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Missing sculpture recovered as police search for suspects

The modern art sculpture that was reported missing from the area behind the Moudy Building last weekend was found lying on the sidewalk in the 3400 block of Dryden Street early Thursday morning.

A student saw the piece and reported it to TCU police shortly before 4 a.m., and Sgt. Michael Hanvey drove to the location, loaded the recovered artwork into his truck and transported it to the Moudy Building.

TCU police said the investigation is not over, although the piece has been returned. Officials will continue to search for the party responsible for the theft of the sculpture.

"Just because you return the piece doesn't mean you didn't commit the crime," Officer Vicki Lawson said.

Charles Wells, the former TCU student who created the piece, was happy his sculpture was recovered, said TCU Detective Kelly Ham.

Thad Duhigg, a professor of sculpture and Wells' former instructor, said the guilty party should be found and dealt with.

"I'd like to see something happen to them," he said. "I don't know if they should be kicked out of school, but something should be done. Otherwise, it will be open season on outdoor sculpture."

With the return of the sculpture, Wells is still planning to come and take the piece, Duhigg said. Wells will show his work in museum shows and other art venues. He is currently teaching at Baylor University.

The steel sculpture was damaged where it had been torn from its base and one of the arms had been bent.

Any information about the theft can be reported to TCU police at 257-7777 or anonymously online at (www.cap.tcu.edu/CRIMINAL.HTM).

Delta Sigma Theta to present step competition

The Iota Eta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority will present a step competition for high school groups at 6 p.m. Saturday in Moudy Building North, Room 141.

Admission to the event is \$3, and proceeds will benefit the winning team's high school.

The event will feature groups from four different high schools from around the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Step groups from Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha will also perform.

Yonina Robinson, a Delta Sigma Theta member, said the groups' performances will feature "stepping," a unique type of synchronized rhythmic dance accompanied by music and vocals produced by the teams' members.

"Stepping comes from African tribal origins and has evolved into its current form through its popularity among African-American fraternities and sororities," Robinson said.

The competing groups will be judged on precision, content and originality.

For more information about the event, call Tonya Cobb at (817) 263-0384.

Campaigning for SGA set to begin

Candidates to begin race for 5 student body offices Saturday

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

The Student Government Association took this week to prepare for upcoming officer elections as campaigning begins midnight Saturday, and students planning to run in the Nov. 3 and 5 election must submit their applications to the SGA office by that time.

The Elections and Regulations Committee held an information session Tuesday and Thursday to inform prospective candidates about the available SGA positions and to educate students about the rules of campaigning.

Candidates will be campaigning for five student body offices, which include SGA president, House of Student Representatives vice president, vice president for programming, treasurer and secretary.

"If you're considering a position, you should be planning because if you haven't campaigned before, it's a lot more than you bargained for," House Vice President Sarah Burleson said.

As of Thursday evening, almost 10 applications had been picked up from the SGA office, and two of those had already been completed and turned into the Election and Regulations

Committee box.

Burleson said she thinks advertising the election has helped contribute to students' interest in running.

"Quite a few people who are not a part of House have asked for applications, so I think the word is out there," she said.

Jason Cordova, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, will be electing an Election Appeals Board comprised of 10 people who will govern in the event of an election violation.

The board will include Cordova, the House parliamentarian, a representative from the Office of Campus

Life, three students outside of House and four members of House but non-members of the Elections and Regulations Committee. Those interested in serving on the board can pick up an application from the House office Tuesday.

Since the decision was recently made to begin voting online, the House has had to reconstruct the election code to comply with new voting rules and Internet procedure.

With online voting being this year's biggest change, Cordova said he is hoping things run smoothly.

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Qualifications for SGA positions:

- President: Must have completed 60 credit hours.
- Vice President: Must have completed 30 credit hours.
- Vice President for Programming: Must be a current member of Programming Council's executive board or have approval and have completed 30 credit hours.
- Treasurer: Must have completed: at least one accounting course with a minimum 2.5 GPA in the course or courses and 30 credit hours.
- Secretary: Must be able to type 30 words a minute and have completed 30 credit hours.



Heartfelt support

(Above) Kenshae Brown, a Purple Hearts member and a pre-med freshman, and her brother Jeremy assemble care packages for the TCU football players Thursday evening in the Letterman's Lounge in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

(Left) Some members of Purple Hearts, a group that helps to recruit high school students for TCU's football program and decorates lockers for athletes, provide their support and encouragement for the football team. TCU will play Rice University at 2 p.m. Saturday in Houston.



Photos by Sarah Kirschberg/SKIFF STAFF

Police expanding security

Student one of new guards patrolling campus at night

By Justin Roche
STAFF REPORTER

Aaron Cisar donned his security guard uniform for the first time Wednesday night as the newest addition to the TCU Police Department.

Hiring Cisar, a senior English major, helps TCU Police increase night security on campus and also aids Cisar in his aspiration to become a police officer.

"It's a step I have to take to get where I want to be later on," Cisar said.

When one security guard resigned earlier this semester, retired postal worker Don Kimberling was the only night security guard for the entire TCU area. Recent thefts and criminal activity on campus have also called for a larger security force, TCU police officials said.

Chief Steven McGee said he has been trying to hire more security guards for some time but found it difficult because of the nature of the job.

"We haven't had much luck getting people to work those kind of hours," McGee said.

The security guards are required to work from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Cisar said the hours are the part of the job that intimidates him the most.

"My biggest fear right now is lack of sleep," said Cisar, who is taking 17 credit hours.

McGee said he is planning to hire two more applicants, and three additional openings could be filled later. Before they are hired, applicants must complete a physical test and a criminal background check by Human Resources.

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Slive discusses future of fast-paced conference

TCU facilities will help C-USA become a major player in Division I athletics, commissioner says

By Alan Melson
STAFF REPORTER

Conference USA Commissioner Mike Slive has no plans to give TCU the boot from the conference anytime soon. In fact, TCU, who will join C-USA in 2001, gave Slive a boot instead — two of them, in fact.

Slive, the featured speaker at Thursday's Frog Club luncheon, received a pair of cowboy boots in a special presentation made by Justin Industries President and Chief Operating Officer J.T. Dickenson. The luncheon's objective, however, was for Slive's discussion of C-USA, and where he feels the conference is going.

Slive, speaking to an audience of about 275 Frog Club members and guests, said he

was happy the member schools of C-USA had voted to accept TCU. He also said that TCU will bring many positives to the conference.

"I've seen some of your facilities when Eric (Hyman, TCU athletics director) drove me around," Slive said. "The first thing I said to him was that I would send our championship person down here because you've got some wonderful facilities, and we want to bring some conference events down here as soon as we can."

Slive said C-USA has positioned itself to be a major player in Division I college athletics.

"Football grew very quickly," he said. "This is only our fourth football season, and we've got the television deal, so now I feel we're playing

very competitively. On the basketball side, I think it speaks for itself. We have had 25 appearances in four years in post-season basketball competition, between the NCAA and the (National Invitational Tournament). We've also put four or five women's basketball teams in the NCAA tournament each year."

Slive, who has been the commissioner of C-USA since its inception in 1995, said the conference came into being mainly as a result of how televised college football has evolved.

"I remember being in New Orleans in December 1993, sitting and reading in the newspaper that CBS had lost the rights to broadcast NFC (a division in professional

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Flute recital to feature prof

Pieces from 1700s, 1900s will add to variety of performance

By Carey Hix
STAFF REPORTER

Audience members attending Monday night's faculty flute recital will have the opportunity to hear a variety of music from several different time periods.

The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. It will feature Karen D. Adrian, an adjunct professor of flute, accompanied by TCU alumnus Shields-Collins Bray on the piano and harpsichord.

Adrian, who has performed with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra since 1978, said she has taken measures to make the recital interesting.

"I do my best to get a lot of variety in the program," she said. "What I've done is put an unaccompanied piece to start ... Then we go into this gorgeous piece from an opera."

"... One of the beauties of the flute as an instrument is that it's not just one sound. You can do many, many different kinds of sounds, so I always try to program things that will give me a little bit more freedom."

Bray, who has performed with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra since 1986, said

Who: Karen D. Adrian, adjunct professor of flute, accompanied by TCU alumnus Shields-Collins Bray on the piano and harpsichord

What: A faculty flute recital

When: 7:30 p.m. Monday

Where: PepsiCo Recital Hall in the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for Performing Arts

Cost: Free

not playing the songs in chronological order helps to vary of the music.

"(There are some) pieces that were written in 1700 that will be immediately followed by something written in the 20th century," he said. "So there's just a lot of variety."

Performance faculty members are expected to give recitals at least once a year, Adrian said.

"You should be playing for the students because they have to go out and do this," she said. "This is what a lot of my students

will be doing in the world when they leave here, so they have to see and hear it live all the time. So basically, it's my responsibility."

Jennifer Shults, a junior music education major, said everyone will be able to benefit from Monday night's performance.

"There's going to be a lot of different kinds of music," she said. "She's a wonderful player that so I think it will be wonderful for everybody to come out and hear her."

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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. 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.

■ TCU Student Foundation will be accepting membership applications until today. Activities include new student recruitment, alumni programming and general university advancement. Applications may be picked up in the Admissions Office or the Office of Alumni Relations and turned in to the Admissions Office. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 257-7803.

■ Yearbook will be taking pictures for the 1999-2000 edition from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. For more information, call 257-7606.

■ TCU Toastmasters will meet at noon Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 211. For more information, e-mail (r.elleven@tcu.edu) or go to (<http://gamma.is.tcu.edu/~relleven/tm.html>).

■ Flu vaccinations will be given from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the Brown-Lupton Health Center. The cost is \$10.

■ Texas Wesleyan University Law School and the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association will host a 5K Run/Walk Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Wesleyan Law School, 1515 Commerce St. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. For more information, e-mail Shannon Pritchard at (twisis@abl.com).

■ Tickets for the MP3.com Tour featuring the Goo Goo Dolls and Tonic will be sold until today for \$15. After this week, tickets can be purchased for \$20 at Dillard's. The concert, sponsored by the TCU Programming Council, will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

■ RTVF Thursday Film Series will present "The Uninvited" (1944) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

■ The 27th Annual Colby Halloween Open House will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday for children — under the age of 12 — of TCU faculty and staff members. Participants can trick or treat in the residence hall according to the following schedule: last name G-L, 6 p.m.; M-R, 6:30 p.m.; S-Z, 7 p.m.; and A-F 7:30 p.m.

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News

ROUNDUP

World

Missiles hit Russian city killing 118, wounding hundreds more

GROZNY, Russia — Massive explosions rocked the heart of Grozny Thursday after salvos of rockets slammed into an open air market and other parts of the city. A Chechen official said 118 people were killed and up to 400 wounded.

Chechen officials claimed the rockets were fired by Russian forces moving in on the city. The Russian Defense Ministry in Moscow, however, "categorically denied" its forces were responsible for the blast.

The city's central market was littered with bodies, severed body parts and pools of blood after six rockets exploded amid the stalls, which were crowded with shoppers. At least four other rockets slammed into other parts of the city, including one that hit a maternity clinic.

Magomed Magomadov, a senior government official, said that 118 people had been killed and 300 to 400 others wounded. Many of the injured were in critical condition, he said.

Hundreds of terrified people, many screaming and crying, ran for cover as the rockets exploded in the Grozny market. Surrounding streets were jammed with survivors and others trying to escape. Some onlookers tried to help wounded survivors who staggered away from the devastated area.

First Tanzanian president dead at 77, remembered as great teacher

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — Military drums rolled, African friends and international leaders paid emotional tribute and ordinary Tanzanians wept for their beloved "Mwalimu" Julius Nyerere, whose state funeral Thursday marked the passing of an era in Africa.

A week after the 77-year-old Nyerere, who was his country's first president from 1962 to 1985, died in a London hospital, his African friends and colleagues entered the National Stadium to thank him for his role in the liberation of eastern and southern Africa.

International figures spoke with feeling for the leader known as "Mwalimu," the Kiswahili word for teacher, who gave his people self-respect, dignity and a stable unity.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo nearly whispered as he recalled how Nyerere worked to free him from prison after he was jailed and accused of plotting a coup.

Many mourners, including Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Britain's Princess Anne, wore black. Nyerere's widow, Maria, and several of his daughters wore black turbans.

Those who eulogized Nyerere spoke with admira-

tion of his having used Kiswahili, an African language, to forge unity among a nation of 32 million people comprising 120 ethnic or language groups.

The coffin carrying the body of the man Albright hailed as "in every sense, a great world leader," left the stadium on the shoulders of 10 army officers and was flown to Butiama, his home village in northwestern Tanzania. Nyerere will be buried there Saturday.

Nation

Despite increase in unemployment, U.S. businesses need workers, economists say

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing new applications for unemployment benefits rose by 9,000 last week, but economists said even with the slight increase U.S. businesses still are scrambling to find workers.

The Labor Department said Thursday that 298,000 people filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending Oct. 16, compared with 289,000 filing claims the previous week, when the figure had dropped by 25,000.

The increase pushed the four-week moving average to 300,750, the first time it has been above the 300,000-level in three months. But even with the small rise, the number of newly laid off workers remains at historically low levels.

The unemployment rate in September remained at a 29-year low of 4.2 percent and many economists believe strong economic growth could push that rate down even lower to 4.1 percent in October.

The Federal Reserve, worried that tight labor markets could lead to rising wage demands and higher inflation, has pushed interest rates up twice this year.

Jawbone fossils found in Madagascar may be from oldest dinosaurs ever discovered

WASHINGTON — Jawbones of two animals from before the Jurassic period may be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever discovered and could focus new light on an era when mammals, dinosaurs and reptiles were in a frenzy of evolutionary change.

The new fossils were found in an ancient riverbed in Madagascar mixed with the remains of other animals that are believed from earlier studies to have lived 227 million years ago.

Dating of the fossils is based on the co-discovery of fossils from primitive forms of other animals, including a mammal-like reptile, that lived just before the age of dinosaurs. Fossils that had held the title as most ancient dinosaur were found in Argentina and age-dated using radioisotopes at 227 million years. The South American site included mammal-like reptiles that were more advanced, and therefore younger, than similar fossils found at the Madagascar site, said Andre Wyss of the University of California, Santa Barbara, co-founder of a research team that is excavating the Madagascar site.

The new specimens consist of the upper and lower jaw bones of two dinosaur species never before seen, said Wyss. Based on the teeth and the characteristics of the jaw, the researchers identified

them as prosauropods, primitive plant-eaters with small heads and long necks. The prosauropods are thought to be the beginning of an evolutionary lineage that eventually produced apatosaurus, a 36-ton plant-eating monster that was the largest animal ever to walk the Earth.

State

Unpaid cab fare lands driver in jail on charges of kidnapping 14-year-old boy

DALLAS — A Houston cab driver says a misunderstanding over an unpaid fare landed him in jail in a Dallas suburb on a kidnapping charge.

Alberto Gallegos, 23, said he was asked to drive a 14-year-old boy from Corpus Christi to his aunt's home in Plano. But 369 miles later, he had an unpaid bill for \$1,150 and a kidnapping charge.

Gallegos said when he got to Plano around 2 a.m. Wednesday, the boy's aunt wouldn't tell him where to drop off the boy and they decided to meet at a gas station.

Gallegos contended that the aunt, identified by Plano police as Cleopatra Bonilla, hedged when it came to paying. The woman offered Gallegos \$800, a figure she told police they had agreed upon up front.

However, the driver denied such an arrangement, insisting on the amount tallied by his meter. Gallegos refused the lesser amount and drove away.

"I said I would never set a fee up front because I go by my meter," he said. "I went to another phone at another gas station and called this other number I had for the kid's mother in New York. And she told me she would make up the difference."

But when the taxi van left with the boy in the back, Bonilla called police and said a vehicle had just driven off with her nephew.

Alternative haunted houses show teens' re-enactment of high school shooting

CEDAR HILL — A youth pastor of an Assembly of God church in this Dallas suburb says he wants to save teens from sin, hell and another deadly attack like the Columbine High School massacre.

But Tim Ferguson said Wednesday he figures that to save the teens' souls, he first has to scare them.

His church's alternative haunted house, Hell House 911, shows teens the road to hell with more than a dozen scenes about rape, suicide and other grim topics — including a re-enactment of the Littleton, Colo., high school shooting in April.

Visitors come by the bus load and line up for a haunted house that has no witches or goblins. Some call the Hell House even scarier because it's about true-life horrors.

The re-creation of the Columbine attack is not unusual for Hell House, which has staged school shooting scenes the past several years. Last year, it was the West Paducah, Ky., shooting.

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STAFF editorial

Money Talks But keeps Dole silent

Some day a woman will be president, just not today. Elizabeth Dole, the only female candidate seeking the Republican presidential bid, withdrew from the race Wednesday, citing fund-raising problems.

"The bottom line remains money," she said in Thursday's *Dallas Morning News*. "Wherever you go you find yourself answering questions not so much about guns in the classroom or China in the World Trade Organization, but money in the bank and ads on the airwaves."

It's sad to see that the campaign has revolved around who has raised the most money and not about who would be a better candidate.

Whereas male candidates are expected to clarify and defend their stance on issues, Dole first had to prove competency. And she did that. She was transportation secretary under Reagan, labor secretary under Bush and president of the American Red Cross.

It still wasn't enough.

Clearly America is not ready to elect a female. Even people who liked Dole didn't believe she would be elected. The lack of confidence in her bid translated to lack of funds.

Most people donate money to the candidate they think is going to win, and they may have felt their money would be wasted on Dole.

"The overwhelming influence of money on our political life has claimed another excellent candidate before a single vote was ever cast," said Sen. John McCain in the *Morning News*. "Mrs. Dole made history as the first credible woman candidate for president but sadly even that achievement could not eclipse the overwhelming money chase of the campaign."

Sadly, this race has proven that some people still have to run farther than others.

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Standardized tests unfair

So, what was your SAT score? A little hesitant to admit it? Whether it was good or bad, most people would simply rather not say. Why? Because people tend to automatically make a judgment about your mental prowess based solely on that number.

Luckily, most colleges and universities are enlightened enough to realize there's much more to a person than just a standardized test score. Academic record, work history and extra-curricular activities are all taken into account. A more accurate perception of that person results from examining these areas of their life.

Unfortunately, it seems that Texas public school students are not given the same opportunity to prove themselves. It has become increasingly easy to categorize a student based on whether or not they've passed the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. The ones who have passed it are good students and worthy of a high school diploma. The ones who haven't are slackers.

After all, the TAAS test covers only the basic skills that all Texas schools should be teaching. Students who can't pass the test simply aren't

trying hard enough. In fact, the graduation-level TAAS is probably too easy.

Whoa! If I remember correctly, the TAAS is a long, grueling test spread over a three-day period. A true slacker wouldn't even make the effort to take the test. These slackers are just regular students who have been trying to learn in a sometimes substandard environment.

Don't get me wrong. The TAAS test is perfectly valid. In theory, at least. All students are taught the same basic subjects and should be held accountable for demonstrating basic knowledge in these areas. But the reality is that not all Texas students are taught or taught well these so-called basic skills. And minority students are often the ones short-changed.

The passing rates for minority students today are still below what the rate was for white students in 1994. That's right — 1994 — when the passing rate for white students was 67 percent.

What TAAS results do show is that some districts are failing to teach requirements. This is not surprising. These are often the same districts that have archaic computers, outdated science labs and worn-out textbooks. Is it fair to hold students in these districts to the same standards?

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund said, "No," in a class-action suit that is trying to stop the state from using

the TAAS to determine if a student can graduate. The MALDEF agrees that students should not be held to the same standards until all districts are teaching at the same level.

MALDEF is looking out for the well-being of all Texas students — not just Mexican Americans. They realize that more minority than white students continue to fail the TAAS. And they realize that these minority students are inordinately represented in the less-than-stellar school districts.

Until students in all Texas school districts are given similar learning opportunities, students should be allowed to receive their diplomas without passing the exit-level TAAS. Admittedly, this is not an ideal solution. But, likewise, having substandard school districts is not an ideal situation. It's unfair to punish otherwise good students for something they have absolutely no control over.

TAAS testing should continue. If nothing else it acts as a diagnostic tool showing what districts need the most help. If we make an effort to assist these districts, we can assure that students really are learning basic skills. We can do so without judging an individual's ability solely based on a standardized test score.

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Commentary



SARAH MULLEN

Education valued above all

School legacy not found in buildings but in student minds

There is a quietly unfolding divide in the image that students, faculty and administrators are trying to carve out for our school in the next decade.

On one hand, there are students who are engrossed in their own expectations of what TCU should be about. The familiar slogan, "It's about you," seems to be the standard in conversation relating to what students get for the money they spend. There is a heightened demand for more amenities, which people seem to blindly believe will bring better students to our campus.

I have even heard classes compared to cereal, as if education was a commodity and not a gift. Although we do pay for classes, many professors take seriously their charge to educate and not just train.

On the other side of this divide lies the faculty and administration. With the Commission on the Future of TCU, diversity week and the fraught attempt to bring big-name speakers to our campus, the faculty seem to be embracing other causes. Namely, the cause of a liberal arts education.

Programming can lean in two ways here, that which is designed for the entertainment and pleasure of the students and that which is designed for educational value.

I propose that a liberal arts education is not simply job training. All majors — including art, journalism and theater — must value a wide range of topics from math and science to religion and history. If we concentrate simply on getting the skills to be able to earn money when we get out of here, then we are contradicting the very principles on which liberal arts schools like ours were formed.

The individual who has a strong liberal arts education has the ability to perform well at any

job. Classical background and diversity of knowledge is essential to creating an analytical and progressive society. These are a few proposed values that we as students must consider if we want our diploma to be worth something more than a winning football team or new buildings.

In addressing the issue of student amenities, I would say that students need to consider what time and effort they put into their studies and not the need to have more send-home machines or computers or unnamed convenience stores. I don't think that these are all bad things, but the time to shift our focus is now.

If students are expected to perform higher, the recognition of first-tier school will come. It doesn't matter how many football games we win, in so much as we have a team of scholar athletes who set examples instead of records. The challenge we have before us is creating a learning community and not just a church camp.

There is nothing more rewarding to a student than to be present and participatory in an intellectual environment. This could mean eating lunch with a professor, starting a new club or simply working hard on programs that were formed to make a difference.

The tools for TCU are there. We can choose anything we like. New buildings are nice but will soon become a part of the everyday landscape, and winning teams are nice, but eventually we will lose. However, sending educated students into the world with wide perspectives and critical minds leaves a legacy that can be passed to our children and others around the world. We must face the challenge of creating these kind of students with vigor and a renewed sense of who we are and what we want to become.

I will end with a quote from Friedrich Nietzsche who said, "What does not kill us, makes us stronger." Imagine a football player quoting Nietzsche.

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LETTERS to the editor

Respect key to understanding those with different lifestyles

Not only do I want to commend Shavahn Dorris for her honesty and self-reflection in her column in Tuesday's *Skiff*, but I want to commend her for standing up for a group of people who already endure enough persecution and hatred daily.

I may not have been brought up religiously, but I was taught to think as logically as possible about people and situations before passing any kind of judgment. I believe that homosexuals choose to follow the lifestyle that is comfortable for them.

To live a lie is to live as a coward. To fear those who are not cowards is to forego the possibility of solid, enlightening friendships with them. We should challenge one another to live life to the fullest and respect the choice of others to do the same.

*Natascha Terc
junior news-editorial
journalism major*

Honors Program, McDorman not to blame for cancellation

I was dismayed and disappointed by the Tuesday's article regarding Maya Angelou. As a lawyer, arts administrator and TCU Honors Program alumna, I wish to reply to that article.

First, it seems apparent that neither Charles Becker nor Roger Pfaffenberger have "standing" to complain about Kathryn McDorman's actions. The article states plainly that the Fogelson Honors Forum is a separate entity from the Honors Council and that the Honors Council procedures did not govern in this situation.

Did Becker and Pfaffenberger not know this? That seems unlikely, as it is certainly apparent to Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler. Therefore, McDorman did not err. There was no violation of procedures despite the allegations of Becker and Pfaffenberger.

Second, as an arts administrator, I know what a risk and a challenge it is to book singers, speakers, etc. There is no certainty when booking human beings. It is commonplace in the opera world for singers to cancel at the last minute.

However, that does not keep a company from booking big names like Pavarotti or Battle. Changes and cancellations are part of the business and must be taken in stride.

It would be absurd, for example, to blame the general director of the Metropolitan Opera for a cancellation by Pavarotti. Why be so absurd as to blame McDorman? Furthermore, Angelou's cancellation was due to a death in the family. Not even Angelou herself had any control over that. To refuse to book a performer due to a reputation for canceling is to forego enjoying the talents of some great people.

Finally, I speak as a TCU and Honors Program alumna. When I was a student at TCU, I had the great fortune to study with McDorman during my junior and senior years. She is a respected scholar and a superb teacher. I also know her to be a person of the highest integrity and professionalism. I am absolutely certain that she did not circumvent any procedures or act improperly in any way.

*Sandra L. Wenner
class of 1981*

Excel despite common mindset

I recently read in the *Wall Street Journal* about Kevin Prigel, a bright TCU student who turned down the opportunity to attend Harvard University.

Commentary



DAVID BECKER

He accepted a full-ride scholarship to come to Fort Worth instead of attending one of the most prestigious colleges in the world.

Purportedly one of Prigel's criteria in making the decision to attend TCU was that he was allowed to opt out of some of his undergraduate studies. The university awarded Prigel 69 hours of advanced credit.

What would give a person greater advantage in life: graduating magna cum laude from TCU or having a college degree from Harvard?

Perhaps we underestimate ourselves at TCU. We are learning at an accredited university with every advantage a student could want. Our endowment is \$750 million, and people in Fort Worth support our university. We have a faculty and a learning environment that are excellent.

Still TCU has a reputation of being a rich kids' school. No doubt about it, we could do better than to be known for our fancy cars and social activities. Our football team is middling. We have a reasonable number of minority students, and we tolerate those among us who have alternative lifestyles. Does TCU excel in anything?

One thing that stands out as above average is our library facilities. The resources we have on campus exceed other schools our size across the nation. Our research facilities are magnificent, and, as a general rule, the staff and faculty have concern that students learn. TCU students are surrounded by people who care.

Men and women who have graduated from TCU have gone on to do great things in the world. We could name the most famous and successful, but that might leave out the quiet business people who work hard and make a payroll every week.

Or we could exclude the TCU graduate who teaches public school and mentors children far beyond what is expected. Thousands of successful people have been educated on this campus and lead productive lives.

Having bright students like Prigel inspires the rest of us to do our best.

In mediocrity, there are many who are growing in knowledge and working beyond their capabilities. This university nurtures people and can bring out the best in them.

As an undergraduate, I had a friend who was an All-American marksman. She was in the top one percent of all women in the nation with a rifle. For all her success, she is quoted in the yearbook as saying that it takes great effort to rise above the mediocrity of TCU. Yet, she was a great example of someone who excelled.

Before I came to TCU, I had my heart set on going to Princeton Theological Seminary. I found the campus to be exciting and liked the opportunity to attend a prestigious school. In retrospect, it would have been the wrong choice. I have lived in the Southwest all my life and reflect the values of this culture. Living in Fort Worth and attending this university is a nurturing experience.

I know exactly why Kevin Prigel chose to attend TCU. This is a great place to be.

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SECURITY

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McGee said being a security guard is a good stepping stone for those who are looking to work in law enforcement.

"The people we've been able to hire wanted to become police officers and were able to move into that field because they were good security officers," McGee said.

The opportunity for future employment is one of the reasons Cisar took the job. There are six policemen in Cisar's family, including his father. He said working night security will help him to have necessary experience for the future.

"This is kind of like a trial period where I could get hired on here as an officer," he said. "It's a benefit for them because they would know who they're hiring and it's easy for me because I know where I'm going."

McGee said security guards are instrumental in preventing crime on campus and making the area safer.

"It helps protect other areas of campus with more eyes and ears, and it's less expensive than a police officer," McGee said.

TCU security officers are required to make sure buildings are locked and secure and keep an eye out for anything suspicious, McGee

said.

When hired, one security guard will be stationed strictly in the Moody Building because of students working late hours, with others patrolling the main campus area, McGee said.

Molly White, a senior studio art major, said she has spent many late nights in Moody working on projects. She also said having a security guard is a good idea.

"It's comforting to know someone is there late at night when you're working," she said. "I'm still going to have to watch out for my stuff but every little bit helps."

McGee echoed White's statement about student responsibility toward security.

"Just because there's a security guard there at night doesn't mean thefts will stop during the day," he said. "People are still going to have to watch their things very carefully."

Cisar said students are part of the reason he wanted to work the night security shift.

"The way I see it, I could be waiting tables, serving people I don't know," Cisar said. "But now I'm trying to serve people I do know."

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HOUSE

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"This year I hope to see a bigger number in terms of the voter turnout by using the new online system," he said.

The votes will be tallied by La Forge Digital Enterprises, the company providing the online service.

Paul Kanitra, chairman of the University Relations Committee, said advertising will play an even larger role in the online voting portion of the election process.

"With online elections, we want a large, well-informed (part of the) student body to turn out for elections," he said.

Kanitra said his committee members will use several advertising methods, including Channel 47 and the electronic message bulletin located in The Main which will be updated each day as new information comes in.

Flyers will be posted to advertise for both the Election Appeals Board application process and the election. Kanitra also said there will be a campus-wide e-mail message to advertise debates in the event several candidates run for the same positions.

SGA President Ben Alexander said next week is an important week for candidates to share their ideas and hopes for the coming year with the student body.

"Running for office is a big job, but those getting into it will love the opportunities they will have in the coming year," he said.

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SLIVE

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football) games to the Fox network," he said. "CBS then had an opportunity to make some deals with some conferences to broadcast college football instead, and thus, the TV deals ended up moving towards conferences.

"At this point, schools operating independently realized that, in order to receive any television exposure, they were going to have to develop a conference. I think that was the time that Conference USA was born."

Slive, 59, came to C-USA after a four-year stint as commissioner of the Great Midwest Conference, a conference that included several notable basketball programs. When C-USA was formed, several Great Midwest

schools moved into the conference, including Cincinnati and Marquette. Most of the other original member schools came from the Metro Conference, another basketball-based conference of mostly eastern schools.

Slive said C-USA administrators started with definite plans in mind on how to build the conference.

"We had four strategic goals when we started this conference in 1995," he said. "First, we wanted to develop a viable football conference. Second, we wanted to preserve and improve the high-quality men's and women's basketball programs our schools brought to the conference. Additionally, we wanted to form a

league that provided maximum opportunities for men and women in all sports. Ultimately, we wanted to find a way to play a role - and have a voice - with other important people about how we direct intercollegiate athletics into the next millennium."

Slive said the conference has, in a relatively short time, achieved a significant amount of success.

"No matter how you measure us, I think we have really achieved our short-term goals," he said. "We have a great television package, with a wonderful partner in Fox Sports, which reaches about 65 million homes now, on par with ESPN. We also air games on ESPN through our affiliation with

East Carolina (University), and we've had our games on CBS as well. We have also started to compete at the level of football that we knew we could. We've got two teams in the Top 25 in both polls right now."

Slive said he feels the conference has the foundation now to go even further.

"Our vision is to be as good a Division I-A comprehensive athletic conference as there is," he said. "Our goal is to make sure the name Conference USA is known and recognized throughout the country."

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Phi Kappa Sigma was outstanding for the month of September. With Pi Beta Phi, they co-hosted Dr. Bertice Berry. The event was a success - the first time in years the balcony in Ed Landreth was needed for a Greek-hosted speaker. Also, the fraternity placed first in Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash and second in the Sigma Kappa's Kick in the Grass. Overall, Phi Kappa Sigma was a leader in the Greek community in a variety of ways for the commencement of the Fall Semester of 1999.

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September Scholar of the Month - Kristen Canaday of Delta Gamma

The Panhellenic Council recognizes Kristen for the following achievements:

- Received a 4.0 the past 3 semesters
- Involved in Educational Investment Fund in the Neeley School
- Serves as a Neeley Associate
- Is a member of a Golden Key
- Holds study sessions to help other DGs and tutors many DG business majors.

Congratulations Kristen, keep up the good work!

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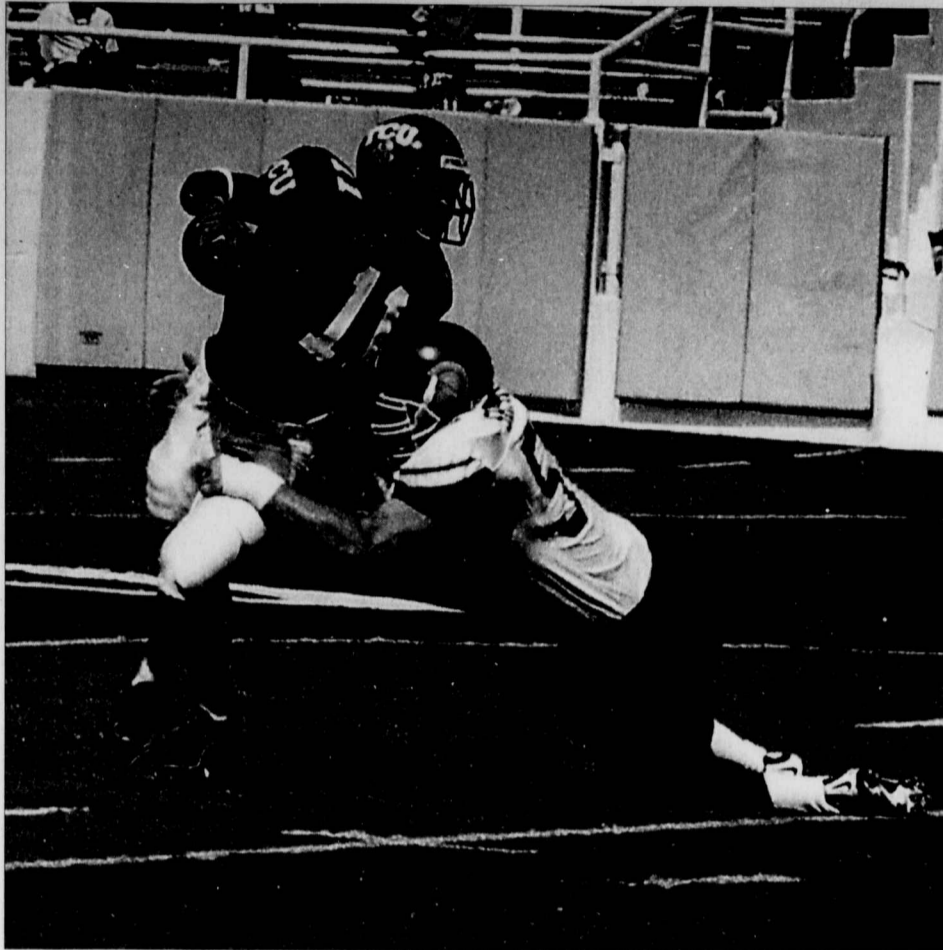
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Freshman quarterback Casey Printers escapes a San Jose State tackler Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium. The Frogs will take on Rice at 2 p.m. Saturday in Houston.

Frogs ready for Owls' three-option attack

Team prepares for Saturday game against Houston rival

By Todd J. Shriber
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Horned Frogs will face an old nemesis Saturday in Houston. A nemesis that is control-oriented, disciplined and open about how it plans to beat its opponent.

That nemesis comes in the form of the Rice Owls, a team that has beaten the Horned Frogs three years in a row. Those victories, and any other victory Rice notches, comes via a successful running game.

The Owls run the triple option as their offensive attack. That means TCU defenders will have to keep tabs on quarterback Chad Richardson and three other running backs on any given play.

Rice has won the time of possession battle in six of its seven games this year, and that's how the Owls

have strung together four consecutive wins after starting the season 0-3. The Owls hold the ball an average of nine minutes longer than their opponents.

But TCU head football coach Dennis Franchione said if the Horned Frog defensive is successful on first downs, Rice may not have the ball that long.

"One of the biggest things is to play well on first down," Franchione said. "Last year, against us, they averaged a little less than two yards on first down."

The Richardson-led rushing attack has piled up 1,844 yards on the ground this year. Rice's total offensive output in 1999 is 2,133 total yards. Last week, in its 49-7 victory over San Jose State, Rice ran the ball 81 times for 413 yards.

Franchione said TCU has taken extra practice time in an effort to prepare for Rice's triple-option attack.

"Gary (Patterson, TCU defensive coordinator) took a couple days out of two-a-days in the summer to go over the triple-option," Franchione said. "We also have an advantage in that (scout team quarterback) Sean Stillely ran the triple-option in high school."

Richardson has thrown for five touchdowns passes this year, and that's a big deal at Rice. He's only thrown 45 times, but he doesn't need to be much of a passer in Rice's offense. He is the team's leading rusher with 449 yards.

TCU's running game won't play second fiddle to Rice's though. The Horned Frogs feature the nation's leading rusher in junior LaDainian Tomlinson. Freshman quarterback Casey Printers seems to be getting more comfortable with TCU's version of the option.

Both players are trying to ignore the hype about this game being the deciding factor in the race for the Western Athletic Conference championship.

"I take this as another football game," Printers said. "Rice is a good team, but we've just got to go out and play our game."

Tomlinson said no single game is bigger than another.

"Every game is a big game to us," he said. "As long as we go out, and we're focused we'll be OK."

Rice is 3-0 in the WAC, and TCU is 2-1.

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Edge Box

TCU **Pass Offense:** With the improvement of freshman quarterback Casey Printers, the passing game has opened up the rushing game. Printers has thrown for 609 yards and three touchdowns this season. Senior receiver Mike Scarborough continues to be a threat to opposing defenses.
Edge: TCU

Pass Defense: The secondary should concentrate more on stopping Rice's rushing game than worrying about quarterback Chad Richardson throwing the ball. Rice only passes for 41 yards a game.
Edge: TCU

Rush Offense: Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson is the nation's leading rusher, averaging 176 yards a game. But Tomlinson wouldn't have all of those yards without the hard work of the offensive line, the fullbacks and the downfield blocking of the receivers. Saturday's game will be an all-out war on the ground. The team that gives the extra effort will win the game.
Edge: TCU

Rush Defense: The Frog rushing defense has slipped a little this season, giving up 100 yards a game. The defense is still the backbone of the team though and has allowed a meager 17 points in the past two games.

However, Rice comes in as the Western Athletic Conference's best rushing team, averaging 263 yards a game. All Rice does is run the ball and then run it some more. The TCU defense will be in for a long day.
Edge: Rice

Special Teams: Junior LaVar Veale has had his struggles returning punts this season. Veale fumbled another punt against Tulsa. Senior Royce Huffman, who returned punts last season, may come on to give the Frogs some extra confidence back deep. So far Huffman has excelled in his new role as a punter this season. He is averaging 40.7 yards a punt and has placed 13 punts inside the 20-yard line.
Edge: TCU

Intangibles: Rice is the front-runner in the WAC with a 3-0 conference record. A win by TCU would put them in a tie with Rice for first place. The Owls have beaten TCU in their last four meetings. But TCU is on a roll, scoring 98 points in two games, while giving up only 17 points. Playing at Rice has proved to be a challenge for the Frogs in the past.
Edge: Rice

Prediction: Rice by 13

Rice **Pass Offense:** Rice doesn't boast much of a passing attack as the Owls' offense is based almost exclusively on the run. Quarterback Chad Richardson has thrown for five touchdowns this year, three to receiver Raphael Tillman. The TCU secondary has been playing well of late and won't be challenged much against Rice. If Richardson is throwing more than normal, that means Rice is losing.
Edge: TCU

Pass Defense: The Owls rank No. 1 in the Western Athletic Conference in pass defense, so TCU will probably look to run first. Jason Hebert and Travis Ortega lead the Owl secondary.

Rice has intercepted eight passes on the year while giving up just five touchdowns. TCU's athleticism at quarterback and receiver could be the difference, but even the University of Texas found the going tough through the air against Rice.
Edge: Rice

Rush Offense: The Owls like to run ... a lot. Last week against San Jose State, Rice ran the ball 81 times. Rice uses a systematic approach to its ground game and frequently will go for it on fourth down in short-yardage situations.

TCU's rush defense is among the best in the nation, but facing the triple option is a daunting task. If TCU can stop the run just a little bit, it could mean the difference in the game.
Edge: Rice

Rush Defense: This game will be won by the team that stops the run best. TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson is the nation's leading rusher and fullback George Layne is coming along nicely. Rice's home stadium has artificial turf, and that could be an advantage for the more athletic Horned Frogs. Rice ranks second in the WAC in rush defense behind TCU.
Edge: Even

Special Teams: Rice presents an interesting special teams situation for TCU in that the Owls use two kickers to handle the various kicking chores. Punter Travis Hale averages 42 yards a punt. The Owls rank seventh in the WAC in punt returns, but third in kick returns.
Edge: TCU

Intangibles: The Owls have beaten TCU all three years the two schools have been in the WAC. Rice is in first place in the WAC heading into this game, and TCU is second. If the Owls win, they'll control their destiny, in terms of winning the WAC championship. If TCU wins, a free-for-all will result for the conference championship.
Edge: Rice

Prediction: Rice by 6

Shared past helps line work together

By Matt Welack
STAFF REPORTER

After his 300-yard rushing game against San Jose State two weeks ago, junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson called his offensive line the best in TCU history.

While that assertion remains debatable, this season's group of blockers continue to open holes big enough for a truck to drive through and provide protection to freshman quarterback Casey Printers.

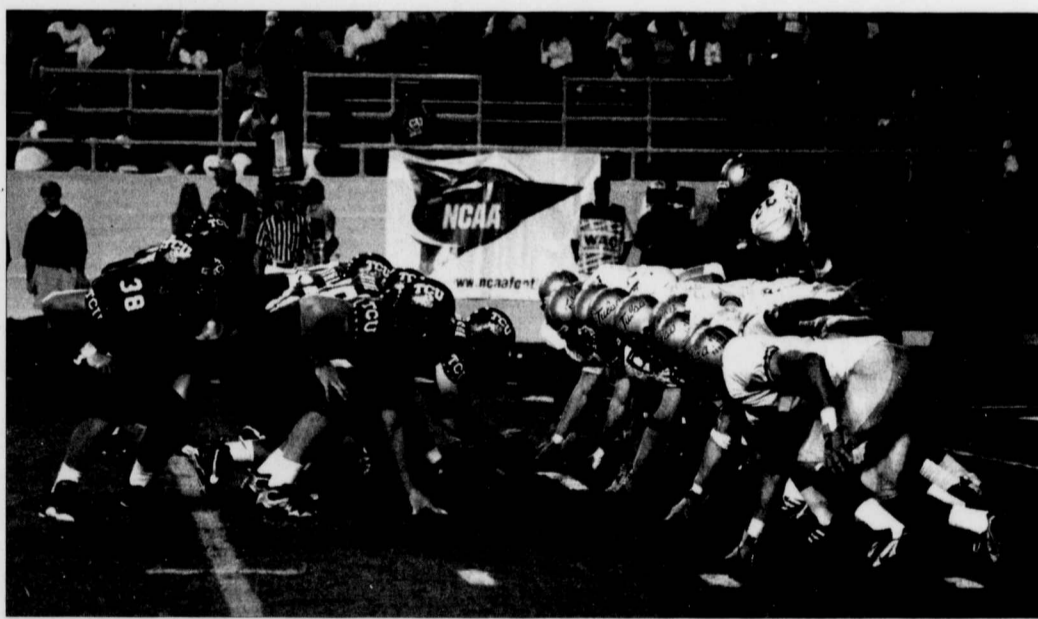
Junior center Jeff Garner said one of the main reasons this year's offensive line is as good as it is, is because they have a closer bond with each other than past lines. They are all the same age, and they all started their college career together at TCU.

"They go out to eat with each other every Thursday night, usually to a steakhouse. They finish each other's sentences, and they know what each other are thinking on the field."

"We've been through exactly the same stuff since we've been here," junior tackle David Bobo said.

Because of the limited time in the huddle, the linemen can only say a word or two. And sometimes that's all it takes.

"It's just knowing that you can say one word, and it can mean a couple of



The offensive line sets up to stop the Tulsa blitz on a punt attempt Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

sentence's worth of information," Bobo said.

Offensive coordinator Dan Dodd said on almost every team, the offensive linemen are the closest of any group.

"I guess it's because of an 'us-against-the-world' mentality," Dodd said. "The only satisfaction the offensive linemen get is from doing their job. They knock their guy down to get a sense of satisfaction."

While it is the backs and receivers that score the points and get the notoriety, the linemen get their satisfaction from seeing the back of Tomlinson's jersey as he races toward the end zone, Garner said.

"We don't worry too much about not getting the glory," Garner said. "We get

our glory out of seeing (Tomlinson) leading the nation in rushing and scoring touchdowns. We're just as happy when he scores touchdowns as we would be if we scored touchdowns."

Dodd said the only ways to objectively measure the success of an offensive line is the number of rushing yards and sacks allowed. But, Dodd said, the performance of the offensive line is key to the success of the whole team.

Tomlinson leads the nation in rushing with 176 yards a game. The rushing offense as a whole is second in the Western Athletic Conference and 12th in the nation, averaging 242 yards a game. The quarterback has been sacked only five times this season for a loss of 40 yards.

"They take great pride in running the football," Dodd said. "They are, without a doubt, the glue that holds the offense together. You can have all the great skilled athletes you want, but if you don't have kids up front — end of story — you can't be good on offense."

Dodd said if a team's offensive line is hard-nosed and tough-minded, they have a good chance of succeeding.

"They really set the pace in terms of leadership because they don't have a lot of individual statistics," Dodd said. "They set the pace on the practice field, in the locker room, on game night and in the huddle."

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Rose to appear as part of All-Century team

Fans voted Pete Rose ninth of the century's top 25 players even with his lifetime ban

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ATLANTA — Pete Rose, lifetime ban and all, is scheduled to be on the field Sunday before Game 2 of the World Series as part of baseball's All-Century team.

Fans voted for the century's top 25 players, including nine outfielders, and Rose was consistently ninth in the voting, which ran from July 13 to Sept. 19. His election was confirmed Wednesday by a baseball official familiar with the final vote totals, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig decided in August that Rose could participate in the All-Century team if he was elected. Rose, however, was not invited to a luncheon before the All-Star game that honored the living members among the 100 on the ballot.

Rose, then manager of the Cincinnati Reds, agreed on Aug. 23, 1989, to a lifetime ban from baseball following an investigation into his gambling, a deal announced the following day by commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Baseball's career hits leader applied for reinstatement in September 1997. While Selig hasn't formally ruled on the application, he's made clear numerous times that he has no intention of lifting the ban.

The All-Century team, which includes five people overlooked by fans and added by a special panel, will be announced Saturday and honored the following day.

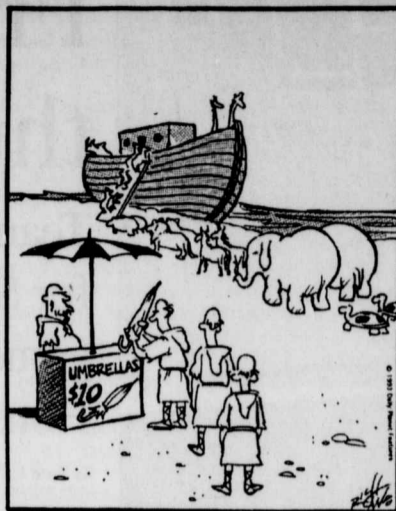
As long as he's banned, Rose is ineligible for the Hall of Fame. No person ever permanently banned has ever been reinstated.

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Recruiting efforts to be made easier

Membership in C-USA heightens national, global recognition of athletics

By Courtney Wheelless
STAFF REPORTER

The acceptance of a bid to Conference USA offers TCU an opportunity to hit new parts of the country in its athletic recruiting efforts.

TCU will leave behind the Western Athletic Conference and primarily regional competition in the 2001-2002 season when the Frogs join C-USA. The four-year-old league, has 13 diverse universities, whose locations spread across the United States more than any other Division I-A conference.

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said recruiting efforts will be enhanced by moving to C-USA.

"TCU will gain exposure to an extremely high percentage of the nation's population, the media centers and large urban areas of the Central and Eastern time zones," Hyman said.

The league currently has exposure in 12

major television markets. Adding TCU to the conference will give it 13 major markets, including the Dallas/Fort Worth area market, the seventh-largest television market in the nation.

First-year women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said moving to C-USA will be an attractive thing for TCU in recruiting both students and student-athletes.

"I think there is more familiarity with the areas in Conference USA," Mittie said. "You have major cities where the universities are the focal point. The television packages will put TCU in those cities."

When TCU joined the WAC in 1996, California ranked sixth in student enrollment by state. After a full season of WAC competition against the California schools Fresno State, San Jose State and San Diego State, student enrollment from California jumped to the No. 4 spot.

Future C-USA competition in Florida, a football powerhouse state, provides opportunities for TCU to put a foot in the door to recruit talented athletes.

Head football coach Dennis Franchione said recruiting opportunities are directly related to the conference in which the team plays.

"Recruiting is so conference-oriented," Franchione said. "It's university-oriented too, but the conference you are in makes a differ-

ence. I'm hopeful Conference USA will elevate our recruiting."

Playing games and participating in athletic competitions in new parts of the country will increase the visibility of TCU as both a university and a team. This exposure will aid TCU in recruiting students in more Eastern and Midwestern states.

TCU recruits most heavily from Texas and Oklahoma. A large number of students also come from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Louisiana.

Head soccer coach David Rubinson said new recruiting opportunities will arise from joining C-USA because of the new geographical presence.

"I think it will open up more areas of the Midwest and East," he said. "It won't hurt our West Coast recruiting, but it will help in some new areas."

Even with more focus on East Coast schools, Rubinson said he doesn't expect a huge change in TCU's recruiting policies as a whole.

"Recruiting at TCU is easy," Rubinson said. "It doesn't matter where the students come from. The quality of the university and those who are here is what sells people."

Rubinson said he does not expect a huge

change in recruiting for the soccer teams as a result of TCU joining C-USA.

Women's tennis coach Roland Ingram said he feels the same way.

"For the entire university, Conference USA is going to be great," Ingram said. "It's not going to affect us much, because we play an independent schedule and because it would be too expensive to play and travel to the schools in the conference."

Ingram said the conference change will not affect recruiting that much either. Ingram approaches potential recruits for the tennis team by watching them at tournaments in the summer and later writing letters to them expressing interest in their tennis abilities.

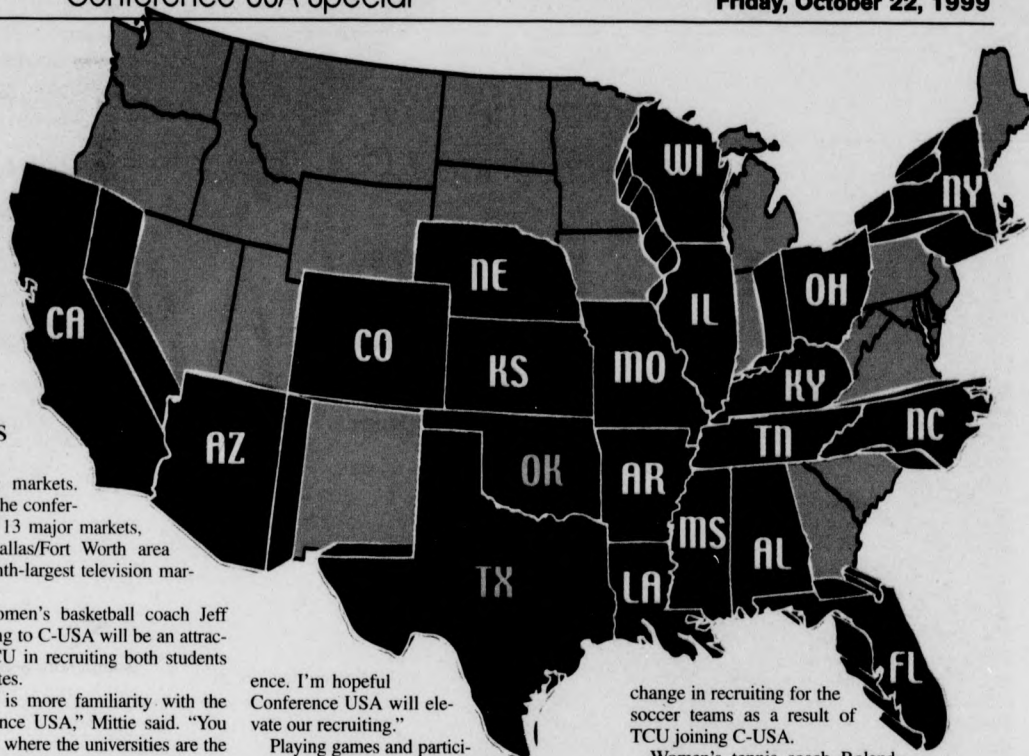
While Ingram rarely sees the students play when he recruits on the international level, he looks at players' records to determine their caliber.

Although the conference switch will not alter how many of the coaches approach recruiting, Ingram said being part of C-USA is still a plus.

"For recognition, Conference USA is going to help us in recruiting," he said.

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TCU to reap benefits of joining C-USA

Media coverage, financial revenues to increase in time

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TCU officials are saying that despite the initial spending to join Conference USA, the university will benefit from increased revenue and media coverage.

TCU paid \$2 million to get into C-USA and for the first five years, will not receive any shared revenue, sources have said. TCU must give up any money from revenue possibilities, such as television or bowl games, to other members of the conference to compensate for their losses. But the

benefits that TCU receives in the future could nullify these negatives.

Associate Athletics Director Jack Hesselbrock said, for example, if a network television station pays C-USA to televise a game the money is usually split between all of the teams in the conference, but TCU will forfeit their share.

TCU will not have to pay the Western Athletic Conference a fee to leave because they are meeting their five-year obligation to the conference. However, according to WAC bylaws, TCU will not be able to share in revenue distribution during its final year of participation in the WAC.

But the financial advantages of joining C-USA in the long run will outweigh the losses.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari

said, "We expect annual and long-term revenues from participation in C-USA to exceed the initial investment incurred in joining the conference and ongoing expenses."

Ferrari said one of the advantages to being in the conference is the media exposure.

"We will be able to share in increased revenues that reflect the attractive television (coverage), bowl game commitments and other benefits that have come to Conference USA in recent years," he said.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman also said the media exposure will open TCU to more areas in the country. TCU has made, and continues to make, investments in its athletics pro-

The following is a breakdown of the revenue involved in the switch to Conference USA.

Initial costs for joining C-USA

- \$2 million to get in
- For the first five years in the Conference USA, TCU will not receive any of the revenue share
- TCU will not receive any revenue share its last year in Western Athletic Conference

Long-term advantages

- Travel costs cut drastically
- Heightened media exposure
- Increased revenue from bowl games

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Money TALKS

Two major revenue-driven sports will benefit from high-profile competition

By Todd J. Shriber
STAFF REPORTER

TCU's switch to Conference USA is a move that will impact all of the university's athletic programs, but none more than football and men's basketball.

At any college or university participating in Division I athletics, the driving forces of the athletic department with regard to sports revenue are football and men's basketball. TCU is no different.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman has been committed to transforming TCU's athletic programs from unheard of to nationally prominent. It has become apparent that football and men's basketball will lead the charge, especially with the "on the rise" label attached to both programs.

C-USA as a conference has been heralded for its basketball success more than its football prowess. The conference counts several perennial powers among its basketball members.

The University of Cincinnati has been to the Final Four twice this decade. Louisville and Marquette have both won national titles. DePaul and University of North Carolina-Charlotte are both solid basketball schools. The increased level of competition has TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs excited about joining C-USA.

"You've got to be excited about playing on the top level," Tubbs said. "It's kind of like changing jobs. We're not leaving TCU. We're just a different TCU."

Tubbs doesn't think the move to the new conference will hurt the team's chances for success.

"The move won't cost us any wins," he said. "I don't think we'll be playing Cincinnati and UNCC twice a year. We were 3-1 against the Big 12 last year. I'm only interested in winning the conference championship. If we couldn't compete in C-USA, we wouldn't have gone into the conference."

C-USA does have an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. That automatic berth, coupled with more prestige and stability than the Western Athletic Conference, will benefit basketball recruiting. For football, the conference has tie-ins to more prestigious bowls than WAC, and more importantly, a chance to send a team to a Bowl Championship Series game.

That means TCU could have a shot at playing for the national championship in football eventually.

TCU head football coach Dennis Franchione said there are benefits from a football standpoint to joining C-USA.

"It's a tougher conference, a more prestigious conference and a conference that's gaining recognition quickly," Franchione said. "The WAC was a very unproven conference, but C-USA kind of jump-starts us."

Last year, C-USA member Tulane went undefeated in football and finished ranked 10th in the nation. This year, Cincinnati upset Wisconsin, Southern Mississippi is ranked No. 21 and East Carolina is ranked No. 20 in the nation.

Franchione realizes recruiting will still be the key to TCU's success in the new conference.

"I know we have to keep improving," he said. "Recruiting is so conference oriented in football. We're going to have to elevate our recruiting to be competitive in C-USA."

TCU's move to C-USA could eventually help Horned Frog coaches win recruiting wars over schools such as Rice and Southern Methodist who are staying in the WAC. C-USA could even give TCU the ability to compete in recruiting with the likes of the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

"It has its advantages (being in C-USA)," Franchione said. "Certainly the prestige of the conference and name identification of some of the teams in the conference will help in recruiting. I think the biggest thing though is stability. I've spent most of my 18 months here defending the WAC. I don't have to do that with C-USA."

Tubbs said the basketball program takes a different approach to recruiting.

"We don't sell the conference we're in. We sell TCU basketball," Tubbs said. "But being in

C-USA will certainly give us the upper hand in recruiting against in anybody in the WAC."

Tubbs said there are other advantages for the basketball team joining C-USA.

"C-USA is one of the top basketball conferences in the country. Period," Tubbs said. "Being in the conference will help make scheduling easier and you'll see a higher RPI ranking."

The Ratings Percentage Index is a measuring stick used by the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee in selecting at-large teams for the tournament. TCU's RPI ranking has suffered from a lack of big-time opponents in the non-conference schedule and playing in a weak conference. Joining C-USA will change that scenario for the Horned Frogs.

Tubbs did say there will be an adjustment period with regard to being in the new conference but promised that the Horned Frogs will not change their popular style of play.

"People have to realize when you're going into a new conference it will take a year or two to adjust to what the other teams in the conference do," he said. "Our style of play would work in any conference with the right people on the floor. We don't adjust to people, we let them adjust to us."

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Sophomore goalkeeper Keith-Ann Wagner punts away the ball at the SMU game. Soccer and other sports may not play rival SMU as of 2001.

C-USA switch sparks different reactions among athletic programs

By Chris Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

Although much of the hype around TCU's invitation and acceptance of a Conference USA bid has been focused on football and basketball, the switch affects all athletics.

While no other collegiate sport has had the success in generating revenue like football and basketball, the conference change will affect every sport in which TCU competes in some way. The switch in conferences will change the outlook for some of the athletic programs more than others.

But being the "new kid on the block" will certainly be different for every sport. Some of the athletes in the Horned Frog sports program can't wait to join, while others have to concentrate on bigger things than just some new teams to play with.

The men's soccer team will play one season in the Missouri Valley Conference before joining the C-USA. The women's team will compete in the Western Athletic Conference next season prior to taking part in C-USA play in the 2001 season.

"I think it is great that TCU is making the move," head soccer coach David Rubinson said. "Conference USA has great soccer schools. Whenever our teams hear the whistle, though, it doesn't matter who we are playing. We are going to play to win."

Men's tennis coach Michael Center said he agrees that the change in conferences is a good move for TCU, but it doesn't mean much to the tennis program.

"We mainly want to concentrate on focusing in on the top 20 programs in the country. That's the most important thing for us," Center said. "There are so many great teams in Texas, we can't afford not to play all of the competition that is close by. We will probably play

in the tournament (C-USA) at the end of the season, but that's about it."

Like tennis, track is a sport that focuses on the individual athlete within the team. Head track coach Monte Stratton said the conference change is an overall athletics department improvement.

"It's a competitive conference, but it won't make that much of a change for our track athletes," he said. "But what the switch in conferences does do, is improve our image. Not only the image of our track program, but the entire image of our athletic department."

"Leaving the WAC behind and joining C-USA shows that TCU as a whole is going to be competing competitively in all sports. In the long run, it will turn out to be a great decision."

Volleyball coach Sandy Trout said the Volley Frogs are used to being the "new kids on the block."

"I am so pumped. I think it's way cool. Moving to C-USA will be great for us, as well as the rest of the athletics department," Trout said. "I'm ready to join a new conference where we won't be considered the new program."

"I will still schedule schools in Texas, and hopefully, find a way to keep playing Hawai'i," Trout said. "But for the most part, I can't wait to become part of a great thing in C-USA."

Being in the thick of the competition is exactly what excites swimming coach Richard Sybesma.

"C-USA is the best thing to happen at TCU in a long time. I know it's going to benefit our entire school," Sybesma said. "C-USA has great swimming competition, and we are going to be right there in the mix. I am really excited, and I know the rest of the athletics department is also."

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Part of the WAC's biggest question – 'Who's next?' – has now been answered. Nevada, Boise State and Louisiana Tech were signed to the WAC and will fill the void left by TCU when it joins Conference USA in 2001.



Conference void to be filled by Boise State, Louisiana Tech

By Victor Drabicky
STAFF REPORTER

The Western Athletic Conference wasted no time crying over the loss of TCU to Conference USA.

The WAC announced Monday that Boise State University and Louisiana Tech University will be joining the WAC as of July 1, 2001.

The announcement came just seven days after TCU announced it was leaving the WAC to play in C-USA and one day after the WAC's Board of Directors met in Denver. The Board of Directors is a committee made up of the presidents of the seven remaining WAC schools, plus recently signed Nevada.

Jeff Hurd, senior associate commissioner of the WAC, said TCU's departure from the WAC had a serious effect on the conference, but the conference felt it needed to move on.

"There is always a loss when a school decides to leave," Hurd said. "We just heeded to move on and felt that adding Boise State and Louisiana Tech helped to fill the void left by TCU."

Hurd said the addition of Boise State and Louisiana Tech will help solidify the eastern and western halves of the conference.

"One of our main objectives was to strengthen the eastern and western sides of the conference," Hurd said. "Now we have five teams in the east and five teams in the west."

In an interview with the Associated Press, WAC commissioner Karl Benson said the new WAC setup will offer more diversity.

"I think we have a great mixture of urban and semi-rural type universities," Benson said. "Our destinations in Reno and Honolulu are attractive as well."

In addition to regional expansion, the WAC gains an increase in bowl coverage, more competitive women's sports and greater availability for recruiting.

By adding Boise State and Louisiana Tech to its roster, the WAC

is guaranteed a spot in the Humanitarian Bowl and is in close proximity to the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., and the Mobile Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Hurd said an increase in bowl participation will help the WAC with national exposure.

"The bowl games open up a new area for the WAC," Hurd said. "The games will help to get the WAC more exposure to a more broad group of people."

In addition to adding the bowl game to the WAC, Hurd said Boise State brings with it top-of-the-line athletic facilities and a program that is on its way up.

"Boise State has great athletic facilities," Hurd said. "They hosted the NCAA track championship last year and routinely host regional NCAA basketball tournament games."

The city of Boise also offers a large amount of support through both attendance and media coverage.

Max Corbet, sports information director at Boise State, said the city of Boise is very supportive of the college teams.

"We average 23,000 people at our football games and have had local television coverage for a long time," Corbet said.

Besides the opportunity for increased bowl participation, Louisiana Tech brings with it one of the nation's top women's basketball programs.

Malcolm Butler, sports information director at Louisiana Tech, said Louisiana Tech's basketball and football programs add something new to the WAC.

"Our women's basketball team has been to every NCAA tournament and has won the national championship three times," Butler said. "Our football team is an up-and-coming program that has beaten nationally ranked Alabama two of their last three meetings."

By extending the WAC's geo-

graphic spectrum, WAC schools get a chance for extended recruiting.

Hurd said the recruiting benefits go beyond the athletic realm, reaching into the academic world.

"Since we go as far east as Louisiana, schools have a chance to strengthen their athletic programs," Hurd said. "They can also increase the area in which they draw their student body enrollment."

By losing TCU and adding Boise State and Louisiana Tech, the WAC does lose some stability in key television markets as it extends its geographic spectrum from Hawai'i to Louisiana.

Hurd said the loss of the Dallas/Fort Worth television market will be felt despite SMU staying in the WAC.

"The Dallas area is the seventh largest television market in the United States," Hurd said. "SMU helped to control the amount of coverage we lost in Dallas, but the Fort Worth market may be lost."

Another concern of the WAC is the geographic distance the conference's schools cover.

As it stands now, the WAC spans from Hawai'i to Louisiana, thus creating enormous travel expenses that must be picked up by each individual school.

Hurd said WAC officials have shown some concern with the large distance between schools.

"We need to be conscious of the distance," Hurd said. "We need to make sure that the benefits through recruiting and exposure continuously outweigh the possible problems the distance can create."

The WAC took its first steps this week to make clear that the conference will not be destroyed by the loss of TCU.

"The loss of one team won't destroy the WAC," Hurd said. "It's time for us to move on."

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STEPPING MOVING

With the breakup of the Western Athletic Conference, the WAC will move to Conference USA in the Fall, positioning itself firmly in the



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Rivalry, prominence to increase when TCU joins C-USA in 2001

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

When the apple drops in Times Square indicating Jan. 1, 2001, has arrived, the real millennium begins.

That fall, TCU athletes will shed the skin of the Western Athletic Conference to compete in the larger media markets of Conference USA.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said the decision was made to join C-USA based on leadership abilities in the conference, revenue considerations and the dedication of administrators to make C-USA one of the top collegiate conferences in the nation.

"The decision to join Conference USA is an investment in the future and is consistent with other investments and plans we are making in strengthening the national distinction and prominence of TCU in other areas," he said in a recent article of *TCU This Week*. "We have stated on numerous occasions TCU's goal of becoming a nationally recognized and respected athletic program at the Division I level."

Eleven universities formed C-USA in 1995. Now 14 presidents from the current universities make up Conference USA's Board of Directors.

Those presidents of the C-USA's board voted unanimously Oct. 11 to extend a bid to TCU athletics. All TCU teams will begin competing in Fall 2001 against universities in major media markets such as Chicago, New York and Houston.

In C-USA's four years of existence, 25 men's and 17 women's basketball teams have played in the postseason.

Ferrari said the recent success of

TCU basketball in the NCAA Tournament and football's Norwest Sun Bowl victory were two factors that separated TCU from other universities that C-USA's directors considered.

"There is no question that for many conference relationships, at least those conferences thinking about inviting schools in, basketball and football have to be very strong," he said.

Support for these two major sports is already strong in the conference. Successful football teams in the conference are rewarded with three possible bowls to play in: The AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl, Mobile Alabama Bowl and Humanitarian Bowl. In the 1998-99 basketball season, more than 1.6 million people attended C-USA games.

Tom Hathaway, University of Cincinnati assistant athletics director for media relations, said he is excited about TCU joining the conference because of its history of dedication to football and basketball.

"With the television and media exposure today, it is very easy to start rivalries," he said. "Cincinnati is very supportive about anything that is positive for the conference."

Kevin Miller, University of Louisville associate athletics director, said the TCU men's basketball team brings an energy to Texas that will help develop rivalries.

"Here in Kentucky, our fans are very knowledgeable," he said. "Our people here enjoy good basketball. It doesn't matter if they are up the river, in Cincinnati, or 50 miles down the road, at Lexington, Ky. When we play these teams, the intensity on the court makes it exciting."

When TCU joins the C-USA schedule in 2001 and when the University South Florida joins in 2003, there will be 11 football teams. With the addition of a 12th team, C-USA could expand into two divisions. With TCU, East Carolina University and South Florida all playing basketball by 2003, the alignment in basketball might change as well.

However, Brian Teter, C-USA assistant commissioner, said he will not comment on further C-USA expansion because he never knows what universities and other conferences are going to do next.

"I think right now we are in pretty good shape," he said. "The landscape of college football athletics is exciting and unpredictable because you hear these rumors about a lot of different things happening."

Teter said one of the reasons C-USA is in good shape is because of the addition of TCU.

"It is hard to project revenue," he said. "But when you can get a market like Dallas/Fort Worth — that is great."

Ferrari said he is looking forward to the increased revenue that can be dedicated to academics through TCU competing in C-USA.

"We estimate saving as much as \$100,000 to \$200,000 in travel costs alone by just having more institutions that we will be competing against in this region," he said. "If C-USA didn't compliment and reinforce our overall aspirations to become more nationally recognized as a leading institution in this country, then we wouldn't do it."

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By Joel Anderson
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Kenneth Davis vividly remembers the deluge of fans at Amon G. Carter Stadium on Nov. 17, 1984.

The crowd of 47,280 people, still the largest home crowd in TCU football history, crammed the stands that Saturday afternoon to watch the 12th-ranked Horned Frogs battle the 10th-ranked University of Texas Longhorns for first place in the Southwest Conference. The Horned Frogs lost 44-23, but Davis, a former All-American, wistfully recalls the contest.

"It was a special game because that was the most people ever to watch a game at TCU," Davis said. "Since the Southwest Conference has broken up, the games don't have the same meaning for me. In the SWC, you had history and in-state rivalries. I don't feel the same way about playing San Jose State."

TCU has decided to move on to the slightly more prestigious Conference USA after two seasons of playing games before a half-full Amon G. Carter Stadium. The Horned Frogs are now one of the latest programs to desert the Western Athletic Conference, a league in which 10 of its 16 members have tried to flee in the last two years (nine have succeeded). The C-USA has what the WAC doesn't: a guaranteed football bowl game, a potentially lucrative television contract and stability.

Three of the TCU football program's most significant contributors in the last two decades, former athletic director Frank Windegger, former head coach Jim Wacker and Davis, shared their thoughts on TCU's move to C-USA.

Is TCU's move to C-USA an improvement from the WAC?

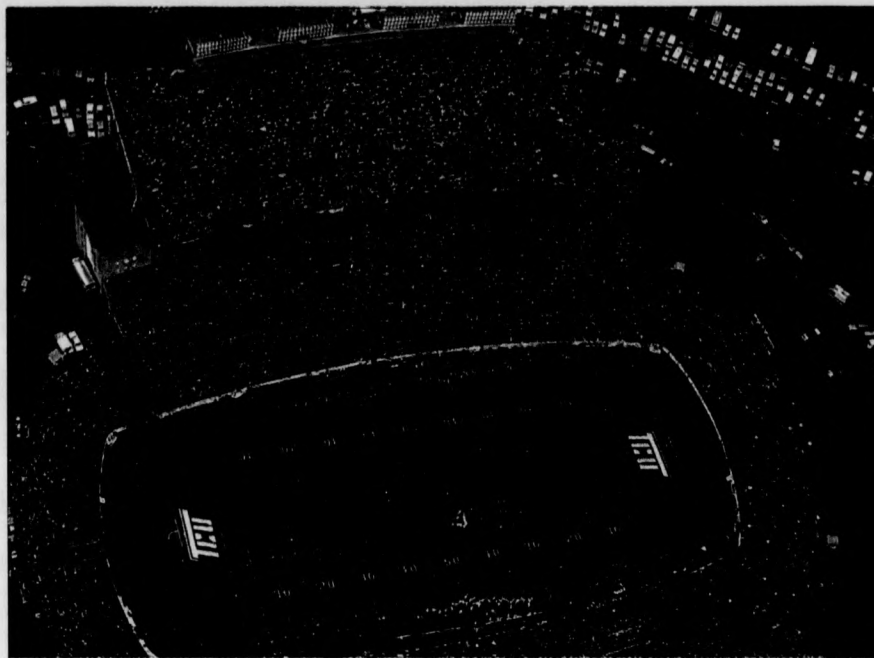
Windegger: Well, it's better than the conference they're in now. The WAC was a safe harbor, and now Conference USA is a safe harbor.

Wacker: It was a good short-term move for TCU, but the long-term goal has got to be regionalization. The makeup of the conference doesn't make any sense. The only thing that makes sense is a regional conference with schools from Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Davis: I think it will help a lot. It

A STEP ABOVE

Football figures reflect on conference change



On Nov. 17, 1984, the Horned Frogs battled the University of Texas before 47,280 fans. That figure set the school's all-time attendance record. TCU hasn't drawn 40,000 fans to a home game since 1995.

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will definitely be more of a challenge for them, but it doesn't bring them back (more national visibility).

Does C-USA have a chance to develop the type of rivalries the Southwest Conference once had?

Windegger: The possibility is there. The rivalries could develop in time.

Wacker: There is no rivalry there or in the WAC. How many people from San Jose State live in Dallas? But how many people from Texas A&M live in Dallas? It's easy to jump into your car and go down I-35 to a game.

Davis: I don't think so. I don't have the same feelings about playing Tulsa and San Jose State. Fans really used to get up and come out

for games against Texas, A&M and Texas Tech. The breakup of the Southwest Conference really hurt the state of Texas.

Do you think TCU's fans will be energized by the new conference affiliation?

Windegger: Since more of TCU's students come from the Midwest rather than California, it should help somewhat. The cost of travel will also be lower. There will be some nice trips to Memphis, Florida and New Orleans. You know, it's always a good trip to New Orleans.

Wacker: Army and TCU? C'mon. No fans can follow the program on the road in the WAC or C-USA. Who wants to take a 15-hour bus

trip or take a plane to an island to a smaller island to get to a game?

Davis: It just won't be the same. Teams like Texas and A&M brought out the fans to see teams with good reputations. Fans really don't feel the same about teams in the WAC or C-USA. With the SWC, you really had the in-state rivalries.

What does the future hold for TCU?

Windegger: I guess I'll use an old Wacker-ism. The only people that can tell the future have crystal balls, and people that have crystal balls live in crummy houses. And I don't want to live in a crummy house.

Wacker: I feel that the top 60 schools in Division 1-A are going to

TCU Legends

Frank Windegger

Currently: Vice President of College Sales at Bene-Marc, insurance firm
Affiliation with TCU:
■ Athletic Director (1976-1997)
■ Baseball coach (1962-1976)
■ NCAA District VI and Southwest Conference Coach of the Year (1972)
■ Business manager, ticket manager and assistant baseball coach (1959-1961)
■ Graduated from TCU in 1957; starred as a football quarterback and baseball pitcher.

Jim Wacker

Currently: First-year Athletic Director at Southwest Texas State University
Affiliation with TCU:
Football coach (1983-1991)
Also: University of Minnesota Football Coach (1992-1996)
Southwest Texas State University Athletic Director (1999)

Kenneth Davis

Currently: Football coach at Dallas Bishop Dunne High
Affiliation with TCU:
■ Running back (1982-84)
Also: Played in NFL for Green Bay Packers and Buffalo Bills (1986-1994)
■ Started in 1992 Super Bowl for Bills

separate from the rest. Everybody talks about the realignment, and it's going to break down into haves and have-nots. There are so many schools in Division 1-A now that the top schools don't want to give up their piece of the pie. No matter how much money TCU and SMU spend, they're going to be left out. Eventually geography is going to win out.

Davis: The bottom line is how much money the university is going to make. I think the administration is saying that they want TCU to play with the big boys.

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ESPN deal promises brighter spotlight

Relationship with sports network brings sponsorships, televised games and recognition

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

The ESPN "SportsCenter" theme music is widely known across the sporting world. The Dallas Cowboys, America's Team, use it. The Chicago Bulls use it. Even the Texas Rangers play it at The Ballpark in Arlington.

That little jingle has been sweet music to the TCU athletic program, a program starred in the past for both local and national televi-

sion exposure. When TCU signed a deal with ESPN Regional to handle broadcasting and promotions of TCU athletics, they were looking for a payoff.

The relationship, so far, has been beneficial to both sides and has the potential for even greater success after TCU joins Conference USA in Fall 2001.

TCU director of broadcasting Brian Esteridge, who also serves as director of marketing and pro-

motions, said the relationship has yielded positive results thus far.

"I think it's gone extremely well," Esteridge said. "The relationship has paid dividends as evidenced by the Taco Bell sponsoring (the Taco Bell Texas Turf War against Arizona) and as evidenced by televised games. Not to mention the fact that C-USA said it was an important fact in selecting TCU."

Rick Thompson, general manag-

er of ESPN Regional for TCU, said ESPN provides resources TCU would not normally have.

"I compare it to a university outsourcing its multimedia relations or its corporate marketing like it outsources the bookstore," Thompson said. "They hand it over to a company that buys in bulk, like Marriott, that has access to different things. ESPN Regional is owned by ESPN, and (ESPN) has access to different things. Some of

these are national exposure."

Thompson said though he could not compare television ratings between this year and last, he expects the ESPN partnership to be fruitful.

"It's tough to compare what you didn't have last year to what you have now," Thompson said. "Five years from now, you'll see a dramatic increase (in ratings)."

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gram and one of the largest dividends is media exposure.

"(C-USA) has exposure to large media markets, large urban areas," he said. "The circulation from a newspaper standpoint is over eight million. This will give us tremendous influence on a different part of the country than we've had in the past — Chicago, New York City, Cincinnati,

New Orleans, Louisville and Charlotte."

Hyman also said out of all of the sports teams at TCU, the football and basketball programs will benefit the most from C-USA's greater media exposure and basketball reputation.

"C-USA has been ranked among the top five basketball leagues in the nations, rated seventh in football, is a signatory of the Bowl Championship Series and a member of the BCS discussions and features a national television football game of the week," he

said. "The conference will have over 50 television exposures during the regular season and four of its teams are ranked among the nation's top 25 clubs entering the 1999-2000 season."

"We anticipate substantial savings in travel costs in Conference USA versus the WAC, and we will have reduced travel time and missed class time for our student-athletes compared to the WAC," Ferrari said.

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TCU to face new competition in C-USA

Sports fans wondered if TCU and SMU would join C-USA, but no one predicted the university would have to start up a new rivalry. Here is a list of candidates from C-USA:

information compiled by Matt Welneck

University of Southern Mississippi

Location: Hattiesburg, Miss.
Enrollment: 14,000
Founded: 1910, public
Mascot: Golden Eagles
Colors: Black and Gold
1998 football record: 7-5
1998 basketball record: Men (14-16), Women (11-17)
Athletics Web site: www.athletics.usm.edu

University of Alabama-Birmingham

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Enrollment: 15,850
Founded: 1969, public
Mascot: Blazers
Colors: Forest Green and Old Gold
1998 football record: 4-7
1998 basketball record: Men (20-12), Women (13-14)
Athletics Web site: www.blazers.uab.edu

United States Military Academy

Location: West Point, N.Y.
Enrollment: 4,000
Founded: 1802, academy
Mascot: Cadets/Black Knights
Colors: Black, Gold and Gray
1998 football record: 3-8
1998 basketball record: Men (8-19), Women (7-21)
Athletics Web site: www.usma.edu/athletics

University of Cincinnati

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Enrollment: 35,000
Founded: 1819, public
Mascot: Bearcats
Colors: Red and Black
1998 football record: 2-9
1998 basketball record: Men (27-6), Women (22-9)
Athletics Web site: www.uc.edu/www/bearcats

DePaul University

Location: Chicago, Ill.
Enrollment: 18,565
Founded: 1898, private
Mascot: Blue Demons



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Colors: Royal Blue and Scarlet
no football
1998 basketball record: Men (18-13), Women (12-15)
Athletics Web site: www.depaulbluedemons.com

East Carolina University

Location: Greenville, N.C.
Enrollment: 17,479
Founded: 1907, public
Mascot: Pirates
Colors: Purple and Gold
1998 football record: 6-5
1998 basketball record: Men (13-14), Women (16-13)
Athletics Web site: www.ecupirates.com

Notes: Joined Division I in 1965 ... beat Stanford 19-13 in 1995 Liberty Bowl ... 6-3 record in bowl games ... Cincinnati Bengal quarterback Jeff Blake is

a Pirate alum along with John Jett of the Detroit Lions.

University of Houston

Location: Houston
Enrollment: 30,757
Founded: 1927, public
Mascot: Cougars
Colors: Scarlet and White
1998 football record: 3-8
1998 basketball record: Men (10-17), Women (5-22)
Athletics Web site: www.uhcougars.com

University of Louisville

Location: Louisville, Ky.
Enrollment: 22,000
Founded: 1798, public
Mascot: Cardinals
Colors: Red and Black
1998 football record: 7-5

1998 basketball record: Men (19-11), Women (21-11)
Athletics Web site: www.uoflsports.com

Marquette University

Location: Milwaukee, Wis.
Enrollment: 10,750
Founded: 1881, private
Mascot: Golden Eagles
Colors: Blue and Gold
no football
1998 basketball record: Men (14-15), Women (21-8)
Athletics Web site: www.gomarquette.com

University of Memphis

Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Enrollment: 20,052
Founded: 1912, public
Mascot: Tigers

Colors: Blue and Gray
1998 football record: 2-9
1998 basketball record: Men (13-15), Women (22-10)
Athletics Web site: www.gotigersgo.com

University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Location: Charlotte, N.C.
Enrollment: 16,395
Founded: 1946, public
Mascot: 49ers
Colors: Green and White
no football
1998 basketball record: Men (23-11), Women (6-21)
Athletics Web site: www.uncc.edu/athletics

Saint Louis University

Location: St. Louis, Mo.
Enrollment: 11,100
Founded: 1818, private
Mascot: Billikens
Colors: Blue and White
no football
1998 basketball record: Men (15-16), Women (16-12)
Athletics Web site: www.slu.edu/athletics

University of South Florida

Location: Tampa, Fla.
Enrollment: 37,000
Founded: 1956, public
Mascot: Bulls
Colors: Green and Gold
1998 football record: 8-3 (IAA-Independent league)
1998 basketball record: Men (14-14), Women (14-13)
Athletics Web site: www.gousfbulls.com

Tulane University

Location: New Orleans, La.
Enrollment: 11,300
Founded: 1834, private
Mascot: Green Wave
Colors: Olive Green and Sky Blue
1998 football record: 12-0
1998 basketball record: Men (12-15), Women (24-6)
Athletics Web site: www.tulanegreenwave.com

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Esteridge said the partnership has allowed TCU to increase the number of televised games, which has wide-reaching benefits.

"We'll always get one or two (football) games televised nationally," Esteridge said. "What we've done here with ESPN is augment that number with additional games that we're producing locally. They're aired in Dallas/Fort Worth (on Channel 55), in Houston (on Channel 51) and on ESPN Game Plan (a pay-per-view service.)

"There is an old saying, 'Television is the

great equalizer.' It can make you look big-time. It can make your players look bigger and faster. Think of (a televised game) as a 3 1/2-hour commercial for TCU. It's hard to put a dollar figure on that because not only does it affect the TCU football program, it affects academic recruiting, and it helps alumni."

Both Thompson and Esteridge said switching to C-USA will affect TCU broadcasting in a positive way.

"It will affect it because we're going to be able to better position ourselves in (the Dallas/Fort Worth) market," Thompson said. "ESPN Regional has a C-USA basketball contract, so it will be easier to schedule games and get games cleared for us to do a

local package."

Esteridge also pointed to C-USA's television contracts.

"If you look at the number of basketball games C-USA has scheduled on television, it's like 55. The Western Athletic Conference is going to be lucky to get 15. So automatically, your exposure increases tremendously. C-USA has a tremendous relationship with ESPN, who is our partner. Our television exposure is going to increase multiple fold after we enter C-USA."

Esteridge said C-USA will produce more revenues from television.

"What we hope to have happen is the games we produce locally, once we enter C-

USA, will bring more value to the client, which will allow us to increase our sponsorships and provide better exposure for those sponsors," Esteridge said.

Thompson said C-USA alone will not increase the marketability of TCU athletics.

"That's the thought going in, but any time you get in a position like the joint-venture between TCU and ESPN Regional, you look over the five-year period," Thompson said. "Nothing ever sells itself because it's perceived to be better. We have to establish it and make it better."

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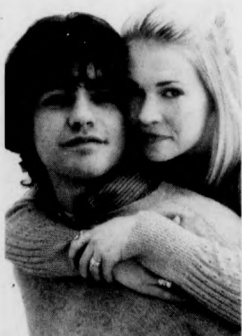
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After three years of waiting, the world breathed a sigh of relief last month after the release of Frank McCourt's "Tis: A Memoir." This newest work is the powerful sequel to his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Angela's Ashes," an autobiographical account of his childhood in an impoverished Ireland.

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The first track on Kula Shaker's new CD, "Peasants, Pigs & Astronauts" opens like the cheesy B-movie "Dr. Otto and the Riddle of the Gloom Beam" (if anyone remembers that).

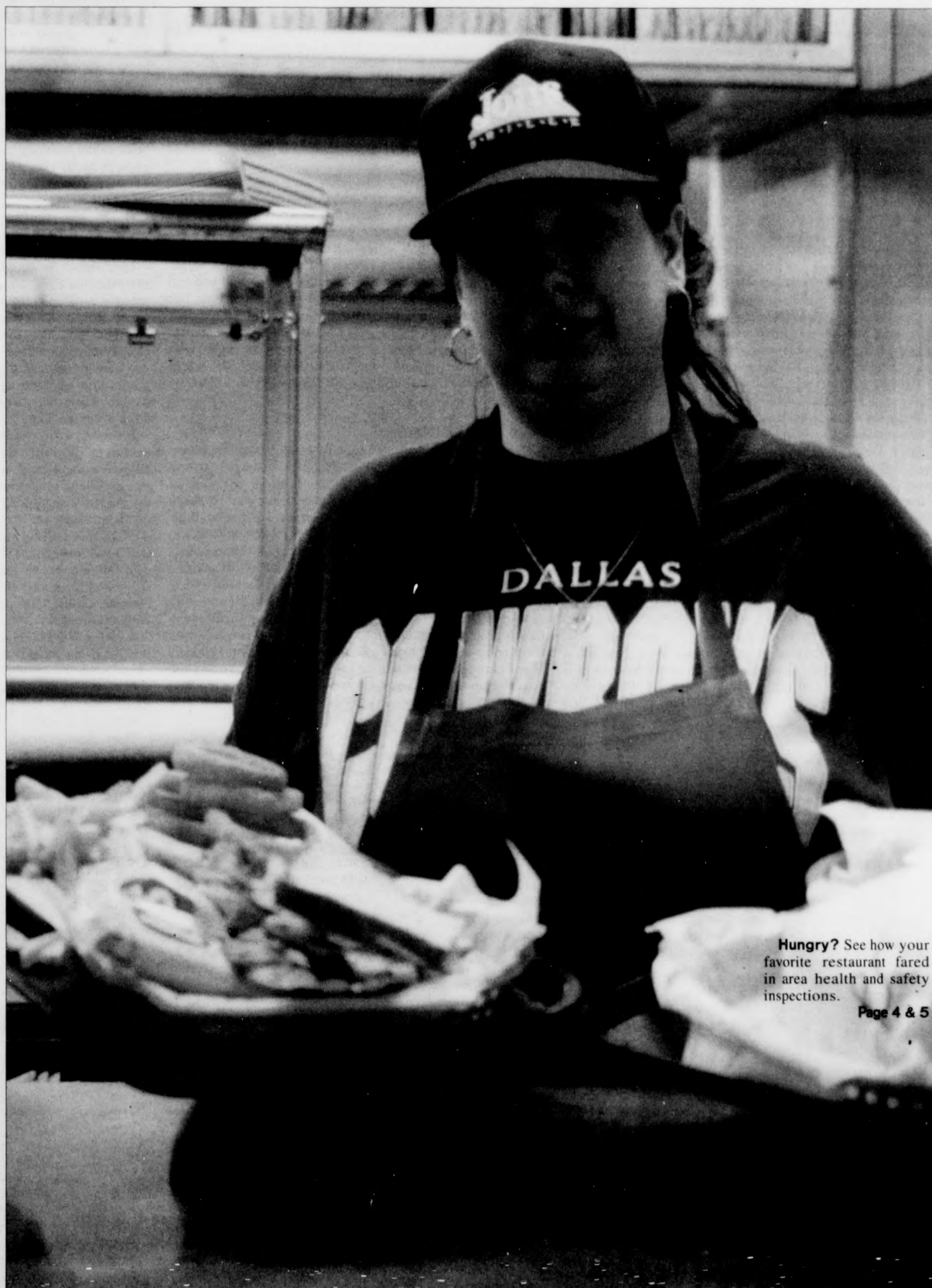
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After five minutes of sitting in the theater watching "Drive Me Crazy," anyone can predict the ending of this movie and form an opinion about how the rest of the film is going to be — bad.

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Sega Dreamcast king of videoland

Dreamcast games win with eye-candy effects

By Guy Bickers
STAFF REVIEWER

After a week off and a week spent in bed (no, it wasn't fun), I'm back to fill your minds with more of my technological drivel. But first, a slight correction. In my column extolling the glories of DVD, I accidentally stated there are six different regional codes in the United States; there are actually six different regions in the world. Oops. Whoever was responsible will be drawn and quartered, unless it was me. That out of the way, on to the technobabble of the week.

Moore's Law states that every 18 months computing power doubles in capacity and halves in size. This is why your laptop is more powerful than one of those supercomputers Bond's enemies were always trying to destroy the world with. "OK," you say. "Who cares about that?" The answer: gamers. Smaller chips with more power, at lower prices, let video game addicts get better fixes year after year. And now we are privy to the greatest crack replacement yet: the Sega Dreamcast. Trust me, this thing's better than sex. (Yes, that's saying a lot. Bear with me.)

History has not been kind to Sega in the United States lately. The Genesis outsold the Super Nintendo by a wide margin but was killed by the 32X and Sega-CD add-ons. This irritated more than a few people. Next came the Sega Saturn, a system everyone wanted to love, but one which was woefully under-powered next to the brand-spankin-new Sony Playstation. Sega got blindsided by Sony and the Saturn was dead in little more than 18 months. With this in mind, it's no wonder that many were skeptical of Sega's make-or-break entry into the 128-bit world. Rest assured that Sega has learned and learned very well.

Many are pooh-pooing the Dreamcast in false hopes of a better system from Sony or Nintendo arriving next year. I work at a video game store (surprise, surprise) and have heard countless people try to assure me that the next big thing's gonna hit any second. Folks, it just ain't true. Playstation2 (the official, lifeless name) from Sony has a problem with meltdowns and Nintendo won't have its next box out until 2001 in Japan. Having seen the PS2 running alongside the Dreamcast earlier this year, I can say that

while the PS2 is far more powerful than Dreamcast, the eye can't tell. "Great, wonderful ... but what about the games?" you ask. Let me give you a little taste, my friends.

Sonic Adventure (Sega)

Remember that little blue ball streaking around TVs in the early '90s? Remember how it just beat up Mario for sheer fun? Comrades ... Sonic is back! No longer content to run from side to side on your screen, he now pushes boxes, swings on cranes, leaps great chasms and rescues cute little critters in glorious 3D. There are six different characters to play and easily a dozen levels to blitz through. It ain't the longest of games, but it sure is fun.

NFL2K (Sega)

All hail the new king of football games! It's a fact that many guys won't buy a system that won't run Madden. It's sort of the Mecca of sports gamers. Madden has always been the best football series out there. Others have tried, with varying degrees of success, but all have fallen short. TV tight ends beware, there's a new conqueror, and you can only get it here. Now, I hate football games, and I ran out and bought this one right after my friend brought it over for a day. The design house who made this game consists entirely of programmers Electronic Arts (the guys who make Madden) laid off. Guess EA don't feel too bright right now. NBA2K will follow in a few weeks with NHL2K set to arrive in January.

Soul Calibur (Namco)

This game is sort of an anomaly. Namco and Sega have been bitter rivals for over a decade now, constantly battling for quarters at arcades world-wide. I guess someone at Sega gave in to temptation and signed their soul to Satan and got Namco to do an arcade-perfect version of their greatest fighting game to date. Nay, better than arcade. On the surface, Soul Calibur comes across as a routine beat-the-crap-out-of-the-other-guy fighting game. With swords. Big swords. In 3D. With surround sound. At incredible resolutions and very high frame-rates. This game deserves an altar more than a TV, it's that good. Even my friends who hate fighting games love this one. The control is incredible, the graphics are astonishing (a true understatement) and it's always fun to kick the snot out of the guy next to you on the couch. Honestly, this game looks better than anything on my computer, and that's saying a heck of a lot!

Blue Stinger (Activision)

Imagine Tomb Raider and Resident Evil mating and creating the worst-cool game ever. Weird, huh? Blue Stinger has the action and running around of the Lara Croft jiggle-fests plus the shock value of RE and buckets of blood gushing from any and every wound. You play Eliot, a search-and-rescue guy stuck on an island full of high-tech labs and nasty creatures just dying to eat you. Technically, it is both stellar and abysmal (hence that worst-cool tag). The lighting and weapons effects are amazing with some really great creature designs and the camera is great. You walk into a new room and get a lovely shot of the top of your head as the enemies in there start charging after you. The game is really cinematic but takes a lot of getting used to. The story is good, and the game has a good level of tension going for it.

"Neat-o. So it's got good games, what makes it so different from the other systems out there?"

First off, it is simply the best-looking system ever to enter the home market. All those nifty games in the arcades actually look and play better at home.

Secondly, it's the cheapest way to get online. For \$200, you get the basic system, including a modem. If you already have an online service a la Earthlink or Flash Net, you can log on using your existing account. If you need access you can sign up with AT&T Worldnet for \$20 per month. There are already keyboards available and a zip drive is on the way.

It's upgradable. Want a cable modem instead? It'll be out next year. Want to put your face on Tiger Wood's body? Digital camera hook-ups are on the way. Wanna watch movies? Sega's planning to set up dealers who can take out the old drive and put in DVD for a minimal fee. See where this is heading, yet?

Well, that's all for now, folks. Maybe one or two of you will be so moved that you'll go buy a Dreamcast this weekend. Perhaps you'll rent one from the video store and take it for a spin. And if you're worried about it disappearing like the Saturn, forget about it. There are already over 600,000 units in homes in the United States and over 300,000 in Europe. Not bad for a system that launched on 9/9/99! If anyone out there wants some specific info about anything technology, drop me a line at webcolumn@hotmail.com. Vaya con dios, and don't sit that close to the TV. Remember what Mom told you about that?

HALLOWEEN ideas

Next weekend is the traditional time to go to haunted houses. If you want to get your Halloween festivities started early, though, here are two ideas for getting into the spirit of Halloween-for-adults.



Boo At The Zoo

The Fort Worth Zoo is hosting its annual Halloween festival for children. While the activities are aimed at small children, college students can get in on the fun by volunteering to help at the festival. For more information, call the zoo at 871-7012.

A Wax Museum Halloween

Is it just wax or could it be... alive? The Palace of Wax and Ripley's Believe It or Not! offers a Halloween exhibit this Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. New characters, including giant mummies, and new special effects will enhance this year's show. Tickets are available for \$15. The wax museum is located at 601 E. Safari Pkwy. in Grand Prairie.

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Saturday, October 23

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5 p.m. Crocodile Dundee
8 p.m. Psycho
11 p.m. Boys on the Side

Sunday, October 24

2 p.m. Casablanca
5 p.m. Fallen
8 p.m. Can't Buy Me Love
11 p.m. Silence of the Lambs

Monday, October 25

2 p.m. October Sky
5 p.m. Lethal Weapon 4
8 p.m. Boyz n the Hood
11 p.m. The Other Sister

Tuesday, October 26

2 p.m. Pulp Fiction
5 p.m. Three Amigos
8 p.m. Psycho
11 p.m. Can't Buy Me Love

Wednesday, October 27

2 p.m. Jawbreaker
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11 p.m. Casablanca

Thursday, October 28

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On the cover: A Jons Grille employee presents customers with their orders. Jons Grille scored above average on its last health and safety inspection by the Fort Worth Public Health Department.

McCourt tells life in heartfelt narrative

By Christina Hager
STAFF REVIEWER

After three years of waiting, the world breathed a sigh of relief last month after the release of Frank McCourt's "Tis: A Memoir." This newest work is the powerful sequel to his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Angela's Ashes," an autobiographical account of his childhood in an impoverished Ireland.

McCourt begins his story in 1949, where at age 19 he is sailing on the Irish Oak to New York. McCourt, raised in the poor area of Limerick, Ireland, yearns to live the American dream. However, when McCourt arrives in the so-called "Land of Opportunity" with no money or home and only a priest for companionship, he finds himself missing the destitute land he escaped from. The disappointed young man finds employment working as a janitor in the Biltmore Hotel, watching the upper-class casually stroll through life. Eager to leave the mundane life at the Biltmore, McCourt enlists in the army. Maneuvering his way through basic training and several countries, the now-wiser Irishman returns to New York only to obtain a warehouse job.

A friend finally convinces McCourt to use his GI bill to get an education. Working nights at a bank, days at a warehouse and moving from one place to another, McCourt receives a diploma from NYU in the summer of 1956. A few months later, he becomes certified to teach high school English.

Along his captivating journey into manhood, recurring themes surface in his narrative.

In Manhattan, NYU and even the army, McCourt cannot escape

his Irish past. Throughout his tale, he repeatedly experiences embarrassment over his heritage, his lack of knowledge of the American social scene and the alienation he experiences from the very day he steps off the boat. His shame serves as a huge reminder of the time period; everyone clings to his or her own and is wary of anyone else. At age 20, McCourt believes that all the talk about different nationalities in everyday conversation "shows you're always something else in this country. You can't just be an American." His constant resentment toward his heritage makes the reader question his or her own treatment of others.

Since he is from Ireland, McCourt is expected by his professors at NYU to know everything about the Catholic faith. However, after his journey to New York, he rarely goes to church and feels he has so much to confess that he could not even bring himself to do it. While he stays with a drunken priest during his first week in America, McCourt's views of the Catholic church are in a continuous state of disarray. Although he believes in God, he is convinced that you do not have to visit a confessional to speak with God because "He is right in the next room." This is a very interesting philosophy for an Irish-Catholic to possess, especially for the time period.

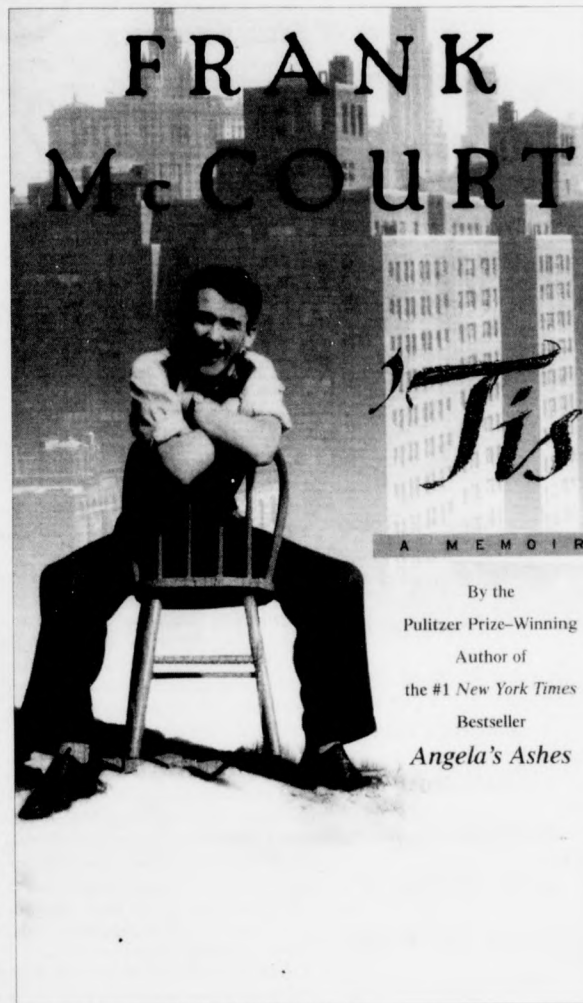
Another emotion that almost overtakes McCourt at times is envy. He refers to it as his "deadly sin" and spends much time wishing he were someone else. He returns to Limerick for two weeks after serving in the army, content with the fact that everyone will look at him in his uniform and stripes, wishing they were in his

place. Even when he becomes a teacher and marries, he is still envious of the things children at his school possess, calling them "the privileged, the chosen, the pampered." In today's society it is hardly easy to imagine McCourt's longing for the simple things such as a towel he does not have to share with 12 other men. However, the reader can connect with the feeling of envy he has and his desire for acceptance.

Contained in the pages of this novel are moments of utter pain, degradation and a poverty that is at times heart-wrenching. However, there are also hilarious realizations and references made by McCourt to show us the range of emotion he possesses. The character sketches are richly done, from the images of drunken Irishmen in pubs to saintly nuns to beatnik jazz musicians. He creates characters that are as real to the readers as they might have once been in his own life.

The author tells his story with such a clarity and conversational style that it is easy to imagine that the words on the page are being spoken directly to you by the innocent, young Irishman himself. Even though this is a sequel to "Angela's Ashes," anyone can enjoy and understand the story without having read the first book.

While the story flows well and makes it easy for the reader to follow, the different dialects spoken by the characters require more attention for comprehension. His many agonizing and painful experiences continued from the first book make the reader feel fortunate not to have walked in his shoes. With several laughs, tears and moments of madness, McCourt's honest and heartfelt narrative easily captures the



By the
Pulitzer Prize-Winning
Author of
the #1 *New York Times*
Bestseller
Angela's Ashes

human soul and guides it along a tale of struggle, defeat and joy. McCourt, whose brilliance is easily applied in his writing, has found his life's calling and written a true coming-of-age story, a tale of pure emotion and life-long lessons.

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A Novel by the Author of SHE'S COME UNDONE

Novel tells touching tale of twins

By Susan Hutchison
STAFF REVIEWER

While the size of this book can seem intimidating, 900 pages, if you have the time and dedication you are sure to find satisfaction in Wally Lamb's "I Know This Much Is True."

The story follows the lives of identical twins, growing up together and turning out to be two very different people. One is a paranoid schizophrenic and the other is a teacher and housepainter. Lamb does an excellent job of relating his characters in a very real and believable manner.

Lamb's story, told from the point of view of Dominick, the stable twin, flashes back and forth not only to his childhood, but to his grandfather's life as an Italian immigrant. Lamb deals with questions of identity, strength of relationships and issues of responsibility.

When one of the twins, Thomas, slides into the prison of mental incapacity,

the novel raises the question: Are we our brothers' keepers?

On her death bed, the mother of the twins charges Dominick with the task of caring for his ill brother. One divorce and a few major breakdowns later, Dominick faces what he believes is his inescapable fate as his brother's babysitter. He calls into question his faith in God and his own mental stability. It provides for a unique glimpse into the mind of a man who is both an individual and a twin and how he copes with life's cruel jokes and harsh realities.

Lamb captures readers in his intricate novel with exceptional characterization that has landed him a spot in Oprah's much celebrated book club.

I particularly admired how Lamb peppered his novel with facts and terminology to add to the authenticity of his characters. He threw in a bit of Italian dialect and technical, medical language to add to voices of his characters. Not so much that I needed a dictionary, but enough that I second-guessed whether I was reading fiction or an autobiography.

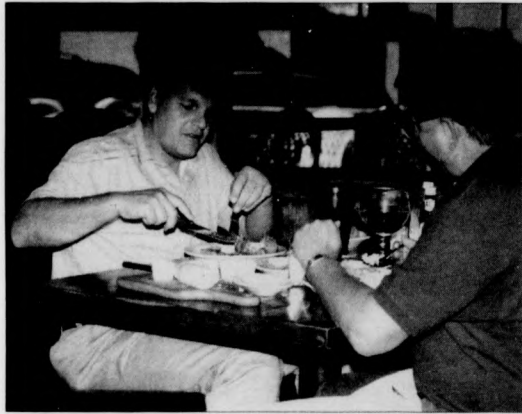
If you like frills-and-thrills fiction novels, this isn't for you, but those of you who look for a bit of reality in your reading would enjoy this book. As I mentioned

before, this is no weekend project. Expect a considerable investment of time as you read this touching story of twin brothers struggling through almost every test imaginable.

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Story by Joel Anderson
Photos by Sarah Kirschberg

Get the dirt on local



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—David Ripple,
general manager of
TCU's dining service



David Ripple has firsthand knowledge of the dangers of ill-prepared food. As a freshman in college 12 years ago, Ripple became intimately acquainted with the miseries of hepatitis after eating at a restaurant near his school's campus.

After being bedridden for more than a month and losing 15 pounds, Ripple keeps that episode of distress firmly in his mind as the general manager of TCU's dining services provider, Sodexo Marriott.

"If there's ever a question about something, (Marriott) just suggests doing the safest thing," Ripple said. "And my

wife hates me because I'm so meticulous about where we eat."

Ripple's advice is best served by anyone hoping to avoid a case of salmonella or shigella, or any other kind of foodborne disease, said Thomas Caylor, a consumer health specialist at Fort Worth's Public Health Department.

"The public is much smarter and more informed than ever before," Caylor said. "You should definitely be smart when considering where you are going to eat. If you think there is a problem somewhere, report it to us. We respond to every complaint we get."

For college students with limited amounts of money and even less time to cook, eating out is often the dinner option of choice. TCU students have no shortage of alternatives, with nearly 50 restaurants in the immediate area, including those businesses lining West Berry Street, Bluebonnet Circle and South University Drive.

"I think these people know that they're going to get a lot of business from TCU students," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

With hundreds of students flooding the local restaurants and limited time to prepare food for these hungry masses, an occasional mishap can occur — such as food poisoning.

Heather Patriacca, a sophomore religion major, said she fell ill last semester after eating a chicken salad she purchased at Chili's.

"In the middle of Bible study the next day I got violently ill," Patriacca said. "I was throwing up so badly and I was super-dehydrated. I couldn't even drink water."

After a trip to the emergency room and sleeping for most of that week, Patriacca said her perspective on food preparation was forever changed. But she did admit she may have been at fault for her food poisoning.

"I brought the salad home as leftovers, so it really could have been my fault," she said. "There is no way to prove that this was Chili's fault. I even eat there on occasion, but I don't eat anything with salad dressing anymore."

Patriacca said she does have faith in the health department's inspection codes, but she still is wary of salad bars and food that isn't cooked all the way through.

Dun Badejo, general manager at the Chili's on South University Drive, said his restaurant's record with the health authorities "speaks for itself."

"We have a lot more stringent standards than the Public Health Department," Badejo said. "The safest food you're going to eat is at this restaurant. I venture to say that no one is doing what Chili's is doing to ensure that their food is safe for the consumer."

Ripple said he believes that most people are mistaken when they accuse restaurants of food poisoning, especially if only one person claims that they are sick.

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someone is poisoned. It's not just eating raw chicken. People eat raw meat all over the world and don't get sick. It's usually the handling of the food up to the point of eating."

Badejo said his restaurant is using the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP), which is recommended, but not required, by public health officials as a means to increase the standard of food handling and prevent foodborne illnesses.

The HACCP program focuses on how food is stored, cooled, heated and handled by restaurant workers. Caylor said the Health Department is pushing to make HACCP mandatory.

"Health inspectors see the restaurant for a very short time period," Caylor said. "We are in there for about five to six hours a year. Situations can change very quickly. That's why you can't take complete stock in the reports. Therefore we encourage restaurants to adopt the HACCP plan as a policy."

Chili's was last inspected on Feb. 17 and received a score of 77, which is considered average by inspectors. The restaurant was cited for improper cooling of chicken and ham, and for a malfunctioning dishwashing machine.

Caylor said sometimes a health inspection report is not always an accurate grading of a restaurant.

"Maybe we catch a restaurant at a bad time and they're understaffed," he said. "Or maybe we came in at lunch and that's usually a hard time to have the opportunity to clean up and have the restaurant looking good."

Caylor and fellow health inspector Cornell Hampton also

said that the old inspection forms, which were broken down into critical and non-critical items would have included improper storage of food or insufficient disinfection. Non-critical items would include walls.

The current forms have 27 items, while the older inspection forms had 44 items. The older inspection forms were on a scale of 100 and were similar to a school's report card.

Ripple said that as a consumer, he would patronize a restaurant during a "bad time." "If a restaurant scores really low, then I wouldn't go to those places," Ripple said. "That one bad score can ruin somebody."

Some local restaurants that ran afoul of the new rules on their last two inspections were Seafood Market and Grill, Hoffbrau Steinhilber and Mexican Restaurant.

The TCU Student Center, McDonald's, Whataburger all made perfect scores or deductions on their last two inspections were subtracted during their most recent inspection.

"The restaurants in the TCU area are probably the best," Caylor said. "They probably feel like students, you all will be a little more affluent somewhere else if you don't like the food, but I think that anyone wants to make anyone's business."



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How do they measure up?

These are the most recent Fort Worth Public Health Department inspection scores of restaurants in the TCU area, which includes West Berry Street, South University Drive and Bluebonnet Circle. The Health Department changed its scoring system in March from a raw score to the number of demerits each restaurant accumulated.

Demerits can be assessed for improper cooking temperatures, availability of handwashing areas, insect contamination and other violations. Health inspectors said most restaurants average 15 demerits a report. More than 30 demerits is a subpar restaurant. The scores that are zero or a negative number come from the new system, while the larger positive numbers indicate that a review has not been performed using the updated system.



Restaurants inspected under the new inspection forms

Berry Street Grill, 2917 W. Berry	-7
Blue Mesa Grill, 1600 S. University	-34
Boston Market, 3012 W. Berry	-3
Caro's Restaurant, 3505 Bluebonnet Circle	-11
Chopstix (Japan) Express, 2105 W. Berry	-4
Denny's Restaurant, 1523 S. University	-23
Domino's Pizza, 2801 W. Berry	-6
Einstein Bros, 3050 S. University	-6
Fishmonger's Seafood Market & Grill, 3468 Bluebonnet Circle	-25
Good Eats Grill, 1651 S. University	-27
Hong Kong Restaurant, 3522 Bluebonnet	-21
Jons Grille, 3009 S. University	-3
La Piazza, 1600 S. University	-11
Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant, 1660 S. University	-30
Papa John's Pizza, 2211 W. Berry	0
Smoothie King, 3054 S. University	-7
Sonic Drive-In, 1800 W. Berry	-4
Stems & Staples, 2900 S. University	0
Subway Sandwich Shops, 2209 W. Berry	-3
Taco Bell, 2501 W. Berry	-10
The Main, 2900 S. University	0
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, 2317 W. Berry	-3
Whataburger Restaurants, 2401 W. Berry	0



Restaurants inspected under the old inspection forms

Chili's Grill and Bar, 1540 S. University	77
Hoffbrau Steaks, 1712 S. University	75
Jack in the Box, 2851 W. Berry	100
Romano's Macaroni Grill, 1501 S. University	94
McDonald's Restaurants, 2109 W. Berry	100
Ol' South Pancake House, 1507 S. University	82
Owen's Restaurant, 1200 S. University	83
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 2708 I-30	95
Pappasito's Cantina, 2704 I-30	94
Water Street Seafood Company, 1540 S. University	89

OLP finds popularity, not happiness

By Angie Chang
STAFF REVIEWER

Our Lady Peace is back to prove once again that the world is not a wonderful place, and everyone is not all right in their third album, "Happiness ... is Not a Fish That You Can Catch."

Although Our Lady Peace has not enjoyed as much success as fellow Canadian band Barenaked Ladies, their continuing popularity is admirable. OLP's second album, "Clumsy," was its first major break into the United States with the title track and single, "Superman's Dead," while its debut album "Naveed" headed for obscurity and "pricesaver" bins.

Already on heavy rotation on MuchMusic, Canada's version of MTV, OLP's videos are reserved for late night appearances on 120 minutes.

OLP has much to offer in the name of rock music. For starters, Raine Maida is a vocalist unlike any other. With resemblance to Perry Ferrel of Jane's Addiction, Maida likes to stay in a falsetto range. Oftentimes, Maida's penchant for depressing lyrics combine with his voice to create an effect similar to whining.

"Happiness" shines with a mature sound as this is OLP's second album with the present

members of Maida, Jeremy Taggart (drums), Duncan Coutts (bass), and Mike Turner (guitar). The first single, "One Man Army," is Maida's empathetic song for those who feel they are fighting against the world. These are the same people whom last year he told were all alone in "Clumsy."

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The track, "Happiness & the Fish," is a continuing lament of Maida's perception of the world, but so are most of the songs on the rest of the disc. With lyrics such as "But I'm just so tired of waking up all alone" and "No one listens but I'm OK with it," Maida reveals his resigned attitude and bleak outlook on the world.

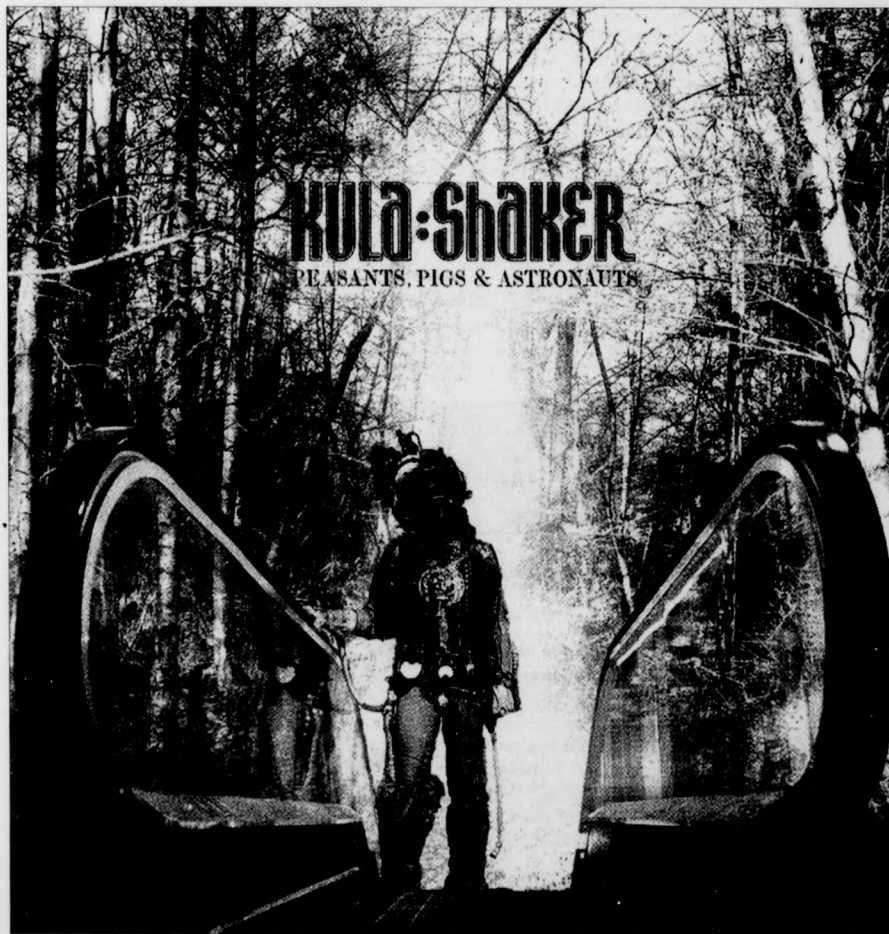
"Happiness" is marked with a refined sound with swirling guitars, distinct bass line and Taggart's incredible drumming. Synthesizers are also incorporated into the band's rock sound to create a dark mood for the album.

"Happiness" is a disc to cater to the hidden rage in everyone. It is a thematic album that drives home the point that happiness rarely visits and almost never stays.

Our Lady Peace will perform at the Starplex Amphitheatre Nov. 3 with Oleander and Creed and will tour both in the United States and the United Kingdom before returning to Canada.



Mystic Kula Shaker's CD a unique expression



By Courtney Kirkpatrick
STAFF REVIEWER

The first track on Kula Shaker's new CD, "Peasants, Pigs & Astronauts" opens like the cheesy B-movie "Dr. Otto and the Riddle of the Gloom Beam" (if anyone remembers that).

At first it is melodramatic and eerie, but that gradually gives way to a faster pace and eclectic signature sound. It has a curry-flavored, other-worldly quality.

A unique blend of traditional rock with ethnic instruments, the British foursome's soul-searching melodies seamlessly blend into one another and are occasionally punctuated by chants.

Although the CD is thematically psychedelic, each song has its own style. The austere "I'm Still Here" contrasts with the upbeat "Shower Your Love," while songs such as "Great Hosannah" and "Last Farewell" recall one another with an odd feeling of déjà vu. Kula Shaker's sound is distinctive from fellow British bands, The Beatles or Oasis.

Frontman Crispian Mills' vocals have an ever-present Eastern influence. The group's lingering chants provide an interesting change from the heavy sound of much of today's rock.

Each member of the quirky quartet is multi-talented, serving a number of jobs on the CD. Mills (whose mother is former Disney starlet Hayley Mills) provides vocals and both electric and

acoustic guitars. Bass player Alonza Bevan sings back-up vocals and plays acoustic guitar loops, while Jay Darlington plays the Hammond organ, Wurliizer piano, electric organs and analog keyboards. Finally, Paul Winter-Hart handles percussion.

Kula Shaker also features vocalists Himangshu Goswami and Gouri Choudhury on some of the tracks with guest musicians who play string arrangements, brass, shenai and surungi, which breathe life into Kula Shaker's hazy and mystical sound.

Tracks such as "Namami Nanda-Nandana" experiment with the current sound of popular music and use woodwind instruments and the gurgling sounds of nature to stir up the imagination.

A complete turnaround from the popular Backstreet Boys or Korn, Kula Shaker's lyrics are poetic: "Will we arise in our time/ At the dawn of another meaning/ Will we awake at the break of a/ Great Hosannah" (from the song, "Great Hosannah").

Others border on melodramatic dribble, such as the "Mystical Machine Gun": "You're a wizard in a blizzard/ A mystical machine gun/ Watch the skies/ For the mystical machine gun fire."

Kula Shaker's second CD recalls a long-forgotten and passionate hopefulness that is lacking in much of today's music.

The band and its sound are reminiscent of more innocent times, and that's part of the appeal.

dinner and a movie ...

dinner: Old Fashioned Macaroni & Cheese

Take advantage of the cooler weather and make a warm, "cozy" dish that will remind you of home. This mac 'n cheese dinner so far outweighs Kraft and even Velveeta that it's worth the extra work: Old Fashioned Macaroni and Cheese.

Ingredients

- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 3 cups shredded American cheese
- 1 tablespoon bread crumbs

Directions

- 1.) Cook macaroni according to package directions, drain.
- 2.) In a large saucepan, melt butter. Add onion, cook until tender.
- 3.) Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Blend in milk.
- 4.) Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Add cheese, stir until melted.
- 5.) Combine macaroni and cheese mixture, mix well. Pour into buttered two-quart casserole dish. Top with bread crumbs.
- 6.) Bake at 350 degrees until hot and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Garnish as desired. Makes four to six servings.

Tip

Try mixing sharp cheddar or monterey jack cheeses into the macaroni.

going out: Drive Me Crazy

By Allan Schwegmann
STAFF REVIEWER

After five minutes of sitting in the theater watching "Drive Me Crazy," anyone can predict the ending of this movie and form an opinion about how the rest of the film is going to be — *bad*.

Melissa Joan Hart, better known for her roles in "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" and "Clarissa Explains All," stars as Nicole, the popular girl in school who is in charge of every activity and has every guy after her. Her across-the-street neighbor, Chase (Adrian Grenier) is the exact opposite and has a completely different social circle. While Nicole is getting drunk at parties on a Friday night, he is at raves drinking his frappamochalattechino.

But when the most popular guy in school doesn't ask Nicole to the final dance of the semester, she goes to great lengths to make him jealous. Meanwhile, Chase's girlfriend dumps him because he won't go to the Animal Liberation Front meeting with her at a nearby college campus. Chase and Nicole attempt to make their former significant others jealous by pretending to be a couple.

Nicole gets Chase out of his thrift store clothes and into the Gap and Banana Republic, so he will be more presentable to her friends. (Now doesn't that sound familiar?)

The story drags on for a good 1 1/2 hours, attempting to put together humorous settings for the crafty two, which doesn't appease anyone in the audience.

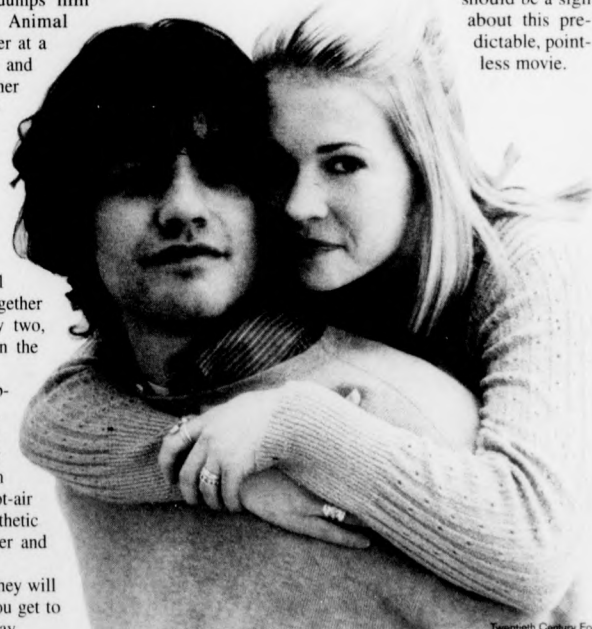
There are also ridiculous subplots running through the movie. One is Nicole's father, who sets dinner dates and typical custody visitations and then breaks them because he is interested in (yes) hot-air ballooning. A second is the pathetic flirting of Chase's widower father and Nicole's divorced mother.

Of course, you all know how they will turn out in the end. And when you get to the end, no one really cares anyway.

The film also tries too hard to attract everyone. It has numerous shots of Hart in her bra and bathing suit, which would surely attract the typical, hormonal 13-year-old male. Then there is the older romance between the parents of the duo, which attracts older audiences. Plenty of drinking and pot smoking in the film will get the older high school kids and younger college students as well.

Finally, there is the Britney Spears song, "Crazy," which plays twice in the movie, on every radio station in this hemisphere and is probably playing in your head right now. This is a sure ticket to get anyone under the age of 15 to come in and blow \$5. To say these things are not relevant to the plot is unnecessary, since there is basically no plot to deal with.

So how did everyone else in the theater like it? Ironically, my roommate and I were the only two there. That alone should be a sign about this predictable, pointless movie.



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Brad (Gabriel Carpenter, far right), the school's star basketball player spends an afternoon with his friends in Twentieth Century Fox's "Drive Me Crazy."

eight days in October

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Pocket Sandwich Theatre shows "Drac' In The Saddle Again — The Vampire Western," 8 p.m.</p> <p>Bronco Bowl: Better Than Ezra, Sixpence None The Richer, Jeremy Toback, doors open 7 p.m. Call (310) 274-9371 for more information.</p> <p>Circle Theatre will show "The Woman in Black," 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Reunion Arena hosts the Dallas Stars vs. New Jersey Devils at 7:30 p.m. Call (214) 939-2836 for more information.</p> <p>The play Our Town will be at Stage West on University Drive, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Fort Worth Stockyards presents the "Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering." Visit (www.artscouncilfw.org) for more information.</p>	<p>Pocket Sandwich Theatre shows "Drac' In The Saddle Again — The Vampire Western," 8 p.m.</p> <p>Circle Theatre will show "The Woman in Black," 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>The play Our Town will be at Stage West on University Drive, 3 and 8 p.m.</p> <p>Pianist Alex McDonald comes to the Carpenter Performance Hall at Irving Arts Center, 8 p.m. Call (972) 580-1566 for more information.</p> <p>Fort Worth Stockyards presents the "Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering." For more info visit: artscouncilfw.org.</p> <p>The Fort Worth Botanic Garden presents the Fall Festival in Japanese Garden. For more information visit: artscouncilfw.org.</p>	<p>Pocket Sandwich Theatre shows "Drac' In The Saddle Again — The Vampire Western," 7 p.m.</p> <p>Circle Theatre will show "The Woman in Black," 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>The play Our Town will be at Stage West on University Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fort Worth Stockyards presents the "Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering." For more info visit: artscouncilfw.org.</p> <p>The Fort Worth Botanic Garden presents the Fall Festival in Japanese Garden. Visit www.artscouncilfw.org for more information.</p>		<p>Kalita Humphrey's Theater hosts "The Seagull," 7 p.m. Call (214) 526-8210 for more information.</p> <p>Dallas Mavericks play the Milwaukee Bucks at Reunion Arena, 7:30 p.m. Call (214) 939-2836 for more information.</p> <p>The Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth will play the Cook Children's Hospital Concert. For more information visit: artscouncilfw.org.</p>	<p>Bronco Bowl Theater: Pet Shop Boys, doors open 7 p.m.</p> <p>Deep Ellum Live: Genitorturers, Electric Hellfire Club, doors open 8 p.m.</p> <p>Kalita Humphrey's Theater hosts "The Seagull," 7 p.m. Call (214) 526-8210 for more information.</p>	<p>Pocket Sandwich Theatre shows "Drac' In The Saddle Again — The Vampire Western," 8 p.m.</p> <p>Bronco Bowl Theater: Indigo Girls, doors open 7 p.m., tickets go on sale Oct. 2, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Circle Theatre will show "The Woman in Black," 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The play Our Town will be at Stage West on University Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Kalita Humphrey's Theater hosts "The Seagull," 7 p.m. Call (214) 526-8210 for more information.</p>	<p>Pocket Sandwich Theatre shows "Drac' In The Saddle Again — The Vampire Western," 8 p.m.</p> <p>Deep Ellum Live: Gov't Mule, doors open 8 p.m.</p> <p>Bronco Bowl Theater: Live, Cibbo Matto, doors open 7 p.m.</p> <p>Ed Burleson comes to the Sons of Hermann Hall. Call (214) 747-4422 for more information.</p> <p>Circle Theatre will show "The Woman in Black," 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>The play Our Town will be at Stage West on University Drive, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Kalita Humphrey's Theater hosts "The Seagull," 8 p.m. Call (214) 526-8210 for more information.</p> <p>The band Live will be at the Bronco Bowl, 7 p.m.</p>



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events Around Town

Fort Worth Film Festival
 The Fort Worth Film Festival will be held Thursday to Sunday at the AMC Sundance 20 Theatres.
 On Saturday, American film legend Gregory Peck will present his one-man show, "A Conversation with Gregory Peck." Ticket prices range from \$24 to \$60.
 Tickets for general film screenings during the festival will be \$6.50 each. All tickets can be purchased from the Ticketmaster at (214) 647-5700, or www.ticketmaster.com).

Focus On Photography
 Amon Carter Museum will host its first public photography workshop, "Focus On Photography" on Oct. 31, Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Luther Smith, a local photographer and TCU

professor of art, will be the instructor in this three-part workshop for adults.
 Participants must provide their own cameras, film processing and printing materials. The general admission is \$60, museum members \$45. For more information on membership or the workshop, call (817) 738-1933. The location will be announced.

Culture and Art
 The 10th annual American Indian Art Festival and Market will come to Dallas Saturday and Sunday. It will be at the Artist Square in downtown Dallas. The times are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 The event will include an Indian Market, stage performances, children's activities, tribal foods, cultural demonstrations, special exhibits and more than 150 American Indian artists.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and children \$3 (under 4 is free). For more information, call (214) 891-9640.

Season of Music
 Classical music raises your IQ, and it's time to do so. The Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra will kick off its season Saturday, featuring Alex McDonald, 17, who will perform Gershwin variations on the piano.
 Season tickets are from \$70 to \$160 and single tickets are \$15 to \$40. Call (972) 580-1566 for more information.

Our Town
 Stage West is still showing *Our Town* (pictured at right) until Oct. 28. For showtimes and ticket prices, call 784-9378.

