

Colleges

**Berkeley scientist hints at new star energy**  
**BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE)** — After observing the most powerful wave of energy ever recorded from beyond the sun, a University of California, Berkeley researcher joined other scholars in Washington, D.C., Tuesday to announce findings suggesting the existence of a new form of star energy.

Kevin Hurley, a UC Berkeley physicist and an expert on intense gamma rays, joined researchers from universities around the country to announce the discovery of what may be extremely dense neutron stars, or "magnetars."

Hurley and his co-researchers said they discovered the possible existence of a new star energy while conducting an experiment on the satellite Ulysses this August. The wave of energy was actually a burst of radiation from a distant neutron star, according to the researchers.

Hurley was the first researcher to observe the burst, said UC Berkeley spokesperson Bob Sanders.

The information collected by Hurley and his colleagues during this major energy release confirms theories developed by astrophysicists several years ago. The new evidence not only points to the existence of magnetars but also suggests these fields exist in one in every 10 neutron stars.

The study forces many scientists who had formerly rejected the existence of such stars to re-evaluate their long-held theories. In any typical neutron star, which is the collapsed core of a massive star, there is a magnetic field that pulls on the star's surface.

The magnetic field on this neutron star, however, was between 100 and 1,000 times the strength of magnetic fields found on most neutron stars, said Berkeley physicist Lars Bildsten. This strong magnetic field pulled on the surface of the star and eventually caused the crust to crack, thereby releasing the huge amount of energy, Bildsten said.

—Daily Californian  
 University of California,  
 Berkeley

**Virginia Tech athlete arrested for firing gun**  
**BLACKSBURG, Va. (U-WIRE)** — Virginia Tech police arrested a Tech basketball player Saturday morning for firing a weapon outside Cassell Coliseum.

Kenny Harrell, a sophomore communication studies major, faces charges of possession of a concealed weapon, firing of a weapon, removing a serial number from a weapon and intent to endanger life, limb or property.

"(This is) a ... serious crime," said Larry Hinker, associate vice president for university relations. "Horsing around is one thing, having a .38 caliber and firing it in the air is something else. I hope people will wake up and realize this is dangerous and doesn't belong on a campus."

Sergeant Jack Ridinger of the Tech police arrested the 6-foot-2-inch guard at 12:42 a.m. Saturday in front of Cassell Coliseum. Harrell pointed the gun into the air and fired a shot, said Mike Jones, chief of Tech police.

Along with legal charges, Harrell faces an indefinite suspension from school. Harrell was suspended for violating rules applying to all Tech students, not just athletes, Hinker said.

"The policy (about firearms) is that you can't have one," Hinker said. "It is in the student life policy — you can't even have large weapons."

After the arrest, Tech police took Harrell to jail, where he was released shortly thereafter on \$3,500 bond. He did not give a reason for firing the gun, Jones said. All weapons are supposed to be registered with Tech, something Harrell didn't do, Hinker said.

—The Collegiate Times  
 Virginia Tech

# Skiff



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**THURSDAY**  
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## New housing allocated to Brite

By Sylvia Carrizales  
 STAFF REPORTER

This is the second in a series of stories examining present and future housing options for the TCU community.

The neighborhood around McCart and Sandage avenues will undergo a makeover after the new year, when construction begins on an apartment complex that will house mostly Brite Divinity School students.

TCU purchased the land one block west of R.L. Paschal Senior High School,

through third parties, and began removing residents from the area. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said he will meet Oct. 8 with community members and property owners in the vicinity to discuss plans for the apartments.

"We want to be sure none of our plans cause them any hardships," Mills said.

Mills and the architect of the complex, F & S Partners, will present the plan to the City Zoning Commission Oct. 14.

The zoning commission serves as a recommendation board to the City Council,

said Maria Sayas, a planning assistant for the zoning desk of the city.

According to a press release from the TCU Office of Communications, the complex will consist of "multiple free-standing buildings, two and three stories high," and will have 85 units, two-thirds of which will house Brite Divinity students.

Mills said the leftover apartment space will most likely go to graduate students.

"The one group of students that we haven't provided housing for is graduate students," Mills said. "We would also look

to (housing) upper-class students. The one thing we can be 100 percent sure of is that only students will be living there."

The site of the complex was formerly the Linda Kay Apartments, which are currently being razed, the press release reports.

Residents that lived in duplexes in the area were surprised to receive notices from management in mid-August to let them know they had to be moved by Sept. 30, said Layton Shaffner, a TCU graduate who

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## Award lauds new mom

◆ Assistant Neeley dean shows dedication to job, service, family.

By Joaquin Herrera  
 STAFF REPORTER

Fourteen days ago, Jan Titsworth, assistant dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, was at work completing the everyday aspects of her job.

Fourteen days ago, Titsworth was pregnant.

Today, she is in her northwest Fort Worth home getting to know her seven-pound, 13-day-old daughter, Lauren.

Titsworth, who oversees administration at the School of Business, said she will try to focus on her daughter during her leave.

"We've just been really getting to know each other," she said while carefully rubbing her daughter's forehead with the palm of her thumb. "We're still figuring out each other's schedules. It takes us until 11 o'clock in the morning to both get changed and pretty."

Titsworth's work for the community was recognized on Sept. 1, when she was honored by Junior Achievement for her work with the organization. She received the Bronze Leadership Award from the national office.

"She's basically a dedicated

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## Fore!



John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF  
 Brian Kleager, a senior criminal justice major, prepares to take a swing at a tennis ball Tuesday afternoon. Kleager and his friend Kevin Rhoads played a campus-wide game of tennis-ball golf.

## Kids take TCU tour

◆ Teacher brings third-graders to campus, shows them the many majors available, encourages future education.

By Candi Menville  
 STAFF REPORTER

Anyone wondering who the small children in the red shirts running around campus on Wednesday were can be assured the third-graders were thinking the same thing about the "big" college students running around campus, too. A common statement from people big and small — "Look at the size of them!"

Elizabeth Woodworth, special lecturer in English and coordinator for the Fogelson Honors Forum, brought her former elementary school students from St. Peter the Apostle School in Fort Worth back to TCU this year to learn about the academic and professional possibilities colleges offer.

Woodworth brought her students here last year when they were second-graders and showed them the administrative side to college admissions, English offices, the athletic department and the Writing Center.

Woodworth said touring TCU last year was a great success.

"All year long they (the third graders) said, 'When I go to college ...' instead of 'If I go to college ...' and I wanted to reinforce that," she said. "This year I wanted to show them all the different things you can learn at college. They know you can read and write at college. They know you can learn to be a doctor, lawyer, nurse and maybe even an engineer. But they don't know you can be a geologist or a radio-TV-film person. They don't know you can learn about interior design," she said.

Woodworth said if she could keep one person from officially declaring six majors in college like she did, her mission would be complete.

Introducing children at an early age to the many academic options in college might prevent them from jumping from major to major because they were unaware of the possibilities, Woodworth said.

Before having lunch, the third-graders spread themselves throughout the Reed Hall lobby, staircase and a classroom on the first floor to listen to college students read British poetry. The children also read some British poetry back to the college students, demonstrating an accelerated level of reading. Many TCU students said

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## Degree of importance

Experience, communication skills outweigh major

By Katherine Doughtie  
 STAFF REPORTER

For those who attended the major/minor fair and still don't have any ideas on which path to take, don't fear because majors may not matter after all.

Bill Stowe, associate director of Career Services, said it depends on the major whether it matters in job hunting.

"Majors that require training, such as accounting or computer science, do need degrees for that job," Stowe said. "But for positions other than that, majors matter less now than in the past."

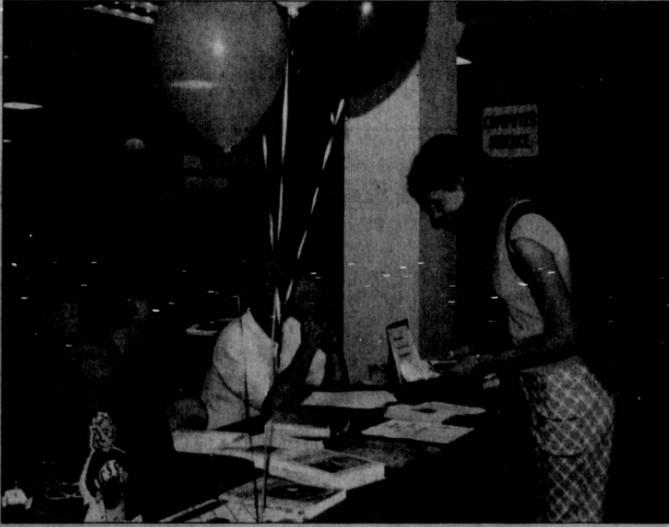
Although technical training is desired in many majors, the liberal arts majors are becoming more popular, Stowe said.

"The job market for people with liberal arts degrees is increasing," he said. "There's nothing at all wrong with a liberal arts major except it doesn't sell itself as an accounting major can. Students have to sell themselves."

Companies look for people with interpersonal skills, Stowe said.

Almost every job today requires interaction with others, and if the person applying for the job does not have good communication skills, they will more than likely not get the job, he said.

According to a survey from Career Services, oral communication skills and interpersonal skills are the top two skills desired by employers. Computer knowledge, teamwork and leadership are also



Ronnie Schuster/SKIFF STAFF  
 Melissa Russell, a freshmen computer science major, explores the opportunities at the major/minor fair in the Student Center Lounge on Wednesday.

important skills to have.

In our technological world, computer skills are becoming a necessity in all jobs. Most companies require some knowledge of word processing and spreadsheets, Stowe said.

Many degrees are not worth anything without graduate school and experience. Businesses want to see internship experience and a master's degree before hiring.

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## Frog Calls due Friday after delay

By Jaime Walker  
 SKIFF STAFF

Looking for a car mechanic, a great restaurant or the home phone number of the professor who is expecting a 10-page report tomorrow? All of these can be found quickly using Frog Calls, one of the most convenient resources for the TCU student. Frog Calls, usually released in late September, is due out this Friday, said Rick L'Amie, director of the Office of Communications.

This phone book and yellow pages provides telephone, e-mail, and address listings of faculty, staff and students. The yellow pages serves as a link between TCU and the surrounding Fort Worth merchants, many of whom cater to students.

L'Amie said the Office of the Registrar and the Human Resources Department provide the necessary student and faculty listings, respectively, and the Office of Communications sends Frog Calls to the printer.

"Usually, the directory comes out sometime during the last week in September," L'Amie said. "But this year, the printer discovered that there were no faculty e-mails listed. Once the printer discovered the error, the Human Resources supplied a list of e-mails. Despite the delay, we hope it can be distributed by Friday."

Many of those in need of information have turned from last year's Frog Calls to the TCU Web site. But a quick surf of the numerous links reveals not all pages

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# Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to [skiffletters@tcu.edu](mailto:skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION** fellowship and meal at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building (2750 W. Lowden).

**DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** fellowship and meal at 5:15 p.m. today at University Christian Church (use the student entrance on the corner of Rogers and Cantey).

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** Mass at 5 p.m. and meal at 5:30 p.m. today in Reed Hall Room 214.

**ROCK THE VOTE** Tarrant County voter registration drive will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Main until Oct. 2. Take two minutes and register to vote in the November election.

**GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** general meeting at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in Student Center Room 207. It is crucial all current members attend.

**FREE PIANO RECITAL** by John Owings, professor of piano, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts PepsiCo Recital Hall.

**STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD** are invited to an information session to discuss financial aid and study sites and intercultural issues at 4 p.m. Oct. 7 in Rickel Building Room 105.

**DECEMBER DEGREE CANDIDATES** should file their "Intent to Graduate" forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 9, but each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and must process the intent.

## In The News...

### Nation

#### Man who urinated in plane aisle jailed for unruly behavior

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A man got 19 months in prison for picking fights during an airline flight and urinating in the aisle.

Walter Andrew Everhart, 36, told a federal judge Monday that he remembered none of the episode, saying painkillers and alcohol caused him to black out during the US Airways flight from Germany to Philadelphia last November.

He also did not recall kicking the seat of a pregnant woman so hard that she fell out and feared she would have a miscarriage.

Witnesses said it took six Polish police officers to subdue Everhart after he urinated into a condom and became unruly.

"I cannot imagine a more volatile situation than what occurred on that flight," U.S. District Judge Frank Bullock Jr. said.

Everhart pleaded guilty to interfering with a flight attendant. The case was transferred to North Carolina because he was living there.

#### Toddler's death after yellow jacket attack draws investigation

TAMPA, Fla. — Authorities are investigating why it took seven hours before paramedics were called to a mobile home park where a toddler was fatally stung more than 200 times by a swarm of yellow jackets.

The reasons for the delay in medical attention for 2-year-old Harrison Johnson aren't known yet, Sheriff's Detective Lisa Haber said Tuesday.

"The parents aren't answering any questions, which is making the investigation more difficult," she said.

Harrison and his parents, Kelly and Wylie Johnson, were visiting friends Glen and Nicole Van De Veere on Monday at the densely wooded mobile home park near Tampa when the attack happened.

The toddler was stung probably 75 times around the head and face and as many as 150 times on the body, Haber said. Experts estimated that as many as 1,000 insects attacked the boy.

Glen Van De Veere said the toddler was in pain, but the adults never thought he was in serious danger until it was too late.

"Because he didn't appear to have any kind of trauma, we didn't do anything," he said. "Obviously, he was itching and hurting because of the stings, but he had something to eat, had something to drink and was watching TV.

"When he started to vomit and things didn't look right, we called for help right away."

The child was unresponsive when paramedics arrived and tried unsuccessfully to revive him. He died later at a hospital.

The Johnsons were acquitted in March after being charged with failing to report the 1996 death of a month-old girl whose parents were members of a religious sect in which they participated.

That couple, Rachael and Robert Aitchison, face trial next week on charges of failing to report the death, failing to obtain medical attention for her, abuse of a dead body and abuse of their child, Alexus.

The religious group was described at the Johnsons' trial as disdaining governmental requirements like recording deaths and births and as one that avoids medical treatment.

#### Woman announces engagement to man, 84, on her 93rd birthday

HEMET, Calif. — Clara Sandberg had two things to celebrate recently — her 93rd birthday and her engagement to a much younger man.

On Sept. 13, Sandberg gathered with 125 friends for an afternoon of dancing to observe her birthday and to announce her engagement to 84-year-old Roy Thomas.

"I never dreamed at 93 that I would be picking out a ring," she said Tuesday at her home 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

Sandberg, a divorcee, has been dancing all her life and said that is the reason she has lived so long. "Dancing has been the joy of my life. It has kept me young."

But dancing is not Sandberg's only hobby. She plays golf and is learning how to play shuffleboard.

Sandberg and Thomas, a widower, met at a ballroom dance. They have not set a date but plan to marry before she turns 94.

#### Pharmacy employee makes harassing calls

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A pharmacy employee has admitted making hundreds of harassing telephone calls to customers in an attempt to get them to adopt children rather than conceive on their own, police said.

The calls were horrific and personal, striking women at their most vulnerable as they sought medical treatment to try to get pregnant.

"You would have more luck fertilizing your lawn," the caller would say.

The angry young woman on the other end sometimes would urge the women to adopt, police said. She knew personal details, medical information. She even seemed to know when one victim had a miscarriage.

On Tuesday, 22-year-old pharmacist assistant Veronica Smith admitted she made hundreds of harassing calls to at least 20 customers at the Eckerd pharmacy, police said. All the victims were trying to get pregnant or were taking prenatal vitamins, police said.

Smith told police she was abused as a child and lived in foster homes until she was adopted. She raged at those who sought to have their own children instead of adopting one, said Palm Beach County sheriff's detective Donna Wright.

"It was horrific, explicit language to every one of the victims," Wright said.

Smith was released on her own recognizance after being charged with 87 counts of harassing

phone calls and six counts of stalking. Some victims she called more than 40 times.

The charges, all misdemeanors, carry up to a year in jail and a fine.

### State

#### Houston mayor, Lee Brown, randomly selected for drug testing

HOUSTON — The city's random drug-testing program might be working a little too well for Mayor Lee Brown.

Brown was picked to be tested under the program, making him the first Houston mayor chosen since the city implemented the tests in October 1992.

"I was happy to take part in the testing," Brown said Wednesday. "I believe strongly in leading by example."

The drug policy is designed to test employees in positions that impact citizens' safety, such as equipment operators and police officers. But when the policy was approved, then-Mayor Bob Lanier and City Council members also tossed their job titles in the mix.

If an employee tests positive, the results are forwarded to an independent medical review officer who interviews the employee. If there is no medical reason for a positive test, the employee is fired.

Brown, who submitted a urine sample about three weeks ago, won't be leaving his job any time soon. His test came back negative.

#### Nine indicted on murder charges in 15-year-old's carnival death

AUSTIN — Nine people were indicted on murder charges Tuesday in the death of a 15-year-old girl who was thrown from a carnival ride last March.

Those indicted by a Travis County grand jury include the three owners and four other employees of B&B Amusements of Yuma, Ariz. Also charged were two carnival ride inspectors, said District Attorney Ronald Earle.

Leslie Lane was killed in the March 19 tragedy at the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show and Rodeo when she was thrown from the circular thrill ride Himalaya. Lanes' friend and her brother, who were with her in the car, were injured.

Named in the indictment were B&B owners Robert Dale Merten, Shara Merten and Robert Merten II, and B&B employees Jeff Campbell, Otis Frasure, Daniel Tucker and Joshua Johnson.

Ride inspectors Robert Gill and Joe Culver also were named. They worked for Bob Gill & Associates, a Florida amusement ride safety company hired by the carnival owners' insurance company to inspect the ride.

The indictment alleges the defendants intentionally caused the death of Lane by operating the ride at an excessive speed and with an inadequate restraining bar.

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## editorial

### AFFAIRS TO REMEMBER

Answers to Wednesday's news quiz

Wednesday, to test your knowledge of current events and, the *Skiff* editorial board posed several questions on local, sports, national and international news.

Today, we've provided the answers to those questions.

Unfortunately, there are no prizes for right answers, but you do get to walk away with the satisfaction of being able to make fun of your friends who actually believed that Viktor Chernomyrdin is a Russian assassin.

1. What is the name of the hurricane beating up the Gulf Coast?

c. Georges

2. Who is not a student at South Park Elementary?

b. Lyle

3. What is TCU's new budget software program?

c. PeopleSoft

4. Who is Viktor Chernomyrdin?

b. a former Russian prime minister

5. Salman Rushdie is: c. writer of the "The Satanic Verses"

6. Who is now the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys?

a. Jason Garrett

7. From what college did Chancellor Michael Ferrari last come?

b. Drake

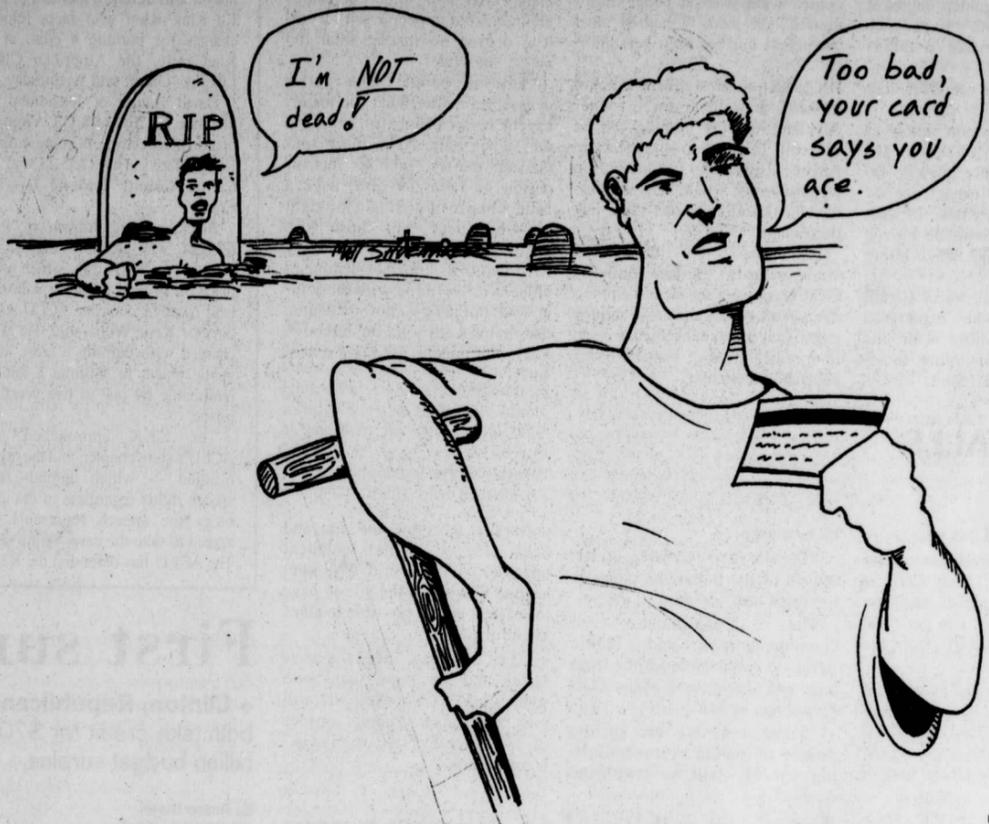
8. Who came to the White House together to see President Clinton this week?

b. Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat

Scores — 0-2 correct: Do you have access to outside world? 3-5 correct: You almost know your stuff. Get

with the people above and coach them. 5-8 correct: Super News Quiz Studs!

Encourage your fellow Horned Frogs to emulate you.



Matt Shoemaker SKIFF STAFF

## Cover from chaos is paper-thin

You've probably noticed how personal computers plunge into obsolescence at warp speed. In fact, since the advent of the microprocessor, the speed that computers can calculate and process information has doubled about every year.

Memory capacities have also experienced the same sort of rapid exponential growth. The consequence of the booming capacity of computers to handle and manage information is that more and more data about your identity is being stored on machines. This technology allows lightning-quick access to even more facts than was previously possible. Huge databanks contain all of your credit information, bank accounts, work history and even possible criminal records.

inevitably go wrong. The early Pentium processors contained an error that caused mathematical mistakes in some instances.

Compounding the machine's flaws are the mistakes and accidents the humans entering the data can make.

If your bank machine tells you that you are out of money, but you know you're not, how can you prove the machine wrong? Without receipts and records on actual physical paper, there is no way to disprove a machine. No one bothers to check signatures on credit cards, and debit cards don't even require photo identification.

At TCU, there seems to be a move in the direction of an "all in one" system revolving around your TCU ID card. From buying books, eating food, doing laundry or even getting in your dorm, everything is going to be anchored by a small plastic rectangle.

Even worse is the fact that your student ID number is your Social Security number, which is the key to

proving your identity and even your citizenship. Someone using your Social Security number can do more than just find out your schedule and grades, he or she can live and work for an entire lifetime with your identity.

It is fairly easy for people to come by fake IDs, and with a genuine Social Security number, there is no way for anyone else to know you are not who you claim to be.

The key to not losing everything you have and everything you are to a computer crash (the year 2000 bug, anyone?) is redundancy with actual physical evidence.

A true "paperless society" would have catastrophic potential. It is ironic that the government is redesigning the currency to prevent counterfeiting, but there is no need to even copy money when a few keystrokes can move virtual cash anywhere.

Truly catastrophic.

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### Commentary



MATT SHOEMAKER

## Parental personalities

Like it or not, our parents have influenced us

Free. Free to make my own choices; free to make mistakes; free to determine who I was and who I would become. I still remember those first few weeks of my freshman year when I was finally on my own. The parents were out of the picture, and I was a full-blown college student. Little did I know the impact they already had on every aspect of my life.

It's like that for most students. In so many ways, our lives are a reflection of our parents' speech, habits, beliefs, values and relationships. Whether we like it or not, we take from our parents the good, the bad and the ugly. The next logical step is to keep the good and throw out the rest.

How did we react to President Clinton's televised hearing Sept. 21? Our reactions were most likely similar to our parents' reaction. Try it. Call up your parents and find out their opinion. I'll bet my guitar they feel much the same way, because we tend to share our parents' values.

I'll prove my point with a couple of examples from my own life and family. In regard to work, my dad is one of the hardest working men I have ever known. When he starts a job, he does it and does it well. It does not matter if it is a sale to a client, a fund-raiser for the church outreach center or a coat of paint on the house, my dad does his best when there is a job to be done.

I can hear him saying something like, "If you're going to do something, do it right." Though I never realized it was happening, his philosophy has become an integral part of the work habits I will have for the rest of my life.

Family was important in my house, family was important. It was the simple things, like Dad getting home early from work in the summers to take us swimming; Mom taking us to the park; or the family going on camping trips to the mountains. It was no utopia in the Mezel

home, but we spent a lot of time together, and we knew we were loved. If I have anything to do with it, my home will be the same.

So what about those things we would rather have not inherited from our parents? No worries. These are the precious and few days when we can still make changes. For example, if family was not that important in our homes, we have an opportunity to start over. If we don't plan ahead now, it will be the same situation for our future families. This is our chance to challenge ourselves to do things differently.

The way in which we will approach marriage is directly correlated to how our parents approached it. Getting married is a big deal. Most of my close friends will be married by next May, but no hurry here. I know when I get there I will follow my parents' example. When they said their wedding vows, they meant it.

Years ago, my dad told me marriage is not easy; there's a lot of give and take and you must make the decision to be committed no matter what the circumstances. He also told me marriage is awesome, though he probably didn't use the word awesome. That's just the message I understood and took with me.

Then, one day in the midst of our family lives, university life hits. In one swift move, the 18 years of our upbringing are gone and we decide what is the meaning of life. Is there a Creator? Am I a part of the process of natural selection and heading for extinction? When I die, then what?

Those are tough questions, and there is no time like the present to look for the answers. It may mean following or rejecting the direction of our parents, but it should definitely involve our hearts and our minds.

For the vast majority of TCU students, we will have families of our own in a matter of only a few years. Are there habits and beliefs we learned from our parents that we want to keep? How about the things we would like to change about ourselves to discontinue the tradition? Now is the time to take inventory of our pasts and make decisions for our future.

Tanner Mezel is a senior business major from Amarillo.

## Letters to the editor

### Replies to letters should address subject, not author

To my knowledge, the point of letters to the editor is to allow students the ability to voice their opinions on issues at our university. I do not regret any points that I made in my letter on Sept. 18, because I am entitled to my opinion. I was merely writing a letter about an issue that was being discussed by man, but had not yet been addressed in the *Skiff*.

I wish when people had felt the need to respond to my letter about the Lariat organization, they would have concentrated their efforts on the issue instead of on the author.

I am glad I have accomplished what I had intended, which is letting the Lariat organization know they will be missed by many.

Courtney Eidman  
senior speech communication major

### Office of Admissions gives thanks for recruiting help

TCU has once again welcomed an entering class of talented freshmen and transfer students presenting impressive academic and personal characteristics. I have often been asked what has contributed to this success. While the list of significant factors is long, I believe it is important for us to express publicly our appreciation for the support and assistance the Office of Admissions has experienced.

TCU is an academic institution and much more; it is a community committed to enhancing the life and learning of each student. Much of what we in admissions do when working with prospective students and their families involves establishing a relationship, one of trust and mutual respect, while seeking to confirm the match between the university and the student.

This relationship is reinforced when the student encounters other members

of the campus community and again experiences a high level of interest in the student's potential to be successful here. We salute the many persons, offices and departments working tirelessly in a collaborative, campus-wide effort to recruit and retain these great students.

Thank you to Student Development Services, Frog Camp, orientation staff, residential life, financial aid, alumni, publications and the faculty who meet with visiting students, travel with the TCU Today program and call during the phonathon, student volunteers, Marketing Task Force and subcommittees, communications/public affairs and athletics, for helping to increase name recognition, and to the Physical Plant and housekeeping personnel, office staff and students across campus who take time to be friendly and helpful.

Sandra J. Ware  
dean of admissions

### Laptop computers should be made mandatory for students

How many times have you had to walk all the way to the library to type that research paper for class? Or maybe you had to take a quick trip to the computer lab just to check your e-mail. What some of us, as students, don't realize is what a necessity computers are becoming for us. In order to keep up with the time, we should all be required to have our own personal computers. We are all "up to date", so why aren't we all carrying laptops to class?

In 1994, universities in California and Virginia began voting on requiring students to buy computers for school. A few different plans were adopted and are already in use on several college campuses today. The University of Virginia School of Law has ruled that by the year 2002, notebook computers

will be mandatory for students to bring to class.

Even closer to home, Trinity Valley School, a local private school, started students in the sixth grade and up on their own computer laptops in the classroom this year. Their goal is to have the entire student body using their own laptops for all school affairs within the next five to 10 years.

Eventually, having your own computer will be like having your own phone number, and where would we be without our phones?

One important factor that we do face as college students is being broke, which in turn, leads to why the majority of us do not have our own computers! Plus, we could run the risk of putting the computer lab out of business!

But think of how much money would be saved in the long run. Every semester, we all buy heavy textbooks we have to carry around on our backs, only to sell them back for a third of what we originally paid for them. What a revelation it would be to not hassle with textbooks and have everything we need tied into our computers. Obviously, textbooks do not hold their value like computers do, and we will continue to use computers after graduation.

If computers are mandatory, I found through research, the cost could be included under financial aid and possibly covered by grants and loans. Also, some universities have their campus bookstore or an individual computer store working with them on financing the computers for the students, with a discount, of course.

Convenience is what this is about. Besides, we all need to be computer literate, whether we like it or not. We know technology is not at a standstill, and we, as TCU students, should always want to be ahead!

Jennifer Lee  
senior speech communication major



**HOUSING**

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lived in the area.

Shaffner said he received a second notice that changed the deadline to December 30.

"I talked to other people that lived around the street (Sandage) and we were all surprised that we were getting kicked out," Shaffner, a TCU graduate said. "We had a feeling it was TCU."

Shaffner said he and his roommate, who lived at the corner of Lowden Street and Sandage Avenue, moved in with a friend at the beginning of the month.

Stan Hagadone, director of admissions at Brite Divinity School, said Brite students are housed in three off-campus locations.

"Brite has been wanting to build housing for a long time," Hagadone said.

The Princeton House, located on Princeton across from the Moody Building and behind Beasley Hall, houses Brite students, Hagadone said.

Hagadone said The Quads, located on Lubbock Street behind the Bass Building, and the Bellaire apartments across from the sorority houses adjacent to the stadium also house Brite students.

Sara Barberee, who is studying for a master of divinity, said she would move into the complex if it

the atmosphere and price were comparable to her current complex, Bellaire apartments.

The location of the new complex is in a neighborhood that has experienced graffiti problems and burglaries, said Ward Robinson of the Fort Worth Police Department.

"We have had some drug activity and also some thefts," said Robinson, neighborhood patrol officer for the area. "TCU attracts theft.

**"TCU attracts theft. Anywhere TCU students are living, it's going to attract theft."**

**— Ward Robinson, Fort Worth Police Department**

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The offenders are a combination of TCU students, Paschal students and residents from the area, Robinson said.

Robinson said the remodeling will be beneficial to the neighborhood.

"I think that upgrading all of the housing, no matter where it is, will help (alleviate) the crime in the area," Robinson said.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the purchase of the land is one of a series of improvements, including the TCU Bookstore and the Fort Worth Police Department Storefront at 2900 W. Berry Street, that will better the neighborhood.

"The concern was that the neighborhood had really gone downhill," Davis said. "By taking that over, we really cleaned it up."

**AWARD**

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Junior Achievement board member and proponent of what we do," said Bob Blanchette, president of the Fort Worth chapter of Junior Achievement. "She's very interested in the future of young people."

Junior Achievement is a nonprofit organization that provides job-readiness skills to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Titsworth has been working with the organization since she arrived at TCU five years ago.

The organization focuses on preparing children and young adults for the work force. At the high school level, the organization teaches students about economics and leadership skills. At the elementary and middle school levels, the students learn personal business skills.

"I feel like that fits in really well with what we're trying to achieve at the Neeley School," Titsworth said. "We're obviously in the business of educating students about business."

Titsworth will be on maternity

leave until next semester. Even though she'll be off campus for the next few months, she said she hopes to work on different projects from her laptop computer.

Her work on campus involves upkeep of the Neeley School, including making sure the school has adequate furniture in each classroom, all the equipment is functioning, that there is up-to-date technology and that all student records are in order. She is also in charge of the study abroad initiative, and she coordinates the community outreach effort.

Titsworth said community service has always been a priority in her life. While an undergraduate student at Texas A&M University and a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, she was an active member of Omega Phi Alpha, a national service sorority. She also served as a national president for OPA from 1991-1995.

"The community service aspect of my job is really nice because it's

something that I enjoy, and it's something that has been a part of my life for a long time," she said.

Some of her work has included acting as a representative to the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and working with the Fort Worth Independent School District in its adopt-a-school program.

"I've never been bored," she said. "The university environment allows me to be more creative, explore new things and accept new challenges; whereas, in business you're cubby-holed into a certain job."

Carolyn Martini, administrative assistant of the dean's office and Oleta Jones, coordinator of the support services center both said Titsworth has a natural leadership ability.

"She's very attuned to the needs of the people she works with," Martini said. "She takes on a lot of programs that would otherwise have gone to the wayside. She wears so many dif-

ferent caps — from dealing with students to taking care of the upkeep of the building."

Jones said, "I've always been impressed with her consideration for the people who work under her. She makes us feel important, and she's very appreciative of our work."

Before coming to TCU, Titsworth worked as analyst, product manager and national account manager at Burlington Northern Railroad. She met her husband, Jim, there and they have been married for seven years.

Titsworth grew up in Passaic, New Jersey, but moved to Fort Worth in the 9th grade when her father, who worked for American Airlines, was transferred here. She said although she grew up in New Jersey, she is Texan by heart.

"We're a lot more hospitable down here and a lot more friendly," she said. "I think I fit in with this kind of attitude better. Southern hospitality is much more in line with my personality."

**KIDS**

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they were surprised at the children's reading ability.

John Hussman, a sophomore pre-major, said he had fun reading poetry to the third-graders because they were friendly and talkative. As a former honors student, he said they had something in common.

"They were really smart and could read very well," Hussman said. "I felt really special because they asked for my autograph."

Probably the most exciting autograph of the day came from a TCU

football player who quickly became the star of the children's lunchtime.

Kam Hunt, a defensive end for the Horned Frogs, was bombarded by children asking for autographs.

Hunt, a senior theater television major, said he was glad they were so much in awe of him because there are many negative role models in sports today. He wants to be someone about whom children can say, "I want to be like him," he said.

"Kids need somebody to look up to," Hunt said.

The students toured the M.J. Neeley School of Business, Mary Coats Burnett Library, the Fogelson rocks and fossil collection in the geology department, the TCU Bookstore and the radio-TV-film department.

Woodworth said the children especially liked the tour of the Educational Investment Fund room and the computer labs in the business school.

"The kids all wanted to be business majors," Woodworth said.

"The children thought if they made money with the \$1 million business fund, they would get to keep the money," she said.

Savannah Albin, 8, said she really liked the design school and the library. She said everything was neat, "but it is kind of hot."

All of the children said they had a great time learning about college and TCU, and Woodworth said she plans to bring the children to TCU every year she teaches in Fort Worth.

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MLB

Indians even series with Red Sox 1-1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Maybe losing their manager, their starting pitcher and their cool in the first inning was just what the Cleveland Indians needed.

Dave Burba, rushed into service when starter Dwight Gooden was ejected after 22 pitches, pitched into the sixth inning, and David Justice homered and drove in four runs Wednesday as Cleveland evened its AL playoff series with Boston, beating the Red Sox 9-5.

Game 2 will be best remembered for a wild, 39-minute first that included three runs, two ejections, two passed balls, three walks, two stolen bases, a hit batter, two controversial calls and a lot of heated words.

After being routed 11-3 in Game 1 on Tuesday, the Indians needed a lift. And although they certainly didn't plan to spend the rest of the day watching television in Cleveland's clubhouse, manager Mike Hargrove and Gooden raised the intensity level of the Indians and their fans by getting kicked out in the first by plate umpire Joe Brinkman.

Gooden was in trouble with Brinkman after his third pitch. He disagreed with the umpire on a 2-0 pitch to leadoff hitter Darren Lewis, yelling when Brinkman called ball three.

Brinkman started out from behind the plate as Gooden motioned to him that things were OK and he would continue. Hargrove came out to calm his pitcher, but on his way back to the bench, he argued with Brinkman and was quickly tossed.

Gooden walked the first two hitters, but after striking out Mo Vaughn, Nomar Garciaparra doubled high off the wall in left. Darren Lewis scored on the hit, although the Indians appeared to throw John Valentin out at the plate. TV replays showed that Valentin was out.

When Brinkman called Valentin safe, Gooden, who was backing up the play, said something to the umpire, who immediately ejected him. Gooden had to be restrained by several teammates as he tried to get at Brinkman.

NBA

Delay to start of new season probable

NEW YORK (AP) — The first delay ever to the start of the NBA season was virtually assured Wednesday when the league announced labor talks will not resume until Oct. 8.

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza confirmed the decision Wednesday, two days after commissioner David Stern, deputy commissioner Russ Granik, union director Billy Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing met for one hour.

The league wanted to meet for a formal bargaining session as soon as today, but the union said nothing could be scheduled until Oct. 8 because of previous commitments, Granik said.

"I was bowled over to hear that we can't meet for nine days while Rome is burning," Granik told the *Philadelphia Daily News*.

The regular season is scheduled to begin Nov. 3, and at least three weeks would be needed after an agreement is reached to sign players, make trades and hold abbreviated training camps.

So unless a deal can be completed within a day or two after the sides reconvene, there appears to be no way the season can start on time.

The league already has announced an indefinite postponement of training camps and has canceled 25 exhibition games. The remainder of the preseason could be scrapped later this week.

## Redemption: Frogs vs. Air Force

For the second game in a row, the decisive moment came down to the last possession. The first time it was Oklahoma who deflated the Horned Frogs. This time it was TCU who killed the opponent's chance of winning.

I never thought it could have happened. At least not this season.

The upset was a show of resiliency and toughness. Air Force came into the game with a No. 23 ranking after defeating Colorado State. The Falcons had punished their opponents with their 300 rushing yards per game. Despite this dominance, the TCU defense wouldn't back down.

Sometimes I have to remind myself this is not the 1997 Horned Frog team, the one that lost games at the most crucial moments. I have to remind myself this is a different team with different attitudes.

Being the first season under head coach Dennis Franchione, every game is a test for TCU. The Frogs passed their first test, against Iowa State, matching their win total from last season. As we all know, TCU fell short in the second test, losing to

Oklahoma in the waning seconds of the game.

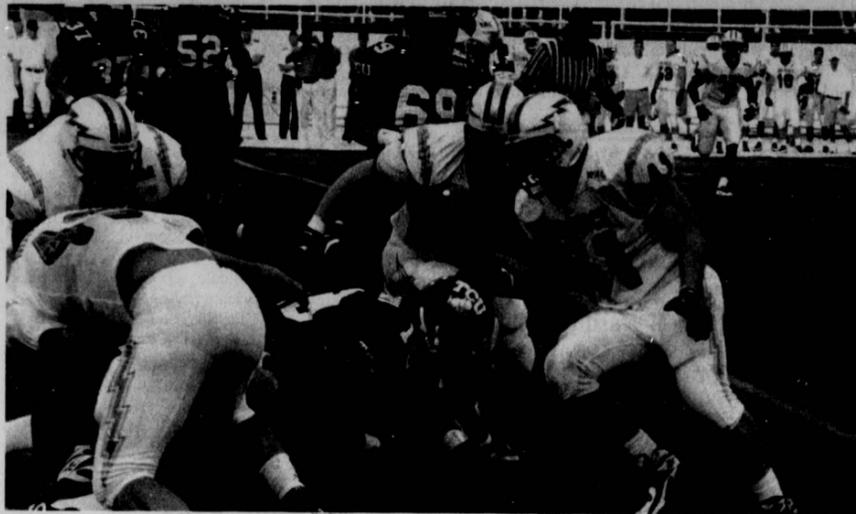
The third test had two parts. The first part was how effectively the Frogs used their bye week to prepare for Air Force. I'd say they passed with flying colors by developing a game plan that Patrick Batteaux could succeed with. Of course, the second part was the game itself. It was by far the biggest game the Frogs have played in a long while.

Nobody would have guessed TCU would take a 20-17 lead into the locker room after the first half. Apparently, the Falcons wanted to put away all doubts in the second half when they charged out, scoring 14 unanswered points in the first six minutes.

The big difference between this year's team members and last year's is their unwillingness to get down on themselves. TCU came back to win the game with some personal heroics along the way.

One standout of the game was cornerback Greg Walls, saving his best defensive play for when it counted the most. This is the same guy who did everything in his power short of pass interference to keep OU's Chris Blocker from catching that fateful touchdown pass. Walls found himself in a similar situation Saturday night.

Air Force had the ball late in the game and needed to advance into field goal range to win the game. Falcon quarterback Blane Morgan threw Walls' way twice, and he



Junior quarterback Patrick Batteaux fights an Air Force defender to gain a few yards in Saturday's 35-34 victory.

knocked down the pass both times. It was the perfect way for Walls to redeem himself.

Congratulations also go to running back LaDainian Tomlinson, whose performance against Air Force earned him Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division Offensive Player of the Week honors. Tomlinson gained 99 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns.

The shifty running back combined

power and speed to elude would-be tacklers on his way to his highest offensive output of the season (206 all-purpose yards). Tomlinson stepped up his play to lead the team to victory in the second half. As a sophomore he has already established himself as a key to the Horned Frogs' success.

These aren't the only two players who deserve credit; the whole team played with heart and emotion. Flashbacks of last year were erased as

the Frogs built a solid foundation for the future.

This season has already proved to be a more successful season than last year, and I don't think we've seen the last of Franchione's magic.

Congratulations, guys. You've earned it this time.

*Matt Welack is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from San Antonio.*

Commentary



MATT WELACK

## Golf teams fare well

By Wendy Bogema  
SPORTS CO-EDITOR

The women's golf team had hoped to repeat as winners of the 1998 Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., but fell to Southern California by one stroke.

Junior Angela Stanford did capture the individual title with a final score of 5-under par, two strokes ahead of USC's Jennifer Rosales.

The team, ranked No. 8 in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, placed ahead of several ranked schools, including No. 6 Tulsa. Of the 17 teams competing in the tournament, eight are ranked in the top 25. USC is unranked.

Sophomore Brenda Anderson lowered her score by five strokes from the second to third round and finished the tournament tied for 21st. It was her first tournament of the season.

Freshman Jennifer Patterson tied for 33rd, and seniors Shannon Fisher and Susan Horton tied for 51st.

TCU was tied with USC after the first two rounds and wasn't able to hold off the Lady Trojans, who were led by Rosales and her final round score of 69. Stanford and Rosales were the only two players to finish the tournament under par.

The tournament was played at the University of New Mexico Championship Golf Course last Friday and Saturday. It consisted of two rounds on Friday and one on Saturday.

In other Horned Frog golf action, the men traveled to Chasica, Minn., for the Ping/Golfweek NCAA Preview. The seventh-ranked Frogs took 10th place in the tournament. The field was made up of 15 of the top-ranked teams in the country.

Fifth-ranked Oklahoma State won the tournament, followed by No. 2 Georgia and No. 8 Arizona State. The No. 1-ranked school and national champion Nevada-Las Vegas placed eighth, and No. 3 Georgia

Tech was ninth.

TCU was tied for ninth after the first round and then slipped into 11th after the second. The Frogs were able to pull themselves into 10th after shooting the fifth-lowest score in the final round.

Head coach Bill Montigel said the team did well considering the difficulty of the course and strength of the field.

"I thought, first of all, it was a very difficult golf course, one of the most difficult courses we've played since I've been coach at TCU," he said. "Overall, and all things considered, we did pretty good."

Montigel said, "Every time we go to tournaments these are the types of fields, and we need to improve fast or we'll keep getting finishes like this. But down the road this will help us."

Seniors Alberto Ochoa and Grady Girard were the two top finishers for the Frogs in a tie for 29th place. Freshman Andy Doeden tied for 38th, sophomore Scott Volpito tied for 55th and freshman Adam Rubinson tied for 61st in a 75-player field.

Montigel said replacing former Frog standout J.J. Henry with a freshman is difficult but said the freshmen will continue to get better. He also said the low final-round score is a sign of improvement.

This tournament was played Monday and Tuesday at the Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chasica. Two rounds were played Tuesday, and the final was played Wednesday.

Montigel said the course was difficult in several ways. He said the course was very long, the fairways were tight and the rough was thick. He said it was almost impossible to get on the green and if you didn't get on the green chipping was difficult.

Next up for the Frogs is the Taylor Made Red River Classic Oct. 12-13 at the Dallas Athletic Club, and the Lady Frogs will next head to Greenville, S.C., for the Furman Lady Paladin Oct. 23-25.

## Rifle team begins season Saturday

By Mike Roberts  
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU women's rifle team is looking to live up to impressive No. 1 and No. 2 national rankings from last year. They take aim starting Saturday.

Rifle team head coach Roger Ivy said he is excited to get the season under way and to see what areas the team needs to work on.

"We have a hard row to hoe to keep up with last year," Ivy said.

Rifle has two disciplines: Air rifle and .22. It also has two rankings, one for NCAA teams and another for ROTC teams. Last year, the team was ranked No. 1 in the ROTC air rifle and No. 2 in ROTC .22. Its NCAA rank was 23rd and 24th. There is no division by gender. Men shoot against women, and vice versa. However, TCU's team consists of only women.

Ivy said that being linked with ROTC might give some women who want to be on the team a misconception.

"You don't have to be ROTC to be on the team," Ivy said. "That's just one of the divisions."

Ivy said one reason it will be difficult to get to last year's level is that many of his shooters are junior nursing majors.

"That's the year they have clinicals," he said. "Those take up a lot of their time."

Junior captain Valerie Muniz agreed with her coach.

"It's going to be difficult," she said. "I think we're all dedicated and want what's best for the team."

Sophomore shooter Michelle Parker said she is anxious to get the season under way. She said it's sometimes tough to stay focused with a long off-season.

"We're starting at a higher level this year," Parker said. "We're trying to stay above that and don't want to go down."

Parker said some people don't realize shooting takes as much hard work as any other sport.

"It's a mental battle," she said. "You can't think of a bad shot. You just have to focus on the next shot."

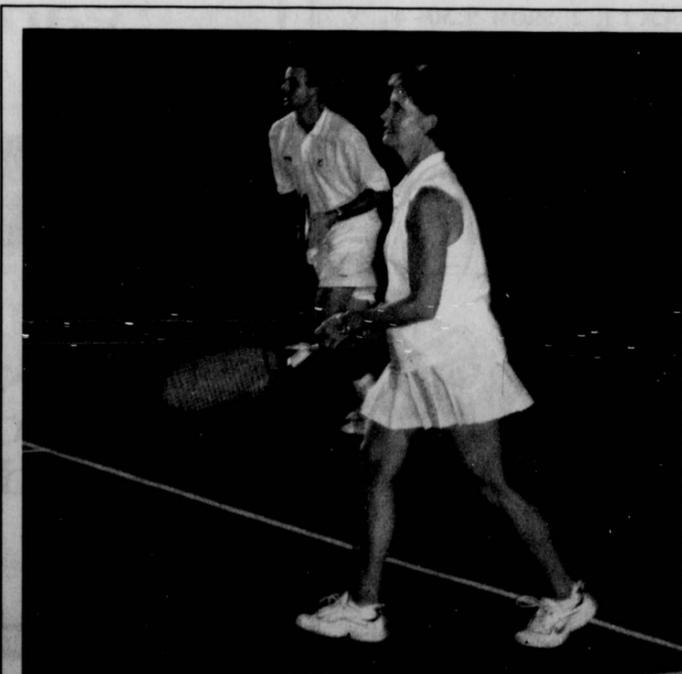
Muniz said the team is starting to come together but the real fun won't start until this weekend.

"We're going to have fun with the new girls," Muniz said. "This will be a chance to get close as friends, not just teammates."

Both Ivy and Muniz said they wanted membership to increase. Parker said that may be hard because some girls have the wrong idea about the rifle team.

"It's not like we're violent," Parker said. "We just shoot at targets."

Ivy said any women interested in joining the team should make an effort to contact him.



Freshman Jessica Kjellgren (front) plays a game with members of the community during the Meet the Tennis Teams event Tuesday night at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

## Sporting events under way

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### Intramural sports

This year is the first time the Intramural Sports Council is composed entirely of TCU students. The council consists of 11 students who help serve the intramural program by voicing opinions on matters such as rules, regulations, policies, sports seasons, awards and appeals.

"This year's council is probably the biggest asset we have," said Lance Steffen, assistant director of intramural sports. "It puts the power in the hands of the students, which is who the program is designed for."

The fall badminton tournament took place Monday night in the Rickel Building. Placing first in the women's doubles division were Kara Steffen and Kathy Kruse. In the men's doubles division, Jud Martin and Bryan Storms placed first with Michael Watkins and Kenny Harris in second. Yuriko Hosogaya and Jan Ove Vadoy, both from Brachman Hall, took first place in the coed doubles division.

There were 59 participants in the competition and no forfeited games.

Sign-ups for tennis singles competition are now taking place. Registration is due by 5 p.m. Oct. 14 in Rickel Building Room 229. Women's and men's divisions are available.

### Sport clubs

The individual sport clubs have been keep-

ing busy with various competitions and excursions. Sport clubs are groups run by students with a common interest in an activity.

The rifle club team will compete in a match at noon Sunday in College Station, said Robert Davis, president of the club.

"We will be shooting a full-course, .22 match from three positions," Davis said.

The team will consist of four members, which is the standard number for most collegiate and international rifle teams. The team will compete against Texas A&M, the TCU varsity women's rifle team and the New Mexico Military Institute.

Members competing Sunday are Robert Davis, Sam Allder, Martial Burguieres and Chris Snider.

The high adventure club is traveling to Mineral Wells on Saturday for an afternoon of rock climbing, said Matt Truitt, president of the club.

"We are expecting about 15 people," Truitt said. "Anyone interested can contact me."

The club will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday outside of the Rickel Building.

The men's lacrosse team will hold a Family Weekend game against Southern Methodist University at noon Sunday at the intramural fields behind the Worth Hills area.

"This game will be a very good test on how our new team is playing together," said club president Pete Hoffman.





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