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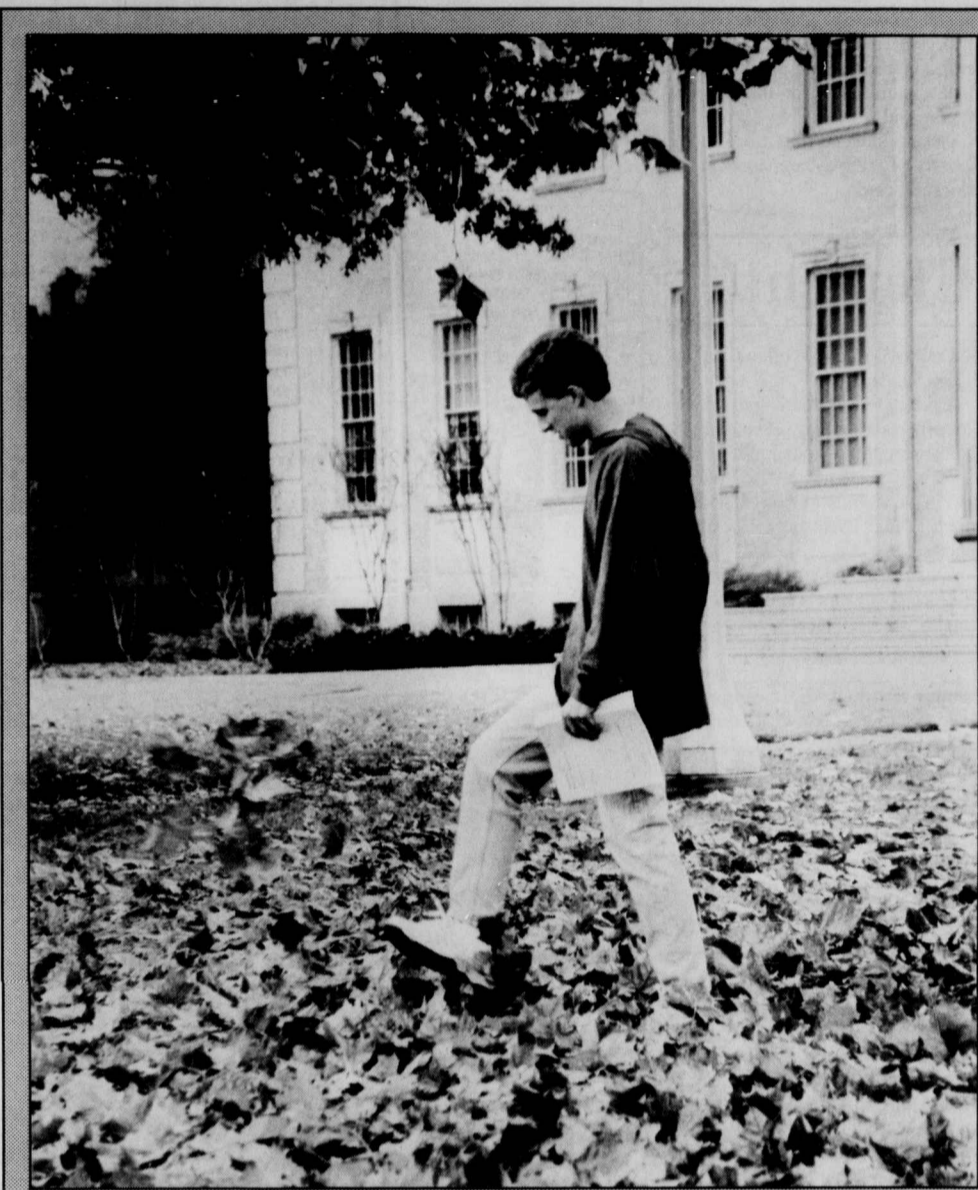
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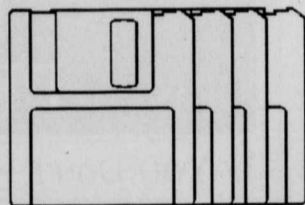
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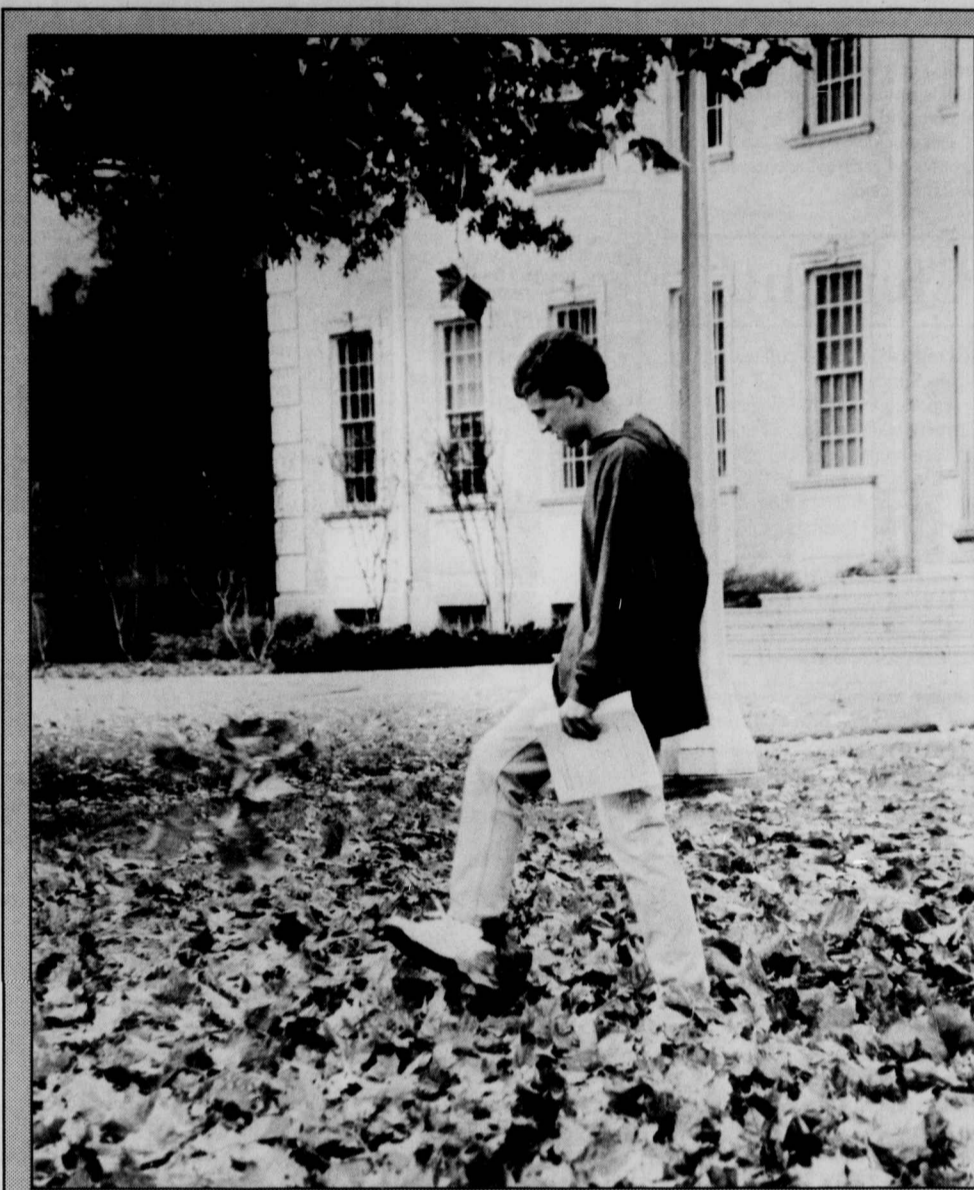
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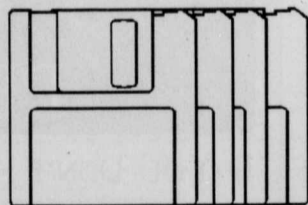
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TCU Research Fund Lectureship presents professor Michael Starbird from UT-Austin. Starbird will give a lecture entitled, "Fixed point theorems and human greed" at 4 p.m. today in Winton Scott Hall Room 145. All are welcome.

Alex Palacios will be the keynote speaker for Hunger Week at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building Room 141N.

Sigma Pi Chi will hold a faculty appreciation breakfast at 8:30 a.m. today in the Moudy third floor lobby.

Society of Professional Journalists will sponsor a panel on environmental reporting at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building Room 265S. For more information, call 370-8968.

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Volunteers are needed to help run a recycling center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 5709 Old Granbury Road. For more information, call Mark Germinario at 346-8229.

Volunteers are needed to keep in touch with homebound elderly residents. May involve delivering groceries or medication.

Volunteers are needed at a city agency to assist with a local educational program by telephoning employers and obtaining a weekly job list.

Volunteers are needed to sort and distribute donated magazines at local hospital.

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls from latchkey kids — listen, help with homework or read to them. Weekdays 3 to 6 p.m.

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There has already been a larger turnout for Hunger Week this year than last year, when the most money ever for Hunger Week was raised, Master said.

Items for auction are on display outside University Ministries.

Organizers for the event wrote letters to celebrities and urged them to donate something for the auction, Master said.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$4 and may be charged to student meal cards.

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Ye gods & little fishes

by Stev Klinetobe



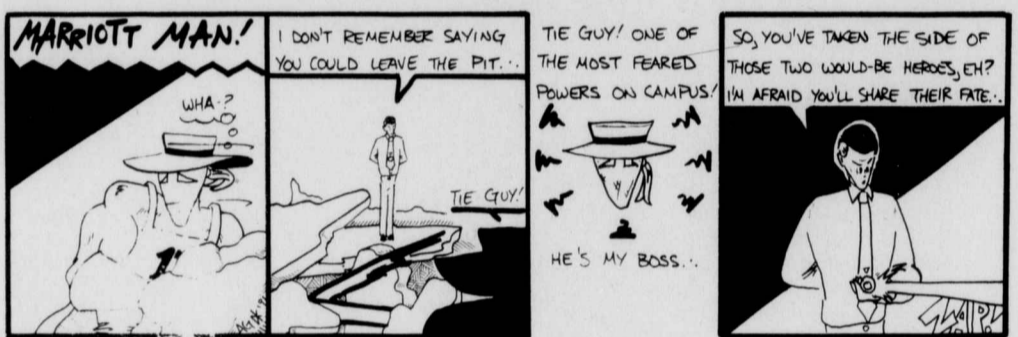
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The bicycles and Stairmaster are for anyone to use, Kintigh said.

"The nicest thing about these machines is that the average non-skilled participant can use them as well as competitive persons," he said.

The Permanent Improvements bill to fund the machines passed without debate in the House. The House Finance Committee approved the bill 9 to 1 last week. The Finance Committee cannot amend a bill from the Improvements Committee. Such a bill must either pass as submitted or fail.

The Improvements Committee plans to fund another big project in the Spring semester, said Chairman Joey

Martinez.

"This bill for exercise equipment is only 24 percent of the PI budget," he said. "We plan to do a project in conjunction with the TCU Board of Trustees' 'Master Plan' with the money we have left over."

The Trustees meet Friday to discuss the plan that will fund external renovations on campus.

In other House business, applications for committee chairmen were handed out. The candidates will give speeches to the representatives before the Dec. 3 election. All students are eligible for the committee chairs, and no House experience is required.

The House University Relations Committee will send letters to state senators and representatives who voted to approve the Tuition Equalization Grant this summer. A group of TCU students lobbied the legislators in Austin for the approval of the TEG grant in April. If the grant had been rejected, over 800 TCU students' tuition would have been cut.

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hobbies: basketball, biking, coaches his son's YMCA sports
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name/dept.: Ruth Whitlock/Music
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education: Graduated with a B.A. from Tulane University. Received her Master of Arts at Occidental College and her Doctorate at University of North Texas.
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Petition

TCU community deserves right to attend meetings

The Society of Professional Journalists is petitioning to get the Board of Trustees Meetings open to the public and the press.

The petition will be in the Student Center from noon until 2 p.m. today and Thursday and in the *Skiff* newsroom from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The *Skiff* fully supports this petition because they are continually barred from attending the meetings. Each semester the *Skiff* editor and a reporter try to cover the meeting and each and every time they are thrown out of the meeting.

Not only is the press prevented from covering the meeting, but the distribution boxes for the *Skiff* are moved so the trustees don't see the newspaper when they are going into their meeting.

The Trustees were for so long isolated so completely from the students that the few students who even knew anything about them thought the Trustees were a small group which came to campus once a year, take all the good parking spaces, raise tuition and leave again.

The Student/Trustee Relations Committee has helped some in furthering understanding between the Trustees and students, but there must be more steps taken. Opening the actual board meetings to the public and the press would be the greatest step.

Some argue that if the press was allowed into the meetings the information they reported would be slanted or that the presence of reporters and photographers would disrupt the meeting. What they don't realize is that by closing the meetings to the press and the public they force the press to rely on sources to fill us in on what transpired at the meeting. Ultimately, the information we get is second- or third-hand information and inevitably slanted.

The members of SPJ are trying to get the meetings opened so the press can cover them and tell the students exactly what happens behind those closed doors.

What this all boils down to is that relations between the trustees and the student body are nearly non-existent other than a brief meeting the day before the real meeting is held.

The signers of the petition are merely stating that they agree with the Society of Professional Journalists' stand on the meetings. This includes acknowledging that they, as students, want to know where their money is going.

The trustees, at their meetings, make decisions about investments, tuition, divestments and renovations. All of which we are told nothing about.

All members of the TCU community should sign this petition, regardless of who they are.

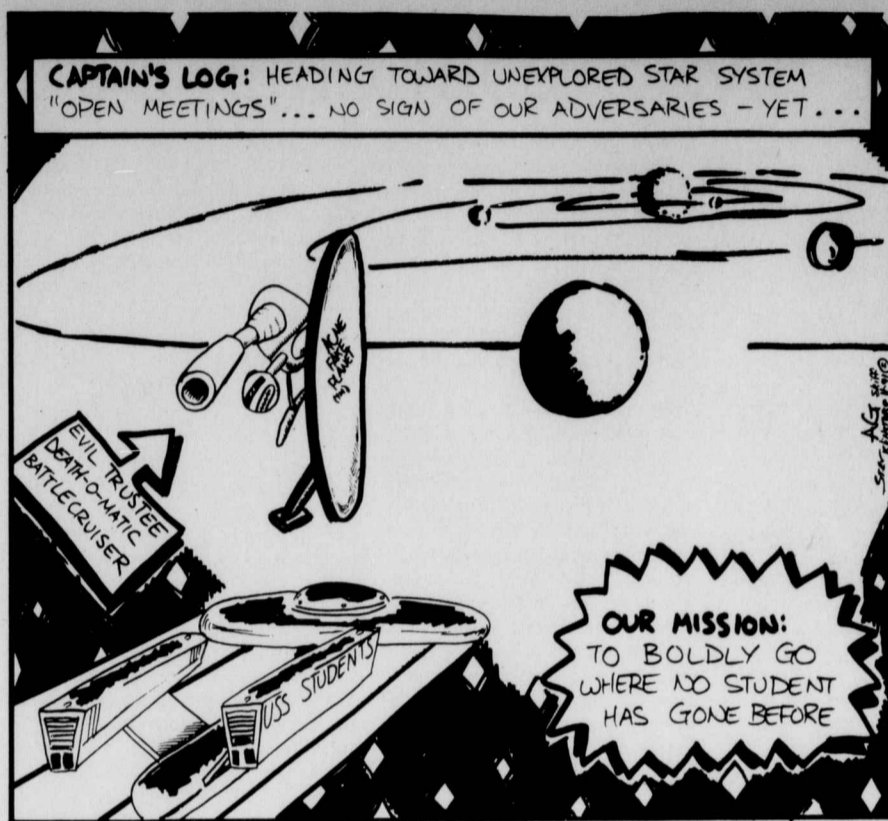
The reasons for students to sign is obvious, and so are the reasons for the faculty and staff to sign.

The trustees make decisions about tenure at these meetings too. It's ridiculous to think the professors would not want to be in on this.

The entire TCU community is urged to sign this petition so when it is presented to the board at the Student/Trustee Relations Committee meeting we will have concrete proof that the community supports opening the meetings.

Legally the trustees are allowed to keep the meetings closed.

But since it is our money they are investing and asking for more of, we should have the right to hear what they have to say and possibly have some say in the matter.



Journalists, sharpen your pencils

By JAN GARY
Guest columnist

Each year the TCU Board of Trustees meets, once in the fall and once in the spring, to determine the ways and means of TCU. Twice each year, the trustees are assaulted by the quixotic charge of journalists tilting at the windmills of the locked doors.

As a private university, TCU does not fall under the Texas Open Meetings Act. The trustees have exercised the right to close meetings since 1974.

The fall migration of trustees descends on campus this week. Representatives of faculty, staff and student committees will meet with trustees throughout the week prior to the general meeting on Friday.

Journalists are compelled to report the news; they have a duty to serve the people. For information, in past years, TCU's journalists have relied on students, faculty, staff and trustees who would talk to the press before or after meetings, some — not all — trustees feel compelled to protect the privacy of the meetings. Mutual trust seems as much of a pipe dream as a quixotic sparrow hawk sharing a condor's nest.

But, after years of being at loggerheads,

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steps are finally being taken toward compromise. The legacy of fear bred by distrust inevitably spreads false rumors. Some students voice concerns that the sole function of the trustees is to raise tuition each year. Trustees recognize the need to communicate to dispel such misconceptions.

One progressive step was taken last year when the editor of *The Daily Skiff* was named a standing member of the Student Relations Committee. This committee, consisting of trustees and student leaders, meets before and after the general meeting to address student issues. The main topic of conversation at the last committee meeting was the issue of open meetings.

Campus involvement was instrumental in

this step. The TCU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists circulated a petition asking the trustees to open the meeting. Four hundred students, parents, faculty and staff signed the petition.

We must all stand together and take a giant step toward unity this year.

SPJ is currently circulating a petition asking for open trustee meetings. SPJ hopes to obtain 800 signatures on this year's petition.

Students, parents, staff and faculty, broad-based support of the petition will send a strong message to the trustees and should be championed by the TCU community. Make your support tangible — sign the petition.

Trustees, you care about TCU, and you're concerned about the students or you wouldn't serve in such a thankless, albeit prestigious, body. Let representatives of the press attend the committee meetings. Let them hear what you hear; do not force them just to parrot what they're told after the fact. Open the portions of the general meeting that do not require confidentiality.

Journalists, if given this opportunity, do not take along a hidden agenda. To protect the precedent that needs to be set, go in with a blank pad and a sharp pencil.

They don't make em' like they used to

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
Columnist



Who doesn't remember their first tricycle? I remember mine, a demonic red thing made of pure steel and ready to do battle with the best Detroit's automobiles had to offer. I was just a wee lad in

Chicago at the time, but that three-wheeled speedster took me through plenty of adventures, such as my first broken nose.

The dreaded incident happened on a crisp fall day when I was four-and-a-half years old. My best friend, Joey Paretti (kids' names always sound funnier in retrospect, don't they?), decided to be Howard Cosell for the afternoon and took his announcing position atop the slide in the apartment playground. I, of course, was driving a machine that could shame Mario Andretti in the Indy 500. All I was waiting for was the word, "Go!"

Then Joey made the call, and I was off around a circular track that lent itself easily to the counting of laps. Within moments, I had built up a full head of steam, watching my tracks as my legs felt like they would fall off in exhaustion, and a teeming crowd of about 20 neighborhood kids gathered to watch my impressive display of speed.

My ego was shattered just as quickly as my nose, however, when my tricycle lost its balance around the final turn and went skidding on one tire. My final resting spot was unknown as the kids gasped in anticipation and I screamed for my life. Then, I climactically hit the back end of a car, and my body went sliding down the trunk. All seemed well until I realized my nose was stuck in the car's back bumper. Really stuck. There was no way of getting out of that one.

Within minutes, Broadview, Illinois, had seemingly centered all of its attention on me. My mother was shrieking for my welfare, Joey's mom was smacking him around and I was listening to peals of laughter as

all of the kids in the neighborhood came to mock my fate. I could only listen to all of this; my eyes were focused solely on the Illinois license plate before me.

When the local fire department finally arrived to unscrew the bumper and free my face, I realized that even the thing that I most loved — my tricycle — could turn against me at any given time. It was an eye-opening experience, my first battle against fate and the forces that guide our universe. But it wasn't over yet. No, I had to seek my revenge.

Revenge against Joey came quicker than revenge against my tricycle. The bizarre moment occurred during a neighborhood game of hide-and-seek, which Joey usually turned into a reenactment of each week's ultraviolent "Starsky and Hutch" episode.

Joey, as usual, took the initiative in reaching the base first, but who could have known that my last-minute, jump-and-dodge scare tactics would produce such dire results? Joey wound up so frightened that he forgot to look where he was going and found his face slammed against a garage door. Now his nose was broken, too.

But instead of bringing out some pliers to free it from a tight spot, the paramedics gave him a paint brush, presumably so Joey could spend his next available Saturday placing a new coat of paint over the blood stain on the garage door. At the very least, it set us back on equally shameful ground. All of the neighborhood kids found our fates almost equally humorous, and Joey and I had regained a bond that gave new meaning to "blood brothers."

Our friendship didn't have long to flourish, however. Within a year, my folks had moved down to live on the grounds of a VA Hospital in Arkansas (more on that another time), and rumor had it Joey had been institutionalized by his mother for juvenile psychosis.

All that remained now was the dreaded beast that had spawned all these problems. My tricycle was a living, breathing monster just waiting to be ridden again, challenging me to a rematch. It had been unscratched in my accident, so I set out to destroy it.

Kids always used to ride their tricycles

up and down driveways when crossing from block to block. Only the most daring souls would plunge unheeded from the half-foot-high curbs of Chicago and down into the black asphalt below. On the day I had set aside for my vehicle's destruction, I was determined to be one of the few and the brave.

I rolled out at dawn, into the early morning fog, bundled up in a coat and scarf and headed for the farther neighborhood playground. That way, my mission would seem like an innocent occurrence on the way to some healthy exercise.

KA—RASH! The first curb had been taken. I rolled on, my body shaken, my heart pounding with furious excitement. KA-BAM! Another curb, gone in a flash. I was going full-bore to kill the only tricycle that could rival Stephen King's "Christine" for sheer vehicular terror.

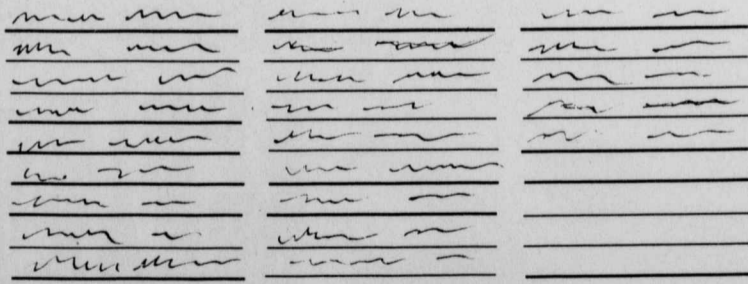
On and on it went, refusing to break, refusing to die, until finally the playground lay before me. I was going to call it a draw and let the beast live if it could hold strong until the neutral turf of the neighborhood playing fields. But then it happened.

WHAM! It had been the final drop of the trip, but it was a total, decisive victory for me. The tricycle lay sprawled around me on the streets of that Chicago South Side suburb, fifty million pieces that could never be replaced. I had challenged the enemy and won, but I slowly realized that I didn't really enjoy it.

With the passing of the tricycle came a lesson on the scale of "The Wonder Years." That tricycle was the baddest thing on the block, a show of traditional force in the face of flashy plastic motorcycles like the Green Machine that once everybody lusted for but which are now just a memory on the junk heap of life. I slowly realized my tricycle had been special after all.

Finally, I realized three things: they don't make 'em like they used to, don't get revenge on your loved ones if you don't know where it'll lead and sometimes taking your lumps makes you tougher for all the stuff the big folks will do to you later in life.

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Sports

Tech, SMU rebuilding, Bears to make run in SWC race



Editor's note: This is the second in a series previewing the 1991-92 mens Southwest Conference basketball season. Greg Riddle and Jeff Lea look at Texas Tech, SMU and Baylor.

Texas Tech

Coach: James Dickey
1990-91 record: 8-23, SWC 4-12
Returning Starters: 3
Predicted Finish: 7th

Gerald Myers is gone. That means Red Raider fans will be watching a whole new ball game under the leadership of first-year head coach James Dickey.

Dickey replaces Myers who commandeered Tech basketball for 21 years until two losing seasons finally pushed him out. Myers exited as Tech's most successful coach and will still oversee the basketball program as assistant athletic director.

Dickey, who was a first-year assistant at Tech last year after stints in Arkansas and Kentucky, has already sparked a new attitude in Lubbock—winning.

That's something the Raider's haven't accomplished much of in the past two years. It could take several years for Dickey and his staff to turn around a program that lost 18 straight games less than two years ago. Tech improved on its 5-22 season in '89 with an 8-23 and a tie for seventh place in the Southwest Conference one year ago.

"That was the biggest change other than recruiting that we needed was to change that attitude into a positive attitude and think about winning again," Dickey said. "Our players at times tried to keep from losing rather than trying to win the basketball game."

The Raiders played half-court controlled tempo basketball under Myer's tutelage. This conservative approach cost them several games last year. The Raiders lost nine games by five points or less. Dickey has installed a new offense that will run and a defense that will put more pressure man-to-man. It's a system that has been adopted by many teams

in the conference.

The key to this up-tempo game will fall squarely on floor leader Bryant Moore, one of the top assist men in the country. Moore is averaging five assists per game and set the game (12) and season (102) assist record at Tech last year. Against TCU, Moore dumped in 16 points for his best point production of the season. The new offense will give the point guard consistent opportunities to score in double figures.

"Coach Myers has given us the freedom to shoot," Moore said. "Not only does it give me a chance to penetrate and push the ball up the floor, but it gives me a chance to score a little more."

Junior forward Will Flemons returns after missing 19 games last year because of a broken foot on two separate occasions. Flemons averaged 12.7 points in 12 contests and led the team in scoring four times out last year. Dickey is counting on the six-foot-seven Flemons to play much like he did his freshman year when he led the conference with 10 rebounds a game and was named to the All-SWC second team.

Dickey will look to complement Flemons and Moore with the experience of junior guard Barron Brown, the only Raider to play in every game last year. Brown was also hampered from injuries and is fully recovered from arthroscopic knee surgery he had at the end of the last season.

Brown, who averages six points a game, is a potent three-point shooter with a 42 percent average, third best in the conference.

The Raiders have recruited for their new style of basketball and may have found themselves a pure threat in forward Damon Ashley, a junior transfer from Barton Community College who originally signed with Colorado. Ashley led his Cougars to a 33-5 season and a third place in the junior college national tournament.

Dickey has also added some top freshman players from around the state. Most notable are point guard Chad Collins from 5A MacArthur High School in San Antonio and guard Richard Hastings of 2A Liberty Hill. Collins is an All-State player who averaged 18.2 points per game. Hastings was named 2A "Player of the Year," averaged 34 points per game and hit 85 percent of his freethrows.

This young squad, with six fresh-

man, two sophomores and three seniors will have a challenging non-conference schedule. The Raiders play Indiana, New Mexico and Colorado State.

"Our goal is to be competitive," Dickey said. "We have to elevate our playing to compete."

SMU

Coach: John Shumate
1990-91 record: 12-17, SWC 6-10
Returning Starters: 3
Predicted Finish: 6th

The SMU Mustangs spoiled Houston's season last year upsetting the Cougars 65-62 in the quarterfinals of the Southwest Conference Post-season Classic.

The Mustangs, who were picked to finish in the SWC cellar last year, also came up winners against Houston, Texas and Rice in the regular season. A loss to Texas in the semifinals in the conference tournament brought the '90-'91 campaign to a close with a 12-17 record and a sixth-place finish in the SWC with a 6-10 record.

The Mustangs didn't play consistently last year, losing their first four games while upsetting several conference foes later in the season. The Mustangs played better than expected and will have much more to prove this year.

"The next level is to become a .500 ballclub—that's our immediate goal," said fourth-year coach John Shumate.

Shumate says the team has leaders and the chemistry that could breed more consistent performances on the floor. The team has the potential to do more than the occasional spoiling. SMU is returning 12 players including three from last year's starting lineup. The squad is young with only two seniors, six juniors and seven sophomores.

Junior guard Mike Wilson will figure prominently to carry the Mustangs this year. Wilson, who averaged 18.3 points a game, is a fourth among leading returning scorers in the SWC. With one year behind him, Wilson will make a more commanding presence on the court.

Much of the Mustang's success will hinge on the development of junior forward Tim Mason. Already named a preseason second-team selection, Mason was first in rebounds with 7.5 per game and second in scoring to Wilson with 15 a game.

"If Timmy can be the type of leader he can be, we'll win some basketball games," Shumate said.

The point guard position is a primary concern for coach Shumate. Rod Hampton, SMU's assist leader the past three years, has graduated, and junior Gerald Lewis had a disappointing season last year. Lewis averaged 7.4 points per game but was SMU's top defensive player.

Lewis is the key to maintaining the Ponies No. 1 defense in the league, which held opponents to 42.6 percent from the field. The newest addition at that position is sophomore transfer Troy Dornier who will battle with Lewis for the starting nod. Dornier took an elbow to his nose that required surgery, but it won't knock him out of play, Shumate said.

The center position will be once again soft. Junior Greg Kinzer averaged only 4.3 points a game last year, but poured in 14 points against the Texas in SMU's final game of the season.

The Mustangs have a more difficult non-conference schedule this year playing four NCAA Tournament teams including runner-up Kansas on Jan. 4.

The Mustangs have a clearer picture of where they want to go, and the leaders in Wilson and Mason to take them there. The upset win over Houston has given the basketball program a confidence that will continue to grow this year.

Baylor

Coach: Gene Iba
1990-91 record: 12-15, SWC 4-12
Returning Starters: 4
Predicted Finish: 5th

Baylor got out of the blocks fast last year winning their first six basketball games, including a 72-70 victory over eventual NCAA Tournament bound Penn State for the

championship of the Dr. Pepper Invitational in Waco.

Then the Bears had the wind knocked out of them, losing 11 of their next 14, including six games by six points or less. Debilitating injuries to several key players turned the Bears from Southwest Conference contenders into pretenders as they limped home with a 12-15 record and a 4-12 mark in SWC play and were knocked out in the first round of the SWC Post-Season Classic 88-78 by Texas.

Leading the list of casualties were senior guards David Wesley and Dennis Lindsey and senior forward Kelvin Chalmers. "We had 26 injuries to 14 kids last year," said Baylor head coach Gene Iba. "We lost Wesley, Chalmers, and Lindsey for the majority of the conference schedule. It's not that we were bad last year. We just played bad because of injuries."

None of the injuries was more serious than Chalmers'. On January 3, 1991, the Dallas native underwent heart surgery to correct an irregular heartbeat, and missed eight games before battling back to finish the season second on the team in scoring with 12.1 points a game.

"Chalmers has been through all the tests and is fine," said Iba. "However, when someone starts dealing with the heart you have to slow down a little. With him being in the hospital last year we were constantly making changes and it really screwed some of the kids up mentally."

After returning to the line-up, Chalmers scored in double figures in nine of the last 11 games, including a career-high 31 points and 15 rebound performances in the Bears' first round loss to Texas in the SWC Classic in Dallas.

If Wesley and Lindsey are both completely healthy, the Bears could arguably have the best backcourt duo in the SWC. Although hampered by stress fractures last year, Wesley was the consensus pick at guard for second team All-Southwest Conference, as he led the Bears in scoring with 16.5 points a game. Wesley was sixth in the SWC with 148 assists and second to Arkansas' Lee Mayberry with 59 steals. He also shot 83.9 percent from the free-throw line, including a school-record 16 straight in Baylor's 90-85 win over Texas A&M.

Senior Dennis Lindsey will join Wesley in the backcourt, and will

look to give the Bears some leadership after undergoing off-season back surgery.

"I can promise you this: Dennis Lindsey means an awful lot to this team," Iba said. "We need him to help us in just about all phases of the game. I think he's back and ready now and that is good news for us."

Last season, Lindsey averaged 9.3 points a game despite only averaging 19 minutes of playing time per game. Against Arkansas in Fayetteville, he scorched the Hogs for nine points in only 14 minutes of playing time.

If Wesley or Lindsey go down, Iba will call upon a trio of talented freshmen guards. Joe Blasingim from Edwardsville, Illinois, Aundre Branch, from Houston's Kingwood High School, and Nelson Naggerty from Houston Willowridge, all averaged 10 points a game or better and shot 49 percent or better from beyond the 3-point line as seniors. All three will look to replace the graduated Melvin Hunt as the Bears 3-point ace.

The Bears have a promising young star at small forward in Willie Sublett. Sublett was the consensus pick for the Southwest Conference Freshman-of-the-Year last year after averaging 9.1 points and 4 rebounds a game. He also shot 46.8 percent from 3-point range. His best game came at TCU when he scored 13 points and pulled down 15 rebounds in the Bears 77-75 overtime upset. This summer Sublett was a member of the West squad in the United States Olympic Festival in Los Angeles. He scored 19 points in the West's 105-91 win over Shaquille O'Neal's South squad in the first game of the festival.

"Sublett's potential is astronomical," said Iba. "His defensive problems don't come out of laziness. They come from being overly aggressive. He didn't get on the floor enough. He wanted to get it all done in one play."

Clogging up the middle for Baylor will be 6-8 senior center Joey Fatta. Last season Fatta swatted away 39 shots giving him a school record 83 for his career.

If the squad can stay healthy, the Bears can challenge for the SWC crown. They will look to run and gun under the direction of floor general Wesley, while Chalmers and Sublett provide plenty of points in the paint.

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