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SGA secretary position left vacant

Lone candidate withdraws from race as officials extend application deadline

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives' Elections and Regulations Committee extended the application deadline for the office of student body secretary to noon Thursday after the only candidate running withdrew from the race Monday.

Melanie Benning, a junior political science major, said she applied for the position but had to withdraw because of her hopes to study

abroad in Fall 2000.

"My initial reason to run was that I was so excited about the revamping of the Student Government Association constitution," she said. "I wanted to get involved and become a leader, but academics come first."

Benning said she is considering graduate school and has hopes of receiving an internship during her semester abroad.

If House secretary were a spring-semester commitment, she said, she would still be running

for the position.

"I would take it in a heartbeat," Benning said. "I love SGA."

Brian Becker, a sophomore finance and accounting major, who is acting as chairman pro tem for the Elections and Regulations Committee, said the application extension complies with SGA procedure in the event that no one has applied for an office. If no one submits an application by Thursday, the newly elected officers will decide who to appoint as House secretary, he said.

Becker will act as chairman for the next two weeks because Jason Cordova, who normally acts as chairman of the committee, stepped down from his position due to a conflict of interest. Cordova said he decided to temporarily relinquish his position because his roommate is a candidate in the presidential race.

Campaigning for officer elections began at midnight Saturday when applications for officer positions were

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Student Government Candidates

The following is a list of candidates for Student Government Association offices

SGA President:

- James Applebury
- Ben Jenkins
- Walker Moody
- C.J. Striebing
- Hawk Wolcott

House Vice President:

- Sara Donaldson

Kenny Oubre

- Ryan Shoemaker
- Clay Stauffer

Vice President for

Programming Council:

- Meredith Killgore

Treasurer:

- Stine Lunden

Secretary:

- Deadline for applications for this position has been extended to noon Thursday

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BRIEFS

House debates new online voting procedures

The House of Student Representatives opened old business Tuesday with discussion and debate on Bill 99-19, which outlines proper conduct for the new online voting procedure that began this week. The bill passed with two amendments.

Bill 99-19 was written by the House Elections and Regulations Committee in an effort to update the current election code, which previously pertained to paper voting.

The bill sparked several rounds of debate as House members questioned the accuracy of the bill. House Parliamentarian Zuberi Williams said he thought some of the debate could have been avoided if House representatives had simply done their research on the bill when it was distributed Oct. 19.

Once the floor was closed to debate, a vote was cast, and the bill passed with two amendments. The amendments pertained to the exclusion of campaign advertisements for display on campus computers and to the use of both identification and a password in order to log onto the voter Web site.

Nearly 200 attend Baylor U. service for 4 students

WACO (U-WIRE) — Members of the Baylor University family gathered Saturday morning to remember the four Baylor students killed in the tragic accident in College Station just over two weeks ago.

"This is not a natural setting," said Chaplain Milton Cunningham, special assistant to the vice president of student life. "Parents never, never expect to bury their children. Children bury their parents. Maybe because it's so unnatural, because it's so contrary to what we expect, maybe that's what makes things like this so hard."

Emily Hollister, a South Bend, Ind., freshman, Tricia Calp, a Houston freshman, Erika Lanham, a Fort Collins, Colo., freshman and Dolan (Tripp) Wostal III, a Santa Fe junior, were killed when a Texas A&M University student apparently fell asleep while driving his Ford Ranger on Farm Road 60 in the early morning on Oct. 10 near the A&M campus.

The vehicle swerved off the highway and killed six college students who were walking to a Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity party.

Student Body President Jon Rolph read condolence letters from several universities across the state and country, including Texas A&M, Southwest Texas State University, Southern Methodist University, Washington State University and the University of Mississippi.

"These words remind us of the huge ripple effect and

Ghosts, goblins, kids toddle to Colby Halloween



Dozens of children flood the floors of Colby Hall to celebrate the upcoming Halloween holiday by dressing in costumes and collecting candy Tuesday. Residents of the residence hall decorated the halls with cobwebs, ghosts and spiders and handed out treats to the children.

27-year-old event focuses more on children with clowns, treats outdoors

By Lori Eshelman
STAFF REPORTER

As children transformed into Pokémons, princesses and pirates for the annual Colby Halloween Tuesday night, the 27-year-old event underwent a few transformations of its own.

"This year it's definitely more focused on the children," said Kara Steffen, Colby Hall director.

The event is for children of TCU faculty and staff.

Popcorn, cotton candy, hot chocolate and lemonade replaced the traditional cheese and crackers provided for parents in past years, and clowns and an inflatable jumping structure were added to help move the event outdoors, Steffen said.

Armida Guzman, executive assistant for AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, said the changes improved the event. She has been attending Colby Halloween for almost 20 years with her daughter and most recently, her granddaughter.

"It was so messy last year that I almost didn't want to come this year," she said. "But everything is new and improved. It's a great change."

Steffen said the changes were intended to accommodate the increasing number of parents who

wanted to participate in the activities with their children.

"I think we started to see a trend where parents wanted to go through the hall together with their children rather than let them go alone," she said. "So we figured (the changes) would help make this more of a family event."

Another change this year was the system of taking children through the hall. Children 8 to 12 years old entered through the southeast door and toured the scarier wings of the hall, while the light-hearted wings were toured by the younger children who entered through the southwest door.

"Because the numbers got so large, we decided to come in the side doors to help move the kids through a little better," Steffen said. Darron Turner, director of minority affairs, said using the side doors definitely helped relieve the congestion.

"It takes some of the crowd out of the front doors and the lobby area," he said. "Now parents can actually see the kids."

Despite the significant changes to the event, the preparations remained in the hands of the residents.

Melissa Nabors, a wing representative on the Colby Hall Council

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Program would ease registration, students say

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

Faculty and students have responded favorably for FrogFinder, a new program that will help students find more information about professors and the classes they teach. The next step is to try to implement the plan in time for Fall 2000 advanced registration.

FrogFinder was first approved by the Faculty Senate in Spring 1999

Officials to work to provide syllabus, class info on FrogFinder

after the Academic Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives presented the proposal. But Dave Edmondson, assistant vice provost for information services, said he would like it to be tested by both students and Faculty Senate members before it is used by faculty members.

"These types of programs will

make us a leader in terms of technology," he said.

Roger Pfaffenberger, chairman of the Faculty Senate and a professor of finance and decision sciences, said a similar plan was implemented for one semester in Spring 1989 when professors had the option of including a condensed syllabus in the class catalog. But the hard-print version of the

plan was too expensive and too time-consuming, Pfaffenberger said.

Now TCU has the technology to implement the plan on the World Wide Web, Pfaffenberger said.

"It's a great idea," he said. "Not only will it help share information on courses before they begin, which will save professors time with the menu format, but I also can't see it taking

faculty a long time to enter their information."

Pfaffenberger said he thinks FrogFinder may help reduce the number of students adding and dropping classes because students will now know more about classes and their requirements. It could also allow juniors and seniors to register earlier.

Edmondson said when students

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JFK FILM FOUND IN TCU ARCHIVES

Ownership still in question

By Kris Gutierrez
STAFF REPORTER

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy spoke to a crowd of supporters at a breakfast at the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth. As he joked with the crowd, laughter and joy spread throughout the ballroom.

But hours later, sadness and grief spread across the nation as Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

Those few hours in Fort Worth, captured on 8mm film, were discovered in the Mary Coats Burnett Library among material donated to the university.

In 1990, former Speaker of the House and current TCU professor Jim Wright donated the collection of material he compiled during his

34 years in Congress. The 8mm film was found



Joe Helmick, an archival assistant at the Mary Coats Burnett Library, loads 8mm film footage of President John F. Kennedy at a breakfast in Fort Worth the morning of his assassination.

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Alumni donations rebound

By Jessica Schambach
STAFF REPORTER

Although total alumni giving decreased almost \$4 million last year compared to the previous academic year, alumni donations to the Annual Fund have steadily increased over the past six years.

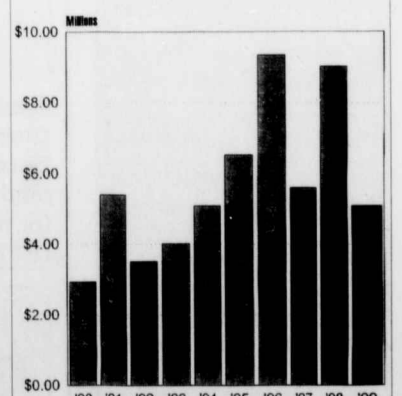
Roby Key, associate vice chancellor for constituent programs, said the total alumni giving — including gifts for the Annual Fund, endowed scholarships, new buildings and other campus improvement projects — fluctuates depending on what projects are in store for that year.

"When you're talking about total alumni giving, you're talking about our alumni responding to projects we're asking them to help us with," he said. "Million-dollar gifts obviously fluctuate from year to year depending on what we're building. So the total giving for alumni jumps around considerably."

Key said alumni are asked to increase donations if there are major projects in the works, such as the Tucker Technology Center and the

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Texas Christian University TOTAL ALUMNI GIVING



Gifts for the Annual Fund, endowed scholarships, new buildings, and other campus improvement projects.

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CAMPUS LINES

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

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

■ The department of art and art history will sponsor guest lecturer Emily Umberger, an assistant professor of art history at Arizona State University, to speak on "Myth, Cosmos and Commemoration in Aztec Monuments" at noon Monday in Moudy Building North, Room 132.

■ The criminal justice department will host its annual career panel at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Student Center, Woodson Room. All students are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

■ An informational meeting for the 7th Annual Summer Study Program for Universidad de las Americas-Puebla will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 115. Free food will be provided. For more information, call Donald Frischmann at 257-6358.

■ SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs families to host high school exchange students for the Spring semester of the 1999/2000 school year. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. For more information, call Sharon George at (915) 533-5808 or the Education Resource Development Trust Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

■ National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarship for U.S. undergraduates to study abroad during Summer 2000 through Spring 2001 are available. The deadline is Feb. 7, 2000. For applications, call the NSEP office at 1-800-618-NSEP or e-mail (nsep@iee.org).

■ A Harris HMO representative will be on campus today. To schedule an appointment, call 257-7790.

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News

ROUNDUP

World

Fighting erupts in Sierra Leone between ex-junta and rebels, 100 soldiers killed as result

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — An uneasy alliance between rebels and ex-junta soldiers has dissolved into bloodshed in northern Sierra Leone, where about 100 soldiers were killed in fighting last weekend, newspapers reported Tuesday.

The rebel Revolutionary United Front battled former junta soldiers along a key road between the northern towns of Makeni and Lunsar, some 45 miles northeast of Freetown, the *Concord Times* reported, citing accounts from refugees fleeing the region.

The reports could not immediately be confirmed. Relations between the rebels and their allies from Sierra Leone's ousted junta have been strained since Sankoh and President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah signed the July 7 peace deal.

The accord promised the rebels a power-sharing role in the government but made no specific mention of the former junta, which was ousted early last year by the West African intervention force known as ECOMOG.

36 people protesting communists government detained in Tiananmen Square

BEIJING — Chinese police detained dozens of Falun Gong spiritual movement members on Tuesday, pulling them into police vans after they staged a second day of civil disobedience in Tiananmen Square to protest a government ban on their group.

The low-key protest, which participants knew assured their arrests, showed that the Communist government's three-month crackdown and its campaign of vilification against Falun Gong leaders has yet to eradicate the popular movement.

A New York-based spokeswoman for the group claimed that police have arrested about 1,000 members over the last few days — a report that could not be independently verified.

On Tuesday, police took at least 36 people from the square, often in batches of six or more. They included middle-aged or older women and a middle-aged man who was forced into a van along with seven women and teen-agers.

By gathering in clumps amid the throngs of tourists on Tiananmen Square, the protesters hoped to highlight their disapproval of a proposed law against Falun Gong and other groups China's communist leaders view as dangerous cults. The national legislature is reviewing the law this week at the Great Hall of the People beside Tiananmen Square.

Police in street clothes distinguished the Falun

Gong adherents from Chinese tourists in the vast square by quietly asking people if they came to protest. Those who answered "yes" were quickly detained.

Nation

Congress, family of Martin Luther King Jr. negotiating for most recent papers

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress and the family of Martin Luther King Jr. are negotiating a multi-million dollar deal that could make the Library of Congress the repository for the slain civil rights leader's most recent papers.

Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, said Tuesday that Sotheby's auction house in New York has appraised the 80,000 pages of documents from King's last six years at \$30 million.

Clyburn said King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and sons Dexter King and Martin Luther King III have indicated in discussions with him a willingness to sell the papers to the library for \$10 million below that appraisal. Clyburn introduced legislation last month authorizing the acquisition of the papers.

Officials at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change did not return telephone calls Tuesday seeking comment on the negotiations, the existence of which was first reported this week by *Roll Call*, a biweekly newspaper that covers Congress.

25 countries deemed "sensitive" denied access to Energy Department computers

WASHINGTON — Scientists in "sensitive" countries such as China or Iran are to be barred from connecting with Energy Department computers that contain even unclassified information beneficial to a nuclear weapons program, department officials said Tuesday.

"We will have a policy out within the next five days that will greatly tighten foreign access" to computers at the department's weapons laboratories, department security director Eugene Habiger told a House Commerce subcommittee.

That policy is part of broad plans to tighten security at the nuclear weapons labs after security lapses allegedly allowed China to obtain nuclear secrets at a New Mexico lab.

Internal security investigations of the three weapons labs raised the prospect this summer that foreign scientists are allowed too much access to computer networks with unclassified information, Habiger said. Department officials worry that information on the computers, while not officially classified, could be used by knowledgeable scientists to aid other countries' weapons programs.

Some members of the House panel said they were skeptical of claims by Energy officials of progress toward solving security problems at the labs, which have been criticized for security lapses for years in internal reports.

Some foreign scientists, including some from 25

"sensitive" countries, have been cleared to access unclassified computer systems at the Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos national laboratories, said Brad Peterson, an Energy Department computer security expert. One scientist from Iran, for example, has access to the unclassified system at Los Alamos, Peterson said.

The department does not disclose the 25 countries considered "sensitive" except for China, Iran and Russia.

State

Six jurors dismissed in trial of white supremacist accused in Texas dragging death

JASPER — Six potential jurors were qualified Tuesday for the capital murder trial for the third white man charged in the 1998 dragging death of a black East Texas man.

White supremacists John William King and Lawrence Russell Brewer were convicted earlier this year in separate trials and each received a death sentence. Berry, 24, is the youngest of the men accused of chaining James Byrd Jr., 49, to the back of a pickup truck in the early morning hours of June 7, 1998, then dragging him nearly three miles over a bumpy country road just outside Jasper, about 125 miles northeast of Houston.

Byrd's shredded body, minus his head, an arm and shoulder, was discovered later that morning on a road, between a black cemetery and church.

Boerne teacher who fueled book controversy resigns, put on administrative leave by board

SAN ANTONIO — An English teacher who ignited a book-banning controversy by assigning her students to read the award-winning "Snow Falling on Cedars" has resigned.

Frances Riley reached an agreement last week with the school board in Boerne, about 30 miles northwest of San Antonio. The agreement places her on paid administrative leave until the end of the year, when her resignation will become effective.

The district also agreed to remove a written reprimand from her personnel file.

In September, Riley assigned 80 high school seniors in her English class to read the 1995 David Guterson book.

The story about a Japanese-American fisherman accused of murdering a white fisherman in a Washington coastal village has sold more than three million copies and received the American Booksellers Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award.

The district initially banned teachers from using the book, removed it from the library and reprimanded Riley, even though she had received approval from the English department chairman to use it.

The board later voted to put the book back in the school library, although it's still prohibited for classroom use.

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STAFF editorial

CLASS CHAT

Forum would ease registration

The Faculty Senate approved a proposal last spring made by the Academic Affairs Committee of the House of Student Representatives to institute a new online program called FrogFinder.

It will provide information about professors and the courses they teach to students through FrogNet, the online service that allows students to register online.

Ten years later, they're trying it again.

If all goes well, FrogFinder will be available for Fall 2000 registration and will help students choose their classes based on the information provided by professors.

Students are sure to benefit from the availability of this new online service. As the world and the university make more technological advances, it is only fitting that students have more educational options online.

But students should also be able to enter their own views on professors and their classes. Students often discuss professors and courses to avoid scheduling more difficult classes than they can handle in one semester.

An online forum in which students could comment on professors' teaching styles and the content of classes would make registration less of a hassle for students and their advisers. To provide this forum would be to widen the circle of peers that is so influential in the decision-making process. Also, students would begin their semester prepared for the course load and be ready for the semester ahead.

And if students know what to expect when they come into a new class, they would probably be less likely to drop that class.

FrogFinder is the first step in a process that can greatly improve the registration process.

Let's take it one step further to provide this forum for students.

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Republicans rule minorities out

Score another victory for those Republicans hoping to prove their perceived dislike of minorities is a reality.

Two weeks ago, the Senate rejected a black nominee for the federal bench on a strict party-line vote. All 54 Republican senators voted against Ronnie White, the first African-American to sit on the Missouri Supreme Court, for a federal judgeship.

It was the first defeat for a White House judicial candidate since President Reagan's Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork in 1987.

White had been nominated by President Clinton 27 months ago and seemingly had all his credentials in order. But a long record of dissent on death penalty rulings was supposedly his Republican litmus test, which he failed with flying colors.

Color, of course, is the operative word.

Republicans, right-wingers, conservatives — however compassionate

they claim to be — have an extensive record of being one-sided with decisions that affect minorities seeking judicial nominations.

The bipartisan, if there is such a thing, Constitution Project found that during the 1997-98 Senate session, white nominees were accepted or rejected within an average of 186 days, but for minorities it took 246 days. The rejection rate was 14 percent for the 92 white nominees and 35 percent for the 31 minority nominees.

In fact, Richard Paez, a Mexican-American, is still waiting for a letter of acceptance or rejection after being nominated more than three years ago for a federal appeals court vacancy. Frederica Massiah-Jackson, who would have been the first black woman to sit on the federal bench in Philadelphia, withdrew her nomination days before a vote she was destined to lose. Senate Republicans considered her "soft" on crime.

Tom Daschle, Senate Democratic leader from South Dakota, offered this: "The vote tells minority judicial candidates, 'Do not apply.'"

Indeed.

Republicans offer lukewarm explanations that Clinton's nominees tend to be too liberal and accuse others of playing the race card.

Trent Lott, R-Miss., the Senate

majority leader, said people who made accusations of racism had impugned the integrity of the Senate and should be ashamed.

Lott should heed his own words.

Earlier this year, Lott was found to have associated with the Council of Conservative Citizens, a racist group that descended from the White Citizens Councils. This same organization was unabashedly against minorities who struggled for their civil rights in the Deep South in the 1950s and 1960s.

In a speech to the CCC, Lott said, "The people in this room stand for the right principles and the right philosophy."

Bob Barr, R-Ga., also the House impeachment manager during Clinton's flirtation with dismissal, made the keynote speech at the group's convention, but claimed ignorance when his ties with these desheated Klansmen were revealed. He admitted speaking to them but said he had "no firsthand knowledge of the group's (white supremacist) views."

These are the men the Republicans have chosen as leaders? With Republicans as the House and Senate majority, what does that say about those who fall in behind such "dignitaries"? What nation are certain Americans trying to build? The Confederacy, perhaps.

It may be unfair of me to label all Republicans as racists, but their choice of leaders definitely calls into question the platform of the Grand Old Party. They are slowly drifting past the right wing into the nether regions of inequality.

I can say for certain that the concerns of minorities, including women, aren't a high priority on the Republican to-do list, not that other political parties are particularly interested in the welfare of people other than elitist, white, inordinately male constituents.

But Republicans do, at best, a half-hearted job at disguising their prejudices. They are traditionally hostile toward African-Americans, inhospitable to immigrants, openly ignorant with homosexuals and critical of those who aren't Christian.

Are they the face of America? I would hope not. America often boasts of its tolerance and diversity when speaking of China and Cuba. What better place than the halls of American justice to reflect that creed?

Or is it that the only black people Republicans want to see in court are defendants?

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Commentary



JOEL ANDERSON

Gender a real, but forgotten, issue in American politics

After Elizabeth Dole dropped out of the presidential race, many critics said she didn't really have a platform and her only real theme was that she was making history as a female candidate.

Some critics don't seem to think gender is an issue. "These people don't understand what it is like to be underrepresented in political office."

Many women would have voted for Dole largely because she was a woman. Similarly, many black people might vote for a black candidate

largely because he or she is black. Voting for someone on the basis on his or her gender or ethnicity may seem arbitrary and even wrong.

But the fact is that ethnicity and gender influence a candidate's platform significantly. This influence is not innate; rather it is formed by people's experience in society. One shouldn't expect a female president to exhibit a "feminine" leadership style due to biological reasons.

If ethnicity and gender don't biologically determine a candidate's views, why is it important to have candidates of varying ethnic backgrounds and both genders?

In this highly stratified society, people are viewed and treated differently. A person's ethnicity and gender, as well as other factors, determine how the person interacts in society. A person's life experiences are

shaped by these societal factors, and people's views reflect their differing experiences in society.

Women experience America differently than men, and this shows up sometimes in the differing legislative agendas.

For too long, the agenda has been set by men. As more women have entered Congress, we have seen shifting emphases reflecting their background and concerns. Greater representation has broadened the political agenda and brought attention to concerns that may have been neglected without it.

Dole's dropping out has narrowed possible representation for women in the White House. Representation means more than endorsing someone who shares similar views on issues — it means someone who represents you.

While many people might be able to adequately represent my views on issues, they don't really represent me.

A candidate doesn't have to be exactly like me to represent me — 20-year-olds can't even run for president. Gender and ethnicity are broad enough categories that it is justifiable to demand representation in these two areas.

America is a representative democracy, and much of the population isn't being represented. While women and minorities have made gains in the political realm, the presidency seems to be the ultimate glass ceiling.

Because the presidency seems out of reach, and many are talking of settling for less. Some people, including Republican candidates, have hinted Dole would make a good vice presidential candidate. "You shouldn't ask for too much," they seem to be say-

ing. "Give the country time to get used to women in high political office," they reassure her.

Dole didn't want to be vice president; she wanted to be president. She wanted to lead the country — not be a tool to halt the growing Republican gender gap by capturing female votes as a vice presidential candidate. The idea of a woman as vice president but not president stings because of the traditional idea that women are better as helpers or supporters rather than leaders.

This country has had time to adjust to women in positions of power. Time is up.

It is not too much to ask that representation be present at the highest levels. Americans' involvement in politics is sadly lacking, and many citizens don't feel they have a stake in the political process. Candidates who

represent their constituents can give them a better voice and more active role in government.

Let us not downplay the roles gender and ethnicity play in shaping our political views. We don't need to be embarrassed that our main motivation for voting someone might not be a shared position on some social issue.

Issues are important, and too much emphasis has been placed on personality over substance in recent elections, but gender is a real issue. Female voters — more than half the total voters — might find a candidate that understands some of their concerns, but what we really want is a female voice articulating our experience in America.

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Commentary



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Auction of 'knowledge' is really sophisticated plagiarism

If you're a student who is tired of actually working hard for your own grades, lend me your ears. Writing research papers is now a thing of the past. If you are a wealthy college student, as so many are, you can buy your own research papers at (www.Knexa.com), an Internet auction site similar to the popular Ebay. Don't worry, as illicit as the techniques may be, they're perfectly legal. According to the Web site, Knexa.com provides a dedicated marketplace for knowledge where the market drives the price.

Translation: "We are a cyber paper

mill." Since Sept. 1, Knexa.com has been auctioning off students' "knowledge." Such knowledge can include video and audio, photographs, and text in the form of research papers, advice and theses.

Students who would buy papers from such a site and pass them off as their own not only have no integrity, but they are also getting gyped. The notes and research provided by Knexa.com that can cost students much needed money are available at any university library — for free. It is, as the Web site says in a highly cheesy infomercial-ish way that makes Amway seem legitimate, an auction of knowledge.

The Web site is designed like an AT&T

commercial, quoting virtual nobodies in order to appear legitimate. It is a sophisticated version of conventional plagiarism Web sites such as (www.cheating.com) and (www.schoolsucks.com).

Knexa.com boasts the quote from one Rutherford D. Rogers: "We're drowning in information and starving for knowledge." Translation: "It sounds better when we call it a hunger for knowledge instead of plagiarism."

The site has caused university professors nationwide to raise questions about the legitimacy, or lack thereof, of students taking advantage of such a service.

The site's main selling point is pathetic in and of itself. As is featured in highlighted font on the Web site, "It takes work to

create knowledge. Knexa.com provides a new forum for individuals to benefit from their work and the work of others."

Translation: "You're a loser if you're in college to actually work for your own grades."

The Web site should at least stop trying to appear so legitimate and post in large letters: "We can help you cheat."

True, students benefit from each other's "knowledge" all the time. They share notes with peers or read each other's papers for insight. Usually such sharing of knowledge is beneficial and helps students synthesize their own ideas.

True, Knexa.com could serve a similar purpose. But instead of being an effective tool for research, many students will use

the site as a crutch. It could be an expedient way to pass another's work off as original thoughts. While the intent of Knexa.com may not be to facilitate cheating, it inevitably becomes useful for this very reason.

Students buy into such deals because it is convenient. It is easy to buy information instead of taking the time to research it. It is easy to buy a research paper instead of writing an original one. It is very easy, very wrong and entirely lawful.

Lawfulness does not translate into legitimacy.

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LIBRARY

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among the material, and it has left TCU archivist Glenda Stevens wondering who owns the film.

Most work comes to the library with an identified creator, Stevens said. Books have authors and letters have signatures, but this film is different because no one knows who shot the footage, she said.

"In the case of a piece of film like this, it could have been from someone who was in the district and at the breakfast," Stevens said. "Since Jim Wright was in the film, and it's significant, they could have just passed it along to him."

Wright could not be reached for comment.

Norma Ritchson, Wright's assistant, said Wright felt the issue was over-hyped.

"We have a lot of stuff here on Kennedy," Ritchson said. "We have an entire film of the speech that day, but (the film in dispute) was filmed with a home movie camera."

Stevens said the film, which is in color and runs about three minutes in length, was first noticed when inventory was done a year or two after the material was donated.

"It needed preservation, so it wasn't until two or three years ago that we took it to someone who could reproduce it for us,"

Stevens said. "We did it in case people wanted to use it, but there is a copyright problem."

Stevens was reluctant to say who, but someone wants to make a documentary film out of home movies about Jackie Kennedy and events surrounding the Kennedy assassination.

"I thought this was something they could make use of if I had felt free to let them use it," Stevens said. "So that's what prompted us to go ahead and clear up the matter of who had done the filming."

TCU gained ownership of the actual piece of property, but not the copyright of the footage, when it was donated from Wright.

"We're free to use it for any educational use," Stevens said. "But if anyone wants to use it commercially, then you have to get permission from the copyright holder."

The photographer's copyright will expire in 70 years, but Stevens doubts people will have to wait until the year 2033 to use the footage.

"If one makes a good faith effort to locate the creator of a piece of material like this, and you can't, then I think it is permissible to go ahead and let others use it," Stevens said. "But I'd really want to consult with a legal



TCU archivist Glenda Stevens is attempting to discover who filmed the footage of President John F. Kennedy at a breakfast meeting in Fort Worth before his fatal trip to Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

authority first."

Stevens said after Wright became aware of the fact that she was trying to find out who shot the film, he tried to recall how he obtained it.

He made a couple of calls to identify the filmmaker but hasn't found anyone yet.

Stevens said the attention the film has received prompted one man to call Tuesday morning because he thought TCU's copy may be the same print someone had given him.

Stevens declined to comment

on who the man was because the film had not been verified, but she did say the Fort Worth man has no ties to TCU. She hopes to meet with him to compare footage within the next few days.

If and when filmmakers use this footage, TCU would not reap any financial benefits, Stevens said. TCU would not charge for commercial use of the tape because it is part of its research department, she said.

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FINDER

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click on the FrogFinder icon, they will access specific catalog information. Faculty members could enter the system by entering their identification and pin numbers.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said FrogFinder is functional and innovative and hopes all faculty members will support it.

Sherrie Reynolds, an associate professor of education, said she worked with the Academic Affairs Committee last semester to help them with the plan. Reynolds said she likes the idea because the first

day of the semester is typically the first time students get information on classes.

"The more information, the better," Reynolds said. "Having information available with schedules combined with an easy-to-use format is a good idea."

Danna Peede, a junior criminal justice major, said she would use the plan because it would help with classes she doesn't know much about.

"It would save us from the hassle during add and drop times

because students could see a syllabus they don't like and drop it," Peede said.

Edmondson said he is not sure who will carry out the project development, but he said an information services staff member will be assigned to the project.

Ferrari said if the plan is consistently formatted, he said it will be easy to update and revise.

"I want the plan to have a long life," he said. "I want it to become routine."

Randy Naugle, a senior marketing and political science major,

said FrogFinder would help students because it would give them a better idea about professors.

"It will be used if it is marketed the right way, but students need to know about it," he said.

Edmondson said FrogFinder is a vision of the future that is within reach.

"We are making things happen and that's rewarding," Edmondson said.

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ELECTIONS

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Campaigning for officer elections began at midnight Saturday when applications for officer positions were due to the SGA office. All 11 candidates running were given a \$200 spending limit for campaign materials.

Two candidates — vice president of Programming Council and House treasurer — are running unopposed. Five students are running for

SGA president, compared to three candidates who ran last year. Four candidates are running for vice president of House.

SGA President Ben Alexander said he thinks the large number of students running for president is an indication that individuals want to put their mark on the office.

"I think students want to help define what the student government

president should be in the coming year," he said.

A forum, allowing students to question candidates, will be held at noon Wednesday in the Reed/Sadler Mall, and a debate will be held there at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

"I think it's going to be a very competitive race because of the large number of candidates running," Alexander said. "All of the

people running have great ideas on how to improve student government over the coming year."

Election primaries will begin at 12:01 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. Nov. 3. If no candidate receives a majority vote, a run-off election will be held Nov. 5.

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ALUMNI

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recently opened Robert and Maria Lowdon Track and Field Complex.

He said alumni giving to the Annual Fund — which supports budget expenditures — has almost doubled over the past 10 years.

"We ask our alumni to give every year and to renew their gifts to help us underwrite the budgets," he said. "If alumni giving were to stop, we would have to get the money from the students. So it's my job to try to help raise all the money I can from our alumni because the more money I raise, the easier it is for the university to try to keep tuition costs down."

According to *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college rankings, 25 percent of TCU alumni donated in the past three years. Twenty-three percent of alumni at Southern Methodist University donated, and 14 percent of alumni at Baylor University donated.

Key said in fiscal year 1999, alumni participation was 28 percent. Its total annual giving was \$5.09 million.

Isabel Comas Wood, SMU's Annual Fund Direct Mail officer, said its alumni's total annual giving for fiscal year 1999 was about \$5.7 million.

Jonathan Lindsey, director of information and donor services at Baylor, said its alumni's total giving for January through September 1999 was \$14.5 million.

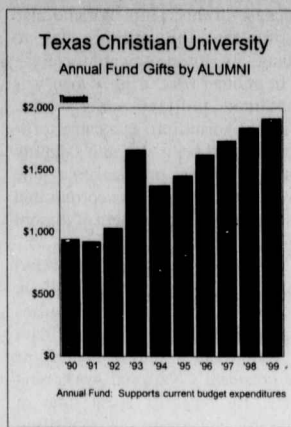
"The major gifts are given by a very small percentage of our alumni, the very wealthy," Key said. "The other money that you see is given by a very large percentage to help support our annual fund. Many of them are giving all that they can."

Key said the two main reasons alumni stop giving donations are that they feel their gifts are not making a difference and are not appreciated.

He also said in the early '90s, a reunion giving program was started to emphasize the fact that TCU needs the support of alumni.

"Each class has a committee, and they ask their class to help the university by raising money," he said. "That class works together to help raise money for the Annual Fund every year. That has made a huge difference in our alumni giving program."

In addition, Key said a direct mailing is sent out, students make telephone calls nightly, and staff members meet with alumni in order to



Annual Fund: Supports current budget expenditures

enhance gift giving.

"It doesn't take a lot of convincing," he said. "Those who had great experiences here and love the university understand basically that alumni helped them through making gifts while they were here. As they understand that, the more generous they become."

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HALLOWEEN

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and Colby Halloween co-chairwoman, said the hall director and resident assistants decided which wings would be scary and which would be light-hearted, but the rest was up to the residents of each wing.

"We spent about three weeks planning, and we made a lot of the decorations last weekend," she said. "We started putting (the decorations) up at 7 p.m. Monday, and some people didn't finish until 3 or 4 in the morning. So quiet hours didn't really exist last night."

Erin Savage, a junior early childhood education major and Colby Hall resident assistant, said decorating the hall was a good way for residents to interact.

"It really helps the girls get to know each other better," she said. "And they get to have a lot of fun together while doing something good for other people."

In addition to decorating, each resident was asked to provide 400 pieces of candy. But Albertson's, Tom Thumb and Target also donated candy to accommodate the large number of children expected to attend, Steffen said.

The growing popularity of the event has brought more donations along with more participants, Steffen said. This year 663 students and parents attended, an increase from 451 participants last year, she said.

Steffen said Recreational Sports and Student

Development Services provided the inflatable jumping structure and the clowns, and about 75 students from various campus organizations also volunteered at the event.

Amy Warriner, a freshman graphic design major and Colby Halloween co-chairwoman, said Colby Halloween not only attracted children but potential residents as well.

"I signed up to live in Colby because of Colby Halloween," she said.

Colby Halloween was started 27 years ago by then Colby Hall Director Katie dePlaya to help freshmen residents cope with homesickness, said Kay Higgins, director of new student orientation.

"(DePlaya) thought it would give them an opportunity to kind of experience some of the things they did at home," she said.

Higgins said the event has evolved to become more family-oriented through the years.

But for many children like 9-year-old Angel Ramirez, the best part of Colby Halloween remained unchanged. "The candy!"

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Mexican river rises high

Rains may cause evacuation of more than 475,000 people

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico — One of Mexico's largest rivers rose to the top of a waist-high wall of sandbags Tuesday, threatening to inundate the heart of this city of 475,000 people.

More water was pouring through a dam upstream, further endangering the 22-mile-long temporary dike. A national emergency official said on condition of anonymity that all of Villahermosa, a city 410 miles east of Mexico City, may have to be evacuated.

Soldiers and workers from the National Water Commission were doubling and in some places tripling the height of the four-foot wall of sandbags holding back the bloated Grijalva River, which passes through Villahermosa's commercial district.

The river has risen six feet in the last three days since authorities opened the floodgates of Las Penitas dam upstream, releasing four times the amount of water normally discharged. The dam was beyond capacity and in danger of breaking.

"If this river goes over, it could sweep away half the businesses in the city," said Noe Ortiz Gonzalez, general director of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Silt and trash slowed the flow of water out of the floodgates, but officials, fearful the dam could burst, cleaned the ducts early Tuesday, sending a faster stream of water down toward Villahermosa.

It was unclear how much that would raise the river's level downstream.

Steady rains over the past month have caused flooding across the region, leaving more than 227,000 people homeless in Tabasco state alone. Local and state officials across southeastern Mexico have reported at least 404 deaths. Many bodies have not been recovered, so the toll could be much higher.

Officials warn that if steady rains resume, they may be forced to open the floodgates of three other dams upstream from Villahermosa. Even if that doesn't happen, water levels at Las Penitas still need to drop five feet before officials can close the gates.

"We could be looking at a major disaster," said Jose Luis Adame, regional manager of the southern border for the National Water Commission.

This week's water release pushed water to the rooftops of already-flooded homes and businesses and caused 60,000 people who had stayed behind to flee their homes.

On the river, water gurgles out from beneath the wall of sandbags. More than 60 percent of the city's businesses have closed their doors. Dozens of merchants along the riverwalk, the city's prime commercial property, have put their businesses up for sale. Those that remain open have blocked their entrances with knee-high cement walls.

"It's hard to sleep at night living next to this. It's very tense," said Raul Ramos, 30, who moved his refrigerator, television and other valuables to the second floor of his home. "I've already seen the wall break twice yesterday, but the soldiers were able to run over and block it in time."

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New Indonesian president appoints diverse Cabinet

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JAKARTA, Indonesia — Saying he made some compromises, new President Abdurrahman Wahid Tuesday announced a Cabinet with dozens of new faces but also several holdovers from the autocratic regime that ran Indonesia for three decades.

The new lineup lessens the military's once-powerful political role and signals a change of emphasis in foreign and economic policy. There also is wide representation of Indonesia's ethnic diversity at a time of growing discontent in the sprawling archipelago's outer regions.

"We have to make economic recovery our prime goal," Wahid said in a nationally televised address. "Second is to maintain our territorial integrity."

Among the changes was the first-appointment of a civilian as

defense minister and the replacement of the current armed forces commander.

Despite his pledge to break from the corrupt and autocratic past, Wahid appointed four former members of Cabinets that served under his predecessors — autocratic ex-President Suharto, who quit under pressure in May 1998, and Suharto's handpicked successor, the recently ousted B.J. Habibie.

The four include Gen. Wiranto, Habibie's former military commander and defense minister, who was named to the lesser role of political and security affairs minister.

"There are some compromises," Wahid said. He said he hoped people would find the choices "very satisfactory."

After expectations of a much leaner Cabinet, the 35-member lineup is only one less than Habibie's 36-member group. There are representatives from all the major politi-

cal parties in the parliament that elected Wahid last week.

Many of the lesser ministers come from Muslim parties, which were the backbone of Wahid's successful candidacy and had expected to be rewarded for their support.

Wahid said the selections were made in consultation with Vice President Megawati Sukarnoputri, parliament Speaker Amien Rais, Wiranto and others. Because of Wahid's poor eyesight, Megawati read the list of ministers.

Wiranto's defense ministry spot was filled by Juwono Sudarsono, also a former Habibie minister. He is the first civilian to hold the position.

Responding to reporters' queries later, Wahid said Wiranto proposed Juwono for the post.

"Don't think that the military are crazy," Wahid said. "They are responsible. They know that the whole society is changing now.

Because of this, Gen. Wiranto also knows that the military has to change its attitude toward society."

In another first, a navy man was appointed military chief. Adm. Widodo Adisutjipto is a career officer who had been Wiranto's deputy and has no past political role. The navy is regarded as less corrupt and less brutal in its treatment of dissent than the army.

The foreign minister is Alwi Shihab, a U.S.-educated college professor and Islamic studies expert. Shihab is a close confidant of Wahid and a senior member of the president's National Awakening Party. He recently spent time at Harvard University as a visiting professor.

He has said he wants to fix Indonesia's international reputation, tarnished by years of human rights abuses.

Wahid said Megawati will be in charge of improving human rights

and the environment, "which have long been neglected."

Of concern to nervous financial markets is Wahid's appointment of Kwik Kian Gie as senior economics minister. As an outspoken opposition figure, Kwik criticized policies imposed upon debt-ridden Indonesia by the International Monetary Fund as part of its bailout program.

However, in recent months, he has taken a more conciliatory line and has promised to stick with the IMF's reform programs despite the pain inflicted upon many ordinary Indonesians. He has stressed the need to restore confidence and stability to steer Indonesia out of its worst financial crisis in three decades.

As an ethnic Chinese, Kwik might be in position to woo back billions of dollars in Chinese investment that poured out of Indonesia during civil unrest in 1998. The

Chinese minority was targeted by the indigenous Muslim majority during the unrest, which ultimately led to the ouster of Suharto after 32 years of iron-fisted rule.

The new finance minister, in charge of the national budget, is a relative unknown, Bambang Sudibyo. An economics professor at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, he has no political track record.

Although the direct power of the military has been lessened, Wahid included five active or retired generals in his Cabinet.

Also Tuesday, Wahid announced that East Timorese independence leader Jose Alexandre Gusmao will visit Jakarta soon, although he did not specify when.

"I will meet him at the airport," the president said. "This is important for East Timor's people to know: that we respect the international community."

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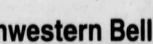
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Gunfire demonstration refused by Feds

Davidian lawyers say challenge would prove agents fired shots during standoff

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has brushed aside a challenge by lawyers for survivors of the 1993 Branch Davidian siege, refusing to take part in a gunfire demonstration that the attorneys contend would offer conclusive proof that federal agents fired shots during the standoff's final hours.

The Justice Department legal team representing the government in a massive wrongful-death lawsuit headed to trial next May categorically rejected the plaintiffs' offer, citing the ongoing litigation and the value of the "putative" test.

Lawyers for the Branch Davidians contend that infrared aerial surveillance footage shot by the FBI on April 19, 1993, proves that shots were fired by government agents into the compound — a contention bureau officials deny.

In a high-stakes challenge, the plaintiffs' lawyers offered last week

to put their theory to the test. They proposed a demonstration in which weapons similar to those carried by Davidians and federal agents alike would be fired at a Dallas-area firing range while a plane mounted with an infrared camera similar to the one used by the FBI would record the demonstration.

Federal officials long have insisted that no shots were fired into the Branch Davidians' retreat by government agents during the 51-day siege's final hours. They also deny that their actions sparked the inferno that consumed the compound. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the blaze, some from the fire, others from gunshot wounds.

Frustrated by the government's refusal to provide information about the infrared videotaping performed at Waco, the plaintiffs last week invited investigators for the government, Congress and the special counsel probing Waco to watch the proposed demonstration.

Justice Department attorney Marie Louise Hagen rejected that offer Monday.

"You and your experts are free to conduct whatever test you desire, based on whatever information you choose to believe to be accurate," she wrote Houston lawyer Michael Caddell, who represents most of the surviving Davidians and relatives of the dead in the lawsuit.

"Although it does appear from your letter that several of your assumptions about the facts, the science and the experts are in error, and may render useless any conclusions reached, it is your choice to proceed." Bureau officials cautioned last week that it would be "near impossible" to duplicate conditions, particularly because they say the plaintiffs lack crucial information about the altitude of the FBI plane that flew over the Texas compound, the infrared camera's design specifications and film speed.

But Caddell said in an interview

that his experts know the film speed and altitude of the FBI "Nightstalker" plane, lacking only confirmation of the type of infrared camera used. The government has rejected several requests for that information, saying it is classified.

Caddell wrote Ms. Hagen on Tuesday that he was "disappointed" by the Justice Department's refusal to join in the test. "You and your superiors at the Department of Justice continue to treat this matter as some sort of game," he said.

"Your refusal to participate in efforts to arrive at the truth of what happened at Mount Carmel will clearly be interpreted by many as an admission of liability," Caddell added, reiterating comments he made earlier.

Ms. Hagen rejected that argument as "baseless."

"We agree that this matter is of national importance, and are confident that the truth will be shown at the trial," she wrote Caddell.

United Nations takes control of E. Timor

Peacekeeping force to enter the country, new nation to emerge

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DILI, East Timor — The United Nations formally took control of East Timor today, and leaders of the new transition team acknowledged they face enormous challenges in rebuilding the ravaged territory.

Hundreds of thousands of East Timorese are still displaced, building materials are in short supply as the rainy season sets in, and virtual-

ly all the territory's institutions will have to be started almost from scratch. No one even knows what kind of currency the new nation-to-be will use.

"All the functions of government, bit by bit, have to be built up," said Ian Martin. He will temporarily head the team that took up its duties today, after the Security Council unanimously approved the U.N. takeover.

The Security Council approved sending more than 9,000 troops to maintain order, the biggest U.N. peacekeeping operation in five years. It will be one of the United Nations' most expensive such operations ever, with first-year costs alone

estimated at up to \$1 billion.

The U.N. takeover puts the former Portuguese colony on the road to long-sought independence, and effectively marks the end of a bloody guerrilla war that for decades frustrated international mediation efforts.

The U.N. troops are to replace a 16-nation force that arrived last month to restore order after pro-Indonesian militias went on a rampage of looting, destruction and intimidation in the wake of an Aug. 30 independence referendum.

The U.N. resolution authorizes a 9,150-member peacekeeping force, including 200 military observers, to

replace the multinational force now on the ground. A 1,640-strong international police force also will be dispatched.

Many of the nations involved in the current peacekeeping effort will be part of the new U.N. force as well, peacekeeping spokesman Col. Mark Kelly said in Dili, East Timor's capital. Handing over of peacekeeping duties is expected to take two to four months.

The U.N. takeover comes amid a struggle to avert a humanitarian catastrophe in East Timor, where nearly half the residents fled or were driven from their homes in the violence after the independence vote.

Government-appointed panel to address gene testing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A government-appointed panel wants to hear what average Americans have to say about the promise and drawbacks of genetic testing.

Gene tests that promise to predict a person's future health already are being sold to Americans, for hundreds of dollars apiece.

Just because a test is available does not mean that doctors know how best to use it — who should get it, when, and just what the results mean. In addition, there is

little regulation to ensure the accuracy of most gene tests offered today, even though mistakes can be life-altering.

An Illinois woman had her ovaries surgically removed before discovering the company that had told her she had a cancer-causing gene mutation actually had made a mistake. The woman says nobody ever warned her that a gene test, like any other medical test, can sometimes be wrong.

Gene tests are poised to revolutionize medicine, and experts say they could help thousands of people. So a panel of leading geneti-

cists is preparing to recommend how the nation can ensure quality gene testing and ways to guide doctors and consumers on the tests' appropriate use.

First, the geneticists want to see how much Americans understand about the state of genetic testing and what information and oversight they want.

So the panel on Tuesday decided to hold a meeting where any consumer can question gene experts. It will be held Jan. 27 at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.


"We want to try to get as close

to the grassroots as possible," said Dr. Edward McCabe of the University of California, Los Angeles, who leads the gene-testing panel. "We may learn that people are concerned about an area we completely missed."

Consumers who cannot attend the Baltimore meeting still can have a say. The panel's Internet site — <http://www.nih.gov/od/orda/sagdocs.htm> — is expected to post a transcript of the panel's latest meeting in about a week. Consumers can learn what recommendations are under discussion and e-mail comments.

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Men's soccer team loses two

By James Zwilling
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's soccer team learned that all good things must come to an end this weekend as their six-game winning streak concluded. Friday the Horned Frogs fell 1-0 to Drury and followed with a 1-0 double-overtime loss Sunday to Tulsa.

Sunday's game versus Tulsa carried the Frogs into their sixth overtime of the season. TCU was 2-2-1 entering the extra period with Tulsa.

"We were real confident heading into overtime," sophomore midfielder Josh Rife said. "Nobody wants to go into an overtime, but when you've already played 90 minutes, another 15 or 20 minutes is not a big deal. You accept it."

Despite the confidence of the TCU players, Tulsa forward Kyle Smith found the net with one minute to play in the second overtime. The teams exchanged 34 shots in the overtime periods.

Horned Frog junior goal keeper Ian Keate recorded eight saves that day. The lone score in Friday's game came 33 minutes into play when Tulsa senior midfielder Bryan Gibbs

scored off an assist by junior forward Ryan Ferguson.

The goal ended a physical game for both teams which included 39 fouls.

The teams exchanged five yellow card fouls, and Tulsa sophomore defender Giancarlo Burzotti was ejected in the middle of the second half after a red card foul.

Rife said the team improved during the second half.

"We came out really flat in the first half," Rife said. "We showed a little more composure in the second half and stepped up our level of play, but we just couldn't find the goal."

The Horned Frogs failed to recover from the goal, thus earning their first Western Athletic Conference loss of the season.

Rife said the team lacked an exceptional performance by any one player.

"Nobody really stepped up their play," he said. "We all had an off game."

Disappointed with the loss, Rife said the team really has to improve its game if it hopes to make the NCAA tournament.

"We are not in the best position that we could be in, but we've seen all of



Junior defender Michael Martin makes a move around a Southern Methodist player Oct. 17. The men's soccer team will play Tulsa Sunday in Tulsa, Okla.

the teams before," Rife said. "We beat three of them, and we feel we can beat the other two. We felt unfortunate about the losses because we know that we were capable of winning those games."

The losses drop TCU to 3-2 in WAC play and 8-5-1 overall.

The Horned Frogs start the second wave of WAC games Sunday when they begin facing their WAC affiliates for the second time this season.

Rife said the team will spend the week preparing for its game against

Southern Methodist University.

"We need to build a little confidence this week," Rife said. "It's a little bit of a downer when you know that you could have won two games, and then you have to come home and face your biggest rival."

TCU faces SMU in the teams' second meeting of the season at 1 p.m. Sunday at Wescott Field on the SMU campus.

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Caddie mourning best friend's death

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Nejtner man planned to fly with Payne Stewart. But one boarded the plane and died, and the other didn't, living to grieve his friend's death.

Mike Hicks had been Stewart's caddie for 12 years. He probably would have been a passenger on that doomed flight had his family not accompanied him from their home in Mebane to Orlando, Fla., for the Disney tournament last weekend.

Hicks learned about the crash while at the Champions Golf Club in Houston, where Stewart was to have played this week at the Tour Championship.

Stewart, his agents and the two pilots were killed Monday. Their Learjet, on a flight from Orlando to Dallas, flew pilotless for 1,400 miles and plunged into a field in South Dakota.

Hicks flew home with his wife and three children instead of flying with Stewart to Texas. His wife, Meg, almost balked at the trip because it was a big job traveling with young children, Hicks' moth-

er, Faye, said Tuesday by telephone from her home in Hillsborough.

"Really if she hadn't gone he probably would have flown on with Payne," Faye Hicks said. "But she went, and she said she was glad that she did because he had to come back with her. That is usually their itinerary, that he flies with him to the next tournament from Disney."

Hicks said he remembers when Stewart won the 1999 U.S. Open in Pinehurst in June and rode home to Mebane with Hicks. The next day, Stewart played in a charity tournament Hicks had organized.

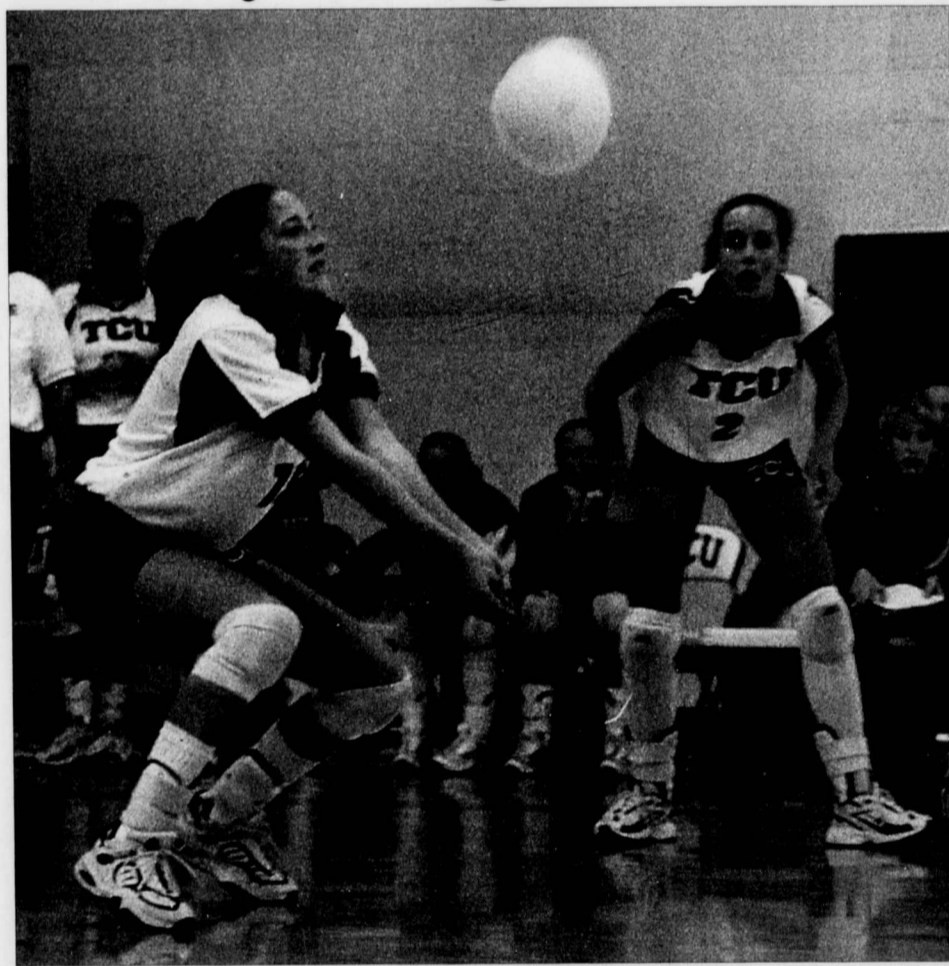
"I live in North Carolina, and we had Payne in our home that night. It's one of the moments I'll always remember."

"We all drank champagne from the cup. It's a caddie's dream to have his boss in his home. I'll bet that doesn't happen too often."

Faye Hicks said she doesn't know if her son will want to work for another golfer.

"He lost his best friend," Faye Hicks said. "They were best buddies."

Volley Frogs fall to San Jose, Fresno State



Freshman outside hitter Jennifer Cuca digs a kill attempt against Southern Methodist Oct. 8 at the Rickel Building. The Volley Frogs take on the Tulsa Golden Hurricane at 7 p.m. Thursday in Tulsa, Okla.

By Paul Freeland
SKIFF STAFF

While there were no grisly crimes or split personalities in the Rickel Building, the Volley Frogs still gave quite a convincing Jekyll and Hyde performance in their weekend home-stand against San Jose State and Fresno State.

At times TCU looked nearly invincible but at other times looked very much human as they dropped both matches to lower their season mark to 6-14 (0-5 in the Western Athletic Conference).

Even before the opening serve of the Fresno State match up Saturday, head coach Sandy Troutd was putting different wrinkles into the match, making a number of changes to the starting lineup. Alongside established starters sophomore outside hitter Marci King, junior outside hitter Amy Atamanczuk, sophomore setter Lindsay Hayes and freshman outside hitter Stephanie Watson, Troutd put in junior defensive specialist Crissy Grimm and senior middle blocker Jessica Rangel.

"I tried a different lineup tonight to give some other players a chance," Troutd said. "In games one and two we started Marci at the opposite side (outside hitter) and had Atamanczuk and Steph Watson play the other outside hitter positions. We gave (senior outside hitter) Jill Pape a break, and she responded by playing well in game four."

The Volley Frogs won the opening game against the Bulldogs, but Fresno State swept the three games to win the match.

Lynch said the Volley Frogs played like a different team after the first game.

"The main difference was our passing and ball control," Lynch said. "We just didn't have any control in the second and third games, and the way you get that control is by serving and blocking. We kept hitting the ball out of bounds and making things easy for them."

Senior middle blocker Anamie Bucklew led Fresno State with 31 kills, four service aces and 20 digs in the match. TCU was led by Atamanczuk's 15 kills and 16 digs while King had 12 kills and 13 digs. Hayes had 51 set assists, and Lynch led the defensive effort with five assisted blocks.

Atamanczuk said the Volley Frogs received a helping hand throughout the match from an unusually raucous crowd.

"We always love to pack a gym," Atamanczuk said. "The crowd isn't normally a huge factor but it helped us out a lot. They have never been that loud before and it was a big motivating factor. We were able to feed off of the crowd and increase the intensity level."

The Volley Frogs' opening tilt of the weekend was against the San Jose State Spartans Friday night. The Spartans had reeled off 14 straight wins en route to an 18-1 record before dropping a non-conference match to California two days prior to the match.

TCU entered the match on a five game losing streak, four of those losses coming in sweeps.

"Coming into the match, we knew we had to slow down (junior middle blocker Joslynn) Gallop," Atamanczuk said. "We also knew our defense had to work really hard. The coaches stressed a 'digging attitude' because we knew we had to be able to

dig their outside hitters."

The Volley Frogs dropped the first two games to the Spartans, but despite being down two games, the chatter in the Volley Frog locker room was anything but panicked.

"We knew that we were right there," Atamanczuk said. "We went over what we had to do to win the match, and we were basically told to just go for the jugular. Overall, we were very positive going into the third game."

The Spartans finished the sweep with a stint of unanswered points in the third game.

The Volley Frogs were led by King's 15 kills while Atamanczuk had 10 kills along with 15 digs. TCU got a pleasant surprise from sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Sebastian who contributed three assisted blockers, seven kills and no errors on the way to a .538 hitting percentage. Sebastian strained bicep tendons in her hitting arm while diving for a ball and was removed from further action.

Even in the loss, Troutd was able to find positives throughout her team's performance.

"I think that that game was the best that we have played in about six weeks," Troutd said. "Some players tightened up when things got close and others didn't. Amy Atamanczuk was hot right at the start, and Marci King took a little while to heat up. I think that as a team we came out excited and ready to play."

TCU's next matches will be on the road this weekend with a Thursday match at Tulsa and a Saturday match in Houston against Rice.

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Hawai'i loss will keep women's soccer from WAC tournament

2-0 loss serves as seventh shutout of the season, ends conference play

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TCU ended Western Athletic Conference play with a 2-0 loss to the University of Hawai'i Sunday.

TCU ended the chance of earning a WAC tournament bid as the loss dropped the Frogs' conference play record to 2-4.

In Sunday's game, TCU could not finish any scoring opportunities. The Frogs' offensive struggles are a reoccurring theme as Hawai'i shut out TCU for the seventh time this season.

Head coach David Rubinson said he was disappointed that the Frogs could not score.

"We did so many things right," Rubinson said. "Unfortunately, if you can't score, you can't win."

Hawai'i midfielder Jennifer Starsiak's found a way to score when a shot on goal 29 minutes into the game slipped through sophomore goal keeper Keith-Ann Wagner's hands.

Junior defender Christy Filice

said the goal was characteristic of the team as of late.

"The goal was kind of a soft goal," Filice said. "Lately we have had trouble giving up easy goals. We make the game harder on ourselves because we give up dumb goals."

The Rainbows went on to add an insurance goal in the second half off of Wagner's replacement, sophomore Danielle Reitnouer.

The Horned Frogs return to action at 4 p.m. today at the TCU Soccer Complex when they host Oklahoma State.

Filice said the team's fate lies in its own hands.

"We want to end the season on a positive note," Filice said. "The coaches can't get out on the field and play the game for us. We have to go out and play like we know how."

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Freshman midfielder Nicole Carman attempts to play a ball forward in the Frogs' game against Hawai'i Sunday at the TCU Soccer Complex. The women's soccer team lost 2-0 to the Rainbows and the chance of making the Western Athletic Conference tournament was eliminated.

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Fan support will spur more wins

When I showed up to the last home game at Amon Carter Stadium to see my beloved Horned Frogs play the Golden Hurricane from Tulsa University, I couldn't believe what I saw. Actually, I could because it's a reoccurring theme. I saw an empty Amon Carter once again. Only 27,000 TCU fans showed up to see the Frogs play and that was during Family Weekend.

TCU football has the worst fan support in the country. Memorial Stadium in Austin is packed for every Longhorn game. Kyle Field in College Station is full of all those maroon-loving Aggie fans. Both of these stadiums hold a capacity crowd of more than 70,000. Amon Carter holds just more than 47,000. It can't be that hard to fill the place with Frog fans, can it?

I haven't seen a sold-out crowd in Amon Carter in my years here at TCU. We haven't drawn more than 37,000 fans for a game, either (and that was for a preseason top five team in Arizona).

Remember when the No. 4 ranked North Carolina Tar Heels came to Fort Worth in 1997? True, the Frogs were winless at the time, but only drawing around 27,000 fans for that one was a disgrace. It made our school look like we don't care about our football team. Since all of you are in Texas for at least nine months you have to remember one thing: Football is king, and it is taken seriously. But, for some reason, that isn't true here.

There are many reasons why Amon Carter needs to be full.

For the first time in a long time, the future is very bright for Horned Frog football. Amon Carter is home to the nation's leading rusher in LaDainian Tomlinson, who averages a Heisman-like 176.7 yards a game. Amon Carter is also home to the nation's premier freshman quarterback, Casey Printers, who has ignited the once-predictable offense

into a scoring machine. It isn't a coincidence that the offensive scoring has picked up since the two have been on the field together. The Frogs also have one of the best run defenses in the nation. Shawn Worthen, Aaron Schobel, J.W. Wilson are the leaders of this swarming group.

True, the Frogs got off to a depressing 1-3 start. But, ever since that fourth quarter debacle against Fresno State, the Frogs have shown why they are the third best team in the state (behind UT and A&M).

It is not just the student body who should be blamed, but the fact is for every home game, thousands of seats are available in the student section. And that shouldn't be the case. It has to be tough or near impossible for opposing teams to come to TCU and win for the Frogs to be considered legitimate and a national power.

Take a look at some of the nation's toughest places for road teams to play, and if you notice, all of these schools are national powers.

Florida Field in Gainesville, Fla., otherwise known as the Swamp, is home to the Florida Gators. For the first time in six years the Gators lost at home (against Alabama three weeks ago). But I guarantee you it won't happen again for a while. Not with all those notorious and die-hard Gator fans.

Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb., is basically an opponent's worst nightmare. The Cornhuskers hold the NCAA record for consecutive sell-out crowds with 231 (and still counting), and they only have one home loss in the last eight years.

And the two biggest stadiums in the nation, Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor Mich., which has more than 108,000 seats, and Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn., which fills exactly 102,544 fans a game, are home to the last two national champions in Tennessee and Michigan.

The support needs to be better. This program has won a bowl game in the past year and has been accepted to a premier conference. But it seems like none of you have noticed.

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Commentary



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Team finalizes race roster

Senior will replace freshman

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After only running in one cross country race this season, senior Patrick Belmont will replace freshman Justin Pillsbury in the Western Athletic Conference Championships in Fresno, Calif. this weekend.

But Pillsbury said he doesn't mind. He said he has no problem with the decision by head cross country coach Dan Waters because right now Belmont is a better runner.

"I would have loved to be at the WAC Championships, but this decision gives me some incentive for next year," he said.

Belmont has run for the cross country team for the last three years. Belmont finished in 22nd place, 27:40 ahead of Pillsbury in the 8,000 meter race at the Southwest Texas State Invitational.

Belmont said he had not run in the previous races this year because of a job and difficult classes that he is taking toward his degree in biology.

"(Pillsbury) was positive when we talked about this before and after the race," he said. "As we passed each other in the race, he actually cheered me on. My time will help out the team now. (Pillsbury) is a hard worker, and

he can help the team out in the future."

Belmont said Waters made it known the top seven TCU finishers of the Southwest Texas Invitational would run at the WAC Championships.

"It takes a certain amount of experience and confidence to run in a race like this," he said. "(Pillsbury) does not have that experience. In the last race I beat Justin pretty substantially. With me running in the WAC Championship, it will help the team out as a whole."

Waters will be taking seven male cross country runners to Fresno, Calif. this year. The seven will be senior David Lagat, senior Adrian Martinez, senior Jared Pope, senior Patrick Belmont, junior Ryan Womack, junior Adam Helm and freshman Justin Speer.

Helm said Waters made it known at the first of the season that only the best runners at the end of the season will compete in the WAC championship.

"When it comes down to high stress meets like the WAC Championships, some lesser experienced runners might buckle under the pressure," he said.

Belmont's best finish in the 1998



cross country season was 15th in a four-mile race last season at the University of North Texas Season Opener. He finished 56th at the WAC Championship last year.

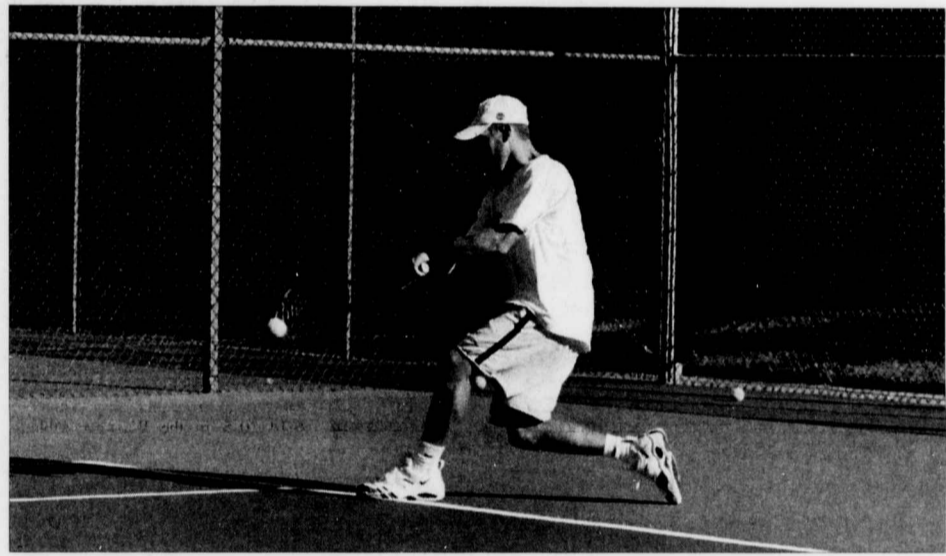
Pillsbury lost his position on the team after a freshman season where he ran consistent races for the cross country team. Pillsbury finished 18th in the University of Texas at Arlington Season Opener, 39th at the Southern Methodist University Invitational, 50th at the University of North Texas Invitational, 77th at the Texas A&M Invitational and 29th at

the Southwest Texas Invitational. Pillsbury said finishing at the back this year was tough, but he would like to see the team win a championship this weekend.

"All the early morning practices, sprint training and weights will pay off this weekend," he said. "In the middle of the race, when it really starts to hurt, and you want quit, the team must remember that there is a finish line. At the end they can win."

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Ready to make a racket



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Freshman Jose "Pepe" Mendoza returns a volley during practice. Mendoza and the rest of the TCU men's tennis team will host the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Region VI Tournament Thursday through Sunday. The team is riding high after placing four players in the All-American Tournament for the first time in school history last weekend.

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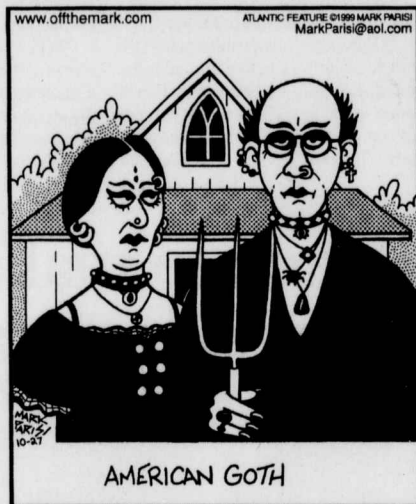
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