



George Layne doesn't get the glory. He doesn't get the statistics. Most of the time, he doesn't even get to touch the ball. page 5

# Focus groups glean student input for commission

By Lori Eshelman  
STAFF REPORTER

Diversity, technology and globalization were cited by students as key issues that shape student perceptions of TCU, and this information will be presented to the Commission on the Future of TCU at its Nov. 17 kick-off.



The input was gathered from three focus groups, composed of about 10 students each. The groups were hosted by the Strategic Marketing and Planning Committee, one of three

## Survey: diversity, technology, globalization shape perceptions of university

background committees compiling preliminary information for the Commission.

John Burton, associate professor of music and co-chairman of the student focus groups, said student input was gathered using a standard management technique that asked students to identify TCU's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

"Our mission is to provide the committees on the Future of TCU with a frame of reference as to where TCU is in the minds of students," he said. "We were just there to get a true opinion of what students think."

Burton said the marketing committee invited a limited number of stu-

dents to participate in the focus groups to ensure the groups were small enough that participants felt they could express their thoughts but large enough to get a varied opinion.

"We were not trying to limit it to a particular type of student," Burton said. "We tried to get a cross-section of students from the graduate area as well as the undergraduate area."

Transfer students, commuter students, traditional on-campus students, distance learning students and older students were selected to participate in the last two sessions, Burton said. However, the first focus group was restricted to members of Intercom, a committee composed of

the presidents of campus organizations who together represent the student body to the TCU Board of Trustees.

Although using Intercom for the first focus group limited the input to that of the student leaders, it was the easiest and quickest way to assemble a fairly good representation of the student population, Burton said. He said the students presented very vocal and diverse opinions.

Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor of communications and public affairs, said the students selected for the focus groups are not necessarily the same students who will be members of the commission's 17 task

forces. The preliminary committees are completely separate from the commission, he said.

"The students who will be on the actual Commission will be selected by the office of the vice chancellor for student affairs from a pool of students recommended to them by the Student Government (Association) president," Lauer said.

SGA President Ben Alexander said he compiled his list this summer, and the student affairs office is currently placing the students on task forces within the commission.

"I was looking for a wide range of students from across the campus who represent different interests, experi-

ences and visions of what TCU needs to be successful in the coming millennium," he said.

Students selected for the last two focus groups were not picked from Alexander's list, Burton said. The names were gathered by recommendations from individual academic departments, he said.

Burton said similar focus groups are being held for alumni, faculty and staff. The ideas and perceptions will be presented to the commission in four separate summaries. The commission will use that information to put together surveys to be given out to a wider sample population.

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## Pulse BRIEFS

### COLLEGE

#### Abortion pill to be available by 2000

BOSTON (U-WIRE) — A few blocks from Boston University, activists debate the right to an abortion each week.

Armed with pictures of dead babies, pro-life activists chant and pray for the lives of unborn children from the Commonwealth Avenue Star Market.

Meanwhile, pro-choice supporters wait to escort women into the Planned Parenthood clinic where John Salvi, an anti-abortionist, killed two women in 1994.

But a little white pill may change that.

Mifepristone, more commonly known as RU-486, is scheduled to be available in the United States by the end of 1999. The pill, which took 10 years to enter the American market, will allow women to have drug-induced abortions in their own homes.

"The biggest difference is that it doesn't require surgery," said Pam Nourse, a spokesman for the Massachusetts League of Planned Parenthood.

Mifepristone aborts pregnancy in its early stages by stopping the production of progesterone, the hormone that controls lining of the uterus and maintains pregnancy. Without progesterone, the uterine lining softens and bleeds.

—The Daily Free Press  
Boston University

#### Blacks at UL protest false arrest

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Last Friday nearly 250 black University of Louisville students held what they called the first of many protests against the administration and faculty.

The students, most dressed in black, gathered within the rotunda of Grawmeyer Hall outside President John Shumaker's office.

Protesters said they staged the sit-in for a variety of reasons, not just as a reaction to the Aug. 25 incident in which Secret Service agents stormed into a meeting of Porter Scholars and mistakenly arrested a scholarship student.

Students have demanded an apology from University police and the Secret Service over the incident. The Secret Service said it has reviewed the incident and says no wrongdoing took place.

Ralph Fitzpatrick, assistant to the president for minority affairs, said the university did send a letter to Porter Scholars apologizing for the event, but that it was mistakenly sent only to freshmen scholars. The letter was sent two days after the arrest.

—The Louisville Cardinal  
University of Louisville

## Hot, hot, hot



Photos by David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR

### Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Top: Josh Hahne, a senior business major, was the winner of the jalapeño eating contest sponsored by Sigma Lambda Alpha sorority Sept. 16. The contest was part of the Dies y Seis celebration in the Student Center lounge sponsored by Programming Council as part of Hispanic Heritage month. Hahne ate 14 jalapeños in one minute. Left: Students were able to paint sombreros as part of the celebration.



## Freshman enrollment up as officials push for diversity

By Matt Welna  
STAFF REPORTER

This year's freshman class is the second largest in the 1990s, according to preliminary reports.

About 1,425 freshmen entered TCU this fall, second behind the 1,463 freshmen who enrolled in 1997.

The final numbers and a breakdown of demographics will not be available for another two weeks because of complications with the PeopleSoft system, said Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions and religion instructor.

Atwood said admissions staff members are not trying to increase the total number of freshmen accepted but are trying to increase diversity and academic prestige within the entering classes.

The admissions staff is trying to recruit a better class by bringing students who show more leadership potential to the university, he said.

"One of the big things on campus, for students and faculty, is to see what we can do not just as a community behind the walls, but what can we do with Fort Worth," Atwood said.

He said a renewed emphasis by TCU is to be a responsible member of the North Texas com-

munity. He said a newly formed "diversity action team" will go out into the community and see how TCU can be a better neighbor.

Atwood also said the admissions staff is trying to determine how to better explain what TCU has to offer to local schools. He said he would like to see the stereotype that only rich students attend TCU dissolved.

"I would like to see, not just as an admissions officer, but as a human being, this university open to any qualified student academically and personally," Atwood said. "People want to make a difference."

In addition, Atwood said university officials hope to bring more diversity to entering classes.

"What we are trying to do, of course, is draw students from a broader area, and we're doing pretty well on that," he said.

Darron Turner, director of minority affairs, agreed, saying the admissions staff has done a good job of increasing diversity in this year's freshman class. And he said he sees more students interacting with each other as compared to last year.

"They're definitely making concerted efforts (to increase diversity)," Turner said. "(Those efforts) are starting to pay off, and we can see

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## Jazzers to take music overseas

By Carey Hix  
STAFF REPORTER

The Monday-Wednesday-Friday Jazz Ensemble has been invited to play this summer at the internationally recognized Montreux Jazz Festival, the oldest and largest jazz festival in the world.

In addition to playing at the festival, which will be held in Montreux, Switzerland, the ensemble will play at the Vienna Jazz Festival in Vienna, Austria. Ensemble members will play in the musical celebrations from July 4 to 15.

The Montreux Jazz Festival is predominantly for professional jazz ensembles, but a few college bands have been invited to play, said Curt Wilson, director of jazz studies. Next summer's performance will be TCU's second time to perform during the festival. The first was in 1991.

"We'll be around a lot of heavyweights," Wilson said. "In fact, last time we were there, Quincy Jones conducted for Ray Charles, and their fourth trombone player didn't show up, so my fourth trombone player got to play with Quincy Jones and Ray Charles."

There are 62 music majors and non-majors currently involved in three jazz ensembles at TCU: the M-W-F Jazz Ensemble, the Tuesday-Thursday Jazz Ensemble and an unnamed ensemble, which was formed this year because of the increasing number of students interested. The M-W-F Jazz

Ensemble was the only one to audition for the festival by submitting a performance tape.

"To get invited to the event is a really big deal, and we're really flattered to be invited," said Paul Russell, a senior trombone performance major. "And that the chancellor and everybody's encouraging us to go is great."

M-W-F Jazz Ensemble members said they are excited about the trip, especially since it will include visits to Prague, Salzburg and possibly Budapest.

"I'm personally excited to be going on the trip because it's an opportunity to play not just one main event, but to play a tour all over Europe. It's going to be a very involved experience for the band," said John Alstrin, a senior music education major and member of the band. "The band has traveled before, and we have a lot of fun traveling together. We've come a long way and made a name for ourselves nationally."

The students will finance part of their trips and plan to fund-raise the remainder through fund-raising and aid from the university.

"I got a lot of encouragement from (Chancellor Michael R.) Ferrari, and he is supporting us 100 percent on this; that is very encouraging," Wilson said.

Staff reporter Alan Melson contributed to this report.

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## MIXED MESSAGES

### Local, outspoken woman 'target for vandals'

By Alan Melson  
STAFF REPORTER

Her signs, displaying handwritten messages with bold proclamations, are clearly visible from cars passing by on Granbury Road.

"Trinity Beast 666 Cult Stop Killing God's People."

"Jesus Rules the Earth."

She sleeps during the day and spends her nights out in her yard on Winfield Avenue, screaming at the passing vehicles or at the Trinity Industries Inc. building across the street from her backyard.

Agnes Latrace has spent almost six years on a one-woman quest to tell the world about her complaint with Trinity. She said she believes Trinity Industries is somehow involved with the devil's work, and she must fight their evil influence.

"They began this activity in December 1993, making noise around the clock, and now they are sending messages through the airplanes flying overhead," Latrace said.

Linda Sickels, a corporate vice president for Trinity Industries, said the plant located off Granbury Road is not currently in operation.

"She hasn't voiced any concerns directly to us, so I would hate to comment on any of these issues," Sickels said. "If she would contact us, I would be happy to address her concerns."

Known simply to her neighbors as "Agnes," she said she has suffered for being outspoken about her views. She pointed to her broken windows, now boarded up, the pockmarks in her exterior wall and the various stains on her wall from eggs thrown by people driving by. She has even been shot by a BB



Alan Melson/SKIFF STAFF

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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.

■ Personal Growth Group to help expand understanding, communication and relationships will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. 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. Wednesday and Sept. 30 in the Varsity Club Room in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information, call Glinda Clausen at 257-7969.

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

■ Volunteers are needed to tutor those trying to obtain a GED at the East Berry Library. For more information, call Bessie Lyons at 292-5273 or Chris Winslow at 257-6213.

■ The House of Student Representatives meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday in Student Center, Room 222. All students are invited to attend.

■ The marching band and color guard will perform at the Keller High School marching contest at 7 p.m.

■ The Blue Chip Shootout will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For more information, call 610-446-3888.

### Clarification

In a Page 1 story Tuesday, the subheadline about the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity should have stated that the fraternity was no longer recognized by the Interfraternity Council.

Also in the same story, Kristen Kirst, director of fraternity and sorority affairs, could not be reached for comment.

# News

ROUNDUP

## World

### World leaders step up to Africa's call

UNITED NATIONS — After prompted criticism that a double standard exists when the international community responds to a crisis, the annual gathering of world leaders is focusing rare but welcome attention on the problems that plague Africa.

Presidents and diplomats from Africa and elsewhere decried the bloody conflicts this year in Angola, Congo and Sierra Leone and challenged the United Nations to mount a response similar to its ambitious efforts to rebuild Kosovo.

"We have seen in the past few months the kind of resources that the world has been willing and able to mobilize in the Balkans at short notice," Ghana's foreign minister, James Victor Gbeho, said Tuesday.

"We do not see the same response to the tragedies of Africa," he said.

President Clinton addressed many African concerns in his speech to the General Assembly, calling for an all-out battle to fight poverty, the spread of AIDS on the continent and mass killings and displacement around the world.

"Over the next 10 years in Africa, AIDS is expected to kill more people and orphan more children than all the wars of the 20th century combined," Clinton said.

### Albanian-Serb relations conflict with NATO's plans to reorganize army in Kosovo

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — Angered over NATO's decision to reorganize the Kosovo Liberation Army into a civilian corps, Serbs in this tense and divided city say they will never accept an independent Kosovo and are threatening to create their own defense force.

Replacing the KLA with a 5,000-member Kosovo Protection Corps simply perpetuates the ethnic Albanian army and could help Kosovo achieve independence from Yugoslavia, said Oliver Ivanovic, a Serb community leader in the town of Kosovska Mitrovica.

"I am absolutely sure that members of the Kosovo corps will be members of the (KLA) in different uniforms and, of course, with the same attitude" against Serbs, Ivanovic said Tuesday.

Ivanovic said Serb community representatives would meet Friday to consider a response and possibly to decide on organizing their own Serbian national guard.

"I suppose (NATO) is preparing for Kosovo some kind of ... independence," Ivanovic said. "We cannot accept that Kosovo will be independent. There's no life for Serbs in an independent Kosovo."

## Nation

### Congress to tighten legislation after U.S. bank involved in money-laundering scam

WASHINGTON — Spurred to action by an alleged huge money-laundering scheme involving the Russian mob and a big American bank, the Clinton administration and key lawmakers are proposing new measures to fight laundering of criminal profits.

The administration's package of proposals includes requirements that storefront check cashiers, brokerage firms and casinos notify authorities of suspicious activities the way banks must do. It was disclosed during testimony Tuesday at a House Banking Committee inquiry into allegations that Russian gangsters illegally channeled as much as \$10 billion through the Bank of New York.

At the same hearing, Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, the banking panel's chairman, said he also will introduce legislation to tighten laws and "pierce the veil of secrecy that for too long has made it possible" for offshore financial institutions to skirt U.S. laws.

"Money laundering may seem like a relatively modest crime, but it is a window into greater crimes" that create the illegal funds, Leach said. He cited Russian government estimates that criminal groups control 40 percent of the country's economy and half its banking assets.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Banking Committee, said he was proposing parallel legislation to Leach's bill in the Senate.

### Radio show campaign encourages CompUSA to advertise to black consumers

WASHINGTON — A cash register receipt campaign among blacks targets CompUSA Inc. stores to show the computer seller it should advertise with black-oriented mass media to tap the lucrative market even further.

Hundreds of blacks have mailed their receipts to a popular syndicated radio program, "The Tom Joyner Morning Show."

Campaign organizers complain that CompUSA does virtually no advertising with black media. They planned to deliver the receipts to the company this week.

"It's just a massive amount, just boxes upon boxes of receipts, to let them know black folks spend a whole lot of money at CompUSA," said commentator Tavis Smiley, who hosts a Black Entertainment Television show.

Smiley and Joyner galvanized the return receipts drive, asking listeners to send receipts from their purchases at CompUSA stores nationwide, after an advertising consulting company identified CompUSA as a company that gives short shrift to black media.

"In my job, I don't ever release figures," said CompUSA spokeswoman Suzanne Shelton.

## State

### Showdown looming between former lieutenant governor and former lottery official

AUSTIN — A legal showdown is looming between former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and lawyers for a fired Texas Lottery official over questions about how Gov. George W. Bush got into the National Guard during the Vietnam War.

Lawyers for Lawrence Littwin, who alleges that his stint as director of the Texas Lottery was terminated by the Lottery Commission as a result of political influence by lottery operator Gtech, say they intend to ask Barnes about the National Guard issue.

Barnes is involved in the lawsuit because the former Texas House speaker and lieutenant governor was formerly a high-priced consultant for Gtech. In January 1997, the company bought out Barnes' contract for \$23 million.

Littwin's lawsuit alleges that Gtech's political clout was bolstered by Barnes' political clout.

"Barnes was reportedly close friends with Governor Ann Richards and other state officials and is alleged to have helped the current governor, George Bush, avoid active duty during the Vietnam War," Littwin said in response to questions submitted to him by Gtech's lawyers.

He said he based his accusations on an anonymous letter that circulated among state officials.

### Wildcat roller coaster fails to pass inspection in time for State Fair

DALLAS — Visitors will find fewer ups and downs at this year's State Fair of Texas, where the German-made Wildcat roller coaster has been declared verboten.

After a summer in which four people died in separate roller coaster accidents around the country, fair officials have hired a second full-time ride inspector and decreed that the coaster planned for this year's fair won't make the cut.

"When we went to look at it, it wasn't quite ready," said lead ride inspector Dan Dudley. "It didn't have all the modifications on it we wanted and they're still working on it today. We're hoping to have it here next year."

Dudley said the Wildcat wasn't unsafe, but the maker was unable to complete a requested alteration to the electrical system to prevent cars from colliding.

Fair spokeswoman Nancy Wiley said that despite the Texas fair's recent safety streak, officials were being more cautious after problems across the nation.

In August, a woman and her daughter died when they were ejected from a coaster in Ocean City, N.J. A week earlier, a disabled 12-year-old boy died on a ride in Santa Clara, Calif., when he slipped out of a harness. The same week, a man who had partially wriggled out of a shoulder harness fell from a stand-up roller coaster in Doswell, Va.

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## STAFF editorial

### CALL WAITING

#### Campus telephone book long overdue

This week marks our fourth week in class. We've settled into our schedules, and we've learned exactly how many times we can get away with skipping each of our classes. If the tests haven't already set in, it won't be much longer before they begin. And we need people to study with. We have to compare notes. We need to talk to other students.

But last year's Frog Calls is no help. To know that John Q. Student lived in Milton Daniel Hall last year will not help us on next week's geology exam. We need to be able to contact students by phone.

Though we're able to update our information on the new FrogNet service, it doesn't immediately register with Frog Calls online. Right now our only options are staking out The Main or guessing middle initials in a fruitless attempt to e-mail our study buddies.

Timothy Davis, director of student information systems, said the major delay was with students' personal information.

"The local numbers we have are last year's numbers," he said. "The data is in different places, and it's just a matter of transferring it to the right places."

Henri Etta Kilgore, administrative assistant in the office of university publications, said we can expect the new Frog Calls to be distributed during the third week of October.

"They want it to be completely accurate, and they're just being extra careful," Kilgore said. "We had expected it a little sooner, but the delays pushed it back a few days."

We can all understand delays and technical difficulties. But we're itching to dial the right digits.

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## Alternative to vouchers needed

### Financial investment should go to improving public school

The issue of school voucher programs is in the national spotlight once again. And the controversy that surrounds this hotly debated issue is reflected in the most recent events: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush launched his voucher program — dubbed "The A+ Plan for Education" — while a voucher program in Cleveland was banned the day before fall classes began, pending a court decision on the program's constitutionality.

#### Commentary



KRISTEN NAQUIN

I understand the dilemma. I empathize with a single, working mother who wants her children to have the best education available, despite her lack of ability to finance it.

But providing parents with public money to send their children to private or parochial schools instead of failing public schools is, as Secretary of Education Richard Riley described it, "a pessimist's response to the problems facing some of our public schools."

A voucher supporter's strongest argument is that the program allows parents to decide what school their child will attend regardless of family income or school district regulations. While this statement appears true, a closer examination reveals several flaws.

In reality, the ultimate admissions decision lies with selective private school administrators, not parents. These officials decide whether their school will participate in the program and which children to admit.

In Pensacola, Fla., only 58 out of 92 students who were awarded vouchers were admitted to private schools, simply because only four parochial schools and one private school agreed to participate in Bush's program.

And David Broder of *The Washington Post* makes another good point: "The blunt reality is that many advocates of 'choice' (members of the conservative, religious right) don't want poor, minority children coming into their affluent, white schools."

The real truth is that only public schools must educate every child who registers, regardless of intellect, socioeconomic status, race, religion, handicap or even sexual orientation. Also, the education received by

public school participants equals the education received by voucher program participants. A two-year study released Sept. 8 by a University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University think tank, Policy Analysis for California Education, concluded that the academic success of voucher programs has yet to be proven. Although these programs may be popular, there is scant evidence proving that they provide a superior education, the report stated.

But as a journalist and strong advocate of the First Amendment, I find a more serious issue at work here: If public funds are used to finance private parochial schools, the constitutional safeguard of separation of church and state is violated. It is undoubtedly unconstitutional to ask citizens for taxes to support a private company that reports to privately selected boards and church committees.

Public schools are accountable to school boards elected by the community or, in some cases, appointed by elected officials. And the budgets, policies and non-confidential matters that go before these boards and committees are open for inspection by and input from all taxpaying citizens, while those of private schools are not.

So what's the alternative to school voucher programs? To me, the answer is clear: Continue to invest in and, therefore, improve our nation's public school system.

The way to improve schools is not to give up on them, but to raise academic standards, restore discipline, get more computers in the classrooms and, most importantly, promote parental involvement.

Leaders must provide training programs to teach parents of preschoolers how to prepare their children for school learning. Doing so, however, is not easy, and it's certainly not cheap, and they need public funds if they have any chance of succeeding.

Eighty-nine percent of American students attend public schools, and while private schools play an important role in the American education system, the vast majority of parents have indicated that they rely on the public schools to educate their children.

It is the public's duty to ensure that these schools are best equipped to carry out that mission.

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## Progress lost to music rehash

### MTV, hybrid styles stagnate musical evolution

Since VH-1 has inexplicably been cut from my cable selection, I am now forced to waste my time watching MTV.

Because music has become secondary to insipid programming and excessive repeats, MTV has been under fire for quite some time now. I haven't enjoyed it since I was about 13, with the exception of a few bright spots such as "Liquid Television" and "Sifl and Oly." The network does nothing to further the evolution of music, and I contest that it has made considerable contributions to the so-called "death of rock."

I don't even know if MTV is supposed to be progressive. Brand new music videos are nothing more than re-worked Debbie Gibson and New Kids on the Block with better hair and pectoral enhancements. There are rarely any sort of daring videos or concepts beyond putting a dance troupe in a spaceship. If a video, let alone a song, happens to have a higher concept, one had better be lucky, because it probably won't run more than a few times.

For instance, Radiohead's video for "Just" and "Paranoid Android" were both creative and compelling. I have only seen them televised once or

twice. Obviously, these songs are not top 40, but perhaps if the viewers were inundated with these videos, we might have a more enlightened audience and fewer people buying rap.

Boy bands might have never raised their oxycutted heads, and Ricky Martin might have kept his clothes on in the rain. I recall the summer in which "November Rain" was rotated every half hour. How was that a top-40 hit? The musical climate was different back then, but as I indicated before, we saw it about 30 times a day. If it hadn't had that kind of airplay, people probably wouldn't have liked it.

Of course, one can argue that if people didn't like "November Rain," then it wouldn't have gotten the airplay; the debate mimics the "chicken before the egg" discussion. That's fine, but I don't think people really have a choice in what they get to listen to. Obviously, this is only applicable to those who listen to the radio or watch MTV, but these venues allow very little room for people to discover something new.

Even when there is a forum for new stuff, such as MTV's "120 Minutes" and KDGE-FM (94.5)'s "Adventure Club," anything on the edge is quickly forgotten because of a subsequent and repeated dose of 'N Sync and Matchbox 20.

On the other hand, MTV is offering a four-hour block of rock videos on Saturday, featuring the likes of Korn, Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock. These are the oddballs who have been sharing the most requested charts with the Backdoor Boys and Christina

Aguilera. Not only that, but these bands sort of fit into a hybrid scheme of rap and rock.

Thanks for the effort, but once again, we are being given a pre-packaged stage in music evolution. It's as if the last 20 years or so have been a pre-ordained musical timeline for a VH-1 millennium special or a "Rolling Stone" coffee table book. People have been saying that rock is dead, and MTV responded.

Who is to say this was what was supposed to happen? What if the next progression from neo-teeny-pop is not the latest permutation of heavy metal but another hybrid, such as an amalgamation of reggae, punk and hip-hop? I see it coming, probably from the Long Beach area, but who will find about it?

If MTV really wanted to do something cool and progressive, it would do away with a few of the especially moronic shows, such as "The Blame Game," and "Undressed," and it could also drop the airing of "Total Request Live" from 50 times a day to once.

I would also like to see a starship battle between the Backstreet Boys spaceship and one crewed by the Wu-Tang Clan, the loser being made to spend eternity listening to Eminem smack his chewing gum.

Really, what would please me most is to see Kennedy return. At least she knew how to use a microphone.

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## Stand up and dance, people

### Students are selling out instead of dreaming the dream

If we tear down the goal posts, they hit us with the mace. If we burn the newspapers, they take away "The Simpsons." My sweet Ophelias, methinks me smells a rat.

That's right folks, what we've got here is a good ol' fashioned conspiracy.

Last week Omar Villafranca burned issues of the *Skiff* in protest of a decision to hold a "potentially offensive" column written by yours truly. It wasn't exactly the most noble of causes, but a cause it was.

Now I was the first to admit the column didn't have many redeeming qualities. I believe there is an infinity of better causes out there for students to rally around.

But Villafranca did something last week that a lot of us haven't done for a long time: He stood up and lit a flame. And I won't condemn him. I can't.

For what came of this? A fire marshal issued him a cita-

tion that was tagged with a fine upwards of \$1,000.

The administration flexed its backbone and spared Villafranca a lot of undeserved disciplinary headaches. (Thank you, TCU. I know I don't say it enough.)

And WB, the home of fine, intellectually stimulating programming, replaced "The Simpsons" 10 p.m. time slot with "Friends."

Did a brutal case of constipation hit the Dallas/Fort Worth area last week or what? I mean, come on, give us the courtesy flush. It's fouler than the grip of death out here.

Now WB couldn't be reached for comment (that's journalism lingo for "we didn't call them"), and the fire marshal was just doing his job. But where were the rest of us? Who stood up to light their own torch?

At what age do Americans start selling out? I'm not talking about using Lenny Kravitz's songs in commercials. I'm talking about when do we trade our naive ideals and silly dreams for business-world gospel? Unfortunately, I don't think it's a conscious decision.

At "maturity," we tend to shed our sentimental philosophies. Worse, we start keeping our mouths shut. Our heroes are dead and the movement

has passed us by. We poke fun at hippies and label the pacifists.

After all, money rings sweeter than karma.

Students, are you learning or fulfilling preliminary training? When was the last time you read Emerson, or ached over Ginsberg? The self-reliant howl is drowned out by the regular heartbeats of our regulated hearts.

Stand up people. Stand up and dance. Write a creed. Damn the man.

Conformity makes a man scared, afraid to express himself, to speak his words, to thumb his nose at big brother.

These are your Kerouac years. Let us not get old before we are no longer young. Let us not run out of things to say before our tongues are dry.

Dream for Homer. Dream for Omar. And rage against the dying of the light.

"I feel that I am a citizen of the American dream, and the revolutionary struggle of which I am a part is a struggle against the American nightmare," said Eldridge Cleaver, black American leader.

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**ENROLLMENT**  
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that now." Turner said recruiters have done a better job of recruiting prospective students. He said the admissions staff is working closer with several predominantly minority schools around Fort Worth, such as Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School, Northside High School and Trimble Technical High School.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said he would also like to help increase diversity by offering minority students more financial aid opportunities. In the past university financial aid officials were limited in what they could do because of the Hopwood case.

It states that a school cannot use

**GRANBURY**  
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gun from a passing car while she was sitting in her back yard, Agnes said. Officer Matt Welch, the Fort Worth Police Department liaison to TCU, said Agnes has indeed become a convenient target because her house is so unique.

"Because of the display she has out there, she has certainly been a target for vandalism," Welch said. "It's frustrating to us because if she would take that stuff down, people wouldn't notice her. But she feels that it is necessary."

Welch, who is based at the Berry Street police storefront, said Agnes generates a large number of calls to the department.

"There are probably more calls to her house than any other business or residence in that police beat," Welch said. "Some are initiated by her, and many others are from other people calling in about her."

Agnes, a petite woman with deeply-tanned skin and long silver hair, is originally from Athens, Greece. She said she was a secretary for the Greek government and met her husband while working there. He brought her to the United States, and they settled in Fort Worth. She said she and her husband divorced in 1979, and she moved into the house off of Granbury Road a short time later.

"Everything here was fine until 1993, when the noises started from across Granbury," she said. "I put the first signs on my fence in July 1995 to

inform the public of the bad activities going on over at Trinity.

"The first attack on my house came a month later. From then on, it just got worse."

A neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said the residents of Winfield Avenue have learned to deal with the attention, but the damage to Agnes' home is an unfortunate result.

"It's a fun weekend thing to do for some people," the neighbor said. "They drive by, honk, stop, race their motors, throw things ... it just seems to antagonize her more and more."

Early Wednesday morning, someone smashed out every window on Agnes' car, which was sitting in her driveway in front of her home. She said she was upset by the latest

However, current Texas Attorney General John Cornyn withdrew Morales' opinion. He advised universities not to implement new programs but to wait on the resolution of the *Hopwood* case in the U.S. Court of Appeals in the 5th Circuit.

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attack, but she has come to expect it. "They don't even know me," she said. "They destroy what is here for fun, for their convenience."

Welch said the city code enforcement division has investigated Agnes but does not do much about her signs.

Agnes said she wishes more people would respect her faith, stop bothering her and help her in her quest.

"I just thank God that I have my health," she said, wiping tears from her eyes. "They have tried to destroy me, and they may break me physically, but they will never break my spirit or my faith in God and Jesus Christ."

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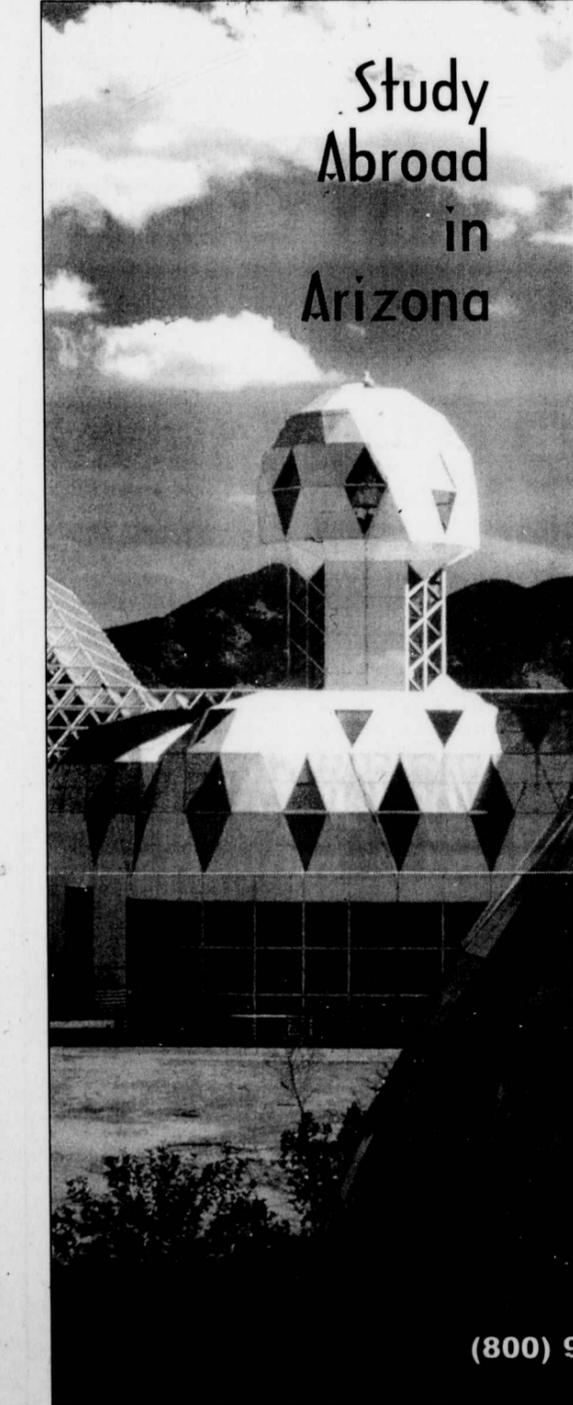
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## Pulse SIDELINES

### Fuller named to 1999 AFCA Good Works Team

Junior free safety Curtis Fuller was named to the 1999 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team Wednesday.

The team honors those who show dedication to community service and the betterment of the community in which they live.

Fuller is a mentor to elementary children and the president of the TCU Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has also been an intern for the senior group at Richland Hills Church of Christ and led a mission group of 105 people that built homes in Mexico.

Last year, Fuller was also honored with the NCAA Sportsmanship Outstanding Sportsman of the Year Award.

### Ripken out, Orioles salvage win over Rangers, 7-4

ARLINGTON, (AP) — On the day Cal Ripken was lost for the season, leaving him nine hits short of 3,000, the Baltimore Orioles beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 Sept. 22 for their 13th straight victory.

The Orioles announced during the game that Ripken would be sidelined by back problems. He will have surgery Thursday morning in Cleveland to relieve pressure on a nerve that has been causing him discomfort.

Ripken traveled to Cleveland on Sept. 22 to visit specialist Dr. Henry Bohlman after experiencing back spasms overnight. The All-Star third baseman made his first two trips to the disabled list this season.

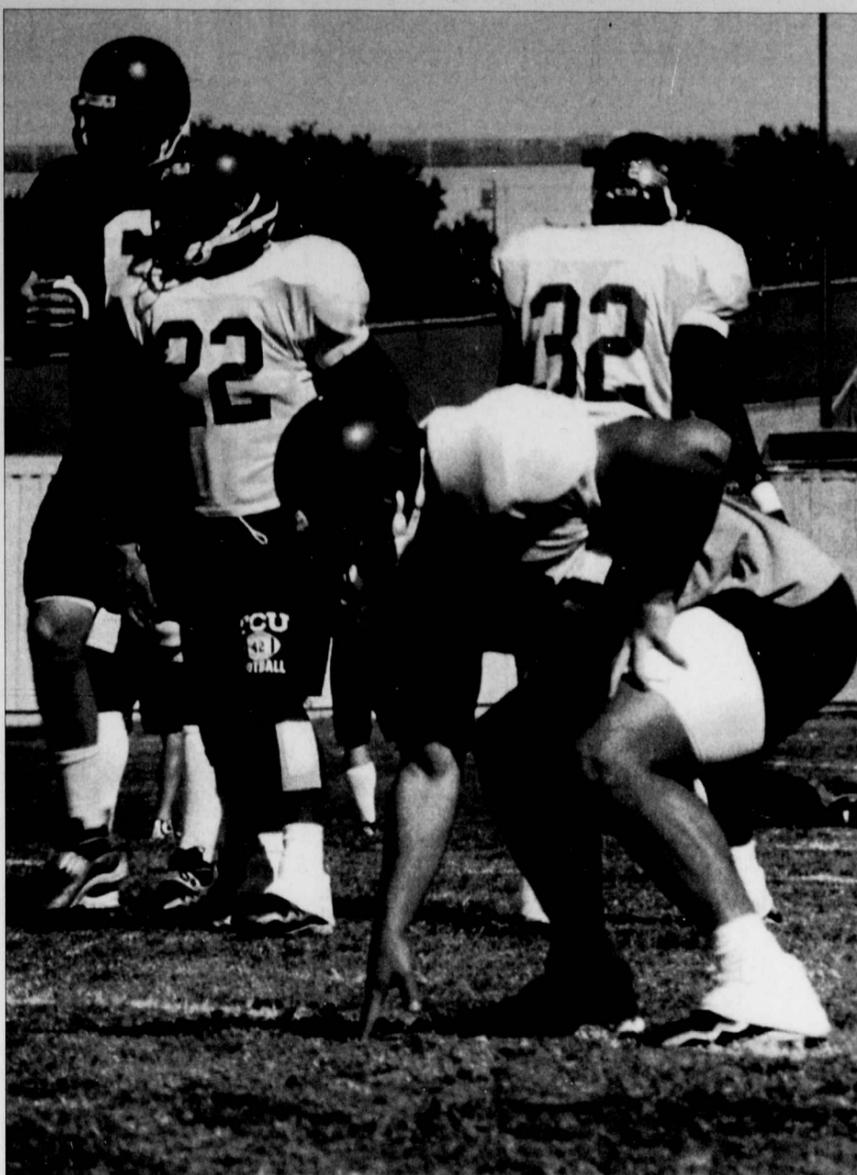
Baltimore's winning streak matches the second-longest in team history, trailing only a 14-game string from Aug. 12 to 27, 1973. The Orioles also won 13 in a row from May 31 to June 14, 1978.

Texas lost its third in a row. The Rangers' magic number for clinching the AL West is at six after the second-place Oakland lost 5-4 to Minnesota.

Charles Johnson and Brady Anderson hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning for the Orioles. Albert Belle hit his 35th homer and Jesus Garcia hit his first in the majors.

Scott Erickson (15-11) gave up four runs in the first inning but recovered to win his fifth straight start. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in eight-plus innings.

The Orioles rallied from a 4-1 deficit against Rick Helling (13-10), taking a 6-4 lead in the fifth on Johnson's two-run homer and Anderson's shot.



Sophomore fullback George Layne prepares for a block at practice this week. TCU plays Arkansas State on Saturday in Jonesboro.

## Layne's love not for fame

By Matt Weinack  
STAFF REPORTER

George Layne doesn't get the glory. He doesn't get the statistics. Most of the time, he doesn't even get to touch the ball.

But, the sophomore from Alvin, Texas, doesn't mind. As long as the team wins, he will be happy.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Layne said. "I like to see (LaDainian Tomlinson) run past me. I'll take 30 blocks and four touchdowns rather than 30 runs and no touchdowns. I'll just do what (coach Dennis Franchione) says."

It is this unselfish attitude that has made Layne an important part in the Frogs running game. TCU is averaging 168.5 yards per game this season and Tomlinson is carrying the load with 132 yards per game.

The Frogs rely on the running game to win games. If the running game is successful, so are the Frogs. And if Layne is successful, so is the running game.

It is Layne and the offensive line that are doing all of the dirty work up front to create the running room for Tomlinson and senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux to run through.

"The fullback position is a pretty pivotal part of our offense, a lot of our plays depend on his success," Franchione said. "It's kind of an under-appreciated part of the offense by fans sometimes, but not by the coaches and not by his teammates."

Layne does not often get the chance to run with the ball. He has eight carries in two games compared to 46 by Tomlinson. Layne had only seven rush attempts last season.

"George has all of the characteristics that you look for in a fullback,"

offensive coordinator Dan Dodd said. "He's a real hard-nosed kid, and he plays the game real hard. He is working harder at becoming a student at the game."

Layne said it is nice to get the chance to start because it was always a goal of his, but Layne knows he needs to improve if he wants to help the team succeed.

When Layne rushed for 33 yards and caught a 34-yard pass against Northwestern, Dodd said it made it hard for the coaches to not include Layne in the game plan.

"It's a good part of our offense, and we felt real comfortable with him carrying the ball," Dodd said. "It's just sort of the way the game unfolds. We always have plays where the fullback is going to get ball, but we had some success with it and we kept riding with it."

"When he runs the ball the way he did (against Northwestern), it is kind of hard not to get him the ball."

Layne said he does not mind running the ball, but he said his satisfaction comes from seeing his running mates sprint past him while he puts defenders on the ground with his crushing blocks.

This is what football is all about to Layne. It is the opportunity to hit people all the time without consequence.

"It's not very often where you can go out and throw your body into people full speed. You can't do that anywhere else," Layne said. "I love hitting."

It is this love for hitting and his unselfish behavior on the field that makes Layne such an important part of the Frogs running game.

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## Guetz brings confidence to men's golf team

By Chris Harrison  
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The men's golf team has a new hired gun for the 1999-2000 season. His name is Bret Guetz.

This Oklahoma State transfer from Littleton, Colo., came to TCU this year ready to play golf. NCAA rules allow golf transfers to play after transferring without having to sit out for a year. He also came ready to win, posting a round of 66 on the final day of the Fort Worth Men's City Championship two weeks ago for a come-from-behind victory.

"I just felt really good that day," Guetz said. "Everything was working right, and it all just came together."

Guetz, a two-sport high school athlete picked up his first golf clubs as a child, and although he said his focus

on the game has changed, his love for golf has not.

"I started playing golf when I was about six or seven, but I really didn't start concentrating on my game until I was about thirteen," Guetz said. "I also played shortstop on the baseball team, but decided to stick with golf."

After high school, Guetz decided to leave Littleton to attend Oklahoma State University. He said TCU had more to offer than the Cowboys' golf program.

"(Oklahoma State) is a championship team but they didn't have the exposure or coach that TCU has," Guetz said. "I came here because I really liked the team, players and Coach (Bill) Montigel. I couldn't ask for a better coach. He is more laid back than my old coach and I really

like playing for him."

Montigel said he is happy with Guetz's decision to come to TCU.

"As a coach, I am ecstatic about Bret coming to TCU," Montigel said. "He is the ultimate package as far as I am concerned; a hard worker and a good student. He has a great work ethic which is what I look for in all of my players."

"He is a great golfer and I really think he fits in with the rest of the guys," he said. "All the guys really like him and I think he will have a great career here at TCU."

Guetz said he could not say enough about this year's team and how their team chemistry separates them from any other team in the country.

"I think it is important for a team to be able to relate well to one another,

and I have found a home here at TCU," Guetz said.

"I don't think you can find 10 other guys on any other team in the country like the guys on TCU's team," he said. "It's a real solid group of really great golfers. We all get along great and I am looking forward to my next three years here as a TCU golfer."

Guetz shares the same confidence in the Frogs' squad that he feels in his own game, he said.

Guetz said his favorite club is whatever is working that day. Whether it be his driver or his putter, he carries a bag of loaded weapons. Guetz, TCU's new hired gun, is a straight shooter, on and off the course.

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Sophomore Bret Guetz lines up for his tee shot in Wednesday's practice.

## Martin makes strides

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JUNCTION CITY, Ore. — Just when Casey Martin began to realize there's more to life than playing on the PGA Tour, he started making big strides toward accomplishing just that.

Martin, who sued the PGA Tour last year for the right to ride a cart to ease the pain in his right leg, is within striking distance of earning a tour exemption for 2000.

The top 15 finishers on the Nike Tour, sort of golf's minor-league circuit, earn a PGA Tour card. Martin currently is No. 12 at \$101,527 entering this week's Oregon Classic, held just north of his hometown of Eugene.

"This is a big week for me and my career, and hopefully I can do well," he said Wednesday during an interview aboard his cart.

"But I'm just not trying to think too far in advance," Martin, 27, added. "Obviously I'd like to make it, so I'd like to take advantage of where I am right now. But at the same time, I don't think it's the most important thing in my life to make the PGA Tour."

The most important stage of his life came in February 1998, when a federal judge in Eugene ruled against the PGA Tour and allowed Martin to use a cart to get around the course in tournaments. The decision is under appeal.

Martin suffers from a degenerative condition in his right leg that makes it

painful to walk. The PGA Tour, and many veteran golfers, argued that walking is part of the game and that using a cart would give Martin a "competitive advantage" over opponents.

After his court victory, Martin became a hero to disabled children and a media phenomenon. He signed an endorsement deal with Nike and made the rounds at talk shows.

"If my life was going to be like that all year long, I would have seriously considered another profession," he said.

After the spotlight faded, Martin found himself struggling on the course. He qualified for the U.S. Open and had a strong showing but later fell to a 29th-place finish on the Nike Tour.

He played poorly to begin the 1999 season, but thanks to three top-10 finishes since the beginning of August, he could secure his PGA Tour card with a second-place finish in the Oregon Classic.

Martin began playing better after he took some time off in August. He sought treatment from a Chicago doctor who specializes in an ultrasound-guided therapy that Martin hoped would alleviate some of the pain in his leg. But it had no effect.

"So I'm just the same, business as usual," he said. "I've lived with my leg my whole life, and it has good days and bad days, but I'm still able to compete thanks to the cart, so I'm grateful for that."

## TCU Sports Calendar

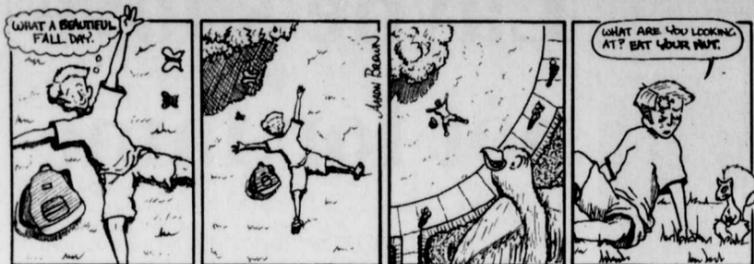
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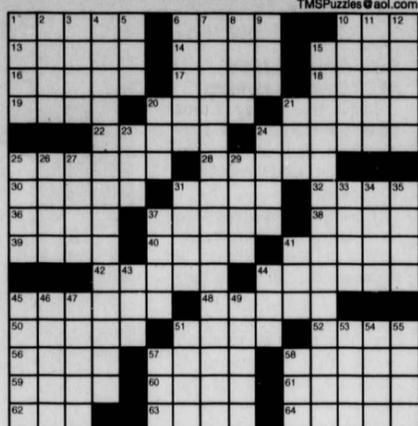
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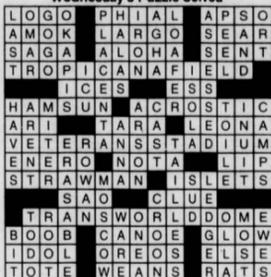
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 LARRY & THE PEDDERSON ROAD BAND  
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**SATURDAY**  
 MORNING PEOPLE  
**Thursday Drink Specials!**  
 \$1.25 Wells  
 \$1.75 Drafts  
 \$1.00 Kamikazi  
 \$5.50 Domestic Pitchers  
 Doors open at 8 p.m.  
 No cover Tuesdays or Wednesdays.  
 No cover after 1 a.m. the rest of the week.  
 2905 West Berry St. (817) 926-7814  
 TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol, you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

**LONGHORN SALOON**  
**COLLEGE NIGHT THURSDAY**  
 50¢ WELLS TIL 10P.M. **25¢ BEER ALL NIGHT**  
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**FRIDAY**  
 \$1.00 LONGNECKS  
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