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After losing only one set, nationally ranked Esteban Carril emerges as champion of a tennis showcase in Houston this weekend. **page 10**

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## Pulse BRIEFS

### CAMPUS

#### House to sponsor student concerns forum today

The House of Student Representatives will sponsor a student concern forum from 7 to 10 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Several House members, including two members of Programming Council, members of the Administrative Cabinet and Student Government Association President Ben Alexander, will be available to address any concerns or questions brought up by students.

Specific issues to be discussed include parking and residence hall visitation rules.

### COLLEGE

#### Two deaths plague football weekend at U. Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — After a hectic weekend of football rivalry and parties, police are still trying to decipher the conflicting details of two deaths that appear to be caused by beatings.

The town was in a larger-than-usual game day frenzy from Friday until Sunday morning after the Gators' football victory over Tennessee, and police issued many alcohol violations and responded to noise complaints throughout the weekend.

"We were prepared for the game, but that type of disturbance — a fight at a party — could have been associated with any weekend," said Officer Keith Kameg, spokesman for the Gainesville Police Department.

The weekend and the game were going better than expected, until the tragic beatings, Kameg said.

GPD is still investigating the death of Wesley Ormsbee, who died at 3:54 a.m. Sunday. Some witnesses said he was beaten by more than 20 people during a party, according to police.

GPD received a call about loud noise at Park Place Apartments at 2 a.m. but did not send an officer to the complex until 2:44 a.m., Kameg said.

While the officer was on the way to Park Place, GPD received a call about a fight at Domino's Pizza. The officer headed to the restaurant instead of the party because fights are higher priority incidents than noise complaints. It was not until 3:02 a.m. that GPD received a call about the fight at the apartment complex.

Police found Ormsbee, 19, who was transported to Shands at UF where he later died. The autopsy results should be complete by Friday, Kameg said.

—Independent Florida Alligator

## Proposed changes clarify duties of House, PC

By Tealy Dippel  
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives hopes to balance the duties of the House and Programming Council and to

### student GOVERNMENT association

refine the duties of House members with the introduction of its first bill Tuesday evening.

Bill 99-16 proposes changes, which have been discussed since

### Bill also specifies who takes over for SGA president in emergency

the spring, to the SGA constitution. The bill will allow PC members to introduce business to the House. It also calls for the SGA president to be the link between both branches of government.

"I hope it clears up some ambiguous areas in our documents," said Marcus Kain, chairman of Student Concerns. "The bill is a must."

SGA President Ben Alexander said he doesn't expect any resistance to the bill.

"Programming Council and

House will mirror each other in respect to some duties," he said. "The constitution changes will represent the interests and concerns of the student body."

Among the changes will be the refinement of House duties, specifically as they relate to the House president and vice president. The bill calls for the president to take over the duty of planning and organizing the university retreat, currently one of the vice president's duties.

"It will provide equal division

of what's going on," said Sarah Bursleson, vice president of House.

The proposed duty changes would also call for the vice president of House and the vice president of PC to assume the position of SGA president in case of illness or personal leave. The two would act jointly as president for a period of 20 days, during which a campus-wide election would be held to elect another candidate to act as president for the rest of the term.

If the bill passes the House vote, changes to the SGA consti-

tution will become effective Jan. 1. The Elections and Regulations Committee, chaired by Jason Cordova will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 202 to vote on the bill. The House will reintroduce the bill as old business next week, and it will be voted on at that time. If approved, it will then go to the student body.

"The new bill is a very big deal, and I support the bill wholeheartedly," Cordova said.

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## High adventure



Photos by David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR

The High Adventure Club, which sponsors various outdoor activities, traveled to Mineral Wells last weekend to experience rock climbing and rappelling.

Top: Michelle Thompson, a freshman ballet major, and Dave Wuchner, a senior environmental earth resources major,

participate in the activity which attracted more than 30 club members.

Left: As a tradition in rock climbing, Joy Geelsin kisses the carabiner after reaching the top of the cliff.

The High Adventure Club meets at 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center, Room 204.

## Search begins for new Jewish scholar at TCU

### \$1 million donation brings back position to enhance Judaic studies in Brite school

By Steven Baker  
STAFF REPORTER

A committee at Brite Divinity School has begun the search for a professor who will teach a subject that has been absent from TCU for 14 years — Judaism.

The Rosenthal family donated \$1 million for the Rosalyn and Manny Rosenthal Chair for Judaic Studies endowment that will help bring a permanent Jewish scholar to TCU. The scholar will teach early Judaism to graduate and undergraduate students and will serve as an endowed chair at Brite.

Between 1978 and 1984, rabbis taught contemporary Judaism courses at TCU. The program was discontinued because the rabbis were not permanent faculty members and had their own synagogues, their schedules often conflicted with those of students.

David Balch, a professor of New Testament at Brite and Rosenthal endowed chair search committee member, said there is a new relationship between TCU and the Jewish community.

"It is important for Christian students to be talking to a Jewish professor in religion," he said. "It makes the conversation more responsible."

A five-member search committee will begin looking at applications Oct. 15. The committee is composed of Balch, three other Brite or TCU

religion professors and one outside contributor. Brite faculty members will make a decision in one to two years, Balch said.

Leo Perdue, dean of Brite, said one of the goals of this search is to find a professor with "rabbinic training."

Some students within the Jewish student community said they think the position does not need to be filled by a rabbi.

"I feel like any qualified person would enhance the cultural awareness on campus," said Amanda Wilsker, a freshman economics major.

But other students said a rabbi might be more knowledgeable about the beginning of Judaism.

"I would have loved to have a chance to explore my heritage and faith with a learned Jewish person like a rabbi," said Aaron Goldfarb, a senior music education major.

Goldfarb said adding early Jewish studies to the current curriculum will help future students know where the religion originated and will enable them to have a more well-rounded appreciation of their own religion.

"Jewish families are big on education," he said. "If you are not educating students about other cultures, you are neglecting and ignoring the world. If we have a Christian message represented at TCU, then why not Judaism?"

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## PC to host annual arts, music festival

By Stephen Suffron  
STAFF REPORTER

The lawn in front of Frog Fountain will be a place for crafts, music and free food when Programming Council hosts its annual Arts and Music Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The event will feature a disc jockey, several different craft booths where students can make their own creations and free refreshments, including pizza, sno cones, cotton candy, popcorn and soda.

PC Fine Arts Chairwoman Andi Ferreira, a sophomore business

major, said it should be an enjoyable experience.

"There's free food and lots of fun," she said. "It's so students can get together in the middle of the day at the beginning of the semester and enjoy themselves creatively."

In past years, the event featured live music, but no bands are scheduled for this year.

Diana Munro, a senior marketing major who worked on the organizing committee, said the agent who was supposed to book the local acts did not call her back in time for them to be scheduled.

"We've worked well with (that

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## Arts and music fest

The Programming Council will host its annual Arts and Music Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Frog Fountain. Following is a list of scheduled events:

■ **Craft booths**, including spin art (free), sand art and candle-making (both \$1) and wax hands (\$2 — Friday only)

■ **Free caricaturist** and balloon artist

■ **Disc jockey** playing a variety of music

■ **Free food**, including pizza, sno cones, cotton candy, popcorn and soda

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## Greeks volunteer in community

Fraternities, sororities donate more than money to service groups

By Kris Gutierrez  
STAFF REPORTER

An inaugural all-Greek volunteer day helped promote fellowship between fraternities and sororities as members donated their time to help several community service organizations.

Ten to 15 members from each fraternity and sorority volunteered at several different community agencies Sunday, including the Texas Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program, the AIDS Interfaith Network, the Fort Worth

Zoo and the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Phil Cottone and Vanessa Parker, who serve as directors of philanthropy and service for the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils initiated the event. It was co-sponsored by IFC and Panhellenic.

"We thought last semester that we needed to come up with something," Cottone said. "We wanted to do something with more of a community service aspect, by physically helping out and not just writing checks to all these foundations."

"We have to go out there and realize there are people behind the agencies that we are helping. Every year we give tons of community service, but we never do it as one big Greek community. It

kills two birds with one stone. Part of the purpose was to have people working together."

Over the summer, Cottone and Parker mailed about 80 interest forms to agencies that had previous contact with TCU's Greek community. Of the agencies targeted, 25 to 30 responded.

Lee McMichael, a sophomore art education major and Chi Omega member, said she and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity members helped pick up trash along Highway 180.

"We had a billion trash bags," she said. "It took us about two hours to pick up along the two-mile stretch of highway."

Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, said she hopes the all-Greek volunteer day

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# Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

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■ Personal Growth Group to help expand understanding, communication and relationships will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays beginning September 28. To sign up or for more information, call Monica Kintigh at 257-7863.

■ Eating Disorder Support Group will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 30. To sign up or for more information, call Monica Kintigh at 257-7863.

■ TCU National Cheerleading Squad will hold an informational meeting and clinic for those interested in trying out for either the co-ed squad or the all-girls squad from 6 to 8 p.m. September 29 and 30 in the Varsity Club Room in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information, call Glinda Clausen at 257-7969.

■ INROADS Dallas/Fort Worth, a national non-profit organization that provides internships and business training for minorities, will hold an informational session about their program at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center lounge. Food will be served. For more information, call Kimberly See at 257-7522.

■ Harris College of Nursing will sponsor a free blood pressure screening from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. today in the Student Center lobby. For more information, call Melissa Austin-Weeks at 257-7497.

■ Students interested in studying abroad can meet with program representatives from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday outside of the Main in the Student Center. Justin Shelton, a representative from Butler University International Programs office, will be available for questions.

## Correction

In a Page 1 story Friday, Kyle Gore was identified with the wrong title. Gore serves as vice president of his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, and also as a delegate to the Interfraternity Council. He is an executive Delt delegate to IFC.



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# News

ROUNDUP

## World

### Two soldiers killed after they trigger a land mine in southern Russia, blame terrorists

MAKHACHKALA, Russia — Two soldiers on patrol in southern Russia triggered a land mine and were killed after several weeks of fighting Islamic rebels in the region, the military said Tuesday.

The two special forces soldiers set off the mine Monday in the village of Chabanmakhi, which Muslim fundamentalists controlled for more than a year, Interior Ministry spokesman Mikhail Arkhipov said.

Russian troops ousted the rebels from Chabanmakhi and a neighboring village in the republic of Dagestan last week after intense fighting, and the Russians have been clearing the area of mines since then.

Russia has lost 275 soldiers and police officers in fighting across Dagestan that started in early August, the Interfax news agency reported Tuesday. Russia claims to have killed some 2,000 rebels, though the militants say the figure is much lower.

The militants in the region have said they want to create a separate Islamic state in southern Russia.

Moscow has blamed the militants for four apartment bombings in Russia that have left about 300 people dead this month, though rebel leaders have denied any involvement.

Arkhipov said militants were spotted in the northern Dagestani area of Khasavyurt, possibly in preparation for another incursion from the break-away republic of Chechnya into the region. Groups of three to five gunmen were crossing the border to study Russian troop movements in the area, he said.

Khasavyurt is north of the spots where Islamic militants twice invaded from Chechnya and took control of several villages. Both areas were brought back under the control of government troops, but only after sustained fighting.

Some 8,000 Russian troops have been digging in along the Dagestan border to prevent militants from crossing into the territory again, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. Up to 1,500 gunmen have gathered on the other side of the border in Chechnya, according to the military.

## Nation

### Lawmakers clash over bankruptcy laws, judicial nominations

WASHINGTON — The Senate deadlocked Tuesday — not once but twice — as lawmakers clashed over legislation to overhaul the nation's bankruptcy laws and the confirmation of several

judicial nominations.

First, Democrats blocked action on the bankruptcy bill, saying they wanted an agreement from Republicans to permit a debate and vote on an amendment for a \$1-an-hour increase in the minimum wage over two years.

Republicans countered that they were willing to permit that debate but that Democrats had also demanded votes on unrelated issues ranging from farm programs to gun control.

The vote was 53-45, with one senator voting present, seven short of the 60 votes needed to move the measure toward passage.

Moments later, in an ironic twist to the usual debate over judges, Democrats blocked efforts to force a speedy vote on one of President Clinton's nominees for the federal bench.

The nominee, Ted Stewart of Utah, is backed by Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who chairs the Judiciary Committee. Democrats complained that while Republicans were eager to speed Stewart's nomination toward passage, they were unwilling to agree to quick votes on several other nominees proposed by the president. Thus, they held ranks and the Senate voted 55-44, five short of the 60 needed, to advance his nomination to a final vote.

In a rare move moments later, Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota sought to force a vote on two judicial nominees, District Judge Richard Paez and an attorney, Marsha Berzon, both of whom have been named to the appeals court.

It was the Republicans' turn to block action, and they did by margins of 45-54 on Berzon and 45-53 on Paez, both well short of the 60 needed.

It is customarily the prerogative of the majority leader to make such motions, and Daschle's decision to do so had the effect of elevating the importance of the long-running controversy over judicial nominations.

### Compaq was trying to avoid taxes with stock transaction, judge says

WASHINGTON — An \$888 million stock transaction executed in an hour in 1992 by Compaq Computer Corp. was put together solely to avoid U.S. income taxes, the U.S. Tax Court ruled Tuesday.

As a result, the Tax Court said a \$3.4 million tax credit claimed by Compaq will be disallowed, and the Houston-based computer maker will be assessed an unspecified accuracy-related penalty because of negligence.

The ruling by Chief Judge Mary Ann Cohen, which upheld the Internal Revenue Service's position, concluded that the complex arrangement to buy 10 million shares of Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. stock was "motivated by the expected tax benefits, ... and no other business purpose existed."

Tax law generally prohibits transactions with no economic purpose other than the avoidance of taxes. The Clinton administration has been trying to crack down on corporate tax shelters, and Tuesday's ruling follows two recent Tax Court

decisions involving The Limited retail company and United Parcel Service that invalidated tax-avoidance schemes.

In the Compaq case, the Tax Court concluded that the company arranged for the purchase and immediate resale of the Royal Dutch shares in 23 transactions back-to-back on Sept. 16, 1992, to "capture" a foreign tax credit and help offset the tax sting of a capital gain caused by a previous stock transaction.

Compaq, Cohen said in her ruling, "had no reasonable possibility of a profit ... without the anticipated federal tax consequences."

Compaq spokesman Alan Hodel said the company was disappointed in the ruling and was considering an appeal. He said the court ruled in Compaq's favor in July on another aspect of the three-part case, on the transfer of pricing, and that Tuesday's ruling "involved a relatively small issue."

The decision says that Compaq will be forced to pay an accuracy-related negligence penalty equal to 20 percent of the underpayment of tax, but the amount was not disclosed.

## State

### New Mexico officials attend execution as they prepare for death of inmate in own state

HUNTSVILLE — Two officials from the New Mexico Corrections Department toured Texas death row and attended an execution Tuesday as they prepare for the possible lethal injection of a convicted killer there.

Warden Tim LeMaster of the Penitentiary of New Mexico and Gerges Scott, the prison system's spokesman, wrapped up a two-day trip to Huntsville by attending Tuesday night's execution of terminally ill murderer Richard Wayne Smith.

"From what we witnessed this evening, everything was done quite professionally," said Scott, who added that New Mexico's system for carrying out executions mirrors that of Texas.

New Mexico has four murderers on its death row and has not executed a prisoner since David Nelson died in the gas chamber 39 years ago.

While none of the death row residents has an execution date pending, Scott said Terry Clark, convicted in the 1987 rape-slaying of a 9-year-old girl, has waived his appeals, fired his attorneys and written letters asking to die.

"He says he's at peace with his crime and he wants to be executed," Scott said.

When New Mexico does execute a prisoner, Scott said he knows there will be far more attention given to it than Smith's execution received Tuesday. Only three reporters and no relatives of either Smith or his victim, Houston schoolteacher Karen Birky, attended.

"I expect there to be a lot of media coverage," Scott said.

Scott watched Smith's execution from a witness room while LeMaster viewed it from behind the scenes in a room adjoining the death chamber.

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## STAFF editorial

### PENCILS DOWN

News quiz tests your knowledge

On Sept. 15, we offered Current Events 101, a crash course on national and international news after 50 students said, "Huh?" in response to a Purple Poll question about East Timor. You've had an entire week to do the research and to compile a list of your sources. Don't bother with trying to keep the test for your files. We make new ones every semester. Here, at last, are the long-awaited answers to the news quiz.

1. Who is suspected of the recent bombings in Russia?  
**Answer B) Islamic militants**  
If you guessed Southern Methodist University students, nice try, but not the right answer this time.
2. What is the cause of the war in East Timor?  
**Answer A) Independence of East Timor from Indonesia**
3. What is the name of the hurricane about to hit Florida?  
**Answer C) Floyd**
4. Which of the presidential candidates used to be a pro-basketball player?  
**Answer C) Bill Bradley**

And there you have it. If you answered four correctly, congratulations. Consider yourself a current events guru. If you got less than two correct, consider watching the news or reading a newspaper every once in awhile.

All kidding aside, it's important to keep abreast of current events. How else will you know whom to vote for next year? Or why we might send American troops to other countries? These stories do affect you. At the risk of sounding like a lame ride at Disney World, it's a small world after all. Get to know what's going on in it.

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## Darwinism deserves time in class

As if the poor children were not at enough of a disadvantage just for being from Kansas.

The Kansas State Board of Education has neglected any mention of evolution in its new requirements for the teaching of biology at Kansas' public schools. This is like teaching U. S. Government without mentioning the Constitution.

### Commentary



ZACHARY NORRIS

Evolution is the fundamental unifying theme of biology. At least that is what the National Association of Biology Teachers said in its official response to the Kansas state board's decision.

The newest argument against teaching evolution is that since evolution is only a theory, it should not be taught in public schools. If this is true then the atomic theory of matter, the genetic theory of inheritance and the theory of relativity should not be taught. After all, they are only theories.

A scientific theory is not a conjecture or a supposition. A scientific

theory is based on facts learned from perception, meticulous experimentation and reason. This is in contrast to such unscientific ways of thinking, such as mysticism and religion, which rely on faith and belief. Science and religion utilize different ways of thinking. One way is no better than the other, but they are different.

Religion and science answer different questions about the world. While science tries to tell us the "what," religion attempts to answer the "why." How could there possibly be a conflict between religion and science? This conflict is similar to when you argue for hours with somebody, only to figure out that you had been debating two different things. You just misunderstood each other.

The creationists' attack on evolution reflects a misunderstanding about the processes of scientific inquiry. Scientists are not on some profane crusade to disprove creation; they are just trying to make sense of what human perception tells them about the world.

Many examples of evolution can be seen in nature — besides fossil evidence, which can be interpreted in many ways. For example, bacteria are known to evolve into drug-resistant strains in the presence of antibiotics. This is a perfect exam-

ple of evolution due to natural selection. Those bacteria that adapt to their harsh environment will survive, while those that do not are destined to die a violent, proteolytic death. If this is not an example of evolution through natural selection, then what is?

However, observing a microscopic single-celled organism morph into a drug-resistant form is far from proving that humans have evolved from an ancient primate ancestor. This is where the major division has formed between creation and evolution. It is inconceivable for people who believe that humans are God's chosen species to believe that we may be the descendants of some distant monkey forebear.

This does not mean, however, that children should be deprived of the opportunity to learn about the ideas of science. We should not forget that less than 300 years ago the concept of a heliocentric solar system was also considered incompatible with religious doctrine.

To quote Martin Luther, "Copernicus wants to prove that the earth moves and goes round ... as the Holy Scripture tells us, so did Joshua bid the sun stand still and not the earth." Or to quote Psalms 93:1, "The world is also established that it cannot be

moved." Is the Kansas Board of Education also considering withholding references to the idea that the earth and planets revolve around the sun? After all, it is only a theory.

The omission of references to evolution in Kansas' science classes harms the children of Kansas in several ways. It places them at a disadvantage on college entrance exams and in introductory level college science courses. It also robs them of learning about the critical thinking skills that have been employed in the process of trying to verify and further understand evolution.

We must not allow the children of our public schools to be the victims of our quarrels over creation and evolution. Science and scientific ways of thinking should be taught in the science classroom, and if parents choose to teach religious beliefs, their children should be taught in the home or at church.

It is important that children be taught the ways of both science and religion, as well as the differences between them. In this way children will be able to learn as much as possible about the world around them and the people who inhabit it.

Zachary Norris is a senior biology major from Long Beach, Calif.

## Plight of 'lefty' overlooked

It is so easy for us to be offended — in reality, every one of us belongs to a group that is negatively stereotyped. Especially on a campus where tolerance is emphasized so passionately, it is easy to take offense at the slightest word or accidental insult, real or imagined.

Well, it's my turn. If we are going to be so quick to judge the actions of others, I want in. Because before long, everyone is going to be pointing fingers, and there will only be one person left, some middle-aged middle-class Protestant white guy who gets the blame for everything, the scapegoat of political correctness. Lest that happen to me, I have found my minority group.

My people have been oppressed for centuries. Longer than any prejudice against race, gender or Greek affiliation, a much more acceptable form of discrimination has been practiced: oppression of the left-handed (we prefer to be called alternative-hand users, thank you very much).

Hand preference has long been an excuse for prejudice. In many societies alternative-hand users were believed to be in league with the devil. Up until World War II, schools in this country forced children to write right-handed.

Well-meaning but right-handed parents teach their alternative-hand using children to do things such as

bat and throw with the wrong hand. Even the language is biased: If "left" is opposite of "right," and "right" means "correct," does that make "left" "wrong?" I don't think so.

TCU, for all its effort to be tolerant, is very handist. It's subtle, but it's there. No one openly comes out and says they're against left-handers. There is no left-bashing or left-criming.

But the prejudice is still there. Don't think so? Look at the desks in your classroom. All right-handed. Every single computer in the library has its mouse on the right side. There are no left-handed support groups or scholarships or programs.

Our oppression is so mainstream the same students who would never think of saying anything politically incorrect have no problem asserting right supremacy. "Oh," they ask, "You're left-handed?"

You don't fool me. I know what you are really thinking — "Ha, inferior sub-human. I can't believe that our centuries of efforts to eliminate you through subtle but extremely cunning acts of prejudice have failed. I will just have to stand here and look at you funny so you will leave me and my right-handed friends alone, child of Satan."

Well, no more. We alternative-hand users must stick together despite the man's attempts to put us down. We will find and unite with other southpaws to form a small but powerful subculture.

We spot the signs our oppressors don't know to look for — the watch on the right hand, the pen smudges from dragging the heel of your hand across your notes, the people who sit at the ends of tables so they don't bump elbows. We are the only ones

who understand what it is to be left in a right world.

Left-handers of the world, unite! It is time that we stop sitting idly by and start fighting for our rights (no, make that our lefts). Now is the day we take the world from the rightists.

So be warned, righties. We are coming. Some day, alternative-hand users will control society and subject you to unspeakable acts of prejudice and discrimination.

But this will never happen. We are not so caught up in ourselves that we imagine oppression. We left-handers learned long ago that majority rules. Things will always be right-oriented in this world. The best we can do is learn to adapt — which we have done.

In today's victim society, left-handed people have come to terms with being different and moved on. In doing so, perhaps they have set a good example for the majority of today's victims: Get over it.

Because there really are people who are discriminated against, people who truly have a harder time than the rest of us. But for every one of those people, there are many more who like to think they are, people who imagine that every word or action is prejudiced, in some way or another, against them.

The great tragedy of today's society is that these people trivialize the plight of those who really face it. With an onslaught of imaginary victims, it's easy to miss the real ones.

Learn from the left-handers. Looks like they were right all along.

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## LETTERS to the editor

### True activism missing on campus

Upon reading the headline "Student faces fines after protest," I was excited by the possibility that some true social activism might be taking place on our usually apathetic campus.

Then I continued reading and discovered the impetus for Omar Villafranca's passionate display — the Skiff's decision not to publish his roommate's article in support of TCU women posing for Playboy!

Where were all the protesters when it came out that our bookstore was selling garments produced by child labor? Apparently that sort of thing isn't worth a demonstration. Considering last Tuesday's Purple Poll revealing our lack of awareness concerning East Timor, it's not surprising.

But hey, at least we have people like Michael Kruse and Omar Villafranca working hard to get the truth out about issues of REAL importance. What a comforting thought.

Crista C. Williams  
senior psychology major

### Generalizations about actors hurtful

I tried to read the article Steve Steward wrote on celebrity actors advocating public causes, but I got sidetracked by the line of cocaine that was sitting on the mirror in my living room.

Obviously, I never finished

the article.

You see, I am an actor, so according to Steward, I am a victim of bad fashion and drug dependency. What Steward fails to realize is that sweeping generalizations are hurtful, no matter what the issue.

Steward had many of us in the theatre department stewing all day. Steward feels like actors are given an excess of money and free time with which to pursue these trivial causes.

Maybe, and I am just an actor here, they are using their fame for a cause they feel is worthwhile.

Later he argues that Sting and Pamela Anderson Lee "have been so out of touch with those of us who aren't necessarily pretty or lucky enough to work in Hollywood ..."

I forgot, was it Sting's or Lee's responsibility to call Steward this week to check up on him? As sorry as I am to report this, more people will listen to Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger than will ever listen to Steward.

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senior theatre-acting/  
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### Criticism about actors misguided

In his editorial titled "Actors should stick to acting," Steve Steward writes that most "entertainers are so stupid or disengaged from common life that they have no place to give their opinion," and that "taking them

seriously is a hard pill to swallow."

The word "entertainers" is broad, but his text seems to narrow down the group under attack to successful, wealthy and famous personalities in the entertainment industry.

How does Steward justify his assumption that most of them are stupid? Is there a level of success or income that can only be surpassed by the supremely ignorant?

Is he aware that actors study literature, psychology, movement, history and diction in order to prepare them for every role they take?

It is also regrettable that Steward only supports causes that will cost him nothing. All worthwhile causes come at a cost.

That celebrities use the excessive attention that the public focuses on them to raise awareness of issues they find worthy may seem self-important or frivolous. Considering their options, however, it might just be the most sensible thing they can do.

Let's face it: We are more likely to follow the example of celebrities than of our parents, ministers or teachers. Unfortunately, if stars hadn't made us aware, many of us would not know that we are creating more garbage than the earth has space for.

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**GREEK**

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will become an annual event. "We want them to go out en masse and be visible," she said. "We realize service is important and that agencies need volunteers."

Adam McCane, a freshman business finance major and Sigma Chi member, said he picked up trash at Trinity Park. "It was cool," he said. "It wasn't hard, and it helps out in the long run."

Several volunteers, including Leigh Wilson, a junior kinesiology movement science major and Pi Beta Phi member, gave their time at Tanglewood Oaks Guest Home.

"We helped out at an ice cream social," Wilson said. "They were really excited. I think they had a good time."

Cottone said Greek community members should feel like they accomplished something positive. "It gives them a sense of community, that we're not only a part of TCU, but we're also a part of Fort Worth," he said. "From the community standpoint, it brings a positive aspect to the Greek community, that we're here to help as well."

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**FESTIVAL**

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agent) in the past, and we haven't had any problems with him," she said.

But Munro said the absence of live music will not detract from the event. "There still will be lots and lots of music," she said. "So it will be

'lively' music, even if there isn't 'live' music."

A caricaturist and balloon artist will be available free of charge. The spin art booth will also be free, and other crafts, such as sand art and candle-making, will cost \$1. A "wax hand" booth — which

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# Rescuers still digging out victims of Taiwan quake

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — Rescuers in Taiwan scrambled through the dark early Wednesday, pressing to unearth thousands of people trapped under the debris of an earthquake that killed more than 1,700 people. Hundreds more were reported missing.

More than 100,000 Taiwanese were homeless after the 7.6-magnitude quake toppled houses and high-rise apartment complexes across central Taiwan early Tuesday. Roads buckled in waves, chunks of land rose up to create new hills, cracked buildings tilted at crazy angles and a bridge was left dangling in the air.

By Wednesday, 1,712 people were dead, more than 4,000 were injured and almost 3,000 were

believed trapped in the rubble, according to the Interior Ministry's disaster management center. About 4 million households were still without power.

A powerful aftershock rocked the island Wednesday. The quake, with a 6.8 preliminary magnitude, was one of the more than 2,000 aftershocks since Tuesday.

Taiwan is hit by dozens of quakes each year, but most are centered in the Pacific Ocean east of the island and cause no damage. The earthquake Tuesday was the island's second deadliest quake — after a 7.4 magnitude one killed 3,276 people in 1935.

"We're pulling the dead out one by one, but it's hard to get an overall picture of the number of fatalities," said Chen Wen-hsien, a rescue official in the central city of Fengyuan,

30 miles from the epicenter. He had to plug his nose with tissue after part of a building began shifting from an aftershock, releasing the stench of a corpse still inside.

Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau listed the quake at 7.3 magnitude, a little less than the U.S. Geological Survey's estimate. The bureau said the quake's epicenter was in Nantou County, 120 miles south of the capital of Taipei, where most of the deaths occurred.

Morgues filled up with bodies and officials appealed for donations of bulldozers, cars, quilts and food. Rescue crews from the United States, Singapore, Japan, Switzerland and Russia were on their way to provide assistance, as was a U.N. disaster assessment team.

Taiwan's political nemesis, the

communist regime in Beijing, offered aid, but with a subtle dig at the island it considers a renegade province.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin said the disaster "hurt the hearts of people on the mainland as the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait are as closely linked as flesh and blood."

China's Red Cross said it would provide \$100,000 in disaster aid and \$60,000 worth of relief supplies.

"This would be a good beginning to improving ties," said Su Chi, chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council, which is responsible for Taiwan's relations with China. "I hope we can work on this basis and make efforts together to build up stable and peaceful relations."

Ties between Taiwan and mainland China had recently sunk to a

new low after Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui said Beijing must deal with the island on a "state-to-state" basis.

In Tungshih, a city of 60,000 in a nearby mountainous area, virtually every house was damaged and one in three was ruined, with all power, water and communications links cut off.

Several hundred bodies were piled up in an open-air morgue, Lee Wen-wei, an administrator at the Farmers Association Hospital in Tungshih, told The Associated Press. The hospital lost power and was evacuating patients.

In the small city of Puli, in Nantou county, roads buckled under the stress of the quake, forming large asphalt waves. An apartment building that lost its foundation was left tilting at 45 degrees.

Most of the island's 22 million people were asleep when the quake struck at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday, forcing people in their nightclothes to flee their homes.

"It's too big a disaster. It came on so fast. There's so much death," said Lin Mei-lan, a coordinator at a Buddhist charity that was bringing in blankets, food and medical help.

Most buildings in Nantou and Tungshih counties were left standing, and the ones that collapsed were mainly new high-rises. The region has experienced a boom in development in recent years, and shoddy construction has been a problem.

Taipei, population 2.7 million, was spared much of the damage, although the quake destroyed a 12-story hotel in the eastern part of the capital.

# U.S. cannot respond to all catastrophes, Clinton tells assembly

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UNITED NATIONS — President Clinton challenged the United Nations and countries in Africa, Asia and elsewhere on Tuesday to strengthen their ability to stop mass killings like those in Kosovo and East Timor.

The United States "cannot respond to every humanitarian catastrophe in the world," he told the General Assembly. "We cannot do everything everywhere."

Clinton also urged the world body to engage in an all-out battle against poverty for the 21st century and to "assure that weapons of mass destruction will never be used on our children."

"Let us resolve in the bright dawn of this new millennium to bring an

era in which our desire to create will overwhelm our capacity to destroy," Clinton told the 188-member body.

His voice hoarse, apparently from allergies, Clinton coughed and cleared his throat as he spoke.

Clinton suggested the United Nations play an expanded role in preventing mass slaughter and dislocation.

"When we are faced with the deliberate organized campaigns to murder whole peoples or expel them from their land, the care of victims is important, but not enough. We should work to end the violence," he said.

Among other things, Clinton said, "We need international forces with the training to fill the gap between local police and military peacekeepers."

"Our response in every case can-

not or should not be the same," he said. "Sometimes collective military force is both appropriate and feasible. Sometimes concerted economic and political pressure combined with diplomacy is a better answer, as it was in making possible the introduction of forces to East Timor."

Later Wednesday, Clinton authorized up to \$55 million in U.S. military assistance to help countries participating in the East Timor peace-keeping force.

Clinton touched lightly on two contentious issues: a disagreement over Iraq and the failure of the United States to make more than \$1 billion in delinquent U.N. payments.

The Clinton administration is willing to ease the sanctions only if Iraq agrees to allow U.N. weapons inspectors back into the country.

But the Security Council remains deadlocked. Russia, China and France — each wielding veto powers — have expressed sympathy with Baghdad's call for an immediate easing of the sanctions that have been in place since the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

In nearly three hours of talks Monday night, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright failed to budge Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, said a U.S. official. That clouded the prospect for the Security Council adopting a renewal of the inspections that were halted in December.

Said Clinton: "Despite all the obstacles Saddam Hussein has placed in our path, we must continue to ease the suffering of the people of Iraq. At the same time, we cannot

allow the government of Iraq to flout 40 — and I say 40 — successive U.N. Security Council resolutions and to rebuild his arsenal."

Clinton also apologized for the U.S. delinquency on back payments.

"I have strongly supported the United States meeting all its financial obligations to the United Nations, and I will continue to do so," he said. "We will do our very best to succeed this year."

The administration has pledged to pay the arrears, some dating to the 1980s, but has been blocked repeatedly by congressional conservatives.

Rep. Chris Smith, N.J., complained that Clinton vetoed a bill last year that would have paid the U.N. arrears and required U.N. reforms. The president objected to a Smith-sponsored anti-abortion amendment

to the bill that would have barred U.S. funds for international family planning organizations.

"We already have provided it once and he vetoed it," Smith said in an interview. "There needs to be accountability" on U.N. spending, he added.

If a sizable installment is not made by year's end, the United States will lose its vote in the General Assembly. Its Security Council vote would not be affected, however.

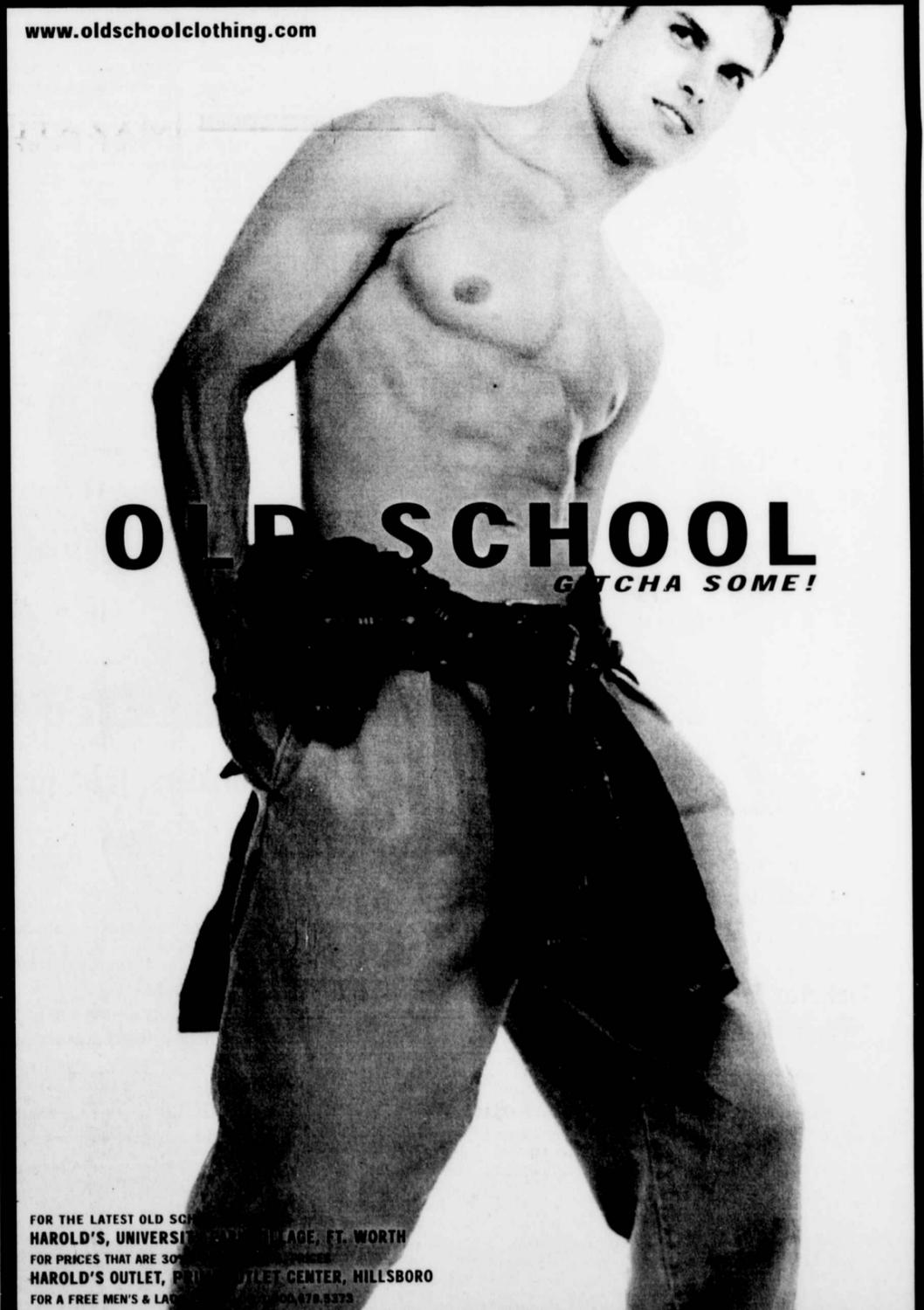
The U.S. tardiness in payments was not lost on other members, even allies.

Tarja Halonen, Finland's foreign minister, told the General Assembly the United Nations needs "a stable financial basis ... and unconditional payment of contributions to the U.N. by all."

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# Program adds jail time for weapon use

## Governor calls for tougher enforcement of criminals illegally possessing guns

By Michael Holmes  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Days after a gunman killed seven people and himself at a Fort Worth church, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Tuesday it is time to get tougher on criminals illegally possessing guns.

Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, did not call for new gun laws. But he said "vigorously" enforcing federal and state laws could make streets safer.

"We have some very tough laws against gun violence in Texas, and federal law with its mandatory sentences is tough as well," Bush said. "Only with tough enforcement can we win the war against gun violence."

Bush and Attorney General John Cornyn unveiled a two-year, \$1.6 million program they said could add prison time for crimes where a weapon is used or possessed.

Asked if the initiative was a reaction to Democratic criticism of his

gun control policies after the church shooting, Bush said, "That's politics." "I'm doing my job," he said. "The attorney general's doing his job."

Jenny Backus, spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, said, "You can't say that you're in favor of protecting children and families and siding with law enforcement when time and time again you follow the lead of the NRA."

The Texas governor, a gun rights supporter, said, "If law-abiding citizens legally carry a gun, I see no harm."

The program calls for coordination among local, state and federal prosecutors to make certain criminals face the stiffest prison sentences possible under state or federal law, they said.

In some cases, state law enhances penalties for gun use. In other cases, such as those involving felons and drug dealers, a criminal can receive an additional five-year prison sen-

tence under federal law for gun use or gun possession, said Ted Delisi, a spokesman for the attorney general's office.

Bush said his office is providing a \$1.6 million grant for the two-year program, including \$1.28 million to pay for eight full-time prosecutors.

The grant also will fund advertising to make Texans aware of the effort and create a toll-free telephone hotline for reporting those suspected of illegally using or possessing guns.

Cornyn said he and Bush have discussed the effort for several weeks, patterning it after a program in Richmond, Va.

Bush said "we certainly hope" the new effort might help prevent such tragedies as the Fort Worth shootings.

"What happened in Fort Worth was obviously a very sad situation," Bush said. "Obviously, all of us in Texas are concerned about these isolated acts of a crazy person, a person

whose heart is so filled with hate.

"In this particular case, it's hard to convince a crazy man not to act. If it wasn't a gun, it might have been a pipe bomb. ... The idea is to send a clear message, and that maybe somebody hears the clear message that there will be a consequence will convince somebody not to carry a gun in the first place," the governor said.

According to authorities, gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47, legally purchased at least one and probably both of the handguns used in the church shooting at a flea market shop. Ashbrook didn't have a license to carry concealed weapons, however.

"I personally do not believe that registering every handgun in America is going to make America a safer place. The best way to make sure that America is a safe place is to prevent people from buying a gun who shouldn't have a gun in the first place," he said.

# Safety board decides not to recommend seat belt use in school buses due to potential injury

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After a three-year study, the National Transportation Safety Board decided Tuesday against recommending seat belts in school buses. Belts can sometimes increase injuries to children, the board said.

All five of the board's members voted unanimously to recommend that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration expand standards designed to keep children safely contained in their seating rows.

The safety board wants current standards, which require that children be protected in a cocoon of padded seats and high seat backs, expanded within the next two years so children will have a better chance of remaining inside a

bus during a side collision or rollover.

Board engineers said that could be accomplished in a variety of ways, including an increase in the height of seat backs, installation of arm rests or replacement of the standard bus bench seat with sculpted, bucket-type seats.

In addition, the safety board urged NHTSA to develop standards for construction of roofs and windows in motor coaches within the next two years and require new buses to meet those standards.

The board found in many accidents the ever-larger windows in four buses pop out and passengers are ejected. Missing windows can also reduce roof strength. Board engineers believe window and roof frames can be strengthened and the glass coated so that it doesn't shatter upon impact.

In a final recommendation, the board urged that buses be equipped with data recorders starting Jan. 1, 2003, to aid in future accident investigations.

Right now school bus design is closely regulated, with provisions for weld strength, window design and rollover survivability. Motor coaches — the type of bus used by Greyhound — have no occupant protection standards.

Regardless, school buses and motor coaches are considered the safest forms of transportation on the road. On average, nine people are killed each year in school buses, while four die in motor coaches. Roughly 42,000 are killed annually in car and truck accidents.

Board engineers conceded that about half the school bus deaths are caused by impact, so even seat

belts or extra padding would probably not prevent four or five of the nine deaths annually.

While some safety experts believe that seat belts could make school buses even safer, a safety board engineer produced video simulations showing that students in three crashes studied might have actually been more severely injured if they had been wearing lap belts or shoulder harnesses.

The engineer, Kris Bolte, said lap belts "are not the simple solution," because restrained passengers whip back and forth in their seats, smashing their heads and snapping their necks.

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## Franchione should utilize both Batteaux and Printers

Let's avoid being coy, shall we, and just admit that TCU football coach Dennis Franchione has a rather delicate situation to resolve involving his quarterback position. As I see it, Franchione must examine three issues, and consider all major factors, in order to come to a logical conclusion:

### Analysis



TIM SKAGGS

■ If senior Patrick Batteaux remains the quarterback, the issue remains the weak passing game and the offensive game's predictability. The offense must somehow compensate for this predictability.

■ If true freshmen Casey

### Answer to quarterback debate will prove effective for offense

Printers becomes quarterback, the Frogs offense inherits the ability to move the ball down the field in bigger chunks, but without the same predictability. Without Batteaux, halfback Ladinian Tomlinson is forced to run between the tackles, making him less effective, because of his running style.

■ In either scenario, if the Frogs offense is to be effective they must replace Royce Huffman, whose versatile role last season as the complimentary go-to-guy sometimes rescued offensive drives. Huffman, understandably, is in a reduced role this season because of a professional baseball commitment.

What should Franchione do? Should he remain loyal to incumbent starter Batteaux, who last season led TCU to its first post-season victory in 41 seasons. Or should he defer to an equally poised, but inexperienced Printers? Loyalty or logistics?

It's a tough decision, I'm sure, but I believe I may have a workable solution. If Franchione is as smart as I think he is, he's already figured it out. Printers has the arm, the Frogs need a go-to-guy, and Batteaux needs a role in the offense that accentuates his strengths and minimizes his liabilities.

So, if the Frogs need a versatile role player, wouldn't Batteaux be outstanding in that capacity? Batteaux's brilliant ability to read and execute the option gives him half of what it takes to be one of the best college quarterbacks in the country. Why take him off the field just because he can't throw the ball?

What Franchione should do is utilize the talent of Batteaux.

Picture this: Say Printers started against Arkansas St., threw for 120 yards and two touchdowns in the first half, and Tomlinson mixed in another 50 yards between the tackles. Then, as the defense prepared for more passing, hypothetically on a 3-and 2 situation at midfield, Printers took off down the line and pitched to...Batteaux! Good enough for first-down yardage!

Quickly, Printers exits as Batteaux and Tomlinson run the option offense the last 45 yards for a score. The next offensive series Printers is back in at quarterback, and a stunned defense is left to wonder when they'll see Batteaux again.

Maybe at receiver. Maybe at running back. Maybe never. Batteaux would no longer be a starter, but Franchione could insert him anywhere in the lineup, in any given situation. Batteaux is a former wide

receiver, a good ball handler, and he usually makes sharp decisions. I'm inclined to believe he also throws well—just not while he's trying to convert a 3rd and 11 in the middle of a collapsing pocket.

Remember how many times Huffman bailed out TCU's offense with his key contributions and incomparable versatility? I think this one factor—Huffman's absence—has hurt the Frogs offense more than any quarterback woes. Huffman was often used as the element of surprise, which the Frogs desperately need.

But, the fact remains not just any player can handle this role. As I mentioned, Batteaux's an extremely intelligent person. Smart players make sharp decisions, especially when they have that element of surprise with which to work. Batteaux also has Franchione's endorsement

as a self-sacrificing player who does whatever is necessary for the betterment of the team.

"I love what [Batteaux] has done for this program since he's been here," Franchione told *Star-Telegram* columnist Jim Reeves. "I mean, he didn't ask to be quarterback."

And Batteaux probably wouldn't ask to be a role-player, either. But like Huffman, he is versatile and experienced enough to play many positions.

If Printers is the quarterback of TCU's future, maybe the future is now. But if Batteaux is one of the eleven best offensive players on this football team, he should be on the field. Maybe just not under center.

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## Coach confident after losses

### Franchione believes team is few plays from winning record

By Joel Anderson  
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Horned Frogs football head coach Dennis Franchione was staring intently at the disappointment unfolding before him. TCU was in the waning moments of a 17-7 loss to the Northwestern Wildcats, and Franchione's squad was letting the game slip out of their grasps.

When freshman quarterback Casey Printers scrambled for the ball after an errant snap by junior center Jeff Garner, Franchione noticeably grimaced in disgust.

Several days later in his plush office, Franchione was sitting in his chair comfortably and calmly grinning at the thought of last week's game.

"In a lot of ways we're not much different than we were at this point last year," Franchione said. "We're a handful of plays away from being 2-0."

Except for several missed tackles on Arizona receiver Dennis Northcutt, and a couple of big plays by Northwestern receiver Sam Simmons, the Horned Frogs could be 2-0. But an old coaches' adage says that most games are

decided by four or five plays, and in the Frogs' case, those plays were decidedly in the favor of their opponents.

"We just didn't take advantage of our opportunities, and they did take advantage of theirs," Franchione said. "Obviously we're disappointed to be where we are with our record, but the open week came at a good time for us to get some work done."

With the bulk of TCU's remaining schedule coming from mediocre conference opponents, and an upcoming game against a less-than-formidable Arkansas State, Franchione discussed the Horned Frog's positives and negatives through two weeks of play during a half-hour interview:

#### Franchione's three things that don't need fixin'.

1. Run defense—TCU ranks first in the Western Athletic Conference in rushing yards allowed, giving up an impressive 47.5 yards per game.

2. First half offense against Arizona—An offense that generated 16 first-half points against the Wildcats, including 144 rush-

ing yards by Ladinian Tomlinson, couldn't be all that bad.

3. Kicking game—"Except for one big play against Northwestern," Franchione said. He was speaking of the 87-yard punt return for a touchdown by the Wildcats' Sam Simmons. Otherwise, TCU has been solid on special teams. Huffman is averaging only 38 yards per punt, but he has been particularly effective in keeping the punts inside the opponents' 20-yard-line. The Frogs' kickoff and punt return units rank at the top of the conference.

#### Franchione's three things that need fixin'.

1. Penalties—TCU has accumulated 22 penalties in its first two games. Most of the penalties have been of the illegal motion variety, but two personal foul penalties have come at inopportune times for the Frogs. The first personal foul penalty was assessed against senior defensive tackle J.W. Wilson for fighting. He was ejected, and on the next play, Arizona scored a touchdown. In last week's game against

Northwestern, junior wide receiver Cedric James drew a penalty flag for a personal foul. That penalty moved the Frogs out of field goal range, and Royce Huffman had to punt instead.

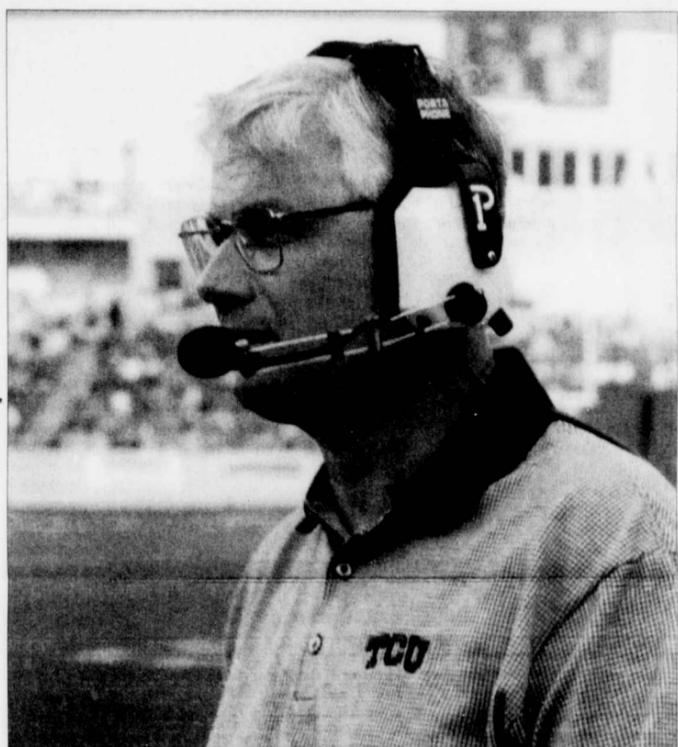
2. Pass defense—TCU is ranked 113th out of 114 Division I-A teams in passing efficiency defense. 'Nuff said.

3. Lack of execution—The Horned Frogs are converting only 25 percent of their third downs, last in the WAC. If TCU doesn't gain yardage on its first two downs, it's asking a lot for a run-based offense to pass for a first down.

Franchione said he hopes his troops don't focus too much on pre-season conference favorite Fresno State, and overlook a winless Arkansas State squad.

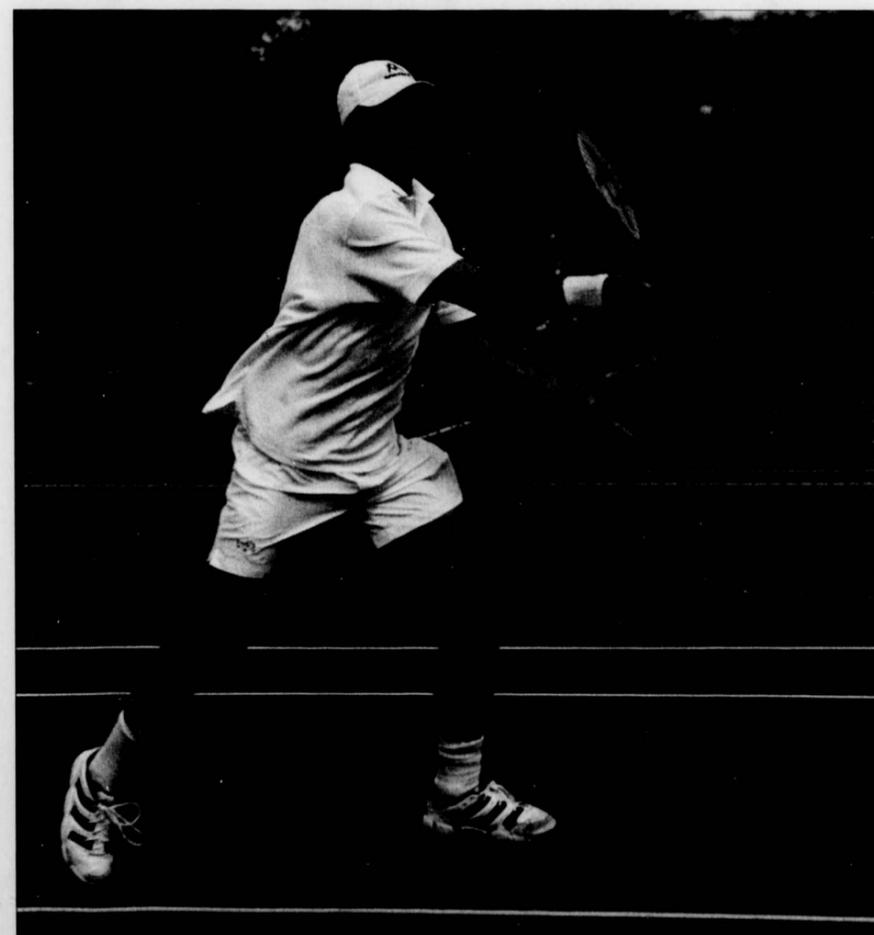
"We're in no position to overlook anybody," Franchione said. "(Arkansas State) had 400 yards of offense after three quarters against a tough Mississippi team. We couldn't be smart if we overlook these guys."

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Despite starting the season 0-2, coach Dennis Franchione said he thinks the Frogs are only several plays away from winning. TCU takes on the Arkansas State Indians this weekend in Jonesboro, Ark.

## Tops in Texas



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Texas' best men's tennis singles players met up at the River Oaks Clay Courts showcase in Houston this past weekend. TCU's Esteban Carril only lost one set in four matches to emerge as the champion. The junior beat University of Texas' Michael Blue in a three set final, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2. Carril made quick work of Texas Tech's Ryan Shupe and Texas' Nic Crowell before forcing Southern Methodist's Toby Hansson into an early default in the semifinal round. Carril came into the tournament as the showcase's No. 1 seed and the nation's No. 4 ranked player in the nation.

## Intramural program will require referees to complete training

By Courtney Wheelless  
STAFF REPORTER

Intramural participants will not be blaming team losses on the referees anymore, said Lance Steffen, director of intramural sports.

The biggest challenge in intramurals, besides running a high quality program, is the challenge that comes with students officiating their own peers, he said.

"It seemed like last year different games you could get away with different things," said Travis Parker, a junior marketing major.

To ease the situation, Steffen is requiring new training sessions for officials before they are given the opportunity to be employed by the TCU intramurals program.

All training sessions are scheduled before each intramural sport season. Varying times are allotted for each sport's session. Five-on-five basketball officials will be

expected to complete a two-day, six-hour clinic, while softball officials will only need one hour of training before they oversee their first game.

"Hopefully, the teams will have more respect for each other and the game if the referees are more educated about the rules," said Tanner Watkins, intramural chairman for the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Steffen, with the assistance of all intramural sports supervisors, will lead the training clinics which begin in a classroom setting. An overview of the sport is presented before the rules for officiating are taught.

After being tested on rules and regulations, the officials are given the opportunity to put their new knowledge into practice. Referees take turns at every position they will be expected to officiate at during a game.

Steffen said it is essential to provide the officials with good training that will promote beneficial experiences and heighten the number of returning officials each year.

"You can talk a lot in the classroom about rules, but the veterans allow us to have the new people see all the things they do right," Steffen said. "It allows them to have an on-hand experience."

Steffen said one of the reasons officials received a payroll increase a year-and-a-half ago was in hopes of retaining more officials from year to year. In the past, referees received minimum wage for officiating work, but with the raise an official earns \$6.50 per game.

"We increased payroll to help with retention and to stay with the competition of surrounding area jobs," Steffen said.

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## Injured thumb hinders QB choice

By Matt Welneck  
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Coach Dennis Franchione is waiting to find out about senior Patrick Batteaux's injured left thumb before he names the starting quarterback for TCU's game against Arkansas State Saturday.

"We're not settled exactly on who is the starter at this time," Franchione said.

Batteaux partially tore a ligament in his thumb on his left hand during the fourth quarter of the TCU's 17-7 loss to Northwestern Sept. 11. He has been wearing a hard cast on his hand since practice resumed last week.

"It feels pretty good, it's healed a lot," Batteaux said. "I think I'll be all right. I just have to be focused on what I have to do. I can't worry about my thumb."

Franchione said trainers will take Batteaux's cast off today to see if his hand has healed enough to play Saturday. If Batteaux can't properly grip the ball, then freshman Casey Printers will most likely make his first collegiate start against the Indians.

Printers has been practicing with the first-team offense which led sources close to the football team to speculate that he will start this weekend. Franchione said Printers is in the game plan

in case Batteaux is unable to play, but senior quarterback Jeff Dover and red-shirt freshman Sean Stillely have also seen some practice time.

Quarterback situation aside, Franchione said his main concern about this weekend is the play of the offense overall.

"I'm concerned that we've got to get all 11 guys going the right way and doing the right way and being efficient," Franchione said. "We'd just like to get going in the right direction going into conference play."

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By Bernice Gordon Philadelphia, PA 9/22/99

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