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University's neighbors protest over Brite apartment plans

By R. BRIAN SASSER
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Residents of a neighborhood next to the university have formed a committee to protest TCU's plans to build a Brite Divinity School student housing complex near their homes.

The University Neighborhood Preservation Committee and TCU are currently trying to reach a compromise on the new building.

"TCU has been somewhat inflexible," said Craig Johnson, a member of the committee and the chief negotiator with the university. "The community is supportive of TCU and we want to be able to work with them."

Johnson is meeting with Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, and Bob Bolen, former Fort Worth mayor and senior adviser to Chancellor William Tucker, who is serving as an intermediary. The two sides have been meeting two to three times a week, Johnson said.

The committee has offered alternative sites for the housing project as well as other types of buildings that could be built on the proposed site, he said.

"We have asked them time and time again to keep the building to two-stories," Johnson said. "We have offered many alternatives, and they have not committed to any sort of configuration."

Bivin said the university is considering the alternatives.

"We have considered several sites as the neighborhood requested and as we had prior to their request," he said.

The committee's last proposal to TCU was to build a 50-unit two-story project with interior parking, Johnson said.

"We want what they build to look similar to the properties in the single-family area they are building in," he said.

Bivin said the university is still considering the proposal, and TCU has not determined the number of levels for the building.

The committee has also raised questions about the future of the housing project, Johnson said.

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"There has been no guarantee that it will always be Brite Divinity housing or that they will not sell," Johnson said. "If it becomes something like a freshman dormitory, it wouldn't serve the purpose of the students or the neighborhood."

In addition to the negotiations, the committee plans to attend a hearing of the Fort Worth Zoning Board of Adjustment on April 6 to protest changes in the buffer zones proposed by TCU. The current zones require community facilities to be at least 100 feet away from a residence.

TCU is asking for a 65-foot buffer on the west side of the site, Bivin said. The univer-

sity is also requesting 20-foot and 50-foot buffers on the north sides.

"The zones were designed to protect neighborhoods," said Patricia Armstrong, a member of the committee. "I would prefer for TCU to keep the division between the university and the neighborhood intact."

Johnson said he is optimistic that the zoning board will reject the university's proposal.

"We don't have a next step," he said.

Neighborhood residents living on Highview Terrace, Walsh Court, Manchester Drive and Colonial Parkway are worried that

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Speech majors say denials inappropriate

Students voice concern over departments' tenure decisions

By RICK WATERS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Graduate and undergraduate students in the speech communication and communication sciences departments said Wednesday they were disappointed by the tenure denial of Kenya Taylor, assistant professor of communication pathology and Donna Hall, assistant professor of speech communication.

Many of the students in the communication sciences department said they had been aware of Taylor's struggle to achieve tenure, but they have remained tight-lipped for Taylor's protection, said Christie Zatopek, a senior speech pathology major.

"I think most students were shocked at the beginning (when Taylor was denied tenure by department chair Jennifer Watson)," she said. "And we've been quiet until now because we haven't wanted to hurt her (Taylor's) case."

But now, students are taking action, Zatopek said.

They have drafted a petition which supports and praises the 6-year TCU professor's ability to teach and advise her students.

The petition was circulated in four communication science classes Wednesday and signed by nearly 80 students in the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic, Zatopek said.

Now the petition will be sent to the grievance committee of the Faculty Senate, Zatopek said. Copies of the petition will also be sent Chancellor William Tucker, Provost William Koehler and Robert Garwell, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

"Her (Taylor's) students know her best through her teaching and advising," Zatopek said. "We don't understand why it happened to her. She is a strong teacher and a very helpful advisor to her students. It is hard to believe it could happen to a teacher like her."

Other communication science students agreed.

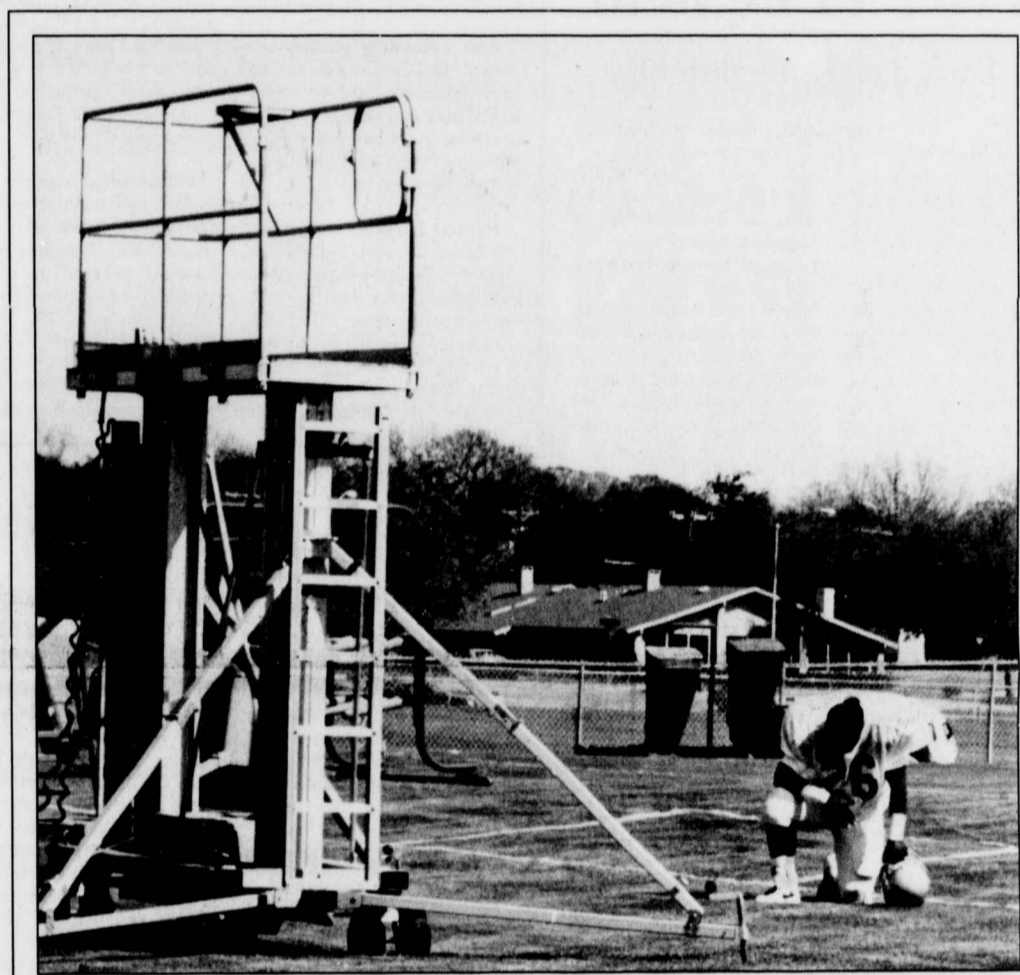
Jennifer Burgess, a speech pathology graduate student, said Taylor's tenure denial was not only disappointing to students, but it was also bad for the department.

"To lose someone like that (Taylor), I think hurts our department," she said. "It has caused some students to wonder if the department could lose its accreditation."

Jennifer Watson, the chairwoman of the communication sciences department, said she had no intention of putting the department's accreditation at risk when she denied tenure to Taylor.

Currently, the department is accredited by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and is annually checked to ensure it is above accreditation standards, Watson said.

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A football player kneels during spring training Wednesday at the practice field. The Horned Frogs are preparing for their season-opener at North Carolina in September.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

Academic services director Brooks resigns

Brooks led premajor advising, skills programs

By BEN JOHNSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Michael Brooks, director of the Center for Academic Services, said Wednesday he is resigning from his position.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said he had received Brooks' letter of resignation a few weeks ago.

Brooks said he will probably leave his position this summer. However, he is applying for some teaching positions on campus, which may affect the time of his departure if he is accepted for any of them, Brooks said.

Brooks was hired six years ago to build up the center and its services, and said he feels he has

been successful.

"I'm looking for other challenges and opportunities now," he said. "Careerwise, it's time to proceed to other options."

Adams said a replacement for his position has not been named yet, because the university is considering reorganizational options at the center to improve efficiency.

"We don't have any definite plans as yet," he said.

The Center for Academic Services coordinates the premajor advising program, which is designed to help students who are undecided about their major or career. Premajors are assigned to special academic advisers who

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Women's studies minor begins in Fall '94

By GINGER RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A new minor in women's studies will be offered in the fall to students of all majors, said Priscilla Tate, associate dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

Students must complete two required courses designed specifically for the minor: "Sex, Gender and the Disciplines" and "Senior Seminar in Women's Studies."

The two courses will be taught by Tate and Jean Giles-Sims, associate professor of sociology and chairwoman of the department.

In addition, students must choose four optional courses from various disciplines, Tate said.

The additional courses may be chosen from the English, history, nursing, religion and sociology departments.

Tate said the new minor will provide a theoretical framework for recovering and analyzing women's experiences by offering students the opportunity to study various disciplines through women's perspectives.

"We are making available, in a public way, what

has been going on for some time," she said. "Other courses probably will be added to those in place as the program progresses."

The courses will help students understand themselves better, Tate said.

"Gender is an extremely important issue," she said. "It is at the core of who we are. These new courses will help students understand and appreciate differences in outlooks and explore gender-related processes in social, economic and political spheres of life."

Tate said she hopes the "Sex, Gender and the Disciplines" course will eventually be offered for University Curriculum Requirements credit.

"Once the program gets off the ground, we would like to propose the course for critical inquiry credit," she said.

The women's studies program has been in the making for some time, Tate said.

"We have been wanting to start something like this for 10 or 15 years now," she said. "We realized that we had a critical mass of faculty who were really interested in the project and we decided to move on it."

Students who would like more information can contact Tate in Reed Room 111.

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NEWS DIGEST

4 state senators urge board to delay jail's construction

AUSTIN (AP) — Four state senators are trying to block the building of a state jail in East Texas, saying the Board of Criminal Justice didn't have enough time and information to choose a lockup site.

The board selected Henderson, Texas, over 13 other sites for the \$37.7 million project.

The senators from Houston, Waco, San Antonio and Dallas signed a letter urging the board to delay all action.

Buffett takes to movie field

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jimmy Buffett normally visits Birmingham to sing. His latest trip was to get punched in the mouth. Then he celebrated by singing.

The Mobile native was in Birmingham on Tuesday to play a small role in "Cobb," the movie about baseball legend Ty Cobb that is being filmed at Birmingham's Rickwood Field. Tommy Lee Jones stars as Cobb.

Buffett portrays a one-armed man who heckled Cobb during a game on May 15, 1912, in New York between the Yankees and Cobb's Detroit Tigers.

Texas' population on rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Move over New York. At some point this year, Texas will nudge aside the Empire State to become the second most-populous state in the nation.

While official population figures won't be released by the Census Bureau until December, some demographers say Texas is expected to overtake New York by July. In fact, by some rough estimates, the shift from No. 3 to No. 2 might have taken place in March, putting Texas behind California in population size.

Plane crashes near Austin airport

AUSTIN (AP) — A single-engine Cessna airplane crashed at an intersection near Robert Mueller Airport Wednesday after its engine failed, airport police said.

The pilot was not injured when the plane crashed shortly before 4 p.m. within half a mile of the airport runway and about a mile from Interstate 35, he said.

One woman was in "very stable condition" after her car was hit by the plane or pieces of it. About 5,000 homes lost power when the crashing plane hit a power pole, but the airport did not lose power.

TCU Calendar

Today:

- Last day to sign up for Senior Appreciation program.
- 2 p.m. Women's tennis vs. UNT, Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Friday

- University offices closed.
- Noon Women's tennis vs. A&M.
- 1:30 p.m. Men's tennis vs. Rice.
- 2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Baylor.
- 7 p.m. Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra concert featuring pianist and guest conductor Jeffrey Kahane, Landreth Auditorium.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus

Frying Panda



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Easter sunrise service to be held

20th annual celebration to feature brass quartet, English play

By ANN RICKERMAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A brass quartet and choir will herald the Easter sunrise at the traditional University Ministries sunrise service.

For over 20 years the university has held a sunrise service on the lawn of Sadler Hall to begin Easter celebrations, said John Butler, minister to the university.

A choir and brass quartet from the music department will perform at the service, which will be an ecumenical service of the word to serve many denominations, Butler said. There will not be a celebration of the

Eucharist, he said.

Carolyn Allen, a junior religion major and Marylyn Koble, a junior speech pathology major and the president of United Campus Ministries, will be celebrating the service, he said.

The theater department will perform a medieval play which began in 700 A.D. in York, England, called "Three Marys."

During medieval times Catholic masses were done entirely in Latin, said George Brown, professor of theater. The priests needed a way to communicate the word of the lord to the masses, who were mostly illiterate, he said, so they performed small

plays that communicate their messages to the common people.

"Three Marys" is a short play about the three women who discovered Jesus was not in his tomb on Easter morning, he said.

The play will be performed on the steps and the lawn of Sadler Hall, Brown said. The costumes and staging will be very simple, only five students are in the play, he said.

The service is open to the university community and the public and will take about 45 minutes so that everyone can go to their own celebration, Butler said.

Following the service, coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served.

CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S, or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

The Society of Professional Journalists and Roland Martin, Fort Worth Star-Telegram city hall reporter, will speak to the Paschal High School journalism class about newsroom diversity and the field of journalism on April 7. Meet in front of the Skiff newsroom at 1 p.m. For more information call Camie Melton at 923-7570.

Senior Appreciation Award applications are now available at the Student Center Information Desk or the Development Office, Sadler Room 214. Applicants must be seniors in the fall of 1994. Ten awards of \$500 are available. The deadline for applying is April 8.

Sophomore Leadership and Outstanding Student Leadership Award nominees must return their information sheets by April 8 to be considered eligible for the awards.

Peer counseling positions are open at the TCU Counseling Center. Applicants must be sophomores, juniors or seniors by the fall of 1994. Applications may be picked up at the Counseling Center and are due April 15.

Habitat for Humanity groups will leave for work by 8:30 a.m. Saturdays from the front doors of the Student Center. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes, thick-soled shoes and work gloves if possible. For more information, contact Kyle Watson at 370-7428, Alan Droll at 346-0799 or John

Azzolina at 921-0557.

TCU Fencing Club meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Rickel Room 317. No experience is needed to attend. For more information, call Dave at 923-9477.

Frog Fest/Siblings Weekend will be April 8-10. Registration materials and information have been sent to all parents. For further information, contact the Recreational Sports Office at 921-1945.

Student Organizations interested in fund raising by sponsoring a booth at Frog Fest should contact Suzette Lomax or Clay Hancock at the Recreational Sports Department, 921-7945.

TCU's Student Foundation will be accepting new member applications through March 31 for the 1994-1995 school year. Student Foundation is a student organization that promotes the welfare of the university through volunteering in the offices of admissions, alumni and development. Members must be classified as at least a sophomore in the fall of 1994 after application is made and must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Interviews will be held April 11-13. Applications may be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk or the Alumni Office. For more information, call 921-7803.

Video contest is open to college students with cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$3000. The contest is sponsored by The Christophers, a New York-based international media organization. For more information call (212) 759-4050. The deadline for entry is June 10.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 9

p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Open to all. This week's speaker is Michael Dean, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

Society of Physics Students is offering free physics, astronomy and math tutoring every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 323.

Student Concerns Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 218. Anyone may attend. Contact Jeff Benson at 923-5553 or P.O. BOX 32326.

Permanent Improvements Committee meets at 4 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 204. Suggestions and comments welcome. Contact J.R. Greene at P.O. BOX 29321 or 926-1272.

The International Students Association meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Check at the Student Center Information Desk for location.

The Organization of Latin American Students invites all students to its weekly meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Student Center Room 202.

Rape/Sexual Assault Survivors' Group is forming at the Counseling Center. The group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. For initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

Women's Eating Disorders Group is forming. The group will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

Mideast peace talks may resume

PLO, Israel agree on security arrangement for Palestinians

By MARIAM SAMI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The PLO and Israel reached an agreement early Thursday for protection of Palestinians in the West Bank town of Hebron, opening the way for resumption of overall peace talks.

WORLD

Israeli negotiator Uri Savir said two days of talks produced a compromise on sending an international

observer force to Hebron, site of the Feb. 25 mosque massacre.

Up to 100 Palestinian police also would be assigned there, according to earlier reports.

Savir declined to give details about the foreign observers, saying they would be announced at a news conference later in the day.

"There is an agreement on all issues relating to the security for Hebron and the resumption of talks on Gaza and Jericho," he told The Associated Press.

The PLO has demanded protection for Hebron's 80,000 residents before returning to overall peace talks on Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

The broader talks have been halted since a Jewish settler killed 30 Palestinians in the Hebron mosque attack.

The Israeli army's slaying Monday of six PLO activists in the occupied Gaza Strip threatened to again disrupt the negotiations.

On Wednesday, sources at PLO headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, said the two sides agreed that up to 100 Palestinian police officers would join Israeli forces on their patrols in Hebron.

Disagreements remained on the number and nationalities of foreign observers to be sent to Hebron, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The PLO was demanding American and Russian observers as part of the force, arguing that a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the massacre urged an "international

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EDITORIAL

Easter Sunday calls for reflection, resolve

How does a violent society in moral turmoil go about celebrating Easter?

In the other hemisphere, nations are ripping apart in ethnic wars. Peace still evades the former Yugoslavia, the number dead in Northern Ireland continues to rise, and the celebrated agreement between Israelis and Palestinians has not brought an end to the violence.

In this hemisphere, child murderers steal headlines, a presidential candidate is assassinated, and ordinary citizens spill more blood than gangs do.

But the sun still rises in the morning. People live on.

The Easter holiday celebrates the resurrection of the Christian savior Jesus. The story tells the triumph of life over death, love over hate, and holiness over

evil. It's a message that makes sense regardless of culture or religion.

Apparently, not everyone agrees. There are people who hate and injure and destroy.

On Easter, prayers are lifted for world peace and the end to violence. Hopes are raised for unity rather than strife.

And in this spirit, people turn inward and pray for personal peace. It is a prayer that asks for the determination to place the interests of others above one's own interests. To prefer conflict resolution to conflict. To ask for patience and calm. To love the neighbors.

This weekend, the Christian world will celebrate Easter. May this religious celebration inspire peace rather than pain.

COLUMNIST P.D. MAGNUS

Can sanity survive?



Monday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram's lead headline ran, "38 killed in storms across Southeast." Directly beneath it ran the subhead "Fox ready to offer job to Johnson: Cowboys coach, Jones plan showdown today." Wow, it was obvious that the Johnson-Jones feud might have severe implications for Dallas Cowboys football, but 38 dead? Wow, who would have guessed???

It was a simple layout error, or at least it seemed to be. In the smaller print there were two separate stories about two distinct news events. If it weren't, though, that would at least

in part explain why one local television station spent over half of its news at five and six o'clock covering the various angles of the Cowboys' owner-coach tiff. Lots of footage of the Cowboys offices, an interview with Troy Aikman simply because he happened to be in the building and a retrospective identifying foreshadowing of current events in Coach Johnson's appearance on the "Late Show with David Letterman" were just some of the things they used to highlight and further explore their lead story. And some people say that America is sports-obsessed...

If you had your doubts that Washington, D.C. was connected to the real world, here's proof. After realizing on the eve of Easter congressional recess that the rules stop senators from voting to end a filibuster until 1:01 a.m., Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole began to think of ways to protect his vacation time. He proposed that the Senate vote to make today become tomorrow, allowing them to go ahead and vote to end the filibuster. And some people say politicians have no sense of humor...

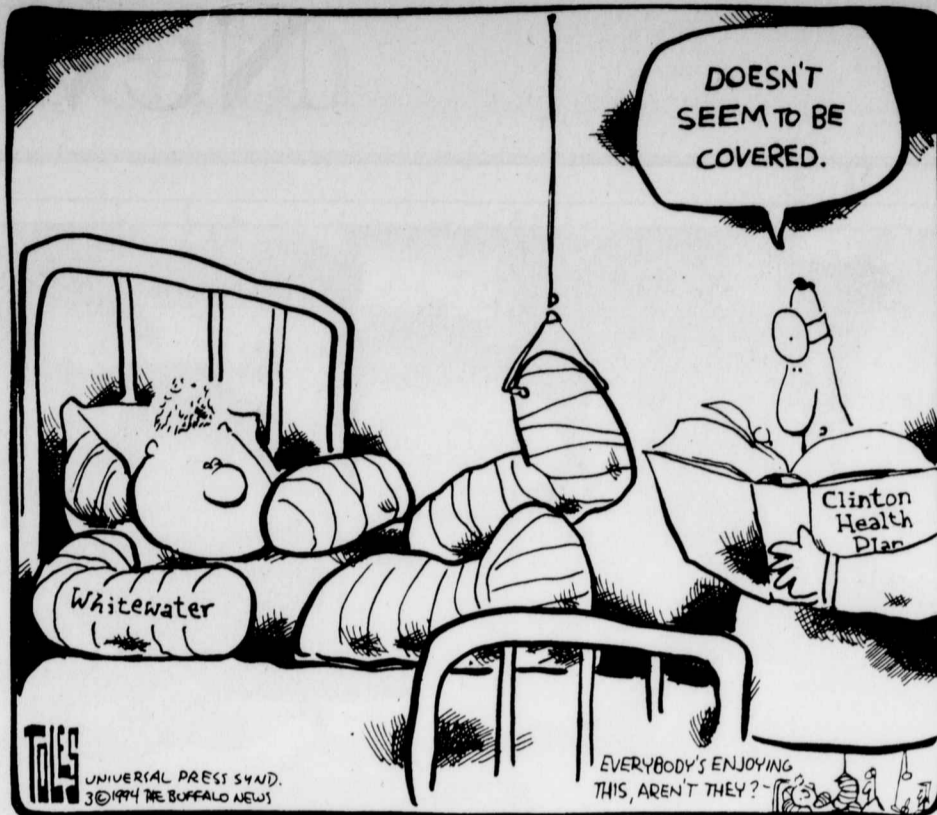
The Amish are most known for their pastoral, low-technology lifestyle and their resemblance to members of ZZ Top, but a man in Pennsylvania has done his bit to tarnish the good Amish name. Charged with killing and disemboweling his wife in front of his children, he was defended in court on the grounds that he thought he was possessed by the devil. Although a jury rejected his plea of insanity, the verdict was "guilty but mentally ill" of manslaughter, for which he will either be put in a mental hospital or imprisoned for up to four years. Four years? Yes, it seems the courts aren't taking demonic possession as seriously as they used to. Just think what they would have done to him back in Salem...

In another story of crime and punishment, Erik Menendez's defense attorney has sent letters out to everyone who sent letters of support to Erik during his trial for killing his parents, asking for donations to the "Erik G. Menendez Legal Defense Fund". Perhaps he should just ask for help from Jeff Dahmer. Dahmer has received over \$12,000 from letter writers since his incarceration. One woman sent him \$350 and some biblical literature to help the convicted serial killer learn about Jesus. Most other people just get bills in the mail...

So, you're asking, what connects these obscure tidbits of news? If you're trying to guess, it's probably good mental exercise, but don't waste your time. There is no over-reaching commentary that relies on these items as its fundamental evidence.

The reason for them is simply this: With warm weather, Spring Break just behind us, and a three-day weekend ahead, it's easy to forget that the world can be a macabre and sometimes wicked place. Make hay while the sun shines, folks, but remember to watch your backs.

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COLUMNIST MATT FLAHERTY

Catholicism explained to Protestants



Attending TCU has helped me better understand the Thirty Years' War. My previous experience and education at a northern, Jesuit high school could not prepare me for the fervent Protestantism one

encounters in the buckle of the Bible Belt.

Though most religious folk get along just fine, there lurks in southern Protestantism a serious distrust of Catholicism which may find its source in misperceptions about the Catholic Church. I'm not sure what's taught in Baptist Sunday schools, but it would be useful to clear the air of some troublesome rumors.

1. Catholics are not polytheists. They believe in one God who takes the three forms of the Trinity. The nature of this trick is still a mystery, but it is not controversial among Christians in general. The belief that Catholics are polytheists must have roots elsewhere.

2. Catholics do not worship Mary, the saints or other idols. This is elsewhere. The complaint that Catholics worship Mary and

the saints is undoubtedly the centerpiece of the polytheist argument. Catholics do pray to Mary and the saints, and do believe these individuals may intercede with Jesus on their behalf. This is not synonymous with worship. There are no sub-deities or a Catholic pantheon. Perhaps the misunderstanding concerns the word "pray" itself, which Protestants may equate with worship.

Additionally, Catholics believe that music and physical objects can aid one's contemplation of God. This doesn't amount to the creation of a golden calf.

3. The Catholic Church is not the largest Christian church in the world because its teachings are the easiest to follow. On the contrary, Catholicism includes rather strict doctrinal constraints. Prohibition of birth control, abortion and euthanasia are instructive examples.

4. Belief in evolution does not preclude one from being a Christian. The common disavowal of evolution in Texas shocks many Yankee transplants like myself. After Galileo, (most) Catholics learned not to deny the intellectually obvious on theological grounds. For this reason they believe that God guided evolution in an extended act of Creation. (Some of us wonder why God is necessary at all, but that's beside the point.)

5. Catholics do not believe the Pope to be divine (not even kind-of-divine). Catholics do believe the Pope is a spiritual successor to Peter and so is Christ's representative on Earth. As such, he is the head of the worldly Catholic Church. Beyond his position of authority and probable virtue, he is no different than any other man.

Of course, such a leadership role does entitle the Pope to certain privileges, such as the right to officially interpret Scripture while wearing a nice hat, but this is not all-important. Catholics are able to pray, read the Bible, and maintain personal relationships with Christ while simultaneously recognizing the authority of the Church. This is somewhat analogous to chewing gum and walking at the same time.

6. Catholics are Christians. The statement sounds redundant, but it is not uncommon to hear the terms "Catholic" and "Christian" juxtaposed in the South, as if Catholicism were a quasi-Christian religion like the voodoo cults of the Caribbean.

7. JFK was not building a tunnel from the White House to the Vatican at the time of his assassination. It's much more likely that tunnel was headed to Marilyn's.

Matt is a junior neuroscience major from Des Moines, Iowa.

COLUMNIST ROB EILERMANN

Real entertainment found in Arbuckle



Well, you can tell that last week was Spring Break. Our campus is now covered with bronze colored walking skin cancer victims.

A Question: Why would anyone go on one of those TCU-Cancun-type deals?

Basically, you spend obscene amounts of jack (Money, dollars, currency, federal notes, pesos, whatever) to hang out with people you see every day.

Here is a novel idea: Get a large amount of alcohol and hang out at the Stonegate pool for a week. Same booze, same people, same resort-type atmosphere without the hassle of changing currency.

Nightlife? Are you kidding me? Think of the endless string of bars and dance clubs available to us. All in walking distance from campus. It's like being on vacation whenever you hit the strip. Fun with locals! YAHOO!

Now, as I remove my tongue from my cheek, let me tell you about my Spring Break.

"Please, Rob tell us so that next year we may do the same thing."

While you suckers were frying your skin and brains on some beach I was on my way to the capital of fun: Missouri (pronounced misery).

Maybe you have heard of it. It has the second largest river in the world carrying waste and sewage from as far as Minnesota as it's eastern border.

Oh, yeah, before I got to "The Land Of Enchantment" I made a stop at one of the most famous places ever built on the beautiful, clay, tumbleweed plains of Oklahoma.

By the way, when the government gave Oklahoma to the Indians years ago, they might as well have given them the right to property on the moon. The two places are similar in terrain and vegetation.

Anyway, back to my stop. I am sure by now you are thinking that I went to "THE WORLD-FAMOUS ARBUCKLE WILDERNESS PARK." I mention the fact that this park is world-famous because I read about it on some billboard.

No, kids, I went to the town that never rests: Vinita, Okla. Now, you are hitting yourself in the forehead because you now realize that I am talking about "The World's Largest McDonald's."

Some 25,000 square feet of pure malnutrition.

Of course I stopped in the McGift Shop. And yes, I bought enough post cards to send all of my friends and family (you should be receiving yours soon). Yes, I rode the merry-go-round in the McKidland.

There I was sitting on the Hamburgler going around in circles in "The World's Largest McDonald's."

And where were you? On the beach in

some resort. PHHFFT. Are you kidding me? I was in a world famous restaurant.

Come to think of it, Oklahoma and southern Missouri have many "World Famous" attractions to it. Why travel to distant places when there is so much available nearby.

So anyway, needless to say, after the trip on the Hamburgler Ride I had pretty much had a full days worth. I was tempted to go to other attractions, but refrained.

Until I got to Branson, Mo. Home of the Wayne Newton Theatre and several other show-stoppers. I couldn't resist.

I drove through the town with eyes as big as Quarter Pounders with cheese (I was still recovering from Vinita).

The Honkey-Tonk neon lights and Go-Kart tracks were almost too much to handle. But, if there is one thing that I am, it is a man of restraint.

As I sit at the computer terminal amidst all the hustle and bustle of The Daily Skiff Newsroom, I long to return.

If I close my eyes, I can imagine the faces of the children who rode on the merry-go-round with me. I can hear their laughter as they rode such favorites as Grimace, the Fry Guys, and that lucky kid who got to ride ol' Ronald himself.

The joy of actually seeing the Wayne Newton Theatre.

And you went to the beach.

Some guys know how to have all the fun, and I am one of those guys.

Rob is a senior advertising/public relations major from St. Louis, Mo.

News



Thomas Phu, a senior history and biology double major, casts a vote for his favorite professor Wednesday in the Student Center.

TCU Daily Skiff/ Tina Fitzgerald

Leaving a legacy

Senior appreciation to fund 10 awards

By LEE PENDER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Senior Appreciation program raised enough money to fund nine awards of \$500 each and another partial award of an undetermined amount for next year's seniors.

Students who will be seniors next semester may apply for one of the awards. Academic achievement, leadership, a personal essay and a written recommendation from a faculty member will be the main criteria in awarding the grants.

Applications are available in Sadler Room 214 and at the in the Student Center Information Desk. The deadline for applying is April 8.

This year's Senior Appreciation program was a success, said Michelle Amos, annual fund officer.

"It went well," she said. "We were really thrilled with the reaction we got from everyone. All aspects of the program have been a selling point."

Each senior participating in the program must pay \$50 to purchase a brick bearing his or her name, which will later be placed in an area outside

the Mary Coats Burnett Library.

The \$50 fee also purchases certificates honoring three people of a senior's choice. Honorees will receive their certificates in late April or early May, and their names will be printed in the Commencement bulletin.

The deadline for participation in the program is 5 p.m. today. Interested seniors may contact Nancy Stiles in Sadler Room 214.

Two hundred seniors have participated in the program this year. Last year's program attracted about the same number of seniors, but only five scholarships of \$500 each were awarded. There was no specific donation amount required last year.

The average donation last year was \$15. This year's program raised more money because a \$50 donation was required. Half of that money went into the fund for awards.

Bricks for seniors will be a permanent fixture of the Senior Appreciation program, Amos said.

"Seniors are actually going to leave something behind on campus," she said. "It's turned into a tradition."

Perks, privilege affect congressional races

By JOHN KING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The gruff-looking logger approaches Tim Moyer with a simple question: "I hear you're fixing to run for Congress."

NATION

Moyer's answer in his campaign ad, equally simple, is echoing elsewhere as 1994 congressional elections take shape: "No — I'm running to fix Congress."

Unlike two years ago, there is no House bank scandal to tie around the necks of incumbent members of Congress. But perks and privilege are still major targets — not only of challengers but also of incumbents trying to shake free of the public's view of Congress as a bunch of elitists spoiled by free parking, free meals, fat pensions and gifts galore from lobbyists.

"There was an early school of thought that without the check bouncing and the post office and other scandals that maybe some of the anger would dissipate," said

Republican pollster Glen Bolger. "But we have not seen any lessening of the disappointment people feel with Congress."

Democratic pollster Celinda Lake couldn't agree more.

In a recent national poll, her firm found that 57 percent of respondents believed special interests and lobbyists control Washington — up from 37 percent three years ago.

Moyer's ad mixing concern for the region's loggers with a pledge to clean up Congress is an early salvo in his bid to unseat Democratic Rep. Jolene Unsoeld.

Among dozens of other challengers echoing the anti-Congress, anti-perks message is Walter Jones Jr. of North Carolina, son of the late, longtime Democratic Rep. Walter Jones. Jones Jr. is running as a Republican against Democratic Rep. Martin Lancaster, whose five House bank overdrafts contributed to his closest re-election race two years ago.

While less of a direct issue in campaigns this year, the House bank scandal, which helped topple 13 House members and nudge 13 more into retirement two years ago, still

reverberates when the subject of perks and privilege comes up.

Just this month, the House voted 315-110 in favor of legislation that significantly curtails the gifts, travel and entertainment lawmakers can accept from lobbyists, as well as broadening disclosure requirements so that contacts between lawmakers and lobbyists will be easier to track.

The Senate had already passed its version of lobbying reform, and debate on gift restrictions is pending.

The margin in the House reflected political realities more than any deep support for the bill. Many senior lawmakers in both parties resent suggestions they are influenced by a free lunch or golf outing with a lobbyist, but weren't about to make a public fuss in an election year.

For good reason, if a series of polls and focus groups Democratic pollster Mark Mellman conducted to test public opinion of Congress is any guide.

One man at a Dallas focus group, Mellman told the lawmakers, said his vision of dinner at a congressman's Washington home was "a mansion with servants, elegant food I can't

pronounce and won't know how to eat."

Still, campaign consultants predict perks and privileges will carry major weight only in a modest percentage of races by fall, in part because of the early warnings incumbents have had to shore up their standing on reform issues.

"When people have a strong sense of what their senator or congressman is accomplishing for them on pressing issues, whether or not he took a trip or got a free meal is less relevant," said Democratic consultant Mandy Grunwald.

One client of Grunwald's firm, New Jersey Democratic Sen. Frank Lautenberg, is co-author of a Senate proposal to bar lawmakers from accepting trips, meals and other gifts from lobbyists.

His critics cry hypocrisy: Senate records show that since 1986 Lautenberg has taken more than three-dozen trips paid at least in part by special interests. But his office says the senator no longer accepts such gifts.

The senator, coincidentally or not, fits Grunwald's definition of those potentially vulnerable to attacks on perks.

Another Grunwald client, Pennsylvania Sen. Harris Wofford, is a textbook case in staking out turf in the perks debate.

Wofford faces a fall matchup with Republican Rep. Rick Santorum, one of the so-called "Gang of Seven" GOP lawmakers who have repeatedly urged Congress to cut perks and privileges.

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national" presence.

Israel wanted only observers from Norway, which was deeply involved in the secret talks that led to the Israel-PLO accord in September. Israel also was insisting the observers be under Israeli control.

The arguments have as much to do with politics as protection of Hebron's Palestinians. The PLO wants an international force to undermine the idea of continued Israeli rule. Israel has always resisted any foreign interference during its 26-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

The PLO initially demanded up to 200 observers, and Israel was offering dozens. It was not immediately known what the compromise was on numbers or a dispute over nationalities of the observers.

The talks had been complicated by the need to get approval from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem and PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Tunis.

Both the PLO and Israel have said they hope to quickly agree on Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho before growing violence in the occupied territories again derails the peace talks.

On Wednesday, Israel put 300,000 of the territories' 1.8 million Palestinians under curfew to avoid a repetition of rioting set off by Monday's killings in Gaza.

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the proposed housing development will destroy the beauty of the neighborhood, increase traffic, cause safety problems and lower property values.

"We are concerned about the aesthetics of a multi-family apartment in a single-family housing area," Armstrong said. "Half of the homes have been here for 40 years and are established."

Johnson said many of the residents are TCU alumni, professors and supporters who want to work with the university.

"We respect TCU's right to build, but it is just difficult for us to understand why this is the best spot," he said. "We don't want to have a nasty battle with TCU. TCU's best interest would be to keep the neighborhood as a friend rather than a foe."

Armstrong said neighborhood residents, even those not living on the affected streets, are ready to help.

"Many residents are calling and asking how they can help," she said. "We're ready to fight."

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will help them explore potential majors and plan an educational program to suit their individual needs.

In addition, skilled academic advisers are available in the Center to help all students develop life and career goals, improve study skills, and interpret institutional requirements.

The Center is located in Rickel Room 106.

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Health

Student's mother tells of fight against breast cancer

By SHERILYN SHAW
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Vicki Alsop knew she had breast cancer.

"I want to talk to you," said Dr. Angeles, a local cancer specialist and surgeon.

"Just tell me the news over the phone," she said.

"No," he said. "I want you to come to the office."

Angeles insisted that Vicki come to his office to be told the results of her lumpectomy. He had removed a cancerous lump from her breast three days prior to the telephone call. Her lab results were in.

Angeles diagnosed Vicki with non-invasive breast cancer. The cancer was detected in an early stage and had not spread to other cells surrounding the breast area, leaving them cancer-free. However, Vicki visited two other oncologists for their opinions.

One oncologist said Angeles had removed all cancerous cells and suggested that she take an anti-cancer drug to prevent the cancer from reoccurring. The second oncologist also agreed that the cancer had been fully removed but suggested she begin radiation treatment.

Displeased by both medical assessments, Vicki visited Dr. Khan, a local plastic surgeon. He suggested she have all her breast tissue removed so the cancer would not have the necessary tissues in which to form.

Plagued by the urgency of having to make a decision, Vicki's sleep was continuously interrupted with frightful thoughts of cancer and how it would spread throughout her body. She decided within two months to undergo a mastectomy, or removal of her breast tissues. Vicki then convinced her doctor that the surgery was needed although both diagnoses showed no cancer remained.

In October 1992, both Angeles and Khan performed a bilateral mastectomy on her, removing all breast tissue from both breasts, leaving only the breast muscles. The doctors analyzed the removed breast tissue and concluded that it was cancerous. The initial diagnoses had been incorrect.

Meanwhile Vicki, who wore a light blue surgical gown and cap, laid in the recovery room, shaking uncon-

trollably due to the anesthesia the doctors had given her. Her second-eldest daughter, Myra, then a junior TCU nursing major, and husband, Daniel, stood quietly over her. Myra held her mother's hand which had been placed over a Bible, hoping it would bring good news to the family.

"I'm glad that I had the tissues taken out," Vicki said.

Myra commuted from Cleburne for two weeks while her mother was recuperating from the mastectomy. Confined to her bed, Vicki depended on Myra to clean her open wounds, rewrap the bandages securely and empty the Jackson/Pratt drain that funneled fluids from Vicki's wounds.

"It was disgusting," Myra said, remembering the initial sight of her mother's sunken chest. "It was so deforming from what she was before."

Myra controlled her facial expressions, attempting not to offend or anger her mother, who was unable to view her breast. Two slanting scars reached inward on Vicki's chest where her breasts had been.

At the end of January 1993, Khan performed reconstructive surgery on Alsop. Silicon bags filled with saline solution were placed in her breast muscles, which had been stretched to accommodate the size of the bags.

Because of Vicki's cancer, the Alsop family has accepted a revised diet to improve the family's overall health. The family takes vitamins daily and avoids fatty foods.

Vicki especially fears for health of her two biological daughters, Myra and Kristina, and constantly monitors their eating habits.

Both suffer from a fibrocystic breast disease which causes numerous lumps in their breasts. The lumps, which have been diagnosed as noncancerous, make it difficult for the daughters to accurately examine their breasts.

However, both daughters visit a doctor and cancer specialist every three to six months, hoping to detect any cancer early. Their mother's disease has taught them that preventive medical care is vital in the treatment of any disease.

"All females, regardless of age, need to know how to give self-breast examinations and visit a doctor regularly," Vicki said.

Sorority aims to distribute 1 million survival tip cards

By BETH AINE BOLLINGER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Approximately 500,000 women are expected to die from breast cancer during the '90s. Nearly one out of every three of those women's lives could be saved by early detection.

In an effort to increase breast cancer awareness, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority members and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will distribute cards with breast self-examination instructions on campus and locally April 13.

The waterproof cards can be

hung on shower heads to remind women to examine their breasts at least once every month.

Donna Behl, a nurse practitioner at the university's Health Center, said while breast cancer in women younger than 35 is very rare, they still need to do self-exams on a regular basis.

"Basically, it's so they are comfortable with the way their breasts feel," she said. "Some women have very lumpy breasts that can take years for a woman to know what she is feeling."

When women go to their obstetrician or gynecologist for their

yearly checkup and Pap smear they can review how to do a breast self-exam with their doctor or nurse.

Most doctors or health clinics have breast models with and without lumps that women can practice on and learn what they are looking for.

"Benign cysts are usually round and smooth," Behl said. "They tend to be very mobile, meaning they move around easily."

"Cancers have ragged borders and are firm. They will not move around either. They are like a rock. If you feel one once, you'll never forget what it feels like."

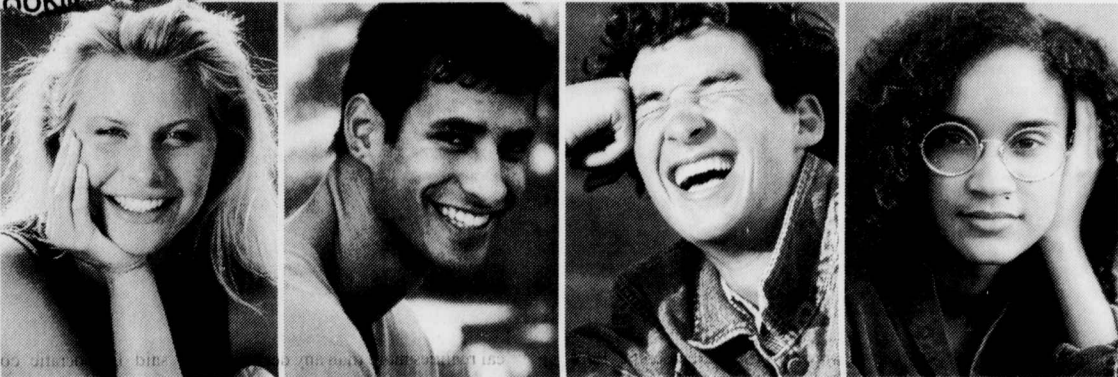
Mammograms are not suggested for young women because the breast tissue is denser than that of women older than 35 or 40, Behl said. As women get older and go through changes in the menstrual cycle the breast tissue is gradually replaced with fat, she said.

"Breast self-exams and the exam a doctor does during a regular checkup are the best forms of detection for young women," Behl said.

TCU's Zetas will be joined in their effort by members from approximately 350 chapters in 36

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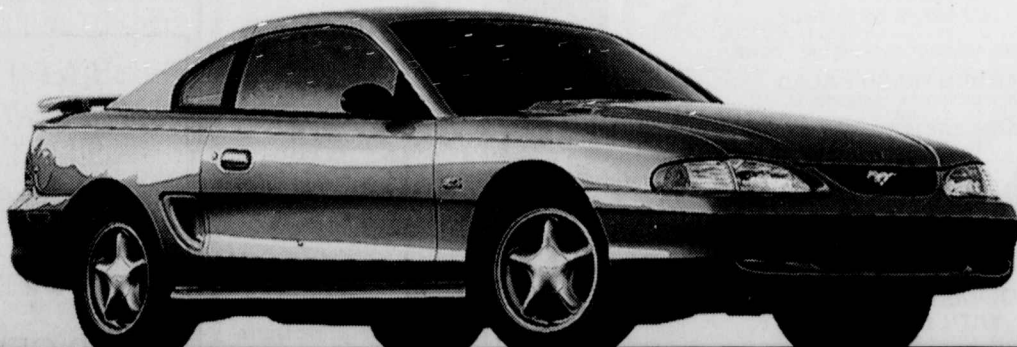
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Sports

SPORTSBRIEFS

Golf team to play in tournament

The TCU men's golf team will play in a tournament this weekend. The Frogs will travel to Augusta, Ga., to play in the Augusta College Invitational. The tournament will last all weekend.

Women's tennis team to play A&M

The TCU women's tennis team will play Texas A&M Friday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. The match starts at noon.

Stadium name criticized

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Naming the San Antonio Missions' new baseball stadium for a beer company may sound great to some citizens, but it's leaving a bad taste in the mouths of others. Nearly 60 people have called Mayor Nelson Wolff's office urging that the City Council turn down a \$1 million donation from the Miller Brewing Co. to help cover construction costs in exchange for naming the stadium the Miller Lite Stadium.

More basketball players plan to leave

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Along with losing its coach, the TCU men's basketball team is about to lose some players.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Two TCU men's basketball players have announced their intentions to transfer, TCU officials said Wednesday.

Junior forward Russell Watson said he is transferring to Southern Nazarene, an NAIA school in Bethany, Okla., and freshman guard Matt Akridge said he is transferring to Louisville.

And freshman point guard Jeff Jacobs said he is considering leaving TCU. Jacobs was the Southwest Conference co-freshman of the year.

He averaged 10.4 points and 3.4 assists per game and he hit 37 3-pointers. Jacobs started every game last year for TCU.

Jacobs was only the fourth freshman in school history to average double-figures scoring.

Jacobs said he is considering leaving TCU because of its disappointing season last year.

The Frogs finished 7-20 overall and in last place in the SWC. Jacobs said the lack of fan support is also a reason he may transfer. TCU averaged less than 3,000 fans a home game.

He said the firing of former head coach Moe Iba is not a factor in his decision. Jacobs said he is waiting to see who the new head coach will be and if he could change the success of the program.

"I want to know if we are going to have someone who generate more of a profile for the program," he said.

Jacobs said he expects to make a decision in two-to-three weeks. He would not comment on which schools he is looking to transfer to.

Akridge averaged 0.7 points and only five minutes a game last year.

He said he had the chance to play basketball at Louisville coming out of high school, but chose TCU instead.

"TCU promised me considerable playing time," Akridge said. "If I wasn't going to start, I was going to get at least 20 minutes a game."

Akridge is from Louisville and he played his high school basketball at Eastern High School in Louisville. Akridge will not play next season because NCAA rules force transfers to sit out a season to become eligible to play.

Akridge said Louisville does not have a scholarship to offer him and that he would have to wait two years to earn a scholarship.

Akridge also said the firing of Iba had nothing to do with his decision to leave TCU. He said he made his decision during the season and the arrival of a new coach won't change his mind.

But Akridge did say that a new

coach may be able to turn the basketball program around.

"It could take some time to turn the program around," he said. "It could be done."

Watson averaged three points and 12 minutes a game last year. He started five games for TCU last year and was unhappy with the inconsistencies in his playing time.

"I'd start one game and play thirty minutes and then not play in the next game," Watson said. "It didn't make sense. It shouldn't have happened."

Watson said next year will be a rebuilding one for the team and that a new coach will be more concerned with teaching young players other than winning.

"Success won't be a focal point," Watson said. "No one is expecting to win any games."

With the loss of Akridge and Watson, 27 players have now quit or transferred away from TCU in the past seven years.

Track team looks to qualify for NCAAs

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU track and field team will compete Friday at the University of Texas at Arlington Relays meet in an effort to qualify more athletes for national competition and improve individual performances, head coach Bubba Thornton said.

TRACK

The UTA meet is one of six more chances track and field athletes have to qualify for national standard times before the NCAA championship meet June 1-4 in Boise, Idaho.

So far, three TCU athletes have qualified: sophomore Brashant Carter in the 200-meter dash, junior Donovan Powell in the 100-meter dash and junior Stevanie Wadsworth

in the shot put.

"We've always had athletes qualify for national and international teams," Thornton said. "Our ultimate goal is to win the national championship and give athletes All-American recognition."

The standard qualifying times for nationals are usually faster times than those at the Olympic trials, he said.

Thornton said several members of the team have chances of competing well at the UTA meet.

His best bets for the men's team include the 100-, 200-, 400- and 800-meter dashes, the 1500-meter run, the discus, the high jump and the 400-meter relay.

For women, the 100- and 800-meter dashes, the 400-meter hurdles, the 400-meter relay, the 1500-meter

run, the shot put and the high jump are predicted to do well.

Both teams are young, and the biggest obstacle is keeping the athletes focused and from burning out, Thornton said.

With track and field members training and competing nine months of the year, younger members must adjust and stay fresh and mentally prepared, he said.

"The most critical time of the season is now; important meets are coming up," Thornton said. "Spring is a time when we watch athletes the closest because it's easy to get off track."

TCU will compete against Oklahoma, SMU, Baylor, North Texas and Abilene Christian universities. The meet begins at 11 a.m. Friday at UTA's Maverick Stadium.

Frogs resume conference play

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It is now crunch time for the TCU baseball team.

And, it seems, it couldn't have come at a worse time.

BASEBALL

The Frogs play Baylor this weekend in a crucial Southwest Conference three-game series at the TCU Baseball Diamond. TCU (20-13 overall) currently sports a 1-2 conference record, and a successful series against the Bears is a necessity for if the team is to continue to have post-season hopes.

But the Frogs haven't been playing their best baseball recently. Despite a 8-1 win over Dallas Baptist Tuesday, TCU has lost six of its

last eight games, including three-game sweeps the last two weekends. The same result this weekend could be fatal.

"We have hurt ourselves at times recently," TCU starting pitcher Reid Ryan said Monday. "We have to stop making mistakes and just play our game. If we do that, we will be successful."

One Frog player who has had success recently has been shortstop Shannon Coulter. Coulter has been on fire upon returning to the TCU lineup following the birth of his son three weeks ago.

"We really missed Shannon during the Texas Tech series," TCU head coach Lance Brown said.

"The shortstop position really didn't produce the way it needed to, and that was because we didn't

have Shannon there. He is a real key for us."

Coulter and the rest of the Frog offense will need to get back on track in a hurry if TCU is to be successful against Baylor. The reason for this is that the pitching staff has been struggling greatly.

TCU starters were pounded in six of the seven games during Spring Break, including one game where 11 runs were scored on Frog pitchers in the first inning.

If TCU can improve its pitching performances and the always deadly bats can get back into form, the Frogs should have success against Baylor.

If not, the team may have a long weekend, and when all is said and done, the post-season hopes of the team may suffer a serious blow.

Tennis team moves up to No. 8 in poll

By LEE PENDER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The goal of the TCU men's tennis team is simple: Win every match from now on and go to the NCAA tournament.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Horned Frogs ascended to No. 8 in the nation in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll after an upset victory over third-ranked Mississippi State at the Blue/Gray Classic tournament. The top eight teams in the poll receive automatic bids to the tournament, which will be May 20-29 in South Bend, Ind.

TCU must win its regional qualifying tournament to receive a bid if the Frogs fall from the top eight. TCU will host the regional tournament May 13-15 if it fails to win an automatic bid. The tournament will be held elsewhere if TCU stays in the top eight.

TCU probably must win the rest

of its matches to receive an automatic bid to the tournament. The team will need to improve in upcoming matches if it expects to stay in the top eight, Bartzan said.

Players are not feeling extra pressure to win every match and preserve the ranking, TCU senior Dax Peterson said. Competition will get tougher, but TCU can win if it plays consistently.

"Nothing really changes," he said. "We just have to win every time to stay in the top eight. All the teams are going to be gunning now."

Peterson said the high ranking, surprised the team. Staying in the top eight will not be easy, but TCU can use its talent and depth to overcome teams looking for an emotional upset over the Frogs, he said.

"The teams that play on so much emotion can only sustain it for so long," Peterson said.

TCU's next two contests are this weekend against Florida State and Southwest Conference rival Rice. The Frogs play Rice Friday

and Florida State Saturday. Both meets begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

Rice does not have any superstar players, but is a solid team and will give the Frogs a tough match. Rice will be looking to upset the Frogs, but TCU is not worried about letting down against a lower-ranked team, Peterson said. TCU will not get discouraged by a bad start and surrender early in a meet.

"That's one thing that coach will never let happen," Peterson said. "If they beat us, they're going to have to be out here forever."

Florida State may prove a tougher opponent for TCU than Rice. The Seminoles beat Miami, a team that defeated the Frogs earlier this season.

"That gets me a little anxious about them," Peterson said.

TCU missed key shots in a 6-1 win over SMU Tuesday, the coach said. Bartzan said he expects the team to regain its sharpness and hit tough shots this weekend.

Switzer named Cowboys' coach

By DENNE FREEMAN
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IRVING, Texas (AP) — Barry Switzer, who left Oklahoma under a cloud five years ago, became coach of the Dallas Cowboys Wednesday, just a day after his archrival, Jimmy Johnson, quit the two-time Super Bowl champions.

Switzer replaces Johnson, whose differences with owner Jerry Jones led to his departure from the team he led to back-to-back Super Bowl championships.

Jones hired Switzer, his freshman football coach at the University of Arkansas, citing the need for "continuity and motivation."

Switzer, who has never coached in the NFL, said he wanted to return to the game he left abruptly in 1989.

"I missed football," he said. "I decided I'd rather coach."

"I give my commitment of loyalty, of excellence, of total commitment of making this program what it has been in the past and what it will be in the future," said Switzer, sitting beside Jones at a news conference at Valley Ranch.

Switzer, 56, led the Sooners to 12 Big Eight championships in 16 seasons at Oklahoma. He finished with

a 157-29-4 record, the best among all active coaches, and ranks fourth in all-time winning percentage at .837.

Switzer left Oklahoma in 1989 amid several scandals involving arrests of his players.

Jones and Switzer met all morning at Valley Ranch to hammer out details of the contract. He later met with quarterback Troy Aikman and all assistant coaches.

It was Jones' mention of Switzer's name in a barroom conversation in Orlando, Fla., that infuriated Johnson to the point of wanting to leave the Cowboys.

At the NFL meetings last week, Jones reportedly said he might fire Johnson and named Switzer as a possible replacement.

Jones and Johnson were roommates and football teammates at Arkansas in the early 1960s, when Switzer was assistant coach for the Razorbacks.

Switzer said Jones called him last week to see if he was interested in the Cowboys job.

Jones called Switzer "a proven winner" and sought to allay fears among Cowboys' fans that he would meddle in the team's on-field activities.

"I feel so strongly that you're

going to benefit from the fact that the guy next to me coached me, the guy next to me has my total personal trust and commitment," Jones said.

"I feel we have one of the most talented teams that there is the NFL, if not the most talented team, and one of the best that has ever been put together," Jones said. "I feel very confident that the continuity can be kept in place and be motivated with the new head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Barry Switzer."

An exuberant Switzer pledged to "be fair with people and treat people right."

He said the coaching staff would stay intact and promised not to change the Cowboys' system.

"Things will remain the same," he said. "That's the thing that the coaching staff and players are excited about."

He and Jones also predicted that the Cowboys would remain successful.

"This thing has the chance to really be fun and really be exciting and, most importantly, it's going to be successful," Jones said. "I think the excitement of being part of the Dallas Cowboys will be sustained. I think we're going to be competitive dollars and sense wise."

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Baseball Preview

Bonds, pitching will lead San Francisco to title



by Ty Benz

Sports Columnist

Pitching. Every major league baseball team is lusting after quality pitchers before the season starts. Even the team with the best staff in baseball, the Atlanta Braves, is looking for relief pitching. And like explorer Ponce de Leon, who looked for the fountain of youth, every team needs to realize that there are not any quality pitchers available without a heavy price.

The lack of pitching throughout the league will be the theme this year. Think about it, graybeards, retreads and losers like Jack Morris, Mark Leiter and Frank Tanana, are showing up around the league and will play major roles this year.

As usual, the pennant races will come down to pitching. And the teams I'm picking to contend for the World Series Championship all have one thing in common, they combine potent lineups and good pitching staffs.

In the National League West, the San Francisco Giants will use a strong pitching staff and a lineup loaded with superstars to win the division.

San Francisco has a balanced rotation, a solid group of middle-relievers and a dominant closer in Rod Beck, who had 48 saves last year. The rotation is strong with 20-game winners Bill Swift and John Burkett. Free agent signee Mark Portugal, an 18-game winner for Houston last year, and improving Solomon Torres round out the rotation.

But the Giants lineup is also very powerful. The one-two punch of outfielder Barry Bonds and Matt Williams will again lead the Giants. Last year, Bonds hit 46 home runs and had 123 RBIs last year, while Williams added 38 homers and 110 RBIs.

The Giants won't have much competition in the NL West because the Dodgers, Padres and Rockies will struggle to win 80 games.

The Montreal Expos will win the NL East because they have the best bullpen in the NL. Closer John Wetteland won nine games and saved 43 games last year despite missing the first month of the season with a broken toe. And during that time the Expos didn't struggle as Mel Rojas did a fine job, saving 10.

And when Wetteland was closing, Rojas combined with Tim Scott, who won five games, Jeff Shaw and Gil Heredia to give Montreal a well-rounded bullpen. But the Expos also boast a solid rotation and a potent lineup. Righthander Ken Hill will improve on his nine wins as he will rebound from injuries last year. Jeff Fassero and Kirk Reuter gave the Expos a big boost when they combined to win 20 games late in the year. Having them and newly acquired Pedro Martinez, a 10-game winner with the Dodgers, to form the second best rotation in the East.

But the outfield of Marquis Grissom, Moises Alou and Larry Walker will lead the Expos to the pennant. Grissom hit 19 HRs, stole 53 bases and drove in 93 runs. Walker exploded with 22 HRs and 89 RBIs and was excellent defensively. Alou was having a good year before a broken fibula ended his season. The three will make up for departed second Delino DeShields (traded for Martinez) and consistently score



SPORTS PREDICTIONS Major League Baseball

	American League					National League					World Series Champion
	East	Central	West	Wildcard	Champion	East	Central	West	Wildcard	Champion	
Ty Benz	Toronto	Chicago	Oakland	Baltimore	Baltimore	Montreal	Houston	San Fran	Atlanta	San Fran	San Fran
David Jimenez	Baltimore	Chicago	Texas	Boston	Chicago	Atlanta	Houston	San Fran	Cincinnati	Houston	Chicago
Tom Manning	Baltimore	Chicago	Seattle	Boston	Chicago	Atlanta	Houston	San Fran	Montreal	Atlanta	Atlanta
Greg Riddle	Baltimore	Kansas City	Seattle	Chicago	Baltimore	Atlanta	St. Louis	San Fran	Houston	Atlanta	Baltimore
Rick Waters	Baltimore	Chicago	Texas	Toronto	Baltimore	Atlanta	Houston	San Fran	Montreal	Atlanta	Atlanta

runs for Montreal.

The Atlanta Braves will make the playoffs as a wild card as they will win over 90 games, but finish second to the Expos in the East.

The rotation of Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine (both are Cy Young Award winners), Steve Avery and John Smoltz is the best in baseball. But the bullpen is weak and Greg McMichael could struggle this year after getting bombed last year in the postseason.

The lineup also could have a hard time replacing leadoff hitter Otis Nixon (left as a free agent) and 30-home run hitter Ron Gant (waived after breaking a leg). But Fred McGriff, David Justice and Terry Pendleton should give Atlanta enough offense to make the playoffs.

The other teams in the East just aren't good enough to run with either Montreal or Atlanta. The NL Champions, the Phillies, won't win because they don't have a reliable closer after they traded Mitch Williams and will miss John Kruk's leadership (he will miss most of the season recovering from cancer). The Florida Marlins and

the New York Mets will battle to stay out of the cellar.

The NL Central should be a dog-fight because it doesn't have a dominant team. The Houston Astros, St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds will stage a close race for the division.

And it will be the Astros who will finish on top. The combination of the hitting of first baseman Jeff Bagwell and second baseman Craig Biggio, the strong rotation of Doug Drabek, Greg Swindel, Daryl Kile and Pete Harnisch, and Mitch "The Wild Thing" Williams will give the Astros their first division title since 1986.

But a big reason behind the Astros division title will be because the Cardinals and Reds don't enough starting pitching to contend.

The American League pennant races will depend on the health of certain players.

In the AL East, the Toronto Blue Jays will win the division if closer Duane Ward is healthy. If he can recover from his bicep tendinitis quickly, then his dominant pitching (Ward saved 45 games in '93) will

help the Jays hang until stars Roberto Alomar and Joe Carter heal from injuries. If the Blue Jays can stay in the race at the first of the year, then they will win the division.

The Baltimore Orioles won't win the division, but will make the playoffs as a wild card. The lineup of Cal Ripken Jr., Brady Anderson, Chris Sabo and Rafael Palmeiro will power Baltimore into the playoffs. But the bullpen and an injury-plagued rotation will keep the O's from winning the division.

The teams in the rest of the division—the Yankees, Red Sox and Tigers—all have serious problems. The Yankees and Tigers don't have the pitching and the Red Sox don't have the hitting.

The AL Central will be a walkaway for the talented Chicago White Sox. Frank Thomas will repeat as AL Most Valuable and lead the offense while the rotation (Jack McDowell, Alex Fernandez, Wilson Alvarez and Jason Bere) will carry the ChiSox to the division title.

The Kansas City Royals don't have enough power in the lineup to

contend, while the Indians offense will give Cleveland big leads only to see the bullpen blow the games.

The AL West is the worst division in the majors as the lineups in Texas, Seattle and Oakland will all try to overcome poor pitching staffs.

And the Oakland A's will be the surprise team of the year as Mark McGwire, Rickey Henderson and Dennis Eckersley will rebound after their awful year in '93 and lead Oakland to the division title.

The Mariners and Rangers both have solid starting pitching, awful bullpens and superstar outfielders (Ken Griffey Jr. in Seattle and Juan Gonzalez for Texas). But neither will have the division title.

In the playoffs, Montreal and Atlanta will falter in the playoffs and Bonds, Beck and the Giants will go to World Series. And the Orioles, despite not winning the AL East, will beat the Jays and White Sox in the playoffs to win the AL Pennant. But it will be Bonds and the Giants who will be celebrating after they defeat Baltimore in a close, seven-game World Series.

Brave starters will bring title



by Thomas Manning

Sports Columnist

At last, the 1994 baseball season is finally upon us.

And, for those of you who usually wait anxiously for Opening Day to arrive year in and year out, this season you should be filled with even more of that excitement than usual.

For 1994 will prove to be a baseball season different from any in history.

The reasons for this are simple: two major rules changes that occurred during the offseason have changed the face of America's Sport forever.

If you look at the standings this season, you will see six divisions instead of four. For the first time ever, baseball's leagues have expanded to three divisions.

This, of course, will benefit some teams immediately (the Astros will finally not have to be in the same division as the Braves and the Giants) and it will hurt others (Philadelphia, last year's National League champ, is now in the same division as the Braves and Montreal.) But one thing it will do is give more teams a chance to participate in pennant races.

Another thing that will keep more teams in contention is the addition of two extra playoff spots in each league. Four teams in each league will now make the playoffs: the three division winners and a wild-card team. This will add an extra round of playoffs, and should make the season more interesting for fans.

But, of course, the burning question is: which teams will be the ones to make the playoffs, and which team will rise above all the others and capture the World Series championship in 1994?

Well, folks, hold your breath no longer, for here are your answers.

Thanks to the new realignment, the toughest division in the new American League will be the East, where four teams have legitimate chances for playoff spots.

The Baltimore Orioles spent a ton of money in the offseason to ensure that they will be in the thick of the AL

pennant race. The additions of former Ranger Rafael Palmeiro (first base), Chris Sabo (third base), and pitchers Sid Fernandez and Lee Smith give the Orioles quality in both the everyday lineup and the pitching staff. And with Cal Ripken Jr., Chris Hoiles and rookie phenom Jeffrey Hammonds rounding out the lineup, this team will score runs.

If the pitching staff can hold together (Fernandez is on the disabled list already,) and the new faces can gel with the rest of the team, the Orioles will win this division. This bet says they will.

The Toronto Blue Jays, the two-time defending champs, will take a back seat in the AL East due to injuries (Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar won't be in the opening day lineup) and a shaky pitching staff. Unless General Manager Pat Gillick makes a trade for a quality starter (Bret Saberhagen?) the Jays won't need to think three-peat.

In fact, the Jays won't even finish second in the East. That's because the mighty Boston Red Sox will reenter the limelight in 1994 and emerge as the surprise team of the season. The additions of Otis Nixon's speed and Dave Valle's defensive abilities behind the plate will sure up a paltry offense that could score over 100 more runs than last year. If Roger Clemens can stay healthy and return to anchor the best starting rotation in the AL, watch out. Seriously.

The Tigers have no pitching and the Yankees have George, so forget it.

In the Central, the White Sox are clearly the team to beat. Now that a certain spring training flop is out of the way, they can concentrate on winning games. In a division where the rest of the teams are mediocre at best (the Royals and, oh my God, the Indians will pose the biggest challenges,) the White Sox, who have the best overall pitching staff in the league and Frank Thomas to lead the offense, should be a lock.

The AL West is left as the worst division in the AL. How can this be proven? The two teams who will challenge for the division crown will be Seattle and the hometown Texas Rangers. If that isn't poor, nothing is.

Texas has the hitters, but not much pitching. Seattle has a very strong starting staff and the best outfield in the league (Ken Griffey, Jr., Jay Buh-

ner and newcomer Eric Anthony could combine for 100 homers.) Look for Griffey to have an MVP year and the Mariners to beat out the Rangers and make the playoffs for the first time in team history.

In the NL, the East will be perhaps the toughest division in baseball. It has three of the top clubs in baseball as part of its five teams.

The Atlanta Braves will once again dominate baseball on the mound. Starters Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, Steve Avery and John Smoltz all have the ability to walk away with the Cy Young Award, and

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Hunting for a Haint

Editor's note:

As part of their Feature and Magazine Writing class, Skiff staff members Ty Benz, Rick Waters, Kristi Wright and Sarah Yoest spent the night of March 12 on a ghost hunt in Log Cabin Village, where they (well, except for Rick) believe they encountered something from another world.

Ty's comments will be in regular type, Rick's in bold, Kristi's in italics, and Sarah's in bold italics. Connecting material will be in parentheses.

A dank, dark mist crawled up from the banks of the Trinity River and up the hills into the woods surrounding Log Cabin Village, cloaking the tiny community in a thin, ghostly fog.

They say the village is home to more than a couple of cats and a fox family. Some, like village curator Bettie Regester, say the log cabins are homes to spirits who, for one reason or another, continue to reside in the buildings that were brought all the way from Parker County back in the 1950s.

The way Bettie tells it, these cabins have been the sites of some pretty grisly scenes over the years. One, the Pickard cabin, was the site of an Indian scalping back when Mineral Wells was just a dot on the Texas prairie. Others, like the Howard cabin, were the scenes of Indian raids.

And if you listen closely enough, they say, and really try to believe, you can hear the whispers of the men and women who once worked and farmed the frontiers of the wild, wild West.

The haints aren't evil, Bettie says. Well, she doesn't think they're evil. Never mind the spirit seen hovering on the stairs of the Howard cabin — or the "death" cabin, as the village's tour guides have named it — has frightened enough people so that the tour guides refuse to enter the cabin.

And never mind that, just a few years back, the normally docile ghost Bettie says inhabits the attic of the Foster cabin wriggled a chair loose from its secure place in the rafters and sent it crashing to the floor.

"She's just mischievous," Bettie says. "She'd never hurt anyone." Stories like these may not faze you — unless you've camped in the village on a night when the thin river mist shrouds the moon and captures it in an eerie, otherworldly haze.

"Why don't we go on a ghost hunt, Jeff?" someone in our feature writing class suggested to our instructor, Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter and associate books editor Jeff Guinn.

At the mention of ghost, an intriguing word which conjures up images from Casper, the friendly one of children's stories, to the coffins of ghouls springing from the swimming pool in "Poltergeist," I re-entered the classroom conversation from my daydreaming lapse.

"Yeah, that would be great fun," I said bravely. "Let's go." Jeff agreed to take the seven of us on such an adventure as long as none of the class members had any doubts about tangling with the unknown.

Of course, everyone would agree to go, I said. We were all adults (well, over 18, at least) and going to be fearless, professional journalists some day. Who wouldn't want to partake in the hunt?

I had never been on a ghost hunt before. Not even one, that is, until the night at Log Cabin Village.

I had no reason to wait around for ghosts or spirits, much less hunt them down. Those sort of things didn't exist as far as I was concerned.

As I drove up to the village, I kept muttering to myself not to have any preconceived ideas before the hunt began.

"All right, Rick, let's be cool about this," I thought. "Just do your job — that's all. Let all the others over-analyze every creak and bump. You just stay level-headed."

"Well, let's just get this over with," I sighed as I stepped out of my car, rain pelting the back of my neck and sliding in little streams down my collar. "What's a couple of hours in the dark? Nothin's gonna happen in there. I just hope it goes fast."

It wasn't that I was afraid of ghosts or the dark; I was just tired of being the lone skeptic, tired of the stories, tired of being outnumbered.

Most of my classmates seemed convinced former pioneer inhabitant Jane Holt had made her presence known to both visitors and village docents before and would do so to us tonight.

For 22 years and seven months I did not believe in ghosts, ghouls or apparitions.

Sure, I watched scary movies when I was young. But that was just the movies. I know there are crazy people out there in the real world, so I calmed down. I still wasn't a believer even after I watched "Poltergeist."

And I felt this way for a long time. But it took just one night to change this. In a span of three and a half hours, my whole childhood upbringing about ghosts was smashed and destroyed.

Jeff is a veteran ghost hunter. Every October since 1987, he has staked out a reportedly haunted place and waited for something to happen. All of his hunts had been uneventful except the one in 1992 at Log Cabin Village. Members of Jeff's feature writing class struck gold when they spent the night in the Foster cabin's attic. All but two members of the party had smelled the lilac perfume that supposedly signals that Jane is near and experienced a spine-tingling sensation. One girl, who is normally very calm and level-headed, said she actually felt a presence lean over her shoulder and try to look in her face before she could bolt out of the room.

So of course, Log Cabin Village was to be the place.

Before the group of us descended on the village for our hunt, I went with Jeff and Debra Whitecotton, the Skiff's production supervisor, to meet village curator Bettie Regester and arrange the hunt.

Of course the participants would have to sign a waiver, she said. The city would not be responsible if anything happened.

We took a quick look around the grounds and were getting ready to leave when Bettie asked if we wanted to see the attic.

"Nahh," I said as a wave of fear enveloped my body. "I can wait until the hunt."

Of course Jeff and Deb said they wanted to go up in the attic. They expected me to follow.

Bettie opened the 5-foot tall by 1.5-foot wide door to the attic stairs, flicked on the light switch and told me to go on up.

"Geeze, Kristi," Jeff scolded me. "How can you expect to absorb the feelings and write about the experience if you won't look around? Come on — be a journalist."

"OK, OK," I squeaked between gulps of air. Just as I looked up, a box of something that had been stuck in the far corner of a bookshelf came flying straight out of its place and slammed to the floor.

Before that box hit the ground, adrenaline took control of my body. I sprang up in the air and whirled around in a maneuver even Michael Jordan couldn't accomplish. Deb grabbed my arm to keep me from heading down the stairs.

I heard Bettie say, "Jane's here. I can feel her. She is here." (Kristi told us all about her adventure, and after listening carefully, Rick said he would have to be slimed to believe in ghosts.)

The Foster cabin's attic was closed to the public after too many visitors injured themselves on the low, narrow stairway that is one of two escapes from the attic. Some of them didn't like the feeling up there. Others felt they'd seen or felt something.

After the attic was closed, Bettie's staff turned it into offices. And then one morning, one of the ladies working at the village started up the stairs, screamed and came barreling back down.

She'd met the ghost.

And we did, too. We started the night uneventfully with a pizza feed in the Foster cabin's refurbished kitchen, but as we choked down our last slices of Perrotti's, we knew this would probably be the last normal part of the evening.

Ty, Debra and I decided to stay in the kitchen as long as we could. We knew that, if we ever returned, everyone would think we were wimps. A few hours later, that description didn't bother me at all.

We were three of the six ghost hunters sentenced to starting the night in the Howard cabin, where two years ago ghost hunters had seen something — a shimmering, glimmering form — peeking around the corner of the stairwell. They spent the rest of their watch on the hill behind the cabin.

As soon as we entered the cabin, I grabbed Ty and staked out a spot near the door. That way if anything went bump in the night we could be the first ones out.

We passed the time by telling jokes and rapping about life in general.

Somehow the topic of bodily injuries was brought up and I topped everyone else's injuries with my bragging of my "artificial kidney." After everyone else laughed loudly, including myself, I looked at the far wall that led to the stairwell, and the dark was swirling around and lights were flashing. Something was out there. And I didn't want anything to do with it.

It was at this moment when I felt something grabbing my leg. After stifling screams of, "Holy s—, something's got me!" I realized it was Sarah.

The motions on the far wall continued and so my did my nervousness. I decided this "thing" wasn't going to come down and mess with me if I jabbered and talked nonstop. Ghosts and things are less likely to mess with rambling maniacs than sane people.

This went on for over an hour, and finally, Jeff came and got us at 10:30 p.m. As we were walking to the Foster cabin, I asked Sarah, "Did you feel something in there?" After she agreed with me and Adam, Jeff's son, added that he also had felt something evil in there, I decided I was right. And I was really happy to be out of that spooky place. But the next stop was the attic of the Foster Home and the domain of Jane.

Kristi and Michele had stayed in Jane's room the first part of the night and had reported some unusual activities. "Oh well," I thought. "At least it will be better than that other place."

Before this all started, Jeff spotted me and began outlining my responsibilities as one of the group's more rational thinkers.

"OK, Rick, I want you to stay with Jen, Kristi and Michelle," Jeff said like a high school coach divvying out defensive assignments. "Remember, it is important to always stay between them and the stairs. Now, I'm counting on you. We don't want anyone hurt." Classmates Jen Scott, Michele Grey, Rick and I started out in the second floor of the Foster cabin — Jane's haunt.

I was elated with the groupings. Jen and Rick were both relaxed. Surely I would be OK (or at least able to outrun one of them if necessary) under their calming influences.

The Foster cabin's attic is divided into three roughly equal-sized rooms with open doors between them. The low, narrow staircase from the first floor opens into the attic's middle room, which is lined with shelves holding plastic frontier "artifacts" straight from the rough-and-tumble pioneer haven of Taiwan.

Directly across from the stairs is the only other escape route in the attic: two doors which lead out onto a wide balcony that runs the length of the cabin.

Michele and I stayed in the doorway. I leaned my king-sized feather pillow against a stack of furniture and spread out my friend's Bugs Bunny sleeping bag on the floor. Flashlights off, Michele and I laid down to wait for the ghost to scare several years off our lives. Jeff stayed with his flashlight on in the middle room for a few minutes so we would "settle down and get comfortable." Then he left to check on the crew in the Howard cabin.

I checked my watch and a whole five minutes had gone by since Jeff left. This night was going to be interminable. My thoughts continued to rule my body. My heart beat quickly, my nerves tingled, my teeth rattled and occasionally a high-pitched nervous giggle erupted from my throat. All were in anticipation of coming into contact with Jane.

Michele wasn't doing much better than I was. Soon we were holding each others' hands in a death grip. One hint of movement other than from Michele or me would have sent us into an orbit equal to the moon's.

The far corner of the east room is where Jane is most easily sensed, Bettie says, and I was a bit disappointed when, as I tried to follow Ty into the room, Jeff sent me to the east room to join Wayne, James, Jen and Rick. The thought of Jane didn't scare me as much as whatever haunted the Howard cabin.

It took about an hour of lying quietly in one of the attic's three rooms before IT happened, and any pretensions of being open to feeling Jane vanished as quickly as she did.

I wanted to somehow connect with Jane and had been praying — out of sheer terror while in the Howard cabin, but not in the Foster — for her. See, as a Catholic, I've been raised on the notion of Purgatory or Limbo or whatever it's called these days, and I was convinced Jane was trapped in the cabin until she could reach Heaven.

"God, if you're keeping her here for some reason, just let her go," I prayed. "Let her be with her son. Just let her find peace."

And then, out of nowhere, the scent of lilacs engulfed me as the most chilling cold I've ever felt cut through my bones.

My spine tingled, and every hair on my body jumped to attention. She

was here.

I panicked and rolled up into a little ball, trying to cut off whatever contact I had just initiated.

And then Jane was gone.

A few minutes later, from the east room, Ty called out.

"My spine's all tingly," he said.

"She's here!" Debra cried.

Ty continued to tingle, explaining he'd simply opened his mind and begun to introduce himself to Jane.

Adam, Debra, Michele, Kristi and I in Jane's room. I put myself in Jane's corner with my head in the middle of the group and my feet in her corner. Debra was to my left and the rest of the group was to my right.

It was at this moment when Jeff had to leave to go home and sleep for some event he had the next day. Some role model, he was using excuses to get out of it. But I bit my tongue and watched him leave while mentally calling him a coward.

Again, an interesting conversation about dope, life in the '60s, and hypocrisy in America today was brought up and Adam started playing his guitar on the other side of the room.

As soon as he started to play some Metallica songs, "Fade to Black," "One," and "Nothing Else Matters," I started to get tingling up and down my body. The hair all over my body stood up like a cat when they are hissing. Even the hairs on my goatee were standing straight up. I must be imagining this, I thought and asked Debra to feel my arms.

When she told me the hair was standing up, I started to get spooked. But those feelings went away and I immediately felt good as the tinglings moved along my spine to my lower body and then back up my spine. The hair was still up all over me, but I was feeling good. I felt so good that I closed my eyes. I wanted to completely enjoy this moment.

Somehow, I'm still sure how I did it, I made contact with a presence in the room after I closed my eyes.

It was like my soul escaped my body to make contact with this other being. After creeping out through my toes, my spirit shook hands with a black, dark entity who chose not to reveal its true identity to me. I mentally showed pictures of myself, my two older brothers, Brad and Robby, and thought things about them. I then did the same with my parents and my



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The Howard cabin, commonly known as the "Death Cabin," was one of the most infamous sites on the ghost hunt. Pictures are reported to slide down the walls for no apparent reason.

faithful yellow labrador, Suede.

I was feeling very satisfied as I communicated with another entity. "This is very cool," I told myself.

Kristi, Deb and I decided a bathroom break would, if nothing else, give us a chance to quiet our nerves.

Until then, I hadn't told anyone about my little run-in with Jane. While Deb and I waited for Kristi to emerge from the bathroom, I related my story. And that's when it happened again. Ty, Michele and Jen all felt her.

It was after they left when things got crazy for the brave people upstairs in the attic.

All of a sudden, Michele asks, "Debra, did you just step over me?" Whoa, she is downstairs and everyone is on the floor. But, we calmed her down and Adam started playing a song by The Doors called "The End."

In the middle of the song, Adam was really into it, I thought, Jennifer squeaked in a mouse-like voice, "I'm smelling lilacs, y'all," and started to panic. I wanted to help her, really I did, but the tinglings were so intense in my body that I almost groaned aloud with pleasure. Someone was inside me, checking me out. And I was enjoying it.

Again, I asked everyone to feel my arms and see if I was having some type of flashback or something like that because things like this aren't supposed to happen in real life. But everyone confirmed it, the hair was standing up.

Another wave of feelings rushed through the insides of me as Adam finished the song. I glanced over and looked at him expecting to see Jim Morrison, the lead singer of The Doors, because the song sounded exactly like The Doors.

Instead, Adam goes, "Man, I was in limbo. I can't believe it."

My answer goes like this, "Man, I was totally grooving to you (pointing to Adam), and grooving with Jane."

Rick almost cried as he absolutely cracked up laughing. His bellowing laughter seemed to wake all us up out of our daydreams and back to reality.

When it dawned on us what had happened, we all freaked out and immediately rushed downstairs to the kitchen.

I totally couldn't believe what I had felt upstairs, I had communicated to something completely outside of this dimension, and it felt good, better than anything else I had ever experienced in my life.

In the kitchen, Adam was also pretty freaked out. I think he summed it up best when he said, "It was a communion of our minds with other minds." Later, we all explained what we'd felt, but Ty's was the only one I remember distinctly.

He said to Adam, "whooooo, I was like groovin' with you and like groovin' with Jane. I could feel a tingle racing up and down my spine, and did you feel the hair on my arms?"

Obviously, Jane had touched Ty deeply or in the right place.

Soon enough I was tired of all the mysterious crap going on and

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Reviewer picks best, worst of new releases

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"The Paper" (R)
Ron Howard's latest film, "The Paper," is a new big-screen attempt to capture life at a big city newspaper; specifically, a New York City quasi-tabloid called the New York Sun.

Most of the story focuses on Henry Hackett (Michael Keaton), the metro editor of the paper. Since the Sun concentrates heavily on local happenings, Henry often gets the say over what to put on the coveted front page (usually in enormous letters with multiple exclamation points). His main opposition is the cranky managing editor, Alicia Clark (Glenn Close), with whom Henry seems to argue just for argument's sake. The Sun's editor, Bernie White (Robert Duvall), is sick of playing referee to their childlike antics.

On this abnormally frantic day, the front-page story is supposed to be about the racially-motivated killings of two white businessmen by two black teenagers. Just before the daily deadline, Henry finds out that the two kids are actually innocent.

Since Alicia and Bernie don't want to pay the extra money for going over deadline, they suggest running the confirmed story about the teens arrest instead of searching out the story of their innocence. But Henry, nagged by his conscience and feeling a need to beat the rival newspapers for once, seeks out his story with the help of head columnist McDougal (Randy Quaid).

Outside of the newsroom, each of these characters has their personal problems also. Henry has to deal with his pregnant wife (Marisa Tomei), who wants him to take a job he has been offered at a more prestigious newspaper. Bernie has prostate surgery to look forward to in a few days, and his daughter hates him. Also, McDougal has received a death threat from a man, Sandusky (Jason Alexander) who he criticized heavily in one of his columns.

The first half of "The Paper" is very entertaining, depicting the fast-

paced everyday world of a newspaper. Later, however, the story gets bogged down in subplots and becomes overdramatized to the point of absurdity. For example, Henry and Alicia argue themselves into fistfights in the press room. McDougal and Sandusky get into a barroom brawl, where Alicia is injured and Bernie just happens to be telling his sad story to those around him. Henry is forced to give up dinner with his wife and parents, who drove for two hours just to have dinner with him, in order to pursue his story.

In the end, fittingly, everyone winds up in the hospital: Henry's wife to have her baby, Alicia to sew up a gunshot wound, and Henry and Bernie as concerned onlookers.

Overall, too many subplots kill the positive momentum from the film's first half. Many aren't resolved, particularly Bernie's problems, which we don't even care about.

Keaton's energy is fun to watch, and Duvall and Quaid are at their best, but Close and Tomei are given nothing to do but look pouty. Also, the ending is a bit sappy. It's never boring, but "The Paper" gets too carried away.

Grade: C

"Jimmy Hollywood" (R)

Joe Pesci plays a down-on-his-luck actor turned vigilante in "Jimmy Hollywood," the latest project from writer-director Barry Levinson ("Bugsy," "Diner").

Pesci stars as Jimmy Alto, who hasn't come any closer to acting than reading for the role of Harry in "Matlock." Frustrated over having his radio stolen from his car, he sets out to rid the entire Hollywood community of such crime by starting the vigilante group S.O.S. (Save Our Streets) along with his dim-witted partner, William (Christian Slater). The S.O.S. turns in criminals with videotapes and messages to the police.

Jimmy takes the new nickname of Jericho, and his immediate national media exposure gives him the acting role he had always dreamed of. Since the S.O.S. is deemed illegal, how-

ever, Jimmy is sought by the police, much to the chagrin of his girlfriend, Lorraine (Victoria Abril).

Jimmy keeps promising Lorraine she will be a "hairdresser of the stars" when he gets his breakthrough role. Now he has that role, however, and Jimmy is destined to wind up in jail and Lorraine to wind up with nothing.

Like the character of Jimmy Alto, "Jimmy Hollywood" is ambitious, yet lacking in direction. The film has some effective and funny moments, but the social commentary on the state of Hollywood today misses the mark.

Pesci's performance is one of the best things about the film. His energy and enthusiasm allow a rather obnoxious character to be won over by the audience. Slater is held within the restraints of the standard dorky sidekick role, and Abril somehow seems out of place.

A star uncredited cameo at the end of the film helps to liven the slow, straightforward activity. Overall, though, this is an occasionally entertaining but completely unspectacular effort from a director who has shown better.

Grade: C

"The House of the Spirits" (R)

An all-star cast highlights this adaptation of Isabel Allende's novel, directed by Bille August ("Pelle the Conqueror"). "The House of the Spirits" opens this weekend.

Academy Award-winner Jeremy Irons stars as Esteban Trueba, a wealthy Senator in Spain after World War II. His wife (Meryl Streep) has mysterious magical powers, but hasn't spoken to him for years after his continual beatings and his ignorance toward his sister (Glenn Close), a friend of his wife. He also continually refuses requests by his daughter (Winona Ryder) to wed a local farm worker (Antonio Banderas). When the government undergoes a revolution, Trueba is forced to rally around his family, but doesn't know whether his family will trust him.

"The House of the Spirits" is a lengthy film (about 2 hours and 20

minutes), and the above summary is only of the last half. This great length is warranted, however, because of the beautiful scenery and colorful characters in the film.

The performances are first-rate, led by Irons, who ages about forty years during the course of the film. Streep and Close are also excellent as women who become closer to each other as they distance themselves from Trueba. Ryder's performance may be her best yet as the conflicted daughter, and Banderas fits the bill nicely as her lover. Competent supporting help comes from Vanessa Redgrave, Armin Mueller-Stahl, and Maria Conchita Alonso, among others.

The only problem with the film is in its plot, which has slow patches, but as a character study the film is excellent.

Grade: B+

"Thumbelina" (G)

Director Don Bluth ("All Dogs Go to Heaven," "The Land Before Time") brings this Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale to the big screen with this colorful new animated film.

Thumbelina's main problem is that she can't find her true love because she is so small. All seems to be happy, though, when she meets Cornelius the Fairy Prince. However, a singing Spanish toad kidnaps Thumbelina and tries to force her to marry her son and join their singing group. She escapes with help from Jacquimo the Swallow, who says he will unite her with the Prince once more. After Thumbelina narrowly

escapes encounters with Berkeley Beetle, Miss Fieldmouse, and Mr. Mole, she and the prince are reunited and live happily ever after.

As animated films go, "Thumbelina" is above average. The animation is delightful and the songs (by Barry Manilow) are memorable. The film suffers from some weak storytelling, and the main character of Thumbelina is somewhat self-centered and isn't always appealing.

Jodi Benson ("The Little Mermaid") voices Thumbelina, and other recognizable voices include John Hurt, Carol Channing, Gilbert Gottfried, and Charo. The Animaniacs short "I'm Mad," which precedes the film, is rather stupid, but the feature itself is fully entertaining for kids and adults alike.

Grade: B

"Above the Rim" (R)

Just one of many current sports films, "Above the Rim" takes a look at the numerous pressures placed on one promising inner-city high school basketball player.

Duane Martin stars as Kyle-Lee Watson, sought after by university scouts at each game, but criticized for selfishness and cockiness on the court. One of his old friends, Bogaloo (Marlon Wayans) is released from prison, and introduces Kyle-Lee to nightclub owner Birdie (Tupac Shakur). Birdie tries to pull Kyle-Lee into his world of drugs and alcohol, while his mom falls in love with a new school security guard (Leon) who used to be a star player at the school, but is afraid to play

because of an incident in his past. Kyle-Lee is forced to choose which path he wants to take.

As basketball movies go, "Above the Rim" is fairly standard. The basketball scenes are well shot, but the film takes few chances and loses impact toward the end. The lack of emotion in the characters diminishes some otherwise promising performances.

Grade: C-

"D2: The Mighty Ducks" (PG)

The sequel with perhaps the worst title in recent memory, "D2" was the second of two sports movies to open last week.

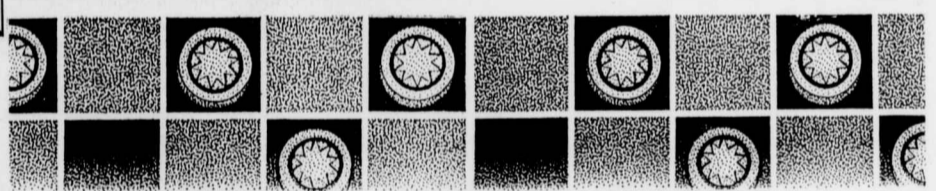
Emilio Estevez returns as coach Gordon Bombay, who is hired by a national sponsor to coach a hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games. Most of the team is made up of the same stereotyped Mighty Ducks from the first film, joined by a stereotyped cast of newcomers.

At the games, the team does well until they are harassed by the arrogant coach of the powerful Iceland team. (Iceland? Get real.) Naturally, Team USA matches up against Iceland in the championship game. A series of ridiculous circumstances lead up to a victory for the USA.

The script for "D2" could have been written by most anyone. Everything is just a rehash of the first film, and it seemed as though the final hockey sequence would never end. Although I did find myself cheering a little, the cliches predominate this embarrassing Disney effort.

Grade: D-

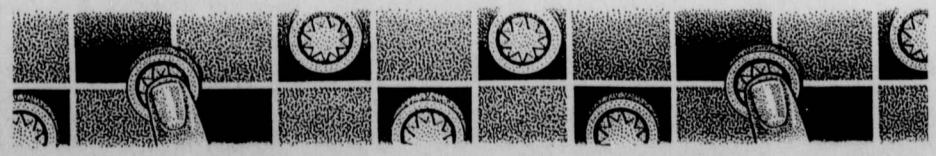
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as a result of the tuition hike, said Emma Baker, director of scholarships and student financial aid.

To qualify for need-based financial aid, a student must fill out the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and send it to Federal Student Aid Programs. There, a computer evaluates the student's FAFSA based on his or her family size, income, age of parents and other factor and determines the family's ability to pay for the student's college education. That amount is called the expected family contribution.

For example, if a student's expected family contribution is \$1,000 and college expenses are expected to be \$10,000 then the amount of financial aid he or she is eligible for is \$9,000, Baker said.

When tuition costs increase, but the student's expected family contribution remains the same, he or she then becomes eligible for more financial aid, Baker said.

Although the amount a student is eligible to receive does not always reflect the amount he or she gets, tuition increases make a difference, Baker said.

"If our (the university's) costs

increase, the potential to have more students qualify for financial aid or more aid also increases," Baker said. "We always hope to have more money to award to the students."

An increase in tuition also causes the amount given to certain scholarship recipients to go up, Baker said. Award winners of the Chancellors scholarships, full-tuition National Merit scholarships, National Hispanic Scholarship program and National Achievement Scholarship program, receive full tuition for four years. Thus, with an increase in tuition, the amount awarded rises, Baker said.

In addition, the amount of fixed-rate scholarships given to entering freshman also will increase, Baker said. The 1994 recipients of the Deans scholarship will receive \$4,500 per year for four years whereas the 1993 recipients received \$4,000 per year. As with the Deans scholarship, the other merit-based scholarships the university awards to incoming freshman will increase also.

Ginger Richardson contributed to this report.

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one of them (the bet here is Avery) will. Atlanta might have some problems scoring runs after the release of Ron Gant, but with Fred McGriff leading an offense that includes speedy Deion Sanders, David Justice and Terry Pendleton, this team should score enough for its pitchers to win games. A lot of games.

Montreal will pose the biggest threat to the Braves, and might have what it takes to beat them out for first. This team, whether it wins the division or not, will make the playoffs. With the likes of Larry Walker, Marquis Grissom and Moises Alou at the plate and the relief tandem of John Wetteland and Mel Rojas closing out games, this team will be very good.

The defending NL champ Phillies lost John Kruk for a good chunk of the season due to a cancerous testicle that will require therapy, and that will hurt. Their pitching is also shaky, and in this division that won't cut it.

The Marlins are an expansion team and the Mets play like one. They're out of it before the season even begins.

The NL Central could be the tightest of all six divisions, with Hous-

ton, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis all very equal in the talent department. Houston should emerge as the front-runner here. They have the hitting with Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio, etc. and the pitching staff will be great if Doug Drabek and Greg Swindell can rebound from awful 1993s.

The West is the easiest division to pick, as there is only one good team out of four here. The San Francisco Giants will run away with this one. Although the loss of Will Clark hurts, this team has Barry Bonds, which means one thing: they'll get to the playoffs, then lose in the first round.

There are a lot of evenly matched teams in both leagues, so the championships of the AL and NL will, as usual, come down to pitching. In the NL, Atlanta will once again reach the World Series, beating Montreal in the NLCS. And the White Sox will oust the Orioles in the ALCS to face Atlanta in the series.

And, when the dust settles, it will be the Atlanta Braves who will avoid a Buffalo Bill-like World Series record by defeating the White Sox in six games.

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wanted to check out the rest of the village. I convinced Debra, Kristi and Jen to come with me.

We walked cautiously through the village, careful to not disturb any ghost or other creatures stalking in the night air. As we went through each cabin, the girls had their hands on my back pushing me into the cabin to ensure its safety.

"I guess I ought to be the one to go," I figured. "The girls can fend for themselves without me. Yeah, right. That's fair."

We checked the Parker Cabin for the rumored blood stains under the rugs. (Well, I should say the girls made me look.) But the floor only showed the dust it had accumulated over the centuries. I guess blood from the 1800s is kind of hard to spot.

Finally, we made it to the "Death Cabin," where pictures slide down the walls. Just as before at the other cabins, Debra unhitched the padlock while dangling a cigarette in her mouth. Also, Jen and Kristi made me go first.

But when I tried to be comforting and assure them this cabin is just like the others, the girls made a mockery of me. I protected them. I let them borrow my flashlight when their flashlights went dead. No thanks whatsoever. Ahh, the life of a nice guy.

The Howard Cabin was like the other cabins, dark, dirty and no big deal, I thought. But the girls were spooked by the china dolls that adorned the walls and corners. No sliding pictures, either.

At 3 a.m. the reconnaissance group returned without any stories of blood or ghosts. Ty sprawled out to sleep in the middle room, Deb and Michele talked on the balcony and the rest of us collapsed in the east room.

Until, that is, about 4:15 a.m., when the sound of footsteps from below awakened me.

"Kristi!" I hissed. "Did you hear that?"

She had. We woke Rick and made him come help us investigate.

Deb and Michele were still talking on the balcony and promised

they hadn't moved for an hour or so. Everyone else was asleep. And no one was downstairs.

Rick and Kristi were convinced it was just the cat we found cuddled up on a bench in the front parlor, but cats are known for walking on little fog feet. It must have been Jane.

Around 6 a.m. we packed up our bags and left, ready to return to the safety of our own beds. As we pulled away from the village, some of us knew we'd seen the other side. And, most importantly, lived to tell about it.

I'm not sure what I met that night, but I do believe in the supernatural now. My parents were wrong, there are things out there in another dimension. Some of them are good, like Jane, and some of them are evil, like the presence in the Howard Cabin. Either way, I'm not sure I'll ever be the same after my experience at the Log Cabin Village.

Jane never made a grand appearance. I felt, smelled and heard nothing I could not logically justify.

Perhaps Jane was as afraid of me as I was of her.

By the end of the evening, the ghost hunt seemed really nothing more than a big slumber party. But it was a fun slumber party.

And so 6 a.m. came and the ghost hunters filed through the front gate and out their cars one-by-one, weary but unscathed.

I turned back — I don't know why — maybe to see Jane wave good-bye or something. Nothing. Just as I suspected.

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states. The goal is to distribute one million of the shower cards nationwide.

The Komen Foundation has a Helpline to answer questions about breast cancer, prevention and early detection. The helpline number is 1-800-IM-AWARE (1-800-462-9273). TCU's Health Center can also answer students' questions.

Tenure/ from page 1

"The annual report typically exceeds the accreditation standards," she said.

Still some students felt Watson's decision did not make sense, said Sheryl Weart, a graduate student in the communication sciences department.

"I feel if we lose Kenya Taylor, we will be losing a tremendous asset from our department," Weart said. "The director of the department did not make a professional decision on this. I have a lot of respect for Dr. Taylor."

Students in the speech communication department shared similar feelings about Hall's tenure denial.

"I am shocked and dismayed at Dr. Hall's denial for tenure," said Christy Taylor, a junior speech communication/psychology double major. "Hall is the lifeblood of the speech department and is an excellent teacher, as well as a wonderful person."

Taylor, who transferred from Vanderbilt, said she considered Hall a friend from her participation in Hall's reader's theater and oral interpretation

performances.

"She (Hall) really helped me get to know the department when I transferred," Taylor said. "I know she is someone who is on my side. I think we cannot afford to lose Dr. Hall. I'm sorry its gone this far."

Senior speech communication major Kim Christenson said Hall has been a great influence on her.

"Dr. Hall doesn't teach for the sake of teaching, but because she wants to learn from the students, too," Christenson said. "I think it is blatantly obvious a mistake was made. Everyone I've talked to was disappointed by the decision."

Hall evaluates her students' work rigorously and students often don't get the grade they want, but they are encouraged and challenged, said Shannon Sage, junior speech communication major.

Sage said the effect that kind of teaching has on

students is difficult to explain, but proved her strength as a professor.

"I don't understand everything in the tenure process, but from a student's perspective, she would meet all my criteria of a great professor," Sage said.

Graduate students in the department were disappointed by chairman Paul King's decision to deny tenure to Hall, said Delight Roach-Hardee, a speech communication graduate student.

"I definitely think it is a great travesty that Dr. Hall has not been given tenure," Roach-Hardee said. "In my opinion, she is not only an excellent teacher, but also a well-respected scholar."

Roach-Hardee said she would be disappointed to see Hall's efforts to develop oral interpretation performances and reader's theater go uncredited.

Roach-Hardee said she has heard some speech communication students are considering starting a petition in their department.

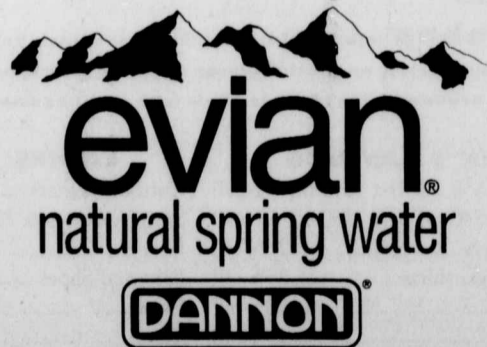


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