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Four goals by four different players helped the TCU women's soccer team to a 4-0 victory Wednesday over the Southwest Texas State Bobcats. page 7

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Graduation rates lagging for minority NCAA athletes

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — White student athletes are more likely to graduate than minority students, according to National Collegiate Athletics Association figures released Monday.

NCAA figures reveal 1999 graduation rates for student athletes remained steady overall. But minority graduation rates dropped.

The NCAA Division I graduation rate stands at 56 percent nationwide. But when broken down, national graduation rates for black athletes fall behind their white counterparts.

The University of Texas athlete graduation rate is 54 percent after six years — 10 percent less than the overall UT student population.

But UT athletics officials defended their athletes' scholarship Tuesday.

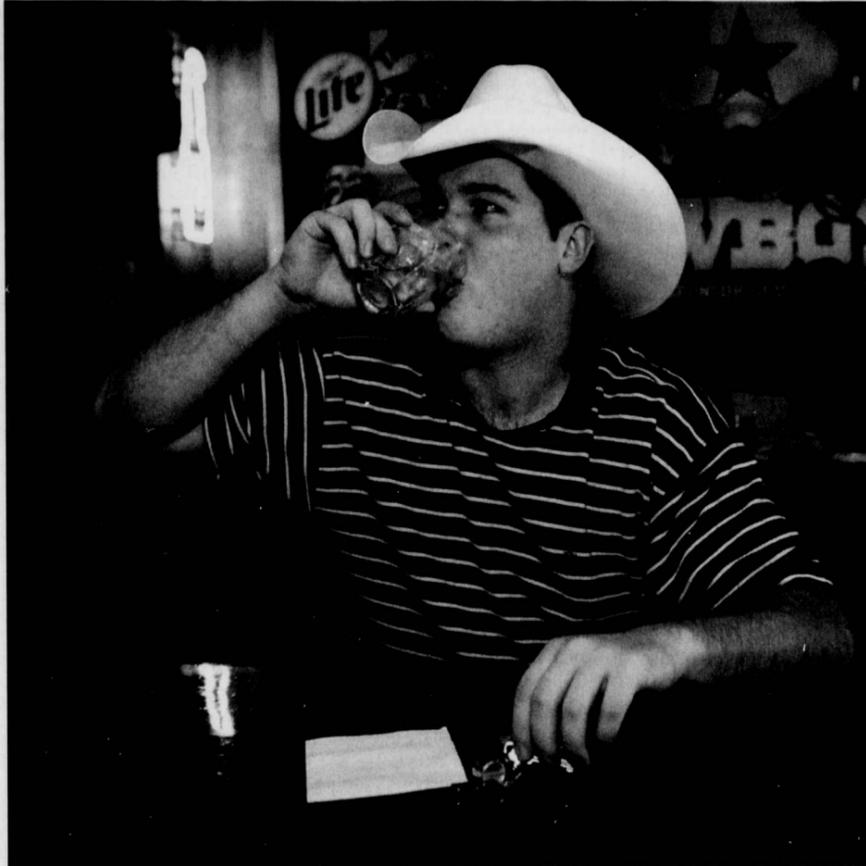
DeLoss Dodds, UT men's athletic director, said athletes are commonly recruited from junior colleges, where the academic environment may not be as challenging as a four-year university.

"If students have a bad start, they generally spend four years trying to get out of the hole," he said.

Jane Jankowski, spokeswoman for the NCAA, said the data is only raw and was collected at the request of the federal government. She added that the organization did not and will not interpret the numbers.

—The Daily Texan
The University of Texas

Patrons evaluate new drinking law



A law that went into effect Wednesday changed the level at which a person is legally considered too drunk to drive. The allowable blood-alcohol level dropped from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent. The legislation was one of 924 new state laws enacted by the 76th session of the Texas Legislature.

Blood-alcohol limit drop won't change habits, some say

By Alan Nelson and Carey Hix
STAFF REPORTERS

Texas' new lower blood-alcohol limit, which went into effect Wednesday, may result in more work for police, but staff of local drinking establishments said it will not change much for their employees or patrons.

Michael Bigley, manager of the recently opened Fat Harry's Daiquiri Bar and Tavern on University Drive, said his employees already keep a close eye on how much their patrons drink.

"Our policies are strict anyway, so I don't see any reason (why) they will change," he said. "We have been working closely with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission since we are a new establishment, so we carefully follow their guidelines."

Dave Mitchell, owner of the University Pub, also said the change would not make much of a difference in the way his employees handle patrons.

"Our job has always been to make sure people have fun, but also get home safely," Mitchell said. "All of my employees are TCU students, so we know many of our patrons already, and I am sure that (the employees) would act responsibly to ensure a person's safety."

Mitchell said the only difference in sales he could predict would be

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The state's blood-alcohol limit

dropped from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent Wednesday. At that level or more, you're considered to be driving under the influence. If you weigh 180 pounds, you might reach the legal limit after three or four drinks.



Men:

Weight/lbs.	180	200	220	240
drinks	blood-alcohol level			
1	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
2	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
3	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05
4	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.06
5	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.08

Women:

Weight/lbs.	140	160	180	200
drinks	blood-alcohol level			
1	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
2	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05
3	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08
4	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.10
5	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.13

SOURCE: Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Notes: Subtract 0.01 percent from your blood-alcohol level for each 40 minutes of drinking. One drink is 1.25 ounces of 80-proof liquor, 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of table wine.

See page 5 for a listing of other relevant laws that also went into effect Wednesday.

Library awarded grant to improve technology

Nearly \$424,000 to aid in the purchase of new computers, projectors

Library Technology Grant

Money for:	\$
Software	\$11,095
Network hardware	\$78,815
Computer hardware	\$145,730
Wiring	\$92,711
Equipment	\$95,118

By Omar Villafranca
STAFF REPORTER

Mary Coats Burnett Library was awarded a six-figure grant from the state to improve electric library resources and Internet access.

The Texas Telecommunications and Infrastructure Fund awarded the TCU library a grant worth \$423,469.

Victor Baeza, instruction librarian, said the money will be used to purchase new technology ranging from computers to projectors. Some of the money will be used to speed up computer access by improving the wiring.

"The new wiring will provide faster and greater access to everyone not on campus," Baeza said. "It will also improve access for students on campus."

Laptop ports will be installed in the periodical section and various other parts of the library, allowing students to plug in their portable computers and get online with the TCU network.

The library will also purchase 50 new computers. Ten of the new computers will be laptops with Digital Video Disk capabilities and wireless network cards. This will allow students to access the TCU

network without having to be plugged into ports.

The other 40 computers will be placed in the lobby, periodical and reference areas and will be connected to the TCU network.

Baeza said the library will be purchasing two new projectors to help instructors teach classes.

The projectors will cost approximately \$7,500 each, but will aid professors with their teaching capabilities.

Kerry Bouchard, the assistant university librarian for automated systems, said TCU's networks would also be getting a boost.

"The network will go from a 10-megabyte to a 100-megabyte capacity system," Bouchard said. "This will speed up the network considerably."

The purchase of the hardware and software for the library has not yet taken place. A stipulation of the grant states that TCU can only purchase the materials from a list of manufacturers the state provides.

James Lutz, an assistant librarian for administrative services, said setting up the new equipment will not take long.

"The items have not been purchased yet," Lutz said. "We're

looking at different bids from the companies we can buy from. Once we get the equipment, we'll be able to set it up quickly."

Since the TCU Library is an official government depository, there are plans to update the holdings. Brenda Barnes, the government information librarian at TCU, said the government is putting much of its information on DVD.

"The Census Bureau is going to issue some information on DVD, but we haven't received any of it yet," Barnes said. "Since we didn't have DVD capabilities before, getting the equipment will keep us current with what we will be getting from the government."

Center at Alliance to bring new business partnerships



By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Kirk Downey, former dean of M. J. Neeley School of Business, and future business constituents will create the TCUglobalcenter at Alliance Airport to provide educational programs in the area that are different from a traditional satellite campus.

TCUglobalcenter

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The program could begin as soon as October and will offer such courses as music, business or science.

Downey, now associate provost and executive director of the TCUglobalcenter at Alliance, said it is different from a satellite campus because programs will not be created until constituents are contacted.

"A satellite campus, in most respects, is taking what you do and simply moving it to a new site," he said. "Instead of having programs that we go and market, we will be identifying constituents in that area

who we wish to serve. Then, in a partnership with them, we will jointly design programs."

The TCUglobalcenter will be located on the first floor of Heritage Commons at 13600 Heritage Parkway, on the southeast portion of the airport. Hillwood Properties includes this building along with others at Alliance, the Circle T Ranch and a 2,500-acre development by Interstate 35W, according to the Hillwood Internet site.

David Pelletier, a Hillwood spokesman, said more than 14,000 employees work in the Alliance area.

"This program will benefit everyone and further their education," he said.

Businesses and possible constituents in that area include Nokia, American Airlines and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Downey said the programs needed by the constituents at Alliance are a work in progress. Some of the programs offered at the TCUglobalcenter could be taken to the business' sites or even offered on the Internet, he said.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said there was some idea at the outset of what

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■ Kirk Downey vacated the deanship of the M.J. Neeley School of Business this past summer to accept a position as associate provost and executive director of the TCUglobalcenter at Alliance, located at Alliance Airport in north Fort Worth. The satellite program may begin as early as October, and curriculum will be developed once constituents are contacted.

FROGS FLY HIGH AT NASA

Students conduct experiment while weightless

By Jaime Walker
SKIFF STAFF

While most TCU students spent the summer working or relaxing at some terrific travel destination, three engineering students got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that was almost out of this world.

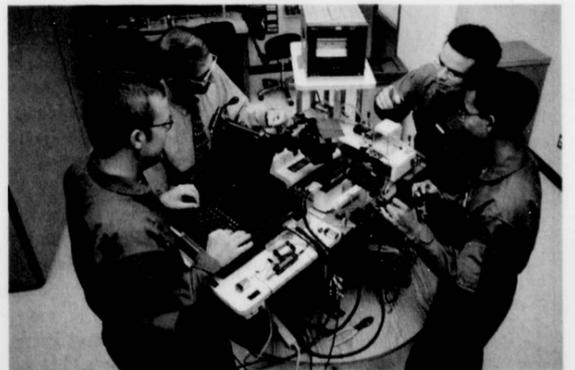
Roberto Hernandez, Isaac Varner and Ryan Coles took a ride on one of the world's most unique rollercoasters. They got to spend a week conducting experiments on NASA's KC-135 aircraft, the most sophisticated way to simulate weightlessness on Earth.

"Six Flags is not what it used to be," said Hernandez, a senior electrical engineering major. "There is no way to describe it."

Varner, a senior mechanical engineering major, said the experience was too unbelievable for words.

"No matter what I say, there is no way that I can express what a thrill it was," Varner said.

The TCU team took part in the 1999 Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center



Engineering students Ryan Coles, Roberto Hernandez, front right, and Isaac Varner work on a project with Andre Mazzoleni, associate professor of engineering. The three students participated in the 1999 Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in August.

for two weeks in August. TCU joined 32 other teams from across the nation who each tested their experiments.

For the flight team from TCU, the weightless environment allowed

them to test a hand-built apparatus that is designed to help scientists measure the viscosity of different liquids. They used two syringes full of glycerol and a high speed camera

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

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.

■ Mary Coats Burnett Library walk-in sessions for general orientation will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. today, from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, and from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Individual or group sessions can be made by appointment. For more information, call 257-7117.

■ Student Development Services All-Student Tailgate Party will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Worth Hills Green. It will take place before the Arizona home football game. There will be free food and a live band. For more information, call Vicky Guest at 257-7855.

■ Catholic Community Sunday mass will be at 10 a.m. Sunday this week in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information, call Charlie Calabrese at 257-7830.

■ Student Development Services Commuter Student Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the lobbies of Moudy Building South, Reed Hall and Tandy Hall. For more information, call 257-7855.

■ Universities Ministries will have a Uniting Campus Ministries meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 111. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 257-7830.

■ The TCU Allies will meet at 9 p.m. Monday in the Student Center lounge. For more information, call Heather Patriacca at 257-7017.

■ Image magazine, the official student magazine, is searching for people eager to have their written works printed. Short stories, in-depth articles and photographs are welcome. For more information, call Jason Crane at 257-7429.

■ Frog Links will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 4. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 257-7490.



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News

ROUNDUP

World

Aircraft carrying 10 American tourists missing in Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — A charter aircraft carrying 10 American tourists from a game lodge in the Serengiti National Park to Kilimanjaro Airport in northern Tanzania was missing Wednesday near Mt. Meru, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Dudley Simms said air traffic controllers had lost contact with the Cessna 404 aircraft at around 10:20 a.m. (3:20 a.m. EDT) after it left Seronera airstrip in the world-famous game park.

Capt. Dino Bisleti of Air Kenya, whose company was waiting with another charter to take the Americans from Kilimanjaro Airport to Wilson Airport in Nairobi, Kenya, said the plane never arrived from Seronera. The flight normally takes an hour.

Bisleti said the Cessna was operated by Northern Air of Arusha, Tanzania, but a woman who answered the telephone at Northern Air's offices denied any of the company's planes were missing, then said she did not have time to talk.

Simms said Abercrombie and Kent in Arusha had organized the Americans' tour.

Wilson Airport air traffic controller Ruheni Ruriani said Tanzanian civil aviation authorities had contacted their Kenyan counterparts for help in searching for the missing plane. He said the Kenyans sent a helicopter and crew.

Simms said Abercrombie and Kent also sent out a rescue aircraft and helicopter to search for the missing plane. He said bad weather was hampering the search.

Mt. Meru, the fifth-highest mountain in Africa at 15,067 feet, lies between Arusha and Moshi.

Kilimanjaro Airport is halfway between the two northern Tanzanian towns that are jumping off points for safaris and climbing on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Landslide in Uganda kills at least 15, several others swept away

KAMPALA, Uganda — A landslide swept through four villages on the slopes of Mt. Elgon in eastern Uganda, killing at least 15 people, a police spokesman said today.

The landslide followed heavy rains in Manyi country, about 155 miles northeast of Kampala.

Seven people were missing, swept away by the rain-swollen Manafwa River on Monday, said the spokesman, Asuman Mugeyi.

"Houses were buried, and the water from the heavy rain swept away coffee and banana gar-

dens," Mugeyi said, adding that local rescue teams and Red Cross workers were searching for the missing and more injured. He said a family of five were among the victims.

Nation

Lewinsky enrolled in Jenny Craig weight loss program

SAN DIEGO — Monica Lewinsky is on a mission to slim down.

The former White House intern announced she has been enrolled at a Jenny Craig Inc.'s weight loss program since earlier this summer.

"Anyone who has struggled with excess weight knows that this is a very personal issue, and it's not easy to talk about," said Lewinsky, in a statement released today on the company's Internet site.

The company did not say how much weight she intends to lose. Lewinsky, whose affair with President Clinton led to his impeachment, has detailed her weight and body-image problems in past interviews.

Jenny Craig Inc., based in La Jolla, Calif., has approximately 750 weight loss centers worldwide. Efforts to contact the company before business hours Wednesday were unsuccessful.

MIT junior dies apparently from inhaling laughing gas, police say

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — An MIT junior who was apparently trying to inhale laughing gas with a plastic bag was found dead in his dorm room, campus officials said.

The body of Richard Guy, a 22-year-old from Mission Viejo, Calif., was discovered early Tuesday morning.

The medical examiner said the physics major died from asphyxiation as a result of nitrous oxide intoxication. Used as a recreational drug to get high, nitrous oxide can cause dizziness, light-headedness and euphoria.

Pure nitrous oxide dissolves in the bloodstream, pushing oxygen out from the blood into the lungs, depriving the brain and other organs of oxygen. Dentists frequently use it as a painkiller.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology officials released few other details and did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Classes aren't scheduled to begin at MIT until Sept. 7, but freshmen and some upperclassmen had already moved into their rooms.

State

DPS will be targeting drunken, reckless drivers this weekend

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating that 39 motorists will lose their lives on the state's highways this Labor Day weekend.

That forecast was issued Wednesday, the day several new traffic laws took effect.

One of those lowered the legal blood-alcohol limit from .10 to .08, which officials said would provide a new weapon to combat drunken driving.

"This new law sends a message to Texans that tolerance of drinking and driving is at an all-time low," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, DPS director. "We will drive that point home in our enforcement efforts."

The 39 fatalities being forecast are down from the 45 deaths recorded in 41 accidents during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period last year.

The DPS said that in wrecks where seat belt usage was applicable, 46 percent of those killed weren't wearing safety belts. Eleven of last year's 45 fatalities were alcohol-related.

According to DPS records, there were 40 fatalities over the 1997 Labor Day holiday, 43 in 1996 and 34 in 1995. Alcohol was involved in 20 of the 1997 deaths, 19 in 1996 and 14 in 1995.

Under another new law, drivers could face tickets if children under age 15 aren't buckled up, the DPS said.

In addition, motorists will find trucks legally traveling at the same speed as cars. The new law means large trucks, including 18-wheelers, and assorted vehicles pulling trailers and school activity buses will be able to drive the same speed limit as cars on interstates and highways — up to 70 mph.

Gore campaigns in Bush's home turf, expects to raise \$200,000

SAN ANTONIO — Vice President Al Gore arrived in Texas today for a quick trip to the home turf of potential Republican presidential opponent Gov. George W. Bush.

Gore planned to tour Crockett Elementary School and lead a discussion on school construction before attending a \$1,000-per-person private fundraiser at the home of Democratic supporters in San Antonio.

The Gore presidential campaign hoped to raise at least \$200,000 during the trip, said local attorney Jose Villarreal, treasurer for Gore's national campaign.

The trip marks Gore's fourth fund-raising effort in Texas since embarking on his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In May, he attended fund-raising events in Houston and Dallas while his wife, Tipper, raised money for him in Austin. That three-day swing included stops in Florida and Georgia and netted \$850,000 in contributions.

Also in May, Gore and President Clinton made an appearance in the Rio Grande Valley and touted the success of a local empowerment zone.

This San Antonio trip gives Gore another chance to campaign in a predominantly Hispanic area. Hispanics comprise the largest minority group in South Texas, a region that historically votes for Democrats.

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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RACE PROBLEMS NOT JUST IN JASPER

Hate persists in daily life

Tuesday marked the beginning phase of the trial of Lawrence Russell Brewer, the second of three white men accused of murdering James Byrd in Jasper, Texas. Byrd, 49, was dragged behind a truck in June 1998 for more than three miles and was decapitated when his head hit a concrete drain.

John William King was convicted and sentenced to death in February, and Shawn Allen Berry is still awaiting trial. Jury selection began in Bryan, Texas, for Brewer's trial.

Of the 161 prospective jurors, only 19 were black. Five of the 19 people who have already been dismissed are black.

As this heinous crime returns to the nation's spotlight, it is all too obvious that America runs rampant with racism and hate.

Murder is an extreme, but there are more subtle ways of degrading others, ways that can even be found on our campus. It's in your jokes. It's in your assumptions. And there is absolutely no room for such ignorance and intolerance on our campus or in our country.

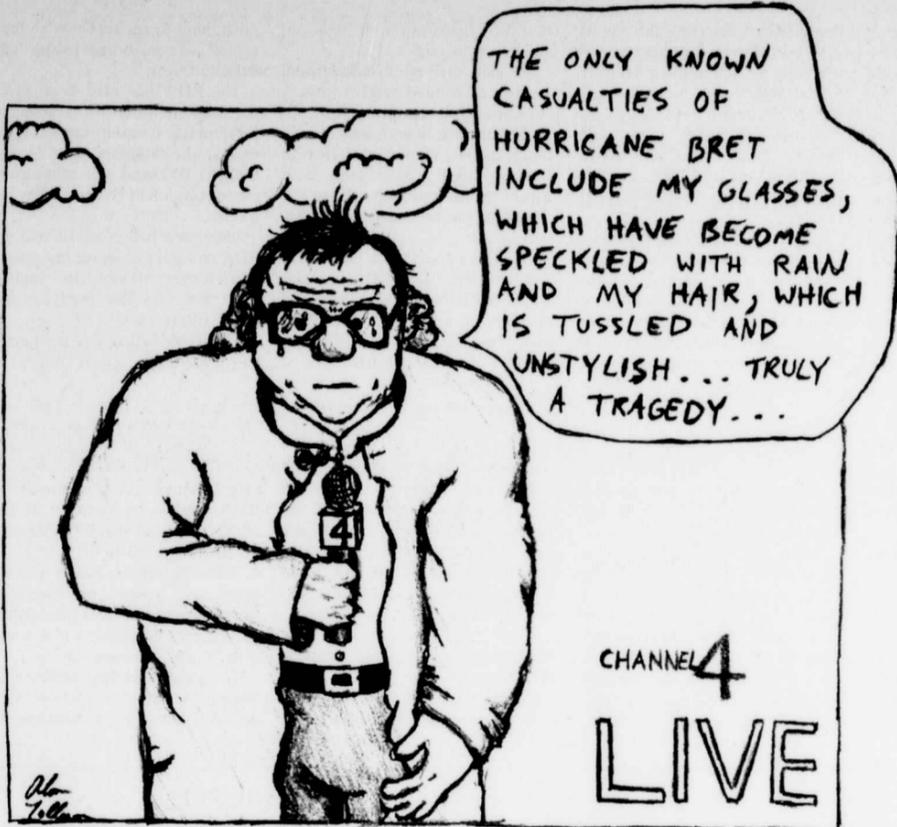
Racism isn't a problem that can be solved in Washington, D.C. The solution starts in places like Jasper. Communities everywhere must unite to ensure that this crime never repeats itself.

As part of the TCU community, we can no longer turn our heads and hide our eyes. This is real. It is our responsibility to put an end to it.

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'All about you' lures freshmen

Freshmen see it in their sleep. Sophomores remember this time last year when they, too, felt the warm fuzzies that TCU sent to their mailboxes at home. Juniors and seniors search through memories of the past few years, memories left hazy from too many beers and too many core classes.

"At TCU, it's about you."
 How's that for a refresher course? It is about you. But only until you get here and discover it's only about you until you want to park outside the Student Center, or until you want to add that class you need to graduate, or until you want to eat on campus at a non-peak hour.

What a great marketing ploy. TCU sells itself well: a small-but-not-too-small private university in a big-but-not-too-big metropolitan city. The smiling faces on the color-

ful admissions brochure don't tell the stories of the \$5 turkey sandwiches or the equally expensive laundry machines. Instead, those faces say, "Come to TCU! We're all so happy here!"

Here at TCU, it's not about you, or me or that guy you sit next to in sociology class. It's about the profit we students bring into the university.

Is there some reason why, despite the renovations to the Student Center, there has been no effort to modify the lack of parking in front of this, the busiest building on the entire campus? Now is an opportune time for a solution to be agreed upon.

TCU recently acquired the land on the corner of Berry Street and University Drive. Is it opening as the much-needed parking for commuter students? No. This landscaping project is part of TCU's commitment to the community, said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills.

But what happened to TCU's commitment to the students? Perhaps it does make a prettier, greener campus for prospective students and the community, but a parking lot would have been much more

useful for — not to mention much more appreciated by — current students. We are, after all, the ones who are paying thousands of dollars to come here. Shouldn't the university provide for us the same quality campus that they use to lure in prospective students and community support?

It isn't a secret that parking is a problem here. And it's no secret that this problem stems from the fact that there are so many students with cars. It's a natural conclusion that these cars will need to be washed from time to time. Let's encourage the powers that be to provide a place to wash our cars free of charge. All it takes is a water hose and a patio cover. There are plenty of sprinkler heads that are calling out, "Attach me to a hose so I can wash your car!" And besides, it seems administrators have no problem covering parking places.

As college students, we also have odd habits. We don't all eat at 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Yet, walk into the Main or the Worth Hills cafeteria at any other time of the day and be prepared to venture down Berry Street for more selection. The food from

the Main that is left out all day in reach of every hungry student and house fly within a 16-mile radius just isn't tempting when there are no warm mass-produced chicken strips.

With a substantial percentage of the student body living on campus, it is necessary that a selection of good food is always available in the cafeterias. We eat a lot, and we want more than a salad or frozen lasagna from Stems and Staples. It seems that TCU is so interested in getting freshmen here that prospective students get everything they want at the expense of current students who have already bought into the farce that the ubiquitous "it" really is about them as an individual.

So what is really about you? Does the university promise one thing to high school seniors but provide something different to the students here? Allow me to suggest a new marketing campaign:

"At TCU, we pretend it's about you until you get here. Then you're in for a rude awakening."

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Commentary



Laura Head

For advice on politics, ask Ventura

Only Hollywood resumé needed for candidates to win election match

I used to halfway like Jesse Ventura. Last year, when he "shocked the world" and got himself elected governor of Minnesota, there was a part of me that felt invigorated with a fresh hope for the future of grassroots politics.

Granted, most of me felt that the people of Minnesota had gone plain nuts, but there was that little part that had to admire Ventura's mixed bag of straight-shooting, no B.S., don't-like-it-kiss-my-grits populist politics.

But now I've got a beef with "the Body" or "the Mind" or whatever the Sam Hill he calls himself.

Not so much with him personally, I guess (although I do believe he and a majority of Minnesotans are still a bunch of crazies), but with what he has done to accelerate America's already eerie fascination with celebrities and politics.

Thanks in part to Ventura, it seems now that every two-bit celebrity in possession of a lame-brained political ideology thinks he or she can run for elected office and win.

The most recent shining example is Warren Beatty.

Most famous for "Dick Tracy," "Bulworth" and his dalliance with Madonna, Beatty is deliberating a run for the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States.

Now let me tell you something: If any Beatty's going to run for president, it dang well ought to be Ned Beatty.

I know I'd vote for the guy. Any dude who can survive what he went through in "Deliverance" without going criminally insane has demonstrated the mental toughness and

security in his own masculinity needed to lead this great nation.

That being said, what makes Warren think he can become president of the world's only superpower?

It can't be his political beliefs. Ideologically, the guy's a dead horse.

On most issues, he's just to the left of Mao Tse-tung.

While that may endear him to a various assortment of pinko campus radicals and burnt-out ex-flower children, it won't fly with the majority of the American public.

So what is it then? Because he's famous? He's a movie star? He hasn't killed anyone?

It's not good for politics, but it's what the game has become. And in the process, candidates who actually have ideas and aren't afraid to express them get thrown to the wayside.

Unfortunately, with the state of American electoral politics being what it is today, that might just qualify him. Heck, it could win him a nomination.

Well, probably not.

Still, the simple fact that someone like Beatty is seriously considering a run says something about how low the standards for candidates in this country have become.

In fact, judging by President Clinton's strong showing of support in national polls last year during the impeachment process, one of the biggest things going for Beatty may be the whole fooling around with Madonna thing.

Americans love philanderers. They don't much care for politicians. But they can't get enough of philandering politicians, as long as they're Democrats.

You read me? Beatty's in a win-win-win situation here.

Plus, if he should decide to run, Beatty faces some severely charisma-deficient competition.

Al Gore and Bill Bradley are deathly boring candidates. All they ever want to do is talk about taxes, Social Security, health care, yadda, yadda, yadda.

On the other hand, Warren Beatty was Clyde of "Bonnie and Clyde," he

was "Mugsy" and he's got a famous crazy sister.

Politics in our great republic has increasingly become more about fanfare, image, style and sound bite.

Issues, policy statements and "that vision thing," as referred to by former President George Bush, appear to have taken the back seat.

We can look at the George W. Bush juggernaut as an example of that.

The junior Bush is blowing every other candidate, Republican and Democrat, out of the water in current polls in spite of the fact he never tells anybody where he stands on anything.

LETTERS

to the editor

Personal agendas should include concerts by world-class musicians

In response to David Becker's "Personal Agenda" suggestions (which, by the way, were excellent) I would like to add the following:

Make a point to attend at least a half-dozen free presentations by the many performing groups in the School of Music. We have much to offer — from Bach and Beethoven to Basie. We have wonderful choral, orchestral, band, jazz, keyboard, chamber music and faculty solo recitals by world-class musicians. It's free. It's great. It's too good to be true. Bring a date. Bring two dates!

Curt Wilson

Director of Jazz Studies, Professor of Music

Students should keep campus beautiful, clean up their own trash

Why can't people throw away their trash? It's easy. Just put it into a trash can! There are plenty available.

It seems like every year someone has to remind students that they are responsible for this simple act. I was again reminded of it this morning as I drove into the quadrangle by Frog Fountain and it was littered with Whataburger garbage.

Then as I was walking up to my office, I saw more and more signs of trash as bottles and containers and cups from The Main were left out in the mall area. What will it take to get people to dispose of their own messes? WE ARE NOT YOUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS!

Maybe that's part of the problem. We as parents have not taught our children to be responsible for this simple act and to take pride in anything other than themselves.

People are constantly complaining about the rise in cost of tuition and fees. We spend thousands upon thousands of dollars each year making this place beautiful, yet there are always those who don't take enough pride in their university to keep it looking that way.

I commend our facility services and physical plant staff who work hard from sun up to sun down to make the campus a pleasant place to live, learn and work. Would you want to have the job of picking up other people's trash? What is it going to take?

Students, remember that this is your campus! Take pride in it, and let's keep it beautiful!

Nancy Styles,

executive assistant, Communication and Public Affairs

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Hall councils to be direct link to housing officials

By Jessica Schambach
STAFF REPORTER

On-campus residents are forming a student-led council to better represent their needs and desires.

Council members will be elected this week for the Residence Hall Association, which will provide an outlet for students to express their opinions regarding on-campus living.

Russell Elleven, associate director for residence life, said the RHA will help to serve the residents better because it gives them a direct voice to the housing administration.

"Our hope is that the programming that is generated by hall councils is directly related to what students want to see in the resi-

Student-led group to listen to residents' input about on-campus living

dence halls," Elleven said. "While it's governmental in structure, it's primarily a programmatic body."

The RHA will meet twice a month, beginning Sept. 14, to discuss housing issues. Foster Hall Director Dottie Cruz will advise the RHA, and resident assistants will advise the individual hall councils.

Elleven said the council is needed not only because it is a form of expression for residents, but also because it provides additional leadership opportunities for students. Often, people who are involved in residence hall associations become

the next generation of resident assistants, he said.

"It can serve as an educational tool as to how to work within a structure," Elleven said.

He said if residents want something to be changed, they would confront their hall council who would in turn consult the RHA, the direct link to the housing administration.

"It allows students to be leaders and have a say about what's going on in their hall," said Amanda Musterman, a senior religion and sociology major and a Waits Hall resident assistant. "I think it's a

great thing to say that you've been a part of an organization you helped to form."

The RHA has also been given the responsibility by residential services to oversee homecoming events, the holiday lighting and Siblings Weekend. All other event participation will be decided by the council.

Individual hall councils and the RHA will have separate budgets.

"It comes through their student fees, just like RA programming does," Elleven said.

The RHA will attend a regional and national conference in

February and May.

"They'll learn what other institutions are doing and can use that experience to come back and better benefit the TCU students," Elleven said.

The RHA will work with the Texas Residence Hall Association, the Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

"This isn't something that TCU has just thought up," Elleven said. "It is something that is very widespread and we want to tap into it."

But residents must participate to keep the RHA up and running, he said.

Cruz said student response has been better than expected.

"It looks like we're going to have an excellent turnout," Cruz said.

Shannon O'Brien, a sophomore elementary education major and a Waits Hall resident, said she is still considering participating on the council.

"I think that's a great thing to get the input of the students who are going to be living there," she said. "Why should anyone else choose for us?"

Residential Services will then re-evaluate the program in three years, Elleven said.

NASA

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to determine the time it takes for the liquid to merge from two drops into one drop.

Andre Mazzoleni, an associate professor of engineering, initially approached Varner, Coles and Hernandez to see if they would be interested in participating in the project. He said that his work with the three students in Spacecraft Design showed him that they would be great representatives.

"I knew that these guys would be ideal and they didn't disappoint me," Mazzoleni said.

When the team arrived at the space center, they went through astronaut debriefings, microgravity training and safety lectures before they could fly. The specially designed KC-135 creates a microgravity environment by soaring to 33,000 feet and then diving to 24,000 feet in 25 seconds.

Coles said the group would not have been able to participate in the project — which is sponsored each year by the Texas Space Grant Consortium and the Johnson Space Center — if they did not have the help of Mike Murdock and David Yale.

Yale and Murdock, research machinists for TCU, worked about 200 hours to help the team build what they needed for the experiment.

Coles said that because the team

only gets two real opportunities in the weightless environment, it was critical that every part of the apparatus function properly.

"Because this group was working under such unique conditions, we had to use materials that would withstand the 2G difference and that was a challenge," Murdock said.

The group said they believe that without the creative solutions Yale and Murdock supplied, their experi-

ment may not have been a success.

"They came up with design and material ideas that we had never thought about," Coles said.

Hernandez said that because the group did not find out that they had been selected to participate until well into the spring, they were pressed to get everything finished on time.

"We could take something to them in the morning and they could have it

turned around by the afternoon," he said. Now almost a month after their experience, the group is still thrilled about their summer.

"I have been fascinated by astronauts and space since I was little, so this was a dream of mine," Varner said.

Coles said he shares his partner's sentiment.

"It was unlike anything that I have ever done before," he said.

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that patrons will spend slightly less time at the bar.

"It will probably also remind people to be more careful," he said.

The law, which designates the level at which a person is considered too drunk to drive, dropped the legal blood-alcohol limit from .10 percent to .08 percent. The legislation was one of 924 new state laws that were enacted by the 76th session of the Texas Legislature.

Fort Worth Police Officer W.T. Robinson, based at the Berry Street storefront, said officers will not change their tactics, but the new law may result in more arrests.

"It will not affect our tactics for identifying or evaluating DWIs," Robinson said. "But now when someone is pulled over, they can have consumed less alcohol for us to take them to jail."

Robinson said DWI laws have gradually become more strict over the years.

"The laws have toughened, and there have been more convictions as a result," Robinson said. "Hopefully, this will send a message to people that drinking and driving will not be tolerated."

At The Cellar on Berry Street — where flourishes line one wall, "Don't Drink and Drive, Let Us Call You A Cab" — staff and patrons alike said they felt little would change as a result of the new law.

Andi Crook, a bartender, said most of her patrons are TCU students who look after themselves.

"Students are going to party and drink anyways, but I'm glad the new level is lower," Crook said. "I don't want to lose friends or relatives to a drunk driver."

Jon Proctor, a junior marketing major at Texas Tech, said he drinks responsibly and will not change his habits.

"I don't think the law will make much difference in people's drinking habits," Proctor said. "I think it is just another way for the state to make money. It will probably hurt the bars more than anyone else."

Tyson Feaster, an MBA student, said he thinks the number of drunk drivers will decrease in time as people become more aware of the new law.

"I think there might be more busts early on, and then when people realize how easily it could happen to them, I think they'll wise up and make the decision not to do it, that it's not worth it," Feaster said.

Mitchell said most local establishments have always been good about keeping an eye on their patrons.

"We're in a dangerous business, and we want our folks to get home safely," Mitchell said. "We don't just kick people out at 2:15 a.m. Instead, we call taxis or find drivers to get people home. This is no different. The TABC is always making rules, and we abide by them."

New Texas legislation

924 laws — passed by the 76th session of the Texas Legislature — went into effect Wednesday. Among them:

■ The legal blood-alcohol limit decreased from .10 percent to .08 percent.

■ A driver may not use a telephone while operating a motor vehicle unless the car is stopped or the phone is used without use of either of the driver's hands.

■ Detailed records of sex offenders — including their photos and addresses — will now be available to the public through several media outlets, including the Internet.

■ A judge may now waive — if he or she deems necessary — the 72-hour waiting period following the issuance of a marriage license.

■ The cars of people convicted of certain offenses involving the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated must now be equipped with an ignition interlock device.

■ Parental notification is now required before an abortion may be performed on a minor.

■ Parental notification is now required before piercing occurs on any part of a minor's body except the earlobe.

■ Doctors must report all gunshot wounds to local law enforcement officials and all controlled substance overdoses to the Texas Department of Health.

■ All vehicle passengers under the age of 15 — whether seated in the front or back seat — are now required to wear seatbelts.

■ The fine for parking in a handicapped space increased from \$100 to \$250.

■ A DNA record must now be created for certain people convicted of murder, aggravated assault, burglary or an offense for which registration as a sex offender is required.

ALLIANCE

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the constituents of Alliance might need.

"From the beginning we talked about having an executive MBA program there and perhaps even a night-time traditional MBA program," he said.

"I think those are still pretty likely."

The TCUglobalcenter will not have a standing faculty but will have five full-time employees including Downey.

"Some of the faculty will be

outsourced from the TCU faculty, other universities or individuals that are not even at universities, if that is what the constituents want," Downey said.

Ferrari said that even though the program is not finished,

business leaders from Alliance will have strong input on the early stages of development because they came to TCU first.

"The key players and partners in it really understand the strengths of TCU," he said.

'English only' policies sending American companies to courtroom

By Martha Irvine
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHICAGO — Carlos Solero couldn't believe his ears when his bosses started reprimanding him for speaking Spanish.

"Even if I was singing to myself or just mumbling, I would get a warning," the 31-year-old said of the "English only" policy his bosses instituted at a suburban Chicago manufacturing plant two years ago.

The company said the policy was needed to improve communication on its assembly line. Eventually, Solero was asked to sign a work agreement that included the policy — but he refused.

"I told them, 'You cannot shut me up,'" said Solero, who was fired three days later.

Now he and seven other Spanish-speakers — and the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — have filed lawsuits against Watlow Batavia, a metal-casting and assembly plant in Batavia, Ill.

Legal experts say it's part of a growing movement against employers who try to force workers to speak English on the job.

"I think we're going to see more and more of these types of lawsuits, especially as the population of immigrants grows and more languages are spoken in the workplace," said Jose Behar, an EEOC attorney handling the agency's lawsuit against Watlow.

Complaints filed by the EEOC against companies with English-only policies have nearly tripled in the last three years, according to the agency. Ninety-one were filed nationwide last year, compared with 32 in 1996.

Companies may have English-only policies as long as they can prove they are a "business necessity" — say, in an air-traffic control tower.

Trouble is, say Behar and others, some companies are taking it too far — and instituting policies simply because they want to know what their employees are talking about.

"When there's some type of health and safety at stake, those are situations where English-only should be required. But in the vast majority of jobs, there really is no justification," said Donya Fernandez, an attorney with

Language Rights Project in San Francisco.

This summer, the group helped work out an agreement at an Emeryville, Calif., casino where kitchen cooks were told they had to speak English, even though they all spoke Cantonese.

Jeff Hawn, a computer industry headhunter for Cleveland, Ohio-based Management Recruiters, said he has seen a language backlash. He said a hiring manager at a Fortune 100 company recently asked him not to send any more candidates with strong accents for an Internet sales position.

"She was really pushing the envelope of EEOC laws. I was really uncomfortable," said Hawn, who complained to the manager's supervisor.

Officials at Watlow defend their English-only policy, which they say was temporary and part of an overall plan to improve an assembly department in crisis.

"We have nothing against speaking any other language as long as the customer's needs are being met," said Diana Rader, the human resources manager for the company.

"But the department was experiencing problems where we thought communication was only one of many issues."

The cases against Watlow Batavia are expected to be heard in U.S. District Court in Chicago early next year.

Historically, rulings have been mixed. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a federal appeals court's 1994 decision that allowed a South San Francisco, Calif., meat packer to continue using its English-only policy — a ruling President Clinton opposed. But in January, a federal judge in Chicago ruled in favor of 200 workers who fought an English-only policy at Synchro-Start Products, a Niles, Ill., manufacturing company.

In the meantime, Solero has gotten a job as a line worker at another suburban Chicago company, Kraft Foods Inc., where he says he's free to speak Spanish.

"We're in the United States. I understand that," said Solero, who grew up in Puerto Rico. "But when I'm talking to another Hispanic person, why shouldn't I be able to speak my own language?"

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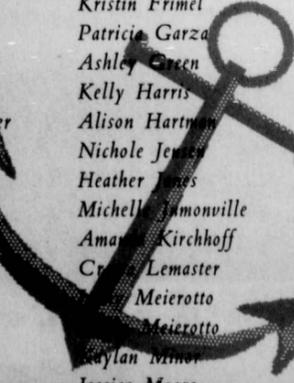
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Just Visiting plays Monday night at a Baptist Student Ministries function following speaker Derrick Campbell who discussed Christianity at TCU.

Anti-violence program fails, audit says

By Renae Merle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A program designed to make Texas public schools safe has failed to ensure violent students are removed from the classroom, according to a state audit.

The report released Wednesday found at least 850 acts of violence during the 1997-1998 school year that resulted in no student expulsions, which the Safe Schools Act mandates.

The act established in 1995 was designed to remove disruptive and violent students from public classrooms. It also created the Justice Alternative Education Programs and Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs to ensure those students would learn elsewhere.

"School officials do not consistently remove violent students to alternative education programs as the act requires," the audit says.

Preliminary data shows that of the 850 acts that didn't result in expulsion to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs, 255 involved illegal knives, 218 included other

types of weapons and 196 were aggravated assaults. Also, 74 cases involved firearms.

"Our teachers and our rule-abiding students are being placed in jeopardy by not following the Safe Schools Act to the letter," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville.

The report also found a disproportionate number of special education, minority, poor and at-risk students in the alternative education programs. Those students' academic progress is not measured and there is no way to know whether they learn or improve their behavior, the audit says.

"We could not determine if alternative education programs are accomplishing their mission of helping students perform at grade level," according to the audit, which noted students in certain programs need not take assessment tests besides the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

Inappropriately placing students in alternative education programs, particularly if academic progress can't be proven, increases "the risk

of charges of discrimination, inequity, and civil rights violations," auditors said.

The state must focus more energy on students who are economically disadvantaged, have limited English capabilities or have learning difficulties, said Oliveira, who serves on the House Public Education Committee. "Alternative education programs should not be holding tanks for students who need extra assistance," he said.

The Texas Education Agency agrees with many of the audit's findings, agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said.

"We have already made plans to begin implementing many of the suggestions that are in the report," she said.

Ratcliffe noted the audit is based on preliminary data, and final numbers won't be available for at least two weeks.

This was the first time the data was collected and some school officials unfamiliar with the process may have miscoded students who were, in fact, sent to alternative set-

tings, she said.

"We do need to do further investigation," Ratcliffe said.

The study also found some school districts that sent students to the programs continued drawing state funds for which they were ineligible. The districts could owe the state \$1.4 million, according to the audit.

That will be easy to rectify, Ratcliffe said, adding it's common for school officials to miscount students. The state and the school districts will settle up during the next school year, she said.

Oliveira said despite the audit's findings, the Safe Schools Act had improved "the learning climate in our public schools by removing disruptive students."

"Juvenile offenders are a reality in our public schools," he said. "We must help them before they become a bigger reality in our prison system."

Of the 3.9 million students in Texas public schools during the 1997-1998 school year, about 4,000 attended JJAEPs and 59,000 were in DAEPs, according to the study.

Drunk driver released after serving sentence

Man responsible for 27 deaths free to get another license

By Mark R. Chellgren
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA GRANGE, Ky. — The man convicted in the nation's deadliest drunken driving accident — a fiery, head-on collision that killed 27 people on a church bus — was released from prison Wednesday after 9 1/2 years and is free to get another driver's license.

Larry Mahoney, 46, was driven away in the back seat of a car, car-

rying his belongings in two brown paper bags. He said nothing.

"It is my impression that he wants to blend back into society," said state police Lt. Henry Cease, who investigated the 1988 crash that led Kentucky to tighten its standards for school buses. "I think he's done the time that was dealt to him and it's time to move on."

Mahoney, his blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit, was driving his pickup truck the wrong way on an interstate when he smashed into a bus carrying 67 people returning home from a church outing to an amusement park. The bus' gas tank ruptured,

and flames engulfed the front section.

The former chemical plant worker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in prison but got time off for good behavior and taking courses.

After the wreck, Kentucky changed its specifications for school buses, requiring them to have flame-retardant seats, fuel tank cages, push-out windows, left-side emergency exits and escape hatches in the roof. Federal law had already required fuel tank cages on buses manufactured after 1977.

Ford, which made the bus, also settled a lawsuit with 65 of the

families, reportedly for at least \$36 million.

After Mahoney was turned down for parole in 1997, he chose to serve out his sentence and left prison with no restrictions or reporting requirements. He can even get a driver's license if he decides to do so.

Kentucky law does not prohibit convicted felons from driving, even those convicted of causing a drunken driving-related death. Driving records are expunged after five years of no incidents, so Mahoney can apply for a learner's permit and take the exam if he chooses to do so.

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WNBA coach named coach of the year for third consecutive year

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Comets coach Van Chancellor was named WNBA coach of the year for a third consecutive year on Tuesday, but said his eye is on another streak: a third straight WNBA championship.

Chancellor is the only coach in the three-year history of the WNBA ever to win the honor. So far, his team is also the only championship squad in league history as well, winning the title the past two seasons.

The Comets advanced to the championship finals Monday with a 72-62 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks propelled by Cynthia Cooper's 23 points and career-high 12 assists.

The Comets will play the New York Liberty in a rematch of the 1997 one-game playoff for their first WNBA title. The Liberty beat Charlotte 69-54 Monday night.

Chancellor deflected the credit to his players, who have continued to play well and win despite the loss of guard Kim Perrot to lung cancer just before the play-offs began earlier this month.

Bird suffered from irregular heartbeat near end of Celtic career

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Bird says he had an irregular heartbeat during off-season workouts late in his career with the Boston Celtics, but he never told team doctors about it.

He said he would feel sudden exhaustion and his heart would start "jumping around," according to an excerpt in this week's Sports Illustrated from his upcoming book, "Bird Watching: On Playing and Coaching the Game I Love."

"I always knew there was something wrong with my heart," Bird wrote. The "episodes," as he called them, apparently didn't occur during the regular season.

Bird was put on medication and told to exercise, eat healthy and drink alcohol only in moderation. But his condition worsened in the spring of 1997, right before he became the Indiana Pacers' coach.

The disease is not life threatening and not as serious as ventricular fibrillation, which doctors believed caused the death of former Celtics teammate Reggie Lewis. But on March 17, 1998, while coaching Indiana in a tight game against the Chicago Bulls, Bird almost passed out.

At one point earlier, Pacers cardiologist King Yee used defibrillator paddles to jolt Bird's heart back to a normal rhythm.

TCU, SMU likely headed for C-USA

Commissioner expects both schools to play out WAC contract's tenure

By Matt Welneck and Matt Silver
STAFF REPORTERS

TCU and SMU appear to be leaving for Conference USA after their Western Athletic Conference contracts expire in two years.

WAC Commissioner Karl Benson said he is aware of conversations that have taken place between the two schools and C-USA officials.

"It has probably reached a stage where there's a definite possibility," Benson told Houston television station KRIV Wednesday night.

C-USA, based in Chicago, is also expected to accept South Florida's football team for the 2001 season, and with the addition of TCU and SMU, it would give them a 12-team football league.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari and

athletic director Eric Hyman could not be reached for comment.

Based on the commissioner's conversations with both schools, Benson said he believes if TCU and SMU were to join C-USA they would honor the remaining portions of their WAC contract. However, Benson said he hopes the two schools would make the decision that the WAC is in their long-term interest.

Provost William Koehler said he believes TCU should explore their options.

"We are always going to look at opportunities and try to strengthen the position of the university in a way that's in the (university's) long-term best interest," Koehler said.

At a meeting of Conference USA presidents, ESPN.com reported

Monday that the green light had been given to expand the conference. The names TCU and SMU have been thrown around as potential expansion candidates.

The next meeting of C-USA presidents will take place on October 11 in New York, but there is likely to be a conference call before then, according to wire reports.

Seven schools play both football and basketball in C-USA, including Tulane, Alabama-Birmingham, Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville, Memphis and Southern Mississippi. Army and East Carolina are football-only schools and DePaul, Marquette, St. Louis, North Carolina-Charlotte and South Florida are basketball-only

schools.

When told that Ferrari would consider a bid, TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs said it was the best position.

"I think he's right on," Tubbs said. "I think anytime you have an opportunity, you have to weigh all options. I think we would have to consider it very heavily and then make the decision as to what's best for the university and for all sports that we play."

Tubbs said in terms of the basketball team, he would have to evaluate TCU's prospects for success in Conference USA.

"Conference USA is a very good basketball conference," he said. "In past RPI ratings, Conference USA has ranked higher than the WAC."

"I just want to be in a conference

where we have a realistic chance to win championships. Right now, I think that the two programs that are probably a little ahead of us in Conference USA that we would really need to get online with are Cincinnati and Louisville. I think we're pretty much on the same page with the rest of them. Cincinnati and Louisville are a little ahead of us, but we can catch them."

Tubbs said he would be happy either way the university decided to go.

"If (Hyman) came to me and said we were moving, I would support that," he said. "If he came to me and said we are staying in the WAC, I would support that. I hope it's an option that's extended to us."



Senior midfielder Allison Calleri scores the third goal for TCU in their 4-0 win over Southwest Texas State last night.

Frogs triumph over Bobcats

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Four goals by four different players helped the TCU women's soccer team to a 4-0 victory Wednesday over the Southwest Texas State Bobcats.

This is the first season for the Lady Bobcats, who could only manage four shots-on-goal compared with TCU's 11. All of the goals were scored in the first period of the game which, for the most part, was played on the Bobcats' defensive side of the field.

TCU head coach David Rubinson said the team could have had more scoring opportunities against the inexperienced Bobcats.

"Honestly, I think we played a team that wasn't quite as good," he said. "Everybody has to have a first year."

The Lady Bobcats only managed five shots in the whole game against the TCU defense.

Rubinson said out of those five shots only one ball was in a dangerous place on the field, because the defense played organized for most of the game. However, the defense could have played better, he said.

"I thought we were a little bit lethargic and probably played somewhat to the level of our competition," he said. "That was one of the things that concerned us from the beginning."

On the other hand, TCU had 21 total

shots in the game.

Freshman forward Jenn Coulson scored the first goal on a breakaway in the 17th minute of the game off of an assist from sophomore midfielder Tiffany Goetz. The goal came after two near misses and two wide shots by TCU.

On the next goal, sophomore midfielder Jeanine Rogers scored on a header in the 37th minute from a cornerkick by Coulson that flew over the heads of charging defenders. Kristen Tutt, the lone Bobcat goalie for the game, saved seven shots, but could not handle the onslaught of scoring chances by the TCU offense.

"We were in the right spots at the right time," Rubinson said.

Soon after the second goal, senior midfielder Allison Calleri scored an unassisted goal when the defense over ran the ball. Calleri had a bad angle on her first shot at the goal and the ball ricocheted off of Tutt's shinguard. Then, Calleri made the goal-scoring play off the shinguard escalating the score to 3-0.

Calleri has become a team leader on and off the field, Rubinson said. She has always been an important part of the team, he said.

"Since the day Allison came to TCU, she has been one of our key players," Rubinson said. I thought we struggled the first 20 minutes of the game, but when she came on, she

settled things immediately. You could see a difference in our play."

Calleri said game experiences at TCU have prepared her for a leadership role.

"Being here for four years gives me a little bit of an edge," she said. "I try to help the younger ones out a little bit."

The younger players made most of the plays in the game.

Sophomore midfielder Ali Schloegel scored the last goal of the night off of a header assisted again by Coulson in the 43rd minute.

Rubinson said he feels good about the team and the young players, but that they still have room for improvement.

"Our younger players are very good," he said. "They came to TCU to play soccer and not to sit on the bench."

TCU will play in the Baylor Bear Invitational in Waco this weekend. Their first game is at 5 p.m. Friday against Louisiana State and then 1 p.m. Sunday against Baylor.

The team lost to Baylor last year, 1-5, and to LSU, 0-3.

Rubinson said they must defeat Baylor and LSU this year.

"We are a different team this year from what we were a year ago," he said. "I think we are much improved but this season will tell us that."

Ekuban might be tight end

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Troy Aikman saw a big guy catch the kickoff and was impressed. Whoever it was showed good hands in picking up the squib kick, and he seemed to know what he was doing when he ran with the ball.

Once the New England defenders were peeled off, Aikman was surprised to see rookie defensive end Ebenezer Ekuban get up from the bottom of the pile.

Ekuban's smooth handling of that play reminded Dallas Cowboys coaches that he had been a tight end for two years at North Carolina before switching to defense.

That knowledge came in handy a week later when injuries thinned Dallas' depth at tight end.

This week, the Cowboys took the first steps toward breaking in Ekuban as a short-yardage tight end by issuing him an offensive playbook and inviting him to offensive meetings.

He'll begin practicing at tight end next week, and coach Chan Gailey plans to give him a few minutes there every week to learn his assignments. He'll primarily be used in goal-line formations.

"He won't be running any post routes," Gailey said. "It'll just be in an emergency situation."

Hayward Clay was supposed to be Dallas' blocking tight end, but he went on injured reserve Tuesday with a hurt knee. The next option, rookie Mike Lucky, is recovering from a foot injury that could be a stress fracture. That leaves only rookie free agent Brian Waters, who is listed as a fullback, but played tight end during his sophomore and junior years at North Texas.

Even if Lucky or Waters makes the 53-man roster, there could be weeks when Gailey can't squeeze them onto the 45-man active list. Having Ekuban ready would make that decision easier.

"Anything I can do to help the team I'm willing to do," said Ekuban, a native of Ghana who has only been playing football six years. "I guess it's a compliment that the coaches have confidence in my athletic abilities."

The 6-foot-3, 281-pound Ekuban ran the fastest times among defensive linemen in the 10-yard and 40-yard dashes at the scouting combine, convincing the Cowboys to take him with the 20th overall pick. He's lived up to the billing thus far and has secured a spot as a top backup.

"If he was having to start and play every down at end, we would probably not do this," Gailey said. "But since he is in a rotation, we feel like we probably can."

In his freshman and sophomore years at North Carolina, Ekuban caught six passes for 66 yards and two touchdowns. His longest play went for 22 yards.

He's already begun his NFL stat file with the 18-yard kickoff return against the Patriots, the play that impressed Aikman.

TCU Sports Calendar

	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Football				Taco Bell Turf War vs. Arizona 6:30 p.m.			
Men's Soccer		Rococo UW Soccer Classic (through Sun.) at Wisconsin 7 p.m.		vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee noon			vs. St. Mary's (Texas) 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer		Baylor Tournament (through Sun.) vs. LSU 5 p.m.		at Baylor 1 p.m.			
Women's Volleyball		vs. N. Iowa 4 p.m. @ Oregon State 9:30 p.m.	vs. Portland noon vs. Missouri 2 p.m.				vs. Baylor 7 p.m.

Multiple homeruns lead Rangers to 14-7 victory over Tigers

Associated Press

DETROIT — Juan Gonzalez, Luis Alicea and Gregg Zaun homered to help Rick Helling stretch his winning streak to six decisions as the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 14-7 Wednesday night.

Helling (12-7) was in trouble early, falling behind 5-1 after three innings. But he allowed just two hits over the next four innings, retiring the Tigers in order in the fifth and sixth. Over his seven-plus innings, Helling allowed six runs and eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

John Wetteland got the last five outs for his 37th save in 44 opportunities.

Helling, who was relieved by Tim Crabtree after Dean Palmer's single leading off the eighth, hasn't lost since June 21 at Boston, going 6-0 with seven no-decisions over his last 13 starts.

Detroit starter Jeff Weaver (8-10) was tagged for six runs and nine hits with one walk and four strikeouts in six innings.

Palmer's 30th homer gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead in the first and Detroit went up 2-0 in the second when Damion Easley, who had singled, scored on Karim Garcia's sacrifice fly.

A two-run homer by Tony Clark, followed by Easley's solo shot gave Detroit a 5-1 lead in their half of the third, but the Rangers drew within one again with a three-run fourth.

Rafael Palmeiro had an RBI double while Zaun and Tom Goodwin each had RBI singles in the Rangers' outburst. Gonzalez tied it at 5 in the fifth with his 31st homer, a solo shot off the facing of the second deck in left.

The Rangers touched reliever Maseo Kida for six runs in the ninth, three on Zaun's first home run of the year.

RUDY

BY AARON BROWN



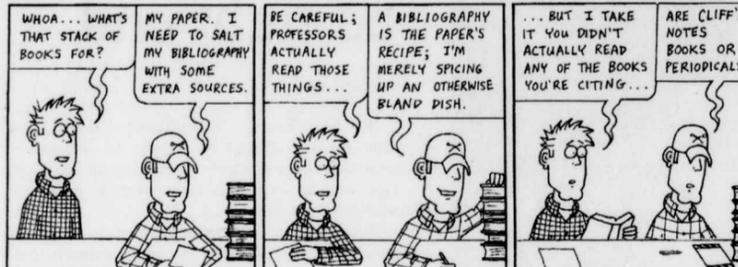
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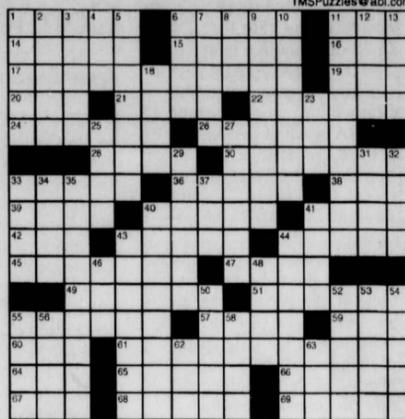
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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 Fred's first partner
 - 6 Mr. T's group
 - 11 Blocker of "Bonanza"
 - 14 Atoll foundation
 - 15 Heron's cousin
 - 16 Function
 - 17 Roughhouse
 - 19 Ernesto Guevara
 - 20 Rock composer Brian
 - 21 Singer Laine
 - 22 Imitated a pig
 - 24 Expunge
 - 26 Word after couch or hot
 - 28 Mexican money
 - 30 Posse pursuit
 - 33 Stood up to
 - 36 Root vegetables
 - 38 Gob
 - 39 Fairy-tale beast
 - 40 Elijah Muhammad's last name at birth



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 41 Scholarly work
 - 42 Cry of discovery
 - 43 "Common Sense" writer
 - 44 Cash
 - 45 Unruly
 - 47 Math subj.
 - 49 Infuse with oxygen
 - 51 Sufficient
 - 55 Die-shaped
 - 57 Oxen pair
 - 59 Sock end
 - 60 Mil. address
 - 61 Break a commitment sneakily
 - 64 French coin
 - 65 Cove
 - 66 Seize forcibly
 - 67 Explosive letters
 - 68 Makes headway
 - 69 Fathers
- DOWN**
- 1 Was sore
 - 2 "Lorna ..."

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- 4 Spanish article
- 5 Voted in
- 6 Farm parcel
- 7 Scout group
- 8 Water in the Seine
- 9 Supply commentary
- 10 Highway strips
- 11 Evade
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- 13 Require
- 18 Malt drinks
- 23 Extreme degree
- 25 Edgeless sword
- 27 Brunch fare
- 29 Reed player
- 31 Christen
- 32 Douce topper
- 33 Hoodwink
- 34 Eastern potatoe
- 35 Brag
- 37 Ages and ages
- 40 Rose Bowl Parade city

- 41 Fast-food option
- 43 Peruke
- 44 Small fish
- 46 Zodiac sign
- 48 Genuine
- 50 City on the Ruhr
- 52 Out-and-out
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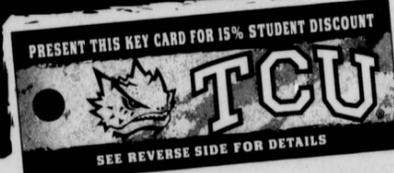


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