texas, 5-2, Sunday in the SWC Tournament final in front of over 1,000 spectators at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

The No. 14 ranked Longhorns improved its record to 18-4 on the season, while the Frogs fell to 19-6.

The second-seeded Frogs, after squeaking by Baylor, 4-3, in the quarterfinals, looked sharp in defeating Rice, 6-1, in the semifinals. TCU won two of three doubles matches, then took five of six in the singles play, all in straight sets.

TCU head coach Tut Bartzan said the difference between his team's performances against Baylor and Rice was like night and day.

"Today (Saturday) was 100 percent better than yesterday," Bartzan said. "I was pleased with today's matches."

Sunday's championship though, was another story.

"They just outplayed us," Bartzan said.

The Frogs' No. 1 doubles team of Laurent Becouarn and Dax Peterson, ranked No. 30 nationally, dropped a very close 8-6 decision to Texas' No. 13 ranked tandem of Anders Eriksson and Trey Phillips. At that point, both the No. 2 team of Devin Bowen and Chris Milliron and the No. 3 duo of Ricardo Rubio and David Roditi had two-game leads.

In fact, Rubio and Roditi were two games away from winning at 6-4, but then Texas' Ian Williams and Ernesto Ponce came roaring back to take the match, 8-6. Bowen and Milliron won, 9-7.

TCU never recovered. "The turning point of the match was the doubles," said Roditi, who suffered his first ever, home singles defeat, 6-2, 6-3, ending his overall 11-match winning streak. "Ricky and I should've never lost the doubles. We knew we should have won the doubles. You don't think about it (when playing the singles), but psy-

chologically it hurts, knowing you should be up 1-0, not down 0-1."

Even the Longhorns' head coach, Dave Snyder, acknowledged the impact the doubles had on the rest of the match.

"The doubles win carried over into the singles, obviously," Snyder said.

In the singles, the Longhorns needed only to split the six matches to clinch the conference championship. They got the three wins in straight sets in the first three matches completed.

At No. 2 singles, Bowen came out on fire. He led Phillips, ranked No. 86, 4-2 in the first set before losing 6-4, 6-4.

"I couldn't win the big points," Bowen said. "I couldn't come up with the shots at the right time."

The Frogs got strong performances from Becouarn and Paul Robinson in the singles. At No. 1 singles, Becouarn, ranked No. 67 in the country, defeated No. 36 Eriksson 6-2, 6-4. Robinson won 7-6, 6-3, at No. 5 for his seventh consecutive victory and 20th in his last 21 matches.

The Frogs must now play the waiting game to see if they get a bid to the 20-team NCAA Championships field. Twelve teams receive at-large bids.

"This definitely puts us in the at-large bunch," Bartzan said. "There is still a lot going on that has an impact on our position. Now we are in the same position Texas was in last year."

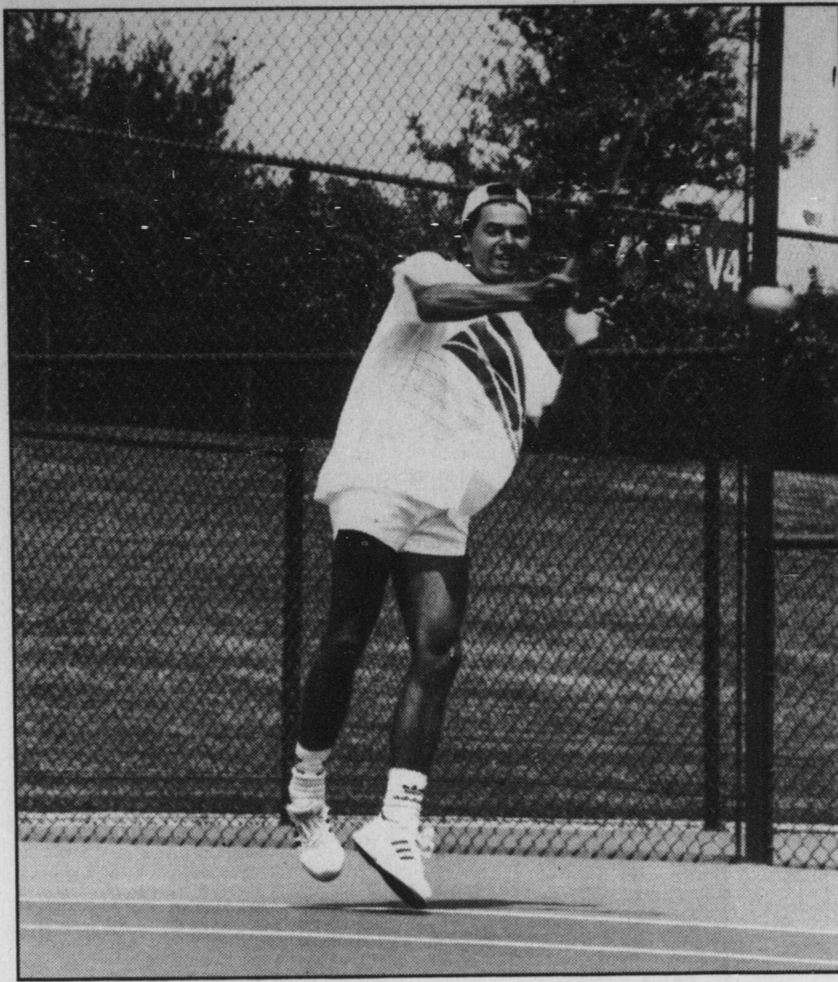
Last season, TCU won the SWC title and Texas received an at-large invitation.

Roditi feels the Frogs will get the call.

"I think we have a good chance of going to the NCAA's," Roditi said. "Everybody keeps saying that we don't have that good a chance, but I can almost guarantee you we will go to the NCAA's."

Roditi pointed out that most of the highly ranked teams won their conference tournaments and gained automatic bids, leaving mainly lower-ranked teams to be invited.

"Everyone who should have won, did, so that helps us," Roditi said. "We are in the top 20, so we should go."



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Senior Laurent Becouarn hits a shot during the SWC men's tennis tournament this weekend at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Lady Frogs fall in SWC tourney

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

It wasn't supposed to end this way.

The TCU women's tennis team, who expected to reach the Southwest Conference Tournament final and hoped to upset top-seed Texas, exited the SWC Tournament in the semifinals Saturday courtesy of the Texas A&M Lady Aggies.

After shutting out Texas Tech 6-0 in the quarterfinals, the Lady Frogs knew they would have their hands full against A&M.

"(We) will have to play a little better tomorrow (Saturday) than they did today," TCU head coach Roland Ingram said after the Lady Frogs knocked off Texas Tech.

The Lady Aggies, though, had other plans.

In a match that took less than 90 minutes, Texas A&M cruised to a 5-1 victory, avenging a 6-3 loss to the Lady Frogs earlier this season.

The Lady Frogs finished the season with a 13-7 record, while the

Lady Aggies improved to 11-12 before losing to No. 5 ranked Texas, 5-1, in the championship match.

TCU's Teri Martin, ranked No. 70 in the nation, defeated No. 62 ranked Janine Burton-Durham, 6-4, 6-1, for the second time this season.

"I guess I've got her number," Martin said. "I played really well, though."

But the Lady Aggies won the other five singles matches, all in straight sets, to clinch the victory without playing the doubles.

Christina Stangeland said the Lady Aggies came out like they were on a mission.

"They came to play, no doubt about it," said Stangeland, who was defeated 6-2, 7-6. "They seemed to want it more than we did."

The Lady Aggies played flawlessly, losing a total of just 31 games in their five singles victories.

"We played very well," A&M head coach Bobby Kleinecke. "We knew it was going to be a close match and the breaks went our way."

Macko striving to reach big leagues

By SHANNON SILL
TCU Daily Skiff

Mike Macko's first memory of baseball wasn't munching on a hot dog in a sunny ballpark or gripping a bat as his father threw curve balls to him.

Macko's earliest memories are of being in the stands at Arlington Stadium, running up and down the bleachers and playing pick-up ball every day in the summers.

Macko, whose father is the equipment manager for the Texas Rangers, said he grew up on the baseball diamond.

"I can't really remember a time when I didn't play," Macko said. "I started like everybody else with coach pitch and just went from there."

The 22-year-old second baseman went from coach pitch to Little League, from school sports to summer leagues and from high school to college, he said.

Macko played two years at McLennan Junior College in Waco and then came to TCU for two years. The fifth-year senior isn't playing this year because his eligibility has ended, but Macko said he recently had the chance to try out for the minor leagues in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

"When I wasn't drafted after my senior year, I figured that was it," Macko said. "But then this

opportunity came along and I knew I had to take it."

Macko said he worked out at the Rangers' training camp in Port Charlotte, Fla., for two weeks before his camp began.

"I really learned a lot before I even went to my camp," Macko said. "A lot of it was from just playing with the major-leaguers, but it was also from listening to what the coaches had to say."

Macko was let go two weeks into the minor-league training camp, he said.

"It was disappointing to be cut," Macko said. "But I'm really happy I went because at least I can say that I tried it."

Macko said he wasn't intimidated playing with the professional athletes.

"I have a different outlook on the game than other people since I grew up around it," he said. "I wasn't like the regular kids who collected baseball cards and idolized players because I was around them every day."

Macko was around players every day during his six years as a bat boy for the Rangers, he said.

"Being a bat boy was really fun because you got to go on road trips with the team," Macko said. "You travel like millionaires — your bags are carried, you get money for meals and you stay in the finest hotels."

"You spend so many games at the stadium

you're bound to see something special," he said. "I got to be there for Nolan Ryan's 5,000th strikeout and for his seventh no-hitter just because I was a bat boy."

Macko's interest in baseball still comes from the challenge that originally influenced him, he said.

"It's a challenge to yourself to see how good you can be," he said. "The longer you play, the more you like the competition and the pressure of winning the big games."

"You have to enjoy practicing and enjoy trying to get better or you won't enjoy the game at all," he said.

Macko's father came from the old school of baseball in which no one analyzed the game; the players went onto the field and did the job, he said.

"Baseball is a repetitious sport in that you have to do things like hitting over and over again because when you step up to the plate, there's no time to think," he said. "You just react."

Macko's said his reaction to baseball will continue to be positive.

"As a physical therapist, I plan to work with athletes in the future. Of course, I relate easily to them, and I think athletes are more motivated than most people to get well," he said. "That's what I like, people who are motivated to meet the challenge to be their best."

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Seniors receive monetary awards for academic abilities

By CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU Daily Skiff

Three seniors have earned a total of \$1,100 because of their outstanding academic abilities.

Steven Scott, an economics and mathematics double major, received a \$200 award from Sigma Xi and a \$300 award from Phi Beta Kappa. The awards are given at the end of each year to an outstanding senior.

Catherine Nelson, a Spanish and Latin American studies double major, and Elizabeth Lunday, an English and advertising and public relations double major, tied for the Boller award, given annually to the senior who does the most outstanding undergraduate research presentation during Honors Week.

Winners of the Boller award traditionally receive a \$300 prize, but tie winners would have to split the money. Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students who is retiring in May, wrote a \$300 check, so that each student would receive the full amount of prize money.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest national honor society and was established at the College of William and Mary in 1776, said Emmet G. Smith, president of the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The society's members discuss possible award recipients based on GPA, classes, extra curricular activities and any other academic work the student has done, said Smith, Herndon professor of Organ and Church Music.

Scott's work on two mathematical papers pushed him above the rest of the candidates,

Smith said.

"Scott's work is really beyond what one would expect of a student as an undergrad," he said.

Sigma Xi, a scientific research society, named Scott its Outstanding Senior in Science. The Sigma Xi award goes to an undergrad who has done outstanding research, said C.A. Quarles, president of the university's chapter of Sigma Xi.

Scott worked for nine weeks last summer on mathematical research with a student from Oklahoma State University and TCU professors George Gilbert, Rhonda Hatcher and Davis Addis. The work produced two papers.

"Mellin transforms of a generalization of Legendre polynomials" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics. Scott presented his second paper, "Vector spaces of functions with mostly real zeros," at the American Mathematics Society/American Mathematics Association conference held in San Antonio last January.

Gilbert, assistant professor of mathematics, said he enjoyed working with Scott. "He's a real sharp student," he said.

The work gave Scott a sense of persistence, he said.

"In math at a higher level you fail more often than you succeed," he said.

Scott said he began his freshman year as a business major. He then changed to economics to do the university's three-two program and receive his master's degree in business administration in five years. Scott later added a mathematics major because of

his growing interest in the subject.

Scott has decided not get an MBA and instead has received a National Science Foundation Fellowship which will fund his pursuit of a doctorate degree in statistics at Harvard University.

After Harvard, Scott said he is not sure what he will do.

"I'm keeping my options open," he said. "That's why I like statistics. The job market is really good."

There are possibilities in a number of areas for statisticians, Scott said.

Scott said he will remember most the Honors Banquet where he was named Senior Scholar in Economics and Mathematics, Outstanding Senior in Science and Outstanding Senior in Liberal Studies.

"I was just overjoyed," he said. "It was great. It's almost like winning the lottery... an unneeded boost to my ego." Scott also said the relationships he had with his professors and the freedom he had in following his interests have helped him develop his intellect.

Catherine Nelson and Elizabeth Lunday were both named as having Outstanding Senior Honors Presentations.

Nelson's senior honors project, "El papel de la madre en obras elegidas de Camilo Jose Sela," focused on the difference in the mother character in Sela's works as compared to the traditional depiction of the role of mothers of the Mediterranean region.

Nelson said the experience she received by writing the project has helped prepare her for graduate school.

"It has made me confident that I can write a 30-page paper," she said. "I found that it was fun to get focused and be so involved in a subject."

Nelson said she thought that made her a nerd, but someone else put it nicely, she said. That's what makes you a scholar, she said.

Peggy Watson, assistant professor of Spanish, said that it was wonderful working with such a talented student.

Watson said that Nelson got the idea for her project while studying in Spain. Nelson found that there was really no material published on the role of the mother in Sela's works, Watson said. This is unusual because Sela is a Nobel prize-winning author who has had tremendous critical material written on him, she said.

"For her to be able to tackle this project," she said, "is really graduate-level research."

Part of the reason the paper turned out so well is because Nelson made herself vulnerable, Watson said.

"Instead of being afraid of the preliminary work, she was willing to have us look at it in a non-final form," Watson said. "So in the end she really had an excellent final product and developed self-confidence."

After graduating from TCU in May, Nelson has a scholarship to attend New York University's master's program in Madrid. She said she then hopes to get a doctorate degree and eventually teach.

Elizabeth Lunday's senior project, "Riverside" is a collection of short stories and essays developed from her upbringing in the Northeast Fort Worth neighborhood.

"It's an interesting place," Lunday said. "It's small and somewhat geographically isolated. It has a real sense of community that you don't find anymore."

Lunday described her work about the ethnically mixed neighborhood as similar to "Winesburg, Ohio" and "Tales from Lake Wobegon," which was written by author Garrison Keeler. "Most (of the writing) came from my own experience; it's somewhat autobiographical," she said. "The short stories deal with the people in the neighborhood and how their lives are shaped by where they are."

Lunday read from her story titled "Why I live in Riverside" for her presentation.

Maggie Thomas, assistant professor of journalism, served on Lunday's advisory panel and said she enjoyed working with Lunday because she is an intelligent, creative and organized student.

"I'm delighted (that Lunday won the award) because this project blends together news gathering and English and literary devices to express the deep roots she grew up in," Thomas said.

Lunday said her project helped her put her transition from life in Riverside to life at TCU in perspective.

"Working on this project, I was able to resolve those differences," she said. "I more or less came to the conclusion that Riverside created me, that's who I am."

After graduating in May, Lunday will move to Austin where she hopes to get a job in public relations, advertising or magazine publishing.

Police work to verify girls' claims of gang initiation sex

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The frightening disclosure by five teenage girls who say they were dared to have sex with an HIV-infected gang member had police trying to verify their stories Monday.

But police said there is little they can do unless someone comes forward to file a criminal complaint alleging sexual assault or claiming somebody knowingly exposed them to the AIDS virus without their consent.

Planned Parenthood of San Antonio revealed that five 14- and 15-year-old girls who were tested for the AIDS virus told counselors they had sex with the HIV-infected male as part of a gang initiation.

"They weren't really bragging. What they told us came out in the counseling session," said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Jo Ann King-Sinnett. "The girls came off as being tough and unemotional, but I think deep down they were very concerned."

So far none of the girls have tested positive for HIV, Ms. King-Sinnett said. The teen-agers told counselors the sexual activity occurred late last year and in January. The virus that causes AIDS, may not show up in the bloodstream for several more months, however.

"We tend to think that maybe it is just one (infected male)," she said.

Police spokesman Sgt. David Ramos said police were gathering information about the gang activities from Planned Parenthood, but the organization cannot release the names of the girls for confidentiality reasons.

"At this time we're going to try to monitor... because we're not aware of this activity, this alleged activity," Ramos said. "There's no way to determine if it's actually accurate."

Tales of promiscuity among gang members and of girls having sex as part of gang initiation is nothing new, and Ramos said the stories the girls told the Planned Parenthood counselors are not farfetched.

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