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Campus

Faculty, student joint session to be today

TCU's Faculty Senate and the House of Student Representatives will hold a joint session at 3:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

The topic to be discussed will be "What is an Educated Person?" Student Body President Shana Lawlor and Nowell Donovan, chairman of the Senate's Academic Excellence Committee, will be the facilitators of the event.

All TCU students, faculty and staff and students are encouraged to attend and share in exchange.

Colleges

UT to hold town halls to discuss diversity

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas President Larry Faulkner, conceding to students' demands, has agreed to schedule town hall meetings to discuss ways of increasing student diversity.

Faulkner and five top UT officials met with student protesters for about 30 minutes Monday before the agreement was announced.

"It took this display of student power to get us to the table," said J. Reed, a UT senior who was among six students to meet with administrators.

The school will hold at least four town hall meetings, the first of which is scheduled for Monday. Other meetings are set for Nov. 9, Jan. 25 and Feb. 8.

The agreement followed a student rally last Thursday that turned into an all-night sit-in at the building where the UT Tower is located.

Collegian dies from overdose of caffeine

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. (AP) — A 20-year-old man died after taking a dare from a fellow student and swallowing dozens of caffeine pills.

Jason Allen had swallowed most of a 90-pill bottle, which would be the equivalent to drinking as many as 250 cups of coffee, authorities said.

"It's a terrible, terrible story," said Morehead City police Major Wrenn Johnson. "No one suspects caffeine to be deadly."

Allen was taking general education development classes at Carteret Community College. He collapsed outside the college during a break from class Oct. 20. It wasn't known when he took the pills.

Authorities said it appeared Allen died of heart rhythm irregularities associated with the high dose of caffeine, which is a central nervous system stimulant.

Texas students help with flood cleanup

SAN MARCOS, Texas (U-WIRE) — While the majority of Southwest Texas State University students slept soundly in their dorms early Saturday, a devoted few from the Student Volunteer Connection took buses and sack lunches to the damaged parts of San Marcos to help flood victims clean up.

Many of the volunteers went, not because they felt obligated to go, but because they wanted to have some hand in the reconstruction of the city.

"You hear that something like this has happened, and you just automatically feel that you need to help. It's your natural inclination," elementary education senior Christopher Watson said.

The group was comprised mainly of students from the Mu Epsilon Theta and Lambda Omega Alpha, a Catholic fraternity and sorority located on campus and the Catholic Student Center.

The cleanup was a chance to earn volunteer hours, but was also an opportunity for the students to work with the victims.

"I can't watch people who need help and not help them," art education sophomore Amy Kirsch said. "I just can't sit at home and not help somebody who really needs it like these people do."

—The Daily University Star
Southwest Texas State University

Student Center's old bookstore and basement areas available in spring.

By Sylvia Carrizales
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Center basement and the former bookstore location will once again see student life bustling by next semester when the first phase of remodeling is finished.

Larry Markley, director of the Student Center, said some of the basement renovations, which will total about \$400,000, will include 12 organization workstations with Internet access, more lounge space, an e-mail station with three computers and a student copy center.

"Hopefully, students will start to have contact with each other more," Markley said. "We're going to try and make it a communication center for student organizations."

Larry Garrison, assistant director of facilities planning, said the scheduled date for completion of the remodeling is Dec. 3.

"We're about 60 percent complete

and we have another month," Garrison said. "(The improvements) will give students a great opportunity to hang out and do things they like to do. That's what a student center should be."

The furniture and decor of the basement lounge will be more informal with student comfort in mind more than the appearance, Markley said.

"Our intention is to make it more of a relaxed lounge so you can throw yourself down in a chair and let it envelop you," he said.

Space is set aside for a recreational area and vendors, but final decisions about such projects have not been made. Ideas for the vendor space include a travel agency, video rental and a full-service hair and nail salon, Markley said.

"The recreation area is not in this phase," Markley said. "We are trying to find some vendors to go downstairs but we haven't put any bids out yet."

The bookstore space upstairs will house offices such as University Ministries, the offices in the Information Desk area and Campus

Life offices, which are currently in Sadler Hall.

"Putting most of our student affairs in one location will help people find us and be able to work with us a lot easier because they won't have to search the campus to look for us," Markley said.

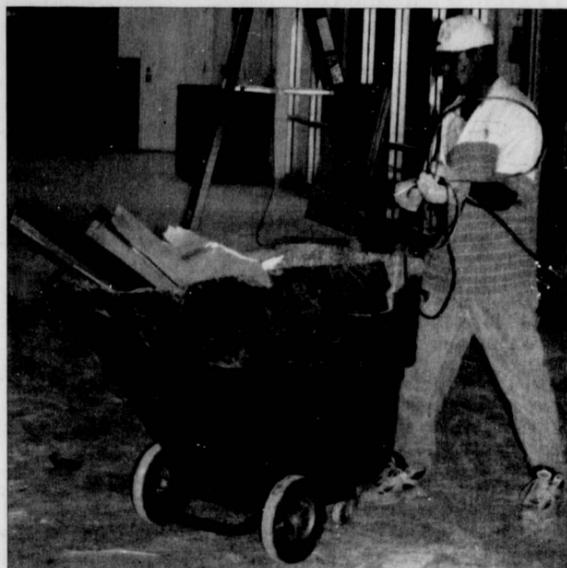
In addition to the workstations, two seminar rooms will be added in the basement and one upstairs in the bookstore area.

"(The student center is) booked solid from 3 p.m. in the afternoon until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday," Markley said. "We'll be adding three new rooms for meeting — all available by reservation."

The House Student Concerns Committee will decide, through an application process, which organizations receive one of the 12 workstations.

The workstations will have three partitions that are about 5 feet high and will offer Internet and phone access. Organizations can bring in

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Debris is carted away from the Student Center basement. Construction is taking place to turn the area into student organization office space, lounges and a computer station.



Jazz great Maynard Ferguson makes a joke about microphone feedback during his visit to TCU Wednesday afternoon. Ferguson gave critiques of the TCU Jazz Band in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

TCU ahead of the game

◆ Campus adhered to law about record access before it even passed.

By Deana Snow
STAFF REPORTER

TCU was following the rules before the rules were set.

A new amendment to the Higher Education Act says universities cannot use the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as justification for refusing to provide information about the outcome of campus disciplinary proceedings that involve crimes of violence or sex offenses. The new amendment says that all colleges and universities must create and maintain a log of criminal incidents reported to campus police and make that log open to the public as well.

The legislation also allows schools to disclose to a student's

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Campus keepsakes

Collections provide interesting, enjoyable hobby

By Sylvia Carrizales
STAFF REPORTER

Sports collections start sometimes by chance and other times when there is a significant passion for a particular team or sport.

Carolyn Witt, a junior finance and accounting major, expresses her love for the Texas Rangers through her collection, which includes posters, balls, gloves and ticket stubs from past games.

"It's all over my room," she said. "I love sports in general, but baseball is one of my favorites."

She keeps a baseball glove, a batting helmet and two balls — one signed by her favorite catcher, Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez — on her desk, which is her "shrine" to baseball.

The big Pudge poster on her wall is an eye-catcher, she said.

"When you walk in, you see Pudge," Witt said. "It draws in your attention."

Witt, who saves the stubs from every game she attends, makes it a point to go to as many home games as possible.

"When it's Texas Rangers season,



Student Employment Coordinator Dolores Oelfke shows off her horned frog collection in her Sadler Hall office. Hundreds of horned frogs adorn the walls and shelves.

I carry around the schedule with me for easy access," she said. "I've been to the opening games at The Ballpark in Arlington since they started."

As a flute and piccolo player in the Crowley High School Marching Band, Witt said it was a neat experience marching on the field where her favorite team plays.

She also remembers traveling to

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Technology makes observatory obsolete

By Candi Menville
STAFF REPORTER

Anyone curious what the silver-dome structure by the baseball field is?

Ames Observatory, the official name of the strange dome-like structure located on the corner of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North, houses an old refractory telescope and a drive mechanism that have been out-of-order for some time now.

The building also holds an old classroom, which is used during astronomy labs, but astronomy professors try to do most of their observations outside the building.

Doug Ingram, a professor of astronomy, said that since the malfunction of the refractory telescope several years ago, astronomy professors and students have been using 8-inch Celestron telescopes to observe the sky.

"Happily, technology has advanced to the point that the relatively cheap 8-inch reflecting telescopes owned by the department are

actually superior to the old refracting telescope that no longer works," Ingram said.

Ingram said the observatory is currently used six weeks out of the academic year as a site for outdoor astronomy labs. He said the astronomy students mount their Celestron telescopes on concrete posts located on the observatory grounds.

He said the broken drive mechanism in the observatory was used to enable the telescope to track the motion of the sky automatically but the Celestron telescopes have this feature as well.

The observatory's dome originally opened up for sky-viewing but was sealed about two years ago when a tornado near campus caused some damage to the observatory's doors. The threat of water leaking into the observatory prompted astronomers to have the dome permanently sealed.

Ingram said that as far as he knows, no requests have been made

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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. 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.

BRITE LECTURESHIP speaker at 11 a.m. today in Robert Carr Chapel. Lunch will follow at 12:15 p.m. in Weatherly Hall.

LORRAINE SHERLEY LECTURE SERIES speaker Cheryl Glenn to talk about "Delivery of Silence" at 4 p.m. today in Reed Hall 115. The series is open to all.

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

DISCIPLE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meal and fellowship at 5:15 today at University Christian Church.

WESLEY FOUNDATION fellowship and meal at 5:30 p.m. today in the Wesley Building.

TCU LONDON CENTRE applications are available in the International Education Office (Rickel Building Room 109). Spring 1999 applications are due, and fall, 1999 applications are also being accepted.

HOMECOMING — Organizations wishing to participate must contact the Programming Council office for information at 257-5233 or stop by the Student Center Information Desk to pick up a rule book.

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Correction

The following corrections are for "What does the 'C' stand for?," run in the Oct. 28 edition of the Skiff:

Priscilla Tate is the associate dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

The last quote from her in the story should have read, "Religion at TCU in name and operation should not be used to convert people."

In The News ...

World

Israel postpones Cabinet meeting to approve Mideast peace agreement

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has postponed a Cabinet meeting that was to approve the U.S.-brokered Israel-Palestinian peace agreement. The move could disrupt the timetable of Israel's West Bank pullback.

In a statement Tuesday evening, Netanyahu blamed the delay on the Palestinians, saying they had failed to present a detailed plan for stopping extremist attacks against Israel.

However, Israeli media reported today that Netanyahu postponed the Cabinet meeting because he was having trouble determining if he had a majority in favor of the agreement in his Cabinet.

Several Cabinet ministers who initially said they were undecided have announced they would vote against the agreement. Netanyahu said Tuesday if his Cabinet fails to approve the withdrawal deal, it would not be carried out.

The most vocal opposition to Netanyahu comes from Jewish settlers who fear a troop pullback will endanger them and turn several settlements into isolated enclaves in Palestinian areas.

In recent protests against Netanyahu, demonstrators have shouted "Traitor! Traitor!" Such cries were common in the weeks leading up to the assassination of late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an ultra-nationalist Jew in November 1995, and there is growing concern in Israel that Netanyahu could also be targeted by extremists.

Under the peace accord signed last week in Washington, Israel would hand over 13.1 percent of the West Bank to Palestinian civilian control, in exchange for a Palestinian crackdown on Islamic militants.

Eight weeks after Swissair crash, bulk of wreckage now recovered

TORONTO — Two months after Swissair Flight 111 crashed into the sea off Nova Scotia, investigators have recovered much of the aircraft wreckage but a complete explanation for the disaster is still elusive.

"It's a very complicated and complex investigation," Benoit Bouchard, chairman of Canada's Transportation Safety Board, said Tuesday. "But I remain optimistic that we will identify any safety deficiencies that may exist."

He predicted it would take more than a year to complete a final report on the Sept. 2 crash that killed all 229 people aboard the New York-to-Geneva flight.

He said hundreds of thousands of pieces of the MD-11 jumbo jet — about 60 percent of the plane — have now been retrieved from the Atlantic Ocean floor.

As of two weeks ago, only 10 percent had been recovered. Then a barge equipped with an underwater crane was brought in to scoop up large pieces of wreckage.

Officials said the heavy-lifting barge, the Sea Sorceress, has completed its work and will be replaced this week by a boat normally used to drag up scallops. Its task will be to retrieve the smaller debris that remains on the ocean floor, about 180 feet below the surface.

Vic Gerden, the chief crash investigator, said the operation retrieved all three of the jetliner's engines and parts of the fuselage and cockpit. Electronic circuit boards and bundles of wiring were also found and will be examined for any clues to the source of the smoke the pilots detected 16 minutes before the crash.

Some debris from the cockpit area shows signs of extreme heat, but investigators have yet to uncover any indication of the cause or the extent of a possible fire on board.

Canadian woman completes 3,000 mile walk across Australia

BRISBANE, Australia — After a 3,000 mile walk across Australia, a 31-year-old Canadian dipped her feet in the Pacific Ocean today and popped open a bottle of champagne.

"I'm just so glad it's over, the feeling is indescribable," said Deanna Sorensen of Brampton, Ontario, who wore a T-shirt with the words "Mission Possible" on the back.

Sorensen left Perth, on Australia's west coast, on May 2. She walked to Sydney's North Bondi beach on its east without a support crew — she pushed her supplies in a purple, three-wheel infant jogging stroller.

Beach-goers, cheering schoolchildren and officials from the animal welfare charity she promoted met her at the finish.

Averaging about 25 miles a day, Sorensen walked east from Perth to Kalgoorlie, across the Nullarbor and into South Australia. After leaving the state capital of Adelaide, she took a southern highway along the coast.

Sorensen had asked those she met along the way to send donations to local animal shelters and raised hundreds of dollars from passing drivers.

Sorensen said a bright orange vest given to her by a road worker 60 miles into her journey helped to keep her safe.

She had some "incredible private moments" during her walk across the vast and arid Nullarbor plain in south-central Australia, but the highlight was crossing the Victoria-New South Wales state border because she knew she was only 300 miles from her destination.

Sorensen and her English boyfriend, Jez Ford, 34, now plan to retrace her route.

This time, she'll drive.

Nation

Ted Turner awards first \$55 million of the gift he pledged to the U.N.

NEW YORK — Ted Turner had a tough act to follow at this year's United Nations Association of

the U.S.A. dinner — himself.

Last year, Turner pledged \$1 billion to the United Nations over 10 years. He followed up Tuesday night by announcing that the first \$55 million of his gift had been awarded.

The foundation Turner set up to dole out his contribution earmarked funds for U.N. programs that aim to help the poor, protect the environment, stem rapid population growth and empower women, he said.

"In a relatively short period of time, we've made significant strides in getting the U.N. Foundation up and running," he said.

It took about six months to set up the foundation, and Turner expects it to give away \$100 million next year, he said.

He appealed to those in the well-heeled audience to follow his lead.

"We are developing a number of ambitious programs for leveraging my contribution," he said.

Turner, who founded the Cable News Network and sold his media empire to Time Warner Inc. in 1996, reminded listeners of the importance of the United Nations' work.

State

Cop fired for allegedly kissing teen-age usher wins job back

DALLAS — A police officer fired last year after he was accused of grabbing and kissing a 16-year-old theater usher has won his job back.

But the administrative law judge who ordered Mohammad Atique reinstated called the officer's conduct "a scandal."

Atique was fired last year after an internal investigation found he had violated the Dallas Police Department's code of conduct.

Daniel Perez, a lawyer hired to hear city employee grievances, told Atique that while what he did was lewd, a six-month unpaid suspension was more fitting punishment.

"What you did with this young lady is a scandal," he told Atique. "It is a sin. It's a harm against the community."

Atique also will receive seven months' back pay under the ruling and, if the police department wishes, submit to counseling.

Police Chief Ben Click said no decision has been made on whether to appeal the decision.

The girl told police she was working as an usher at the AMC Grand theater in Dallas on July 31, 1997, while Atique was working an off-duty security job there.

About 11 p.m., she said, Atique followed her into a dark, empty theater, put his arms around her, grabbed her buttocks and forced his tongue into her mouth.

Atique has made no comment on the accusations. But his attorney, John Haring, said he has always denied the allegations.

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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editorial

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Replacing trailers should be priority

During a Monday at TCU last year, a prospective student and his parents visited the sociology trailers. The father of the student took one look at the temporary building and asked Michael Katovich, an associate professor of sociology and criminal justice who was showing the building, if the sociology department was the lowest department on the totem pole.

If such is the message transmitted to those who visit campus for only one day, what kind of message is sent to those students and faculty whose academic lives revolve around the trailers that house the sociology, criminal justice and social work departments?

TCU announced last week that it would spend \$20 million to \$30 million on new athletic facilities, while according to Katovich, no plans have been made to move the sociology department into a permanent, more attractive facility. Katovich added that the sociology department does not know where it will be located once the Tucker Technology Center is built in the trailers' current location.

Not to downplay the importance of upgraded athletic facilities, but TCU's No. 1 priority should be academics and the promotion of a learning environment.

Sociology may not offer the investment return that athletics does in terms of community support and alumni giving, but that should not make it less of a priority.

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Real-life horror scariest of all

The moon rises in the eastern sky, and the clouds roll back to reveal the wondrous stars above. A light breeze blows, rustling the leaves this particular autumn night. House lights

go out as jack-o'-lanterns give off their eerie glow in this spookiest of times. Ghouls, vampires, Barney and "Scream" character wannabes haunt the streets, bringing terror door to door in their quest for treats. Haunted houses thrive, and people are surely horrified under their tough exteriors.

The fright, however, is real. Halloween is no longer the scariest day of the year, as each day we live has become terrifying. No place in the United States, or the world for that matter, is protected from the evil and hatred that has grown in society.

Kevin Williamson, the screen writer for "Scream" and "Scream 2," could not write a more cryptic script than the one that is followed by the people of the world today.

A man minding his own business was beaten to death and dragged by a pickup tearing his head from his already lifeless body. Jasper, Texas, will never be the same after that heinous act of ignorance and hatred.

To be more general, children across the nation are continually raped, beaten and murdered. The worst part is that the crimes against children are often committed by their parents, not just total strangers. The case of Jon Benet Ramsey has yet to be solved, but the obvious torture her body suffered and the thoughts of agony that must have passed through her mind are more ghastly than anything Michael Myers ever did in the "Halloween" series.

Closer to home, TCU students have recently been the target of attackers bent on sexual assault and perversion. If a private school with a cautious and protective administration is not a safe haven from the menacing psychotics, then where can we be safe?

I love movies where psycho serial killers, with vengeance on their minds, set out to slice and dice every blonde-haired, buxom babe

in sight. That's all good. When the filming is done, though, all the deceased will rise to act poorly another day.

Darlie Routier's children will never see the sun rise again, and neither will any other victim of a murder. I am firmly against capital punishment, and I do not believe in taking another human being's life. Now with that said...

Reading the newspaper and watching the news is far more frightening to me than any Wes Craven flick. To hear of another college girl assaulted or murdered, or of a 12-year-old boy who shot his parents and then his classmates makes my blood freeze. I think of all the uselessness in murdering a person and it nearly brings me to my knees with tears. How could killing another living soul bring such happiness and satisfaction to people?

Jeffrey Dahmer must have really enjoyed the act of murder. In fact, he liked it so much that he went to prison where his friends there let him experience the receiving end of it.

I do not feel the end justifies the means because revenge can be

sought out in a much sweeter fashion. Play with someone's mind. Take up witchcraft and cast a spell on the person. Murder solves nothing. It senselessly ends a life, and it gives the killer's soul an eternal burden and a great shot at life in prison. However, with the consciousness of the world fading, killers are more abundant and more fearless. Therein lies today's terror.

Chucky, Freddie Krueger and Billy Loomis may have ripped apart their share of Hollywood's minimum-wage earners, but they can't compare to the horror that is real and alive in society. Forget the Bates Motel and all of the urban legends, because the terror is here and preying on the innocent.

Lock your doors, walk in pairs and say your prayers. This is no night at the movies, and we cannot leave after two hours and some popcorn. The bad guy is not slain, and Buffy cannot save us now. Only God can.

Will Warren is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Crowley, Texas.

Commentary
WILL WARREN

Don't let crime get you down; take a look around

A lot of news agencies get a bad rap because they only seem to report bad news. Crimes and catastrophes always grab the front page and the opening segment. I had a teacher in high school who absolutely refused to read the local newspaper because he found the whole experience too depressing. For some reason, even the comics held no appeal. I can see how that sort of pessimistic attitude could be acquired from a steady diet of presidential scandals, tales of impending economic doom and startling new crime statistics from the latest academic study. Even in this very opinion section we, the

assorted social commentators, tend to harp on all sorts of things in order to fill our allotted space. A random sampling of everything the average newspaper produces might give someone the idea that everyone is miserable and that the entire planet is nearing the end of its existence.

Yet things aren't really as "The End is Nigh" as it seems. Here on campus things are pretty good, in spite of the nit-picking criticisms that we columnists like to throw around. There's a lot of truly wonderful things here that not nearly enough people are taking advantage of. For everything, there's an upside that we often overlook.

1. For every TCU student with a TCU ID card, sporting events on campus are free. That sort of claim can't be made for a lot of good-sized Division I schools. Students don't need to wait in long lines with huge segments of the area's population just to see a game. It's already taken care of. Well,

technically there is a student fee that you are charged in addition to your tuition, but if you go to enough games you can make that fee more than worth it. That means you can see football, baseball, track, soccer and volleyball, plus the nationally ranked basketball team, all for free.

2. The very same ID card that gets you into sporting events for free can also save you a nice chunk of change at restaurants and movie theaters. TCU pretty much dominates the collegiate scene in Fort Worth, so all sorts of places offer perks to get your business. Those few bucks that you get in savings can really add up after a while.

3. Sure, it's terrible that there are so many harassing phone calls and strange encounters with naked men, but it all serves to illustrate that this is where all the pretty, pretty people are. With nearly the entire campus population between the ages of 18 and 22, give or take a few years, there is

constantly a bevy of people in their physical prime.

4. Every now and then there will be an assault of some sort, but it is generally off campus. The area that is officially part of TCU seems virtually crime-free. I haven't heard of a car theft in my entire three years here, and only one vandalism. Take a look at the Police Blotter sometime and you'll see how minor any reports are. They're generally more humorous than dire in nature.

5. Yeah, you get price gouged at the bookstore, but the selection of items there is far better than it was just a year ago at the old bookstore. Plus with the "send home" option, it doesn't cost "real" money, at least until the end of the semester. This means that at around Christmas you can do all your shopping on campus and maybe not even end up paying for it. Not that I speak from experience, of course.

6. Perhaps the best thing is there are so many groups and organizations you can become a part of — service groups, religious groups, cultural groups and sports clubs, in addition to all the many Greek organizations. Most of these groups don't make you jump through any sort of hoops, maybe charge you just a small fee to keep things running, and you're a member. For virtually any interest there exists a place to support it. Or if there is no place for your interest, you can even start a new group relatively easily.

For example, I became a member of this very newspaper by just filling out a simple form and showing up. If even a novice wordsmith like myself can do it, why can't you?

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Commentary



MATT SHOEMAKER

President Clinton deserves public support and sympathy

Am I the only one left in the world who's still on President Clinton's side? Surely, I can't be the only one. The way the media is harping on this man's indiscretions with the jokes, the cartoons, the incessant ridicule makes me feel like I'm the lone supporter of a man who deserves a lot of support. I'm not even that sure as to why I like him. I believe he's done some great things for our country and for the safety of other countries, yet what those things are I can't exactly tell you, because I've never been that big on politics. I know that's a bad thing for a

newspaper opinion editor to say. But it's the truth.

If you were to sit me down and quiz me on Clinton's position on just about any current national newsworthy topic, I'd probably fail miserably. When my boyfriend, who's just slightly older than I, starts his soliloquies on the Reagan administration, though I love him very much, I can't help imagine what it would be like if in the middle of what he was saying, I glued his mouth shut.

I'm just not that concerned with politics.

As a writer, I've always been more concerned with people — personality if you will. During the 1988 presidential campaign, I urged my mother and anyone else who would listen to vote for Michael Dukakis simply because I thought he was cute. (Keep in mind, I was only 11 years old in 1988.)

When I was first empowered

with the right to vote, I'd like to say that I voted for President Clinton and Al Gore because I was so wowed by their four-year track record that all the other candidates paled in comparison. But that's simply not true.

I liked Clinton. (And Gore didn't look too shabby.) I can't tell you why I liked him, or why I like him now. Just that I did. (And I still do.)

Maybe it's because he's surrounded himself with minorities during his terms in office, or that one of the first times I actually took notice of the guy, he was blowing his own sax on "The Arsenio Hall Show."

Maybe I like him because no matter how many quagmires he's able to wade through, he always comes out on top, or at least with only a scratch or two.

Perhaps I like how, even as some of the most personal information about his life is being dug out,

overexposed and chaotically dissected, he still manages to emerge from the White House, attend meetings and talk to reporters, all with a smile so plastered on his face that it probably doesn't waver even as he sleeps.

I'm probably just too determined to appear wholesome to admit it, but maybe the source of my admiration for the man comes from knowing, for the first time, about a president that actually got busy in the White House — although not with his wife ... but busy just the same.

Years from now school children are going to read about this so-called scandal and laugh at our generation for even giving a damn about something so insignificant. History books are going to use big words to describe acts that take place every day in the privacy of people's bedrooms, and Clinton will appear more like a villain than the super-stud he's actually proven

himself to be.

I feel sorry for Clinton as he goes through this impeachment inquiry, because this inquiry doesn't come because he bugged the Republican headquarters or because he violated some Tenure of Office Act, like Richard Nixon and Andrew Johnson. It has nothing to do with questionable land deals or questionable campaign finance deals.

Instead, William Clinton's job is on the line because he let a younger woman perform fellatio on him, and then told a few lies to cover it up. Our congressmen are inquiring about impeachment only because he committed adultery, not because he "didn't inhale" or that he managed to dodge the draft. This inquiry is taking place only because he likes to do sexual things with cigars and doesn't want the rest of us to know. (And to be honest, why would anyone want to know?)

Something about this whole thing is just wrong.

Clinton deserves our support, whether you concern yourself with politics or whether you're a Democrat or Republican or independent or what have you. He deserves to keep his post because he represents the vast majority of Americans who have made mistakes in their personal lives and who enjoy more than just the missionary position in the bedroom. He deserves to keep his office, not just because he did nothing wrong, and not just because we all like sex, at least those of us who'll actually admit that we do it.

President Clinton deserves to keep his post because he isn't a bad guy. He just did a dumb thing for which he's apologized.

And regardless, I still like him.

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CRIME

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parent or guardian the fact that the student has been found in violation of a law or school policy relating to alcohol or drug use.

Michael Russell, associate dean of campus life, said: "Now that the new law passed, there's nothing keeping us from releasing information to parents. But other than that, things won't change dramatically. We don't have to give out information if we don't feel it is necessary."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said, "The subject of opening disciplinary hearings is something that we need to think about."

He said they will research how schools that have open hearings are affected, such as the University of Georgia.

"Since the hearings are open at Georgia, they have noticed that students do not report incidents because they do not want to have to go in front of an open hearing," Mills said. "That will be an issue we need to research."

He said the community would benefit from knowing what actions are taken when a student is involved in an incident.

"I think the community would want to know exactly how many warnings, probation and suspensions we give out," Mills said. "And I don't see harm in it if the names are not released."

Mills said the policy will not change until the university receives information from the Secretary of

Education.

"In the short-run, the hearing will stay closed and the policy will stay the same," he said. "In the long-run, it will depend on our view of the educational process."

"It will take a while to make any

"Your school is very lucky that the crime records are already open to the public. That is very unusual for a private university."

— Mike Hiest, staff attorney, Student Press Law Center

decisions," Mills said. "This is the first time we have had any options."

The Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., is a nonprofit organization devoted to protecting and educating student media about their freedom of expression and freedom of information rights.

Mike Hiest, the staff attorney for the SPLC, said: "Your school is very lucky that the crime records are already open to the public. That is very unusual for a private university."

"When it comes to disciplinary records, the only change is that offi-

cial cannot use FERPA as an excuse for not giving information," Hiest said. "That doesn't mean they have to give out information; they will just have to find a new excuse."

The second part of the bill involves crime records and logs.

Steve McGee has been the chief of the TCU Campus Police since June 1995. Since he has been at TCU, the records have been open to the public.

"We are not hiding from anything," McGee said. "We want everyone to know what is happening on campus so they can safeguard themselves."

He said the reports have been open to the public since he has been chief but that after a few months they were thrown away.

"We are going to have to file the reports and keep them longer," McGee said.

The legislation re-authorizing the Higher Education Act also includes that universities must report crime statistics for the previous calendar year by Sept. 1 of each year. TCU has already been on the ball in this area as well.

"We have always printed our crime statistics," McGee said. "We print those in the paper as well as our newsletter. We have never tried to keep anything from our students."

Universities are required to print the statistics in the categories of murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. Two new categories have been added to the list: manslaughter and arson.

Crew sharpens skills

◆ Day before Discovery launch spent flying jets, visiting with families

By Paul Rorer THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.— With only a day left before launch, John Glenn and his crewmates had a last chance to sharpen their flying skills by roaring over the Kennedy Space Center in jet airplanes.

Glenn, a 77-year-old senator poised to return to space 36 years after becoming the first American in orbit, was to be in the passenger seat today on one of five T-38 jets the astronauts use for training and

transportation.

The same planes brought the crew to the launch site on Monday. Flying the jets the day before launch is a tradition for shuttle astronauts and a way "to get their flying legs in shape," a NASA official said.

Discovery's countdown rolled on with only minor problems and forecasters said the weather promised to be "100 percent" favorable for launch at 2 p.m. EST on Thursday.

Hurricane Mitch, which NASA weather observers had been following closely, veered westward Tuesday, away from Florida. It was not expected to have any effect on the space mission.

Tonight, Glenn and the six other astronauts were to stand at the base of the launch pad, with the brilliantly floodlit Discovery looming above them, and spend a final pre-mission hour with their families.

"They'll stand at the fence and look at the ship that will take them into space," said Bruce Buckingham, a NASA spokesman. "It's an awesome thing."

The family members will stand with the astronauts, talking in the shadows thrown by powerful Xenon bulbs that flood the launch pad and the spacecraft with white light.

"It is the last chance for them to spend some time with their families," Buckingham said.

Flood damage cost estimate escalates to \$831 million

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The rough damage total from Texas' most recent flood disaster is up to nearly \$831 million, according to initial estimates from 20 affected counties.

The flooding that struck San Antonio Oct. 17 before moving east caused nearly \$570 million worth of damage to homes, according to preliminary figures.

Businesses suffered another \$53.7

million worth of damage, and \$207 million worth of roads and bridges were damaged, the totals indicate.

At least 29 people died in the disaster, and 18,000 structures were affected, more than half of which were destroyed or severely damaged.

"The disaster area covers more than 21,000 square miles — about the size of West Virginia," state emergency coordinator Tom Millwee told the *Austin American-*

Statesman. "This is a large area with a lot of damage and a lot of debris."

State and federal officials said some of the preliminary damage figures are more "guess-timate" than estimate and cautioned against putting too much credence in the rising number. It'll be weeks before the total can be better stated.

Still, Millwee and others said the latest figures illustrate the severity of the flooding, which could rival the 1994 flood in Southeast Texas.

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COLLECTIONS

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happen, my mom would let me know," Witt said. "I was in Venice when my mom called me during dinner to tell me they had made a trade."

Besides being a sports fanatic, Witt also has a teddy bear collection with more than 75 bears that all sit atop a shelf in her bedroom.

Just as Witt's collection can be seen by walking into her room, the collections of Dolores Oelfke, student employment coordinator, are evident as soon as you enter her small office in Sadler Hall.

Hundreds of frogs line the shelves and the walls, ranging in size from 1-inch tall figurines to heavy, ceramic planters.

Some frogs are stuffed animals, adorned with ribbons and bows, while others serve as magnets with

funny sayings. There is even a frog, that once lived, but that now finds its place among old yearbooks on a bookcase.

"The one thing that I regret the most is that I didn't write down who gave it to me or from where they got it," Oelfke said.

While she doesn't remember exact dates, each frog has a story behind it that brings back memories.

One of the frogs, a crystal figurine that cost \$60, is Oelfke's lucky frog.

The frogs come to Oelfke's office from places like Tijuana, Costa Rico, Puerto Rico, Amsterdam, England, Hungary and El Salvador.

A yellow ceramic frog with false eyelashes sits on a counter toward the back of the office.

"That's my sexiest one," she said.

"She has to stay over there to stay out of trouble."

Photos of past TCU football and basketball legends lie amid the frogs and a sweatband used by former Dallas Cowboy "Too Tall Jones" is wrapped around a beanbag frog.

When "Too Tall" was on campus to participate in an intramural event, Oelfke traded the TCU pin she was wearing for his sweatband.

"It took about a week for the sweat to dry off," Oelfke joked.

Oelfke said her enthusiasm for sports started when she began working closely with athletes on campus.

Autographed photos of Nolan Ryan; his son Reid, a former TCU baseball player; Kenneth Davis, a former Heisman Trophy candidate; former football great Dan Jenkins,

along with a scrapbook full of clippings and photos, show Oelfke's loyalty to TCU athletics.

Oelfke's newest photo is of football coach Dennis Franchione, and it sits on her desk.

She said she likes his philosophy on football.

"You don't leave a game now until it's over," she said. "You never know what's going to happen."

A photo of Morganna, the busy kissing bandit whose antics are seen at Major League Baseball games, stands out of place on a shelf and reminds Oelfke of the nervousness her husband felt at a game they attended together.

"We went to a ball game together at Texas Stadium," she said. "He thought that if she ran out on the field, I would be right behind her."

Mugs recalled for lead content

◆ **Save the Children mugs pulled from store shelves.**

By John McElhenny
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. — A mug maker for Connecticut-based charity Save the Children has recalled about 2,000 of the mugs, after several showed high levels of lead during tests in California.

A Save the Children spokeswoman said Tuesday night the mugs met federal guidelines for lead content, but had more lead than a voluntary standard to be introduced in California in

April 1999.

California's Department of Health Services put out a warning to consumers Tuesday to stop using two types of 20-ounce Save the Children mugs.

Tony Reed, director of licensing for the Westport-based charity said 2,380 of the questionable mugs were distributed nationwide.

The company that makes and distributes the mugs, Norwalk-based Centrum Corporation, has ordered all mugs remaining on store shelves to be destroyed, said Reed. Centrum also asked stores that carry the mugs to hang signs informing customers of California's health warning.

Restaurant becomes first to give prices in new currency

By Paul Ames
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORDESILLAS, Spain— At Hotel Los Toreros, the cuisine is resolutely Spanish. But the prices of the Galician-style octopus and vinegar-soaked partridge herald the start of a pan-European financial revolution.

"We were the first in the province to give our prices in euros," said Jesus Ramon Fernandez, who runs Los Toreros with his brothers. "Everybody is talking about it and everybody accepts it."

After years of planning, the euro becomes the common currency of 11 European Union nations on Jan. 1.

But even before, French supermarkets, Belgian banks and Viennese coffee houses are marking

their prices in euros — a sure sign the currency once dismissed as a pipe dream of bureaucrats is becoming a reality for millions of Europeans.

"It's so people can see it already, so customers can get used to it and those of us working here can learn about it," said Jochen Granetz, head waiter at the trendy Kunsthaus Cafe in the Austrian capital. A bottle of tangy Czech beer costs 3.45 euros, calculated at a rate of 13.9 Austrian schillings to the euro.

Fernandez, in this little town on the plains of central Spain, prices his cuisine at 164.8 pesetas to the euro.

Actually, such prices are something of a gimmick.

No one can pay in euros yet, and its exact value won't be known until New Year's Eve, when finance min-

"It won't impact on their daily lives until 2002...they will have plenty of time to get used to the currency"

— Annette Connolly,
Euro Changeover Board of Ireland

isters from euro-bloc nations fix the rates at which their currencies are absorbed into the new money.

However, barring some last-minute upset, the euro will be worth about 6.6 French francs, 14 Austrian schillings and 2 German marks. A dollar will be worth about 80 euros.

But nobody will be able to buy any euros over the bank counter

will let clients open euro accounts. And governments will allow residents to pay taxes in euros.

Consumers will be able to pay in euros by credit or debit card, or by check, but only at those retailers that chose to switch early.

Peter Warner, euro program coordinator at Europay International, which represents MasterCard in Europe, estimates only 10 percent of transactions will be handled in euros during the first months of the switch.

Most of the euro-zone's 270 million citizens will be able to ignore, for the most part, the euro until 2002 and carry on shopping with Spanish pesetas, Italian lire, French francs and the rest.

To try to avoid the immense potential for confusion during the

transition, governments and private institutions have launched information campaigns with radio, television and newspaper advertising.

"The idea is really to reassure people," said Annette Connolly of the Euro Changeover Board of Ireland. "It won't impact on their daily lives until 2002 ... they will have plenty of time to get used to the new currency."

Once-skeptical citizens seem to be getting used to the idea that the new money will eventually make life easier and will help business by eradicating exchange costs and currency fluctuations within the euro-bloc.

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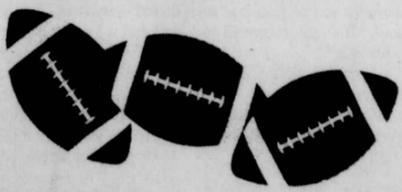
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Faculty seeks Internet lore

◆ Interest group will help faculty introduce Internet to classes.

SKIFF STAFF

Faculty members interested in sharing their interests, concerns, needs and expertise for using Internet technology in the classroom are welcome to join the new TCU faculty interest group, TechFig, said Chuck Williams, an associate professor of management and the new coordinator of TechFig.

Williams said faculty members can learn to make better use of the Internet in their classrooms or teach fellow faculty members about technology they have expertise in.

"Some of us know how (to use technology) but haven't thought of other things; others have concerns that some of us who are using technology have never thought of," Williams said. "By getting together once a month at regular meetings and ... using the e-mail listserv, we can share this information."

Williams said TechFig's Web page and e-mail listserv were set up Oct. 1.

Williams said the TechFig listserv received several messages after the group's first meeting but at this point in the semester, professors are overwhelmed with grading and administering exams.

He said when people find time to ask questions, the listserv will be available for them.

Margaret-Rose Marek, an instructor of English, said TechFig is a wonderful opportunity for faculty

members who have wanted to use technology but did not have a resource to go to for assistance, support and information.

"TechFig will not only answer questions for the faculty who haven't been using technology, but it will also answer questions and initiate new ideas for those of us who have been using technology," Marek said.

TechFig's first meeting was held Sept. 29, and 23 faculty members from across campus met to discuss what they would like TechFig to be, when they would like to meet and how they were going to conduct ongoing discussions with one another between meetings.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari showed up at the meeting, interested in what the new interest group had to offer.

"At the end of the meeting, Dr. Ferrari said if we wanted to bring some speakers to campus who could share their expertise with us, he would be willing to support that," Williams said. "We really appreciated that."

Joe Bullock, a sophomore premajor, said he is glad faculty members are learning about how to use technology in the classroom.

"I think it's great that the faculty is interested in keeping up with technology in an age where it is essential for us to use the Internet and computers," Bullock said.

At the group's second meeting Tuesday, Williams said TechFig had another large turnout, with 40 to 45 faculty and staff members eager and interested to learn about technology. He said there was a wide diversity of members from all across campus as

well. Williams said a speaker from an Internet software company attended the meeting to talk about the variety of things professors can put online for their students.

He said Mike Buckman from REAL Education showed TechFig members things such as online college courses and online universities.

"I suggested doing a cosmetic makeover to a course where the Internet or some basic technology is not being used and show how you can do things," Williams said.

Williams said a class makeover would be a fast way to give many people ideas if they don't know what to do. The faculty member volunteering for the course makeover would also be fast on his or her way to using the new technology, he said.

TechFig's next meeting will feature the technological makeover of a course. The group is planning to take pieces of a standard course at TCU and show how to get started with things like Web pages and online chat rooms.

"We don't want to turn everything into something that's technology-based," Williams said. "We just wanted to do what people are interested in, and I think we will be able to do that by talking."

"What we want to do is share what we know, our concerns and interests to teach ourselves how to make use of all this stuff."

Williams said professors' calendars are so tight they probably could not meet more often than once a month.

"The advantage of the listserv is that if anyone has a question any-

time, they can send a message to the listserv that goes to everyone else on the list," Williams said. "People who have the time and the interest to respond can share that."

He said that in the long term, the listserv's ongoing discussions about how to do or fix things will be the biggest payoff.

"I wanted a very practical, responsive way for us to answer questions," Williams said.

By finding out what is going on around campus, faculty members can get new ideas from their colleagues in all of the departments at TCU, Williams said.

"No one knows what someone is doing in communications, what someone is doing in psychology and a lot of people don't know what we are doing here in the business school as far as technology," Williams said. "We want this listserv to be a resource to share this sort of information."

TechFig's new Web address is <http://voltaire.is.tcu.edu/~cwilliams/techfig/>. The page offers options to register for the listserv and read the agenda and minutes from the previous meetings.

"We're trying to get more faculty to do this," Williams said.

It allows faculty to catch up or learn more about the Internet and technology in an age when it is essential, he said.

TechFig's next meeting is planned for Nov. 24. Faculty members interested in joining TechFig can contact Chuck Williams at 257-7216 or Larry Kitchens, director of the Center for Instructional Services, at 257-7121.

AOL signs deal with Microsoft

By Eun-Kyung Kim
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — America Online signed an exclusive deal with Microsoft after the company promised it would put AOL's logo on its dominant Windows operating system, according to a government witness in the antitrust trial against Microsoft Corp.

AOL senior vice president David Colburn said that's why Microsoft beat Netscape in clinching a 1996 deal over the distribution of browsers, which allow people to view the Internet.

"AOL would not have been willing to negotiate a browser license with Microsoft had Microsoft not been willing to bundle and promote AOL in its Windows operating system and on its desktop," Colburn wrote in testimony released Tuesday.

Colburn was scheduled to face cross-examination today in the Microsoft trial. Like all witnesses in the case, his direct testimony was submitted in writing to help shorten the trial.

AOL is the nation's largest Internet provider, with 13 million customers. Colburn said his company agreed to distribute Microsoft's browser because of the dominance of its Windows operating system, the central nervous system crucial to most personal computers.

The government contends Microsoft illegally used its market power in operating systems to protect its monopoly, extend into new markets and stifle competition.

Colburn said Microsoft offered to put an AOL icon in the "online services" folder that is called up every time a user starts up the computer.

In exchange, AOL agreed to an "exclusive distribution and promotion" deal that allowed it to use another browser only when required by a third party.

"Microsoft has sought to strict-

ly enforce these restrictions and has carefully monitored refer- ences to Navigator and Netscape on the AOL service," he said.

AOL later signed a separate agreement in which Microsoft agreed to pay AOL 25 cents for every subscriber it converted to its browser and \$600,000 if a substantial number of members switched by a certain date.

Although its agreement with Microsoft does not run out for several years, AOL has the option to end the deal at the end of this year. But Colburn said it probably won't for several reasons. Among them - Microsoft's dominance in the Internet software business.

"Microsoft's increased presence in the browser market has left Netscape, at least at this point, in a weakened state," Colburn said.

Microsoft contends that its agreement with AOL was not exclusive. It also argues it won the AOL account because its software was technically superior to Netscape's.

Colburn, however, said the two browsers were comparable. Both were an improvement over what AOL was using at the time; Netscape's browser was widely used and had better features while Microsoft's browser was able to "connect seamlessly" with the AOL functions, he said.

On Tuesday, attorneys for both sides of the case finished questioning the government's first witness before turning their attention to Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ultimately ruled that all 20 hours of the Gates interview will be allowed because "a witness of equivalent significance in this case doesn't immediately come to mind."

The videotapes of Gates jousting with government lawyers during three days of pretrial depositions last summer could be shown as early as Thursday.

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their own computers and they can be secured to the desks at no cost, Markley said.

Student Concerns Committee Chairwoman Sarah Burleson said a letter informing students how they can apply for a workstation has been drafted and needs approval from Markley before it can be mailed.

"Those spaces are designed for

those organizations who haven't had any place to call home," Burleson said. "We want to give it to the organizations that would make the most use of it."

Other available space for organizations will be 200 lockable file cabinets and 32 storage spaces.

Student organization mail boxes will be moved from the Student Government Association office to

the basement.

"We will stay much more on top of it," Markley said. "We'll be reminding organizations that they need to be checking their mail."

If University Ministries is moved out of their current offices, next door to Pizza Hut, then the available space will be occupied by a "brand new food establishment," said Roger Fisher, director

of residential services.

Fisher said the idea is for an all-purpose store that includes a salad bar, sandwiches, a coffee area and a yogurt bar. The store would be open at hours convenient to students and allow The Main to close earlier.

"We hope you will see construction before you leave in May," Fisher said.

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to upgrade or improve the appearance of the observatory partly because it still remains a good place to hold astronomy labs.

"It would be nice to fix it up a bit, but right now, that's not a high priority," he said.

The observatory was built in the 1950s when large trees and city lights did not deter visibility. The TCU campus was much smaller and less developed in the '50s, making the observatory's location optimal for its purpose. But today, the parking lot and football stadium lighting near the observatory make it very difficult for astronomers to observe the sky.

"The lights from the parking lot and the football and baseball stadiums make it so the site is not as ideal as it once was," Ingram said.

The trees growing along the south perimeter of the grounds also make the location less than ideal, he said.

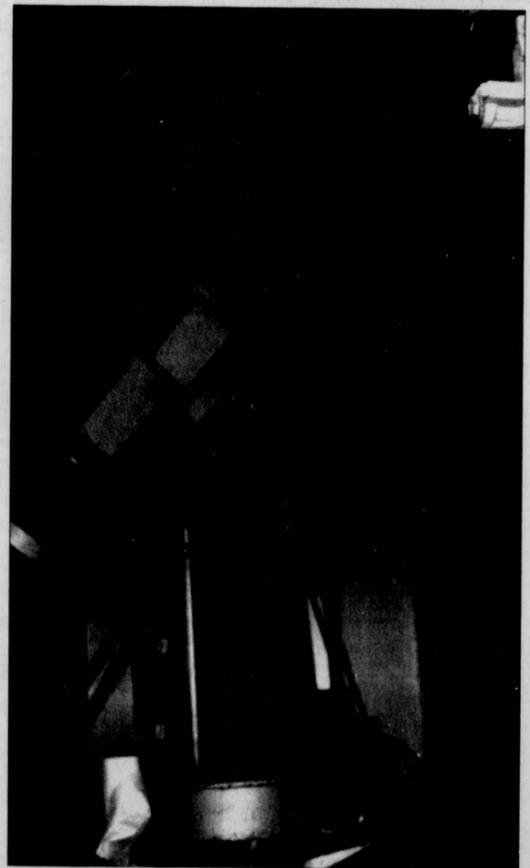
"Spending a lot of money to improve the building would not improve these fundamental problems that can't really be worked around," Ingram said.

Bill Graham, a professor of physics, said there is not much the department can do with the present facility's location.

Graham said they would like to find another location for an observatory where the lights are not so bright.

The optimum situation would be to have it off campus, where the city lights aren't an obstacle to overcome, but funding would be needed to do this, Graham said.

"I also know that Dr. Pam Marcum is working on developing an off-campus observing site for undergraduates that gets away from the terrible sky glow in Fort Worth as well as the lighting problems specific to the campus observatory," Ingram said.



A broken refractory telescope haunts the dome of the Ames Observatory on the corner of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North. Students mount 8-inch telescopes around the unused facility.

Treasures for sale

Mementos of Picasso's mistress up for auction

By Jocelyn Noveck
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Holed up like a hermit in her apartment on the Rue de Savoie, refusing to see even her friends, the aging Dora Maar spent the years before her death in illness and poverty.

But the woman who was Pablo Picasso's dark-haired muse for eight passionate years was surrounded by glory: paintings, drawings, sketches, notes, cards, photos and countless other mementos of her years with the master.

That treasure trove, which she refused to part with until her death in 1997 — even when she needed money — is on the auction block this week.

Today was the second of a three-day auction that was expected to bring in up to \$70 million.

Her friends say she wouldn't be happy.

"Dora wanted her things to go to the church," said John Richardson, a collector and friend. "But she left only a 1958 will that named only monks, now dead. How silly."

Another close friend, James Lord, said Maar "would be just horrified at all this."

"All this stuff was so personal to her," he said. "It's rather morbid to have it up for sale."

Picasso's granddaughter, Diana Widmaier, agreed.

"Some of these private things should never have gone on the market," she said.

"All this stuff was so personal to her. It's rather morbid to have it up for sale."

— James Lord,
close friend
of Dora Maar

But whatever Maar's wishes, the auction has given art lovers a rare chance to examine the minutiae of an affair — from the goofy postcards to the tiny drawings on matchbooks to a doodle on a restaurant menu.

The first day of the auction, focusing on oil paintings and drawings, saw sky-high prices for drawings but lower than expected prices for some of the paintings.

But it is the deeply personal, slice-of-life nature of the collection that had Parisians standing in the rain to get a pre-auction glimpse at the Maison de la Chimie near the Eiffel Tower.

Dora Maar was 29, the dark-haired daughter of a Yugoslav architect and a French mother, when she met Picasso in 1936. She quickly became his lover and his model.

But in the 1940s, Picasso moved on to the younger Francoise Gilot, and Maar went into a tailspin.

Though she appeared to have no

heirs, genealogists tracked down two distant relatives, both of whom had never even heard of Maar. Now, after 60 percent of the proceeds go to the government for taxes, they'll get much of the remaining 40 percent.

The big-ticket items Tuesday were 10 oil paintings, including seven of Dora herself. The highest price, \$6.6 million, went for the 1937 "The Crying Woman (Study for Guernica)" — in which Dora's eyes are turned into tears pierced with long pins.

The evening's big successes were the drawings, especially "Dora with Undone Hair," which went for \$900,000.

But the most fascinating objects, to go on sale later this week, are the smallest: little portraits of Dora made into jewelry; little instruments made from the silver wrapping around a wine cork; dozens of sketches on tiny matchbook covers; photographs of the dashing Picasso at all ages; original books, notes, postcards and letters.

Nothing, it seems, was too small or insignificant for Picasso to scrawl on. One matchbook says, "It was so dark at noon that the stars could be seen." A restaurant menu is adorned with a whimsical self-portrait of the artist.

And perhaps the oddest but most poignant item from this lover's cache: a scrap of paper with a brownish stain, and the scrawled words, "Blood of Picasso."

Hurricane Mitch continues to damage Caribbean islands

By Victor R. Calvano
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LA CEIBA, Honduras — Spreading fear across the western Caribbean, one of the century's most powerful hurricanes forced tens of thousands to flee, dumped torrents of rain, blasted down trees and damaged homes. At least 12 people were reported killed.

Hurricane Mitch hovered just off the coast of Honduras on Wednesday, bringing downpours that caused rivers to flood across Honduras, Belize and elsewhere in Central America.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said as much as 20 inches of rain could fall on mountain areas. More than 45,000 people were

evacuated from coastal and low-lying areas of Honduras, according to Col. Guillermo Pinel, chief of the National Emergency Committee.

In neighboring Belize, most of the 75,000 people in Belize City fled inland in cars and government buses. Further north, tourists rushed to find ways out of the vulnerable Mexican resorts of Cancun and Cozumel.

At its peak Tuesday, Mitch was the fourth strongest Caribbean hurricane in this century, with 180 mph winds.

By 1 a.m. EST Wednesday, the 350-mile wide storm still packed a devastating punch, but its winds were down to 140 mph. It was centered was 35 miles north of the Honduran coast, according to the hurricane center.

On Tuesday, Mitch blasted the Bay

Island of Guanaja, ripping metal roofing off hundreds of houses and knocking out power and telephones. Many residents took shelter on larger nearby islands.

"It's raining hard and the winds are very strong," said Marta Ondina, a worker at the Hong Kong restaurant on the island Roatan.

"They have taken people from the shore to churches and more secure places," she said by telephone. "The people are very worried. There is no power."

Mitch appeared to have stalled early Wednesday over Guanaja, after moving roughly parallel to Honduras' coast.

The hurricane center said Mitch was expected to head west later in the

day, but the storm's slow pace made its movements unpredictable.

Waves crashed against the walls of seafood discos in La Ceiba on Tuesday and people waded through knee-deep water with furniture on their backs to flee flooded houses.

Fireman Tomas Hayden said officials had banned private cars in La Ceiba, a city of 40,000, to ease emergency rescue work.

With gasoline stations running dry, the government of neighboring Belize commandeered private buses to help people move inland from Belize City, which was almost destroyed by Hurricane Hattie in 1961.

Mexico declared an alert throughout the Yucatan Peninsula, evacuating thousands of residents and tourists

from Caribbean beaches and cutting back on pumping oil from wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

Port officials at Chetumal, Mexico, said a wave kicked up by Hurricane Mitch washed a Connecticut man off a catamaran south of Cancun on Monday and he was presumed dead. He was identified Tuesday as Robert Gates, 55, of Niantic.

Honduras reported three deaths from Mitch as of Wednesday — one in a collapsed house and two men electrocuted when they were blown off a roof.

The Red Cross in neighboring Nicaragua said eight people died there in flooding from Mitch's rains.

Early Tuesday, Mitch passed directly over Honduras' tiny Swan

Islands, used in the 1960s as a base for CIA radio broadcasts to Cuba. The military base lost its roof but the five soldiers posted there were unhurt because they hid in nearby caves.

The U.S. National Weather Service said only three Atlantic storms were stronger than Mitch at its peak: Gilbert in 1988, Allen in 1980 and the Labor Day hurricane of 1935.

In the Mexican resort of Cancun, tourists formed long lines at the airport Tuesday trying to leave before the storm's arrival.

But as Mitch veered south, Cancun Mayor Rafael Lara Lara canceled the city's emergency alert. State officials earlier had evacuated several thousand people from coastal zones further south, near the Belize border.

MLB

Belle, Brosius file for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Watch out fans, Albert Belle is back on the market.

And so is Scott Brosius, the World Series MVP.

They were among 17 players filing for free agency Tuesday, raising the total to 96.

Belle, unlike other free agents, is in the unusual position of having a fallback position. Through Nov. 25, he has the option of reverting to his contract with the Chicago White Sox.

His talent is undisputed — he hit .328 last season with 49 homers and 152 RBIs — but so is his temper, making it unclear how much other teams will pursue the outfielder.

Brosius, obtained by the Yankees from Oakland last November for pitcher Kenny Rogers, increased his value this year. He hit .300 with 19 homers and 98 RBIs during the regular season and played outstanding third base, then batted .383 in the postseason, leading New York in hits (18), home runs (4) and RBIs (15).

He earned Series MVP honors by going 8-for-17 (.471) with two homers and six RBIs in the sweep of San Diego.

Clemens ranks as baseball's best player

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's best player?

Mark McGwire?

Nope.

Sammy Sosa?

Nah.

Roger Clemens?

Right on.

Clemens regained his status as the top player, beating out Kevin Brown to finish No. 1 for the first time since 1988 in the annual rankings compiled by the Elias Sports Bureau.

In a surprise, Houston's Jeff Bagwell tied McGwire as the top NL first baseman. Sosa was ninth among NL outfielders.

In addition to Brown, three other free agents finished first at their positions in the AL: Mo Vaughn at first, Roberto Alomar at second and Bernie Williams in the outfield.

Mike Piazza, who avoided free agency to sign a record \$91 million, seven-year contract with the New York Mets this week, was the top NL catcher for the third straight season.

Rankings are based on statistics over two seasons and include figures such as plate appearances, batting average, on-base percentage, home runs and RBIs. For pitchers, the stats include record, ERA, strikeouts, appearances and saves.

The rankings were created in the 1981 strike settlement and are used to divide free agents into groups that determine draft-pick compensation for a player's former club if he signs with a new team.

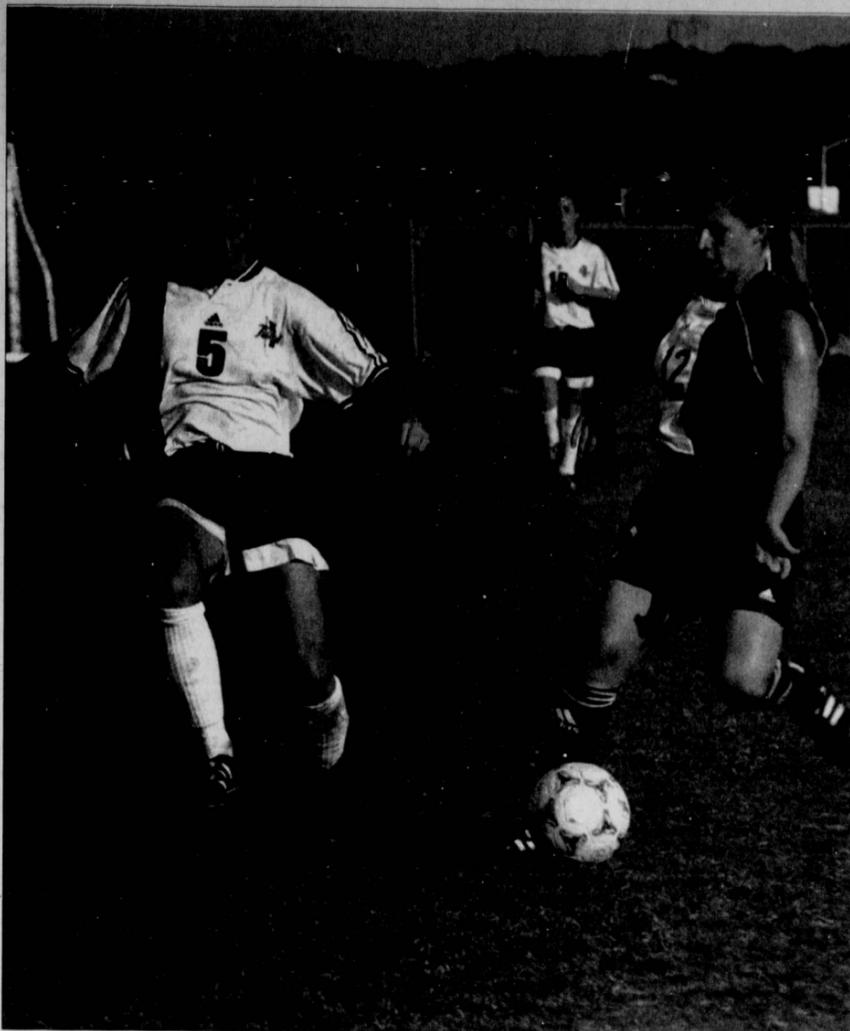
Ivan Rodriguez of Texas led AL catchers for the second straight year, and Derek Jeter of the Yankees took over for Seattle's Alex Rodriguez at shortstop.

Travis Fryman replaced his Cleveland predecessor, Matt Williams, as the top AL third baseman.

Bernie Williams finished ahead of Cleveland's Manny Ramirez and Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. in the outfield.

Bagwell was a top NL first baseman for the fourth straight season, and Houston teammate Craig Biggio led at second for the fifth consecutive year. Cincinnati's Barry Larkin finished first at shortstop for the eighth time in nine years, and Colorado's Vinny Castilla led at third for the second time in three seasons, tying Atlanta's Chipper Jones for the lead.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds led NL outfielders and was among the top three outfielders for the eighth consecutive time.



Freshman defender Gina Scigliano (12) keeps the ball away from a University of Tulsa player during Sunday's loss to Tulsa. Despite this loss, the women will represent TCU in the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Women's soccer team bound for WAC tourney

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

In the matter of a week, senior Nicole Kitagawa saw her regular-season career at TCU finish twice. First, she went down with a threatening knee injury, and then the Lady Frogs lost to Tulsa in their last Western Athletic Conference game of the regular season.

This week has been much better for Kitagawa. Monday, the TCU women's soccer team found out they had qualified for the WAC Championship Tournament despite the loss to Tulsa, and Kitagawa told teammates she vows to play and disregard her torn anterior cruciate ligament.

When New Mexico beat Air Force this weekend, there was a three-way tie for the final spot in the tournament. The first tie-breaker is head-to-head competition. TCU's only two WAC wins of the season were against New Mexico and Air Force. Therefore, TCU captures the fourth seed from the Mountain Division.

"It is exciting to get into the tournament, and we hope to make the biggest upset of the year," freshman Crystal Pratz said.

An upset is what TCU could not make happen this weekend. Believing they had to win to continue the season, the Lady Frogs

took the field against Tulsa on Sunday. Their knowledge of the do-or-die situation resulted in tentative play. Tulsa was predominantly first to the ball throughout the game, and they out-shot TCU 25-10.

Nonetheless, the Lady Frogs managed to stay in the game. After being down the majority of the first half 1-0, Pratz assisted senior Jill Cook, who scored a game-tying goal nine minutes into the second half. The tie lasted for the rest of the regulation play despite a fury of offensive attacks just before the culmination of the game.

Both teams were restrained to two shots in the overtime period, but Tulsa took advantage of its second shot by placing it past freshman goal keeper Keith-Ann Wagner. The 2-1 loss left the Lady Frogs with a 2-4 record in WAC, but the record was good enough to get into the tournament.

This year's tournament will be TCU's second straight trip to the event. Last year, TCU lost in the opening round to Brigham Young. On Wednesday, TCU plays San Diego State, the first seed from the Pacific Division. The tournament continues through Nov. 7 in Provo, Utah.

"We hope to do well for Nikki and Jill," Pratz said. "It's their last year, and they really want it."

Women's tennis triumphs at invitational

By Rusty Simmons
SKIFF STAFF

Just 12 miles east of Fort Worth, the TCU women's tennis team found some fresh air. At last weekend's University of Texas at Arlington Women's Tennis Fall Invitational, the Lady Frogs breathed the air of victory.

The eight-team tournament included teams from Lamar, Northeast Louisiana, Oklahoma State, Southern Methodist, UTA, Tyler Junior College, Wichita State, as well as the Lady Frogs. Despite UTA hosting the tournament, TCU was the center of attention.

The Lady Frogs' six participants combined for a 15-2 record in the main draw of the singles competi-

tion, captured the singles title in all three flights of the tournament, won the consolation singles title and the flight-two doubles championship.

The victor in the top flight was junior Lucie Dvorakova. Her championship was wrapped up against Oklahoma State's Maria Galoustova. Dvorakova made quick work of Galoustova 6-1, 6-4 after struggling through a grueling three-set match with Oklahoma State's Martina Hautova.

"She showed she is a really tough competitor," assistant coach Lauri Moore said. "She always wins the important points."

Junior Jessika Kjellgren and senior Rachel Niwa won almost all

the points in the flight-two singles draw on their way to winning three straight matches before advancing to the finals. Kjellgren lost only seven sets, dominating her half of the bracket, and Niwa had similar success until meeting UTA's Lisa Jackson in the semifinals. It took three sets, but Niwa advanced with a 6-4 win in the final set. Kjellgren and Niwa elected not to meet in the final because of a coach's decision, and they shared the championship.

"They both beat really good players to advance to final," Moore said. "They had both played really good tennis, and there was no point in further wearing themselves out by playing one another in the final." Senior Stacey Sabala took the

tough route to the finals. She participated in three straight three-set matches but outlasted all of her competitors to win the flight-three singles title. Sabala said her mental toughness helped her win the championship.

"I was tired, but I wasn't going to lose just because of how I felt," Sabala said.

Sophomore Dee Dee Herring lost in the second round of the main draw, and junior Daria Zoldakova lost in the first round. She quickly bounced back to capture the flight-one consolation singles title against SMU's Lindsey Bruce.

"Daria played very well even in her loss," Moore said. "She didn't dwell on it, she just went out and

continued to play well."

The Lady Frogs also sent two doubles teams to their respective flight finals. Zoldakova and Kjellgren teamed up to reach the top-flight championship, and Niwa and Sabala battled their way into the flight-two final.

Oklahoma State's pair of Galovstova and Hautova repaid TCU for ousting them in the singles play by beating Zoldakova and Kjellgren in the doubles final. Niwa and Sabala finished their clean sweep of titles by beating UTA's squad of Laura Ward and Whitney Gilliam.

The Lady Frogs will test the air in Austin next Thursday when they start the ITA Rolex Invitational.

Batteaux should continue to play as main quarterback

Let's put an end to this quarterback controversy right now. Junior quarterback Patrick Batteaux, who is the current starter, should remain as such. There's no need for controversy right now. Consistency is the key for the Horned Frogs.

Sure, junior Jeff Dover came in and provided some offensive spark against the Colorado State Rams, but this is the same quarterback who led TCU to a one-win season last year. Batteaux has already won four games this season.

Junior Kevin Colon played the majority of the Colorado State game but proved to be as ineffective as the rest. Colon completed four passes for 52 yards with one interception.

The lack of a passing game this season has brought on cries for Dover to play in Batteaux's place. A decision like that would be a hasty one. Last time I checked, TCU still had a winning record.

There are a couple arguments to be said in Dover's favor. One is that he is mainly a drop-back passer, which is a huge plus for the passing game. Dover passed for more than 1,000 yards last season, but he also rushed for negative 109 yards. In head coach Dennis Franchione's system, though,

a mobile quarterback is a must. This is why Batteaux is the more suitable choice. He has the ability to turn a potential sack into positive yardage, and has done so.

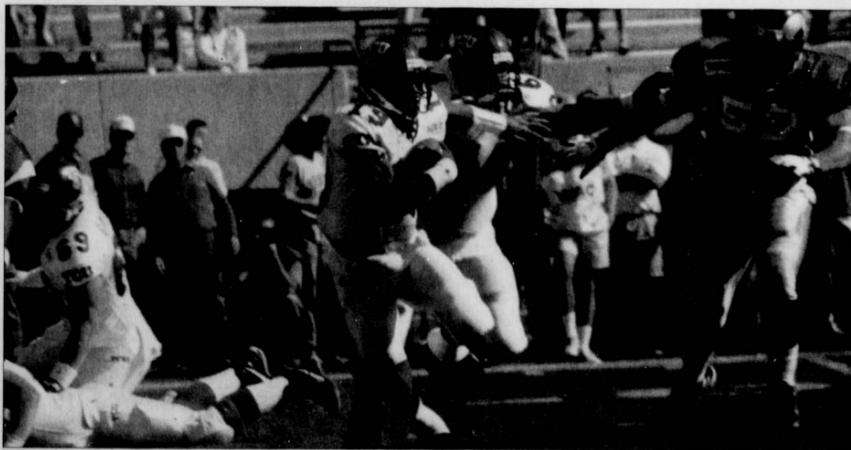
Experience in real game-time play goes to Dover, who started six games and played in nine last year. Batteaux has started all the games thus far in the season, but his passing opportunities have been severely limited. Batteaux has, at times, shown he has the capability to produce a successful passing game. In the Vanderbilt game, the ex-wide receiver effectively used the pass to move the team into field goal position.

The main reason I believe that Batteaux should remain as starter is that Franchione gave him the team at the beginning of the season. He has emerged as a leader of the team, and to take that away would be detrimental to the team right now.

The Frogs are at a critical point in the season. Having lost the last two games, some doubts have surely risen. Some fans have already given up on TCU, saying the Horned Frogs are destined for a path leading back to last year's nightmare. They need to remember, though, that this is not last year, and this is not last year's team.

It's all about confidence. Franchione had enough confidence in Batteaux to move him from wide receiver to quarterback. Now, Franchione needs to have confidence in Batteaux in the passing game. It will take time for him to develop a strong and consistent passing game.

There are several problems with



Above: Patrick Batteaux evades defenders in Saturday's loss to Colorado State.

Left: After all three TCU quarterbacks, juniors Kevin Colon (10), Jeff Dover (4) and Patrick Batteaux (19), saw action in Saturday's game, a quarterback controversy could be brewing on the football team.

TCU's pass offense this season. First, Batteaux still looks uncomfortable in the pocket at times. He's jumpy and indecisive. If his first receiver isn't open, Batteaux will tuck the ball under his arm and run for his life. Many times other receivers are open, but Batteaux just doesn't see them.

Another problem with the inept passing game is the receivers. On many occasions when Batteaux does find that open receiver, the ball somehow slips out of the receiver's hands

and drops for an incompletion. If Batteaux doesn't trust that his receivers will catch the ball, then obviously he's not going to throw to them.

Batteaux has shown progress in each game, with the exception of the SMU game. If Franchione would bite the bullet and let Batteaux pass more, then two things will happen. One, Batteaux will only get better, which will make opposing defenses respect the passing game. In turn, that respect will open up the defense, which will

give the running backs more room.

The Horned Frogs are already better this year, and an improved passing game, under Batteaux, would cause only more improvement. I'm not saying Batteaux is the best quarterback in football, but he's TCU's best shot right now. Have confidence and good things should happen.

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