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Couples to instruct Russian teachers on Christianity

By CHRISTINA BARNES
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Two university-affiliated couples will teach Judeo-Christian ethics to teachers in Russia, a country that has been, as a whole, atheistic for 70 years.

Scott and Kathy Matheny, university staff members for Campus Crusade for Christ, and Jim and Peggy McGee, TCU alumni, will go to Russia in August to teach Russian teachers the basics of Judeo-Christian ethics and morality.

The purpose of the project, called "Co-Mission," takes U.S. Christians

from 60 different organizations and churches to Russia to instruct teachers in a curriculum titled "Christian Ethics and Morality: A Foundation for Society."

"Russians have had no basis for morality for 70 years except for Marxism, Communism and Leninism, but those failed them," Scott Matheny said. "Now the government is looking for a basis for morality based on Judeo-Christian ethics."

The Co-Mission is the result of a request by the Russian government.

Campus Crusade showed "The Jesus Film" in Russia in 1990. Yevgeny Kurkin, premier deputy

minister of education, felt that school children should see the film.

Kurkin told Crusade members in Russia that he felt Christian morals could play a significant part in the development of a new country.

"It is true that our country has many problems; however the greatest problem we have is that God does not live in our land any longer," he said. "Seventy years ago we closed him out of our country, and it has caused so many problems we cannot count them."

Matheny said that the government had asked Crusade to come and tell the teachers about the messages of

Jesus Christ. Crusade did not have enough people to meet the needs of the Russians, so the organization joined with others in a combined effort, he said.

"At the request of the government, we have been asked to go and teach this course so that the teachers can teach it to their students," he said.

A new foundation for life begins with the children, Kurkin said.

"We must put him (God) back in our country, and we must begin with our children," he said.

There are 150 school districts in the Republic of Russia, and the project members will instruct teachers in

the morality curriculum at education conferences, Matheny said. Once the teachers are trained, they are able to take the information back to their own schools, he said.

The couples will leave Fort Worth in August and go to Illinois for a two-week training session. From there they will fly to Moscow for another training session, and then be dispersed in teams, consisting of eight to 12 people, to different areas of Russia. The Crusade project members will be in either the Ukraine, the Moscow area or the Kiev area, Matheny said.

The course curriculum consists of

showing "The Jesus Film," which is a documentary on the life of Jesus Christ based on the book of Luke in the Bible, and instructing the teachers on Christ's life and teachings, Matheny said.

The purpose of the Co-Mission is not to set up churches in Russia, Matheny said. The government wants us to give the people of Russia a foundation for their morals and ethics, he said.

"The Russians don't want us to evangelize their country," he said. "Many people are coming to Christ

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Kappa Delta raises funds to prevent child abuse

By CAMIE MELTON
TCU Daily Skiff

Kappa Delta sorority is selling raffle tickets to raise money for the prevention of child abuse.

"We really like our philanthropy, so we are doing whatever it takes to contribute to the cause," said Kristal Griffith, Kappa Delta's president.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1 each; a booklet of six tickets sells for \$5. The drawing for prizes will be Friday at 4 p.m. Tickets can be bought from any Kappa Delta sorority member until Friday before the drawing.

Twenty percent of the proceeds will be sent to Kappa Delta's national office and will go toward the Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va. The other 80 percent will go to the Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth.

The Lena Pope Home is a home for abused or neglected teenagers between the ages of 10 and 17. Money that is donated goes directly toward the care of the youth, said Beth Guenzel, the director of community resources at the Lena Pope Home.

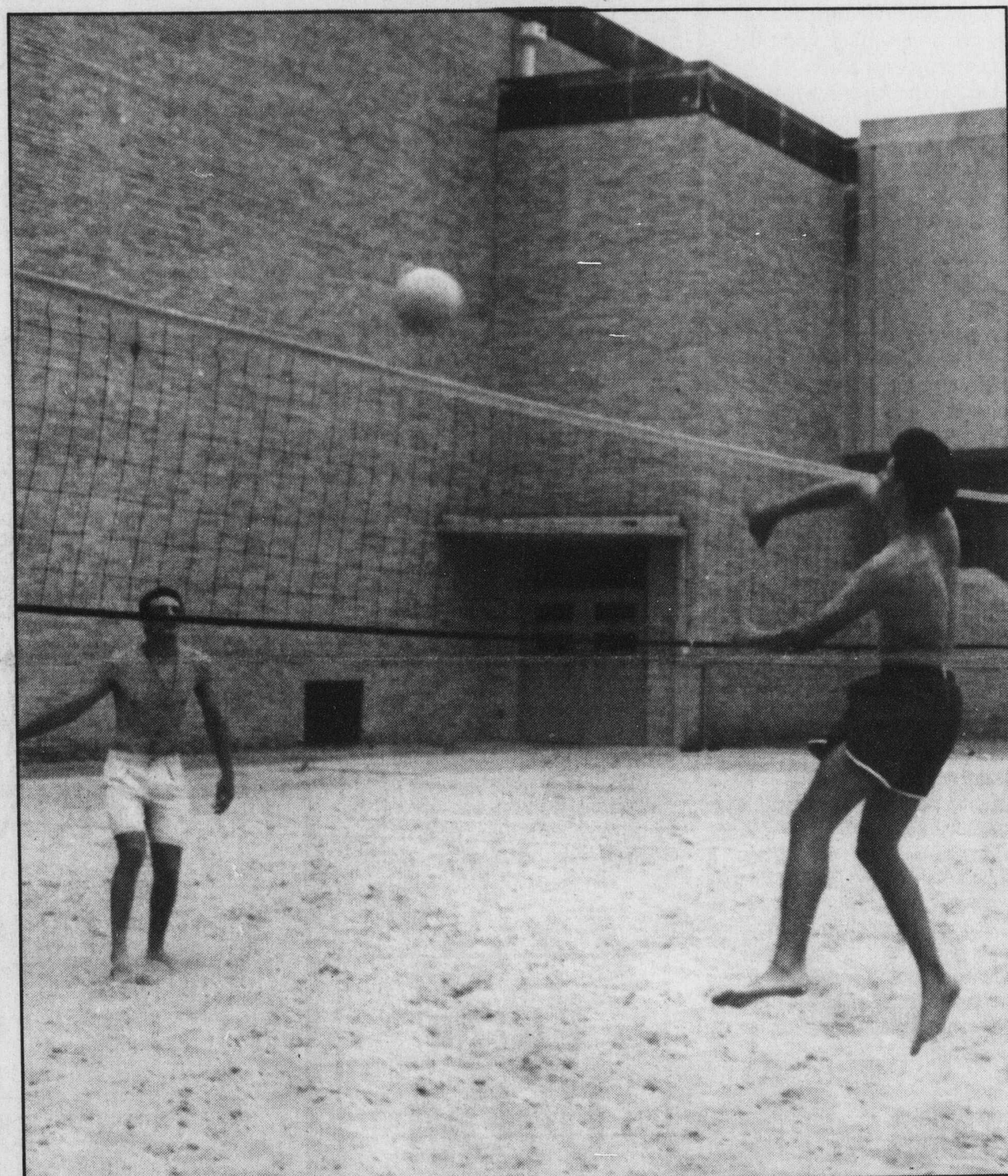
"Donations like this go toward activities, food, or clothing for the youth," she said. "It does not go toward our operating cost."

The Lena Pope Home also provides counseling for the home's residents and their families. Some residents are able to go back with their family; most, however, cannot, Guenzel said.

"It means a lot to the children

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LIFE'S A BEACH



TCU Daily Skiff/Beth Aine Bollinger
Despite gray skies and the threat of thunderstorms, sand volleyball games continued Wednesday afternoon outside the Rickel Building.

Commencement tradition prompts seniors' questions

By JAMIE McILVAIN
and CHRIS NEWTON
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Despite complaints by some graduating seniors, commencement will not feature a keynote speaker. Instead, Chancellor William Tucker will give a three to five minute address.

Time constraints are part of the reason the university does not invite guest speakers for commencement, said Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for university relations.

"It's definitely a tradition to have the chancellor speak at the commencement," Lauer said. "The tradition has also been for the students to individually walk across the stage and be handed their diplomas by the chancellor."

"As the number of graduating students increases, the length of the ceremony has also increased. Many families have events planned around the ceremony, and we just don't want the ceremony to be too long," Lauer said.

Still, some say it would be worth it to sit through a longer ceremony to hear a distinguished speaker. Students told trustees at the spring Student Relations Committee meeting that many of them would like to hear someone from outside the university speak.

"We wanted to go ahead and bring it (the issue) up to the Board of Trustees," said Chris Hightower, vice president of programming for the House of Student Representatives, who presented the issue to the

trustees. "Students do want to have a commencement speaker."

Last year the House endorsed a resolution calling for a commencement speaker, said House Secretary Jennifer Schooley. Representatives voted 17 to 10 in favor of an outside speaker, with 4 abstentions, on March 10, 1992. The resolution was then sent to university administrators, Schooley said. No further action was taken on the issue.

Hightower said one problem with bringing in an outside speaker was that Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, where graduation is held, would be too small to accommodate everyone who might want to attend.

The speaker's fee would be paid by all students' fees, Hightower said, so all students, not just graduating seniors, should be able to attend.

Another problem would be that those not graduating would have to move out of the residence halls before commencement and would have no place to live if they wanted to stay for the address, Hightower said.

Also, universities that bring in outside speakers tend not to call out each graduate's name, Hightower said, but simply recognize all graduates of each school or college *en masse*.

"They don't get the individual treatment that TCU likes to provide," Hightower said.

But an outside speaker might be more impressive to those attending graduation, Hightower said. Guests might think that TCU is a quality

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Students say library is noisy, confusing

By ANGELA WRIGHT
TCU Daily Skiff

Mary Coats Burnett Library is being criticized for not being user-friendly, but library staff members say they're doing all they can to make the library a quiet, accessible place for students and faculty members to work.

The library has been criticized for the lack of instruction by library staff and the building's noise level. The library says efforts have been made to handle these complaints, but students are unaware of them.

Some students have complained that the library system is confusing and that finding books is difficult. They also say they have trouble using the computer equipment to get needed information.

"I'm not completely sure how to use the Sociofile or any of the other computer programs," said Shalonda Brazzell, a sophomore nursing major. "What I know I kind of learned on my own through trial and error."

Freshman pre-major Nicole Phillips said, "I don't understand why there isn't some kind of tour that not just shows where things are, but how to use them as well."

However, Fred Heath, director of the library, said those kinds of tours

were available.

"We do offer tours of the library, and we also offer training sessions that instruct students how to use the computers, read call numbers and any other type of library equipment," he said.

Heath said signs were posted throughout the library advertising the sessions, but no one seems to read them.

Students can schedule an appointment for the tours and the training sessions at the reference desk anytime, he said.

Although the reference desk is the department with the most information and resources, it is also a site of misunderstanding between students and library staff.

Tammy Flores, a sophomore psychology major, said she had encountered communication problems with the reference desk staff.

"I believe they are there to help, but they seem to get impatient with you rather quickly if you don't approach them like you are exactly sure what you need," she said.

Bill Farrington, head of the reference desk, said discovering what students need can be a big problem.

"Many times students start with the broadest possible question and

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METROPLEX

Today will bring rain and occasional thunderstorms with a high temperature of 76 degrees.

Friday will be clear in the afternoon with a high temperature near 70 degrees.

Alumni group aids MBA program

By CHRISTINA BODE
TCU Daily Skiff

The M. J. Neeley School of Business is working to bring alumni back in contact with one another and the university by forming a TCU MBA alumni association.

Rob Rhodes, MBA academic program director, said the association's events will help strengthen networking bonds between the former student and the university as well as possibly create opportunities between the current firms they work for and the university.

Creating this type of network

could mean internships and jobs for current MBA students, Rhodes said.

There are about 600 local MBA alumni who would be a great resource for a mentoring program which would match up current MBA students with MBA alumni, Rhodes said.

And, Rhodes said, putting TCU MBA alumni in touch with prospective students to encourage them to enter the TCU MBA program would benefit the university.

The MBA alumni association will also create opportunities for the alumni themselves, Rhodes said.

"For all alumni an agenda item is

to have good networks and to learn about opportunities they may not be aware of," Rhodes said.

Coming together through the association's events will provide an opportunity for the alumni to stay abreast of what other firms are doing, Rhodes said, and will help the MBA alumni stay in contact with their former classmates.

TCU MBA alumni will participate in an MBA organization because of their affinity and love toward the M. J. Neeley School of Business and the university, Rhodes said.

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'Student advisors'

Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic institutes new board to address student concerns

By ROBIN SHIRLEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Students will have the chance to influence issues and solve problems within the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic through a new student advisory board.

"The purpose of the board is to provide a vehicle for students to have input into the academic and clinical operations of the clinic, as well as any other issues that may come up," said Jennifer Watson, director of the

clinic.

"It's not just a place to gripe," Watson said. "We want to also raise issues that are important for successful completion of a degree."

The board benefits students also, because they can learn how to raise concerns in a professional atmosphere, she said.

At the beginning of the semester, three students were appointed by teachers to serve on the board. Also, three students were elected by peers from each area (speech pathology,

deaf education, graduate), Watson said.

The board elected a chairperson and secretary during its first formal meeting Wednesday. Various issues were discussed, including the structure of the department and how it might be reorganized. Watson also wants the board to help with faculty searches by viewing presentations, hearing lectures and visiting with the prospects.

"I think the first meeting was very successful," she said. "We even ran

out of time, so we will probably meet again this semester."

Watson got the idea of a student board when she realized that students had no formal mechanism to communicate their needs, she said.

"Although the students felt comfortable talking to the staff, they wanted a formal mechanism for communicating and we wanted to improve that communication in the program," Watson said.

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CAMPUSlines

Photography lecture Arthur Meyerson, a noted photographer from Houston, will present a slide show/lecture today at 6 p.m. in Moudy Room 132N. Free. Call 921-7643.

Biology seminar John Burr from University of Texas at Dallas will present "Tyrosine Phosphorylation in Cells Transformed by Rous Sarcoma Viruses" April 30 from noon to 1 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Studio art show The Bachelor of Fine Arts studio show will be held until April 30. Twelve seniors will display their work from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 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. All proceeds go to Tarrant County Women's Center and Rape Crisis program. Call Kristie at 346-2650 or Janie at 926-8807.

Video screening Television I and II and Electronic Field Production students will be showing their video productions from 7 to 10 p.m. April 30 in Moudy Room 164S. Call 921-7630.

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 biography, statement of career goals, an official transcript and two letters of recommendation from faculty to: Institute of International Education Southern Regional Office, 515 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 150, Houston, TX 77027-9407. Call James Falk at (713) 621-6300.

Gay and Lesbian Student Network will have its last meeting of the semester May 2. To be contacted in the fall semester about new meeting times, call 924-7385.

Symphony concert The University Symphony will perform May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. Call 921-7810.

Choral concert A massed choir, brass quartet and organist will perform May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. Call 921-7810.

Dance concert "The Last Stretch," choreographed by senior dance majors, will be presented May 4-5 at 8 p.m. in the Ballet and Modern Dance Building. Free. Call 921-7615.

Graphic Design show Eight senior graphics design majors are giving their Bachelor of Fine Arts show May 3-7 in the Moudy Building Exhibition Space. A reception will be held on May 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Showing hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 921-7643.

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON CREATOR'S SYNDICATE

TAURUS(April 20-May 20). Breakthrough in business makes you wonder why you were ever worried. Love interest goes full speed ahead. Frustrating sibling takes advice. Loans come, but a phone call may not.

GEMINI(May 21-June 21). A relationship reaches a point of spiritual connection, but still consider marriage. Shifting personnel brings more responsibility; use it to your advantage. An in-law shows affection.

CANCER(June 22-July 22). A partner that seems unyielding will cause you to settle for none other than your best. Pestering workmate has a crush on you. Foster kindness in an impressionable child. Avoid slip of the tongue.

LEO(July 23-Aug. 22). Trouble is over, but get expert advice anyway. The last returned stone holds the answer you seek. A friend is trying to hide unhappiness. When your mate returns, you hear the sound of money jangling.

VIRGO(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Adopt a cheery smile and win a friend. One romantic interest isn't what you need; the other has potential. Give yourself permission to have fun. Disregard opinions of pals and co-workers.

LIBRA(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A guilty feeling leaves you. When you reach the halfway mark, re-evaluate the rest of a project. Get out of no-win situations. A loved one is an integral part of future

career success. SCORPIO(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Colleague makes excellent suggestions, but do more research before trying them. Initiate a double date or party. Ask yourself how hard you are willing to work for a relationship.

SAGITTARIUS(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Business mail gets positive reply. Mate responds with emotions instead of reason. Salespeople, public relations and consultants develop a unique and profitable relationship with new clients.

CAPRICORN(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When your lover unconsciously takes on the role of teacher, issue a gentle reminder. Value your own judgments — even with experts. Purchase now saves you money. Look past a friend's clothes.

AQUARIUS(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Dollars pour in. Only say yes to romantic offers if you truly see a future with the one asking. Someone is stealing your ideas. Demand what is rightfully yours. Relatives need to hear from you.

PISCES(Feb. 19-March 20). Loving eyes are on you, especially when you are unaware. Placate a complaining associate. All the ingredients for financial success are within reach. Meet new loves at movies or clubs.

ARIES(March 21-April 19). A job you have procrastinated will go easily. Ambitious nature gets you noticed by an employer of like-mind. Friend confesses that the hard time he/she has been giving you is due to envy.

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anyway, but that's not our stated goal. It's educational rather than evangelical.

Matheny has been to Russia twice before in 1985 and 1986. He said he saw a real need to give encouragement to the people there.

"You talk to people and they would never have heard of Jesus Christ," he said. "It's very sad to see people who have no hope. The people had very little motivation for anything because of communism, which places no inherent value in the individual."

Peggy McGee, TCU class of 1990, said the trip would give the couple a chance to play a part in history.

"Russia, it appears, is where things are happening," she said. "This is very important in the history of Russia. If this project is allowed to continue, you'll see a lot of changes in the future over there. We hope reli-

gious freedom will take place over there and people will choose Christianity."

The McGees received a letter from a teacher in Russia who became a Christian through the Co-Mission instruction, McGee said. The teacher said that when Russia was Communist, she was told to turn in to the government any of her students participating in Christian activities. The students the teacher once persecuted now have children of their own, McGee said, and the teacher is telling these children about Christ.

McGee said the Co-Mission would prepare the couple for future mission work.

"Going to a place where people are asking us to come will be a good step for both of us," she said. "I hope it will be a radical enough life change that when we come back we won't be afraid to talk about our faith to everyday people."

The couples will spend one to two years in Russia, Matheny said. They have to raise their own support by

asking for donations from friends and churches, he said.

The teams will have their own translator, a student with four to five years of college English or a university English instructor, he said. Matheny knows some conversational Russian because he studied three years of the language while he attended University of California at Los Angeles, but he will need help with some words and phrases, he said.

Matheny said the couple's primary goals were to fulfill the Russians' request, and they hoped that they would successfully accomplish this.

"What we hope is to do our best in explaining biblical principles," he said. "We want to tell people about God and give them a purpose for living."

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when they see that even strangers care about them," she said. "We really appreciate all that the Kappa Deltas have done. I have been here for six years and they have been donating regularly."

In the past, Kappa Delta has held a day of field activities or skating for the residents of the Lena Pope Home, Guenzel said.

"We have printed 800 tickets so

far, and we hope to sell them all," Griffith said. "We are giving away about 30 to 40 really good prizes, and it is such a great cause, so I think we should sell a lot of tickets."

Among the prizes to be given away Friday are dinners at Don Pablo's and Chili's, tickets to the Omni theater, a month of free tanning and a Harold's gift certificate.

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Opinion

Fans and critics alike respond to columns through comments, letters

For the past week, all my friends, and a few enemies, have been asking me who I was going to infuriate in my last column of the semester. I kept telling them that I wasn't sure, but might not be anyone.



CLAY GAILLARD

I lied. For the past twenty-something weeks, I have been faithfully cranking out pieces of my opinion every week, and drawing all kinds of reactions. People on this campus, students, staff and faculty alike, have called me everything from "a sexist, racist Haitian hating homophobic," to "just like my father (or husband)," to the sole anchor that is sinking this student publication to new depths.

For all of the feedback — both hate mail and fan mail — I truly thank the readers. Most of it will not change the way I look at the world or dilute my opinions, but it is

really great to know that someone out there is reading, and either loves or hates my writing enough to tell me about it.

Two of the greatest moments as a columnist are on opposite ends of the spectrum, but both will always stand out as moments

of success in my mind.

One was this spring on a bus going to a party. One of my fraternity brother's dates asked, "Are you the guy who wrote that

column about Hillary Clinton?"

"That would be me."

"You're a real (jerk)!" she informed me. My date was horrified, but I loved it; if people are willing to call me dirty names in public, to my face, then perhaps I am doing something right.

The second moment happened last fall. A TCU graduate who was also a twice wounded Vietnam veteran sent me a personal letter, not for publication, saying how much he liked my column about our campus's lack of observance of Veteran's Day. It really made it worth the effort to find out that my attempt to foster a little patriotism affected someone who nearly died for patriotism.

But I can't pass up this opportunity to address the people who have, somewhere in the course of communication, missed

the point. Allow me to simplify.

I don't hate women. In fact, they are a very large and integral part of my life; just ask my Visa card that no longer has any color left on it. What I do hate is the radical feminists that build a gallows every time a man says "chick" and defend abortion clinics while wearing coat hanger shaped earrings.

I am not a white supremacist, or even David Duke-styled "pro-White." But I do believe that true racial equality will never be attained as long as special concessions are made for any one race. In short, affirmative action is well meant, but misguided for today's society.

As for that Haitian hating bit, let me make myself very clear. I have only met a couple of Haitians (at least that I knew were Haitians) in my life and in these brief

casual acquaintances, I didn't develop even any real dislike, much less a deep seated hatred for the entire ethnic group. It's just that I feel that it isn't smart to allow mass immigration of a group of people who are known to have an extremely high incidence of a disease as deadly as AIDS. If that makes me a bigot then so is the voice of reason.

I have truly enjoyed the past year as a columnist. Whether you loved me for saying the things that you think should be said or you hate me for bringing up the things that you don't want to hear, I thank you again for reading. And if I haven't made you laugh or made you mad, either one, then I'll just have to try harder next year.

Clay Gaillard is a junior English major from Texhoma, Okla.

Concert organist captivates, angers his large audience

There was a great concert hall with a huge organ — kind of like the one in Dallas' Morton Meyerson. In this concert hall, people would come from miles around to hear this one man play. He had been touted as the world's greatest and he was loved by all. Critics raved at his skill and utter genius, and he could pack the hall anytime he stroked a key.



MICHELLE SMITH

The man loved his fame and he loved his fans. He would never actually begin his concert on time so the people would become fidgety and begin screaming: "Play for us! Play! Play!" Finally, the man would strut onto the stage like a proud rooster, raising one hand to the sky then flapping his coat tails over the back of the organ bench all in one motion. Then he would freeze over the five rows of keys.

A startling hush would come over the thousands of people as he looked up towards the hundreds of pipes, big and small. He would take a slow, but deep breath; his eyes would fall to the keys as his hands, in an arched position, would reach to the sky. His hands would fall quickly and abruptly, and the sound of the harmonious pipes enraptured the listeners, caressed every crevice in the great hall and inspired even the most uninspirable.

A little girl was sitting with her mother at the concert one night, and even though she had been before and hadn't gone to sleep like she had a tendency to in church service; she was tired of simply watching and she was curious about the big organ and all those pipes. She slipped away from her mother just to investigate.

She made it backstage, and she heard what sounded like someone out of breath. The music had just stopped. As she rounded the corner she saw a little man sprawled in a chair, gasping for air.

"Who are you?" The little girl asked. Startled, the man jumped to his feet and shoed the little girl.

"Leave, little girl! It's time for the next movement!" he said. He moved quickly into a small room, and closed the door. Fortunately for the little curious girl the door didn't close completely and she peeked inside.

As she peered into the small crack, she saw the little man peddling. He stepped as hard and as fast as he could, but when the music stopped, so would the little man. When intermission came, the girl asked him again: "Who are you?"

"Well," he said "You see that man out there in the tails and bow tie? It's my job to peddle while he presses the keys so that he will sound good. He is quite a character, you know. After the concerts are over, he really has very little to say to me. Sometimes aside remarks, other times just nothing. You know — have you ever played with friends that don't play fairly?"

"Uh, huh . . ." she said intently, "I just want to take my toys and go home, and that's usually what I do."

The man chuckled. "Yeah," he said softly, "I hear you." Then he just looked at the little girl and smiled. "You know your mommy is probably looking for you."

"OK," she said. "Bye, Mister!" She headed out the door, and then turned back: "I won't tell anybody you're back here." They traded a huge grin.

The concert continued, and the music was spellbinding. The organist had brought the audience to its feet for three consecutive pieces. Finally, it was time for the finale. The man raised both his hands to the air, looked up to the huge pipes, let out a deep breath and let his hands thunder to the keys. Much to the audiences' amazement, not a sound was heard. He tried it again — not a peep.

The little girl could hold it no longer and her laughter filled the concert hall — "HA! HA! HA!" She fell to the ground, pounding the floor hysterically. The man at the organ turned a beautiful shade of fuchsia and screamed to the top of his lungs: "BARTHOLOMEW!!!!" The little girl's gaffaw was soon drowned out by the upset audience. "LOSER! FAKE! FRAUD! IDIOT!" they yelled and began to leave the great music hall.

The little girl, now in tears was dragged all the way home by her disappointed mother.

Which one are you — the little girl, the organist, or the little man that is never respected? Find your place in the world, but don't forget those who make U the U that U are. Thanks, Dr. B!

Michelle Smith is a senior English major from Dallas.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Biology

This letter is on behalf of the many biology students who experienced an unnecessary setback during the past academic year.

Last year, TCU changed its requirements for a biology degree. Students were required to complete Principles of Life Sciences, Genetics and classes selected from various departmental groups. Well, now Ecology has been added, the groups have dissolved and Genetics has been incorporated into a cell biology class.

Last spring, students already in the program were given their choice of paths. Many students, including myself, chose to follow the old system and enrolled in Genetics. However, during advisement this semester we were informed we must convert to the new system. The Genetics class we've completed counts for nothing yet we must retake parts of it during Cell Biology. Call us crazy for being upset but would you take Genetics if you didn't have to — much less twice?

Furthermore, many departmental classes have been eliminated or changed. Information about such classes may be found in the new Undergraduate Studies Bulletin; however, it isn't available to students yet. How are we to complete our degrees efficiently with this lack of consistency and information? Perhaps if whoever governs the curriculum and advisors would get with the program, we could too.

Shari Currey
Sophomore
Biology

Homosexuality

We are writing in response to Priscilla Shaw's letter about homosexuality which appeared in Wednesday's edition of the Skiff. To begin with, we want everyone to know that not all Christians share Miss Shaw's attitude toward homosexuals. We would like to address her close-minded interpretation of the Bible.

We are not saying that homosexuality is right — the Bible does indeed condemn the act of homosexuality. However, in both the Old and New Testament slavery is condoned, and in one of Paul's epistles, he clearly states that slaves should stay with their masters. Does that mean that slavery is right? Does that mean that black slaves were obligated to stay with their white owners? Does that mean that the black people do not deserve the rights that they have today?

If Shaw's fundamentalist perspective was to be used in interpretation of all parts of the Bible, this would mean that you condone slavery, would it not?

In reference to Shaw's comment regarding the personality of God, we hope that you realize that above all else, God is love. Sometimes it takes great courage to love

everyone regardless of their actions. For God to love does not make God a wimp.

You also say, "We, like God, get angry without sinning." Are you without sin? We think not. We all sin whether we realize it or not. We are called, as Christians, to stand up for righteousness, but we are also called, primarily, to love all without judging anyone. If you want Biblical proof for this, Jesus said during his sermon on the Mount (Matt. 7:1-5), "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. . . Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" It is God's place to judge sin. God has not given us that right. Remember, also, that Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to love God, and then our neighbors. (Matt. 22: 37-40).

Finally, Shaw said "God loves the sinner, but hates the sin." It sounds as if she hates the "sinner".

Erin Brubaker
Sophomore
Psychology

Jennifer Cole
Sophomore
Religion

Band scholarships

In reference to Clayton Holmes' brief letter, I ask, did you even bother to read all of Dennis O'Loughlin's letter? It stated that there was no form of "competition" among scholarship applicants, incoming freshmen or otherwise, since our new director has decided to give the existing funds to incoming freshmen to "increase the numbers in the band," PERIOD.

If you would care to check the facts yourself, ask Dave Henning or anyone else in the department. Dennis was not "whining" about not getting a scholarship. He was stating the facts that no professional courtesy was used by the music department.

Mr. Holmes, you did not try out for your scholarship under the jurisdiction of our New Mexico director, so how do you know where Dennis and the many other TCU students who tried out this spring and heard absolutely nothing from the music department?

Katie Thorp
Freshman
Speech Pathology/Occupational Therapy

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Small towns prove charming for some, stifling for others

But there's still no place like home

Lexington, Mo., is about 40 miles east of Kansas City on the Missouri River, to all of you who have been reading my column and wondering. Don't feel bad for not knowing where it is: With a population of 4,998 it's not even included on most road maps.

My town's economy now depends on tourism, so let me go ahead and give the little plug for it: "Lexington, MO is a beautiful, historic, small town just an hour drive from Kansas City. The seat of Lafayette County, Lexington's courthouse is the oldest still in use west of the Mississippi River. Note the cannon ball lodged in one of its pillars — it was shot in the Battle of the Hemp (yes, marijuana) Bales during the Civil War. The battlefield and historic Anderson House, which was used as a hospital, are just blocks away. Before you leave our lovely community, be sure to visit some of our antebellum homes, some of which are now fully operating bed and breakfasts." And, oh yes, there's a church on every corner, and a Dairy Queen.

I have always been glad that the small town I am from has at least an interesting history to offer, compared to all the other little towns near mine which have, well, nothing to offer. Nothing to offer, yes. In that is the beauty of small town America, something TV tries to pick up on but never does accurately. It's also something you have to live to appreciate. Small towns are full of average people.

If you're from a city, you'll never really understand, for example, the music of John Cougar Mellencamp: "Oh, oh . . . life goes on. Long after the thrill of living is gone." Things like football state championships are a source of pride to small communities — communities which are made up of high school football stars and girls "in the back seat of Jacky's car."

My senior year of high school, and that of many of my classmates, was spent anxiously awaiting graduation, swearing to never become one of those people that is still reliving high school at age 40. For those of us, the small town did become suffocating. So we went to college, most of us scattered in schools across the state, to get degrees for which our community has no need.

As someone once told me, the Midwest's largest export is its people. No one with big aspirations stays.

I've discovered, as many before me have, that when you come back, you find the town has continued on without you, and you realize you've returned just to see your family. You become a visitor, but with roots and a sense of nostalgia, and realize that you probably won't live there ever again.

I know that small towns seem odd to many "city dwellers." I considered small town life to be the norm, because it was for me; however, I never considered city life odd. Cities are full of people from small towns, but not vice versa. A friend once asked me how I made it out of my town without going totally insane and I could only say that if you grew up in a small town, it wouldn't seem that strange. But if you moved to one at a later age, you'd be lucky if you lasted a week.

I do think that I am better suited to the city, liking the big highways (as opposed to gravel roads), various cultural activities (as opposed to tractor pulls), and the ever-continuing supply of new people to meet. I'm not sure where I'll end up, but Mo. will always be home.

I'll always subscribe to my hometown newspaper no matter where I live, and as long as I'm in Texas, I'll miss snow in the winter and corn in the summer.

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News

Costa Rican commandos release two hostages



SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — A commando squad that may be linked to Latin America's cocaine Mafia freed two Supreme Court justices today and appeared ready to negotiate the release of their 21 other captives. Police Col.

Alfonso Ayub said Supreme Court justices Eduardo Sancho and Alfonso Chavez were released at noon. The gunmen still hold 16 justices and five assistants when they stormed the Supreme Court building on Monday. The gunmen had released another magistrate Tuesday after he fell ill. Ayub said he did not know why the gunmen freed the two hostages today. Earlier today, negotiators spoke by telephone to the gunmen, but the government said it was resisting demands for a multimillion dollar ransom.

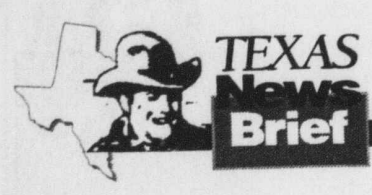
Clinton appoints former officer to lead drug war



WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today tapped former New York police Commissioner Lee Brown to lead the nation's drug war, calling drug abuse "as serious a problem as we have in America." Brown, who also served as police chief in Houston and public safety commissioner in

Atlanta, will be the first police officer ever to serve in the position, Clinton said. The appointment comes as lawmakers are clamoring for administration action on the drug issue, and just a few weeks after Clinton unveiled a drug control budget little changed from former President Bush's program. Brown, 55, served as Atlanta's public safety commissioner from 1978 until 1982, when he went to Houston as chief of police. He left Houston to take the New York City post in January 1990, serving for 24 years before resigning to care for his ailing wife, who died last December.

Clashes continue over school funding plan



AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Republican Party charged Wednesday that corporate officials privately say they were threatened into supporting a share-the-wealth school funding proposal on Saturday's ballot. That contention was labeled untrue and absurd by backers of Proposition 1, which would make it constitutional to shift some property tax money from wealth-

ier to poorer school districts. The proposal is meant to help meet a Texas Supreme Court order for an equitable school funding system. Karen Hughes, Texas Republican executive director, said people trying to raise money to fight Proposition 1 have been told by people from various companies that they felt they had to give to the Save Our Schools campaign supporting the measure. Otherwise, she said, they contended they felt their legislation wouldn't be passed, or they would not get favorable hearings at regulatory agencies. The state GOP has been opposing passage of the school finance proposal. Gov. Ann Richards, a leader in the campaign for Proposition 1, also denied that strongarm tactics had been used.

'Albee's Women'

Compilation of playwrights' works to be shown at local club

By BEN JOHNSON
TCU Daily Skiff

A play that deals with the roles of women in the works of playwright Edward Albee opens Saturday at the Caravan of Dreams.

"Albee's Women" was compiled by Andrew Harris, professor of theater, under the supervision of the playwright. Harris is also co-producer and director of the play.

Michelle Goltzmann, a sophomore theater and radio/TV/film double major and stage manager of the play, said that although the compilation contains portions of at least a dozen of Albee's plays, the play is written so the transitions are not distracting.

"The script is very good," she said. "The way the play is put together, the scenes interweave with one another."

A central theme connects all of the scenes have a central theme, she said. The first part of the play is titled "Love," while the second part is called "Loss."

The women portrayed in the scenes are very strong in their own way, she said. This makes the play interesting because the three actresses must bring out the different strengths of the women they portray.

Harris said he began thinking about compiling a play like "Albee's Women" in 1977 when Albee gave him permission to read his unpublished manuscripts.

"I was immediately struck by the variety and complexity of women's roles in these plays," he said.

He remembered thinking at the time, he said, that a compilation of the playwright's work for actresses would enhance the appreciation of the



Playwright Edward Albee and TCU theater professor Andrew Harris meet at Sardi's restaurant in 1979.

playwright.

He co-produced a collection of eight of Albee's one-act plays, called "Albee directs Albee," in 1979. That production toured the United States and Asia, he said.

"Our hope is that 'Albee's Women' will tour following the Fort Worth engagement and eventually open off-Broadway," he said.

Co-producer Ann L. Rhodes said the excerpts in "Albee's Women" come not only from Albee's more familiar works such as "A Delicate Balance" and "The American Dream," but also from lesser-known plays such as "Counting the Ways" and

"Listening."

Anne-Lynn Kettles, adjunct professor of theater, is one of the three actresses in the production. Kettles will play a variety of roles from Albee's works.

Albee became widely known in 1962 when his then-controversial play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" premiered.

The play, which is produced in association with the Theater of All Possibilities, runs at 8 p.m. May 1, 6, 7, and 8, and as matinees at 3 p.m. May 2 and 9. After the May 1 performance, a reception will be held in celebration of Albee's 65th birthday.

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you have no idea what they want," he said. "But we understand that, and we try to work with the student until we find out."

"Students often complain anonymously," he said, "and it's hard for us to act on that kind of vague information. Students can complain directly to me if they feel someone is not being helpful," Farrington said.

"When we have had people come forward with complaints or concerns about our staff in the past, the library has acted on them and those people were dealt with," he said.

June Koelker, associate director of the library, said the library was willing to set up a meeting between any student and staff member with whom

he or she has a problem.

"We want students to perceive the library as a positive place where they can learn, and we try to provide that opportunity for them," Koelker said.

One of the things hindering that positive learning experience is the noise, some students say.

"Trying to study in the library at night is almost impossible because of all the noise," said Erin Tolany, a junior psychology major.

"A lot of the noise comes from the Greek study halls that are going on around 7 or 8 p.m.," said Charlsie Mays, a sophomore advertising/public relations major.

But the library does not have a clear cut solution to the noise prob-

lem like it does with other concerns.

Many strategies have been implemented but none have been completely successful, Heath said.

The library had designated no-noise areas, but the noise began to travel, Heath said. Signs reminding students to observe the no-noise rule were placed on tables, but that proved futile.

Last year, the library hired a staff person to patrol the library for noise, but that plan was also ineffective.

"We canceled that position because it only caused confrontations between the staff person and the students," Heath said.

The library quickly becomes crowded because there is such lim-

ited space, Heath said. The director said he hopes that expanding the library so more study rooms can be installed will help spread students out and, consequently, cut down on the noise.

"Unfortunately, expansion won't happen again until the next century," Heath said.

The library administration said it would try to improve publicity about its tours.

"We hope that students would try to become more informed about the library," Koelker said. "We will try to do all we can, but we need students to meet us halfway."

First 100 days of Clinton's reign shaky, critics say

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton reaches his 100th day in office Thursday amid a lively debate over what he has to show for it, where he's headed and what kind of president he is.

He leads an all-over-the-plot, let-a-thousand-flowers-bloom administration, full of beans and running on adrenaline.

He says he's "doing fine," but also, ruefully, "You can't expect instant results."

He says he's been "banged around" and may have "overextended myself," that he's got to start over again, "focus on big things."

Republicans are harsher, but divided. Some say the "different kind of Democrat" has turned out to be just another tax-and-spend liberal, an ideological kin to Lyndon Johnson. Clinton "has been captured by the liberals of his party," says Republican Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, who may seek Clinton's job in 1996.

Even Clinton's budget director, Leon Panetta, said this week that Clinton won't get far on Capitol Hill until he decides what his priorities are and then goes after them.

Clinton has been a different kind of president and the country is just getting used to him.

He was elected to "grow" the economy and "reinvent" the government, but he got sidetracked.

Clinton did win congressional approval of a budget plan to reverse the path toward ever-bigger deficits. He embraced two international environmental initiatives spurned by George Bush.

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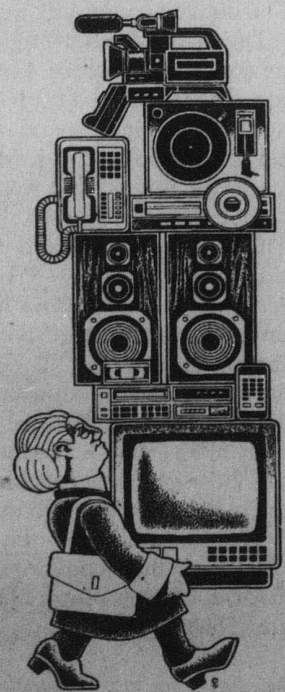
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Sports

Men's tennis team hopes to continue successful season

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's tennis team, after finishing runner-up at the Southwest Conference Tournament April 23-25, must now play the waiting game, to see if it will be among the 20 teams at the NCAA Championships, which begin May 14 in Athens, Ga. The pairings will be announced May 7.

TCU finished the season with a 19-6 overall record. Despite the 5-2 loss to Texas in the SWC tournament final, the Frogs feel that it has been a successful year, one in which they surpassed many people's expectations.

"I think we had a pretty good season," said senior Ricardo Rubio. "To finish in the top 15 is not bad at all. I look at it as a successful season."

The team's finish looks even better when one considers that the Frogs entered this season with only two of its six singles players returning from last year's 20-4 squad that earned an NCAA berth.

Of course, an NCAA invitation would only add to this year's success.

"I think we have a legitimate shot," said senior Laurent Becouarn, who is ranked No. 67 nationally in singles. "Nobody really knows whether we'll be in or not, but I have a feeling we will."

Becouarn's doubles partner agrees.

"I think our chances (of making the NCAAs) are pretty decent, unless

something screwy happens," said junior Dax Peterson. "Taking everything into consideration, we have a pretty good shot."

Among the things to be considered, are victories over Louisiana State (ranked No. 7), Arkansas (No. 20) and New Mexico (No. 23) in dual matches, and Minnesota (No. 19) and Colorado (tied at No. 25) in the H.E.B. Tournament.

The Frogs went 12-0 against unranked opponents in the regular season, and added two victories in the SWC Tournament.

The Frogs' losses this season came at the hands of New Mexico and Arkansas (both at the ITA/USTA Tournament at the beginning of the season), Georgia (ranked No. 3), Texas twice (No. 14) and Miami (No. 24).

Freshman David Roditi thinks it could be that loss to the Hurricanes that keeps the Frogs out of the nationals.

"Miami was by far our worst loss," Roditi said. "It was a bad, bad match, probably the worst match we played this season."

But Becouarn, who could qualify for one of the 64 spots in the NCAA Individual Championships, won't judge the team's success based on an NCAA berth.

"I think it's been a successful year overall because most of the players have improved," Becouarn said. "We've had a lot of close matches this year that we could have lost, and we've won many of them."



TCU Daily Skiff/Jennifer Biggins
Senior Ricardo Rubio hits a forehand during the SWC men's tennis tournament, in which the Frogs finished second.

Becouarn, who has beaten several ranked opponents in singles play this year, including LSU's Juha Pesola (ranked No. 22), Arkansas' Marcus Hilpert (No. 33), Texas A&M's Mark Weaver (No. 38) and Texas' Anders Eriksson twice (No. 36), says he may turn pro, especially if he gets an NCAA bid and does well.

"It just depends on how well I play at the NCAAs," he said. "I've got a decent shot at (an individual berth in the NCAAs). If I feel like I'm playing well enough to turn pro after the NCAAs, then I'll give it a try and see how it goes. To tell you the truth, five months ago I wasn't even thinking

about it. But I've been improving a lot, and (head coach Tut Barten) has helped me with my game. I think I'll give it a try."

Despite the losses of Becouarn and Rubio to graduation, the prospects for next season look good, as four singles players will be returning: Roditi, Peterson, freshman Paul Robinson and junior Devin Bowen. Also, sophomore Chris Milliron, who teamed with Bowen at No. 2 doubles this season, will be back.

"We'll probably experiment a lot in the fall with our doubles lineup," Roditi said. "But our singles should be strong."

Strong season ends for women's tennis

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU Daily Skiff

Ask anyone on this year's TCU women's tennis team, and they'll tell you the team that finished the season is a far cry from the one that began it.

The Lady Frogs ended their 1993 campaign with a 13-7 record, equalling last season's win total. Despite losing three players from that team to graduation, TCU repeated as conference runner-up, thanks in large part to the play of their four upperclassmen: seniors Teri Martin, Leigh Ann Smith and Lisa Beard, and junior Ellie Stark.

"Having lost a lot of seniors last year, I think a lot of people thought we were going to be in the middle pack of the conference," Smith said. "But we played with what we had and beat some teams when a lot of people were counting us out. We played with a lot of heart every time we played. I think that's how we got a lot of our wins, because we really wanted it."

Smith said the upperclassmen knew they had a great deal of responsibility when the season began.

"There was a lot of pressure on the seniors and Ellie, because we had three new freshmen," she said.

The inexperience showed early on, as freshmen Pam Cruz, Christina Stangeland and Sietske Mulder struggled through their first few matches.

But they came on late in the season, helping the Lady Frogs to sec-

ond-place in the SWC.

"It was hard in the beginning," said Cruz, who saw extensive action at the No. 5 singles position. "In the end it got a lot better, but in the beginning I found it tough."

The upperclassmen, though, responded to the pressure and showed a lot of leadership, as evidenced by the way Smith and Beard got hot at midseason when Martin and Stark were slumping, and again when the roles reversed later in the season.

"Teri and I kind of rotated," Smith said. "There was a lot of pressure on the four of us (upperclassmen) to try to perform at our top level every single time, and I think that gets to a point where, mentally, you can't do it anymore."

Although the Lady Frogs won't make the NCAA Championships, Martin, who is ranked No. 70, may get one of the 64 bids to the NCAA singles tournament.

"(TCU head coach Roland Ingram) said that I have a small shot at going to nationals," said Martin, whose ranking doesn't include her straight-set SWC tournament victory over Texas A&M's Janine Burton-Durham, ranked No. 62 in the nation.

Although the team loses three quality players to graduation, the valuable experience gained by the freshman should lead to bigger and better things in the future.

"I'm sure our team next year will be just as good, because they're real fighters," Beard said.

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Valvano loses long bout with cancer

By TOM FOREMAN Jr.
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jim Valvano, who coached North Carolina State to a national college basketball championship before scandal forced him out, died Wednesday of cancer. He was 47.

Valvano died at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, said his attorney Woody Webb.

"Valvano waged a valiant fight against cancer over the past year,"

Webb said. "Jimmy V never gave up."

Valvano's team pulled off one of the great upsets in college basketball history in 1983 when it beat heavily favored Houston in the National Collegiate Athletic Association with a buzzer-beating basket.

Seven years later, Valvano was forced out after an NCAA investigation found his players had sold their shoes and complimentary tickets.

Valvano repeatedly denied he was involved in any wrongdoing, but

stepped down in 1990.

He then became a successful broadcaster, and continued to work after his cancer was diagnosed in 1992. He opened the 1992-93 season in the studio for ESPN and at court-side.

Valvano rejoined his Wolfpack team for a 10-year reunion on Feb. 21 and described how that championship team helped him cope with his illness.

"The '83 team gave you hope, gave you pride, told you what hard

work was about," Valvano said.

Valvano began coaching in 1969 at Johns Hopkins, and coached at Bucknell and Iona before joining North Carolina State in 1980.

His first Wolfpack team struggled to a 14-13 record but followed with 22-10 and an NCAA tournament berth in the 1981-82 season.

Then came the miracle season of 1982-83.

Valvano was born March 10, 1946 in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Pam, and three daughters.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From the Sports Desk
TCU Daily Skiff

Smith, Bolden sign NFL free agent contracts

TCU senior co-captains, linebacker Brad Smith and defensive end Tunji Bolden have signed NFL free agent contracts with the Cincinnati Bengals and New England Patriots respectively.

After not getting drafted in the NFL's 8-round draft Sunday and Monday, Smith and Bolden will have a chance to go to training camp this summer and attempt to begin a career in the NFL.

Smith was No. 4 on TCU's all-time tackler's list and No. 8 in tackles for losses. Smith had a season high 16 tackles against Texas Tech this year. Bolden finished his career with 100 solo tackles and 15.5 sacks, while anchoring the Horned Frogs' defensive line.

Swim teams sign recruits

TCU swim coach Richard Sybesma, the SWC coach of the year, has signed four women swimmers and expects to add five more in the immediate future. Among those signing with the Frogs include Canadian Olympic development team members Shelia Herwerden, high school All-Americans Deirdre Steven (Jacksonville, Fla.) and Julie McCormack (Kingwood, Texas) and Abilene High School's Stacy Gabriel. All-American Steve Faulkner, a member of the Kingwood Class 5A state championship team, has signed with the men's swim team.

TCU names SID assistant

Paul Simpson, a 25-year-old Amarillo, TX native, has been appointed to the position of assistant sports information director at TCU. Simpson will officially begin his new duties June 1.

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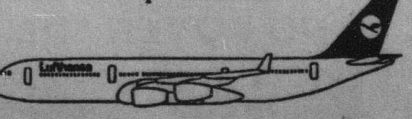



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After talking with the dean, she looked at other student board models and followed their guidelines, she said.

Board member Jenny Pearce, a junior deaf education major, said one of her concerns is how the department will deal with the increasing number of deaf education and speech pathology majors with such a small staff.

Pearce said she is also concerned about some aspects of the curriculum.

"In talking to a lot of my peers, one major concern is a need for more in-depth training in sign language," she said. "Students don't feel comfortable with their signing."

The board is a great place to start for new ideas, Pearce said.

"Dr. Watson really wants to know the students' concerns," she said.

Board member Kim Oglethorpe, a junior deaf education major, said she feels that the biggest problem in the department is communication.

"(Lack of) communication is the big problem, and we are in the speech and communication department!" Oglethorpe said. "But I think the board will make talking about problems easier for both teachers and students because now they will know who to go for ideas and student input."

"I'm excited about the board because I feel there are a lot of things that could change," she said. "It is a good way for a teacher to get students' perspectives on how we view their ideas."

Some of the students in the speech program say the student board will be a good change. Sophomore Alissa Stephan said the board will be helpful since the program is expanding and will have new issues to face.

"This will be the most effective way to channel concerns and make sure the clinic does everything for the students and keep our best interests in mind," Stephan said.

"I feel completely comfortable with the people who were chosen," she said. "Those people are active in NSSHLA, a national speech organization, and they are really good representatives."

Jennifer Tucker, a sophomore speech pathology major, said she was also excited about the board.

"The people who were chosen are very strong and will work to solve any problems with the teachers," Tucker said. "And because the teachers also had a say-so in who was picked, they will respect the board, too."

"I think the board was a good idea because there are some people that are more outspoken and sometimes it's easier to go to our peers than to our professors because it's less intimidating," she said.

This semester is only the pilot program for the MSHC student advisory board. If needed, changes will be made for next year, Watson said.

Another similar board on campus is within the M.J. Neeley School of Business. The Neeley Student Advisory Council has about eight members who are appointed from the seven business student organizations, said Cassandra Smith, coordinator of the Neeley Student Resource Center.

This group, which meets weekly to discuss projects and curriculum, has been a formal organization for two years, Smith said.

"Initially, they (the students) were used to bounce ideas off of," she said. "We were at a loss as to what the students wanted from the business school and we needed the students' perspectives."

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institution if the graduation speaker were well-known, Hightower said.

Schooley, who also served on the Student Relations Committee, said that selecting a speaker could also present problems.

"A lot of times people want to bring in political people, and they (TCU administrators) do not want to be seen as supporting one side," Schooley said.

The last time the university had a commencement speaker was 1968 when then-President Lyndon B. Johnson spoke, said Betty Knox, director of the TCU News Service.

"He announced for the first time at the ceremony that 18-year-olds could vote. It was really special," Knox said.

The Class of 1968 held its reunion last weekend, and many members wrote on forms sent to the university that Johnson's speech was one of their fondest memories, TCU alumni said.

Still, former House president and graduating senior Ben Walters, said he would prefer to have the chancellor speak at commencement.

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"The alumni want to remain apart of what is going on at the university," Rhodes said.

John Roach, who received his MBA from TCU in 1965 and serves as CEO of Tandy Corp., will speak at the MBA alumni association kickoff reception at the City Club in Fort Worth's City Center Tower II at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Roach will discuss the importance of being actively involved in the association and with the current MBA students at the university.

The MBA alumni association's next big event is being planned in connection with Homecoming,

"If you pick someone political, you're bound to offend someone," Walters said. "Commencement should be a time to recognize the graduates."

At the University of Texas at Austin, the new president of the university, Robert Bernhahl, will serve as the commencement speaker. In the past, UT has had such speakers as Governor Ann Richards, former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, and former President George Bush.

At SMU, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund Marian Wright Edleman will serve as the commencement speaker.

SMU has found a way to personally pass out diplomas and have a speaker, said Peggy Boykin, SMU coordinator of academic services.

"We have two different parts of our ceremony," Boykin said. "In the morning we have a handing out of the diplomas, and in the evening we have a commencement ceremony with a speaker. This has always worked well."

Rhodes said. Shirley Leach, assistant to the MBA alumni association, said there will tentatively be four MBA alumni association events a year: two big ones one in the spring and one in the fall.

Hopefully the association will provide former MBA students professional development, education and networking through a possible symposium.

Also in the works are a newsletter and a directory listing all the MBA alumni by name, address, firm and phone number, Leach said.

Reno defends her decision to tear-gas cult compound

By STEVEN KOMAROW
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday she considered every option to end the Waco standoff, even tunneling into the Branch Davidian compound, but the failed tear-gas attack seemed only viable plan.

"Nobody will ever know what the right answer was," Reno told a congressional committee looking into the disaster.

Before the assault, she said she repeatedly asked the experts: "Why now? Why not wait?" And every day since, she said, she has wondered what she might have done differently.

Reno was the first witness before the House Judiciary Committee in a sometimes confrontational day of second-guessing about the operation that ended after 51 days in flames and the deaths of David Koresh, his followers and their children.

She emotionally recalled a call from President Clinton after her final television appearance that night.

"I don't think I've ever been so — I guess lonely is the word," she said. "It was 12:20 at night."

"The first call I got was from my sister," she said, her normally strong voice lost in her throat. "She said 'That-a-girl.' The second call I got was from the president of the United States, saying, 'That-a-girl.'"

Reno received similar back-patting from most of the committee, but harsh criticism from Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich.

He called the operation a "pro-

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JANET RENO,
Attorney general

found disgrace" that failed to heed the lessons of the Jonestown, Guyana, mass suicide and other cult confrontations.

"When in God's name is law enforcement at the federal level going to understand that these are very sensitive events, that you can't put guns, barbed wire, the FBI and the Secret Service around them, sending in sound 24 hours a day and then wonder why they do something unstable?" Conyers said.

"You did the right thing by offering to resign," he told Reno, adding that he would not join others who would "rationalize the deaths of two dozen children."

Her voice tense, Reno said she was not rationalizing those deaths — or those of four federal agents killed in a Feb. 28 assault on the compound.

Responding to Conyers' suggestions that the government approach was too militaristic, she said it would have been wrong to "walk away" from the Branch Davidians after they had killed federal agents.

"I feel more strongly about it than you will ever know," she said, clearly angry. "I will not engage in recrimination. . . I will look to the future."

Reno, who took office in the middle of the Waco standoff, said

she made the experts explain every option, including some that just popped into her head at 4 a.m.

Why not dig a tunnel into the compound, or drop in by helicopter, or ram right into it with tanks? Or, conversely, why not surround it with barbed wire and just wait them out, even if it took a year or more, as some experts said it would.

"Allowing the status quo to remain was not going to lead to an ultimately peaceful resolution," she said.

Reno said the Branch Davidians had too much firepower and all the other options endangered the lives of the agents or the children inside the walls. They had explosives, and their 50-caliber machine guns had a range of 3,000 yards — the distance between the White House and the Capitol.

Some Republicans pressed Reno on her contacts with President Clinton during the episode. Why, for example, did she spend the afternoon and evening of that fatal day making television appearances instead of briefing the president?

Reno said she felt the public deserved an explanation.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., tried to inject a little levity into the day after Reno, at one point, said she'd wished there was something they could inject into the compound to just put everybody to sleep.

"You couldn't pipe in C-Span?" he said, referring to the cable television channel that broadcasts congressional proceedings. "The Senate side," he suggested.

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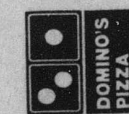
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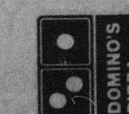
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