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World

Monaco's royals welcome divorce

PARIS (AP) — Monaco's royal family is facing yet another divorce, but this time it may be welcomed.

Princess Stephanie of Monaco will divorce Daniel Ducruet, her blue-collar husband of 14 months, who was caught on film with a stripper.

The break between Stephanie, 31, and Ducruet, 32, her former bodyguard, came after Italian magazines published pages of photos of Ducruet romping with the reigning Miss Nude Belgium at a secluded villa last month.

Nation

Unintended balloon ride ends safely

ROCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A group of fairgoers got the ride of their life when a rope broke on a hot-air balloon that was supposed to stay tethered 70 feet above the ground.

The Sunday afternoon mishap ended with the balloon landing safely in Lebanon, Maine, some five miles away. The balloon attraction was run by the Navy, and a Navy man was its pilot.

The problem began when one of four wires securing the balloon snapped. Worried that the balloon could drift into trees or wires, endangering the passengers, the crew cut the other three wires, said Jeff Taylor, the fair's general manager.

Astronaut's six month stint ends

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Relief is on the way for NASA astronaut Shannon Lucid.

Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off Monday on a mission to bring her home from the Russian space station Mir, where she has spent a record-breaking six months in orbit.

Atlantis, more than six weeks late because of mechanical trouble and two hurricanes, is supposed to dock with Mir late Wednesday.

Lucid will immediately trade places with her replacement, shuttle astronaut John Blaha.

U.S. troops allowed on Kuwait territory

WASHINGTON (AP) — After an embarrassing delay for the United States, the government of Kuwait has agreed to allow additional American troops to be stationed on its territory, the White House said today.

President Clinton said the buildup does not mean the U.S. is seeking a military confrontation with Iraq.

"We have sought no confrontation with Saddam Hussein. We never did and we don't now," the president said in the Oval Office. "My concern is that we limit Saddam Hussein's ability to threaten his neighbors, that we do it with the no-fly zone and, in so doing, we keep our pilots safe."

State

Lotto reaches new fiscal highs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery announced Monday that tickets sold, profits reaped and prizes paid all reached new highs in the 1996 fiscal year — the fourth straight year of records for the state-run gambling games.

Ticket sales for all the lottery's games totaled \$3.4 billion in the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, a 13 percent increase over the previous 12 months.

The state's estimated profits totaled \$1.1 billion, a 10 percent increase.

Prizes paid to winners totaled \$1.9 billion, another record.

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

For most TCU students, a trip home takes less than a day, and happens often. But for international students, these trips are few and far between.

Fortunately, these students have the opportunity to adopt friendship families in the Fort Worth area through the TCU/Community International Friendship Family Program. The program is sponsored by the International Student Association.

On Saturday, the students and their friendship families attended ISA'S annual picnic at Eagle Mountain Lake.

Stefan Zosso, a senior economics major from Switzerland and ISA president, said the picnic was an opportunity for students to get acquainted with their friendship families and to meet other TCU students.

Al Mladenka, director of international student services at TCU, said the program used to be called the TCU Host Family Program. Its

name was changed a year ago because ISA wanted the program to be different from the traditional concept of "host" families.

"Some people thought that when we said 'host' family, it meant the students' had to live with them," Mladenka said.

Helping to adjust

Rachael Niwa, a freshman business major from Australia, said host families can help students adjust to the differences between the United States and the students' home countries.

"Because my family is so far away, I want people to talk to in case I run into trouble," Niwa said. "If I didn't have a (friendship) family, I wouldn't know much about American home life."

Pat McClard, a coordinator of the TCU/Community program, said the program provides great learning experiences for families and international students.

"This program is very family oriented," McClard said. "A friendship with an international (student) is a friendship that lasts a lifetime."

McClard said the most interesting aspect of helping international students is seeing how different American culture is to them.

She said she remembers taking one student to the grocery store and seeing how he was alarmed by items such as frozen canned orange juice.

McClard said one of her most memorable experiences came the first year she hosted a student. She said she and her family went fishing with their student, a young man

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Families help ISA students adjust



Blake Sims SKIFF STAFF

The Hyperfrog section displays its Horned Frog spirit for ESPN2's national broadcast of Saturday's home opener against the Kansas Jayhawks. Kansas beat TCU 52-17, dropping the Horned Frogs to 1-1 for the season.

House to hear funding request

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU House of Student Representatives will introduce legislation to help fund the Corporate Exchange Club at its meeting tonight, said House President Sharon Selby.

The bill will request that the House allocate \$787.10 so the club may increase its membership and effectiveness, said Kevin Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major and the bill's author.

"The club just wants to start with a strong foundation on which to build a future," he said.

Nicoletti said the club, which was founded last year, helps undergraduate business students receive internships. He also said the club sponsors various speaker forums and seminars on topics such as business etiquette.

"At TCU, it seems like there is a strong commitment to the freshmen, to get students here and make them feel part of the school," Nicoletti said. "But there doesn't seem to be a senior commitment, a commitment to get them jobs in the real world. This is just one small program that does that."

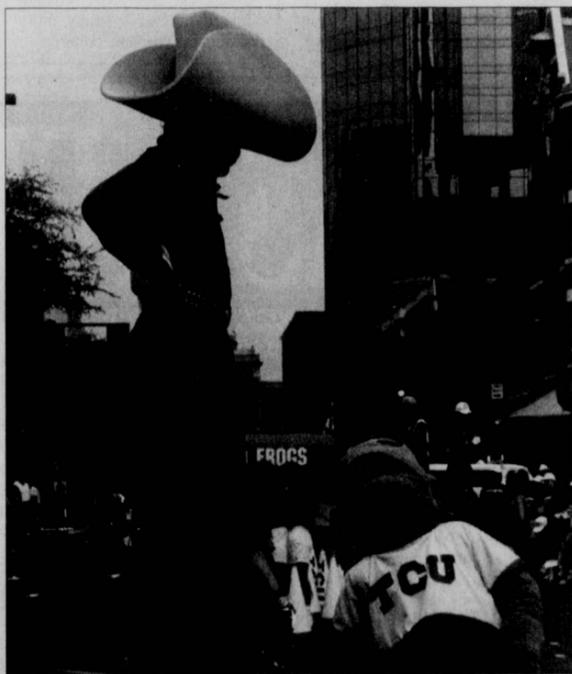
The bill, once introduced, will be sent to the House Finance Committee. It will most likely reach the House floor for a vote at next week's meeting, Nicoletti said.

Selby said the House will not vote on any legislation at tonight's meeting, but said she hopes to bring the Worth Hills jogging track issue to the floor next week.

The House allocated \$17,500 for the track this summer, but put the project on hold after concrete prices nearly doubled. Selby said the House has several options, ranging from building the track in phases to entirely scrapping the project.

She also said TCU, which pledged to match the House's \$17,500, has not yet given a firm commitment as to how much it will

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Cre Swales SKIFF STAFF

SuperFrog sizes up his competition at Friday's downtown pep rally. The rally, designed to spark Fort Worth's interest in TCU football, featured the band, cheerleaders and TCU Showgirls.

Downtown rally bolsters city spirit

By Mike Roberts
SKIFF STAFF

The band played, showgirls danced, cheerleaders yelled and the crowd responded to Friday's "lunchtime" pep rally in downtown Fort Worth.

Designed to spark Fort Worth support for TCU athletics, the rally prepared the city for a season of TCU football.

The rally was the first in TCU's Western Athletic Conference era and was highlighted by the unveiling of the new "Frog Chill" frozen snack.

Roger Williams, chairman of the Committee of 100 who spoke at the pep rally, said he was excited about TCU's upcoming football season that started with a 20-7 victory over Oklahoma University in Norman, Okla., Sept. 7.

"It's the best thing that could happen, going into the Western Athletic Conference," he said.

The rally's master of ceremonies, TCU alumnus Dale Young, led the

assembled crowd in the "Riff Ram" cheer, and entertainers from Frog Alley made balloon animals for children in attendance.

The crowd cheered on cue, but something was missing: students. Most students were in class when the rally started at noon and were unable to attend. Downtown business people consisted of most of the crowd, but Chancellor William E. Tucker said that was by design.

"This pep rally is an experiment designed to affirm TCU with the downtown area," Tucker said. "There aren't many students here... It's a different kind of pep rally."

Kier Albert, a senior chemistry major and TCU cheerleader, said, "It's not as big as last year; I think that's because of the time. There are no students here, but it's still exciting."

Tucker said downtown has become incredibly active with TCU

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Frogs fall under hypnosis

By Amanda Bronstad
SKIFF STAFF

Several students drove Ferraris, danced to ballet, swapped shoes with one another or spoke an alien language Sunday night at Ed Landreth Auditorium.

But most of them don't remember a thing. "I remember the body-building and something made me really hot. I'm really sweaty," said Christen Dixon, a junior sociology major.

Dixon was one of 21 students who were hypnotized Sunday night by entertainer Tom DeLuca. The free performance was sponsored by Panhellenic Council, the Inter-Fraternity Council, House of Student Representatives and Programming Council.

DeLuca, in conservative suit and flashy tie, put the 21 students to sleep in five minutes by softly murmuring about a "warm, blue place," counting backward from 300 and intermittently snapping his fingers.

Then, he made them sleep.

After making the group paint, fish, get hot, get cold and drive a Ferrari, DeLuca chose ten of the 21 students to demonstrate more individualized expressions.

Michael Malloy, a freshman criminal justice major, was told to "forget the number between five and seven." When DeLuca asked him to count his own fingers, Malloy came up with 11.

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Guy Bickers SKIFF STAFF

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca lulls a group of students to sleep Sunday evening in the Student Center ballroom. DeLuca was brought to campus by several groups as part of the Greek 101 program.

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from Nigeria. She said the student had never fished from a boat before and didn't know how to swim. She said she vividly remembers how he studied the instructions on the life jacket to see how it worked.

McClard said her husband caught a ten-inch fish, which she said she considers to be small, and promptly threw it back. McClard said the student was amazed, and later told her that it was the first time since he came to TCU that he laughed.

McClard said this experience made her realize how much international students need support from families when they are away from home.

"Students need somebody to laugh with," McClard said. "A lot of them go into deep depressions if they are isolated."

Keeping in touch

Dee Blakewell, a friendship parent who has been involved in the TCU/Community program for 20

years and previously hosted students through a Dallas program for 15 years, said she has kept in contact with most of the students she has hosted.

"We've really maintained a great relationship," Blakewell said. "I've found that I've gotten more out of the program than I've given."

Greg Takacs, a freshman pre-major from Hungary, said he hopes his friendship family will provide him with a great opportunity to take a break from academic life and help with various problems.

"If you live in the dorms, you just want to get out and go somewhere," Takacs said. "I hope I can talk to (my friendship family) like I would a real family."

Patricia Endara, a junior marketing major from Panama and ISA vice president, said the students and friendship families fill out applications to explain their interests and hobbies.

Students also write what their majors are and what aspects of Texas and the United States they would like to study more. She said the students are paired with their host families based on similarities in interests expressed in the applications.

Making the program work

Blakewell said the international students have as much obligation to make the friendship family program work as the families themselves.

"It's not just the responsibility of the friendship family to make it work. It's also the responsibility of the students," Blakewell said. "They need to take some initiative in the relationship to make the program work."

Mladenka said there are about 150 families involved in the TCU/Community program, and the average family hosts one or two students. He said about half of the ISA's 350 students participate in the Friendship Family Program.

DELUCA

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"How many fingers you got?" DeLuca asked him.

"Ten," Malloy said. "You counted eleven," he said.

Looking befuddled, Malloy recounted his fingers and, with a look of shock and worry on his face, said, "I have 11 fingers!"

DeLuca hypnotized the ten students to think an audience member was "one of the most brilliant minds of their generation." Sitting on the edge of their seats, their eyes wide in wonderment, the students gasped in shock to find that the audience member shopped at Albertson's and bought Hy-Top toilet paper.

"He's just so brilliant. He knows what everything is," one student said to DeLuca.

Pacing back and forth on stage, DeLuca placed his hands over the students' heads and told them to sleep. When he picked out a student, he repeated his instructions in a soothing voice.

"We're giving the imagination some suggestions, and the mind reacts," he said to the audience. "You get to see how interesting people's imaginations are when inhibited."

One of the audience's favorite acts came from Ben Roman, a junior radio-TV-film major.

Roman was hypnotized to think he was Bud Chan, Jackie Chan's brother, and he exhibited a tireless display of karate moves until his "enemy" kicked him to the ground.

DeLuca said he enjoyed working with TCU students, who he believed had excellent imaginations.

"The Bud Chan guy was precious," he said.

Tori Marpe, vice president of Panhellenic who organized the event, said she was pleased with the show, despite an audience that filled only one-third of the auditorium.

"We weren't expecting 2,000 people. It's Sunday, and some people have tests or are busy," she said.

Many audience members said they laughed so hard their eyes teared. Others, amazed, moved from their seats to the floor to get a closer look, many exclaiming, "How'd he do that?"

DeLuca's answer: "I have an IQ of 150. I took the test three times. It's a cumulative thing, you know."

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contribute. Selby said the administration is "looking at alternative ways to fund the project."

In other business, Selby said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management, will address the House on the issue of freshmen retention.

Selby said increasing freshmen retention was one of the House's goals last semester, and the TCU Vanguard program was a solution designed to help prevent undergraduates from transferring.

RALLY

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and because downtown is already a lively place, he said it was a good place to have a rally before the first home game.

As at all big TCU events, the Frog Horn was there, as was the giant inflatable frog. Downtown Fort Worth was draped in purple and white.

The TCU band played several songs including "Louie, Louie," "I Can't Turn You Loose" (the Blues Brothers theme) and "Dr. Who," TCU style.

Students honor Mexican holiday

By Bobbie Stroud
SKIFF STAFF

A harpist, a folklorico dancer and a speaker came together to celebrate Diez y Seis and to promote the diversity among Latin American cultures yesterday.

Diez y Seis, Mexico's independence day, was celebrated in the Student Center lounge as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Carolyn Durham, an associate professor of Spanish, began the celebration with a speech on the different influences present in the Hispanic culture.

The folklorico dancer, Sandra Gonzalez, presented five dances from Jalisco and Veracruz: La Negra, Madrugada, Jarabe Tapation, Guateque and Tilingo Lingo.

The dances were followed by a musical presentation from professional harpist Gonzalo Mata. The harpist and the dancer were both dressed in Hispanic costumes to accentuate their performances.

Stephanie Goodrum, a sophomore biology major and sub-chairwoman of the Multicultural Committee of Programming Council, said the program was designed to educate more TCU students about the Mexican holiday.

"Dr. Durham spoke on the history of the Spanish culture and Diez y Seis," she said. "She also answered questions on slavery in the Hispanic culture."

She said Durham explained how many different cultures are incorporated into the Hispanic culture. Durham used examples of paintings that were created before slavery came to Mexico, which, she said, prove African-Americans had a heavy influence in the Hispanic culture.

Donald Frischmann, an associate professor of Spanish, spoke last Monday on his experiences among the Zapatistas and Mayans in South America.

He said it is important for TCU students to celebrate the Hispanic culture all year and become more aware of what the culture is about.

"What Dr. Durham and I have both done is present an image of Mexico not as just another country but as a country with a large number of ethnic groups," Frischmann said.

"It's not a country with one type of people speaking one language, it's very diverse," he said.

Frischmann said Mexico is one of the few countries that has maintained a distinct identity using tradition and cultural elements to exemplify its culture.

Phyllis Bodie, campus life program coordinator, said the program provided a positive message for students to follow.

"There's a lot of African-American versus Spanish tension and that's not right," she said.

"Just because we all don't have tan colored skin and straight hair, people think we're drastically different but we're not," Bodie said. "Dr. Durham reinforced that."

Roxie Guevara, a junior education major, said the program was successful in bringing all students together to celebrate Diez y Seis.

"There was a question-and-answer session after the program that students took advantage of," she said.

Guevara said students received a positive message about all cultures, not just the Hispanic culture.

Pulse
CAMPUS LINES

TCU COUNSELING CENTER will hold a seminar, "Adult Children of Alcoholics," from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today. For more information, contact Monica Kintigh at 921-7863.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION will hold its first meeting of the year at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Dan Rogers Hall Room 140 to discuss speakers and events. For more information, contact

Darren Lewis at 920-9184.

SCRUB FASHION SHOW AND STETHOSCOPE DISPLAY will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 26 in the living room of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. All students are invited. Refreshments will be served.

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EDITORIAL

PLAYING DRESS UP

We lost 52-17 but we looked good doing it

If the weather and the Horned Frogs' performance in Saturday's football home-opener had to be so ugly, at least the fans in the stands looked good. Too good.

Maybe everyone in attendance was aware that the game was nationally televised on ESPN2, and that's why shirts and ties, dresses and high heels were the order of the day. Only a few "Hi Mom" signs in the stands would have been a more obvious reach for TV greatness.

But, then again, once Kansas doubled the Frogs' score, there wasn't much for the cameras to bother catching on the field.

But back to the topic at hand: why do some students feel compelled to dress like it's prom night for a football game?

Perhaps they were going out on a date, to a club or to a party after the Frogs' 52-17 loss. Maybe they wanted to impress friends and members of the opposite sex at the home-opener.

Or maybe we're taking ourselves just a little bit too seriously.

It's hard to actively cheer on the Frogs when you're worried about getting your Ralph Lauren slip dress wet or smudged. How many fans left the game at halftime, with the Frogs only down 28-10, just because a little shower rolled in? Too many, judging by the vast expanse of empty seats at the start of the third quarter.

Division I-A football can be one of the most exciting parts of the college experience, especially when the opponent is nationally ranked and the contest is broadcast nationwide. TCU students need to cut up and have fun at the games. Can they really do this dressed like they just jumped out of *Vogue* and *GQ*?

College football is about a lot of things. Competition. Sweat. Tailgate parties. Face painting. Yelling along with the cheerleaders. The new Frog Chill. But it's never, ever about high heels and their performance on steep stadium steps.

Unless you're on national TV, we guess. Oh well. Hi Mom.



Same-sex marriage wrong

The battle to save the institution of marriage begins

The marriage-based, two-parent family has long been recognized as the basic building block on which America rests. But in recent years this idea has been under constant assault.

The United States, even with a rich history of pro-family government policies, consistently posts one of the world's



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BRIAN WILSON

worst divorce rates. Regardless of the magnitude of this problem, our infatuation with political correctness has put America's children in a much more dangerous predicament.

Until last week, there was some question concerning how marriage would be defined in the years to come.

The Senate provided an overwhelming affirmation of the traditional definition of marriage last week with its 85-14 passage of the Defense of Marriage Act.

The solid leadership of pro-family Republicans in the Senate, such as Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, has ensured that American schoolchildren will not be taught the "virtues" of homosexual matrimony.

But the battle to save the sacred institution of marriage has just begun. An effort is underway in a Hawaii courtroom to validate homosexual marriage in the

An effort is underway in a Hawaii courtroom to validate homosexual marriage in the Aloha State.

Aloha State.

The Defense of Marriage Act stops short of preventing such a move from happening. It simply allows each state the right not to recognize the union of a gay couple performed in another state.

As positive as this legislation is, it still does not protect Hawaiian children from being subjected to propaganda sympathetic to the gay lifestyle at such a formative age.

I wonder how it affects National Gay and Lesbian History Month. Before you laugh this off, recall that last year Christian American, a publication distributed by the Christian Coalition, reported that the National Education Association had decided overwhelmingly at its annual meeting to set aside the month of October to celebrate great gays and lesbians of the past.

Gay rights leaders would have us believe they are simply appealing to those children unsure of their sexual preference when frequenting schools as part of this glorious month. But how many elementary school children are comfortable with the opposite sex? Remember the "girls are icky" cries?

The real agenda behind homosexuals' efforts to liberalize the marriage laws is clear. They want to beat into the heads of as many little children as possible that

their behavior is perfectly natural. "If you have homosexual tendencies, you can't help but act on them," they say. "It must be genetic."

Gay rights advocates attempt to back up this claim by pointing to scientific studies which have "conclusively" found the existence of a homosexual gene. Neither the researchers involved nor the media have articulated the inconsistencies in such studies.

"That's all well and good," you say. "But, does this really provide conclusive evidence to move toward a federal ban of gay marriages?" If you are unsure, consider the findings of Harvard sociologist Pitirim Sorokin.

In his book "The American Sex Revolution," Sorokin discovered that practically all political revolutions that have led to societal destruction have followed a sexual revolution. During that sexual revolution, the institutions of marriage and family have been all but destroyed.

Is this not what will occur if the bond of marriage is extended to homosexuals? The time has come for the Supreme Court to step up and preserve the sanctity of marriage by proclaiming the union of same-sex couples unconstitutional.

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Distractions can ruin a sub-par test-taker

A steady flow of pencil scratches, coughing and squeaky chairs fills my ears. These sounds force me to forget the test question in front of my eyes and survey the room. The distraction makes me wonder: what is the purpose of testing?

Professors use testing for a variety of reasons, most often as a rating scale. Tests put students into the A, B, C, D and, regrettably, the F category. Testing is also used to identify successful professors. Some professors think they are successful educators if their entire class passes a test. Some educators think they are successful if their entire class fails a test.

For a college student, tests are opportunities to demonstrate academic excellence. But can a test really evaluate what a student knows? It can evaluate what information a student can retrieve at a given time. A student rated successful by a test may not necessarily know the most information, but be able to eliminate external factors.

A good test-taker can take a test in a room with 30 students and never look up. A great test-taker can take a test in a lecture hall with a broken desk top, seated next to a girl with a hacking cough and never look up.

My brother is that type of test-taker. Walton Ross Williamson can test through anything. A particular testing situation pops into my mind. Walton walked through the cafeteria doors with his usual strut and his usual 32-ounce drink of cherry red fruit punch, ready to take the SAT.

I followed behind my brother, but not as confidently because I had never taken the SAT. Walton was excited for his third visit with the life-determining test. We were

given a test number and placed with the 50 other people whose last names started with letters after V. I noticed the outfits and hairstyles of all the other test-takers. Overcome by the day-old burrito smell, I let out an involuntary gag. But Walton, off in his own world, noticed none of the surroundings.

I noticed that I completed the name bubbling on the test before Walton did. Yeah, this is going to be a great test, I thought. The test began, and I occasionally glanced up as I heard a foot shuffle, someone cough or my brother slurp on his fruit punch.

As I turned the second page of the monstrous test, I heard a rumble of screams as a red liquid slid down the testing tables. My brother had spilled his punch. My test and four others quickly absorbed the liquid, but Walton's was unscathed. Pandemonium broke out as the test proctors delivered paper towels to the five fruity test-takers. Any of the 50 students in the room who were in the category of good test-taker or below began to gasp and stare. The great test-takers, Walton included, never looked up from their bubble sheets. I was given more time and a new test but the little concentration I had had never returned. To this day, I am confident that the copy of my test that fell victim to fruit punch held the score of 1490, just like Walton scored.

This illustrates my point perfectly. External factors definitely contributed to a student's performance on a test.

As I chuckle out loud recalling the incident, I am shushed by my TCU neighbor. My neighbor is obviously not a great test-taker or he would not have been distracted by my chuckle.

Once again my test was affected by external factors. I hand in my test knowing that if I had not been shushed, I would not have lost my concentration and would have handed in a perfect test.

Jillian Williamson is a senior child studies major from Albuquerque, N.M.

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The burning questions of life as a Horned Frog

The thrill of the new school year has ended. Now everyone is getting back into the grind of late nights, early mornings and lots of caffeine.

During those late-night cram sessions, TCU students might find their minds wandering from philosophical inquiries about human origin and modern political thought to more basic questions, such as how much water does TCU waste by watering the sidewalks, parking lots, students' cars and other non-living stuff? But more importantly, why does TCU insist on watering these self-sufficient concrete and steel surfaces that clearly accrue no benefit from being bombarded by hydrogen and oxygen molecules?

While questions like these might seem trivial, they are nonetheless mystifying. I bet there are a number of questions that no one in our TCU community wants to answer

(or maybe they are just sort of rhetorical questions that have no answer, like why is it that our feet smell but our noses run?).

1. What is the ratio of students who cross University Drive safely to those who A) get hit by cars, B) get run over by other pedestrians, C) trip and fall while trying to make it across the busiest street on campus in the three seconds that the light allows? Crossing this street is like playing that old Atari game Frogger. It is rumored that Atari, in efforts to compete with Sony Playstation and Sega, is introducing a new game called Horned Frogger based on the everyday trial of getting to class without going splat.

2. How long does it take to build a parking lot? The reason this question is so tough is because of the word "build." Some would argue that one cannot "build" a parking lot, but rather just tear down what ever was in the way and pave over it. By most definitions, paving does not equal building. Building is a long process which involves planning, engineering and technology. Paving involves tar. So thus, the question remains, "How long does it take to 'build' a parking lot?"

3. What exactly does the House of Student Representatives do? Of course it is not fair to judge this year's House against previous years'. After all, they haven't done anything yet. So perhaps a more appropriate question is what will the House of Student Representatives do? I think I heard rumors of the House praising MTV for shaping our generation, but that is just hearsay.

4. Why is there no frog in Frog Fountain, but there is a really big ugly one in the Reed-Sadler Mall?

5. What does the "C" in TCU really stand for? Is it Christian (Nah, what was I thinking?), or "Clueless" (the movie, of course)?

6. Does the nude man really exist or is it just some fraternity hazing ritual? Never mind — TCU fraternities don't haze.

7. Is the bubble that encases TCU really just a myth or is there actually a real cosmic force that keeps us all sheltered in our little cocoon? If it isn't just a myth, then does the bubble have a two- or three-mile radius? If the radius is two miles, isn't it ironic that there is a Planned Parenthood; several bars which mysteriously don't go out of business; people who stumble out of them and wander the

streets; several houses which are most likely not owned by those in the upper-income tax bracket; and people without houses, all within our little bubble?

8. Is it necessary to keep all buildings at meat locker temperature in the first days of the fall semester? Yeah, it's still hot outside, but wearing a parka in class can be a bit distracting. I heard that the Michelin Man look is making a comeback in some fashion circles, but I don't think the TCU population is going to bite.

9. Does the Health Center really prescribe different medication for different ailments? Or is there just a huge vat of vitamins that are doled out to anyone who complains about anything?

10. Are the majority of students at TCU really content with politics, world events, university policies and life in general, or are they just too lazy to do anything?

If anyone has answers to these questions, feel free to write to the Skiff.

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Special election candidates share goals

Ricky Paradise

Sophomore international finance and accounting major

It amazes me how powerful a quote can be. As my best friend was leaving TCU to head back home to be with her family, she left me with a single sheet of paper. On it were these words:



People are illogical, unreasonable and self centered. Love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway. If you are successful, you win fast friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot

down by the smallest minds. Think big anyway. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway. Give the world the best you have, and you will be kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway. After the quote my friend wrote me a short note. In that note she challenged me to never give up, to never compromise my own standards and to always try to do more. I promised her that I would do my best, so here I am TCU. Ready to serve.

Thomas Kunkel

Senior radio-TV-film major

First of all, I want to say that if you think this election is just some popularity contest, you probably shouldn't vote for me.



I don't use catch phrases, I haven't littered the campus with obnoxious yard signs or posters and I won't be your friend for five minutes to get your vote. I have not and will not make a bunch of promises I can't keep when I get into office.

My plan, if I am elected, is simple and clear. I want to work toward improving teaching here on campus.

As most of us who have been here at TCU a while have found out the hard way, there are many professors at this school who seem

content merely to give lectures and tests with no thought of making the material enjoyable for the students. With the shield of tenure to hide behind, professors are not challenged to be creative in their teaching styles.

I don't think even for a moment that in the few months I am in office I could revolutionize the whole teaching system at TCU. However, I will begin to do everything I can to look into ways of providing incentives for teachers who go above and beyond the minimum requirements.

So that's pretty much it: basic, workable and concrete.

As I said in my one and only campaign avenue, the table tents which came out yesterday: "It's simple, you can vote for one of the popularity-contest boys or you can vote for someone who will do a good job."

Kevin Nicoletti

Sophomore business management major

When I entered this university as a freshman, I knew that I wanted to make a difference. I got involved in organizations including PRISM, Leadership Council and many others. But once I became involved in the House of Student Representatives, and, in particular, the Student Concerns Committee, I felt I could make that difference most.



Once I learned that there was a vacancy in the position of vice-president, I jumped at the opportunity to run for office. I do not know a better way to make a difference than as a member of the Executive Committee in the House.

Unfortunately, the office is only open for two months before another election will take place. Therefore, it is crucial the candidate who is elected is both qualified and able to best finish the job started last semester.

When it comes to the House, experience is the key. It is imperative that one knows the system and how it works.

Not only do I have first-hand experience with the House, but I also have worked with the current Executive Board in a number of leadership roles on campus.

This is important because there is not enough time to learn the role of

the vice president or the inner workings of the House in only two months. I've been there before and I know what it's about.

As vice president, I plan to use my experience in order to build upon the successes of last semester and take them one step further and finish the job.

Last semester, the House took a strong stance to improve communication between it and the student body. For example, a speaking tour took place in which the members of the Administrative Cabinet and Executive Board spoke to many of the organizations on campus to get their feedback.

Also, a resolution was passed that required representatives to have monthly meetings with their constituents to let them know what was happening in the House and gain input.

In addition, one of the committees I served on, the Student Concerns Committee, put up suggestion boxes all over campus in another attempt to receive students' comments and concerns.

As vice president, I intend to take these newly developed programs a step further and finish the job. My ultimate goal to accomplish in my four years here at TCU is to unify this campus.

The only way unity can begin is through communication. A strong stance was taken last semester to begin this process of improving communication. I ask the student body to allow me the opportunity to step in and finish the job.

Martin Reidy

Senior business management major

The future can often cloud one's perception of what he or she expects to happen. Because of this, choices are made and steps are taken in hopes of ending this uncertainty.



Since I was new, my first steps upon this campus were filled with caution and slight anxiety. Evident before me was the fact that this school offered one the chance to find self and to direct energy toward positive action.

The position of vice president in the House of Student Representatives fills this role, in which I feel I can partake.

I consider myself duly qualified for this position. It matters not that I am new to this university and its make-up. I have served in student government before, most recently as the treasurer of the student body at St. Gregory's University.

My other leadership positions include my duty as business manager of St. Gregory's Student Union and as team leader of a United States Army Reserve ambulance team at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Wherever I find myself, service

for others has played a big role in my life. While at St. Gregory's I worked with "Into The Streets," a service-oriented, student organization that is similar to the one at TCU. I also taught grade school for a local Head Start project and volunteered as an instructor with the University of St. Thomas L.I.E.T. Project, a program to teach English to Houston area immigrants.

Through these organizations and many others, I have gained a better understanding of working with those who are different from myself. I have learned that it takes more than action on my part to accomplish goals and objectives. It takes the sensitivity to work with others and to listen to what is important to them.

By allowing myself to become immersed in so many different organizations, I feel I have been able to set up a sound base from which to enact my talents here at TCU. I know that I can serve as a go-between for the students and carry out action for them while still maintaining the day-to-day vice presidential duties.

Granted, I still have much to learn, and this is one reason why I choose to become involved and refuse to stand by and wonder what if?

In my time at TCU, I have dis-

Editor's Note
The Skiff invited each of the five vice presidential candidates to write a brief summary of their goals and qualifications for the post. Each was told to submit a maximum of two typed pages. Here are their responses.

covered many things I would like to see done. True, some of them are my own ideas, but quite a few come from my fellow students, both new and old.

Safety is one concern. As much as we pay for our education, we should at least feel secure while seeking this education. Thus, better lighting and more readily accessible call boxes (namely in the Worth Hills area) should be incorporated as soon as possible.

In regard to our student identification cards, the administration has only begun to scratch the surface when it comes to its possible capabilities.

Other areas of student interest include food and parking. Though trivial to some, it is apparent that our tuition and fees pay for these and we deserve to be compensated in a just manner. As a member of St. Gregory's Food Advisory Board, I understood that this business can be quite complicated.

Speaking with other students, especially those who hold down jobs and participate in athletics, better management of food services is a concern. Whether it be longer hours or better selection, I intend to work for that and for anything else that I can possibly handle.

These are just some of the plans I have in mind, with many others to follow.

In closing, I would like to stress that if anything, I would like to work for better cohesion among the administration, faculty and, above all, my constituents, you, the students.

More than politicking and networking, unity is what is needed to get things done around here. I remember when I was first interviewed, I said I really wanted to meet new people, and running for vice president was one way I felt I could do this. I feel that I have done this and am now ready to be your new vice president.

VP candidates express goals in Forum

By Rob Sherwin
SKIFF STAFF

Five candidates running in the special vice presidential election of the House of Student Representatives gathered in the Student Center lounge Friday to express their qualifications, goals and objectives for office.

Friday's "Frog Forum" allowed the candidates to address audience members, who were then allowed to

ask questions.

Mark Irish, a junior accounting and finance major; Thomas Kunkel, a senior radio-TV-film major; Kevin Nicoletti, a sophomore business management major; Ricky Paradise, a sophomore international finance and accounting major; and Martin Reidy, a senior business management major, are all running in the election.

In his initial speech, Irish stressed

his qualifications for holding the office. He cited his experience on the House Finance Committee, Dining Committee and the Residential Living Commission.

Irish spoke about his recent work on the House-sponsored University Leadership Retreat, which is a primary responsibility of the vice president. Also, he said he had various issues he would like to address while in office.

"In the two and a half months, I want to address minority issues, some campus diversity issues and also some safety issues," Irish said. "I was surprised to find out that Worth Hills doesn't have any (emergency) call boxes. I think that's unsafe."

Nicoletti said he is running for vice president because he thinks it is

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Mark Irish

Junior accounting and finance major

As vice president of the House of Student Representatives, I would like to accomplish many things that are important to the student body. I feel I have the experience and the qualifications of what a leader in the House should have.



After serving two years in the House, I am ready to take on the challenges of addressing the needs of the entire student body, not just the needs of a particular residence hall or social group.

One of the main responsibilities of the vice president is organizing the annual University Leadership Retreat. I have been on the retreat committee since March. When the former vice president resigned, Heather Anderson and I took over the project, which greatly increased our involvement in a very small committee. We are looking forward to a very successful retreat this weekend.

Other experience in the House includes: helping to bring Starbucks to TCU while on the Dining Services Committee and serving on the Finance Committee. Other university committees I have served on include the Traffic and Regulations Board and the Residential Living Commission.

Currently, I am the outreach coordinator for Students Reaching Out and am starting my third year in the PRISM Leadership program. My love for TCU extended into this past summer, when I had the opportunity to be a program assistant for TCU's Summer Conferences. I helped coordinate a variety of camps that visited our campus this summer.

Some issues I will address in the House include safety and minority issues. I want to try my best to make this campus as safe and comfortable for everyone. My safety issues include installing call boxes in Worth Hills and improving the lighting, especially in the track area. I think it would be a shame for TCU to take action installing call boxes in Worth Hills only after a terrible incident occurs.

Regarding minority issues, I want to talk them over with the Executive Board and with the Office of Admissions to see what kind of solutions we can arrive at. Safety and diversity are real issues that need to be addressed at TCU, not the unrealistic dream of another candidate of installing ice cream parlors in a new student center.

Though this VP term will be short, I am excited to be on a more personal level with the student body than officers in the past. I am willing to serve this term and represent the students for the next two years wherever I am needed. My love for TCU is about the students, not about politics.

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Seminar to focus on alcoholism in families

By Amy Thompson
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Counseling Center is sponsoring "Adult Children of Alcoholics," a seminar focusing on alcoholism and other addictive behaviors in families today.

The seminar is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Counseling Center at 2900 W. Bowie.

Monica Kintigh, staff psychologist at the Counseling Center and host of the program, said the program will be discussion-oriented and will examine the dynamics of families with addicts.

"People tend to take on rigid family roles to maintain the secret of the

addiction," Kintigh said. "These roles are carried on into other aspects of life. Some are positive, others are negative and we want students to learn to let go of the things that are not positive."

People interested in gaining knowledge about alcoholism or concerned with how families can become stronger through bouts with alcoholism are welcome at the meeting, Kintigh said.

She said the students will not be identified and no commitment has to be made about the problem. She said she hopes students will gain a stronger sense of self worth from the information presented.

"I hope people will understand themselves better and recognize the strength that can come out through adversity," she said.

Kintigh said people growing up with alcohol problems in their families need to let go of the negative effect it has had on their lives.

"They need to focus on building on the resilience of the problem, not the damage or the victimization suffered," she said. "People need to look at what they have achieved and gained outside all of the problems they have faced."

Kintigh said it is hard for children growing up with adversity to find out more about themselves because

most of their time is wrapped up in the family problem. She said some families have difficulty in communicating and letting go of secrets.

Kintigh said she hopes this unhealthy behavior can be released today.

"The Counseling Center is about developing who you are and getting a better sense of yourself," she said. "We want to address that so students can approach the adult world without carrying unhealthy patterns or feelings with them."

For information about the seminar or forming a support group for families of alcoholics, call the Counseling Center at 921-7863.

Frogs 'Chill' out with own dessert

By Mike Roberts
SKIFF STAFF

Amidst the fans cheering, the band playing and the Frog Horn blowing at Friday's pep rally in downtown Fort Worth, a chill went through the crowd — a Frog Chill, that is.

The makers of Lemon Chill debuted a new grape flavor called "Frog Chill" at the rally. The new flavor comes in containers featuring a picture of a Horned Frog and the Frog Chill logo. The icy purple treat, made especially for TCU Horned Frogs, was available free of charge.

"We wanted to do something locally, to support TCU and the community," Lemon Chill representative Bob Moore said. "We had 130 or 140 containers and they were all gone in five minutes."

Moore said there will be a special cart selling Frog and Lemon Chills at all TCU home football games this season. He said the cart will be large and completely decorated in purple and white to be something "you can't miss."

"It's refreshing and I like the cup."

Chancellor William Tucker

Chancellor William E. Tucker sampled the Frog Chill at Friday's rally.

"It's refreshing and I like the cup," Tucker said. "The inventor is a TCU alum and this flavor was made because of his interest in TCU."

Eric Sorenson, a senior radio-TV-film major, sampled the Frog Chill and said he liked it and was glad to be among the first people to try it.

"It's like a frozen Slurpee," Sorenson said.

Frog Chill was created by Lemon Chill president and TCU alumnus Charles Moore.

There are no current plans to market the Frog Chill beyond TCU, Moore said. The basic plan is to make something unique for TCU and to increase pride in the school.

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the best way to make a difference. He also said he would like to complete many unfinished programs from last year.

"Many programs were started last semester, such as constituent days," he said. "We need better feedback and better communication between the House and the student body. Give me that opportunity. I feel like I can voice your concerns and finish the job."

Reidy, a transfer from St. Gregory's College in Oklahoma, said he is running to meet people.

"I want to get involved," he said. "I want to get to know people. I'm a people person. I'm here to listen."

Reidy also cited his experience at St. Gregory's and said he had the ability to manage people.

Kunkel said he was the most relaxed candidate and is focusing his campaign around education. He said many teachers don't do a good job of listening to their students out of class. He suggested the House needs to create several incentive programs to help this.

"It's going to be about education,

that's why we're here," he said. "As long as we're going to pay as much money as we are for teachers, we might as well have good ones."

Paradise said he disagreed with the other candidates' outlooks that the vice president will only have a few months to serve, and said he wants the opportunity to lay a foundation on which he can build for next year.

"My philosophy is that we're just getting started," he said. "I'm here to communicate. Trust me — if there's anything I can do, it's talk

and listen. That's what it takes to communicate."

Voting polls will be open today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in both the Student Center and the Worth Hills cafeteria.

A run-off election will be held Thursday if none of the candidates receives a majority of the vote.

Additional information on the candidates can be found at the House of Student Representatives Elections and Regulations Web site (<http://www.hrep.tcu.edu/hrep/elect.html>).

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WAC names players of the week

DENVER (AP) — Two University of Wyoming football players were honored on Monday along with San Diego State wide receiver Will Blackwell as players of the week in the Western Athletic Conference's Pacific Division.

Blackwell was named the offensive player, Wyoming defensive end Jeff Leonard was named the defensive pick and Wyoming wide receiver Kofi Shuck was named special teams player, the league announced Monday.

In the Mountain Division, Utah quarterback Mike Fouts, Texas-El Paso middle linebacker Michael Corner and New Mexico punter Jason Bloom were honored.

Blackwell broke the WAC record for receiving yards with 11 catches for 280 yards and four touchdowns in the Aztecs' 42-37 loss at California. Leonard had two sacks for minus 9 yards, two quarterback sacks and two solo tackles for the Cowboys while Shuck scored two special teams touchdowns.

Fouts completed 22 of 29 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns, Corner had 11 tackles, including seven solos, and Bloom punted four times for a 48.5 yard average.

Leaders announced for O'Brien Award

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas junior quarterback James Brown, a member of last season's all-Southwest Conference team, and Colorado's Koy Detmer are among 11 leading candidates for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

The list released Monday also includes Tennessee junior Peyton Manning, who was an O'Brien finalist in 1995, and Florida senior Danny Wuerffel, who won the award last year.

Other finalists include Miami junior Ryan Clement, senior Brad Otton of Southern California, Arizona State senior Jake Plummer, Notre Dame senior Ron Powlus, Penn State senior Wally Richardson, senior Steve Sarkisian of Brigham Young and Iowa junior Matt Sherman.

The winner will be announced on the 1996 Home Depot College Football Awards Show to be broadcast on ESPN Dec. 12 from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The award is named after "Little Davey" O'Brien, who led Texas Christian University to the 1938 national championship and won the Heisman Trophy.

Majors now regrets not playing for win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pitt coach Johnny Majors was at a loss Monday to explain why he didn't go for the win against Houston.

Pitt wasted a two-touchdown lead, but rallied to tie it at 35 late in the fourth quarter. But, rather than going for the 2-point conversion and the win, Majors played it safe and kicked the extra point. Houston went on to win 42-35 in the first overtime game in either school's history.

Earlier in the day, East Carolina coach Steve Logan went for the 2-pointer and the win against West Virginia, only to be criticized after a pass play failed and the Pirates lost 10-9.

"When you look back, I guess I should have gone for two," Majors said. "But we battled hard to get back in the game ... and we got the ball back. But there was only a minute or so left and we were on our own 15-yard line. At that point, it's most sensible to play for the tie."

The loss dropped Pitt's record to 1-2 with games upcoming against Top 10 Ohio State and Miami.

KU whitewashes Frogs, 52-17

TCU drops home-opener to No. 24-ranked Jayhawks

Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

When it rains it pours, and it definitely poured on the TCU football team in its home-opener Saturday. The No. 24-ranked Kansas Jayhawks beat the Horned Frogs 52-17 at Amon Carter Stadium.

It seemed the more it rained, the more Kansas got into the end zone. That would explain the final score.

There were other factors that contributed to the Horned Frogs' demise, including the two quarterbacks.

Kansas quarterback Matt Johner was 13 of 25 for 132 yards, with one touchdown and no interceptions. TCU redshirt freshman Jeff Dover, however, was 9 of 20 for 123 yards with one TD and one interception.

When TCU head coach Pat Sullivan made a quarterback switch, it came in the fourth quarter, with TCU down 45-17.

"Dover is the best we have got," Sullivan said. "With a young quarterback, you need to give as much experience and snaps as possible. (Junior transfer) Fred (Taylor) was late get-

ting here and he is not prepared to run parts of our offense. Jeff will be our quarterback."

Another problem that plagued the Horned Frogs was Kansas' running game, which was more spectacular than Superfrog getting out of a helicopter at mid-field before the game.

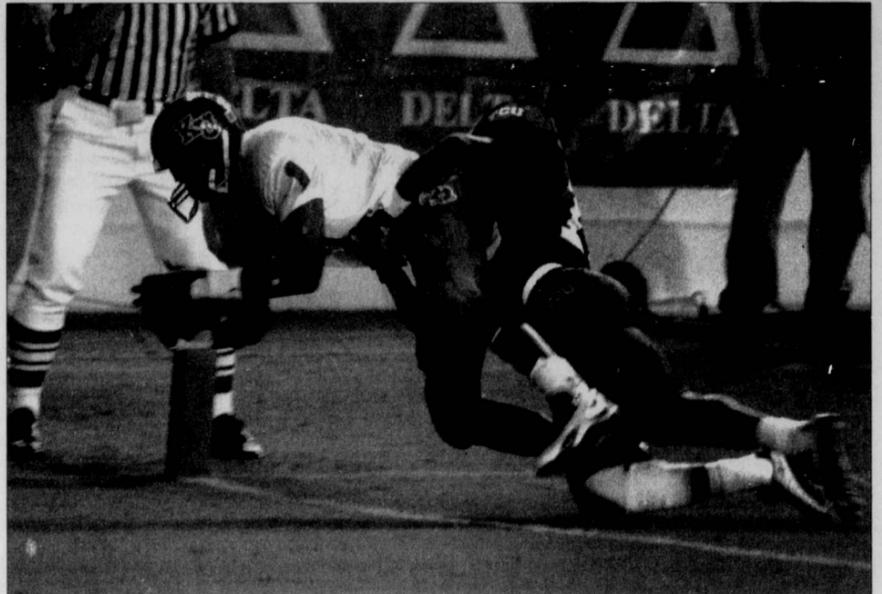
"They have a good receiver, and a good quarterback," Sullivan said. "Their running back (June Henley) is something special."

When Henley finally sat down in the fourth quarter, he had rushed for 201 yards on 31 attempts, with four touchdowns.

One bright spot in the TCU offense was the performance of fullback John Williams, a red-shirt freshman from Odessa. Williams carried the ball 15 times for 105 yards and one touchdown.

"John played well," Sullivan said. "He turned it over in practice, and I was worried that he would in the game. As it turns out, he was the only one that did not."

Losing the ball was a big problem for the Frogs. Each of TCU's four fumbles was recov-



Kansas receiver Issac Byrd beats TCU junior cornerback Godfrey White for a late third-quarter touchdown. The Jayhawks beat the Horned Frogs 52-17 in TCU's home-opener.

ered by Kansas, and the end result of each of the resulting Jayhawk drives was a touchdown.

"Our performance was not good," Dover said. "They did not do anything special or that we were not expecting."

The Horned Frogs have a week off to go over their game plan before they travel to New Mexico for their first Western

Athletic Conference game.

"We are going to go back and evaluate our young players," Sullivan said. "We will see how they fit before we go to New Mexico."

TCU fans, Jayhawks lack class

So what's your excuse? I will admit that I was a few minutes late to Saturday's home-opener against Kansas. Twenty minutes late, to be exact. I was at work and could leave no sooner than 8 p.m. So I missed the national anthem, Superfrog arriving by helicopter (seen it before) and our first of six turnovers.

But I stayed until the end, and that's more than I can say for much of our student body in attendance.

I know we in the media are supposed to be impartial, but pardon me while I say: objective, schmobjective. I sat in the stands, got rained on and watched in horror as the Jayhawks ran up the score on our beloved Horned Frogs.

And nothing was going to make me leave early.

I arrived late, so I sat in the upper deck and took notes until halftime. Then I joined some friends near the band, and sat until the second-half kickoff.

I watched as many students, dressed more for a social event than a football game (wait a second, this is TCU — they're the same thing), came up the stairs, took a look at the drops of water on the seats and with that oh-no-I'll-ruin-my-outfit look on their faces, headed for the exits.

This was HALFTIME folks! Many more left after a TCU turnover with about five minutes left in the third quarter.

In my eyes, these fans (and you know who you are) lost any right to cheer, boo or hiss at any future TCU games. They sure as hell can never accuse the team of giving up early.

Unfortunately, the fans were not the only ones guilty of displaying no class.

In the fourth quarter, with a 28-point lead, Kansas was still throwing the ball deep.

And, in a final display of poor sportsmanship, the Jayhawks, with barely a minute left to play, chose to run the ball in rather than sit on it and run out the clock.

I can understand trying to gain first downs with two or three minutes left. But with the 45-second clock, Kansas could have mercifully let the game end with a 45-17 lead.

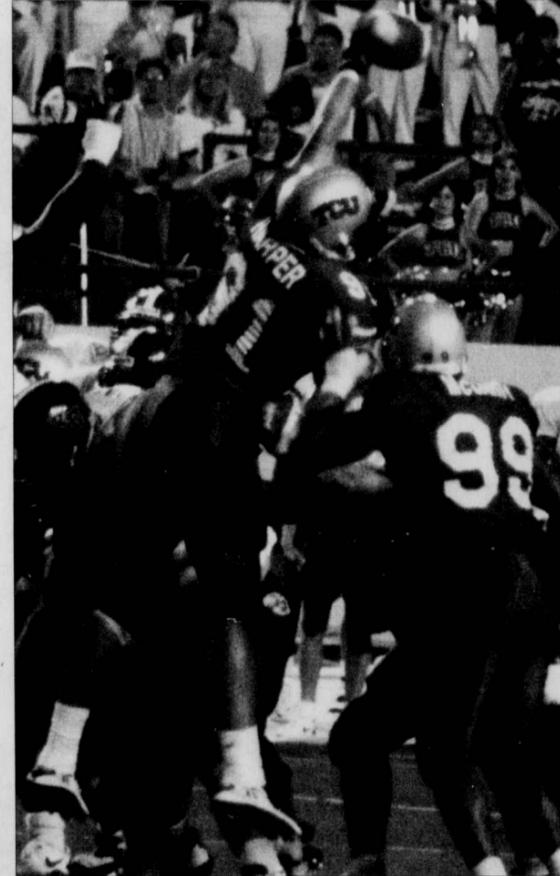
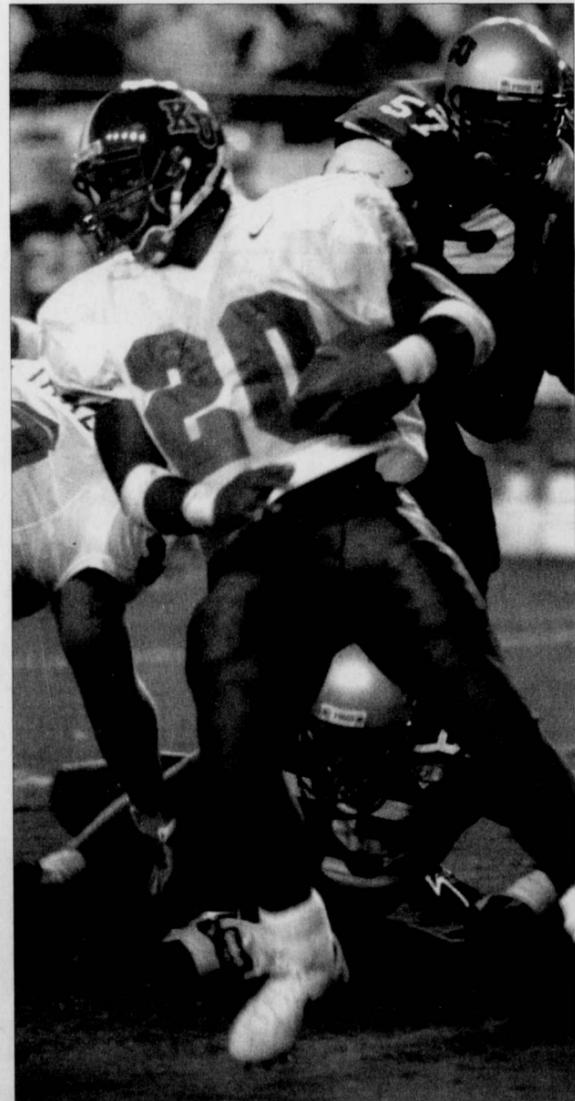
They instead chose to show little class, as did many Frog fans.

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University of Kansas running back June Henley (left) spins away from TCU senior nose tackle Bernard Oldham (57) and defensive tackle Billy Thompson. Henley gained 201 yards against the Frogs on Saturday. (Above) TCU junior defensive end Matt Harper (91) blocks a field-goal attempt by Kansas kicker Jeff McCord in the first quarter.

Frogs give ball, game to Kansas

By Brett Van Or
SKIFF STAFF

Polar opposites can describe TCU's effort in the past two games, and the outcomes reflected it.

One week ago the Horned Frogs were riding the crest of a 20-7 triumph over the Oklahoma Sooners.

The Frogs took on another Big 12 team in No. 24-ranked Kansas Saturday.

The 52-17 loss showed the Frogs they have to be a consistent, mistake-free football team if they are to compete at a winning level in the Western Athletic Conference.

The reason the Frogs lost Saturday: turnovers.

In the 20-7 victory over the Sooners, TCU managed to hold onto the football all day and did not com-

mit a single fumble or interception. Freshman quarterback Jeff Dover looked more like a fifth-year senior for the Frogs. Dover completed 12 out of 19 passes and did not make any unforced errors against the Sooners.

But Dover's Mr. Hyde appeared in the TCU offensive huddle during the 52-17 pasting. Underneath a steady drizzle and the Amon Carter Stadium lights, Dover completed under 50 percent of his passes (9 for 20) while throwing two interceptions. Kansas' strong secondary draped TCU receivers all night. The few long passes that were completed were perfectly placed by Dover and caught by Jason Tucker.

In completing the transition from winner to loser, the Frogs committed six turnovers to Kansas' zero.

The six turnovers not only gave

the Jayhawks good field position but allowed their defense to rest while TCU's stayed on the field much of the game.

"I said it before the game started," TCU head coach Pat Sullivan said. "The thing we can't do is turn it over. We turn it over four times and they score four touchdowns. That's my fault for not making guys take care of the football."

The final score could have been more maligned if it were not for strong defensive play by the Horned Frogs early in the game. Two early turnovers turned into botched field goal attempts as the Frogs stopped the Jayhawks deep in TCU territory.

But Kansas' running game began to take its toll on the TCU defense mid-way through the second quarter. Jayhawk tailback June Henley ran for 201 yards and four touchdowns

even though he sat out most of the fourth quarter. Kansas consistently pounded the ball through the right side, where 300-pound blockers Cleve Roberts and Justin Glasgow were stationed.

Kansas racked up 294 yards on the ground in all. That also gave the Jayhawks control of the clock (36:37 to TCU's 23:23).

Coming into the game, Kansas had a decisive edge in the running game against TCU. The two teams met in 1994 and 1995, and although the teams split those two games, Kansas outrushed the Frogs 644-253. After Saturday's game, the tally stood at Kansas' 938 yards rushing in three meetings to TCU's 441.

"That running back (June Henley) is something special. You're going to see him playing next year on Sundays."

ANALYSIS

Volleyball drops 1st home match

412 see VolleyFrogs fall to Auburn in three games

By Meredith Webb
SKIFF STAFF

If you were one of the lucky few that got a seat in gym one of the Rickel Building for the TCU volleyball team's home-opener against Auburn University Monday night, you were treated to history in the making.

Unfortunately, the VolleyFrogs (1-10) lost to the bigger, more-experienced Auburn Tigers in three games.

"We were overwhelmed by the crowd, for one," freshman Jill Pape said. "We have never played in that kind of environment before, but next time we will respond better."

The total attendance for the first-ever VolleyFrog home match was 412.

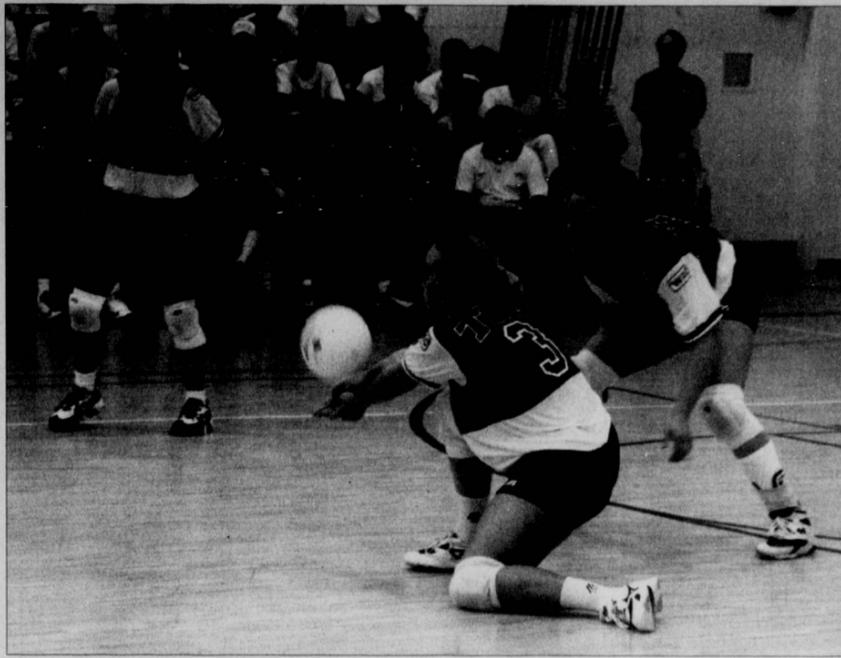
The first game score was 15-5, but in the second game the VolleyFrogs made a serious threat, only to lose 15-10. The third match was very close, up until the end, when Auburn got the win to close out the match, 15-9.

TCU head coach Sandy Trout said the greater size of the Auburn team, along with the size of the crowd, were to blame.

"We did not have the size to stop the big hitters, like numbers 9, 10, 12 and 13 (La'Toi Finley, Allyson Beecroft, Stephanie Fine, Rani Whitson) on the Auburn team," Trout said. "Our strength is supposed to be passing, and we did not do that. It is just good to have it over. We have played 10 matches but never at home, and the crowd was great."

This past weekend the VolleyFrogs played in the Stephen F. Austin Invitational Tournament in Nacogdoches, where they earned their first-ever win with a victory against University of Southwestern Louisiana.

"It was clear in practice that we were more determined than usual," freshman Erin Findley said. "For the entire match, we played as one and not just ten players."



TCU redshirt freshman Shannon Cooper digs an Auburn kill as teammates Saylor Goforth (left) and Stacy Olson (right) look on during the VolleyFrogs loss to the Tigers on Monday.

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Men's golf team takes 12th place

By Matt Pearce
SKIFF STAFF

Senior Deron Zinnecker scored a 5-under par 211 in three rounds to lead the TCU men's golf team to a 12th-place finish in the William Tucker Invitational Collegiate Championships in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday.

The University of Texas- Austin won the tournament with an 850, followed by Arizona State University (854) and Georgia Tech University (859). TCU finished with an 872.

Coach Bill Montigel said the team hit the ball very well, but faltered in the short game, especially putting.

"We played pretty good, but we need to work on our short game," Montigel said. "They have a lot of extremely fast greens on that course."

Montigel said there were several bright spots in the tournament for the team. He said he was pleased with the team's long drives and overall hitting.

"From tee to green, we're playing about as well as we can play," Montigel said.

Junior J.J. Henry, who posted the Frogs' second-lowest score at 219, said the team's finish was disappointing, but not discouraging.

"We're as good as any team on that field," Henry said. "Unfortunately, this week didn't happen to be ours."

Zinnecker, who placed sixth individually, said the team didn't play as well as it could have but can only get better.

"We played barely 60 to 70 percent of our potential," he said. "You'll see dramatic improvement."

He said the team has many opportunities to improve throughout the season, and one disappointing finish will not set the team back too much.

"I'm not worried at all," Zinnecker said. "In baseball, you're not going to get a hit in every at-bat, and in golf there's no way you're going to go through the season undefeated."

Montigel said he told the team it is going to be a long year, and that it will be hard to dominate every tournament.

"It's the nature of golf," Montigel said. "We're going to go to every tournament to try to improve."

Henry said the 12th-place finish does not represent the team's overall abilities.

"I think we're a lot better than our finish," Henry said. "We have high expectations for our team."

Zinnecker said the Frogs' performance last weekend will motivate the team to work even harder in future tournaments.

"We were kind of embarrassed by it, but we're not going to dwell on it," Zinnecker said. "It's going to make us hungrier."

TCU's next tournament is the NCAA Fall Preview Oct. 7-8. Montigel said he is confident the team will be able to improve its short game and compete well enough to win the tournament.

"The guys on the team know we have good players," he said. "We're capable of being competitive with any team in the country."

Zinnecker said, "In the long haul, it's going to balance out. I expect us to be one of the very best teams in the country, and I think everyone else does too."

Women's soccer scores home win

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's soccer team won for the second time at home this season with a 9-0 victory against Northwestern State University on Sunday afternoon at the TCU soccer field.

Both home victories have been by large margins. The Lady Frogs defeated McNeese State on Sept. 8, 13-0.

Senior midfielder Sarah Suss scored three goals and assisted on two others.

Soccer coach David Rubinson said the team scored good goals but he was not at all satisfied with the performance of the team.

"For what we are at this point in time I think we should be better than this," Rubinson said.

Rubinson said the team is working better on attacking. He said that Sunday's victory was a team effort. "People coming off the bench did a very good job," he said.

Freshman goalkeeper Courtney Petrie said the team started slowly but improved throughout the game.

"The offense did really well," Petrie said. "They had great runs."

Petrie said the midfield determines if the team wins or loses, and the team has improved a lot on that.

Junior forward Stacy Zeigler said the game was a good opportunity to win before the away games this week.

"The team has improved a lot since the first game," Zeigler said. "Each game we are playing better."

Zeigler said the team has to be able to play at a faster pace and attack quicker.

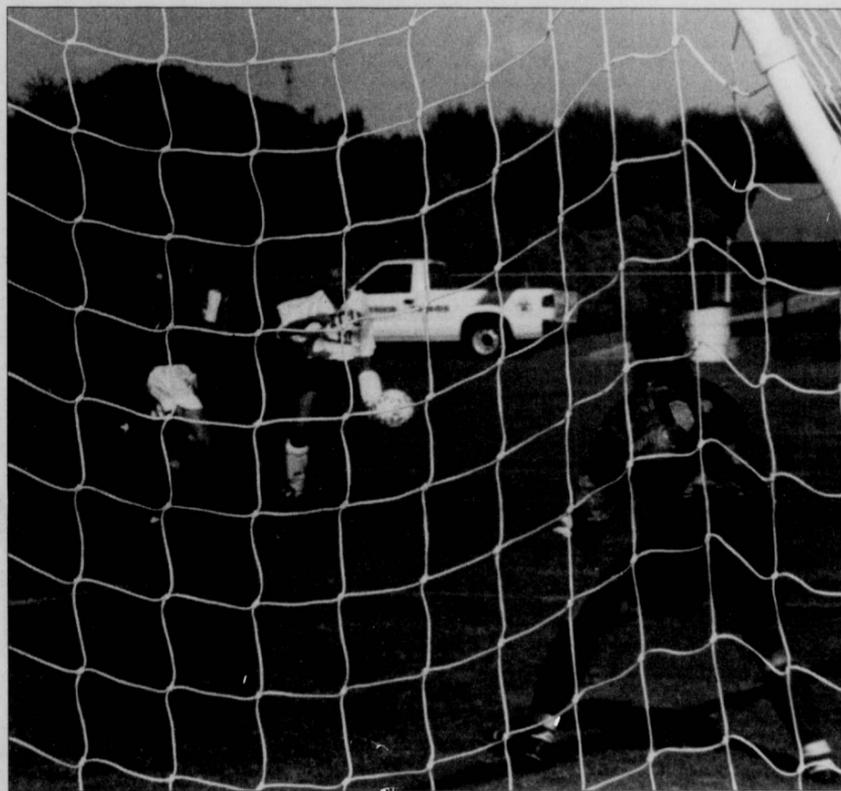
The Lady Frogs will play their next game at 5 p.m. Tuesday against Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

TCU will then hit the West Coast to play against Saint Mary's on Friday and the University of San Francisco on Sunday at Moraga, Calif.

Rubinson said the two weeks to come are going to be very tough, especially the trip to California this weekend.

Zeigler said the team will have a good opportunity to see where they stack up against other teams and what they need to improve.

"We will play against two very good teams," Zeigler said. "It's going to be a lot of pressure."



TCU junior forward Stacy Zeigler takes a shot on goal as Northwestern State goalkeeper Wendy Woodham defends. Zeigler scored a goal in the Lady Frogs' 9-0 win Sunday at the TCU soccer field.

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Men's soccer team defeats UT Pan-Am for fourth win

By Patricio Crooker
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team earned its fourth victory of the season Sunday with a 5-1 win against University of Texas Pan-American at the TCU soccer field.

In the first half, the Frogs (4-1) took a 3-0 lead on goals by freshman midfielder Shawn Faulkner, sophomore midfielder Mark Papini and senior midfielder Kyle Sawai.

In the second half, junior forward Britt Stroud added the fourth goal and sophomore forward Mike Jurbala scored the last TCU goal with five minutes remaining.

TCU head coach David Rubinson said he was satisfied with the victory after Thursday's loss against Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

"Actually, I thought we scored pretty good goals today," Rubinson said.

Rubinson said he made some changes in the lineup and tried different people at different positions in Sunday's game.

"(Junior forward) Britt Stroud had a terrific game," Rubinson said. "He did a really good job stepping up."

Sawai, the team's captain, said Sunday's win against UT-Pan Am was good for the team, helping the players realize they can win.

Sawai said they played a weak team but the game helped the coach and players to improve on their mistakes and practice for upcoming games.

"We have a lot of work to do," Sawai said. "We have a lot of injuries."

Junior defender Lawson Boothe

said the win was good and the team needed it to bring back confidence.

The Frogs have won all three of their home games.

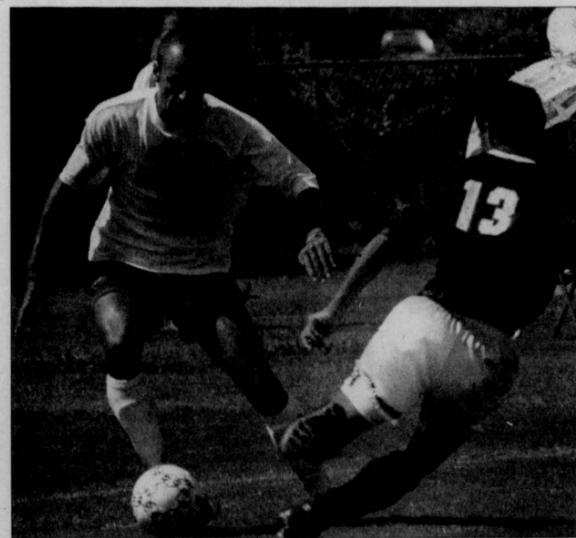
The next two games for TCU will be in Moraga, Calif., on Friday against Stanford University and Sunday against St. Mary's University.

Rubinson said he is going to learn a lot about the team this weekend. He said he is happy about the team's work ethic and how focused they are on what they are doing.

"We will play very technical and physical teams," Rubinson said. "We have to limit mistakes."

"We have to play at a faster pace than what we have been playing until now."

Sawai said he is excited about the trip to California and said he expects to come back with a victory.



TCU junior defender Rik Littlefield puts a move on UT-Pan American defender Pedro Lopez in the second half of TCU's 5-1 victory Sunday at the TCU soccer field.

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