



The men's soccer team defeated Oral Roberts University (Okla.) 3-0 at the TCU Soccer Complex Tuesday in the third-straight victory.

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**House of Reps denies yearbook expense proposal**

A proposal to fund expenses for three yearbook students and their adviser to travel to Atlanta for this year's National College Media Convention was denied by the House of Student Representatives at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Ben Jenkins, chairman of the House Finance Committee, said once his committee reviewed Bill 99-17, the majority voted to deny it.

"Our committee killed the bill because yearbook already receives money, and from our understanding, House funding would be better spent on other organizations who need money more," Jenkins said.

**Mental Health Services to hold depression screenings**

Mental Health Services, formerly the Counseling Center, will provide free depression screenings from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in the Brown-Lupton Health Center as part of the National Depression Screening Day.

Participants — including students, staff and faculty members — will complete a self-report checklist, and a mental health professional will be available to discuss the results.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, depression strikes more than 17 million Americans each year, and fewer than half actually seek treatment, although it can often help 80 percent of those affected.

**Group discusses ways to distinguish university**

Twelve students discussed TCU's strong points and weak points Tuesday during a focus group session facilitated by Robert Moore, a managing partner at a Chicago-based marketing firm.

Moore, a partner at LipmanHearn, visited TCU for the second time after being hired by Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari and the Office of Admissions. Moore said he is working toward a position that distinguishes TCU from other colleges.

During the session, the majority of students said they enjoyed life at TCU.

"I can't imagine going to another school," Sara Donaldson, a sophomore pre-med major, said.

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**HOME CROWD**

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*12 ROTC Challenge team members sacrifice time and effort to prepare for interstate competition in Killeen*



Photos by Patrick Pannett/PHOTO EDITOR

Above: Jason Smith, a senior pre-med and criminal justice major, assembles his M16-A2 weapon during a Ranger Challenge exercise. Below: Sgt. Charles Sermons inspects the assembly work of Sam Denton, a freshman management major. The Ranger Challenge team is in training for a competition that will be held Oct. 22 and 23 at Fort Hood in Killeen.

**TEAM SHARPENS SKILLS**

By Matt Weinack  
STAFF REPORTER

The sun has not yet cracked the horizon, dew is still on the ground and 12 of Army ROTC's members are beginning their morning workout.

It is not just any workout though. The 10 men and two women that make up the Ranger Challenge team run up to seven miles with 55-pound backpacks, called rucks. They do pushups before skills activities, such as weapon handling and grenade throwing, to prepare themselves for the stress of competition.

They train twice a day, three days a week for eight weeks to prepare for the Ranger Challenge Competition held at Fort Hood in Killeen Oct. 22 and 23. The first training session begins at 6 a.m. and lasts for about an hour and a half. The second session starts at 4 p.m. and continues until 5:30 p.m. The team has



three more weeks to prepare for the competition. It has never finished lower than fourth place and placed first in the competition two years ago.

Joel St. Clair, a junior nursing major and ROTC's platoon sergeant, said the competition

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**Rail collision close to TCU London Centre**

**Students preparing for fall travel won't let tragedy change plans**

By Alan Melson  
STAFF REPORTER

No TCU students were involved in the London rail tragedy Tuesday, in which 70 are confirmed dead and 100 are still unaccounted for, the director of the TCU London Centre said Wednesday.

Lisa Atkins, London Centre director, said Paddington Station is a few miles from where TCU students live and study but is not often used by them.

"Paddington is just far enough away from the London Centre that it's not something they would use every day, such as the Underground (subway system)," Atkins said. "We don't have any interns working out in that direction, so it really doesn't affect us directly."

The accident occurred during morning rush hour just outside the

station, located in northwest London. BBC News reported that a west-bound train apparently ran through red and yellow warning signals and collided with a London-bound commuter train, causing a massive fire that engulfed several cars and sent other cars careening across the tracks. Paddington Station is now completely closed, and trains normally arriving there are being diverted while debris is cleared from the tracks.

More than a dozen rail stations encircle London, each one serving different destinations. Many of the TCU students studying there are leaving town this weekend to travel by train during Fall Break, but most said they are leaving from one of the other stations.

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**70 confirmed dead in fiery train crash**

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At least 70 people are believed to have died when two commuter trains collided almost head-on near London's Paddington Station.

But a further 100 bodies are feared to lie in the burnt-out remains of the Great Western express, which was turned into an inferno in Tuesday's collision with a local Thames train.

Temperatures hit 1,000C as fire swept through the first class Carriage H, in what has already become the worst rail accident in the UK for more than 30 years.

Superintendent Tony Thompson, of British Transport Police, said identification of the dead would be extremely difficult.

"There is ash from end to end up

to knee-high. We do not know what is beneath until we are able to stabilize the train and get the search teams in."

Rescuers are constructing a 100-ton crane capable of moving and stabilizing Carriage H before a fingertip search can begin.

On Wednesday it was revealed that the driver of the Thames train drove through a red signal.

The signal, known as SN109, has been known to give trouble before. Drivers have described the signal as "dodgy" and the train operators have complained repeatedly to Railtrack and Her Majesty's Rail Inspectorate.

Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, who has ordered a public

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**Senate to discuss 'freshman' name change**

By Matt Stiver  
STAFF REPORTER

Is the term "freshman" gender exclusive? Should staff members receive the same benefits as faculty members?

TCU faculty senators will debate these topics and hear several briefings when the Faculty Senate holds its second meeting of the fall semester at 3:30 p.m. today in the Sid Richardson Hall Board Room.

Andy Fort, an associate professor of religion and a member of the Faculty Senate, proposed at the first Senate meeting that TCU should

**Benefits for staff members to be also debated**

consider changing the title "freshman" to "first-year student" as a matter of inclusiveness.

"We live in a culture that takes man to stand for all humans," he said. "This is one of those places that, all by itself, is not such a big deal. But it's part of a world view that privileges man as standing for all humans."

Fort said although some members of the TCU community may ridicule his motion, it has value.

"It's the kind of thing that's easy to ridicule or make fun of," he said. "For example, we say 'manhole covers.' Are we supposed to say 'personhole covers?' But there is a philosophical principle underneath about trying to include all people in humanity rather than suggesting that man stands for everyone."

Senate Chairman Roger Pfaffenberger, a professor of finance and decision sciences, said Fort's proposal has merit, although the

results of the debate are uncertain.

"The word 'freshman' has always bothered me because of the 'man' part," he said. "Referring to students as first-year, second-year, third-year, fourth-year and fifth-year resonates with me. I can see the wisdom in (changing it). This is a notion that merits discussion. I have no idea how that motion is going to go. It may carry, or it may not."

In other business, Ken Morgan, chairman of the geology department

and TCU's Resources, Insurance and Benefits Committee, will propose that a member of the Staff Assembly be appointed co-chairperson of the RIB committee. Morgan said he is working to create equal benefits for all TCU employees, whether faculty or staff members.

"What I have always said is there would be a coordination of recommendations to the administration through one committee," Morgan said. "It will improve the communication lines so that when (the RIB committee) recommends something,

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**Disappointment follows cancellation**

**Angelou forced to call off Wednesday lecture due to family illness**

By Lori Eshelman  
STAFF REPORTER

The streets and parking lots around Daniel-Meyer Coliseum were filled Wednesday night with cars and school buses full of people flocking to see a literary legend. But instead of a performance by a famous poet, all that was left to entertain them was a sign in the grass that read "Maya Angelou has canceled."

Less than eight hours before her scheduled appearance, Maya Angelou canceled her speaking

engagement at TCU because of an illness in her family.

Kathryne McDorman, chairwoman of the TCU Honors Program and organizer of the Fogelson Honors Forum, said she was informed late Wednesday morning that Angelou was not coming to TCU. Angelou said her brother is gravely ill.

There are no plans to reschedule Angelou's appearance as of now, McDorman said.

"Right now, we are still thunderstruck that something like this would

happen, especially six hours before an event," she said.

Alison Trinkle, McDorman's assistant, said TCU was working with Angelou's representatives, Eric Wold and Kathryn Poston of Washington Speakers Bureau Inc., the company that coordinates Angelou's speaking engagements.

Poston declined to comment on Angelou's situation and said the cancellation was handled by Wold. Wold could not be reached for comment.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said as many as 4,000 people were

expected to attend the event, and although the Office of Communications attempted to notify as many people as soon as possible, many people from the community did not hear of the cancellation until they arrived at the campus.

"We're shocked and disappointed," said Sharon Johnson, an English teacher at Trinity High School in Euless. She and a group of students from Trinity had driven to TCU to see Angelou.

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**Car etching**



Thong Chakrathouk, a crime prevention and auto etching officer for the Fort Worth Police Department, etches a car's vehicle identification number into the windshield Wednesday. The department performs this free service on campus three to four times a semester.

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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](mailto:skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound elderly in the TCU/Berry Street area from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

TCU London Centre applications for Spring 2000 are due Oct. 15. Applications are available in International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

Air Force ROTC Detachment 845 will host an open house from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Air Force ROTC building on the corner of Lowden and Parmer streets.

The TCU Triangle will hold its meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in the Bailey Building, Room 113. For more information, call Roscoe Compton at 926-1606.

Students planning to study abroad can visit with Michael Calo from Syracuse University from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today outside of The Main. All those planning to study abroad in Spring 2000 can make an appointment if they have not already done so in International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16.

RTVF will present a double feature, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* (1939) and *The Thin Man* (1934) at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. For more information, call 257-6690.

The TCU Triangle and Student Allies will host a panel discussion at noon Monday in the Student Center lounge. Monday is National Coming Out Day. Pizza and refreshments will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



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# News

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## World

### Japanese prime minister visits site of radiation leak, admits system inadequate

TOKAIMURA, Japan — On a visit to the site of Japan's worst nuclear accident, Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi Wednesday admitted the country's system had been inadequate to prevent such a radiation leak.

His visit to the uranium-processing plant, an apparent attempt to allay fears of lingering radiation, coincided with public outrage over growing evidence the accident was caused by a disregard for safety procedures.

Just hours before his arrival, police intensified their investigation into whether operators of the plant were criminally negligent. About 200 police raided the plant and the Tokyo headquarters of the plant's operator, JCO Co.

They were looking for evidence of wrongdoing in the Sept. 30 accident, which sent three workers to the hospital, forced the evacuation of surrounding homes and kept hundreds of thousands locked in their homes for fear of contamination.

He could not enter the building where the uncontrolled nuclear reaction occurred because radiation levels inside remain too high.

### Typhoon hits northern Philippines and leaves trail of destruction; one man drowns

MANILA, Philippines — Typhoon Dan maintained its strength as it blew away from the northern Philippines Wednesday, dumping heavy rains, damaging hundreds of houses and killing at least one person on the main island of Luzon, officials said.

Forecaster Leny Ruiz said the typhoon, the 13th to hit the country this year, was expected to gather strength as it moves toward southern China.

One man drowned in the swollen Maluyo River in Balaoan, La Union province, said Aurora Moya of the regional Office of Civil Defense.

Elvira Calina, head of civil defense in Tuguegarao, the capital of Cagayan province, the first to be hit by the typhoon, said initial reports showed 600 houses in the province were damaged and one person was injured.

Electrical posts were toppled in several towns and flooding was reported in others, making bridges and roads impassable, she said.

Calina said power in all of Cagayan province, 215 miles north of Manila, was shut off as the storm approached.

## Nation

### House disagrees on health care legislation, provokes criticism from President Clinton

WASHINGTON — As the House opened a

fractious debate on federal regulation of managed care health plans, President Clinton Wednesday accused Republicans of "legislative gamesmanship."

At a Rose Garden appearance, Clinton said the House majority, acting at the behest of the insurance industry, set rules for debate that were "filled with enough poison pills and legislative sleights of hand to practically guarantee the defeat of this bill."

Even before Clinton spoke, Democrats were complaining that the Republicans were not allowing amendments that would cover the cost, estimated to be several billion dollars over several years.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said that without the ability to provide for payment of the additional cost, many Democrats would not support the party proposal, assuring its defeat.

The central debate, now in its second year on Capitol Hill, is how to give frustrated patients new rights in dealing with health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans, which often impose restrictions in order to control costs and eliminate unnecessary care.

### Judicial branch checks federal government's authority to change local and state voting

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court pondered Wednesday the federal government's power to squelch changes in state and local elections as discriminatory even when the new plans would leave racial and ethnic minorities no worse off.

Clinton administration lawyer Paul Wolfson told the justices hearing arguments in a Louisiana case that targets of a key voting-rights law are "not limited to an intent to make matters worse for minorities."

But Michael Carvin, a Washington lawyer representing the Bossier Parish, La., school board, said the law seeks only to thwart a new plan if it abridges minority voting rights. "If there is no change, it has not abridged the right to vote," he argued.

The issue is whether the Voting Rights Act of 1965 authorizes Justice Department vetoes of election plans that are non-retrogressive. A three-judge federal court in the District of Columbia ruled that no such authority exists.

The justices' ruling, expected by late June, could affect many of the voting-rights disputes likely to arise after the 2000 census and ensuing reapportionment efforts. The decision will dictate how vigorously the government can invoke one part of the 1965 law.

In a separate case, the justices heard arguments over Hawaii's policy of letting only people with Hawaiian blood elect leaders of a state program benefiting descendants of the islands' original residents. A white citizen of Hawaii says the provision amounts to unlawful racial discrimination.

A decision in that case also is expected by summer.

## State

### NAACP convention elects new president, honors Bullock for affirmative action programs

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas NAACP has re-elected Gary Bledsoe as its president.

Bledsoe defeated opponent Kyeve Tatum, 118-45, Saturday during the organization's 63rd conference.

The state conference concluded Saturday evening with a Texas Heroes Banquet that featured keynote speaker Robert G. Stanton, director of the National Park Service and the first African American to head the agency.

The banquet honored the late Bob Bullock, the former Texas lieutenant governor, who was among the first elected officials in the state to spearhead affirmative action hiring and the promotion of minorities.

The conference also revealed the results from the NAACP's first statewide study on hate crimes. The study concluded that more than half of the reported 360 hate crimes were committed against blacks.

The report cited incidents in College Station, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Jasper, Temple, Lewisville and Lufkin. Speakers also listed instances of alleged hate crimes in Greenville, Plano, Wichita Falls and Vidor.

### Travis County officials solve brutal crime after eight years of investigation and waiting

AUSTIN — Nearly eight years after the crime stunned the city, police in two states rounded up four men Wednesday in the slayings of four teen-age girls at an Austin yogurt shop.

The arrests in Texas and West Virginia capped years of investigation that had led police as far as Mexico in their search for suspects in one of Texas' most notorious unsolved murder cases.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle said all four were being charged with capital murder in the deaths of Eliza Hope Thomas, 17; Amy Ayers, 13; Jennifer Harbison, 17; and Sarah Harbison, 15, Jennifer's sister.

Police in Charleston, W.Va., arrested Robert Burns Springsteen Jr., 24, Earle said.

Michael James Scott, 26, of Buda, Texas, also was arrested Wednesday.

Two other men — one in Lewisville, north of Dallas, and the other in Lockhart, southeast of Austin — were arrested. However, authorities were withholding their names because they were 15 and 16 years old at the time of the crime.

Each girl was shot in the head at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! store where Elizabeth Hope Thomas and Jennifer Harbison worked. The store then was set on fire in a crime that horrified the community because of its random brutality and youth of the victims.

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# RANGERS

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is a good chance for Ranger Challenge members to display skills they have refined since the first day of the fall semester.

"Ranger Challenge pushes you to be the best you can be," St. Clair said. "It's not just about working hard. It's about developing the attitude of giving your all. It's time to let it all go."

The two teams, made up of six members each, will compete with about 30 other schools from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The competition includes a physical fitness test, patrolling test, six-kilometer race, grenade assault course, M-16 rifle disassembly/assembly course, land navigation tests and a ten-kilometer ruck run.

Chris Foster, a senior pre-med major and team commander, said the competition is not only physically exhausting but also mentally fatiguing.

"It's more mental than physical," he said. "There is a physical aspect because all of the events involve running of some

sort. It's more mental because when we get to competition, we probably have one of the smallest teams when it comes to physical size. You just have to be mentally prepared."

St. Clair said Ranger Challenge members are considered to be the top cadets in the ROTC program.

"(Other students) are going to think we are nuts," he said. "They are going to see fast-paced, loud, motivated and hard-core training sessions."

Foster said he also thinks Ranger Challenge members can perform activities that are more physically demanding than those performed by other college students.

"(Students observing us) would probably think they are seeing something done that a majority of the students on campus can't do," he said. "It really shows the heart and dedication that Ranger team members have."

Logan Grover, a senior criminal justice and physics major, said the Ranger

Challenge team will prepare him for his future in the military.

"It is a valuable insight into what type of challenges I foresee for myself in the military," he said. "Competition is pretty fierce, but afterward, we are all going to be friends. But during competition, (the competitors) are my adversaries."

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## STAFF editorial

### HOME CROWD Game schedules cause problems

Riff-Ram, bah humbug.

The TCU Horned Frog football team will face San Jose State at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at the Amon Carter Stadium.

This is only the second home game of the season, and it's during Fall Break, a weekend during which a large percentage of the student body will be out of town. "Wait a minute," you think. "It's only one game."

But the game against Southern Methodist University — which is perhaps our biggest rival — is scheduled for Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving. How many students will really skip out on grandma's turkey and dressing to stay in town for a TCU football game?

Six of the last seven Horned Frog football games have been played away from home. But "away from home" doesn't just mean "a short drive down the interstate."

Instead, it means to us "a short drive down the interstate ... to the airport, then a three-hour flight to Nameless University."

Here we are, halfway through the semester with only one rainy home game this season. Freshmen haven't had much of a chance to support their college football team. How are we supposed to strengthen our school spirit when we can't make it to our own football games?

Head coach Dennis Franchione schedules non-conference games. In other words, he scheduled the first three games of this season. There's nothing we can do about most of the WAC scheduling process. But TCU agreed to help rearrange the SMU game during Thanksgiving to comply with Fox Southwest's wishes that the game be shown on television.

TCU should do everything in its power to promote school spirit and student attendance at home football games — even if that means rescheduling Fall Break.

"Wait a minute," you think again. "It's only one game."

But we want to go to that game.

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## America the Ambiguous First Amendment, new ideas mishandled in modern society

America the Beautiful, I say you are stupid and scared, always fretting over what we misguided prophets preach with pen and never learning from our intellectual fallacies.

You're too proud to admit error, too ambitious to recognize progress, too paranoid to love your opposites, too ignorant to embrace argument, too impotent to resist influence and too quick to rush into conflict. Have you been spoiled with so much independence that you take it for granted? America, you're slowly overdosing on freedom.

America, you are the beautiful and the damned. You are the Religious Right and the bleeding-heart liberals. You are no compassionate conservative. You are "The Jerry Springer Show" and *The National Inquirer*. You are Monica Lewinsky and Bill

Clinton. You are the example and the hypocrite, the Bible and "Hustler," Allen Ginsberg and Tipper Gore, television and "Cliff's Notes."

And why? Because one minute you seek sanctuary in the First Amendment, in your drunken stupor, burning flags and calling cops 'pigs,' and the next you swing this sweet doctrine as an evil Excalibur, felling dissension and diversity.

America the Beautiful, I love you. You are me, as I am he, as we are all together. We are the best damn country any expatriate ever once called home. But we're strangling ourselves with our misinterpretation of the First Amendment. Freedom of speech applies to us all, not the selected worthy.

Every dog has its day, and every stooge shall have his say. The wrong has the right, just as the right can be wrong — or even left. The freedom of speech is a giant loophole in our civilization — but it has to be to accommodate everyone. Our democracy was founded to protect the voice of the average and abnormal, for better or worse. If just one meek, minor voice is snuffed out or if one obscene, mindless rant is bleeped out, then

we've planted the first seeds of fascism. And this is one weed no American is willing to harvest.

The freedom of speech is infected with the most dangerous viruses that have ever existed: ideas. If you doubt their power, open the newspaper or thumb through your unilateral history.

The simple truth is America cannot handle new ideas. We've proven time and time again that there's nothing scarier or more hypnotic than free thought. Maybe it's because Americans are emotionally incapable or under-trained to interpret these powerful catalysts for themselves, free from undue influence.

There's too much blind submission to ideologies, too much misquotation to support our prejudices and too little meditation over ideas we don't understand. And because we don't have a universal code of morals (we have a right not to, after all), we can't protect common decency or the common good. We can only hope that those with the most "mass-mediated" voices can practice a little restraint and the occasional self-censorship. And we can only hope the impressionable dedicate their lives to good.

America the Beautiful, you don't think before you react. You don't agree to disagree. You're not secure enough to accept the validity of what you don't understand. You don't change your mind or re-design with the times. America, your children's children's generation is going to absolutely destroy your bowel control, for new ideas are only going to further defecate that which you now hold sacred.

America the Beautiful, you don't have the mind to decide for yourself. Most of us claim to but we all subscribe to philosophies not generated within our unique selves. You are a society that blames its own society for individual dysfunctionality and insanity. What causes insanity? Why, the inability of weak minds to handle new ideas.

America, a final lament: Do ideas kill people or do people kill people? Or are we simply too stupid to refrain from killing ourselves, our America the Beautiful?

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KRISTEN NAQUIN

## Take a shot at freedom

A public school, this morning: "Today we continue our discussion on civil liberties. To review, why were civil liberties important to the Founding Fathers?" A hand raises. "Yes?"

"They wanted to protect the American people from the tyranny that they had suffered while under British colonial rule."

"Very good. Now, let's..." The bell rings. Our principal speaks over the public-address system.

"All students to their lockers, please." So, we go.

It is a commonplace routine now in our school. I look down the corridor. We are all dressed in the school uniform: gray pants and white shirts. First is the random breathalyzer test. The scratching sound of the drug-sniffing dogs on the tiled floor moves down the hallway. It takes them 40 minutes to go from the metal detector at the school entrance to the last locker in the hall. Next is the random locker search. Today, every eighth locker is checked. One hour later, we take our seats. Our backpacks have been searched while we were in the hallway.

"Now," my teacher says, "where were we? Oh, yes, civil liberties."

This excerpt from a student essay that recently appeared in *Humanist* magazine expresses a serious issue currently plaguing the public school

system. Bloody tragedies, especially the one that occurred April 20 at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., have made backpack searches, increased use of drug tests and stricter dress codes routine. And although school administrators think they are protecting their students, they are actually violating these young people's constitutional rights.

I don't belittle the problem of school violence. My heart broke just as much as anyone else's would have when I saw 15 wooden crosses, two of which were painted black, standing on a hill in Littleton. And I appreciate the fact that schools are taking an active role in helping to solve these problems. What I don't appreciate, however, is providing protection for the sake of freedom.

We would all acknowledge that violating students' rights may provide a little bit of security. In fact, if police officers had rummaged through Larry Ashbrook's house — simply because it was the eighth one on Marshall Street — the shooting at Wedgwood Baptist Church may have been prevented. But we don't live in that kind of society. In fact, we live in a nation that fought a revolution in order to place freedom over security. And we tend to pride ourselves on that fact until we start discussing students.

What school officials fail to understand is that people do not gain rights as soon as they graduate from high school. Instead, we are all born with constitutional rights. The Supreme Court ruled in a 1969 case called *Tinker et al. v. Des Moines Independent Community School District et al.* — in which three students were suspended for wearing

black armbands to protest the government's policy in Vietnam — that those rights do not stop at the schoolhouse door.

Now let's consider one of the duties of any one of these schoolhouses: to raise public citizens. But what kind of citizens are we raising? Frank Colosi, a member of the American Civil Liberties Union's Texas legal panel and a Fort Worth attorney, said, "If we teach students to urinate on demand, to open their lockers on demand or to wear whatever someone else tells them to wear, in the future, they will not protect others' privacy. If no one protects theirs, why should they protect others'?"

School violence is a problem, no question. But violating students' rights to prevent violent acts is a Band-Aid solution to a gushing wound. Instead of requiring school uniforms, drug tests and random locker searches, let's seriously confront and discuss issues of racism and cultural conflict. Let's establish more clubs and extracurricular activities and programs to help students find part-time jobs. Let's teach conflict resolution techniques and get every parent involved in the education of his or her child. But most importantly, let's stop putting security over freedom, for Benjamin Franklin said as he was helping to found this nation on freedom, "Anybody who would give up a little freedom for a little security deserves neither."

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## Community lacks honesty Addressing campus racism key to combating diversity

The novelist Richard Wright wrote in his book "American Hunger," "I felt that without a common bond uniting men, without a continuous current of shared thought and feeling circulating through the social system, like blood coursing through the body, there could be no living worth of being called human."

As we find ourselves in the midst of the President's Initiative For One America, a week-long conversation on diversity, there are many ideas that need addressing. The time is long overdue for TCU to recognize that diversity is not only essential to a liberal arts education, but a right of those students who receive one. Columnist Bob Ray Sanders and Advisor to the Chancellor on Diversity Cornell Thomas spoke Tuesday night in Clark Hall about the diversity issues that affect TCU. As I listened intently to their presentations and the beginnings of conversation I began to notice a theme. Everyone was there to talk about diversity, but nobody was honestly expressing themselves. The emotions seemed to run too deep and the history of tension seemed hard at work to keep

opposing viewpoints and true intellectual conversation silent.

The longer I sat there, the more frustrated I became. I couldn't wait any longer. As I said my name to the crowd I felt my hands and feet shaking. Talking honestly about race and particularly racism in a personal manner is one of the hardest things to do.

As I went on about how I felt the silent tensions in The Main and began to unearth my own stereotypes, I could feel my heart pounding. I was scared and the group was scared. Students, professors and community leaders all felt the same heaviness of the issue as it began to unfold in conversation. Words came easily though from people's emotions and real experiences. The conversation was a raw expression of fear, alienation and honesty. Although action is a very important step in understanding our differences and eventually celebrating them, true conversation is an act of incredible courage.

For students sincerely educated in a complete liberal arts education, diversity issues must be faced. Even if words fall like knives, we must force ourselves to

hear them. Our other responsibility as students is to explore our own prejudices. It is a stout task, asking people to admit their

racism. Especially those white intellectuals of us who have never admittedly thought a racist thing but laugh at racist jokes and avert our eyes when we walk past a crowd of blacks.

It is always easier to believe that if we are intellectually clean, our souls are clean. This is simply not true. Understanding cannot come through books, clothes or MTV, it has to be confronted, personally and in the community.

Do we have the ability to work things out intellectually and emotionally, and do we have the plain guts to be honest? I hope that we do. I also hope that this week is the start of something TCU can carry for a long time.

Let the current of ideas flow and let the body of all races be seen as human through understanding.

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### Commentary



MATTHEW COLGLAZIER

## Timing presents dilemma for Greeks

### System change would tangle process

### What's all the rush about anyway?

Each year, two weeks before classes start, nearly one-third of the returning female student population is buried in sorority chapter rooms. They are forced to endure endless singing of

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of summer.

But after two weeks, it's over. And we don't have to face the madness until the next fall.

Faculty Senate wants to postpone Recruitment until the Spring semester. Some faculty worry pledging doesn't allow a student time to adjust and grow academically and socially. Students are too busy with pledging and don't take classes seriously enough, causing them to form bad habits which continue throughout their college career.

Not all freshmen Greeks, however, have problems with their grades. Comparisons in recent years have shown the Greek GPA is higher than non-Greek students. In addition, the retention rate among Greeks is 10 to 12 percent higher than their non-Greek peers, meaning students who are members of fraternities or sororities are more likely to return their sophomore year.

If professors are worried about academic performance of freshmen Greek members, perhaps each organization's scholarship officer should work more closely with the Faculty Senate to discuss ways to implement programs that promote academic success.

A semester may give students more study time and a better idea if Greek life is right for them, but there is no guarantee. What is certain is that delaying Recruitment causes more problems.

It makes the Recruitment process a semester-long ordeal.

Last fall, sorority Recruitment was delayed for two weeks. During that time, young women endured much scrutiny under the sharp, watchful eyes of sorority members intent on getting good pledge classes for their chapter. Many sorority members pointed at, stared at and whispered about the young women, not only in The Main, but also during class. That's a distraction that would last all semester.

There would be more Recruitment events throughout the semester. Sororities would also have to hold more skit practices, Recruitment meetings and mixers — all to create and maintain an image of their chapter. Freshman may be getting the time to study, but what about the current members?

Alcohol-related problems will increase.

During sorority Recruitment, there are strict rules for potential new members and current members. Alcohol is not permitted in

any formal recruitment event. In the week prior to, and the week of Recruitment, sorority members are not allowed to attend any function or establishment where alcohol is present.

But if fraternities and sororities have an entire semester to "attract" freshmen to their organization, it will be much more difficult to keep alcohol out of picture. Any party or social gathering could be a Recruitment event.

Rules would be re-defined.

Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council would have to change many of the "dirty rushing" rules for Recruitment.

Granted, change shouldn't be avoided simply because it's a lot of work, but some of these changes would be especially hard to make. For example, during the summer prior to

recruitment, sorority members are not allowed to take soon-to-be freshmen out to dinner or out to bars. They are also not allowed to pay for anything that may be considered a gift or a favor. How could rules be enforced that would prevent an entire semester of "dirty rushing"?

Students who want to be Greek will do so. One semester is not going to deter them. If faculty are worried that Fall Recruitment robs a freshman of his or her individuality before the school year starts, delaying Recruitment isn't going to stop that — only postpone it.

Greek life only consumes those who let themselves be consumed by it. For many, fraternity and sorority membership is a springboard to involvement in other organizations.

But unfortunately, there are others who succumb to the exclusivity and elitism that has always lingered in the Greek system. Postponing recruitment is not a quick-fix to those problems.

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TCU prides itself on the freshman experience it provides. And rightfully so. From New Student Orientation and Frog Camp to Howdy Week and Recruitment, freshmen have opportunity after opportunity to become acquainted with TCU and to meet new friends. The one striking difference between all those other activities and Recruitment is that only during Recruitment are freshmen scrutinized and judged by their peers.

First-semester freshmen just aren't ready for that. Ask anyone in student development at TCU, and they'll rattle off the numbers: Only 68.5 percent of freshmen men and 56 percent of freshmen women rated themselves as above average in social self-confidence last year. Less than 65 percent of men and 49 percent of women ranked themselves above average in popularity.

Freshmen are scared. They are scared they will not fit in. They are scared they will not make any friends. And then they are told that Recruitment is a great way to meet people and find their niche at TCU, which is true. A majority of people who go through Recruitment are able to find their place in a Greek organization.

But what about the ones who don't? Most people go through Recruitment with their heart set on becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority. They aren't just doing it to meet people. They put all their faith and hope and dreams on the line. When they are cut from Recruitment or don't receive a bid that they want, it can be devastating.

Some members of the Greek community have argued that deferring Recruitment would simply turn a two-week process into a semester-long one. But a semester is too long to keep up the Recruitment charade. Dressing to impress would get old after a few weeks anyway, and fraternities and sororities could judge potential members based on what they have done at TCU rather than in high school.

An entire semester will give both current and potential fraternity and sorority members time to evaluate each other on a different level than what Fall Recruitment allows. The 20 minute current members speak to potential members is not enough to accurately determine if he or she is someone who shares the same values and ideals that the organization represents. Freshmen may not even be certain of what values and ideals they do have.

We should give them a chance to develop those feelings before we tell them what their feelings should be.

Individuality and the university experience go hand in hand. But when students are thrown into situations in which they must conform from the first day they arrive on campus, their quest for individuality is turned upside down.

We should all become TCU students before we define ourselves as Pi Kappas or Tri-Delts or whatever we may become.

It is true that TCU's retention rate is higher among fraternities and sororities than non-Greek students. But what about the retention rate of those who want so badly to join a Greek organization but are cut or drop out of Recruitment instead?

At the "Speak Your Mind" forum on Sept. 28, during which deferred Recruitment was discussed, an Orientation Student Assistant talked about a phone call he received from a student. She was crushed, he said, because Recruitment did not turn out the way she had hoped. She was planning to transfer to another school until he talked her out of it.

Deferring Recruitment would solve all these problems. By the time the Spring semester rolls around, freshmen are better acquainted with TCU and the opportunities they have here. Those who decide to go through Recruitment will not be so disappointed when they do not get what they want. Instead of transferring schools, they can go back to the organizations in which they are already involved and which never turned them away.

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## Solid facts needed to determine success of Recruitment

The forum held Sept. 28 by the Faculty Senate and the Academic Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives produced a wide range of opinions concerning the issue of whether or not to defer Recruitment for fraternities and sororities until the beginning of the spring semester.

Well-reasoned opinions were expressed on both sides of the issue underscoring its complexity. Forum participants who thought Recruitment should be moved to the Spring semester argued that the delay would provide freshmen with extra time to become acclimated to the academic

demands of college while allowing them to develop a collective TCU Horned Frog spirit and provide more time for both the freshmen and the fraternities/sororities to make informed decisions about pledging and pledges, respectively.

Those arguing against deferred Recruitment stated that fraternities/sororities would incur a financial loss by not having recruited freshmen living in the houses during the fall semester and a delay would only produce an extended Recruitment which would last the entire three months of the fall semester instead of limiting Recruitment to the current seven to 10 day period. Obviously, both arguments gathered impassioned supporters, all of whom were in agreement with the old saying that there are two types of people in the world: those who agree with me and idiots.

From a faculty perspective, Recruitment

distracts participants from focusing on academics whenever it occurs. During the first few weeks of the fall semester, those participating in Recruitment often fail to attend their courses with obvious adverse academic consequences. It would appear that having Recruitment before classes begin in the fall semester is a better solution. Yet, faculty observe that the distractions of Recruitment are not over when recruiting ends. Students who have been accepted in the Recruitment process now must assimilate into Greek life by learning house rules and adjusting to a new extended family.

Often this assimilation can be characterized by the phrase VENI, VIDI, VICE: I came, I saw, I parted. Other students are frustrated by having to make a very important decision in the current short and stressful recruitment period. Students who were not accepted by the Greek system are

further distracted by coping with feelings of inadequacy and rejection. This "failure" to complete Recruitment successfully leads some students to leave college altogether. Along with the student life staff, faculty teaching freshman courses must deal with all of these issues with their students.

The adjustments to the changing academic expectations from high school to college is a difficult one for many students. Why compound this adjustment by requiring freshman to participate in Recruitment before taking their first college courses at TCU? The freshman year to sophomore year retention rate at TCU is around 80 percent. This means that about 20 percent of the freshman class leaves TCU during or by the end of the freshman year. The retention rate at Southern Methodist University and Rice are 84 percent and 95 percent, respectively. Why are SMU and Rice retaining a higher percentage of freshman?

To what extent is early Recruitment associated with our relatively low retention rate? How would the creation of a freshman college, available to both Greeks and non-Greeks, affect the retention rate?

It seems to me that we are attempting to answer these questions without first gathering adequate information. Accordingly, I have charged the Student Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate with conducting a study to obtain more solid internal data on the timing of Recruitment. In addition to gathering information at TCU, the study will include reports from other universities, particularly from universities which have recently changed the timing of Recruitment. While opinions generate interest in an issue, facts lead to well-informed decisions.

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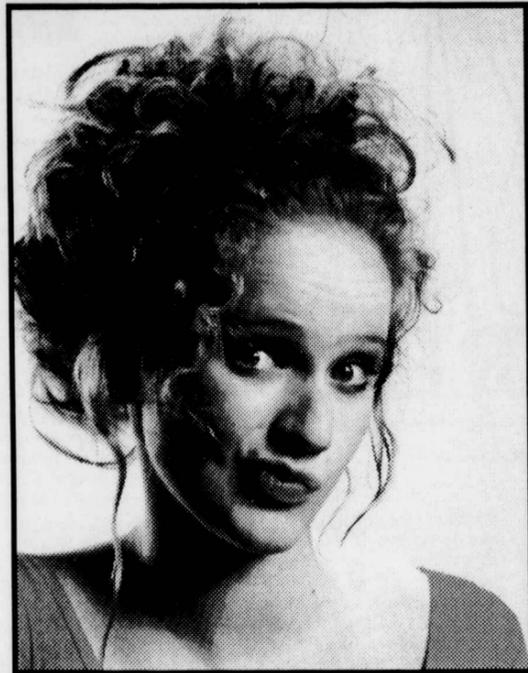
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## THE POWER CAUSING "STRANGE" THINGS ON CAMPUS



Jan Winkelmeyer: "The Don't Walk sign changed to Walk... how often does that happen? It had to be the power of purple?"

By Rags Matthews  
The Horned Frog Telegram

Physical plant electrician Kenny Vaughn almost became a millionaire last week thanks to the Power of Purple that overtook him while watching the week's TCU football game.

Vaughn is far from alone. Since the Frogs began their 1999 football season, the TCU community has been receiving all sorts of "miraculous" signs - just by tapping into the Powers of Purple that have whipped the campus into a frenzy in recent months.

**"I never miss a game ..."**

"I never miss a game," Vaughn began. "It was the third quarter, and quarterback Casey Printers was calling out the snap ... 15, 29, 32, 7, 2, 19, Hut! Hut! ... I immediately saw a purple light, and I knew I had to buy a lottery ticket!" Amazingly, Vaughn matched one of six numbers. "Sure, there might be doubters out there because I didn't match all six," said the giddy Vaughn, "but you have to admit, that's pretty incredible."



Coach Fran: "This Power of Purple is even starting to get to me."

TCU senior Jan Winkelmeyer agrees. She was standing at a cross-walk minding her own business when suddenly her mind began to race with thoughts about Saturday's game against San Jose State.

At that very moment, she said, the *Don't Walk* sign changed to *Walk*. "How often does that happen?" Winkelmeyer asked. "I mean, the light changed with no warning at all. It can only be the Power of Purple. I think it was a message from God to go to the game."

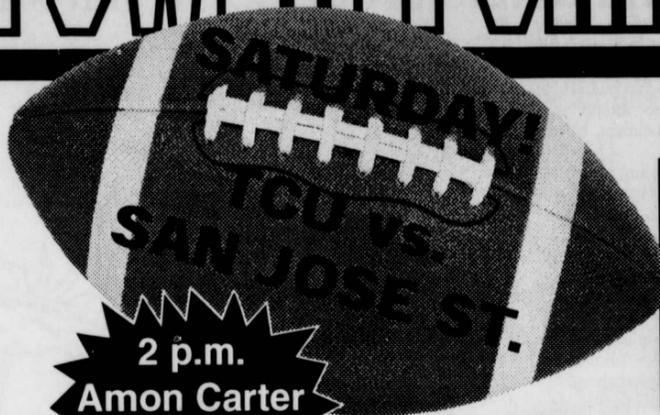
Head Coach Dennis Franchione seemed genuinely mystified by the

**"... a message from God to go to the game ..."**

freak happenings, even though he's surrounded by the Power on a daily basis. "Some things just can't be explained," said Coach Fran with a look of resolve on his face. "But as a tight-knit community, we must huddle together until this thing blows over."

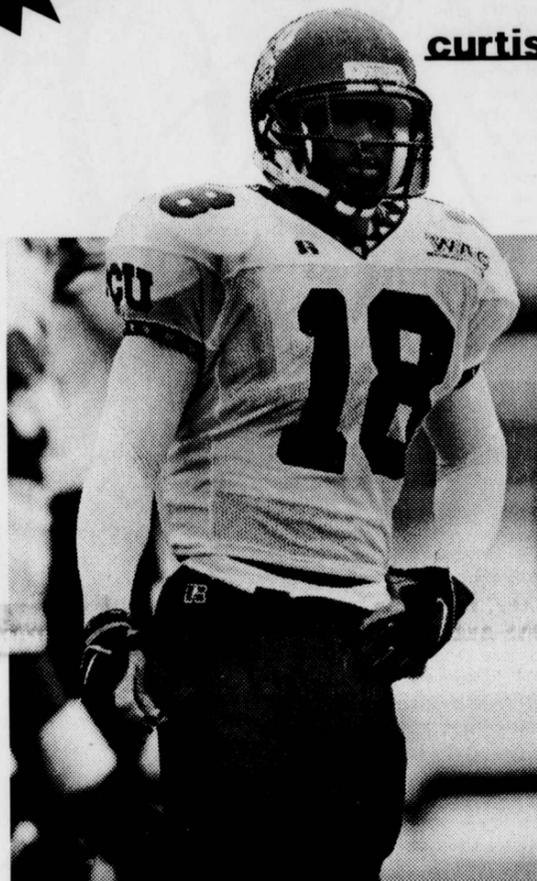
Coach Fran quickly suggested that the best place to gather would be at Amon Carter Stadium this Saturday at 2 p.m. When reminded that TCU's next game against San Jose State will also be at that time, TCU's head coach slapped his forehead.

"Man, what a coincidence," he said. "This Power of Purple is even starting to get to me."



2 p.m.  
Amon Carter Stadium

**CURTIS FULLER**  
could be called the quarterback of the TCU defense.



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Football Association Good Works Team, which honors 11 Athletes who show exceptional dedication to community service. Previously, Fuller was named the NCAA Sportsmanship Outstanding Sports Person of the Year.

"It is very special to be put on the list with some of those guys. It is very encouraging to know there are other people out there doing the same thing I am doing, and it's not just me," Fuller said.

Fuller credits his father, Marcus, as being his role model while growing up. "My father is a very inspirational person. I haven't always liked what he said, but what he said always was right."

Fuller also nods to someone even higher in authority. "I think [doing volunteer work] is a part of me, part of my relationship with Jesus Christ. It is very important that I try to keep the right attitude," Fuller said.

After finishing his psychology degree in December, Fuller will

By Don Dowell '88  
The Horned Frog Telegram

CURTIS FULLER could be called the quarterback of the TCU defense.

Besides being the leader on the field, the junior free safety from Fort Worth Christian is the last line of Frog defense. "I am in charge of getting everyone lined up," said Fuller. "When we blitz, I gotta let everyone know who's got who."

"It is a responsibility that I have taken upon my shoulders because it's a sign of respect the coaches have given me. They feel I have the capability to handle that pressure."

Indeed, Fuller scored two touchdowns last season, one on an interception return against Wyoming, and the other on a 65-yard fumble return against Colorado State. The trend continues this season as Fuller has recovered a fumble against Arkansas State and intercepted an Arizona pass while leading the team in unassisted tackles.

Yet, what has garnered Fuller the most praise in recent days might be what he is doing off the field.

On campus, Fuller has been the President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also takes time during the busy school year

to serve as a mentor for elementary school children. His prized pupil is a third grade girl named Jordan. "I have learned a lot from her," smiles Fuller. "It is a great feeling seeing her eyes light up."

This summer, Fuller was an intern for the Senior Youth Ministry at Richard Hills Church of Christ, working closely with his spiritual mentor, Chris Hatchett. His main assignment - leading nearly 11 high school students on a mission trip to Tampico, Mexico, and building a church in seven days. Fuller, who has participated in these trips for seven years, fondly recalls his toughest task.

"The most difficult thing we did was putting a new roof on a church in a place called Valles, in only seven days. It was 108 degrees at 10 a.m. and 115 degrees by three in the afternoon when they made us stop and come down off the roof. But we got it done."

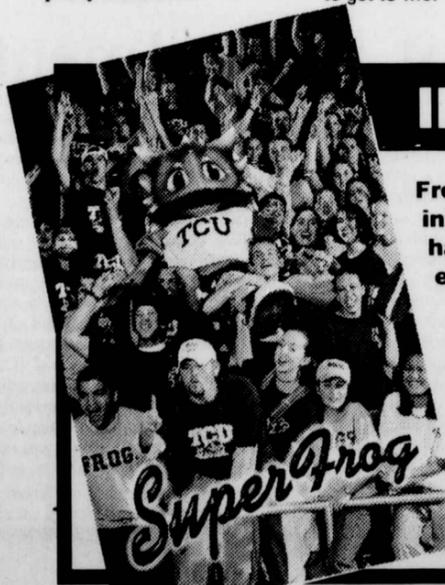
His efforts have not gone unnoticed. In September, Curtis was named to the 1999 American Coaches

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begin working on a Masters in Liberal Arts while playing another year for the Frogs, before deciding which road to choose.

Ministry? "The door is there," said Fuller, who admits he has been struggling with his options. "I would love to do something dealing with kids, if it ended up being coaching. And I would love to do something where I interacted with the community on a daily basis, whether it be a corporation, Church, or school. That would be very special."

**Your I.D. at the gate gets you in the game!**



## IN THE ALLEY

Frog Alley is a FREE family interactive experience and happens for two hours before each game.

In this week's Alley: The buffed-up Superfrog is giving free posters to the kiddoes! Other attractions include KnK Interactive Golf, a magic show, face painters, balloon sculptors, not mention live music from Crawfish!

## ANGELOU

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Arlington resident Barbara Sample learned of the news after she and her husband arrived at the coliseum.

"I'm so disappointed because I was really looking forward to seeing Maya Angelou," she said.

McDorman said she would like to apologize on behalf of the Honors Program to anyone at TCU or in the community who was inconvenienced by the last-minute cancellation.

"In all of my wildest nightmares of what could have gone wrong, this was not one of them," she said.

Ferrari said Angelou's last-minute cancellation is just one of several

recent cancellations by the performer, and he does not want to reschedule her appearance.

According to daily newspapers around the country, Angelou has canceled at least four performances since April, often citing personal illness as her reason.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported in June that the African Overseas Union sued Angelou after she failed to show up at an awards ceremony, claiming she breached a contract that stated she would attend the event on Dec. 5. The nonprofit group said Angelou did not provide any explanation as to why she

would not appear and asked her to pay the losses up to \$75,000 they incurred as a result of her cancellation.

James Buckner, a senior music education and theory composition major, said Angelou should have given more of an explanation for her decision.

"It is sad if there is something legitimately wrong, but my first inclination is that she's blowing us off," he said.

Ferrari said although this is a disappointment for the university and for people throughout the city and beyond, it will not dampen the univer-

sity's enthusiasm to bring other well-known speakers to campus.

"This will have no effect on our determination to bring a first-class lecture series to TCU," he said.

Ferrari said despite the community's disappointment with the situation, it was out of the university's hands.

"This is a major disappointment to the university and the community, but at the same time, these things happen and we have to be sensitive to the situation," Ferrari said.

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## LONDON

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Eric Fretz, a senior computer science major studying at the Centre, said he and his wife are going to Ireland this weekend, and their plans are unaffected.

"From what I understand, the station where the crash happened is used mainly by business commuters," Fretz said. "We're leaving from a different station."

Manja Kargbo, a senior communications major from Marymount University who is living in the same building as the TCU group, said the accident makes her less comfortable riding on trains.

"A lot of my friends don't want to go to the front or rear of trains anymore," Kargbo said. "They want to stay in the middle to avoid possible impact in a crash. The train is the best form of transportation here, but (the accident) makes you worry a lot more."

The accident occurred in almost the same place as a similar crash two years ago, in which seven people died and 150 were injured. Aslef, the train drivers' union in Britain, is now demanding the installation of a fail-safe automatic train protection system to avoid future problems with signals. The new system has met with resist-

ance from rail companies who say the system is too expensive.

Fretz said news coverage in London has been dominated by the tragedy, and students have been talking about it in classes.

Despite all the discussion, however, Jennifer Klein, a junior English major, said she was not going to worry about traveling by train.

"It's really the only way to get around Europe," she said. "Personally, I'm so excited about this Fall Break trip that it doesn't really worry me. The trains have been generally safe for a long time, so this

doesn't change my mind."

Atkins said recent statistics show that more than 35,000 deaths have resulted from car accidents in the United Kingdom during the past decade, compared to only 56 from rail accidents.

"Personally, it won't affect my use of trains," she said. "I don't like to fly either, but if I wanted to get from London to Fort Worth, I would have to get on a plane. People have to use the trains, so you just have to deal with it."

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## CRASH

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inquiry, said no expense should be spared in improving train safety in the future.

He said: "Cost is not a consideration. I want the safest railway system."

The police are trying to end the confusion over the number of people killed and have urged anyone who made it home safely to contact them.

A total of 36 people were still in hospital on Wednesday night - eight fighting for their lives in intensive care and nine more in specialist burns units.

Relatives of those who failed to arrive at their destinations on Tuesday have been given special telephone numbers to call and they, crash victims, railway and hospital staff have been offered counseling.

## SENATE

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we will have had cooperation (of the Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly). This is not change for change sake. This is change to make it better."

Pfaffenberger said he supports having a staff member co-chair the RIB committee.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," he said. "As I'm going to say in the Senate meeting tomorrow, this is a no-brainer. I think that will be the case."

Morgan said he anticipates some faculty discontent about

parity of benefits. Parity should occur with retirement contributions, health care and the tuition benefits package, he said.

"I think there are some issues that must be treated in an equal way," Morgan said. "Not every faculty member agrees with that."

Pfaffenberger said, however, that he does not expect faculty members to oppose equal benefits.

"Most everyone I've talked

to is supportive," Pfaffenberger said. "There is a feeling among faculty members that the staff at TCU do a wonderful job and deserve equal benefits."

Senate members will also hear updates from Larry Lauer, associate vice chancellor for communications and public affairs, Dean of Admissions Sandra Ware and Physical Plant Director Will Stallworth.

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## Men's soccer shuts out Oral Roberts

### WAC honors Rife for goal

Sophomore midfielder Josh Rife was named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 3.

Rife, who leads the Horned Frogs in goals and points, earned the honor after scoring the game's winning goal in TCU's overtime victory over Centenary Oct. 1.

Rife did not stop with the WAC honor from last week. He started off action this week by scoring a goal and assisting on another in the Frogs' match up with Oral Roberts Tuesday.

The following is a breakdown of Rife's personal statistics:

- Height: 5' 10"
- Weight: 174 lbs
- Hometown: Denton, Texas
- High School: Denton High School
- Honors: All-Tournament Team Selection at the Nike/Snickler SoccerFest IV
- Goals: 4
- Points: 9
- Shots: 15
- Shot percentage: .267
- Shots on goal: 8
- Shots on goal percentage: .533
- Game winning goals: 1



Sophomore midfielder Josh Rife plays a ball forward in a non-conference contest earlier in the season. Rife scored a goal and assisted on another in TCU's 3-0 victory over Oral Roberts Tuesday at the TCU Soccer Complex. Rife's game-winning goal versus Centenary was a key in him being named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week last week.

### Team prepares for WAC play against Fresno State

By James Zwilling  
SKIFF STAFF

The men's soccer team defeated Oral Roberts University (Okla.) 3-0 at the TCU Soccer Complex Tuesday in the third-straight victory.

Head coach David Rubinson said he was pleased with his team's performance but believed they could have played stronger in the first half.

"We were a little lackluster during the first half, but we performed very well in the second half," Rubinson said.

Junior midfielder Matt Groves opened scoring for the Horned Frogs 6:29 into the game off an assist by freshmen midfielder Ryan Parsley.

Despite the loss of sophomore defender Tyler Sommers, who is out with a leg injury, the TCU defense managed to hold ORU scoreless for the entire half.

"We played without starters, and I think it showed," Rubinson said. "We can't make mistakes and give away goals when we are not 100 percent healthy."

Sophomore midfielder Josh Rife scored the second goal of the game off an assist by sophomore midfielder Nick Baker with just over 13 minutes remaining.

Rubinson was impressed with the midfielders' play.

"Nick Baker is such a good player," he said. "He goes out there and puts himself on the line every game."

Rubinson said he was equally impressed by Rife who was named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

"It's nice to see Josh recognized," Rubinson said. "His playing ability is really coming along, and he's had a great season so far."

The Horned Frogs' final goal of the game came with 4:25 remaining when junior midfielder Doak VanEnk scored off a penalty kick, ending the game 3-0.

Everything at this point has been preparation for the WAC games. Now, we have to perform. The team needs to fight like a unit and fight for each other.

—David Rubinson, head coach

Rubinson said he was pleased with his team's performance in its last three games.

"Coming out of the Indiana tournament we were 2-3-1," Rubinson said.

"Our goal was to win the next three games. We beat Midwestern on the road, then Centenary and OSU (on Tuesday). Now, we are 5-3-1."

Rubinson said he believes the team has made progress over the course of the season and is ready to compete in the upcoming WAC games.

"Everything at this point has been preparation for the WAC games," Rubinson said. "Now, we have to perform. The team needs to fight like a unit and fight for each other."

The Horned Frogs open WAC play at noon Friday against Fresno State at the TCU Soccer Complex.

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### Edge Box

**TCU** **Passing offense:** Freshman quarterback Casey Printers threw for 251 yards and one touchdown against Fresno State last week. The touchdown was the first of his career. The improved passing performance didn't help the Frog's chances of winning the game though. San Jose State's secondary isn't much better than TCU's, giving up 251 yards per game. Edge: Even

**Passing defense:** Bulldog quarterback Billy Volek once again lit up the TCU secondary for 203 yards and two touchdowns, one to tie the game and one to win the game in overtime. Spartan quarterback Chris Kasteler threw for 368 yards in San Jose State's 44-39 win over Stanford last week. TCU's pass defense has always been the weak link. Edge: SJSU

**Rushing offense:** Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for only 49 yards last week after rushing for 269 yards against Arkansas State. But Tomlinson is still the second-best rusher in the Western Athletic Conference and he will be looking for revenge this weekend. The Spartans have given up 167 yards rushing per game and 13 touchdowns in five games. Edge: TCU

**Rushing defense:** The Frogs gave up 146 yards last week against Fresno State. Paris Gaines led the way with 96 yards on 11 carries. Opponents are averaging 107 yards per game but only 2.7 yards per carry. Spartan tailback Darian Morton gained 105 yards against Stanford in his first appearance of the season and tailback Deonce Whitaker, SJSU's leading rusher, is listed as probable for this weekend. Edge: Even

**Special teams:** Safety Reggie Hunt gave the return team a boost with his 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to begin the second half of the Fresno game, TCU's first since 1992. However, the Frogs missed the ensuing extra point because of a bad snap. Whitaker has one return for an 89-yard touchdown this season. TCU needs stronger special teams to beat the Spartans. Edge: TCU

**Intangibles:** The Frogs suffered a setback last weekend when they lost to fellow WAC-favorite Fresno State. TCU can't get anything consistent going on offense this season. Penalties are killing TCU. The Frogs average more than 100 yards per game in penalties that often kill drives at the most crucial moments. TCU needs this game to get back in the WAC championship hunt. Edge: SJSU

Prediction: SJSU by 10

**San Jose State** **Passing Offense:** SJSU features a high-powered passing attack led by quarterback Chris Kasteler and receiver Steven Pulley. Pulley is the Western Athletic Conference's leading receiver with 35 receptions for 568 yards through five games. TCU's pass defense ranks last in the WAC and 105th in the nation, giving Pulley and company an opportunity to run wild. Advantage: SJSU

**Passing Defense:** The Spartans have a solid pass defense, but the TCU passing game appears to have come alive under freshman quarterback Casey Printers. Printers is still a freshman, though, and only one of SJSU's first five opponents completed 50 percent of its passes. That opponent was Colorado and TCU isn't Colorado. This area may be too close to call. Advantage: Even

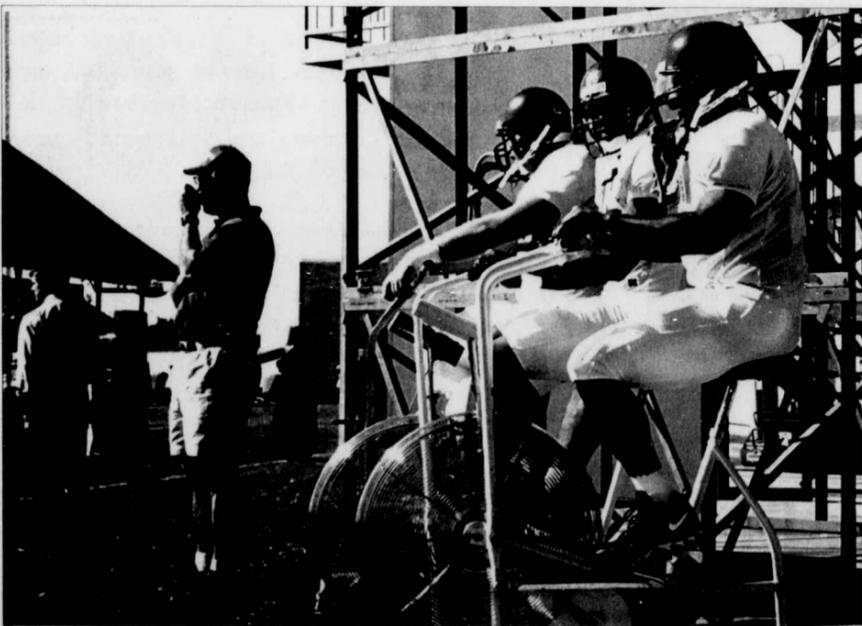
**Rushing Offense:** Deonce Whitaker has replaced LaDainian Tomlinson as the WAC's leading rusher, but his yards have come against porous rush defenses including 203 yards against Saint Mary's in the third game of the year. He hasn't seen a run defense as strong as TCU's and is coming off an ankle injury suffered two weeks ago that forced him out of action against Stanford. TCU only allows 2.7 yards per carry. Advantage: TCU

**Rushing Defense:** The Spartans' rush defense should make Tomlinson smile; it's ranked seventh in the WAC. TCU's rushing game was suffocated by the Fresno State defense last week as the Frogs gained only 59 yards on the ground. SJSU gives up a generous 167 yards per game on the ground which should be music to the ears for those on the TCU side of the ball. SJSU linebacker Floyd Johnson is doubtful for play with a sprained knee. Advantage: TCU

**Special Teams:** SJSU is a pretty solid special teams unit, ranking in the top three of the WAC in two special teams categories. Whitaker leads the conference in kickoff returns. Tim Morgan serves as both the kicker and punter for the Spartans. He is four-of-eight on field goals. TCU is a little bit better in special teams and could sneak out a win here. Advantage: TCU

**Intangibles:** SJSU is a legitimate contender for the conference championship and may have the offensive firepower to get to that level. The Spartans come into the game on a high note after beating Stanford while the Frogs are down after a heart-breaking loss to Fresno State. TCU needs to win and they know it. SJSU is not the "get well" opponent TCU needs right now. Advantage: SJSU

Prediction: SJSU by 5



Three TCU football players ride stationary bikes on the sidelines at a practice last week. The Frogs take on San Jose State at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Amon Carter Stadium.

## Frogs to host San Jose State

By Joel Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

Casey Printers was frantically scanning the end zone. He was under pressure by the oncoming Fresno State pass rush and the possibility of a Horned Frogs' loss in their first conference game of the season.

The freshman quarterback set up to throw, cast the ball through the air and waited...

"I should have read the safety," Printers said later.

Too late. Seconds later, Fresno State revelers were storming the field and the Frogs were preparing for the long flight back to Fort Worth with a 26-19 overtime loss fresh on their minds.

"We have just come up a play or two short this season. Last year we seemed to make those plays," said head coach Dennis Franchione. "We haven't had that rabbit's foot in our pocket (this year)."

Coming off a 4-8 season and armed with only eight returning starters, the Spartans were picked to finish near the basement of the realigned, eight-team WAC by most

preseason prognosticators.

"I think we're turning the tide, and we're a much better football team," said San Jose State head coach Dave Baldwin. "It was nice to get a victory (over Stanford), but our goal is to win the WAC."

On the other side of the coin, the Horned Frogs, who were generally thought to be one of the WAC's strongest teams, have stumbled out of the starting gate.

"That's the way it looks like it's going to be in the WAC," Franchione said. "There's not a lot of difference between teams in the WAC this season."

San Jose State boasts one of the country's most potent offensive units, bolstered by the senior pass-catch combination of quarterback Chris Kasteler and wide receiver Steven Pulley. Pulley was last week's WAC Offensive Player of the Week after a 15-catch, 255-yard performance.

"They're just as good as anybody in the country," said senior safety Reggie Hunt. "We've got the chance to prove ourselves against a really

good offense this week. You've got to respect them. They're solid all the way around."

The Horned Frogs could catch a break if the Spartan's 5-foot-6 junior tailback Deonce Whitaker sits out this week's game with an ankle injury that sidelined him against Stanford.

"He certainly seems to be getting some big yards," Franchione said. "He makes a lot of big plays and is kind of a home-run hitter. His running ability keeps defenses honest."

Printers' golden right arm is keeping opposing defenses honest. Now, opponents cannot stack the line in anticipation of stopping the Frogs' rushing attack. Printers' 251 passing yards against Fresno State last week represented the best Frogs' single-game passing performance in 31 games.

"You can expect us to spread the ball all over the field this week," Printers said. "All I have to do is play within myself, play within the team and play within the scheme."

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# Title IX complicates athletic scholarships

By Victor Drabicky  
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It's late afternoon in Texas, and 22 young men happily pick up their bags and head out into the 100-degree weather. They pile into their cars and head to the place where they voluntarily run for a seemingly endless amount of time each day.

The TCU men's soccer team devotes hours of its time and energy each week to the game it loves without even getting paid.

That's because 20 years ago, a federal mandate called Title IX was put into effect requiring colleges across America to start acknowledging their female athletes through scholarships.

Title IX requires a school to give a number of scholarships proportionate to the percentage of female students enrolled.

For example, since TCU's enrollment is composed of approximately 60 percent women and 40 percent men, the athletics department is required to give 60 percent of their

scholarships to women. Title IX was originally enacted to bring equality for women in collegiate athletics.

Freshman soccer defender Brenda DeRose said Title IX keeps women from being overlooked in collegiate sports.

"I think Title IX has the right idea," DeRose said. "It keeps schools from focusing all their energy on men's sports."

While Title IX has created more scholarships for women, it has also caused some problems.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said one of the problems Title IX creates originates from football.

"Unfortunately, there is no women's sport comparable to football," Hyman said. "This makes the numbers skew in favor of the men. Therefore, we must make more women's sports — scholarship sports in order to even the scale."

TCU football gives its players 85 scholarships, the maximum number

allowed by NCAA regulations.

Due to such a high number of male scholarship athletes, TCU is required to make women's sports — such as tennis and volleyball — scholarship sports.

A senior tennis player from Slovakia and full scholarship recipient, Daria Zoldakova said she would not be able to play tennis if it was not for her scholarship.

"I would not have been able to play tennis at school in Slovakia," Zoldakova said. "TCU's tennis scholarships have given me an opportunity to play tennis and get an education."

Members of the TCU women's soccer team do not have full scholarships yet, but funding they have seen has already made a difference.

Sophomore goal keeper Keith Ann Wagner said scholarships have improved the women's soccer team and could benefit the men's team if scholarships were available.

"Scholarships help us not only

with recruiting but also give us motivation," Wagner said. "Scholarships could also help the men's team recruit players that are overlooking TCU because they don't offer scholarships."

The TCU men's soccer team is one of the only Division I soccer teams in Texas that is not a scholarship sport. Since TCU did not have a men's soccer program when Title IX was enacted, scholarships can't be added to the program. Assistant soccer coach Blake Amos said when the women's team got scholarships, the men's team was left behind.

"The men's team was sort of left in the dark," Amos said. "Since we can't offer players money, they play elsewhere. That forces us to be selective in our recruiting since many players are no longer interested in our program."

Junior goal keeper Ian Keate said that many players are forced to choose between school and the game they love.

"We don't get paid to come out here and play every day," Keate said. "We put our homework and our studies aside so that we can play."

Keate said some players quit because their grades suffer.

"Some people quit because of the pressures of schoolwork," Keate said. "Without a scholarship, many people decide to focus their energy on their grades rather than on soccer."

Freshman midfielder Nick Browne said it was difficult to choose to play at TCU knowing that he couldn't get a scholarship.

"Some of my friends don't even have to pay for their school," Browne said. "It would be nice to have soccer pay for my tuition."

Keate said scholarships would greatly affect the men's soccer program.

"Our ability to recruit would be incredible," Keate said. "We would be able to get the nation's top players to play here. There is little doubt in my mind that if men's soccer was a

scholarship sport, that we would consistently be one of the top 25 teams in the nation."

Keate cites the SMU men's soccer team as an example of what scholarships might do to the men's soccer program.

"SMU is fully scholarshiped and is consistently ranked in the top 25," said Keate. "If we were scholarshiped, we would be able to get players similar to the ones that play at SMU."

Keate said the lack of scholarships has a positive side, too.

"We play because we want to," Keate said. "We don't play because someone is dangling a scholarship in front of us. It keeps all of us, and our intentions, real. We go out and play with our heart every game. We play because we love the game, which is the same reason we started playing when we were kids."

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## Second halves haunt DBs

By Todd J. Shriber  
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU secondary features an All-American candidate (senior Reggie Hunt), a punishing hitter (junior Curtis Fuller) and depth that any defensive coordinator would envy.

The Frogs have the luxury of being able to interchange juniors Russell Gary and LaVar Veale at the other safety spot, and juniors Greg Walls and Kendrick Patterson team with freshman Jason Goss to give the team a solid trio with which to fill two cornerback spots.

Despite the combination of talent, athleticism and depth shown in the secondary, they have not put together a complete game. TCU's secondary has learned firsthand in 1999 what it will take to make this season a banner year for the group that has been filled with trials and tribulations.

Most of the problems for TCU's defensive backs have come in the second half of games this year.

In the season-opening loss to the University of Arizona, the Frogs took a 23-7 lead into the second half only to watch Arizona's Dennis Northcutt embarrass the secondary for three touchdowns on his way to 257 yards on 10 catches.

Last week against Fresno State in the conference opener for both teams, a similar pattern was replayed. The Frogs held the lead late in the game only to watch Bulldog quarterback Billy Volek toss two late touchdown passes to win the game.

Goss said part of the problem is the secondary plays differ mentally in the second half of games.

"We play hard in the first half and even into the third (quarter)," Goss said. "But in the fourth quarter it's like we're playing not to lose instead of doing what we need to do to win."

Hunt echoes his teammate's

sentiments.

"Big plays at the end of the games have hurt us," he said. "We need to play all four quarters not three quarters and five minutes. Like in the last game, my big play (Volek's first touchdown pass) came with seven minutes left in the game."

Although the Frogs rank last in the Western Athletic Conference and 105th out of 114 teams in the nation in pass-efficiency defense, the attitude among the secondary remains positive.

"We're keeping our heads up," Hunt said. "We're getting better every week, and it's showing in practice. We missed some assignments, but we're a few plays from being 4-0."

Goss agrees with Hunt that a few costly plays have been the downfall of the secondary.

"We're a great secondary, but a few plays have cost us," he said. "We have confidence in each other and we don't let each other get down."

The Frogs have allowed opponents to complete 56 percent of their passes while throwing for eight touchdowns. TCU has only snatched two interceptions this year, something Goss says has been a problem.

"We need to focus on getting more turnovers," he said. "We haven't had too many interceptions so we need to catch the ones that come near us."

San Jose State has the nation's ninth-ranked offense and the WAC's leading receiver in Steven Pulley.

The Spartans have passed for 1,364 in five games this year, but the task of stopping a high-octane aerial assault doesn't faze Hunt.

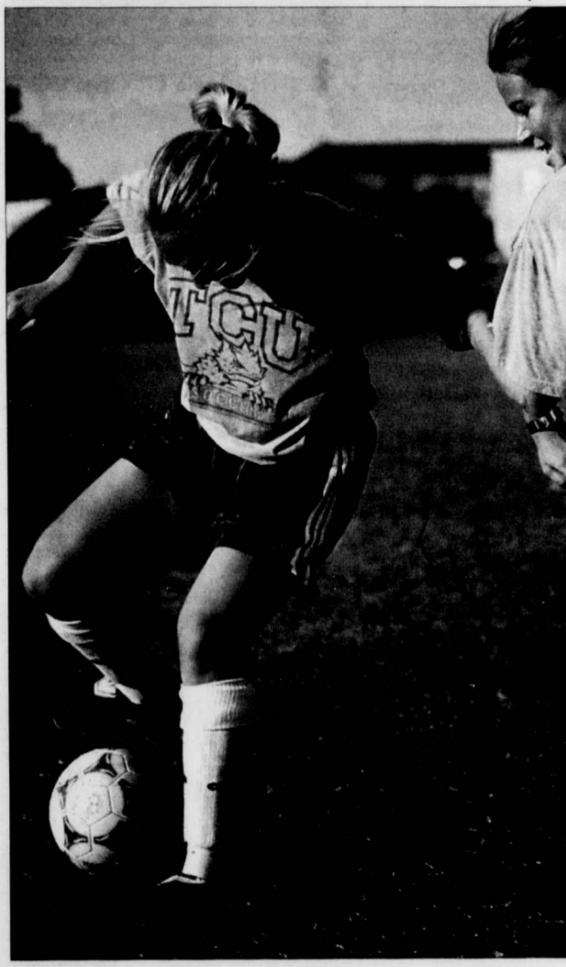
"(San Jose State) is one of the top offenses in the country," Hunt said. "But we need to bring it together as a unit, and I think we can start with this game."

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Freshman sweeper Brenda DeRose's fancy foot work, left, oftentimes acts as the last line of defense for women's soccer team. DeRose, below, fends off teammate Jackie Rodriguez in a practice Wednesday. The women's squad will aim for its sixth shutout against Texas-El Paso at 1 p.m. Friday at the TCU Soccer Complex.



## Cooperation key to soccer defense

Women guide squad to five shutouts

By Victor Drabicky  
STAFF REPORTER

In a time when eccentric personalities rule the sports world and the letter 'I' has seemingly been added to the word team, the TCU women's soccer team's defense still has found the keys to success lie in cooperation.

"We don't have a star defensive player," said Jackie Rodriguez, a junior defensive starter. "All four of us play as one. We play for each other."

Together, the Horned Frog defense recorded five shutouts in the first 12 games, held their opponents to a .093 shot percentage and, on average, allowed opponents to score only 1.24 goals per game.

Head coach David Rubinson said he is more than happy with the defense's play so far this season.

"The defense has played strong all season long," Rubinson said. "There have been times when, as a team, we have bent but not broken. The defense is the key that has kept us from breaking."

Teammates agree much of the defense's success can be attributed to the natural chemistry between the three returning starters and one starting freshman.

Andrea Smith, senior defensive starter and captain, said each defensive player depends on the other three.

"Throughout the game, the four defenders play off of each other," Smith said. "We realize if someone needs help and do our best to help them. It sort of comes naturally."

Brenda DeRose, the freshman starter, said she has confidence in the people she plays with.

"We all work hard," DeRose said. "The harder we work, the more in-tune we get with each other. It makes communicating among ourselves much easier."

Rodriguez said she agreed that

much of the defense's good play stems from good communication.

"We are always talking," Rodriguez said. "We play a zone defense, so it is very important that we keep each other informed on which man they are covering."

TCU's defensive scheme calls for defensive players to cover certain areas of the field rather than specific opponents. This requires players to constantly communicate with each other in order to keep track of opposing players.

Rodriguez said without communication, the whole system would break down.

"Without communication, it would be chaotic," Rodriguez said. "It is when we stop communicating that we have mental lapses and give up goals."

TCU's defense has limited the amount of mistakes it has made despite dealing with the added pressure of an offense weakened by the loss of assists leader Tiffany Goetz and freshman forward Sherry Dick to injury.

"Injuries are just part of the game that we need to deal with," Rubinson said. "We need some players to step up and score some goals to get rid of some of the pressure that is on our defense. Otherwise, we are going to have a difficult time in conference play."

Terra Mayfield, a junior forward for the team, said she is confident the defense will continue to play well.

"We have played 12 games for these last seven," Mayfield said. "There's no doubt in my mind that our defense will play strong throughout Western Athletic Conference play."

The women's soccer team begins WAC play when they take on the University of Texas-El Paso at 1 p.m. Friday at the TCU Soccer Complex.

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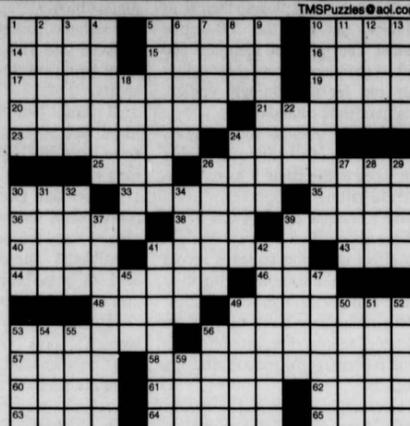
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**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- \$ in the bank
  - Active starter?
  - Bacteriologist Jonas
  - Soft drink
  - Euphemistic oath
  - Economist Greenspan
  - Dreamboat
  - Lion's hairdo
  - Of two continents
  - Type of football kick
  - Chest elements
  - Fairway hazard
  - Consumed
  - Types of whales
  - Arab cloak
  - Waste matter
  - Murder
  - Protuberance
  - Say what?
  - Terminate
  - Panache
  - Of the back of a tooth
  - Mao \_\_\_-Tung
  - One of three sportscasting brothers
  - Puppeteer Baird
  - Come up short
  - Up to
  - Winston Cup circuit
  - Furniture style
  - Son of Adam
  - Financier Brady's nickname
  - Spiritual guide
  - Played again
  - Actress, \_\_\_
  - Skye Leitch
  - Wild shot
  - Get the lead out?
  - Litigant



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**



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- DOWN**
- 1 Rued the aerobics
  - Heart of France
  - Bow of silent films
  - Kiribati's capital
  - Pensioner
  - Turkish titles
  - Shucks!
  - Bachelor's last statement
  - "Luther" dramatist
  - Proposer's detective
  - Jai \_\_\_
  - Touch down
  - Proposer's support
  - African pest
  - Catch in the act
  - Snug
  - Soul seller
  - Outer garment
  - One meaning of X
  - Knife of old
  - "Fernando" group
  - Folk singer Ives
  - Inter \_\_\_
  - Dizzying course of events
  - Driver, e.g.
  - Type of tie
  - Ill-starred lady of Celtic legend
  - Ear shell
  - Sheep sound
  - Kenesaw Mountain \_\_\_
  - Deep sleeps
  - Jewel: Fr.
  - Singer Frankie
  - Mr. Fudd
  - Acts shrewish
  - Border (on) Roma
  - Evening in \_\_\_
  - Mia
  - Comparative suffix

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