

## Skiff

## Colleges

## Police beat Penn frosh, witnesses say

PHILADELPHIA — Police officers responding to a string of bloody assaults Thursday beat a University of Pennsylvania freshman unconscious before arresting him, numerous eyewitnesses said.

Bill Sofield was allegedly assaulted by university and other police officers inside the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house after the officers entered the house to arrest him for disorderly conduct.

And although Sofield was later charged with resisting arrest, Fiji brothers said Monday that the 18-year-old did not provoke the attack.

University Police officials declined to comment on any specifics of Thursday's incident, stressing that the entire evening remains under investigation. They are continuing to interview a large number of witnesses.

"Our goal, as in any investigation, is to find out what happened," Detective Commander Tom King said.

Director of Police Operations Maureen Rush said, "We want to be sure that our officers do the right thing. We hold them to that standard, and this investigation as it unfolds will be looking at the totality of the circumstances of the evening."

—Daily Pennsylvanian  
University of Pennsylvania

## MSU provost defends tenure review

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — If Michigan State University adopts a policy that could subject tenured professors to intensive performance review, it would be part of a trend administrators say is improving quality, reducing costs and creating accountability to the public.

Tenure has traditionally meant that after faculty members reach full professor status, they are protected from dismissal except for serious misconduct.

But universities across the country are adopting post-tenure review policies, Michigan State Provost Lou Anna Simon told about 25 faculty members last week at the last of four October formal discussions on her proposed post-tenure review policy.

Simon's proposal outlines an intensive review of a tenured professor who has received three unsatisfactory annual reviews in five years. Annual reviews are required of all faculty — tenured and untenured — starting this year, but many departments performed the reviews on their own in the past.

There is no current standard follow-up policy for tenured professors who receive unsatisfactory reviews.

—State News  
Michigan State University

## Cases of nitrous oxide inhalation on the rise

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — It's highly volatile, it can cause permanent brain damage, and chances are many students have experienced a seemingly harmless hit from a whipped-cream can. It's nitrous oxide, and among inhalants, it is one of the more popular.

Tony Camechis, associate director of the Ohio University Police Department, said there have already been several incidents this quarter in which students have abused nitrous oxide. He said in most cases, the students brought the equipment from home.

Lt. Pat Kelly of the Athens Police Department said nitrous oxide is hard to detect because the drug is odorless and the high lasts only a few seconds.

Since last April, Southeast Counties of Ohio Narcotics Task Force seized 21 tanks of nitrous oxide.

Kevin Murphy, a freshman, said nitrous oxide tanks can cost approximately \$100, in addition to the \$150 spent for 20 pounds of gas.

—The Post  
Ohio University

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## Alcohol, sex cloud judgment, duo warns

## AIDS doesn't discriminate, speaker says

By Danielle Daniel  
SKIFF STAFF

Alcohol and sex can be a deadly mix — a combination that can cause pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

And on Wednesday evening T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman brought this message to students through a program called "Friendship in the Age of AIDS." They said HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is no longer a statistic but a disease that affects friends and relatives close to home.

"The face of HIV is changing," Goldman said. "It's now mine. And realistically it could be yours."

Goldman said he contracted HIV because he thought people like him, an active student and a fraternity president at Indiana University, didn't get the disease. He said that during college and for several years after he mixed alcohol and sex, making the mistake of thinking he could tell who was carrying the fatal disease.

But five years ago Goldman said he learned he had HIV and now wants to educate college students to

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Joel Goldman (left) and T.J. Sullivan give a presentation Wednesday in the Student Center talking about the risks of HIV and AIDS on college campuses. The talk, which ranged from lighthearted comedy to somber discussions of the deadly virus, centered on the potential problems of mixing alcohol and sex.

Blair Pearce PHOTO EDITOR

## Students say humor, unique approach hits home

By Anne Drabicky  
STAFF REPORTER

Students lined the walls and covered nearly every inch of available floor space. And as two men pleaded for their listeners' lives, the audience laughed.

The Student Center Ballroom was filled to capacity last night as T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman spoke to the audience about the dangers of mixing alcohol and unprotected sex.

The men used humor to get and

hold the attention of their listeners, and students responded with an overwhelming show of support.

Forrest Robinson, a senior art education major, called the program very necessary and said he felt the unique approach made the subject much more palatable for students.

"I liked the way they balanced it with humor," he said. "I don't think a lot of people could have handled it otherwise."

Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said she was very impressed with the turnout.

"The response was wonderful," she said. "I think there was a good representation of a lot of students."

Kirst has heard the men speak on eight occasions and said they are always sincere and always talk on the students' level.

"Every single student walked out of this room taking something with them," she said.

Wednesday marked the five-year anniversary of the first speech Goldman ever gave, which was to a group of TCU students in the Ballroom.

Goldman, who is HIV positive, made that speech alone and said he was just as scared last night as he was the first time. He said the response was wonderful on both occasions.

"I had the same butterflies (tonight)," he said. "But I am (also) totally awed, as I was then. This

makes me believe that this is the best thing I could do with my life."

The men have spoken to groups as small as five and as large as 4,500. Sullivan said the response to their program has been huge.

Khadevis Robinson, a senior social work major, said the program really opened up students' eyes.

"Some of the things he was saying, you wouldn't even think of,"

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## Peace of mind

## Corps offers chance to heal the world

By Adriana Torrez  
STAFF REPORTER

For Lorraine Wistner, a Peace Corps volunteer, placement in Uruguay was more than a temporary commitment. It became a job opportunity.

Wistner served two years in Uruguay, in a city with a population of 50,000 people. She said people who learned of her Peace Corps experience often thought she was living in a grass hut and working with indigenous people, but she says that picture is not always accurate.

"I helped establish a wildlife reserve for five endangered species," she said. "I got to experience another culture by becoming totally immersed in it. It was a fantastic

experience. That's why when I came back I wanted to work with the Peace Corps."

Wistner became a recruiter for the corps when she returned from Uruguay in June. She is on campus from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge to help people learn more about volunteering with the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps was created by President John F. Kennedy on March 1, 1961. Since then more than 148,000 Americans have joined the corps, serving in 132 countries around the world.

To date, there are 6,300 volunteers serving in 87 countries in

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## TCU student earns Kimbell fellowship

By Erin Brinkman  
STAFF REPORTER

A TCU art history major became the first recipient of the Marilyn Ingram Fellowship in Museum Education from the Kimbell Art Museum this year.

Colette Crossman, a senior planning to graduate in December, received a nine-month paid position in the Kimbell's education department with flexible hours, which she started on Sept. 15.

Crossman said her main job is researching and writing teacher resource material for school tours, but she also coordinates material for docents, works in the slide library

and helps with workshop projects for children, adults and hearing impaired visitors.

"I love it," she said. "The people are wonderful to work with and knowledgeable about their departments. I'm working part-time now and will work full-time in the spring."

Mark Thistlethwaite, the coordinator of the art history program and the Kay and Velma Kimbell chair of art history at TCU, said Crossman became involved with the Kimbell when she interned at the museum for course credit in the spring of

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## Wright debate splits conservatives

## Lawmakers depart from free-market position on flight restrictions

By Matt Pearce  
SKIFF STAFF

When Congress passed new modifications to the Wright Amendment Oct. 9, very few free-market conservatives gave the issue a second thought before voting "yea."

That is, except for in North Texas.

The 1979 amendment, named for former House Speaker Jim Wright, limits nonstop flights in and out of Love Field to the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The original purpose of the amendment was to protect the fledgling Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport from competition in the late 1970s.

Several congressional leaders,

most notably Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), have fought to repeal the amendment. The modifications, passed 401-21 by the House, allow Love Field to extend service to Alabama, Kansas and Mississippi. The Senate passed the same modifications in a voice vote.

The compromise also ensures that airplanes with 56 or fewer passenger seats will be exempt from all Wright Amendment restrictions.

Republican Fort Worth City Councilman Clyde Picht, a Wright Amendment supporter, said the opponents haven't given consideration to the 1968 bond covenants signed by the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, which said neither city

would operate an airport in direct competition with D/FW.

"I don't believe too many people understand the basis of the amendment," he said. "It's not a matter of constitutionality or free enterprise. It's a political agreement between two cities."

The Fort Worth City Council voted 8-0, Oct. 10 to file a lawsuit against the city of Dallas, seeking a court order to block it from expanding interstate service out of Love Field. Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk has since requested negotiations between the two cities.

Picht said Congress should leave the Wright Amendment alone until

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## Loss ends TCU's season

The women's soccer team, shown here in a recent game, made an early exit from the Western Athletic Conference Tournament on Wednesday, losing, 3-0, to Brigham Young. (See story on page 7.)

Patricia Crocker SKIFF STAFF



## Pulse

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION** will meet at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 222.

**A MARKETING CAREER NIGHT** will be held at 5:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall Room 264. Executives from BTSI, Meridian Group, BDO Seidman, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, American Airlines and Ultimate Venture Inc. will be on hand to answer questions.

**THE WESLEY FOUNDATION UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at the Wesley Foundation Building for a meal and a program. For more information, call (817) 924-5639.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS** are invited to attend a criminal justice society meeting at 2 p.m. Friday in South Moudy Building Room 279. Crime scene investigator Ken Healy will speak, and free pizza will be served. For more information, call Janet at 920-8494.

**HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES** filing for executive officer positions will last until Friday. Interested students can pick up a filing packet in the House office in the Student Center Annex. For more information, call Ben Alexander at 920-3936.

**TCU TRIANGLE** will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Wesley Foundation Building. For more information call Priscilla Tate at 257-6164.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES** will host a lecture by Maria Roselia Jimenez, a writer and Chiapas native, titled "Contemporary Perspectives of the Mayan Woman" at 7 p.m. Monday in the North Moudy Building Room 141 as part of the Fall Lecture Series.

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### Prosecutors can pursue misuse of student loans, court rules

WASHINGTON — Misuse of student loan money — without evidence of fraudulent intent — is grounds for criminal prosecution, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday.

The court loosened criteria for criminal prosecution of misuse by students and the schools that administer loans, in a decision supporters called "a win for the rule book."

While "intent to defraud" was an initial requirement of loan fraud legislation, the court's decision says misapplication of funds is inherently criminal.

"The law shouldn't discriminate against cheaters," said Mark Cannon, executive director of the Coalition for Student Loan Reform. "The rule will aid prosecutions of those misusing the federal aid system."

Assistant U.S. attorney Ruth Hennage said prosecutors who handled the case were "very pleased" about the outcome.

—Medill News Service  
Northwestern University

### Columbia College Republicans celebrate mayor's win, GOP dominance in New York

NEW YORK — As Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani sailed triumphantly into a second term Tuesday night, Columbia University's College Republicans celebrated his success and rejoiced at the prospect of four more years of Republican rule in New York City.

George Demos, president of the College Republicans, led a delegation of nearly a half-dozen College Republicans who attended Giuliani's victory party at the New York Hilton on Tuesday night. Afterwards, Demos cited Giuliani's victory over Democrat Ruth Messinger as a defeat for Democratic politics in the city.

"The fact that the Mayor won with such an overwhelming majority

demonstrates the fact that New Yorkers have recognized that liberals can't be trusted to run the city," Demos said. "Ruth Messinger represented the politics of the old Democratic machine which New Yorkers have resoundingly rejected."

—The Spectator  
Columbia University

### Rutgers policy limits Greek social functions

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — A new social policy prohibits more than three social events for all Rutgers University campus Greek chapters.

In a memo released last week, JoAnn Arnholt, dean of fraternity and sorority affairs, said the policy will be in effect until Dec. 6 — the last day a chapter can host a social event this semester with the permission of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

Arnholt said she is unsure what action will be taken in future semesters.

In Greek chapter houses, members are permitted to hold alumni functions, brotherhood/sisterhood functions, date nights and mixers between two to four chapters. Each function is counted as one social event.

Events with nonmembers, such as invited guests, must take place in a location other than the chapter house.

Although he does not believe the policy will solve the alcohol problem, Rutgers Fraternity Council President Jason Caparaz, believes Arnholt is doing what has to be done.

"The university just wants the fraternities to obey the law," said Caparaz, a senior. "This is the best thing the university can do right now to help curb the alcohol problem."

—Daily Targum  
Rutgers University

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## PEACE

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Africa, Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, Central America, South America and Europe.

Wistner said at least 22 volunteers from TCU have served in the corps.

"We've had a history of working with Texas Christian University," she said. "Recruiters will usually come here once, sometimes twice every year."

"We normally get a good response. (But its) success really depends on the college," she said.

Those interested in volunteer-

ing must first call their regional recruitment office to get an application. Once the application is submitted, potential volunteers are assigned a recruiter. Candidates are then interviewed and evaluated on their personal and educational skills.

If they are approved, candidates are presented with the positions they are qualified for and what countries need their help.

Peace Corps volunteers must be United States citizens and must be at least 18 years old.

Wistner said that although can-

didates are asked what regions they'd prefer to serve in, they ask people to be "geographically flexible" because certain countries may be looking for people with particular skills.

"The more flexible you are the better the chances of getting placed," she said. "Obviously you want to go to an area where your skills will be used."

Wistner said selection of volunteers is competitive.

"We receive 130,000 inquiries a year," she said. "Of those, we get 10,000 qualified applicants. About

3,500 to 4,000 (actually) get placed each year."

Although Wistner said this number is sufficient to cover the need for volunteers, she said the Peace Corps is always looking for more applicants.

"We always would like more candidates because the more candidates you get the better quality of volunteers we send out," she said.

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## AIDS

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make better choices when combining drinking with sex.

"I wasn't someone who could run away from my problems," Goldman said. "I was one who believed in education, believed in helping other people."

Sullivan said people still do not know the facts about AIDS. AIDS is caused by HIV, which enters the human body through engaging in unprotected anal, vaginal or oral sex; sharing used drug needles; receiving blood transfusions and passing the virus from an infected mother to her child during childbirth.

He said the virus destroys the immune system. He said a healthy person has a T-cell count of about 1,200. Goldman, who has the HIV

virus, has a T-cell count of only 500.

"When you cross below 200 T-cells, that is when you are in the danger zone," Sullivan said. "That's when they classify you as having AIDS. AIDS is just a classification."

"You don't die of AIDS. You die because you have AIDS. You die because your immune system is shot, and you can't fight something probably the rest of us wouldn't get."

Sullivan said drinking alcohol puts students in a position where their judgment is marred. He said after one drink a person is in "stage one," in which they become less inhibited. After three or four drinks he said students enter the second stage, in which they do not make rational choices.

"You do things you would never do

in your entire life," Sullivan said. "People get big tattoos, pierce pieces of their body and (go on) road trips — 'Come on people... Orlando!'"

Stage three, Sullivan said, limits the amount of oxygen traveling to the brain, allowing a person to focus on only one thing at a time. He said stage four, which impairs coordination, is the stage in which people pass out.

Goldman and Sullivan travel across the country educating college students about AIDS and the dangers of drinking and unprotected sex.

Their goal is to raise \$10,000 this academic year for the Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Proceeds from the program totaled more than \$700, putting the duo's collections over \$4,000 for this academic year.

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he said. "More people need to come and listen. Everybody is affected by this."

Travis English, a senior business management major who organized the publicity for the event, said a lot of people didn't expect to be entertained by the program.

"A lot of people don't expect what they get, but in a good way," English said.

He said the program was a good one to bring to TCU because the university is sheltered from a lot of things.

Sullivan said, "I think they like the fact that there's comedy. We didn't deliver any new life-changing knowledge, but we presented it in a new way."

"We try to deliver the exact opposite (of what people expect)," he said.

Jill Grimsley, Panhellenic president, said the humor helped all students to take something with them.

"They presented it in a humorous light instead of it being like a health class," she said.

The men did not rely solely on humor, however, to make their point.

Sullivan described a situation in which a man and woman who have both been drinking end up in a bedroom.

"If she passes out, and he keeps going... that's sexual assault," he said. "I don't care if they had sex

five hours ago.

"When we mix sex and alcohol is when we get negative consequences," he said.

Goldman said one of the hardest things he's had to do was tell his parents about his condition.

"There is nothing worse in this world than looking at your mom and dad and telling them you'll probably pass away before they do," he said.

"From the moment I told them, I've known that it's harder on them than it is on me," Goldman said.

His family and friends have always been supportive, he said.

He said it makes him realize that "I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

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Dallas and Fort Worth decide it should be repealed because the amendment is a local issue.

"I'm pretty conservative," Picht said. "I'm for repealing the Wright Amendment when Dallas and Fort Worth want to repeal it, not when a senator from Alabama wants to."

Picht said he's gotten feedback from his constituents on the issue, including an e-mail from a staunch conservative who thinks it is strictly constitutional. Picht said he understands these concerns but doesn't believe the residents in his district understand the issue very well.

"It's not a matter of what the public thinks about it because they don't know the intricacies about it," he said.

Picht said the Wright Amendment does not hurt competition because several major airlines fly out of D/FW and compete with each other. When D/FW opened in 1974, every airline operating out of Love Field except Southwest agreed to switch airports, in accord with the 1968 covenants.

Picht said while Southwest was not yet an interstate carrier when D/FW opened, it has every right now

to fly its planes out of the airport and compete with major carriers such as American and Delta.

"If Southwest wants to go to D/FW and charge less, they can do it," he said. "There's no anti-competition situation involved here. It boils down to an agreement between Dallas and Fort Worth to move air traffic to D/FW, and all airlines except Southwest complied."

Picht said the Wright Amendment does not hurt Southwest, and a repeal or modification would do anything to help the carrier.

"Southwest can go over to D/FW, but the other airlines can't go over to Love Field," he said. "Southwest would rather have things stay the way they are than have other airlines come to Love Field."

While most congressional conservatives outside North Texas supported the repeal, local conservatives didn't. Traditionally pro-free enterprise politicians such as Reps. Kay Granger (R-Fort Worth), Dick Army (R-Irving) and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison are among its staunchest supporters.

Granger voted against the recent modifications, though Army voted

for them.

Joanne Green, an assistant professor of political science, said local Republicans have been influenced by city politicians in Dallas and Fort Worth, most of whom are heavily against repeal.

"The initial concern is that it would hurt the D/FW airport," she said. "Because the airport is so influenced by local politics, it could have a very negative repercussion on the local economy."

Green said Granger's motivation stems from her days as mayor of Fort Worth, when she worked hard to protect the Wright Amendment from repeal or modification. Green said D/FW has benefited from lack

of competition, though it has allowed airlines to charge higher rates at the airport than in other large cities.

Green said while most conservatives outside Texas favor repealing the amendment, those in Texas may not feel the same way if the issue dealt with an airport outside the state.

"The conservative ideology is free market and the freedom of business to determine their prices and regulation," she said. "However, you can't make a blanket statement and say they'd oppose deregulation if it were somewhere else, because there are local circumstances in other cities as well."

Green said while public opinion polls show most of their constituents support a repeal of the Wright Amendment, representatives such as Army and Granger aren't abandoning them on the issue.

"They're addressing what they believe to be in the best interest of their constituents and what they see as an informed position," she said. "Just because they're not necessarily directly paralleling their constituents doesn't mean they're not concerned with them."

Conservative WBAP-AM (820) radio talk show host Mark Davis favors repeal of the amendment because it is anti-consumer and anti-free enterprise.

"There are concerns here among our local elected representatives that D/FW will have trouble surviving if people drive to Love Field to fly out, but I just don't believe that," he said. "I wish some of them would reacquaint themselves with free markets."

Davis said he's not sure why so many North Texas conservatives are protective of the amendment.

"I have no idea why someone else thinks the way they do," he said.

"There are a lot of powerful people in the public and private sector who are protective of D/FW, but what the consumers want is for the Wright Amendment to die, so that's going to happen sooner or later."

Davis said the fact that so many conservatives in the area support the restrictions on air traffic defies logic.

"It's curious that every conservative senator and congressman outside of Texas knows that the whole Wright Amendment is a pig in a poke," he said.

Davis said he disagrees with local politicians in Dallas and Fort Worth who say the Wright Amendment is strictly an issue between the two cities, because politicians outside the area have stake in the issue.

"If it really does effect your constituents, there's nothing wrong with getting involved," he said. "People have said Shelby is a foreigner, but his constituents want to fly out of Love Field."

He said the Wright Amendment will continue to be a regular topic on his show until it is repealed outright, which he believes is inevitable.

"It will probably come up regularly until the turkey dies," he said.

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## editorial

### WANTED: HOUSE CANDIDATES

On Friday, the House of Student Representatives will stop taking applications for officer candidates. Any student who thinks he or she can make a positive impact on campus should strongly consider running for president, vice president, vice president for programming, secretary or treasurer.

Though few students usually turn out to vote, those who do deserve a full slate of good candidates from which to choose student government officers. In the 1996 election, three of the five candidates for top offices ran unopposed. That's not a choice, that's election by default.

It's crucial that a student group that purports to represent the entire student body have strong, effective leaders. The only way to ensure that is having candidates with dif-

ferent views from various segments of the campus community run for office.

Keep in mind, also, that students need not be House members to run. Current House

President Andy Mitchell had never been in the House before his election last year.

In fact, in many cases, it's preferable that candidates aren't House members. Like any organization, the House develops its own culture and a common set of ideas. For a governmental body, though, outside input is vital, especially so representatives can keep in touch with student needs.

TCU students deserve a vibrant, contested election that produces a healthy debate over campus issues. Only a full slate of qualified, interested candidates can make that happen.

**For student government to be effective, a vibrant contested election is crucial.**

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## Keep college struggles in perspective

College is to the development of an individual what the 1980s were to the century: the "me" era. People have a tendency to get wrapped up in themselves so tightly that they often need a spelunker's helmet to pull their heads out.

Ideally this would be just another childish stage to go along with those other days of rebellion, drugs, sex and cult religion. But as the graduate leaps from the podium to the corporate world, it's not often that he or she sheds the selfishness. In fact, if anything, the competitive capitalistic world only diminishes any potential sparks of selfishness.

This is why philanthropy needs to be further developed at the university level. This doesn't mean that students should crowd into service organizations to proclaim and prove how much of a people person they've become. Rather, philanthropies should start at a smaller level. The best way to do this is to open our eyes to the world we live in and make changes in our own attitudes.

The biggest mistake and often favorite pastime of college students is making fools out of you and me. We all know the potential evils of assumption, but they're still used to

coax shattered egos. When things build up, people get stressed out. They feel that they are the only ones ever to be stuck in a particular situation, when in reality it's happened, and continues to happen, to countless others.

So, by feeling sorry for themselves, people are only bloating their image of "me." This is the cancer that rots our core, because it leads to selfishness, isolation and in some bizarre cases, xenophobia. But we can fight this infection.

Sometimes remembering there are countless others with the same struggles puts our complex worlds into perspective. TCU is just one of many colleges in the United States. And we're just a few of the millions of college students.

America's system of higher education, while diverse and independent, is one of the largest fraternal organizations in the country. Everyone ought to join. Regardless of what school colors we don or what field of study we apply ourselves to, college students are united by a common heritage. Students, generally speaking, are the same everywhere; it's just their mascots that are different.

We should thrive on the fact that none of us are too unique rather than letting that fact feed our insecurities. For every student fumbling for the right words on a paper in the darkest hours of night, there are infinite other desk lamps bearing witness to the same spectacle across the coun-

try. Our friends are going through it, just like their friends and their friends' friends. The system sucks, but at least it is nondiscriminatory and uniform in its wrath.

Instead of intoxicating ourselves with the consuming thrill of individual school spirit, we should learn to take further appreciation and interest in the spirit of the great American higher education system. We should be interested in events that occur on other campuses besides just the sports scores.

When a rival university lands an important speaker we should be happy that someone who is normally stuck in similar monotonous classes is getting the opportunity to share in a truly enriching experience. We should also pressure our own university to start landing such guests.

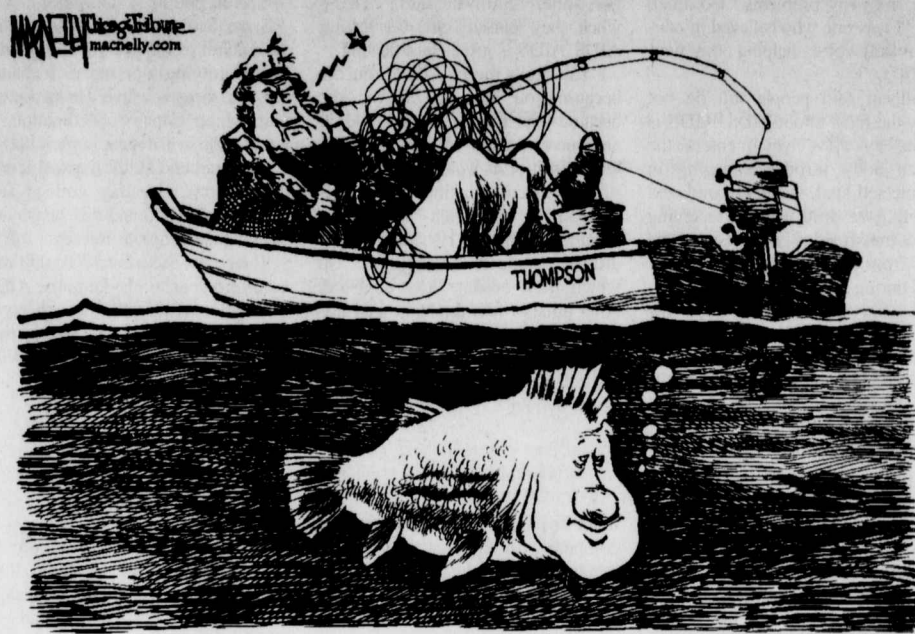
Deaths and accidents that occur on one campus can provide important lessons for others. We should learn from people's mistakes and be encouraged by their accomplishments. We're all left in the same drifting boat with the same cracked oars.

College can touch and unify masses of people as a whole. We can all get a lot out of it: a diploma, a spouse and friends. If we're lucky, we learn to see the world as part of becoming more self-aware and less selfish individuals.

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**MICHAEL KRUSE**



## Blame it on the rain

El Niño saves meteorologists the trouble of predicting weather

I was rather concerned when I called my parents back in Colorado last week and learned they couldn't open the front door because of the snow — 10-foot drifts, inhospitable shelters and the closure of all schools for the entire week. And all the meteorologists can say in explanation is, "uh... El Niño?"

My longstanding theory that the field of meteorology is equal in credibility to TCU's claim that they exterminate the men's residence halls every semester was confirmed. Weather people simply ran out of creative ways to say, "Tomorrow, it will be mostly sunny with a chance of rain or snow and winds below 100 miles per hour, a high somewhere around 70 degrees and a low somewhere beneath that."

Other people began to subscribe to my theory and wondered exactly whether the data shown on the screens behind the weather people actually contained intricate radar information or just a finger painting from the weather person's 3-year-old son.

So the International Council of Broadcast Journalism Rejects called an emergency meeting to find a solution to the problem. Since none of them knew where the weather would be satisfactory, they defaulted to Tahiti.



**MICHAEL BRYANT**

"Let's be honest with our public and reveal to them our ignorance," one person said. But after realizing the negative job implications therein, the idea was quickly abandoned.

"Education!" another person shouted. He was quickly reassigned to solar observation at the North Pole. After a brief silence, one of the people shouted, "How about El Niño?" The crowd erupted with oohs and aahs, realizing at once they could throw their ignorance back into the public's faces.

And so, for the next year, every weather-related phenomenon merits a simple two-word explanation. Meteorologists will crank out high-tech-looking graphs and \$20 words in an attempt to hide their lack of evidence, saying things like, "When a positron front intersects a neurological field of precipitation, the ensuing meteorological paradigm creates a duodenomly-charged cataclysm of weather events — El Niño!"

Weather broadcasts have grown accordingly more specific but must include this disclaimer: "In case of El Niño, please disregard all predictions made by this broadcast." Then, the meteorologists get in front of the cameras the next night and explain how El Niño messed up their forecast.

Ah, if only we in other fields could employ such tactics.

So, I would like to introduce to you the new bastion of journalistic truth. I'll call him "Bob." From now on,

when reporters are confident of the information they want to report but lack a credible source to give them the information, they can simply cite Bob.

"In other news tonight, scientists have found a link between Barney and a rare medical disease. For more on this story, let's head to our correspondent in Washington."

"In a stunning press conference, Bob announced that watching consecutive episodes of PBS's popular children's show, 'Barney and Friends,' can cause lymphophanigitis. Bob said he is currently searching for exactly what this catastrophic disease is."

Putting together a newspaper like this would be much easier than the current methods of actually pursuing the truth, and when entities like the Skiff faced libel suits, they could merely say, "You'll have to take it up with Bob."

Eventually, when the public realizes that Bob is nothing more than a laboratory gerbil in the basement of The Washington Post, news sources can be the first to investigate the foolishness. At which time, of course, a new source can be created... er, uncovered.

So ignore all claims about El Niño's effect on this winter's weather. Bob said so.

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## Letters to the editor

### Skiff too hard on football team

As I read the lovely Oct. 30 editorial ("Costumes on Parade"), I couldn't help but think about how low school spirit has gotten around here. I began to ask myself questions pertaining to the loyalty of our school to find the reason why everyone involved with this university has seemingly become anti-TCU.

At least, that seems to be the sentiment portrayed by the editorial board of the Skiff. After all, the Skiff represents the ideas of its masses, right? People must not mind that our paper trashes everything from our administration to our football team, right?

As a matter of fact, I do mind, and I am tired of reading about people whining and complaining every day. Is the Skiff "an All-American paper" or is it a whiner's symposium?

The thing that really upset me was the comment about how our football team could at least "look like winners" for Halloween by dressing up as University of Nebraska players. That comment deserves a "bravo." I mean, the tactfulness of it just blows me away. Way to kick someone when they are down.

Does the Skiff really know what that is like? To the best of my knowledge, no one from the Skiff plays football, do they?

So here is an idea for all of you: Go have a little meeting with the football players, or even actually go through what they have to go through. Everyone seems to make such a big deal out of our football team's record this year. Big deal, who cares? It is a record for a sport, a sport that people who go to your school play. A sport that requires tremendous strength and dedication that the normal person probably couldn't give.

Everyone seems to be so ashamed of our record, but what does it really matter? Do people choose to go to a school because of its football team, or do they choose it because of the experience they will receive? What if people chose their higher education based on the quality of the school's paper? Boy, would we be in trouble!

Everything is relevant, or irrelevant as we see fit. This school will give us back as much as we put in. The football team is made up of a great bunch of guys who deserve respect from their school, so here I am requesting it. All TCU students, staff and faculty, support your school and support your team. They deserve it!

Nathan Neely  
sophomore premajor

### Society's ideal body shapes dangerous, unrealistic

I wonder how an 8-year-old boy would react if I told him that I desire a body like his. I imagine he would be confused and offended, for such a comment is deemed inappropriate by society. Yet society allows women to starve themselves, as their bodies erode away to the image of a pre-pubescent boy. Society dictates the ideal female body type as a transparent waif. Therefore, women go to outrageous measures to conform to such an ideal.

What disturbs me so is not the amount to which females destroy their bodies but the sick glamour that surrounds eating disorders. As I walk in The Main among girls with their fruit and cheeseless salads, I hear, "Gosh! She has had to have lost, like, 50 pounds in one month." Such a comment is not made with disgust but with an unknown awe. Eating disorders are a disease, but females seem fascinated by them nonetheless.

Society will not tolerate the abusive drunk or the lethargic drug abuser, but it acknowledges and receives the transparent female. Public advertisements campaign against drugs and alcohol, but why is there not an advertisement that says, "This is your body. This is your body without food?" We need to offer similar aberration to eating disorders as we do to other diseases, and perhaps the glamorous, unrealistic thinness will be eradicated.

As a female, I am cautious of what I eat and can be caught with a salad in hand. However, I am not intrigued by the diet pill-popping girls or those who use their toothbrush as a regurgitating device. I am fully aware that the negative calorie intake of a dry salad will not grant me that glamorous Vogue cover or that sickly 8-year-old boy's body. It will in turn consume me into a world of obsessive control.

Females who are consumed by food are insecure and detached from themselves. Women need to support one another in food issues. If you know of someone with an eating disorder, confront the problem with adamant assertion. The intrigue created from unrealistic thinness will only continue to seduce females if people do not acknowledge eating disorders as dysfunctional. Perhaps if we recognize eating disorders as the diseases they are, we can be confident and comfortable with our own God-given body types.

Jaime Horn  
senior English major





## Slow death of liberalism ends year of mourning

political year in review  
**issues**  
MATT PEARCE

It was one year ago today. I woke up after a few short hours of sleep, and opened my closet to decide what to wear. I concluded that there was only one wardrobe that made sense for the occasion — black. All black.

Nov. 6, 1996, was a day for mourning. Not only did the Capitol Hillbillies win another four years, but Massachusetts screwed up more than usual. The Bay State re-elected its slightly less evil tax-and-spend senator, and we lost both of our Republican congressmen, one of whom I campaigned for. Before the election, I thought my state was finally recovering from the embarrassing 1972 McGovern incident.

Black. All black. My mourning process didn't last as long as I thought it would. By the end of the week, I began to view the upcoming two years with a tinge of optimism. I knew Bill Clinton wouldn't be able to revert to the socialist initiatives he pushed during the two years the Democrats controlled Congress, but I did not know how much compromising he'd be willing to do since he no longer had to worry about impressing voters.

One year later, I must say I have very little to be sad about. Though the 105th Congress has had to compromise with the president more than the 104th did, most of the new laws and initiatives that have been passed were driven by the Republican leadership.

The most notable new laws fell under the summer budget deal, engineered primarily by House Republicans. Clinton was forced to realize that tax credits for families make more sense than tax hikes for everyone. Though Republicans weren't able to reduce government spending as much as needed, Congress took several important steps toward saving Medicare from bankruptcy. Poor Clinton just couldn't take credit for the first plan to balance the federal budget in 30 years.

While Clinton is now a lame duck, he does have another clear motive for compromise: positioning Al Gore to be his successor. Clinton seems to think if he can convince voters that Gore would pretend to be conservative as well, his party can keep its lock on the White House. In the meantime, let's look at how "moderate" Clinton really is.

Though Clinton no longer pushes or cele-

brates tax increases, as he did before the 1994 elections, he still isn't convinced that taxpayers could use a break. While campaigning in Virginia for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Don Beyer, he criticized Republican candidate Jim Gilmore's plans to eliminate the state's tax on cars and trucks "selfish."

On Tuesday, Virginia's voters sent Clinton and Beyer a message as to how selfish it really is to ask the government to quit robbing them.

Pro-tax rhetoric is still resonating among congressional Democrats. Two weeks ago, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said he doesn't think many Americans are over-taxed. With all income taxes factored in, average Americans don't ever see 40 percent of their earnings. In a typical family, one spouse works to pay for food and shelter, and the other works to pay the tax collector.

Daschle doesn't think this is too much. Could it be because he's a career politician who hasn't worked in the private sector in his entire adult life? Next year, South Dakota's voters can decide for themselves if they're over-taxed.

The 1998 elections should indeed be successful for Republicans. While the campaign finance hearings are being slowed down by the White House and Janet Reno, the GOP doesn't need them to gain credibility. Congress has delivered on its tax-cut promises, and its Republican leaders are the only ones in Washington who are coming up with decent plans to reform the IRS.

Clinton's continuous shift to the center only proves that Democrats can't get elected to high posts unless they're willing to act Republican. This can say only one thing for American political liberalism is dead.

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## Politicians are stagnant and Americans love it

political year in review  
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SPENCER BAUM

There are isolated time frames in American history when our politicians preside over rapid change that affects every citizen. It's no coincidence that the dominant political figures of these eras are looked upon as the most dynamic in our history. Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan and the representatives who served with them are our most memorable political figures because they actively led America through sweeping changes, for good or for ill.

As Bill Clinton and the Republican Congress finish the first year of their second term, we can begin to speculate about where they will be placed in history. The year 1997 was significant for all of them, not because of their accomplishments, but because of their lack of them.

In fact, after a year in office, our politicians still haven't moved past the '96 campaign. The political highlight of 1997 has been the ongoing investigation into the financing of the previous year's election. The only interruptions to media coverage of White House coffee videos, where guests contributed \$27 million to the Democratic Party, are stories on Steven Spielberg sleeping in the Lincoln bedroom and Al Gore making fund-raising calls from the White House.

Now word is out that Republicans played this game too, with a wealthy family from Pennsylvania secretly financing GOP candidates in the last election.

This campaign finance debacle has raised questions about whether Clinton, Gore or Janet Reno

should be impeached, which normally would be a big deal. But in this humdrum year, no one is paying attention because the truth is, in 1997, voters are quite happy with their stagnant politicians.

Had Americans wanted real change, they could have voted for it. Republican candidates Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan were offering visions of dramatic change for America, one with a complete overhaul of the IRS and the other with an isolationist trade stance. But Republicans chose their most complacent option, Bob Dole, whose chief gimmick during the primaries was his experience.

In the national election, Dole differentiated himself from Clinton by offering a large tax cut. Voters rejected that idea, indicating they didn't desire a change that might interrupt their smooth ride through an economic boom.

In Congress, voters left virtually all the same faces in place and demanded that Gingrich tame his more revolutionary side. And there were no "mandates for change" voted in at the state level.

American politicians have done a wonderful job of fulfilling these expectations. They missed an opportunity to create lasting change with meaningful welfare reform. Their foreign policy has been virtually nonexistent. And the balanced budget agreement they threw together this summer does nothing except complicate the tax code.

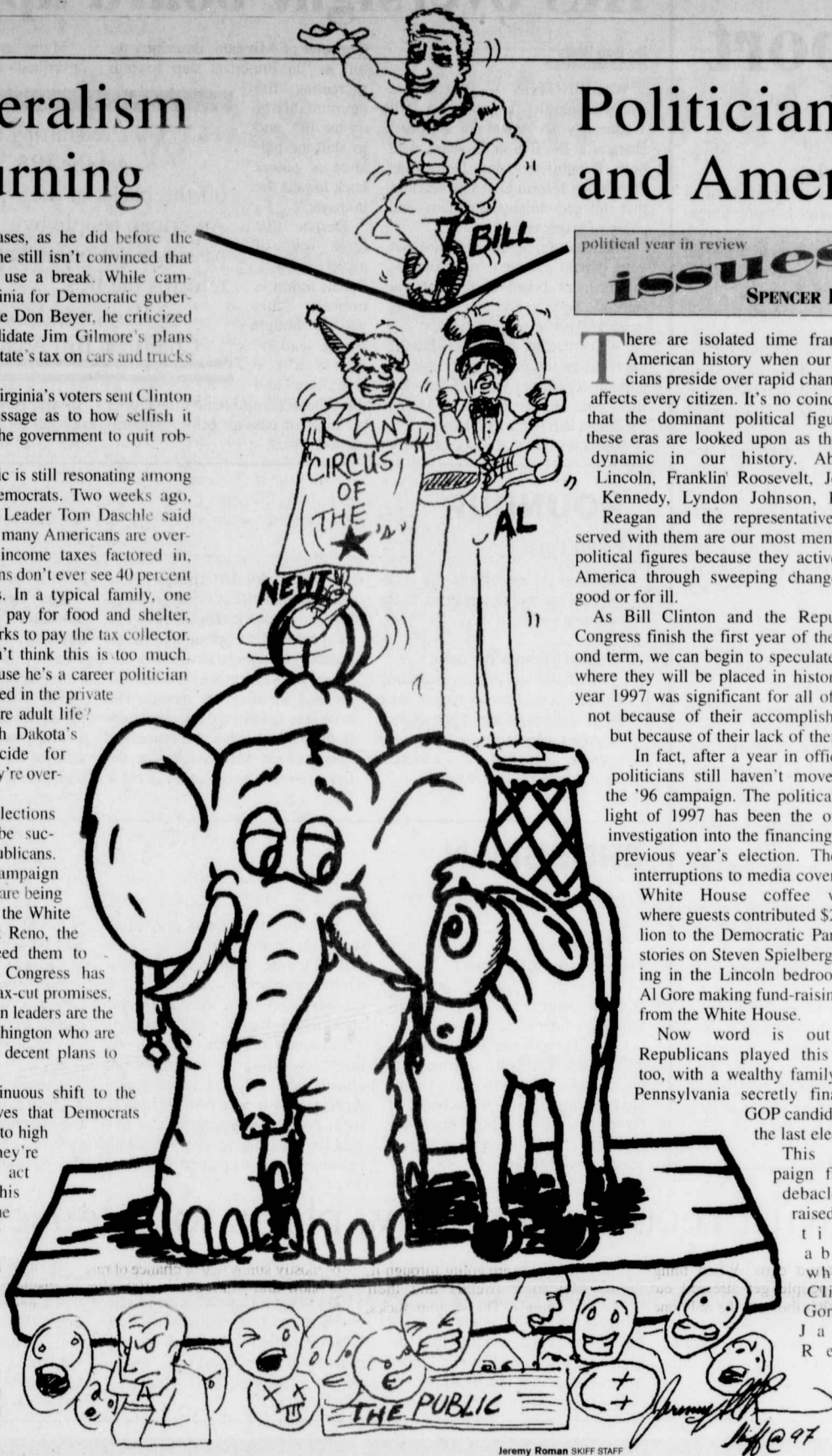
Meanwhile, they continue telling voters about how their opponents broke the law during the last election, as if anyone cares. Americans have always counted on their politicians to be crooked, and they don't expect politicians to change themselves any more than they expect them to change the country.

More importantly, at this point Americans just want politicians to stay out of the way. The economy has been rolling along, and we haven't been in a major military engagement since Desert Storm. America has regained its footing in the international marketplace, and the stock market is soaring.

With life this good, no one wants a massive change in the structure of our health care system or the abolition of the IRS. Or at least no one wants to leave such important jobs to shift politicians.

In that sense, 1997 has been a fantastic year for voters.

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### Michael Kruse

The beginning of Clinton's second term has been rocky, with scandals, cover-ups and public disillusionment. But hey, this isn't polo. It's politics. It's never been accused of being a gentleman's sport.

I question the morals, motives and intentions of all politics, so what is one more punk fighter in the ring? Let what Clinton has accomplished be the measure of this political year, not what he has been accused of. There's something missing from these accusations that keep them from incriminating Clinton. It's that insignificant thing that judges and jurors alike call proof.

I won't try to defend Clinton's morals. I won't talk about some of his decisions concerning land mines and nuclear weapons. I just want to remind everyone that it is hard to crucify a man who has given our country exactly what we've always wanted: prosperity and peace.

### Tim Skaggs

I think the administration has improved this past year, at least as far as its image is concerned. Being somewhat more conservative, I strongly opposed Clinton, his reputation and his policies during his first term.

I'm still not convinced that the economy will avoid a major collapse in the next 10 years, but Clinton appears to have strengthened his image in the past 12 months. Promoting belief as a leader is the first step toward getting something positive done.

### John Araujo

The second term of Clinton's administration sure has had a less than glamorous start. With all the scandals, both old and new, the videotapes that mysteriously appeared and Al Gore with his problems, it's downright embarrassing for our country. It just doesn't seem that honor, dignity and prestige are held in high esteem for our country's top two leaders.

Maybe Clinton is the right man for the times. Our times and our society seem to favor the shallow and unsubstantial over depth and substance. We seem to want the fantasy, the illusion. We seem to prefer living a lie if it means not feeling the pain of seeing the truth of how we live our lives. Our president has the reputation of not being up-front. We almost expect that when he talks

to us, he is lying to our faces — yet it does not seem to bother us.

Members of the press seems surprised that the general public is not more outraged over Clinton and Gore and their shenanigans. They shouldn't be. Just like when we see too many slasher movies, we eventually become desensitized to what is supposed to shock us. That is where I think we are in our relationship with our elected officials — we are desensitized to their foibles and weaknesses. Perhaps Clinton and Gore are all we deserve.

### Rachael Smiley

A lot has come to light in the past year concerning potentially illegal campaign fund raising that voters weren't able to take into consideration in the 1996 election. Perhaps if voters had known then what they know now, the faces that make up our government might be a little different. Then again, perhaps political corruption has become so widespread — and the public so disillusioned by it — it would not have

made much difference at all.

### Jessica Wozniak

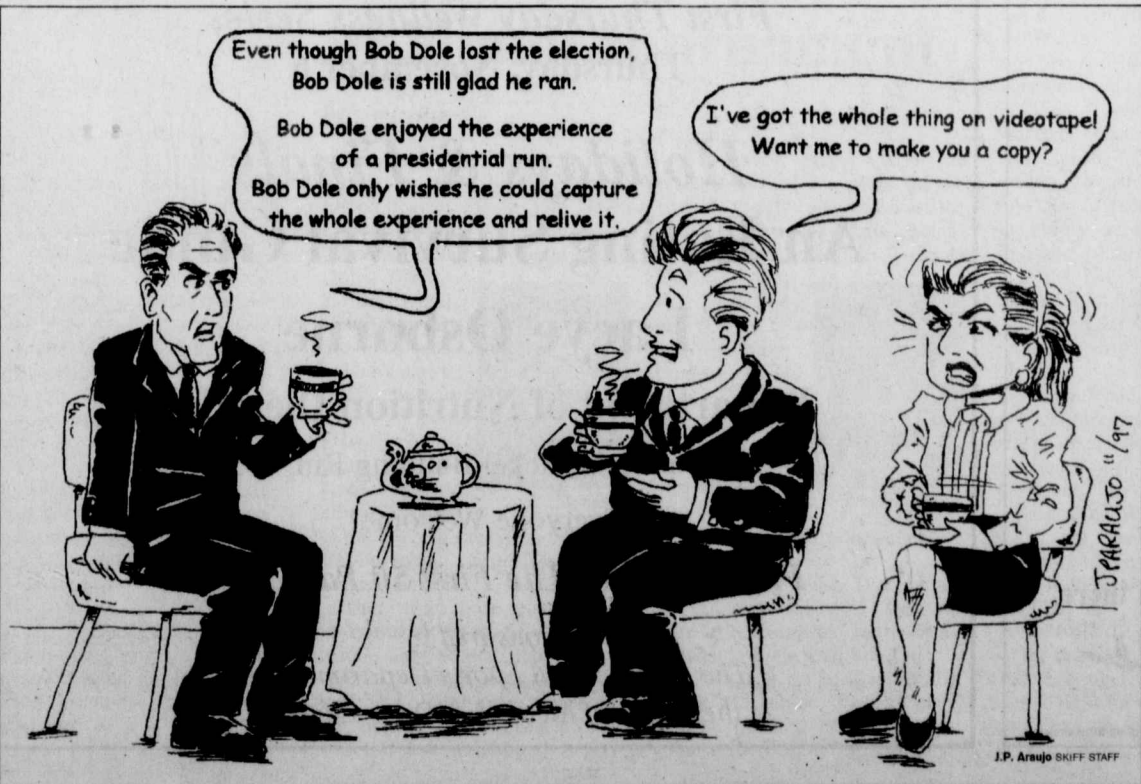
The campaign finance reform fiasco did absolutely nothing to change fund-raising abuses which ex-President Carter insightfully called legal bribes. The voters shouldn't really expect politicians to exchange a policy that has become so monetarily profitable for the less rewarding, tedious job of listening to the people they were elected to represent.

President Clinton's refusal to sign the Ottawa treaty to ban land mines is a perfect example of U.S. foreign policy: The United States should be the exception to every rule. I'm glad to see that the United States couldn't throw its weight around to get what it wants this time.

It is about time that the smaller countries of the world put their foot down with regard to U.S. demands (unlike we've seen in NATO). The president's decision not to

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## COLUMNIST roundup



## KNOW THE FACTS

### NOV. 4, 1997, ELECTION RESULTS

#### National

- Oregon voters rejected a referendum to repeal a law legalizing assisted suicide
- New Jersey voters re-elected Republican governor Christine Whitman
- Virginia voters chose Republican Jim Gilmore for governor
- Republican Rudolph Giuliani won his re-election bid for mayor of New York City
- The only open House seat went to Republican Vito Fossella of New York

#### State

- Houston residents voted against ending affirmative action programs in city hiring and contracting
- Proposition 8 passed, guaranteeing the right to use homes as collateral for loans
- Proposition 13 passed, constitutionally guaranteeing the Texas Tomorrow Fund



# World Report

## World

### New Rembrandt self-portrait on display

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A self-portrait of Rembrandt went on display Wednesday at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum after hanging unrecognized for years in a Paris art dealer's bedroom.

Dressed in 17th century finery — including a ruff and wide-brimmed black hat — a 26-year-old Rembrandt is shown gazing out of the small, 1632 oil-on-wood painting.

Authenticating the painting was like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle for a team led by art historian Ernst van de Wetering.

The panel is signed "Rembrant," a signature the painter used at the time of the painting. X-rays also revealed that its background was painted first and then portrait painted over — a classic Rembrandt technique.

Finally, tests revealed that the panel came from the same tree as another panel used by Rembrandt.

The story of the recent discovery is told in Van de Wetering's new book "Rembrandt: The painter at work," which was published in the Netherlands this week.

Although experts declined to put a value on the painting, it would likely have a multimillion-dollar price tag if it were ever sold.

Rembrandt van Rijn was born in 1606 the university city of Leiden, 30 miles south of Amsterdam. Despite being a popular painter, a series of financial setbacks left him bankrupt. He died in poverty in 1669 and was buried in an unmarked grave in Amsterdam.

### Giant solar flare erupts

WASHINGTON — A giant solar flare has erupted but is expected to have only minor effects on Earth, federal scientists report.

A solar flare is a strong release of energy, occurring this time in the southwest corner of the sun.

The eruption, several times larger than the size of the Earth, was detected early Tuesday morning by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Center in Boulder, Colo.

Forecasters at the center expect the Earth's magnetic field to be affected over the next few days, peaking Friday.

Such a so-called geomagnetic storm can produce northern lights displays visible in the northern parts of the United States.

The NOAA forecasters say power systems probably will experience only isolated effects. However, satellites could develop electrical charging, which can result in arcing between parts of the satellite.

The largest of these types of storms can cause communication problems with satellites and affect their orbit.

A massive solar flare in March 1989 knocked out the electrical system in all of Quebec and destroyed a large power transformer in New Jersey. That flare produced a geomagnetic storm five times greater than the current one is predicted to be.

Sunspots come and go in regular cycles and this flare comes as they are increasing toward an expected peak in 2000. By then, events as large as the ones in 1989 are expected to occur, NOAA said.

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# IRS oversight board approved in House

By Rob Wells  
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WASHINGTON — The House overwhelmingly approved a bill Wednesday to make the broadest changes at the IRS in 45 years, with both Republicans and Democrats demanding reform after fall hearings that alleged mismanagement and abuse of taxpayers.

The measure, approved in a 426-4 vote, would create a new outside management board at the Internal Revenue Service and give taxpayers more than two dozen new rights.

"We're starting to get the IRS off the backs of the American people by passing legislation that reforms the IRS," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer (R-Houston).

The House's top Democrat, Dick

Gephardt of Missouri, described the bill as "an important step towards

increasing the accountability of the IRS and to shift the balance of power back toward the taxpayer."

Despite this huge vote of approval, Senate action is unlikely this year, though House leaders, Senate Democrats and the Clinton administration have been pressing for passage before adjournment this year.

Many members of Congress described complaints from constituents about treatment at the hands of the IRS.

Republicans made it clear the IRS overhaul is a step in a broader campaign for fundamental reform.

"It is almost universal. People are tired of the current tax code. They're tired of how the IRS runs it," said House

Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). "It's not fair to simply say it's about the IRS as an institution. It's also about

the code they are trying to enforce."

But Democrats repeatedly said the problems at the IRS were created by Congress, which has written a tax code of nearly 10,000 pages.

"If you're not for IRS reform on appropriations bills and tax bills, it will not be able to happen," said Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

A centerpiece of the bill creates an 11-member board, mostly of private citizens, to oversee the IRS, help develop a budget and manage long-term projects such as upgrading its computer system.

One of the taxpayers' rights provisions would benefit primarily the elderly or others suffering mental disabilities who fail to file for refunds within three years if they made a mistake on their returns.

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**— Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer**

## ROUNDUP

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ban land mines reflects the influence of the military instead of the common voters.

### William Thomas Burdette

When the last election happened, I was a political science major. Since then I realized politics is just a bunch of greasy people trying to get their agendas logrolled into action. I changed my major to English.

Politics doesn't change. The nature of man doesn't change. Since Machiavelli wrote *The Prince*, and even before that (judging from the number of pages he devoted to historical study), man has believed that the end justifies the means. His book was considered revolutionary in the field of political science, but only because Machiavelli was the first one with the gumption to put it

down on paper.

The good ol' pols of Machiavelli's Italy were not that different from the new pols of today. Clinton, Bush, Gingrich, Steve Forbes, Ross Perot, Bill Gates and the Artist Formerly Known As Prince — all of them have money and/or power in one capacity or another. Elections are just a way of legitimizing that power.

But when you get right down to it, the government does no more to affect the daily lives of citizens than big corporations, interest groups, labor unions and associations do. The funny thing is this: More people would be affected if McDonald's stopped serving Big Macs, cheeseburgers and fries for two weeks than if the government completely shut down.

## CROSSMAN

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1997.

Thistlethwaite said the award is an impressive achievement.

"It's a great honor," he said. "Colette deserves it. She's an outstanding student."

Linda Powell, curator of education at the Kimbell, said requirements that will go into effect for the next fellowship are a bachelor of arts or its equivalent in art history or a related field and an interest in museum education.

"Museum education is presenting the works in the museum in a way that the public, from kindergarten to adults, will gain an understanding of the work and learn something new about themselves as well," she said.

Crossman said that although she knew everyone at the museum already, she still had to submit a writing sample and two references from people at the museum. She said she also had to interview with museum director Edmund Pillsbury.

Powell said that next year, fliers will be distributed to different universities and applicants will have to submit a writing sample on art history and two letters of recommendation from professors. Applicants will also be interviewed, Crossman said.

Though that process will be used to choose future interns, Powell said the museum staff knew they wanted Crossman to be the first recipient of the fellowship.

"Colette already knew a lot about the education department," she said. "We knew what a dedicated worker and what a good writer she was. She also knew Marilyn (Ingram). We felt she'd be a great example of the type of student we wanted in this position."

Thistlethwaite said the fellowship was named after a longtime curator of education at the Kimbell, who received her bachelor of arts in art history from TCU.

# Brooks wins war with record company, plans to release album for Christmas

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Garth Brooks' war of wills with his record label has ended with a management shake-up and plans for his long-delayed album "Sevens" to be in stores for Christmas.

Brooks, who held up the album for months, sidestepped questions about his possible role as power broker at a news conference Wednesday announcing Capitol Nashville's changes and his album's Nov. 25 release.

"The decision that was made, was made by the company," he insisted. "It's all about the music."

Brooks has sold more than 62 million records, making him the biggest-selling artist in the United States except for The Beatles.

His 1990 release "No Fences"

sold more than 14 million copies, but sales for his latest effort, 1995's "Fresh Horses," were disappointing at less than 5 million. Brooks blamed a flawed marketing plan by Capitol Nashville and its parent company, EMI Recorded Music.

In a telephone interview later Wednesday, Brooks denied reports that he refused to release "Sevens" until Capitol Nashville president and chief executive Scott Hendricks was replaced with Pat Quigley, a marketing expert who has worked closely with Brooks in

the past.

"I can definitely tell you 100 percent that that was not true," Brooks said. "I gave them a plan four months ago... that kept Hendricks where he was at, and they chose not to go with that plan."

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## Baseball

## Johnson leaves O's, is named top manager

BALTIMORE (AP) — Davey Johnson ended his feud with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos by quitting Wednesday just hours before he was voted American League Manager of the Year.

Johnson, who led the Orioles to an AL-best 98-64 record, had been fighting with Angelos since the team was eliminated by Cleveland in the AL championship series.

"If you're not wanted, do you want to take the money?" Johnson said. "Life is too short. I'll survive. I was hoping it wouldn't come to this."

Johnson, who had finished second three times in voting for National League manager of the year but never won, received 10 first-place votes, twice as many as anyone else. He received 88 points, 38 more than the second-place finisher, Buddy Bell of the Detroit Tigers.

Johnson, who led the Orioles into the playoffs in both his seasons, sent Angelos a letter Wednesday morning asking for a decision on his fate by the end of the day "to put this matter to bed."

He had one season remaining on a \$2.25 million, three-year contract and offered to forgo his \$750,000 salary next year if Angelos permitted him to immediately negotiate with other teams.

## NFL

## Switzer's job secure, Jones says

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Barry Switzer won a vote of confidence from Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, but even that probably won't end the NFL's longest-running soap opera.

"We're always under the microscope," veteran Bill Bates said. "We're pretty much used to it."

Jones shot down the latest report concerning Switzer, who, according to *The Washington Post* will probably be replaced next week by director of scouting Larry Laceywell.

"It shows you how bad sources can be," Jones said Wednesday while the Cowboys, 4-5 and off to their worst start since 1990, tried to prepare for Sunday's game against Arizona in Texas Stadium.

"Barry's job is secure. There's no truth to that. It's not going to happen. We're going to ride through these rough times and we're going to ride with Barry Switzer," Jones said.

Switzer dismissed the latest reports on his future as the work of "those fiction writers."

The reports followed a heated discussion between Switzer and quarterback Troy Aikman after Sunday's 17-10 loss to San Francisco, and a *New York Times* report last week that the coach had bragged to players about staying up until 4 a.m. partying several days after the Cowboys lost to the Giants on Oct. 5.

## Parcells names Foley Jets' starting QB

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Glenn Foley is producing. Neil O'Donnell isn't — at least not the way Bill Parcells wants him to. So Foley will be the starting quarterback for the New York Jets on Sunday at Miami.

While O'Donnell, who earns \$5 million a year, becomes the most expensive backup in NFL history, Foley moves from effective relief pitcher to starter.

"Obviously, Bill has confidence in my ability to move the team and to put some points on the board," Foley said Wednesday after the coach announced the switch.

Foley replaced O'Donnell in the Jets' last two games and led them to victories, vaulting them to the top of the AFC East.

While Parcells continued emphasizing that the move is for this one game, it's become obvious that O'Donnell's indecisiveness irked the coach. He likes the way Foley has taken charge of situations in a comeback win over New England and in leading the Jets (6-3) to an overtime field goal against Baltimore.

## Lady Frogs fall in WAC tourney

## TCU can't bounce back from strong BYU first half

By Matt Pearce and Kevin Dunleavy

TCU women's soccer season came to an end Wednesday when the team lost to the defending champion Brigham Young Cougars, 3-0, eliminating the Lady Frogs from the Western Athletic Conference championships.

The Lady Frogs (10-10, 3-3 WAC) fought hard in the first half but gave up goals to BYU's Shannon Kimbell, Sara Reading and Ashley Monahan. TCU failed to get a shot off in the half.

"We gave them goals and missed some opportunities," sophomore midfielder Allison Calleri said. "But we dominated the second half."

In the second half, freshman goalkeeper Carrie Walsh showed the form that earned her all-WAC Mountain Division second team honors, stopping all 10 BYU shots. TCU played aggressively during the half and took several shots but was unable to reach the back of the net.

Head coach David Robinson said his team was prepared physically for BYU but gave the Cougars too many opportunities.

"They scored off our mistakes," he said. "There's a reason why they're ranked first in the WAC."

Robinson said he's disappointed that TCU didn't go further in the tournament, but he's proud of the accomplishments they've made.

"I can't emphasize how far our players have come this year," he said. "We could've quit at halftime, but this team isn't about quitting."

After losing their first five games, the Lady Frogs went 10-5 during the rest of the season. Robinson said this year's team has improved more throughout the season than any other he's coached.

"I'm very proud of the way they've hung together and battled for each other," he said. "It's been the team that's come the furthest that I've had in 12 years."

Robinson said the key to the team's success has been senior defender Molly Sues.

"As I said all along, this team would go as far as Molly Sues would take us," he said. "She was our player of the year."

Robinson said he would not have won Mountain Division Co-Coach of the Year without hard work from his team.

"It's not about me," he said. "It's about the players and the effort they put out. That's how you get awards."

Sues said she was flattered by her coach's comments, but she only did what she had to do.

"I'm glad he has that confidence in



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Freshman midfielder Angi Rubli (left), shown in a recent home game, says the Lady Frogs' loss to Brigham Young in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament will help them prepare for next season.

me," she said. "The whole team got along really well, and that's what you need."

The loss left many players disappointed but glad that they had the chance to experience the WAC championship.

"At the beginning of the season we didn't get the respect we deserved but after coming here I think we finally earned it," freshman forward Angi Rubli said. "This just gives us more

experience for next year." Freshman defender Jackie Rodriguez also lamented the defeat but set her sights on the horizon for next season.

"We had them. We played solid but we didn't put the ball into the net," she said. "We're a young team and a strong team. Next year we will kick major butt."

Junior forward Nicole Kitagawa said this has been her best season with

the team. "We had some early problems, but we fixed them," she said. "I think that was the difference between this year and the last two years."

Robinson said he's looking forward to next season and said the team should be even better.

"It's been a great year for us, but it's not as far as we wanted to go, and not nearly as far as we plan to go," he said.

## Mind games

## Team's record influences pride, faithfulness of fans

By Joel Anderson

SKIFF STAFF

Imagine: You're watching your beloved Horned Frog football team fall to the "mighty" New Mexico Lobos on Homecoming weekend with 20,016 other diehard TCU supporters (24,814 less than capacity) at Amon Carter Stadium. You appreciate the efforts to make the event somewhat festive, but something is missing.

After watching your school's team lose, you go home to catch the end of the annual battle between Oklahoma and Nebraska. Even though the game is a 69-7 blowout by the top-ranked Cornhuskers, the stands are teeming with enthusiastic fans.

It's obvious that there's a huge difference between the game you just attended and the game you're watching on TV.

The Horned Frogs are in the midst of a 10-game losing streak dating back to last season. Fans may not have a personal stake in the team, but they can still be greatly affected by a team that loses so often.

"Your team is an extension of your personality," said Michael Robinson, an instructor of psychology. Robinson teaches a course called "Sports Psychology: Performance Enhancement Techniques."

"They're representing you on the field of battle. Your pride in them is a pride of friendship," he said. "They (the athletes) go to class with you. It's a pride through identification and a pride through companionship."

Robinson said that the "Big Three" sports — football, basketball and baseball — have a significant impact on the school. He said he

thinks a strong athletic department can be a benefit to everyone involved with the school.

TCU's football team has not been synonymous with success as of late. After enjoying their first consecutive winning seasons since the 1950s and earning a berth in the 1994 Independence Bowl, the Frogs have suffered through two seasons of off-the-field troubles, injuries and inexperience.

The Frogs finished 4-7 in 1996 and began the 1997 season 0-7, which led to the resignation of head coach Pat Sullivan. Sullivan will step down at the end of the year.

The Frogs' 40-10 loss to New Mexico on Saturday dropped their record to 0-8 (0-5 in the Western Athletic Conference).

Larry Teis, the director of marketing and promotion for the athletic department, said that the disappointing football season has had an effect on spirit.

"Students want to rally around the football program, but they aren't showing up," Teis said. "The community and the students want to support the team. Everyone loves to support a winner. If we were 8-0, it would be easier to sell the program."

"I graduated from TCU in '88. It always hasn't been a lame duck," he said.

Robinson said, "This is just a temporary letdown. Eventually the other sports will pick up the slack."

Angie Taylor, the director of the HyperFrogs spirit group, said she agrees.

"In this area, football has such importance that a lot of times the school spirit does ebb and flow with the won-lost record of the football team," said Taylor, who serves as direc-



Patricio Crocker SKIFF STAFF

Many Horned Frog fans have been left with the same look of frustration as linebackers coach Charlie Rizzo (left) and defensive ends coach Dan Sharp.

tor of the university's Alcohol and Drug Education Center.

"I think that what helps us maintain that level of school spirit is that we have a great basketball team," she said. "And we have other athletic teams that we can get behind. You don't really think of tennis, swimming or golf as sports where you see a real big fan base."

If the Horned Frogs continue their losing ways in football, could TCU see a significant decline in school spirit?

Probably not, Robinson said.

He said he has never known TCU to have a

strong sense of school spirit for sporting events. Citing the attendance records TCU set three years ago when the team went to a bowl game, Robinson said that TCU, because of its relatively small size, will probably never have the kind of support that large schools enjoy.

"We do very well for our size," he said. "We have a good community base, and if we went 6-5 or 7-4 every two or three years, people would be happy. There would be a reasonable chance for us to win every Saturday. But our small size makes it hard for us to have support like Texas and A&M."

## Golf team takes fourth in Miami tournament

By Wendy Bogema

SKIFF STAFF

The men's golf team finished fourth in the Rolex National Intercollegiate Match Play Team Championships Sunday and Monday at the Raymond Floyd Gold Course

at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami.

Because this tournament was match play, there was no individual winner. Eight of the top men's teams in the country competed, with Nevada-Las Vegas winning.

There were three rounds in the tournament. Each of the eight teams were seeded and matched against another team. The five members of each team played single matches against each other, with the same-seeded players play-

ing each other, down to the No. 5 players.

Whichever player won the match received one point for the team. If the two players halved the match, each team got half a point.

In the first round, No. 3-seeded

TCU was matched against No. 6-seeded Wake Forest. TCU won that match, 4.5 to .5.

In the second round, TCU played No. 2 seed UNLV. The Rebels won that match, 3-2.

In the final round, TCU played No. 1 seed Oklahoma State for third place in the tournament. Oklahoma State won, 3-2.

TCU's top golfers, senior J.J. Henry and junior Alberto Ochoa, won all of their matches against some of the country's top golfers.



J.J. Henry



Alberto Ochoa

Head coach Bill Montigel said Henry and Ochoa were satisfied with how they played and knew they did everything they could do.

"We played awfully well in the top two positions, but against Oklahoma and Las Vegas we lost in the three-, four- and five-man," Montigel said. "Oklahoma and Vegas are the top two teams in the country, so our Number 1 and 2 guys are as good as any one. We just have to get (Number) 3, 4 and 5 playing a little better."

TCU's No. 3, 4 and 5 golfers competing in this tournament were sophomore Sal Spallone, freshman Scott Volpito and junior Jeff Kight.

Montigel said many of the summer tournaments the golfers compete in are match play, so they have experience with it, but having no real winner is a disadvantage.

He said he likes the match play tournament format because as soon as the round is finished players know if they've won. He said he also likes the format because it's a change from the norm.

"It's fun to do something different," Montigel said. "I wouldn't want to do it for every tournament, but I think the kids really enjoyed it."

## Horns hope to salvage pride in rest of season

By Mike Finger

THE DAILY TEXAN (UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS)

AUSTIN — Texas center Ryan Fiebigger doesn't like the criticism that his 3-5 Longhorns are receiving in the media and on campus these days, but he does know enough about sports fans to understand it.

UT doesn't have the only faltering football team in the state, and Fiebigger has found himself in the role of a disgruntled observer.

"It's natural to be upset," Fiebigger said. "I'm the biggest Dallas Cowboys fan there is in the world, and when they struggle, I'm talking bad about them. So I guess I can understand all of this."

Negative publicity and comments have been no strangers this year to the Horns, who in less than a year have gone from being the toast of the town to becoming the university's red-headed stepchild. After Saturday's 23-21 loss to conference doormat Baylor, Texas is starting to hear it from the fans.

And now, amid all the unrest and an outcry for the firing of their head

coach, the Horns are facing the task of trying to find a way to salvage what has been one of the most disappointing seasons in Texas football history.

Some players believe that winning the rest of their games could be enough to land them a bowl invitation. But more importantly, it appears that the rest of the Texas schedule is about pride.

"Obviously, a lot of the goals that we set at the beginning of the season aren't attainable anymore," Fiebigger said. "So we have to play for pride and make this a winning season in other ways."

Instead, the Horns find themselves in the position of speed bumps on the way to Texas Tech's, Kansas' and Texas A&M's postseason hopes. And if the only impact that Texas can have on the bowl picture is as a spoiler, the Horns will accept that, linebacker Brandon Nava said.

"That's not what I came here for, but you got to make a positive out of everything," Nava said.

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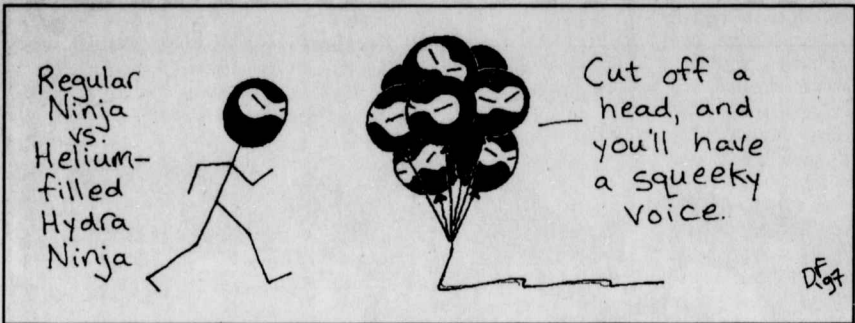


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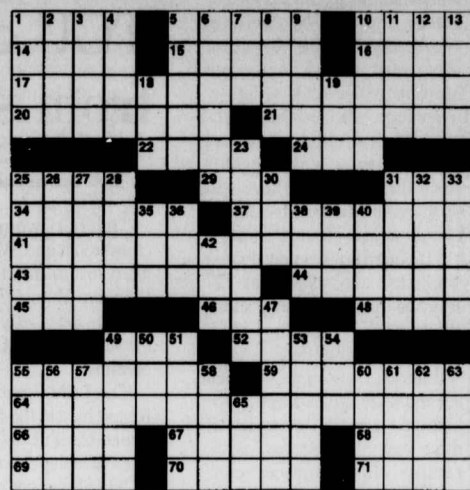
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by Mike Peters



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by Randall T. Hartman

## Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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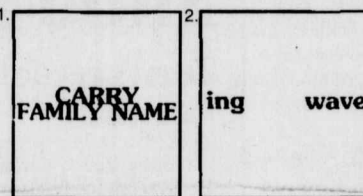
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