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**ValuJet's low fares bring customers back**

ATLANTA (AP) — Rock-bottom fares succeeded in drawing passengers back to ValuJet Airlines in its first full month in the air following a 15-week grounding imposed by the federal government.

ValuJet's planes were 72.1 percent full, the airline said Wednesday. Low fares boosted ValuJet's traffic, "but that's an acceptable way to get attention after all they've been through," said Morten Beyer, an industry consultant in McLean, Va.

**Voter turnout lowest since Coolidge campaign**

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half America's eligible voters stayed home on Election Day, producing the lowest turnout since 1924 when Calvin Coolidge's campaign didn't excite the electorate either. Chief among the reasons cited by experts was President Clinton's near-certain victory.

The final figures weren't in on Wednesday, the day after the election, but Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for Study of the American Electorate, said he expects Tuesday's turnout to be 48.8 percent of eligible voters. That compares with 55 percent in 1992.

In all, 95.8 million people will have voted, he said, out of 196.5 million who were eligible.

**Wind delays launch of Mars probe**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — High wind delayed the launch Wednesday of the Mars Global Surveyor, the first of 10 spacecraft to be sent to the Red Planet by NASA over the next decade.

Laurich officials said they will try again at midday Thursday to dispatch the Global Surveyor on its 435 million-mile, 10-month journey to Mars.

Thick rain clouds scuttled the first launch attempt. The sky cleared just in time for the second attempt, but the wind soon accelerated.

**State**

**Court upholds death sentence**

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the death sentence of man convicted of raping and murdering an 8-year-old girl.

Doil Edward Lane in various confessions admitted to kidnapping, sexually assaulting and murdering Bertha Martinez on March 20, 1980, according to Wednesday's court opinion.

Lane argued that police took advantage of his mental retardation, his emotional state and his need to please authority figures in obtaining confessions.

**Board may replace outdated textbooks**

AUSTIN (AP) — According to the social studies textbooks now used by Texas schoolchildren, the Berlin Wall is still standing, the Soviet Union remains intact and presidents Bush and Clinton haven't yet been elected.

Teachers say it's time for the 9-year-old books to be replaced, which the state Board of Education indicated may happen Friday.

Several groups hope to stymie that with complaints that the texts depict too many minorities, pay too much attention to religions aside from Christianity and portray whites and Europeans as cruel.

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## Witness claims fight was real

By Kimberly Wilson  
SKIFF STAFF

A Fort Worth resident who witnessed a fight between two TCU students Saturday said that, despite the students' claims, the fighting between them was definitely real.

Billy Ritchmond, who lives behind Tandy Hall, said the students, who were arrested near Ritchmond's front yard, were in a real fight.

The students, however, described

the incident as "playful wrestling."

Jonathan Martin, a freshman pre-major, was arrested for assault with bodily injury and spent Saturday night in the Tarrant County jail after police found him fighting with his roommate, Brian Daley. Martin was released Sunday at 3 p.m. on a \$2,000 bond.

Daley, a freshman pre-major, was arrested for public intoxication and issued a citation.

Martin said in Monday's *Skiff* that the situation is "ridiculous" because Daley is his best friend.

But Ritchmond, who lives at 2944 Sandage Ave., said the story the two students told the *Skiff* was false.

"They were both drunk at the time," Ritchmond said. "They're just trying to cover their butts, I guess."

Martin said he and his roommate spoke with their lawyer Wednesday. "We talked to the lawyer today and

everything is fine and everything is being taken care of," he said. "The newspaper is making everything more difficult."

Ritchmond said he was sitting in his house watching television with his fiancée when they heard people shouting outside. He said he looked out the window and saw Daley and Martin wrestling about 20 feet away from his house and near his truck, which was parked on the street.

"Apparently one of them got mad, because he started cussing and punching the other guy," Ritchmond said. "It looked like they were trading punches."

He said by the time he got dressed and went outside, police had arrived and stopped the fight. Ritchmond said he then noticed a dent in the front quarter panel of his pickup truck.

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## GOP, Clinton pledge unity

By David Espo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Savoring their renewed majority, Republican congressional leaders spoke optimistically Wednesday of cooperation with President Clinton on their agenda of tax cuts and smaller government.

"We don't have to live in a world of confrontation," said Speaker Newt Gingrich.

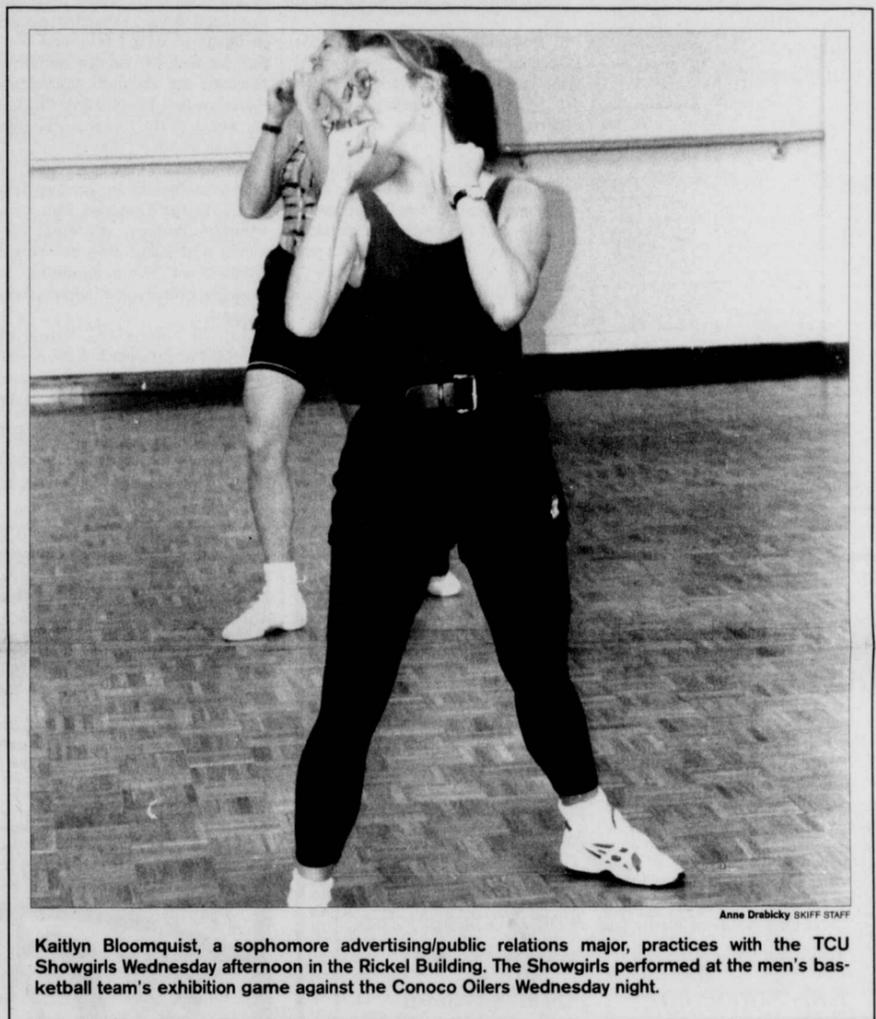
At the same time, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott promised a probe into the allegations of Democratic campaign financial misdeeds that Bob Dole raised in his losing bid for the White House.

"We have a responsibility in a variety of ways to take a look at... what appears to be wrongdoing," he said.

But another round of Whitewater hearings?

No, says the Senate Banking Committee chairman, Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., who also headed the special Senate panel that delved into the Clintons' ties with the owners

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Kaitlyn Bloomquist, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, practices with the TCU Showgirls Wednesday afternoon in the Rickel Building. The Showgirls performed at the men's basketball team's exhibition game against the Conoco Oilers Wednesday night.

## Choirs to meet for Fest

By Erik McKenzie  
SKIFF STAFF

High school students from five Fort Worth schools will meet at TCU today to participate in the High School Gospel Fest.

The event, which is sponsored by Programming Council in conjunction with the Word of Truth Gospel Choir, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom. The event is part of the Gospel Extravaganza, which will take place Friday and Saturday.

The Gospel Fest will bring together gospel choirs from local high schools to perform songs dedicated to God, said Nicole Edwards, a sophomore broadcast journalism major and the sub-chairwoman for Gospel Fest.

She said the event will allow the visitors to showcase their talents to the TCU community.

Edwards said the Gospel Fest will give TCU the opportunity to show the high school students and TCU students that TCU does have a gospel choir to offer.

"Evidently we will have something to offer, and other organizations on campus will recognize and may want to take part," she said.

She said the idea to bring the area

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## Mexican ambassador to speak to Frogs

Jesus Silva-Herzog will discuss future of United States and Mexico relations Friday

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Mexico's ambassador to the United States will give a speech on Friday outlining the future between the United States and Mexico.

Jesus Silva-Herzog's speech, "The United States and Mexico: Looking Toward the Future," will be at 11 a.m. in the Student Center ballroom and is open to the public, said Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Adams said Silva-Herzog will be on campus in conjunction with a bilateral meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Commission that will take

place on campus.

"The presentation by the ambassador and the hosting of the U.S.-Mexico Commission are parts of the overall relationship between TCU and Mexico," Adams said.

He said the relations between TCU and Mexico have provided ample learning opportunities for



Jesus Silva-Herzog Mexican ambassador to the United States

both Horned Frogs and Mexican students.

Although the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla is TCU's sister university, Adams said TCU's university relations Mexico.

"We enjoy a number of exchanges with students and faculty with the universities in Mexico and have had a number of students from Mexico who are pursuing degrees at TCU — both undergraduate and graduate," he said.

Silva-Herzog was appointed as Mexico's ambassador to the United States in December 1994. Prior to that, he served as Mexico's minis-

ter of tourism.

He studied economics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and received his master's degree from Yale University.

He is the author of several books and articles in the economic and financial fields.

As a professor at El Colegio de Mexico, he has lectured within Mexico and abroad.

Silva-Herzog's 38 years of service in the government of Mexico have earned him recognition around the world.

He attends numerous international meetings and is a member of

the Inter-American Dialogue and the Institute for European-Latin American Relations.

In addition, he served as Mexico's ambassador to Spain from 1991 to 1993.

He has also served as the minister of finance and public credit, general manager of Banco de Mexico and the general director of the National Institute for the Workers Housing Fund.

Ambassador Silva-Herzog has been honored by the governments of Spain, France, Brazil, Italy, Argentina, United Kingdom, Panama and Belgium.

## Panelists to discuss death penalty tonight

By Neelima Atluru  
SKIFF STAFF

A panel representing different viewpoints on capital punishment will gather in the Faculty Center of Reed Hall today to discuss the issue.

The discussion, "Capital Punishment and Christianity: an even-handed open forum for all," is sponsored by Uniting Campus Ministries and organized by the Faith Education Task Force.

Anna Mueller, a senior math and Spanish major and co-chairwoman of the task force, said members of the panel will each present different opinions to the audience.

The forum will begin at 5:30

p.m. with a free supper for all who attend. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

The panel members will have about five minutes each to express their views on the death penalty, Mueller said.

"Then the audience will be able to ask questions of the panelists and get deeper into the issue," she said.

Don Jackson, a professor of political science, will mediate the discussion.

All but one of the panelists come from the Fort Worth area.

Mueller said the Rev. Carroll Pickett, a Presbyterian minister from Huntsville, has spent 15 years counseling death row inmates.

He will use his experience to present the reasons he opposes the death penalty, she said.

Also against the issue of capital punishment is Bill Tilman, of the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Shari Bower of Arlington will state her reasons for opposing capital punishment, Mueller said.

Mueller said Bower's husband is currently on death row on four counts of capital murder. She said Amnesty International's support of Bower is helping him in his appeals.

Mueller said the group is still working to secure the fourth panel member. She said she hopes to con-

firm an attorney who supports the death penalty.

After the panel discussion, Mueller said the audience and panel members will divide into smaller groups to discuss their own points of view on capital punishment.

The Faith Education Task Force is an organization that tries to offer programs that appeal to all the religious groups on campus, Mueller said.

"It's an ecumenical exchange opportunity for people of different religious backgrounds to come together to dialogue on issues they may have in common," she said. "It promotes understanding and communication between them."

**It's a fact**

**"CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND CHRISTIANITY: AN EVEN-HANDED OPEN FORUM FOR ALL"**

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## EDITORIAL

### AN IMPORTANT PROJECT

#### Announcing winners early is dangerous practice

The performance of all participants in the 1996 election will be evaluated over the next few weeks. Americans will be inundated with analysis of the effort put forth by voters, political parties, the candidates and special interest groups.

What about the media, both the big national outlets like the networks and the large newspapers, and local media?

Leaving aside the argument of whether the media has a liberal bias, the networks and wire services must once again be reprimanded for announcing projections in elections entirely too early.

Only a few minutes after polls had closed in important electoral states like Ohio, ABC News announced President Clinton had won the state. The Associated Press put the same news on the wire just minutes later.

The immediate question is, how can enough votes for an accurate projection have been counted so quickly? The theory is that computers can use results from early and absentee voting and create a model of how the rest of the voting will go.

Granted, these projections are rarely wrong, but several ethical questions appear. First, the news media shouldn't make a habit of predicting news. They should only cover news.

Projections become news and journalists should report, not create, news.

A more significant problem is the one of announcing a winner before polls across the country have closed. It happened again last night; Clinton was declared the winner with an hour of voting remaining in Western states. It's possible that voter turnout in other races was hurt by the projections, and though the presidential election tops the ballot, it's not the only one that matters. How many Californians or Oregonians didn't choose a representative or vote on a ballot initiative because the networks implied their votes wouldn't count?

The frustrating part of the projection process is that if one network or wire service took an ethical stand and refused to do projections, they would be buried by their competitors. Until all outlets can agree not to announce hideously early projections, progress will never be made.

Media projections of something as important as a presidential election shouldn't be determined by a tiny fraction of voters, and simply should not be announced before many polls have closed. The press must act responsibly here. Anything less runs the risk of wielding undue influence on the election process.

## TCU is proud of diversity, working hard to increase it

About 18 years ago, while doing graduate work at a nearby institution, I met this TCU girl. She had golden skin and long dark hair that framed the most devastating green eyes I'd ever seen. She was gorgeous.

I had always heard that this was the place to meet women. TCU had the reputation of being a "girls' school." Last year, two Skiff columnists stated that the female-to-male ratio here is two to one, while a third insisted it was really three to one. This year, as I worked Labor Day weekend at Frog Camp, a new freshman asked me, "Is it really true women outnumber men at TCU by three to one?"

The answer is no. Not even close. Our fall enrollment is 6,961, with 3,960 women (57 percent) and 3,001 men (43 percent). That's a ratio of only 1.3 to one. So the popular estimates aren't even in the same neighborhood as the real numbers. What's more, these percentages and this ratio have been fairly constant for many years, so it's not like this is a new development.

But why is it that TCU attracts more women than men, even if only marginally more? One reason is that more women than men attend college in the United States. Today, 55.4 percent of American college students are women; only 44.6 percent are men. So TCU's gender ratio roughly parallels the national ratio. Add to this fact that

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more women than men choose to attend private universities, and it's obvious our gender ratio is entirely reasonable.

But TCU has also had another traditional image — that of being largely white, Anglo-Saxon and Protestant. The reasons for this are no doubt complex, but some studies suggest we may have this image because most of our students have been white, Anglo-Saxon and Protestant. Call it the "WASP factor." Actually, the "P" part of that equation (Protestant) isn't a problem. Though TCU is affiliated with a Protestant denomination, the largest student religious affiliation is Roman Catholic. And, as the international enrollment increases, religions other than Christianity are increasingly represented.

But there is a genuine ethnicity problem. Unlike the gender issue, the lack of diversity isn't a myth. TCU has been legitimately open to criticism here. But this is hardly a news flash. The university acknowledged the problem years ago and openly committed to solve it.

In 1989, a minority task force began developing strategies for increasing minority enrollment. In March 1993, speaking to the Faculty Senate, Chancellor William E. Tucker set a goal of 20 percent minority representation among both incoming and graduating classes. Progress toward this goal is mixed. Through special recruiting and scholarship initiatives, TCU has increased minority enrollment by 66 percent since 1989.

The downside is that minority students drop out more frequently than their white classmates, so minority graduation rates haven't risen as quickly as enrollment rates. This isn't just at TCU; it's a national phenomenon. Across the United States, minority enrollments are up, but dropout rates are rising proportionally, so that the number of degrees awarded to minority students has fallen to a level not seen since the mid-1970s.

There are many reasons for this, most of which are beyond TCU's direct control (public education policy, for example). But personal finances is a significant factor, and we are doing something about that. In 1993, TCU began awarding \$25,000 per year in minority scholarships. And this fall we begin \$25,000 in annual minority retention awards for at-risk students.

So where does TCU diversity stand? We're glad of the progress we've made, but are not yet satisfied. Much remains to be done. Still, we're headed in the right direction. And we will — all of us — succeed together.

Just like I did with that TCU girl. You remember the one I met 18 years ago, the one with the killer green eyes?

I married her.

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#### GUEST COLUMN



**DENNIS ALEXANDER**



## With a healthy economy, voters choose status quo

A collective sigh of relief everyone. It's over. Bill Clinton is back in office, and divided government is the order of the day (at least for the next two years). I'd say it was a good year for incumbents.

#### COMMENTARY



**KEVIN ARCEAUX**

Clinton received a near majority of the popular vote (49 percent as of late Tuesday) and a landslide in the electoral college. Republicans, by most reports, will pick up one Senate seat, and by most accounts the Senate will become more conservative. In the House, Republicans will most likely have their lead narrowed considerably, while still maintaining control.

So what's the mandate? There really isn't one, folks. Americans may not be completely happy with their government, but they never have been. Democracy is about compromise and incremental change. Compromise means people don't get what they really want, and incremental change means two to four years is never enough to "fix" the system.

Moreover, incumbent Republicans (who threw the Democrats out in 1994) can thank Bill Clinton for their re-elections.

The economy is humming along. People are relatively content with the way the country is going. Sound economy, content public. These are all the fine ingredients incumbents need to keep their jobs. Whether Bill Clinton is responsible for this is irrelevant.

He's the sitting president, so he gets the credit.

But I have to hand it to the Republicans. Their success depended on creating a perception that government works. The 1994 elections were not about mandating the Contract with America. From all the data I have seen, most Americans had many reservations about the extent of "reform" Republicans were pushing.

From the get-go, it looked like the Republicans (because of the radical newcomers) were not going to compromise with Clinton at all. Yet the end of the 104th Congress was marked by much compromise. With Congress and the president putting partisanship aside, passing legislation and Newt Gingrich shutting his mouth, government appeared to work again.

To much of the GOP's chagrin, Bill Clinton is more similar to them than he is to many Democrats. He is right of center on many issues and, moreover, he worked better with a Republican-controlled Congress than he did with a Democratic-controlled one. He certainly isn't the liberal reactionary many portray him as. (If he were, he would have never signed the Welfare "Reform" Bill.)

I was also proud to see a gracious Bob Dole in his concession speech. He thanked his supporters and the media, which he has been blasting as liberal. He also reminded them Clinton was his opponent, not his enemy. I hope this has an impact on his supporters.

I can hear it now: "Bob Dole lost because of the liberal media distorting him." No, Bob Dole lost because he lacked a vision and frankly, Clinton has done a good job. Dole

simply did not make a case why he would be a better president.

I also find the liberal media idea laughable. Both Clinton and Dole have gotten equal air time. Both have gotten about the same negative coverage (with Clinton getting a little more, in my view). It was the media reporting (and playing up) allegations that Clinton had extramarital affairs (something that would have never happened during the Kennedy administration).

It has been the media reporting about alleged illegal campaign contributions to the Clinton camp, as well as a daily barrage of Whitewater reports. And according to a few non-partisan groups, Dole got well over 100 endorsements from major newspapers, while Clinton got around 85 (The Dallas Morning News and that "liberal" Fort Worth Star-Telegram both endorsed Dole). Some liberal bias.

And don't even talk about the Perot factor. According to polls before the election, Perot voters favored Clinton over Dole. Yep, without Perot, Clinton would have gotten well over 50 percent of the popular vote. Just as in 1992, contrary to popular myth, Perot didn't cost Bush the election. As Barbara Sinclair, a political scientist at the University of California-Riverside, points out, exit polls showed without Perot in the race Clinton would have won with a sizable majority.

The task ahead for both Clinton and Congress is to continue working together and compromising. I know Clinton can do it. I sure hope the Republicans can too.

*Kevin Arceneaux is a senior political science major from Fort Worth.*

## An open letter to Bob Dole

Dear Sir: Though you were not successful in your third and final bid for the office you so deeply coveted, you have given your country more than you can ever know.

#### COMMENTARY



**RYAN J. RUSAK**

Someday, when we realize that for the United States to be a great nation again — a fiscally sound, morally upstanding, well-educated nation of hard-working Americans — we will look back and simply say: Bob Dole was right.

Analysts will spend months listing reasons for your defeat, but, to me, it comes down to one factor: The American people are too addicted to the narcotic that is the federal government. They are not ready to be weaned off of it. They are incapable of living independently.

They say your age hurt you in this campaign, that it made you look out of touch. I say you were ahead of your time. You fearlessly pronounced what the country needs — less government, fewer taxes, more freedom, more responsibility, a sense of sacrifice. Perhaps we weren't ready for

this dose of reality, but it will inevitably hit us someday soon. You, sir, were ahead of your time.

Despite your defeat, you've taught us a great deal about our government, our country and ourselves. We now know — though many of us can't yet admit it — how important it is to have honest, ethical servants in government. We now know that character *does* count, not because of personal scandals but because of the public ones that can wreak havoc on our nation.

Thanks to your distinguished career, we now know the importance of honorable political compromise. We know it's acceptable to reach across the aisle to opponents but never, ever to let go of your own principles. We know it's important to reach consensus when possible but to achieve victory when necessary.

Perhaps most importantly though, Mr. Dole, you have taught us the importance of sacrifice and courage. Some say it's too much of a cliché to talk about your war injury, but you have shown us true sacrifice. After you nearly gave your life for your country, you didn't live the remainder of your years with the expectation that your government should care for you. Instead, you gave more to your country. And more. And more. Until, unfortunately, we decided we need not accept what you had to give.

Perhaps that's what's most dis-

heartening about your loss to President Clinton. When you offered yourself as a connection to a time when America was a better place, when you were willing to spend what could be happy retirement years working tirelessly for your country, your fellow citizens decided they no longer needed your services.

I do not doubt that you are a better man, a better candidate and a better American than the man who defeated you. You must know this too. And yet you accepted defeat gracefully — with pride, honor and dignity. You accepted defeat like an American.

I hope your service to your country is not complete. I hope that with a government divided along partisan lines, where moderation and compromise will be the only avenues of achievement, that you continue to teach the lessons you learned as a Kansan, a soldier, a Senator, a candidate and an American.

America can never repay her debt to you, Mr. Dole. I hope you know what you have meant to your country, and to Republicans, Democrats and independents who are proud to say, "Bob Dole is an American hero."

Thank you for your service. I'm sorry you weren't more justly rewarded.

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# House Elections

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1996

The Skiff invited candidates for House of Student Representatives officer positions to answer questions about their goals and positions on the important issues of the campaign. Here are their responses:

## President

Questions	John Lamberth junior radio-TV-film major Arlington	Julie Markus junior speech communication major Memphis, Tenn.	Andy Mitchell junior accounting and finance major Fort Worth	Chris Smith senior history and sociology major Burleson	Stoney White junior political science major Fort Worth
<b>What are your goals as president of the House of Student Representatives?</b>	My goals are to disband the House and create a monarchy with myself as king. Furthermore, I wish to allow such insignificant things as "double cupping," and I want to establish a campus prison where student offenders may be held.	As president, I will focus on technology, academics, recycling and communication. I think TCU needs more computers, and labs should stay open longer. For academics, I would like to see more multi-cultural classes offered, more foreign languages and better advising. We need recycling and better communication between students, the House and the administration.	My goal as president of the House of Student Representatives is to pull each organization and group on campus into the big picture at TCU. Our campus is rich in resources, and if a leader truly works with the different groups on campus and combines their individual talents, we can begin to accomplish the things this school really wants.	My goals as president would be to prevent the House from passing any legislation whatsoever. I guarantee this or I will happily resign. I also plan to amass the House budget (including my salary as president) and cut it into checks and reissue them to the student body. If a product is defective, you return it and get your money back. Simple logic.	As student body president, I would like to begin a new tradition of how the House of Student Representatives operates and communicates with the student body. In addition, I hope to improve trustee-student relations, student recreational facilities and the transfer experience.
<b>What are your qualifications to be president?</b>	My qualifications are that I am intelligent and I can get along with virtually anybody. As far as experience, I have none. This, of course, means I am not a part of the political inbreeding.	I served in two capacities on the Executive Board, which is the top leadership of the House that the president leads. The stronger the leadership in Exec, the stronger the House is. I have also served on Intercom, the Trustee-Student Relations Committee, the Administrative Cabinet of the House, as the chairman of Alpha Delta Pi and in Programming Council.	I have a lot of experience that I can bring to the table as president. I have worked for University Advancement, Alumni Relations, the Office of Admissions and the Campus Life office. I am a member of many organizations, such as Student Foundation, Student Ambassadors and Lambda Chi Alpha and am currently vice president of rush for the Interfraternity Council, just to name a few. I consider my ability and willingness to work with people to be my most valuable asset.	IQ is almost five standard deviations above the mean. Well above the genius level. Political savvy is not key. Simple logic and rational thinking must be at the forefront.	In my two years in the House, I have served the student body as a representative, University Relations Committee chairman and Permanent Improvements chairman. What qualifies me are not the titles themselves but my actions in the roles that I have held. I have heard the concerns of students and acted upon them.
<b>What are your plans to get more students involved in the House's decision-making process?</b>	As king, the students would have to come and ask me personally their request. If I felt it was a request that would benefit the student body or at least a significant fraction of the student body (organizations), then I would present it to the student body. If the student body showed enough support or interest, then I would decree it as law. In this way, the student body is forced to involve itself in the decision-making process.	As a communications major, I will improve communications between the student body and the student government, thereby making students more involved in the House's decision-making process. I will do this by having two Constituent Days per semester, when each representative gathers 10 students' opinions and needs. I will also increase the awareness of the open nature of the House and its committees, of the Student Concerns boxes, the House e-mail address, the House Web page and the House cable channel. I will also continue the President's Council so that direct communication is available between the presidents of every organization and the leaders of the House.	I think to get more students involved in the House of Student Representatives, we have to get more students to want to come to House meetings. My experience is that most students feel that the House of Student Representatives is something for House "members," as though it was some separate organization on campus. To be effective, I think House meetings should be entertaining and give organizations the opportunity to come together and share ideas while debating on the issues that affect our community. One thing we might consider is moving House meetings out of the relatively small room we use now and into something larger, such as the Student Center ballroom.	By giving the students their money back and preventing House legislation, the House decision making process is passed onto the student body. I will give responsibility back to the students rather than see it abused in the House.	I believe that the structure of student government is perfect for increasing student involvement in House decisions. The problem is that we are not properly utilizing the structure we have. We must set priorities such as attendance, member training and town student recruitment. If we do these things, students will be more involved. In addition, we must reach out to the students. I hope to bring back town hall meetings and the House speaking tour to facilitate this interaction. Before we can tackle the big issues, we must first resolve the problems that exist internally.
<b>Should the Election Code be a specific, binding document or should it be open to interpretation? Why? What would you do to clarify the Election Code?</b>	The Election Code is a monster of bureaucracy in itself. It should be open to interpretation because every conceivable action in an election can't be foreseen. But, those who interpret it should be consistent and follow precedents set in previous elections. As we have seen, this is unlikely to actually happen. As such, if it is not expressly described in the Election Code, then it should be legal. To clarify the code, I would get rid of it altogether and establish a system of naming the heir to the throne. This would make elections unnecessary.	After serving on the Elections and Appeals Board, I feel that the Election Code could be a little more specific but should definitely still be up to interpretation. Not that the Election Code compares to it, but the Constitution of the United States is up to interpretation for the same reason: There needs to be guidelines for behaviors, but situations are different and the rules need to be flexible enough to accommodate each situation. A theory is only good if it can be universally applied; likewise, the Election Code needs to be able to be applied to different situations.	I think the Election Code should be flexible enough to allow students to maximize their campus resources and show others what they are capable of accomplishing. We can tell very little about a candidate by reading a few scattered signs. How would that student do if they had to organize a campus-wide mixer or other social function? We cannot tell because the fair-market-value rule, which surfaced in the special vice presidential election, makes organizing such an event impossible under a strict \$60 spending limit. Should our election rules limit resourceful students? Are these not the type of students we want leading our campus?	We have seen what an open interpretation reaps: a farcical decision based on pseudo-rights of free speech. In the hands of incompetents, an open interpretation is an extremely dangerous thing. The election code needs a complete overhaul.	The House Election Code is a document that has been written and rewritten for many years. It is a document not without its faults, however. The code should be binding in those issues that are not disputable, such as amounts of time and locations. The code must also be flexible to move with the times. The last 10 years have seen the advent of technological improvements and in the next 10 years, the Next Frontier campaign will change the face of TCU. We do not have the foresight to predict these changes. As president, it would be a priority to examine the code for ambiguities and support the chairman in any changes to be made.
<b>There is a perception that House spending is tipped unevenly toward specific groups of students at the expense of projects that will benefit the entire student body. Is this fair? Why or why not? If not, what would you do to change the spending priorities?</b>	Of course, any uneven spending is unfair. This leaves the House open to outside influences, creating special interest groups. All members of the student body are equal, whether they be Greeks, Hyperfrogs, the TCU Triangle or whatever. My spending priorities as king would be to spend money on things that benefit many students. This means that if enough commuter students actually wanted a commuter lounge in the Sahara Desert, then by golly, I'd fund it. Conversely, if the Programming Council wanted to bring Wanda, the Bearded Lady, to campus, I'd deny funding because that's a dumb idea.	The House is open to any organization that wants to solicit money from us, and anyone can come and debate the passage of a bill or the amount of a bill. Essentially, anyone who feels that the House spends money unevenly should come to the House and/or the Finance Committee and voice his or her opinion; each bill is written about in the Skiff before it is introduced in the House, so everyone has the opportunity to be informed. By increasing communication between the students and the House, incorrect perceptions can be dispelled and the money can be spent as the students desire.	I think the allocation of funds by the House to various organizations may quite possibly be unfair in the eyes of excluded organizations. Most organizations I have experience with have come up with ways to fund their own programming instead of coming to the House for support. To begin to change the student perception of how fairly spending priorities are met, first we need to get more students involved in the Student House process. When we work to involve all groups in the process of programming student events we will maximize the effect of these individual campaigns.	The House favors no specific group or project. As long as the bill promises to waste money, they are all for it. My presidency would eliminate any questionable fiscal practices. The House would have no money to spend because I would give it all back to the students.	I do not believe that House spending is "tipped." The House considers each bill on its own merits. However, I do believe some consistency is needed in our funding of groups. I am currently discussing funding priorities with the Finance Committee and Vice President Kevin Nicoletti. As president, I would work with the treasurer to set guidelines that would allow money to be accessible to all students, but also encourage student groups to consider fund-raising and budget issues before coming to the House. Fiscal organization is important not only for the House, but also for the groups that petition funds from it.
<b>Do you support an increase of student activity fees? Why or why not?</b>	I don't support an increase in student fees because the House has said many times it has a surplus. If you have more than enough money already, there is no point in increasing fees.	I continually hear that students want big names in speakers, comedians and bands, which requires a large budget (increasing student activity fees). The student activity fees can only be increased if the student body votes to increase them. As president, I would hold a vote and let students decide, but I cannot decide on my own to increase the activity fees. My vote is yes, since our fees haven't been increased for years, our budget is not comparable with other schools and I would like to have some bigger names at TCU. However, it's the students' decision.	No, I cannot say I support an increase in student activity fees. This is a highly-residential and very classically-structured university (not to mention most students already feel they pay too much now). We are a perfect target for community and corporate support in all our activities as a university. Anyone who works with advancement and alumni knows we have organizations and capable individuals willing to support us, we just need to pull together and bring those people here and incorporate them into our programming efforts.	Positively not! This is equivalent to giving a serial killer a wider array of sharp pointy things. The present fee is used irresponsibly so why feed the conflagration of wasteful spending.	I would support an increase in the student activity fee if the increase supported two main areas. One, I feel that a good amount of money should be allocated to Programming Council in order to bring big name acts to campus. Two, I believe that money should be given to recreational sports for Rickel Building improvements. As Permanent Improvements chairman, I have seen firsthand the need for an outdoor pool, better weight room equipment and a track. A fee increase could make such projects possible.

## Vice President

Questions	John Christensen senior biology major Stafford	Becca Gardner sophomore radio-TV-film major Benton, Ark.	Kevin Nicoletti sophomore business major St. Louis, Mo.
<b>What are your goals as vice president of the House of Student Representatives?</b>	Simple - put an end to the foolish spending. Return the money that is left to the students, and adjourn the House for the rest of the term.	As vice president, I would concentrate on improving the House internally. Many people believe that whoever is going to be vice president needs to have a laundry list of projects (like lighting in Worth Hills, more call boxes, etc.) Not so. The VP heads the Administrative Cabinet of House and that should be his or her top priority.	My goal is to make the House of Student Representatives more representative of the student body. If re-elected, I would use the University Leadership Retreat as one way to help make this possible. Also I would like to re-evaluate the way we fund organizations in search for a more equitable and responsible process.
<b>What are your qualifications to be vice president?</b>	I'm a concerned TCU student.	I have been in the House ever since I got to TCU. I was a representative for Colby Hall my first semester (fall 1995), and at the end of that semester, I was elected the new Student Concerns chairwoman for spring 1996. I was then elected for a second semester as Student Concerns chairwoman, which I am serving now. That means I have been in the House for a year and a half, one year of that seated on the Administrative Cabinet.	Two months ago, I was elected vice president. There is no better way to be qualified for vice president than by already holding the position. I am also involved in various other organizations on campus. With a combination of both of these, not only am I well aware of the needs on campus, but I have the experience to address them.
<b>Considering the low level of student interest, do you think the university retreat is necessary? What will you do to boost participation? What are some possible alternatives to the retreat?</b>	No, I don't think the retreat is necessary. As it is right now it is a very poor allocation of student resources (money). The student interest in such activities is low. It is silly to think that as a member of the House we can change the individual students' views. I think the low level of interest has made a choice. It seems clear to me that the overwhelming majority of students don't want a retreat. Why should we continue to pay for such unwanted things?	I do not think that the University Retreat needs to be scrapped. Many of the students who attend the retreat enjoy it, and they like to participate year after year. As VP, I would consider looking into ways to change the retreat's format so it does not seem the same year after year. Also, better attendance might accompany the retreat if it were less of a time commitment. Even though its length has been cut down, more students might consider attending it if it was only for one day. There should also be renewed efforts to gain a more diverse group of people attending.	I believe that there is strong interest among the student body for the University Retreat. Last year attendance actually grew from the previous year to over 130 students. Compared to many events on campus, this is a highly-attended activity. If the attendance grew any higher, it would be difficult to fit into the tight budget. Plus, if larger amounts of students participated, the individuality that is important to the event could be lost. I like the size of the event as it is if we continue to seek a diverse set of students, faculty and staff from the campus.
<b>How do you view your role within the Administration Cabinet: as administrative or as an active member? Should the vice president have ADCAB experience?</b>	Keeping with the theme, if elected, the House will take a minimalist role in the Administrative Cabinet. So I guess you would call that an administrative role.	I am a very active member of ADCAB. As a chairwoman, I have worked under two different vice presidents, both of whom were not on ADCAB. Because the VP serves as a liaison between ADCAB and the House Executive Board and as adviser for the committee chairpersons, I feel it is extremely necessary for the VP to have a clue as to what these committees do, how they have done things in the past and how committee chairpersons will respond to policies within ADCAB and Exec. Having been a chairwoman for a year, I feel I have the respect and experience one needs for leading these committee chairpersons.	My position within the Administrative Cabinet is both as an administrative member and an active member. It is active in the sense that I can create projects and delegate projects to committees. At the same time, my role is also administrative. I have the responsibility to see to it that things are being carried out within the committees. With this diverse set of roles, it is obvious that communication is essential in this process. For this reason, I have sought to improve communication, and it is one of my goals if re-elected to continue this. Although when I stepped into the position I did not have experience, the transition could have been made easier if I did. However, I do not believe ADCAB experience is absolutely necessary.
<b>Do you support an increase of student activity fees? Why or why not?</b>	It will be no surprise that I do not support an increase in the student activity fee. I feel the students can better decide what to do with their money than the House can. That is why I propose returning all of the money left in the budget to the students.	I do not support an increase in student fees. The general fund of the House is one clue that we already have extra money. There is no need to demand more money from students when we cannot spend all of the money we have right now.	Personally, I believe that we should increase the student activity fee. Only a year ago, an attempt was made from the House for this to happen. The proposal was to increase the current activity fee of \$20 to only \$30 over a two-year span. When put into perspective, this small increase can reap so many benefits. I would like so much to see more big name attractions visiting the TCU campus.

## Treasurer

Questions	Mark Irish junior finance and accounting major Ennis
<b>What are your goals as treasurer of the House of Student Representatives?</b>	I want money to be spent on projects that will benefit students now because they are paying their student activity fees now. Also, I want to take a look at the way the House handles conference bills because they consume most of our funds each semester.
<b>What are your qualifications to be treasurer?</b>	My qualifications to be treasurer include my being a finance/accounting double-major. This is my third year as a representative and I know how the House runs. I have served on the Finance Committee for two semesters. I also helped manage the \$16,000 budget for the 1996 TCU Leadership Retreat.
<b>What is your stance on spending House funds? Should all funds be spent each semester, or should the House save money for future semesters?</b>	First of all, bills "flood" the House floor in the final few sessions not in an effort to exhaust all funds but because the committee and reps work hard all semester researching various projects and if they happen to finish their work at the end of the semester, then so be it. I do not want the House funds wasted or specifically saved. Being conservative and trying specifically to save money runs the risk of students never being able to see the results of their fees.
<b>What is your position on the accessibility of the House's financial records? Should these records be open to House members or officers beyond the president and the treasurer?</b>	The House's financial records should be accessible to everyone from officers to House members to the student body. It makes sense that the financial records should be open to everyone. Anyone should be able to come into the Student Center Annex or go to their representatives and ask about anything relating to the House's financial records.
<b>There is a perception that House spending is tipped unevenly toward specific groups of students at the expense of projects that will benefit the entire student body? Is this fair? Why or why not? If not, what would you do to change spending priorities?</b>	It is definitely not fair to tip House spending toward specific groups of students but in my three years of House, I have not seen this taken place. All students have an equal opportunity to get with their representative and write bills. Does this question refer to bills to send organizations to conferences? If it does, I can answer that by saying conference participants come back from conferences with information to give back to the entire campus. But, as I stated above, one of my goals is to look at the way the House funds conference bills.
<b>Do you support an increase of student activity fees? Why or why not?</b>	I do support an increase (gradual) in student fees in order to increase available funds in which many more exciting things could be done. An increase is something I would have no control over. It would have to pass the House and by the student body by a two-thirds majority vote. I would like to see part of the new funds allocated to a big name speaker/concert/entertainment type of fund and a big part go to the Rickel to renovate and upkeep it, and some to go to the House's special projects fund.

Secretary

Questions

Sarah Schoper
sophomore
political science
major
Johnston, Iowa



Angela Sifuentes
junior history
and political
science major
Fort Worth



What are your goals as secretary of the House of Student Representatives?

If elected I will be representing the student body. One of my primary goals is to use my vote to portray their needs and concerns. Another goal is to keep records accessible and organized, making myself available for questions concerning them.

My goals as secretary of the House of Student Representatives are to continue to enforce the standards that have already been set forth. I plan to reevaluate the attendance policy of the House members, as well as implement new ideas to make the secretarial position more efficient.

What are your qualifications to be secretary?

I operate comfortably on the computer and see myself as organized. Being involved in the leadership programs PRISM 1 and 2, holding secretarial positions in the past and being asked to speak at TCU's Parents Council about leadership. I am also confident I can bring unique qualities to this position.

I have many qualifications that would make an exceptional House secretary. As a two term elected member, I served on both the University Relations and Student Concerns committees. I am able to keep efficient records and bring in new ideas that are essential to serving as your new House secretary.

How will you make House records more accessible to students?

I feel that currently the House records are accessible. I can ensure the student body that I will complete all records timely, keeping them well organized and making myself available for questioning concerning them.

In order to make the House records more accessible to constituents as well as members, there should be a permanent place, or filing system, to store bills, resolutions, the House budget and any other highly requested House documents. There are times when students want to research past bills and resolutions in order to gain knowledge of a particular issue or to have background sources when sponsoring new bills or resolutions. For these reasons the records need to be easily accessible for all students.

Under current House rules, members are considered present even if they come to meetings for roll call but leave without voting? Do you support this policy? Why or why not? If not, how would you change it?

I currently support this policy because it is the House rule. Nevertheless, if I were able to change it I would count only those who express to me prior to the start of the House meetings that they are leaving before voting begins as present. However, because I am elected by the student body I would support whatever changes, if any, they feel necessary to this rule.

I do not agree with the policy of members being considered present even though they leave without voting. Members were elected to represent their constituents which is hard to do if they are not there to vote on legislation that may concern them. Under the current House policy, a member is able to miss four meetings. I would like to see this reduced to two absences and on the third absence voting privileges are taken away. On occasion circumstances arise in which a member may have to leave early, but they should only be allowed to do it twice during the semester.

Do you support an increase in student activity fees? Why or why not?

I personally do not support an increase in student activity fees. Rather I feel that the House needs to strive harder to make sure that they are spending the students' money as efficiently as they can.

Everyone is familiar with saying "you get what you pay for", well if we had a larger budget to work with, Programming Council may be able to bring additional big name events to TCU like bands, speakers and comedians. PC tries their best to bring in quality entertainment. I would rather pay a \$5 to \$10 one-time fee increase, than a \$14 to \$15 yearly tuition increase. The activities fee has not been increased in four years, while tuition continues to rise.

VP of Programming

Questions

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What are your goals as vice president of programming?

Programming Council plans and presents many events throughout the school year that range from Black History Month to Homecoming. However, many people don't know what PC actually does. I want to increase awareness and participation in PC functions. I also want to enhance communication with other organizations so we can work, play and learn together.

What are your qualifications to be vice president of programming?

I have served on PC for two years. Having operated in the capacity of Decorations subcommittee for Parents Weekend 1995 and chairman of Family Weekend 1996, I feel I understand the dynamics of PC. I can represent it with energy, enthusiasm and knowledgeability.

TCU is not known for having big name speakers or performers. Why is that? What are the obstacles to featuring better shows? How do you plan to address these obstacles?

PC's limitations on bringing "big name" performers are purely financial and facility limitations. PC only has an allotted amount of funds to budget among nine committees. This limits what committees, such as Forums and Concert Events, can do to attract these big names. Another problem that arises is ticket pricing. For PC to break even or go at a small loss, the ticket prices would more than likely cost more than the student body would like to pay. Also, the other obstacle turns out to be facility use. Ed Landreth Auditorium is the largest gathering place TCU has (1,200 capacity) without getting into athletic facilities. Daniel Meyer Coliseum is dominated by basketball basically year-round. However, I want to attempt bringing a big name performer to TCU. With the reallocation of funds, a bit of scheduling luck and the support of the student body, it can be a reality.

What do you intend to do to boost student participation in student activities during the fall semester and thus boost freshman retention?

PC is a fantastic opportunity for freshmen to meet new people and get involved at a very early stage in their college careers. I plan to continue the PC Brochure that is distributed to new students or an immediate way of getting PC's name out and create interest. I, along with all of PC, will initiate a "speaking tour" of sorts to organizations on campus. This tour would advertise involvement in PC and enlighten students to the many benefits involvement in PC can bring (such as working with a budget, leading a group of people, orchestrating publicity through techniques like advertising, etc.). Hopefully, by involving other large organizations in event planning and publicity, attendance will boost along with excitement for PC.

Do you support an increase in the student activity fee? Why or why not?

Limitations are set on PC immediately with a number of committees and types of events we put on. Increasing the student activity fees and therefore increasing PC's budget allows PC flexibility to do so much more with existing programs. An increase also means a greater likelihood and possibility of attracting big name performers. The list of options regarding bands, comedians, mcees, artists, speakers and other performers increases directly. Quality increases also with more flexibility, and PC is able to expand and do more for the student body.

Don't forget to vote!

Student body elections will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the Student Center.

Runoffs, if needed, will be held Nov. 14.

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New contract gives workers more say in outsourcing

By Brian S Akre
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CHICAGO — The United Auto Workers negotiated a much bigger say in decisions to contract out parts work under its new three-year contract with General Motors, bargain-ers said Wednesday. UAW President Stephen Yokich and his bargaining team laid out details of the tentative contract to local leaders in a closed-door meeting before the union's leadership voted unanimously to recommend ratification.

GM's 215,000 UAW workers were expected to complete voting by Nov. 17. The agreement, reached Saturday, appears to be patterned after recent pacts with Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler Corp., but with some key differences. The UAW gained a major role for itself in so-called "outsourcing" decisions that it negotiated with either Ford or Chrysler, a summary shows. That is significant because GM makes far more of its parts than its

Big Three competitors. GM, the least efficient of the Big Three automakers, sought broader exceptions to allow it to cut thousands of jobs. The automaker has been preparing to sell or close underperforming plants operated by its huge Delphi Automotive Systems parts subsidiary. The UAW says GM also guaranteed it would maintain at least 95 percent of its UAW-covered jobs, with exceptions for market downturns and efficiency improvements. Ford and Chrysler's contracts have

similar language. Yokich disputed reports that the contract will allow GM to trim 30,000 jobs through attrition and plant closures over the next three years. He said the union has no estimate of what job loss, if any, is possible. Like the Ford and Chrysler contracts, the GM agreement allows the automaker to enter new parts businesses and pay a lower wage at these businesses, so long as it does not undercut the wages of UAW-represented suppliers in the same parts

segment or region, the union said. The pact also improves retirement benefits and provides workers a \$2,000 bonus in the first year, followed by 3 percent wage increases in the second and third years. The typical GM worker will gain nearly \$14,000 over the life of the contract. Steve Featherston, president of Local 1999 in Oklahoma City, said he was pleased with the wage and outsourcing provisions. "Anything we can do to keep jobs, we need to keep doing it," Featherston said. "All in all, I think

it's a very good package." Joseph Roh, president of Local 20 in Jacksonville, Fla., represents 57 workers who lost their jobs in June when GM closed its locomotive repair shop in Jacksonville, Fla. He predicted GM will spin off Delphi and its part operations within the next five years. "Delphi is suckin' dust," Roh said. "The bottom line is, the UAW is going to represent GM on the assembly lines only. The UAW is never going to be able to stop GM from outsourcing."

Bragging rights, not control of Congress, at stake in runoffs

By Michelle Mittstadt
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON — Texas won't play the role of tiebreaker in deciding whether Republicans or Democrats wield the gavel in the House come January — a scenario that was an outside possibility going into Election Day. Even as the outcome of a few House races remained in doubt Wednesday, it's clear Republicans will retain control of the House, albeit with the slimmest majority since 1953.

The two parties' immediate futures may not be intertwined with the fate of Texas House runoffs on Dec. 10, but that doesn't mean the races have become a footnote. More than bragging rights are at stake in the trio of runoffs that resulted from the redistricting remedy imposed by a panel of federal judges in Houston. Seeking to correct three House districts ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, the judges redrew the boundaries of those three and 10 adjacent districts. With that decision,

the judges effectively threw out the results of the March primary, ordering a special election on Nov. 5. In three of those races, no one emerged with a clear majority Tuesday night, pushing six candidates to the Dec. 10 runoff. Republicans, who surfaced from Election Day with a gain of two seats in Texas' 30-member delegation, are sure of retaining at least one of the three undecided seats. Two Republicans, state Rep. Kevin Brady of The Woodlands and Spring hospital investor

Gene Fontenot, advanced to the runoff in the 8th District, where Republican Jack Fields of Humble is retiring. The 9th District in the Gulf Coast and the Houston area's 25th District offer the more conventional Democrat-versus-Republican matchup. Democrats remain eager to topple GOP freshman Rep. Steve Stockman of Friendswood, who was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's 9th District balloting. Stockman, a controversial member of the noisy, large class

of Republican freshman, advances to the runoff with Democrat Nick Lampson of Beaumont. National Republicans, for their part, are eager to unseat Democratic freshman Ken Bentsen of Houston, who faces moderate Republican Dolly Madison McKenna of Houston. The two emerged at the top of a crowded, 11-person field in the 25th District. Conservative Democrat Beverley Clark, who polled just 199 votes less than McKenna, said Wednesday she is contemplating requesting a recount.

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Barbecue-Simmered Chicken Chunks

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts or turkey breast tenderloins, all visible fat removed
Vegetable oil spray
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1/4 cup spreadable fruit or reduced-sugar marmalade, jelly, jam or preserves

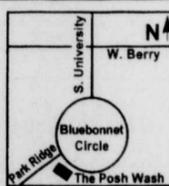
Rinse chicken and pat dry. Cut into bite-size pieces. Spray a large skillet with vegetable oil. Place over medium-high heat. Add chicken pieces to hot skillet. Cook 3 to 4 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink, stirring occasionally. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook and stir until heated through, about 3 minutes. Serves 4; 1/2 cup per serving. Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cooking time: 6 to 7 minutes.

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# Voters decide on hot-button issues

## Propositions decide fate of affirmative action, pot use in California

By Helen O'Neill  
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California turned its back on affirmative action. Florida rejected a sugar tax to clean up the Everglades. And pot smokers puffed celebratory joints in California and Arizona after marijuana was legalized for medical purposes.

Across the nation Tuesday, voters decided on ballot measures ranging from securities fraud to logging and leg traps — all of them hot-button issues in their states.

Colorado refused to squeeze property taxes from churches or to enshrine the "inalienable right" of parents into its constitution.

South Carolina clung stubbornly to the blue laws that make it illegal

for retail stores to open before 1:30 p.m. on Sundays.

And Montana tried to polish its image. In the year when the fugitive Freeman held authorities at bay for 81 days, voters passed a measure that would make it easier to sue people accused of threats and ban the filing of bogus property liens — a favorite tactic of militia groups.

"Ballot measures are all about individuality," said Elaine Stuart, editor of *State Government*, a magazine published by the Council of State Governments, a nonprofit group in Lexington, Ky. "They are about shaping our identity as individual states."

Win or lose, they tend to pave the way for future legislation, and

national change. California's Proposition 209, which bans racial and sex preferences in public hiring, contracting and education, was widely considered the most divisive — and one of significant ballot battles around the country.

Both sides invoked the spirit and speeches of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, framing the debate as a vote on the future of discrimination and affirmative action around the country.

Supporters argued for a color-blind society, while opponents said the move would derail programs that counter racism and sexism.

The final say will likely shape affirmative action programs nationally — and will probably be decid-

ed, not by voters, but in the courts. Both sides Wednesday filed lawsuits over the measure — proponents to get it into effect, opponents to get rid of it as unconstitutional.

"No matter what happens, this is only the beginning of what we believe will be a nationwide battle," said Kathy Spillar, a leader of Stop Prop 209.

Controversy wasn't the only hallmark of California ballots. The state also boasted some of the costliest campaigns, spending more than \$40 million over a proposal to make it easier to sue for securities fraud. The nation's stock exchanges invested heavily — and successfully — in a campaign to kill it.

# Reformers say Perot should go

DALLAS — (AP) Ross Perot spent most of this year claiming his bid for the presidency was not about him. Now his words are about to be tested by Reform Party backers looking to move beyond the Texas founder.

"He's got to let the Reform Party go and grow," Richard Lamm said of the billionaire he had opposed for the party's presidential nomination. "He certainly is the founder of this party and will be remembered as such by history. But it can't be a wholly owned subsidiary. He's got to let go."

The party that Perot funded and fronted is now a viable rival to the Republican and Democratic parties in more than 30 states, the strong beginnings of a permanent independent movement.

"They're on the upswing," said Richard Winger of sy2cf2Ballot Access Newssy0cf2, a newsletter devoted to the third-party movement. "This will be the first time since the Civil War that the combined third-party vote will be at 10 percent two elections in a row."

Although Perot's popular vote showing Tuesday was about half of the 19 percent he garnered in 1992, it was enough to qualify the party for a percentage of future federal funding. His participation in the last two elections also helped steer the debate

toward the national debt, trade deficit and campaign finance reform.

Perot's dissenters say he is a thorn in the side of the independent movement.

"It's not going to amount to a hill of beans as a movement," said Ann Saucier, a former Perot fan from Ohio. "He will not let it go. If he gives a dime to it, he'll control it. The man is not credible. He's the Wizard of Oz. It's all smoke and mirrors."

But Russ Verney, Perot's campaign coordinator, suggested the Reform Party would continue to develop into a political force.

The reality lies somewhere in the middle, said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas.

"Eventually anything durable has to outlast and go beyond its founder," he said. "It would help if Perot was more willing to share power and not to function so much as a dictator. But, as long as he's the guy with the billions at hand, I don't think the reform nucleus would be better off to get rid of him unless he refuses to share power."

Perot has been coy about his intentions, although he did tell his supporters to take a break and then get back to work. Perot could run again in the year 2000, but "he hasn't made that decision yet," Verney said.

# FDA approves new Pap smear test

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Massachusetts firm won Food and Drug Administration permission Wednesday to advertise that it has developed the first improved Pap smear in 50 years.

The ThinPrep test by Cytoc Corp. is a new way to prepare Pap smears so that this vital test for cervical cancer isn't marred by a smudged laboratory slide.

Pap smears can detect abnormal cells before they become cancerous, or find cancer early enough to cure it.

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Cells are scraped from the cervix, smeared onto a microscope slide and analyzed for abnormalities.

Sometimes excess blood or mucus mingled with the cells smudge the Pap slide, however, and women must be retested.

With ThinPrep, doctors don't prepare the slide. Instead, they stick the cervical swab into a special vial where chemicals separate the cells

from the trash. The laboratory filters the cells onto a slide for a cleaner test.

The FDA approved ThinPrep in May as an alternative way of preparing Pap slides. But on Wednesday, Cytoc said the FDA had pronounced ThinPrep significantly more effective than standard Pap smears. Now Cytoc will advertise the test directly to doctors in an effort to make ThinPrep the

new standard of care.

ThinPrep worked as well as standard Paps for detecting most abnormalities, and in many labs — but not all — it did offer a better chance of detecting a subset of dangerous cells, including a type of pre-cancer, said FDA's Dr. Susan Alpert.

Whether ThinPrep will replace standard Paps depends on labs deciding "whether they're going to benefit if they add this," Alpert said. "Some labs are making the decision that having the cleaner slides gives them a better chance of detecting more significant abnormalities."

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**Basketball team wins exhibition, 125-89**

The TCU men's basketball team, in its first competitive action of the season, defeated the Conoco Oilers, 125-89, in an exhibition contest Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum in front of 1,597.

TCU junior guard Malcolm Johnson led all scorers with 27 points, while sophomore center Damion Walker added 16 and grabbed 10 rebounds in only 23 minutes of action. Junior guard Mike Jones had 19 points and eight assists.

Senior guard Jeff Jacobs came off the bench for the Horned Frogs to score 22 points and handed out six assists.

Dewayne Bonner was the high scorer for the Oilers with 20 points.

The Frogs raced out to a 62-46 halftime lead and shot 54 percent from the field for the game (53 of 98). Six different Frogs scored in double figures.

The Frogs will play one more exhibition contest before their Nov. 23 season opener against McNeese State University. TCU will host the Australian National Team at 7:05 p.m. at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

**Harrick fired as coach at UCLA**

LOS ANGELES — Jim Harrick, the second-winningest coach in UCLA basketball history behind the storied John Wooden, was fired Wednesday for an alleged recruiting violation and a false expense report.

His dismissal came just two weeks before the start of the 1996-97 season, and just 19 months after Harrick coached the Bruins to their first NCAA basketball title in 20 years — the first since the Wooden era.

Steve Lavin, a 32-year-old assistant, will be the interim coach this year; the school will look for a successor during the season.

In addition to committing an NCAA violation during a recruiting dinner, UCLA said Harrick violated NCAA rules regarding ethical conduct, for "refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution."

When questioned about the dinner by UCLA officials conducting the investigation, the school said, Harrick misrepresented significant facts on more than one occasion.

Later, when confronted by university officials who had compiled the facts of the dinner, Harrick admitted he had misled the school.

"(The situation) would've been treated differently if he had been forthright from the beginning," athletic director Peter Dalis said.

**Coca-Cola to sponsor Texas stock car race**

FORT WORTH (AP) — The first major stock car race at the new Texas International Raceway has a sponsor and a name: the Coca-Cola 300.

Details of the April 5, 1997, race were announced Wednesday at the under-construction, 1.5-mile track that will hold 150,061 seats.

"Coca-Cola has a rich history in NASCAR racing and we're excited that they are going to be a part of this monumental race week," said Eddie Gossage, the track's general manager.

The race will be televised by CBS.

Other events scheduled for the new track include the Texas 500 (April 6) and the Longhorn 500 (June 7).

Gossage on Wednesday also announced that season tickets for all three races will be available for between \$55 and \$190. They go on sale Monday and will be sold only through mail order.

Individual event tickets will go on sale, if available, early next year.

# Men's losing streak extends to seven

By **Patricio Crooker**  
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team continued its second-half slide last weekend, dropping a pair of games to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and San Diego State University.

The losses extended the team's losing streak to seven games and dropped the Horned Frogs to 5-14 on the year, 0-7 in the Western Athletic Conference.

Friday in Las Vegas, the TCU fell by the score of 2-0 to the Rebels. On Sunday in San Diego against SDSU, the Frogs lost by an identical 2-0 count.

The Frogs close out the regular season at home with a WAC contest against No. 10-ranked Southern Methodist University (13-4-1, 5-1-1) at 3 p.m. Sunday at the TCU soccer fields.

UNLV registered the shutout Friday by holding the Frogs to only four shots, while the Rebels took 15 of their own.

TCU sophomore forward Chris Hlavacek said the team was not mentally prepared for the two games. He said the team was distracted playing away from home, and that was the difference.

"We should have won a lot more games (this year)," he said. "We were playing with teams we can compete (against). We dominate games and completely control the atmosphere."

TCU head coach David Rubinson said that in this, the team's first year in the WAC, conference play was difficult, but the game against San Diego State was

one the Frogs could have won.

"It was not that our players did not have chances," Rubinson said. "They just did not finish their chances."

Rubinson said it is critical to get chances after the other team scores the first goal and that TCU had the opportunities. He said TCU was a better team but did not score the goals to show it.

Junior forward Britt Stroud said TCU dominated both games last weekend and should have won both contests.

"We ran out of ideas in the last third of the field," Stroud said.

Stroud said the problem of not scoring goals is either the confidence or the ability to actually beat people.

"Last year we beat UNLV and we only stayed in the game for half the time, but this game we stayed in full time," Stroud said. "It was a reverse in roles."

Hlavacek said TCU has a lot of hard work to do this week to prepare for SMU. He said TCU is even with SMU physically.

"We don't have anything to lose but everything to gain," Hlavacek said. "It is going to be a real mental game."

SMU senior forward Daniel Montoya, who was named WAC player of the week last week, leads the conference in assists with 10 and is fifth in the WAC in scoring with 24 points.

The Frogs will try to reverse last year's score of 5-0, and Stroud said TCU has nothing to lose Sunday.

"I think it will make our season if we beat them," Stroud said.



TCU sophomore Mark Papini dribbles upfield during a men's soccer game against Fresno State earlier this season. With two Western Athletic Conference losses over the weekend, the Horned Frogs have lost seven games in a row, dropping their record to 5-14, 0-7 in the WAC.

## Team members suspended for betting Boston College players uncovered for wagering on pro sports, own team

By **Jimmy Golen**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWTON, Mass. — Two Boston College players bet against their team in a Oct. 26 loss to Syracuse, the local prosecutor said today. The school said those two players and 11 teammates were suspended for betting on sports.

Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly said there was no evidence of point-shaving, but he noted that an investigation was continuing. Syracuse beat BC 45-17.

One of the players was a member of the special teams, but neither player was in a position to affect the outcome of the game, Reilly said.

Reilly said a total of 13 BC players had bet on college and pro football and on major league baseball games, including this year's World Series. The bets ranged from \$25-\$50 to "several hundred dollars and others that were much higher," Reilly said.

A list of players "suspended for failure to meet their responsibilities as a student athlete at Boston College" was released but there was no indication which of the players might have bet against their own team.

Coach says "there will be no com-

promises"

At an afternoon news conference BC athletic director Chet Gladchuk said, "When it comes to the moral and ethical conduct of our players and when it pertains to the integrity of our university, there will be no compromises at Boston College."

The suspended players were identified as running back Jamall Anderson, offensive lineman Marcus Bemby, defensive back Paul Cary, defensive linemen John Coleman and Dan Collins, wide receivers Chris Cosenze, Steve Everson and Brandon King, tight end Scott Dragos, center Kyle Geiselman, linebackers Brian Maye and Jermaine Monk and tight end Rob Tarido.

Syracuse was a 13-point favorite against Boston College but trailed 14-7 before rallying for 17 straight points in the final 1:43 of the first half. The Orange got the ball for those three scores on two BC punts and an interception.

**Scandal at B.C. 14 years ago**

The 8,800-student school was at the center of a point-shaving scandal in 1982 when Rick Kuhn was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for his role in fixing six basketball games during the 1978-79 season.

Initial reports pointed to a similar problem this time.

But coach Dan Henning, either knowing or hoping that no such evidence existed, stressed Tuesday that things could have been worse.

"We're dealing with a situation here where the NCAA has a rule, and there are going to be some individuals here that are going to live with some kind of problem if they have bet on a game," the embattled coach said. "That's not my major concern."

"My major concern is if anybody on our football team has bet on our game and against us. That's an indefensible position."

Henning has closed practices this week as the team prepares for its biggest game of the year, on Saturday against No. 17 Notre Dame.

**Rumors surfaced after Pitt loss**

Rumors of point-shaving or game-fixing by BC players surfaced in recent weeks and intensified after Thursday's 20-13 loss to Pittsburgh, a game in which the Eagles were favored by 11½ points.

Four Eagles sophomores — Kiernan Speight, Monk, Anderson and King, who has not played this season because of a broken foot — were confronted by Henning and the

team's student captains on Saturday. Later that day, Gladchuk announced that the school would investigate the rumors with the goal of clearing the program's name.

**Attorney admits two gambled**

John McBride, an attorney for the four BC sophomores at the center of the controversy, said only two of his clients admitted that they have gambled.

"They told the authorities at Boston College that they never bet on BC games," McBride said. "But they also told the authorities that they did bet on other games."

NCAA rules forbid athletes from betting on any intercollegiate or professional sporting events. McBride also said Tuesday he was told the matter would be resolved by Wednesday.

"We'll deal with that when the time comes," he said. "But right now, it is not something that it was originally thought."

Henning said Speight and another player whom he did not identify had asked out of practice Monday and would sit out again on Tuesday. Speight has denied any gambling.

"He (Speight) doesn't feel like he could practice football as long as his

name has been put up like that," Henning said. "That's unfortunate. But I certainly understand his feelings."

"If they're not named or if they're innocent, they'll play" Saturday against No. 17 Notre Dame, Henning said, noting that he usually does not let players participate in games if they don't practice.

**Henning already under fire**

Henning's job was already in jeopardy because of his 15-17-1 record, with a 4-5 mark this season. He said his team was dealing with the distractions well while preparing for Notre Dame — their biggest game of the year.

Meanwhile, Las Vegas oddsmakers, who took Saturday's game off the board briefly on Monday, have resumed betting with Notre Dame a 2½-point favorite. According to Chris Chavez of Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which sets the line for most major sporting books in Las Vegas, the game is "circled," meaning sports books will take only half their usual bet.

Not because of betting rumors, Chavez said, but because of possible suspensions of BC players.

## Red Raiders, Longhorns find cures for their ills

By **Mark Babineck**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — A weekend off was just what the doctor ordered for Texas Tech University after two straight bone-crunching games. Conversely, the University of Texas was grateful for its chance to play — and win.

Each side considers itself primed for the Saturday showdown that could decide the inaugural Big 12 South division champion.

"Until we beat Baylor, I had forgotten what it felt like to win," Texas linebacker Tyson King said. "Those losses were stacking up."

The Longhorns (4-4, 2-2) had lost four of five games before holding off Baylor University 28-23 Saturday to keep themselves in the divisional mix.

Meanwhile, the Red Raiders (5-3, 4-2) have won four of their last five, the only loss coming Oct. 19 against the two-time defending national champion University of Nebraska.

After beating hard-hitting Texas A&M University 13-10 the following week, it was tough to find a Tech player not savoring last weekend's bye.

"After the A&M game, I was so beat up," offensive lineman Ben Kaufman said. "I was happy to have an off week."

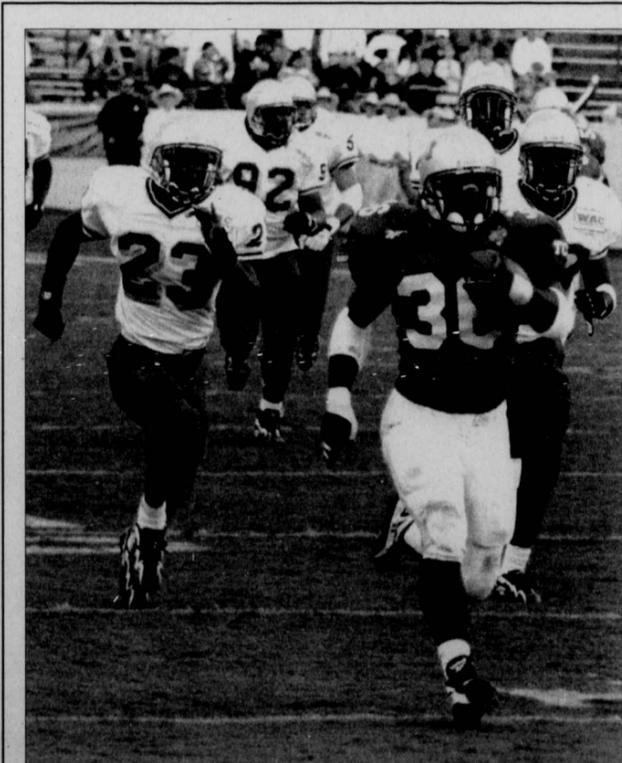
Tech's injury situation is negligible. Tight end and deep snapper Brad Spinks remains out with knee problems, but the Raiders will welcome back desperately needed fullback Ryan Jones, who had his appendix removed three weeks ago.

He'll replace redshirt freshman starter Sammy Morris, who was declared academically ineligible Monday.

The one thing the confidence-building victory over Baylor didn't do for the Longhorns was allow them to recover from a rash of ailments.

"We've had 10 forearm injuries, from the elbow to hand area," Texas coach John Mackovic said. "Most of them can play with a cast, though."

This game could go a long way in determining which school will represent the South division against the North champion in the inaugural Big 12 title game, Dec. 7 in St. Louis.

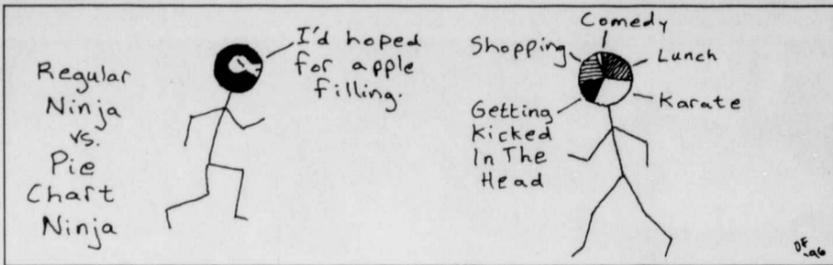


TCU redshirt freshman tailback John Williams leaves a trail of Rebel defenders behind on his way to a 69-yard touchdown run during TCU's 42-34 win Saturday over Nevada-Las Vegas.

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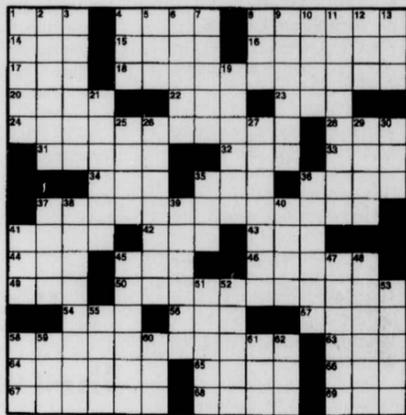
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