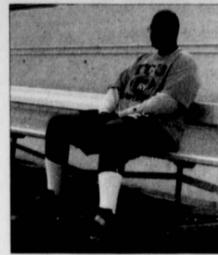


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Robert Wallace, who was lock in step with the other players, feels like any day is a great day for football. Rather, it would be if he could once again join his teammates on the field of play.  
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## Pulse

BRIEFS

### CAMPUS

#### Green Chair Professor to speak on global issues

This year's Green Chair Professor for the economics department, James K. Galbraith, will deliver a public lecture at 4 p.m. Thursday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134.

Galbraith, a professor from the University of Texas at Austin, will speak on the topic of "The Crisis of World Globalization." He will have another lecture at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 264 titled "Growth, Employment and Inequalities: A Global View."

### COLLEGES

#### Licensing company bans Heisman T-shirt sales

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Feeding the energy and tension of the rivalry that will culminate Saturday at the University of Florida-Florida State football game, a bookstore across the street from the FSU campus started selling T-shirts that depict FSU wide receiver Peter Warrick as "The 1999 Heisman."

The Florida Book Store sold more than 1,000 of the shirts that show a "Heisman" trophy complete with Dillard's bag in tow - a spoof of Heisman candidate Warrick's recent arrest after taking more than \$400 in Dillard's clothing and paying about \$20. He pleaded guilty to petty theft.

"It's not like he shot the president," reads the back of the \$16.99 shirts — a reference to his comment shortly after the arrest, "It's not like I shot the president."

After about a week of Heisman mania, however, the shirts were pulled from the shelves.

The Florida Bookstore was contacted by the Collegiate Licensing Company and told that the Heisman image bore too close a likeness to the actual Heisman Trophy, violating the trademark of the Downtown Athletic Club.

Wayne Curtiss, owner of the St. Petersburg company, Smack Apparel, that created and manufactured the shirts, received written legal warnings from the Collegiate Licensing Company to stop manufacturing the shirts.

"There's no way anyone would be confused that that's a Heisman," Curtiss said. "It's been changed more than 30 percent. If it was a newspaper, or I was Jay Leno or something like that, it would be 100 percent within my First Amendment rights."

UF Licensing Coordinator Debbie Gay said she alerted the national licensing office after she saw the shirts advertised in Gainesville, Fla.

"I thought they would probably have a problem with it, and they did," she said.

Joe Hutchinson, who oversees Southeastern Conference schools for the Collegiate Licensing Company, said the shirt is a blatant infringement of the Downtown Athletic Club's trademark. The club is also a client of the Collegiate Licensing Company.

Hutchinson said the collegiate licensing business is a \$2.5 billion industry.

The shirts will be back on sale in Gainesville Wednesday. The Florida Bookstore will not restock the shirts, but they are available at other Gainesville stores.

—Independent Florida Alligator  
The University of Florida

## • THE FUTURE OF TCU •

a series of articles focusing on the changing faces of the university

### Focus on Diversity

Students question TCU's minority enrollment, committee to discuss answer



IN-DEPTH REPORT

"They say it's all about you, but it's not."

Once you get here, there's very little as far as what minority students can get involved in"

BRENDA GOMEZ, president of the Organization of Latin American Students

By Joaquin Herrera  
MANAGING EDITOR

With the numbers of minority students at a low in relation to the state average, some TCU minority students are questioning the ability of the university to diversify.

"They say it's all about you, but it's not," said Brenda Gomez, president of the Organization of Latin American Students. "Once you get here, there's very little as far as what minority students can get involved in. There is Spanish and Latin American studies, but I don't see any African-American studies program or Native American studies program. They don't offer programs that give minority students a chance to embrace what they are."

Gomez, a junior fashion promotion and Spanish major, said the university has brought up the issue of diversity and is attempting to ask the same questions that minority students are asking. She does not expect, however, to see significant change until long after she has graduated.

"A lot of the people who are governing now on how TCU should be run and on what type of student should attend are people who graduated when they knew this school as only being white," she said. "Until we have

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### Local minority high schools see no sign of TCU, university attempting to reach out

By Joel Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

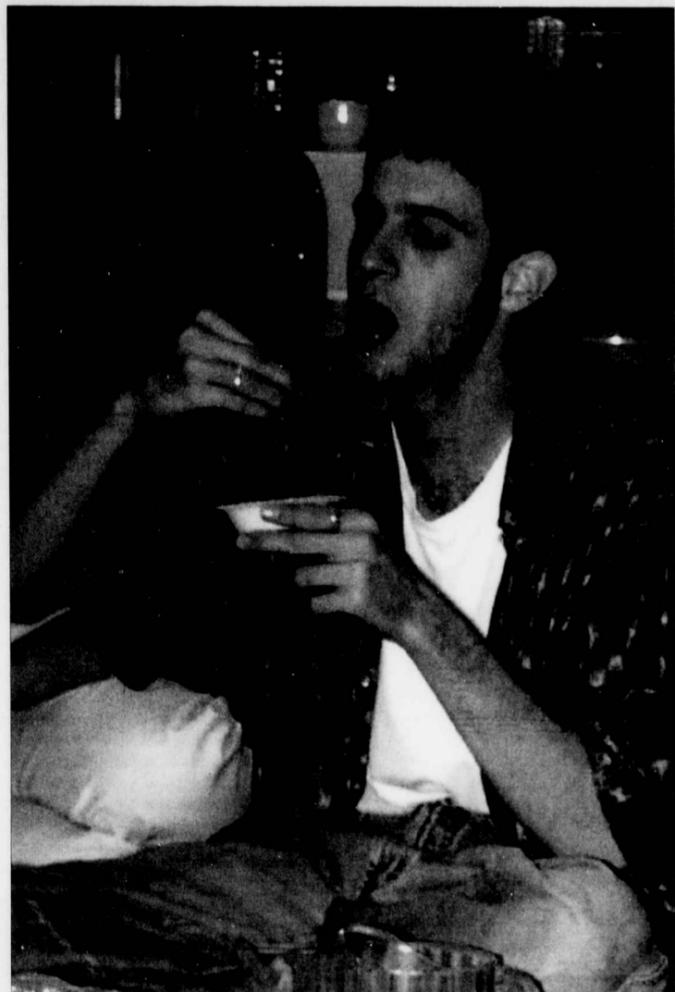
The counselor's office at Fort Worth's North Side High School isn't much different from any number of high school counselors' offices around the country.

Posters from a variety of colleges and universities, all enticing college-bound high school students with the merits of their particular school, adorn the walls of the office. Shelves are lined with brochures,

plastic bins are filled with applications and students buzz in and out of the office, some grabbing correspondence, others passing through without so much as a glance toward the college materials.

But conspicuous in its absence is anything from TCU, which is just 15 minutes away from the predominantly Hispanic (approximately 95 percent) high school.

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## HUNGER WEEK

David Duma/PHOTO EDITOR

Jeremy Moore, a junior sociology and religion major, finds his "place in the world" after not receiving silverware to eat at Wednesday night's Hunger Banquet. Moore and others were divided into different economic stations in order to experience the way varying social classes eat around the world.

"Ninety-six billion pounds of food are wasted annually in the United States. That is moral and mental poverty. It shows a lack of understanding and imagination for what we can do to help fight hunger. Why waste it?"

—BO SODERBERGH, executive director of Tarrant Area Food Bank

## Year-long planning effort launched

### Commission should envision university's potential, Schieffer says

By Lori Eshelman  
STAFF REPORTER

About 420 TCU and community leaders gathered Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom to launch the Commission on the Future of TCU, a year-long planning effort to determine what TCU must do to improve its academic stature.

Commission Chairman Bob Schieffer, a TCU alumnus and moderator of CBS News' "Face the Nation," asked students, staff, faculty, alumni, trustees and community members who attended the opening lunch to consider the possibilities for TCU.

"There are going to be some great universities

in the next decade," he said. "Why shouldn't one of them be TCU?"

Schieffer said the Commission's 17 task forces should not focus on what TCU can be in today's world, but what it can be in 10 years. He said they must also look beyond the institution and consider who the students of TCU will be in 10 years.

"My personal wish is that the students of the future will come away from TCU with a better understanding of their country, a better understanding of their culture and, most of all, a better understanding of themselves," he said. "I would also hope that the TCU graduate of the next millennium would not be someone who felt that he or she had all the answers, but someone who had developed the intellectual courage and curiosity to ask many questions. Our overall task, it seems to me, is to create an environment that will produce that kind of student."

To create that environment, a university must

do more than construct new buildings. Its leaders must consider what goes on inside those buildings, he said.

"The main work inside those buildings must still be the ultimate search for truth — a search for truth that is conducted in some way that we are able to accept the answers we find and use those answers to enlarge the store of knowledge in order to raise more questions that did not even occur to the people who came before us," he said.

The core issues that Schieffer said must be considered include how to attract scholars and good teachers and how athletics and technology fit into the university's mission and the college experience.

The secondary issue is how TCU can aggressively market itself when faced with tougher competition for the best students.

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John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari greets CBS anchor and TCU alumnus Bob Schieffer, chairman of the Commission on the Future of TCU.

## Order of Omega to distribute holiday wish cards

By Kris Gutierrez  
STAFF REPORTER

The spirit of giving is just around the corner, and Order of Omega members are inviting students and faculty to start the holiday season early.

Anyone interested in helping a less fortunate child's Christmas wishes come true, can pick up a "wish card" in the Student Center, Worth Hills Cafeteria or Tandy Hall at designated tables from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. Nov. 15 to Dec. 1.

The wish cards are part of the Spirit of Christmas program sponsored by Bank One. TCU's Order of Omega, a group that serves to recognize outstanding leadership in fraternity and sorority systems and to promote fraternity and sorority life on campus, has helped collect gifts for the past 10 years.

"This program is one of the best philanthropy responses from the campus as a whole," said John

Horton, Order of Omega president. "Come Christmas morning, we can really make a child's day. To pass on that happiness and joy that this time of year brings, makes all the hard work worthwhile."

The wish cards have information on the child's age, gender and his or her idea of a perfect Christmas gift.

"This program encourages community service and promotes holiday spirit for the less fortunate,"

said Lisa Jenkins, vice president of programming for Order of Omega. "TCU donates around 900 presents each year."

Bank One will collect all the donated gifts to distribute after they are placed under the Christmas tree at the Order of Omega Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 1.

Jaime Noris Jr., a senior marketing major, has participated in this program for the past two years. Noris said many TCU students may

not realize how fortunate they are to fully experience the approaching holiday season.

"I like to give back to the community, even if it means giving away a few dollars," he said. "Putting my money toward helping under-privileged children experience the Christmas spirit is very rewarding to me."

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## University Drive restaurants close

By Alan Melson  
STAFF REPORTER

The recent closings of two restaurants on South University Drive have left nearby businesses and area residents wondering what will happen to the properties.

Owens Family Restaurant and Ninfa's Cantina, both located on the west side of South University Drive near University Park Village, each have closed in the last few weeks and have left empty buildings and disappointed customers in their wake.

The first closing came late last month, when Owens shut its doors. The restaurant, part of the Bob Evans/Owens nationwide chain, closed after a decade in business.

Stephen Kelly, former general manager of the restaurant, said this particular location consistently fell just short of its sales goals.

"It never really made quite enough money to turn a profit," he said.

Kelly, now at Owens' North Richland Hills loca-



Alan Melson/STAFF REPORTER  
Financial burden has led to the closing of two area restaurants. Owens Family Restaurant and Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant, both located on the west side of South University Drive near University Park Village, each shut their doors within the last few weeks.

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## Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ Alpha Phi Omega and Recreational Sports will sponsor Professors' Night Out from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel Building. All faculty and staff are invited to bring their children. For more information, call 257-8296.

■ Harris College of Nursing will conclude its series of programs on exploring career opportunities in nursing with "How Can a Nurse Solve a Crime?" from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 203. A forensic nurse, specializing in crimes related to sexual assault, will discuss the role of the nurse in the growing field of forensics. For more information, call Melissa Austin-Weeks at 257-7497.

■ The English department will sponsor "Pong Jam: A Fast-Moving Synthesis of Poetry and Music," an improvisational poetry reading with audience participation, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in the TCU Bookstore Café. The "Pong Jam" is an open-mike event, and anyone who wishes to can stand up and read his or her own poetry.

■ The first mandatory pre-departure orientation session for all students studying abroad in Spring 2000 will be from 3 to 4 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 205. The session will cover all paperwork needing to be completed before departure.

■ RTVF Thursday Film Series will present "The Picture of Dorian Gray" (1945) at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

■ Special Events Committee of Programming Council will sponsor the annual Holiday Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Student Center Lounge and Reading Room.

### Correction

Tuesday's Page 1 story about the art faculty exhibition should have stated that the exhibition will be open from Nov. 1 through Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Wednesday's Page 8 headline about the Great American Smokeout should have stated that the event will be held Thursday.

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## News

ROUNDUP

### World

#### Woman found alive after 105 hours under apartment rubble from earthquake in Turkey

DUZCE, Turkey — Four days after being buried in rubble by a devastating earthquake, a woman was pulled barely conscious from the remains of her apartment house Wednesday, even as rescuers prepared to end their search for survivors.

Sefa Cebeci, 42, was buried 105 hours in a mountain of crumbled concrete that was once a six-story building. Discovered by Israeli rescuers and ferried by helicopter to Istanbul, 130 miles to the west, she faced amputation of her crushed right arm and was fighting for her life.

"Her condition is still critical due to kidney malfunction. We are doing our best," Dr. Emre Gorgun said by telephone from Istanbul's Cerrahpasa Hospital.

Despite the miraculous rescue, search teams continued packing up, saying no one else is likely to have survived amid the rain and winter cold. Some 550 people were killed in the Nov. 12 quake.

The last time shouts of "survivor" went up was on Saturday.

Cebeci was the 22nd person pulled alive from the rubble. Twenty-one people in the complex perished, including her husband, whose body was found near hers only an hour before her rescue.

#### Pope John Paul II plans first pilgrimage to the Holy Land in more than 35 years

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II will make a millennium pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March — a visit that fulfills a long-held dream even as it thrusts the frail pontiff into the heart of Middle East political and religious tensions.

The Vatican is also pushing ahead on an even more politically fraught trip to Iraq. The United States, Britain and Iraqi dissidents have opposed the trip, fearing Saddam Hussein would use it for propaganda.

A Vatican advance team will go to Iraq on Saturday to lay plans for a possible papal pilgrimage in January to the Iraqi city of Ur, the Vatican missionary news service Fides said. Ur is the traditional birthplace of Abraham.

The pope's visit to the Holy Land will take place in the last 10 days of March — a month before Easter — and will probably include stops in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, Archbishop Crescenzio Sepe told reporters at the Vatican on Wednesday.

Israel and Palestinian officials welcomed news of the visit, the first papal trip to the Holy Land since Pope Paul VI entered Jerusalem in 1964 — before Israel took the whole of the city in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

### Nation

#### Consumer Product Safety Commission says thrift stores selling recalled, banned items

WASHINGTON — A spot check of some of the nation's 9,500 thrift shops suggests that nearly 70 percent of them were selling at least one item that has been recalled, banned or violates safety standards, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said today.

There are no federal laws barring such sales, but the commission advises consumers to be doubly careful when shopping in second-hand stores and is urging states to adopt legislation policing what the stores sell.

"The products found pose a danger of death or injury to consumers," CPSC head Ann Brown said in a statement. "Many consumers and thrift store operations may be unaware of recalls, bans and current safety standards of products offered for sale in the stores."

The CPSC visited 301 randomly selected thrift stores nationwide from May through September of this year and found 69 percent were selling at least one hazardous product.

The top three products found were children's jackets and sweatshirts with drawstrings that present a strangulation hazard, hairdryers that do not protect against electrocution and cribs that do not meet current safety standards.

#### MCI World Com, Sprint file for approval of merger from FCC, claim deal 'appropriate'

WASHINGTON — MCI WorldCom and Sprint filed for approval of their proposed merger with the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday and defended the deal as an appropriate answer to today's changing marketplace.

Officials from both companies said they expect the deal to pass regulatory muster and hope it will be cleared by the middle of next year.

The two businesses pressed their view that the deal is not a marriage between the No. 2 and No. 3 long-distance companies, but more broadly a merger between the No. 4 and No. 7 telecommunications businesses.

The companies want to position themselves to offer a combination of long-distance, wireless and high-speed Internet services with the deal, announced in October and originally valued at \$115 billion.

But the companies believe there are enough competitors in the market now, with some 600 long-distance carriers, and no obstacles to new businesses getting in.

Company officials said they anticipated antitrust regulators reviewing their case also would consider what the state of the market will be in a few years. With at least one of the regional Bell companies on the brink of receiving permission to enter the long-distance business, it could alter the landscape of competition even further, they said.

### State

#### Inmate's visit to doctor for foot injury ends in stolen car after shooting rampage

VICTORIA — An inmate's visit to the doctor ended in disaster this week when he assaulted a deputy, shot his ex-wife and stole two cars, investigators said.

Clyde Lavoy Simms, 44, was captured 20 minutes into his rampage, Victoria County Sheriff Mike Ratcliff said. Simms' ex-wife, Angela Simms, was shot once in the stomach and once in each leg. She is in stable condition.

Simms was serving a 30-day sentence on a hot-check conviction and was at a doctor's office for X-rays of a foot injured in a previous traffic accident. With Deputy Amanda Roessler standing guard, Simms struck her and knocked her unconscious.

Roessler's keys in hand and a cast on his injured foot, Simms fled next door to Victoria Regional Medical Center, where his ex-wife works in emergency room admissions.

According to investigative reports, Simms burst into the waiting room and opened fire with the .357-caliber pistol. Three bullets struck Ms. Simms, and another bullet grazed a 37-year-old nurse.

Simms fled the scene in the deputy's stolen car and crashed it into a nearby ditch. He abandoned the car and commandeered another at gunpoint.

With squad cars in pursuit, Simms fled in the car at speeds up to 90 mph until he was surrounded and surrendered, investigators said.

#### New state rules require wastewater facilities to notify media of disaster within 24 hours

AUSTIN — Under new state rules, operators of public wastewater facilities must notify the news media and local governments within 24 hours of accidental sewage spills that threaten drinking water sources.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission adopted the rule Wednesday, with officials saying it is meant to prevent problems such as those encountered when 170,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Austin's Brushy Creek in July 1997.

About 1,300 residents of the Brushy Creek Municipal Utility District were infected with the parasite cryptosporidium, which is found in feces and can be deadly to the elderly, small children and people with weakened immune systems.

Brushy Creek utility district officials declined to comment about the rule.

A lawsuit filed last December by three families says the city failed to properly monitor a pumping station, and that the utility district not only failed to promptly notify residents of the spill but provided them with contaminated water for a week after the accident.

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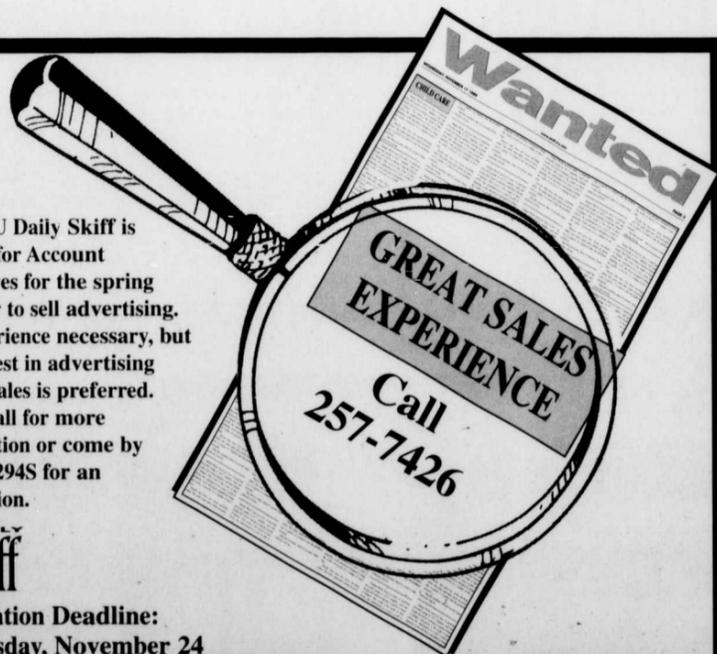
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## STAFF editorial

### HUNGRY HEARTS

#### Group raises campus awareness

TCU Hunger Week is sponsoring a six-day effort to raise awareness and funds for world hunger this week. By presenting startling statistics and holding daily events, the Hunger Week committee is aimed at educating students on the serious nature of world hunger.

Mandy Mahan, Hunger Week chairwoman, said 24,000 people die every day of hunger-related deaths. That figure is equivalent to an atomic bomb being dropped on Hiroshima every three and a half days.

Mahan and her committee designed 14 events for members of the TCU community, including a coffee-haus, canned-food drive, a hunger jail and silent auction. Mahan said TCU students should attend these events because it is difficult for them to understand world hunger when living inside a college environment.

"We need to realize how fortunate we are as Americans," Mahan said. "If we don't recognize problems like this, then we are not being responsible citizens of the world."

According to the National Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, TCU raises an annual average of \$10,000 for hunger problems. The national college average is only \$800.

TCU serves not only as an example to other colleges and universities, but also the members of our own school and community.

Student activism is rarely seen on this campus. However, Hunger Week proves a passionate example for all.

We praise the example and encourage everyone to support Hunger Week activities and other global peace issues. After all, everyone has the right to live.

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## Intelligence not a racial matter

Lino Graglia, a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin, has obviously figured out the problems with higher education in America.

### Commentary



JOEL ANDERSON

Too many minorities. Graglia aroused national attention in 1997 when he came to the informed conclusion that African-Americans and Hispanics can't compete academically with whites and Asian-Americans.

At a panel discussion on affirmative action last week, Graglia insightfully said, "Obviously, blacks and Mexican-Americans are not academically competitive — that's why there are preferences. It appears that people from some cultures are more dedicated to education than those from other cultures."

People actually have been saying the same thing for several centuries,

but at the time, minorities (including Asian-Americans) weren't allowed to go to the same schools with whites. Upon closer inspection and with nearly three decades of integrated schooling, now those same people have a basis for those claims.

With the advent of standardized testing, brilliant minds such as Graglia and David Duke now have proof that minorities are indeed stupid.

Can you imagine that? Some white people have man-made tests showing they are smarter than minorities. For those who are interested, "The Bell Curve, Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life" by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray spent nearly 1,000 pages of type analyzing just that topic.

Quite fascinating stuff, huh? But it's academic, you know. They would have us believe this is all in the interest of science and American duty.

Now the average person may wonder why anyone would deem it necessary to prove intellectual inferiority in minorities, especially when using such a slanted set of

standards.

Who are these people who construct tests that claim to encompass the human mind? I'm sure I could ask those people a question they don't know. Perhaps my 2-year-old cousin could pose a question that could stump them.

Does that make them any more or less intelligent?

By using standardized tests as the sole set of criteria in determining someone's academic competence, we are being told that everything we ever learned at the age of 17 is all we need to know.

Either you have it or you don't. For those who don't, people like Graglia are implying that not only are these people's brains vacant, but that they are sprayed with Teflon. Apparently, even four or more years of college education can't cure this kind of inadequacy.

So we have a mass of children under the age of 17, mostly with dark skin, who will be virtually unemployable and unteachable, according to Graglia's logic.

At the beginning of life, regardless of their circumstances, Graglia is saying that even if these minority children are told or shown how to

find the answers, the information won't be retained.

Can you imagine? "Sorry you didn't do well on your SAT. Well, what will it be? Prison or menial labor?"

My answer is to not take Graglia, and those like him, seriously.

But Graglia, who I'm assuming is one of the most knowledgeable men I'll ever meet, should check where his culture comes from.

Scientists generally agree that the place from which humankind sprang forth is Africa. All of us (us being humans) had a starting point. Human remains recognized as among the oldest on record are always popping up somewhere in Africa or the Middle East. Not Europe, as Graglia would like to believe.

So where does Graglia think his culture really came from?

Could it be that he is destined for utter and irrefutable ignorance like the rest of us?

Or is it too late?

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## Super-villains' life more appealing than grad school

### Evil schemes can provide plans for changing the world while still making a profit

Yesterday, about nine different people asked me about my post-TCU plans. Since I am unsure, I gave nine different answers, which ranged from the mundane (grad-school) to the unlikely (grad school) to the silly (diving into entry-level corporate positions) to the probable (giant-robot pilot). Today, however, I hit upon my best idea yet. Instead of leaping into the job market or running from it via grad school, I will be looking into a career of super-villainry.

I've read quite a few comic books over the years, and super-villains have it pretty sweet. As near as I can tell, all super-villainry requires is a little bit of planning, lots of laughing and plenty of destruction. Not only that, but it seems to pay well because their outfits, costumes and equipment probably have to be tailor-made. I mean, Dr. Octopus had four extra arms to fit into a double-breasted suit, and the tailors at J. Riggins or the Men's Wearhouse just can't cut it.

Super-villainry can accommodate virtually every degree plan, except perhaps social work. Naturally, pre-meds are perfectly suited for this profession, what with their biology and chemistry-oriented knowledge. Education majors are shoe-ins as well. I can think of more than a few super-villains I've encountered during my time spent in the classroom. Super-villainry creates a demand for fashion design, robot design, super-weapon design and ridiculously elaborate plot-design majors. For me, I am suited for world domination, what with my focus on international relations and all.

"But Steve, having a bachelor degree doesn't guarantee anything! Don't you have to have super-powers to be a super-villain?" That is a very good question my friends, and the answer is: not necessarily. Certainly, some historical super-villains such as Magneto, Galactus, and Ronald McDonald have inherent abilities that are both super and evil, but



### Commentary



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others merely rely on evil genius and a staff that does the dirty work, which is probably what I intend to do. Oh sure, I've always preferred natural super-villains to the evil genius variety, but when life hands you evil genius, you make evil lemonade.

However, there are a few problems I've discovered with my plan. For instance, super-villainry requires super-heroes in order for it to work properly, and as far as I'm concerned, the super-hero market can

never be under-filled.

Coinciding with this problem of super-heroes is that every super-villain needs an arch-nemesis. I already have several, the most prominent being the weird old lady from the Old Navy commercials. The problem here is that she is already a super-villain, what with her crusty voice and peculiar relationship with that dog. If she is my arch-nemesis and already a super-villain, then I would probably have to be a

super-hero, and we all know that I don't want any part of that life.

That is only a minor problem. A bigger problem facing my future career is raising the necessary capital to finance world conquest. I decided that petty theft is probably an inadequate means of finance, and if investors shy away from Internet porn sites, you can bet they'll shy away from my plan.

And what is that plan, you ask? Well, in order for me to explain it to you, you all will have to picture yourself tied up on a metal bench with an industrial laser creeping between your legs and a net full of molten hot, radioactive weasels looming over your head. Got that mental picture? Excellent. Now, since you have failed to foil my preliminary plans, and your imminent doom is, well, imminent, I will reveal my fiendish plot.

After stealing my little brother's Pokémon cards and selling them at a flea market, I will have amassed enough cash to finance an army of giant robots (no, they don't turn into anything, but that's a good idea) that will march across the world and threaten the world's capitals by menacingly waving their pincer arms.

At the same time, an even bigger flying robot with a huge sucking tube will suck up all of Fort Worth's water and then use it to poison the rest of the country's water with nasty Fort Worth tap water if my demands are not met. Oh yeah, my demands, by the way, are simple. Detroit must put muscle cars back into production. Thundercats, G.I. Joe and Transformers must be run during prime time, and Texas must have regular, seasonal weather.

So for those of you who have some big important plan to make lots of money or really change the world, I've got the same things in mind. I just have a grander, more villainous (at least for someone who isn't in the business school) means of achieving them.

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# ◆ THE FUTURE OF TCU ◆

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students like myself or other minorities sitting on the Board of Trustees making these important decisions over TCU is when I'm going to start to see changes."

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said he sees change coming a lot sooner.

"I think the Commission for the Future of TCU will really bring clarity to what we need to do and will also bring support to what we need to do," he said. "I really strongly feel that within three years we'll see a major difference. And it's all energized by (Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari). He has made the difference."

The Commission on the Future of TCU consists of 17 task forces which will define the university's goals and help to move TCU to the next level of academic distinction. The 400-member board is composed of TCU students, faculty, alumni and others who have an interest in the future of the university. TCU alumnus and CBS TV anchor Bob Schieffer is serving as chairman.

Although the commission will begin examining ideas for the future, the Diversity Council, which was one of the first committees established by Ferrari, has begun to address current diversity issues.

Thomas, who is chairman of the 16-member

Diversity Council, said its focus lays not only on diversity but also inclusiveness.

"We want to try to create an opportunity for everyone to have a voice on campus, for everyone to feel as though they have identity, and they have presence," he said.

The numbers of minority students at TCU are disproportionate to the numbers of minorities currently living in the state of Texas. According to the 1990 U.S. Census, 55 percent of Texans are white, 30 percent are Hispanic and 12 percent black. The TCU student body is made up of 78 percent white students, 5.2 percent Hispanic students and 4.2 percent black students.

Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions, said the goal of the admissions office is not to get to the high numbers that Texas exhibits in minority representation but to get to a level where it's equal to the national rate.

Various reasons contribute to why TCU does not attract a more ethnic diverse population, some minority students said.

### Identity Issues

Darron Turner, director of minority affairs, said minority students who come to this campus have to deal with a big adjustment when they first get here.

"When you look around TCU and see all the expensive cars, if you didn't come from that environment, it's a whole new ballgame for you," he said. "You have to work these things out in your head." Gomez said minority students go through a constant internal struggle in their years at the university.

"When you walk into class, you think OK I am one of the only brown faces in this class," she said. "I think a lot of minority students who come to this campus deal with the issue of trying to assimilate. I think that gets tired and old very quick, and I think students get fed up with that. They can't be who they want to be because they're trying to be someone that they're not."

Many times minority students don't deal with the fact that they are a minority until they come to college, Gomez said.

"I didn't want to be known as the Hispanic girl," she said. "I wanted to be known as Brenda. It wasn't until I came here that it was pointed out to me what I was. It was really shocking and hard to accept."

### Financial Aid

Thenara Bailey, a senior social work major, also came to TCU and faced identity issues. But she said she believes the biggest deterrent to a minority student going to college is money.

"When you have a state school that offers a diverse atmosphere but costs much less, why would you come to TCU?" she said. "You can get a good education at UNT, which has a more diverse student population, but it's not so expensive."

Financially, minority students, as well as many majority students, simply cannot afford to attend TCU, Thomas said.

"One of the things we need to do is make it more affordable for students and see it not as buying students but as an investment," he said. "When we bring in students who receive a quality education, they will give back to the university later. And word of mouth of the best way to recruit other students at the same time."

Sandra Tobias, associate director of financial aid, said a specific policy does not exist now to offer minority students scholarships.

"We have a couple of scholarships provided by private donors in which the donor sets up the criteria, which include ethnicity," she said. "But the rest of the awards are based on merit or financial ability. Students are put on a level playing field. We don't look at ethnicity or gender for that matter."

### Looking ahead

Both scholarships and recruitment will help attract a more diverse student population, Turner said, and the university is

attempting to take active steps to increase the number of students it draws from high schools with a high minority-student enrollment.

"In the last year, the university has looked at adopting two schools - Trimble Tech and Diamond Hill-Jarvis," he said. "The TCU of old is not the TCU of today. The new TCU has a role in saying who comes here."

Atwood said the admissions office is preparing to change the way students perceive the university and make students aware and interested in attending.

"We need to be aware of what specific students need in order to feel welcome," he said. "We have to help people examine TCU and see it for what it is. We want to encourage people to see what we have to offer."

But even with a bright future, good ideas and action occurring, Gomez said she still has doubts. She still questions the ability to change the university with a rich tradition, she said.

She does not have the answers, either. "I don't know why minority students feel like they're not wanted here at all," she said. "I don't know what it is that keeps minority students away from TCU. It's a \$10-million question."

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"I don't remember anyone from TCU coming over here," said North Side High counselor Bevelia Curley, whose search for correspondence materials from TCU procured only an empty manila folder labeled "TCU."

"We really haven't had much contact with TCU. I've been informed that they are trying to diversify their student body. Well I don't know what TCU wants, but they're not looking over here."

Elena Hicks, TCU's assistant dean

of admissions, said most colleges and universities do the bulk of recruiting, but it helps if some of the contact is initiated by the high school.

"Colleges are the ones looking to recruit students from the schools," Hicks said. "But the counselor has to be open for a school to visit and have contact."

Hicks said give-and-take between TCU and high schools such as Fort Worth Wyatt, Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis and Arlington Sam Houston, led to the admissions office starting a program to intensely recruit students from those local high schools.

"It's two-fold," she said. "We had an interest from those schools, and they had interest from us. We have a great interest in recruiting students from local schools."

Hicks also mentioned North Side

as one of the schools TCU was courting, but Curley said she knew of no correspondence between her office and TCU's admissions office.

"No, we haven't had any contact with them," said Curley, a former counselor at nearby Paschal High School. "If they were going to have any contact with (North Side), it would be through this office."

Misty Tippen, a TCU admissions counselor, noted that TCU had attended a college fair hosted by North Side in October.

"That's amazing," Tippen said. "We were over there in October. (TCU admissions counselor) Marcus Veloz took about six students to North Side for their college fair."

Hicks said part of the problem is that some high schools are changing the roles of high school counselors and transferring some of their duties to other staff members within the school.

"In some instances, the counselors at high schools have very little to do with the college recruitment process," Hicks said. "At some schools there are academic advisers taking on the role counselors traditionally used to have. It's different at every school. We always used to go to the counselor, but that's not always the case any more."

Darron Turner, TCU's director of

minority affairs, gave a similar explanation.

"Some of these schools I've never even heard from," Turner said. "And then again, there may be some things going on in their school that the counselors have no idea about."

While Turner acknowledges that TCU hasn't been able to recruit at all Fort Worth high schools, he said the effort is being put forth to eventually establish contact with most of the local schools.

"These people need to give us an ample amount of time to reach their school," Turner said. "We have to do a lot of traveling, and we already have a lot of things on our schedule. Several times a week I have a school call me to come out to their school, but I have to turn them down because I already have another school on my schedule."

"I think with Chancellor (Michael) Ferrari's urging, TCU is now showing a commitment to doing new things and recruiting a more diverse kind of student."

Hicks agreed.

"I guess there's always been a commitment to diversity, but with the introduction of a new chancellor, he's lit a fire under us to bring in a more diverse student body," Hicks said. "He has identified a way to make this happen. You have to be well-connected to know exactly who to work with, and the addition of (Special Assistant

to the Chancellor for Diversity and Community) Cornell Thomas has been very important. He's putting us in touch with different people we may have not had contact with before."

Tippen said TCU has done a lot of recruiting for minority students thus far, but that much more needs to be done.

"This is the right time to make TCU a more diverse school," Tippen said. "It's kind of a split, as far as responsibility for getting brochures to schools. If there are some schools that don't have any correspondence, perhaps their students came by and took it all. Or maybe we haven't sent anything to replace what was taken."

A counselor at Eastern Hills High School, who declined to give her name, said TCU has had little to no contact with the students at her school. She also estimated that every year, about 10 Eastern Hills students (out of a typical graduating class of 200) choose to attend TCU.

"I'm really mad at TCU," she said. "I've asked and asked them to come over here or send something, but they haven't responded. I really don't know what their problem is."

Eastern Hills' student body is more than 70 percent African-American.

Turner said TCU is also focusing its recruiting efforts on Diamond Hill-Jarvis and Trimble Tech High School, which are both located in

low-income, largely minority areas of Fort Worth.

"This is definitely an on-going process," Turner said. "Things could always be better, but we have to be helped in that process."

Tippen confirmed TCU has a specific plan in place, but wasn't at liberty to give information about the arrangement.

Diamond Hill-Jarvis' head counselor Mary Flores said she has heard of a preliminary plan for TCU to set aside some scholarships for some Diamond Hill-Jarvis' students.

But in the past, Flores said most of her students haven't even considered TCU as an option. Diamond Hill-Jarvis, which has about a 95 percent Hispanic student body, sends no more than one student a year to TCU, she said.

In fact, Flores said Diamond Hill-Jarvis sends less than five percent of its graduating class to four-year institutions.

"This year we're hoping to send a couple of students to TCU, but we usually only have a handful of students go on to a four-year institution," Flores said. "We're working to get the numbers up, but it's going to be a slow process."

Flores said her students, who are often first-generation high school students, are intimidated by TCU's costs and often "the fear of the unknown."

Tippen said a TCU representative

attended all of the activities during Nov. 1 through Nov. 5, Fort Worth Independent School District Week for college recruiters, in which colleges and universities from around the state visit local high school college fairs.

"We believe that the high schools of Fort Worth have a very good perception about TCU," Tippen said. "We want to show everyone in Fort Worth, including the high school students, that TCU is their home team."

Hicks said the bonus of recruiting minority students shouldn't rest solely on the admissions office.

"It will take a university effort to help bring in more minority students," Hicks said. "It takes a university setting that makes a student comfortable to make them want to come here."

"Another big problem is when schools put minorities in one big lump. All students, including minorities, have different needs. No university should be lumping minorities into one big group."

Meanwhile, a "lump" of minorities at North Side keeps passing through their counselor's office with little to no information available to them about TCU.

"When I was at Paschal, we had really good contact with TCU," Curley said. "But we just haven't had any contact with them yet."

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# United, American, US Airways to begin selling tickets on Priceline.com

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 CHICAGO — In the airline industry's latest move into cyberspace, three more U.S. carriers have joined Priceline.com, giving a big boost to the name-your-own-price Internet ticket service.  
 The endorsement Wednesday by United Airlines, American Airlines and US Airways means that nearly all major domestic airlines now sell seats through the service. The move also doubles the number of seats Priceline can sell.  
 It paid immediate dividends on Wall Street for the fast-growing online retailer. Stock in Stamford, Conn.-based Priceline soared \$8.12 1/2 Wednesday to \$76.87 1/2 a share, a 12 percent rise, by 4 p.m. on the Nasdaq Stock Market.  
 The agreement gives travelers more reason to buy tickets online

and provides airlines with a proven way to peddle unsold airline seats at the last minute.  
 It also deals another blow to travel agents, reeling from the latest round of airline commission cuts as well as new competition from travel Web sites.  
 Most airlines now sell tickets on their own sites and last week United, Delta, Continental Airlines and Northwest announced plans for a joint site.  
 Priceline's three new carriers — Nos. 1, 2 and 6 in the country — join Delta Air Lines, Continental Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Trans World Airways and America West Airlines on Priceline. Among major carriers, Southwest Airlines is still not participating.  
 Priceline's new partners had previously been reluctant to sell tickets there, particularly American,

which feared stirring competition with Travelocity.com, the travel Web site controlled by its parent AMR Corp.  
 But results apparently persuaded them; Priceline says its weekly sales of airline tickets have increased to more than 50,000 a week, up 1,000 percent from January. That's still a tiny fraction of the roughly 10 million tickets sold in the United States each week.  
 At Priceline.com, buyers can choose their own price for hotel rooms, cars, home mortgages and equity loans. The deal is sealed when the seller accepts the buyer's bid. Wednesday's deal "was just a matter of time," said Ray Neidl, an analyst who follows the airline industry for ING Barings in New York. "Web sites are going to become more commonplace, and

airlines — if there's no cost to them — will try to take advantage of all the revenue streams possible."  
 "This is a place where they can put tickets at the last minute, be anonymous about it, and maybe get a little bit higher load factor," he said.  
 Priceline's stock has been languishing lately as some industry analysts have questioned whether airlines were enthusiastic about doing business with the company.  
 An American Airlines spokesman said the new deal was an acknowledgment that Priceline "is growing up."  
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# Pizza giants go to court over slogan

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 DALLAS — A fight between two pizza giants went to a federal court jury late Wednesday, with the fate of a familiar advertising slogan hanging in the balance.  
 Pizza Hut, the industry leader, sued No. 4 Papa John's over the upstart's claim: "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza." Pizza Hut seeks \$12.5 million in damages.  
 Pizza Hut's lawyers claimed during the three-week trial that the Papa John's slogan and advertising are false and damaged consumers' opinions of Pizza Hut.  
 A marketing survey done for Pizza Hut, a division of Louisville, Ky.-based Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., indicated about

one-third of consumers who saw the Papa John's television ads formed a negative opinion of Pizza Hut.  
 The jury deliberated briefly Wednesday before recessing until this morning. If the jury sides with Pizza Hut, Papa John's would have to drop its slogan, on which it has spent \$300 million to put on commercials, signs and pizza boxes.  
 Papa John's lawyers argued the ad claims were true and, besides, they only touted pizza.  
 "We are talking about pizza here, folks," said Martin McNamara, Dallas-based lead attorney for Papa John's. "We're not talking about automobiles. We're not talking about drugs."  
 Tom Morrison, Pizza Hut's lead attorney from New York, coun-

tered by telling the jury, "Ask him to show you something that says false advertising doesn't apply to food companies."  
 Pizza Hut claims ads for Papa John's, also based in Louisville, falsely claimed the Papa John's dough, sauce and other ingredients are better. In closing arguments to the jury, Morrison said Papa John's rigged taste tests that favored its pizza.  
 Morrison said the tests failed to compare Papa John's against Pizza Hut's signature pan pizza, which he said beat Papa John's in another taste test.  
 McNamara responded that Pizza Hut was angry about comparative advertising but had used similar ads against other pizza makers. He ridiculed a Pizza Hut ad from the

early '90s that compared another brand to a hockey puck.  
 The Papa John's attorney said the slogan, "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza," merely reflected Papa John's chief John Schnatter's belief that his company was producing the best pizza it could.  
 McNamara accused Pizza Hut of scheming to stop Papa John's from growing into a serious competitor.  
 Company memos introduced during the trial revealed Pizza Hut employees considered many ideas to combat Papa John's, including a campaign called "Stoppa the Papa," in which employees were to spy on Papa John's restaurants. Pizza Hut attorneys said many ideas came from low-level employees and never were carried out.

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 The raids — which brought in landowners, industrialists, athletes and politicians from all parties — began hours after a deadline expired for debtors to repay loans or face criminal charges.  
 According to Pakistan television, \$138 million had been recovered when the deadline expired — just 3 percent of the estimated \$4 billion outstanding.  
 Soldiers in green army jeeps roared up to the palatial home of Nawaz Kokhar, a member of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party, on the outskirts of Islamabad to arrest him.  
 "We hope we will get justice," Kokhar said, who reportedly owes about \$2 million. "We are not going to run."

He was just one of hundreds taken in during army chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf's crackdown on corruption, which he promised to carry out last month after seizing power in a bloodless coup.  
 There were conflicting reports on the exact number of arrests, but police and intelligence officials said the nationwide raids brought in as many as 450 people. An official statement named 21 people who were arrested.  
 Deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his brother, Shahbaz Sharif, were among those charged, though the family reportedly repaid nearly \$6 million in loans by the Tuesday deadline.  
 The former prime minister, who has been in army custody since his Oct. 12 ouster, had earlier been accused of treason and hijacking. He was handed over to police late Wednesday, and was due today in court to be formally charged. If convicted of either charge, he would face the death penalty or life in prison.  
 The charges stems from an incident in which

an aircraft returning Musharraf to Pakistan was refused permission to land in Karachi on Oct. 12. The army seized control of the country, allowed the plane to land and took Sharif into custody.  
 On Wednesday, the army interrupted television programming to name some of those arrested, including Manzoor Wattoo, a former chief minister of Punjab; Akhtar Rasool, former captain of Pakistan's national field hockey team; retired Air Marshal Waqar Azim; and Anwar Saifullah, a leading politician and industrialist.  
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# Hurricane damages Virgin Islands

## Category 5 storm claims six lives, closes airports and destroys homes

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CHRISTIANSTED, U.S. Virgin Islands — Hurricane Lenny's winds climbed to 150 mph Wednesday as it battered St. Croix, damaging homes and hurling boats on to the shore. The monster storm then roared toward a string of Dutch and British islands.

Just 5 mph shy of a Category 5, the highest hurricane rating, the storm's powerful winds killed at least four people from South America to the northeastern Caribbean.

St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands bore the brunt of its fury as the eye passed just 20 miles south Wednesday afternoon.

"My yard is completely flooded out, the telephone lines are whistling and the rain is beating against the house," said Anthony Lewis of Frederiksted, St. Croix's second-largest town. He said he spent the morning bailing water out of his house.

Hundreds of tourists in the region were stranded as airlines canceled flights and airports closed.

Feeding off the warm Caribbean waters, Lenny's winds strengthened to 150 mph Wednesday, making it a Category 4 hurricane capable of extreme damage.

The storm loomed about 70 miles southeast of St. Maarten Wednesday night, drifting east-northeast for several hours but was expected to head to the northeast, and the open Atlantic, later in the night. Hurricane winds extended 70 miles from its center and tropical storm-force winds another 205 miles.

The eye was expected to pass close to the Dutch territories of St. Maarten, St. Eustatius, Saba and the British island of Anguilla.

Wednesday morning a St. Maarten man was killed when the garden wall of his hillside home collapsed on him because the ground was saturated with rain hours before Lenny's arrival.

Anguilla was drenched by 46 inches of rain in four hours Wednesday afternoon and its beaches were eroded by sea swells of up to 12 feet throughout the day with worse expected as Lenny neared.

Lenny's lateness in the season and easterly path left even experienced observers agape. "It's unheard of," said veteran meteorologist John Toohy on San Juan's WOSO-AM radio. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime event."

The storm's first winds cut power and telephone service to many St. Croix homes. It ripped up trees and debris that blocked roads, kicked up dangerous waves that battered the shore and carried a steady rain that flooded extensive areas hours before the main impact was expected.

Battering waves smashed over the 8-foot sea wall at Frederiksted, tore away the wooden fishermen's pier and a small part of the concrete Ann Abramson Pier where cruise ships dock.

A curious tourist who went out to experience the force of the storm was trapped by battering waves and clung to a rock outside a beach resort for more than an hour before divers rescued him, authorities said.

A half dozen people suffered fractures and other injuries when they were hit by waves on St. Kitts'

concrete pier. Storm surges in Grenada swept away four houses, washed away asphalt roads, damaged runway lights at the airport and flooded roads and the business district.

U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Charles Turnbull declared a state of emergency Tuesday night, installed a curfew to prevent looting and deployed the National Guard. He also asked President Clinton to declare St. Croix a disaster area, making it eligible for federal emergency funds.

In San Juan, the Puerto Rican capital, a few motorists sped down highways usually choked with traffic and tooted their horns in delight after the storm passed.

Officials urged people to be vigilant, since most hurricane deaths occur after a storm passes. "These rains can produce life-threatening flash floods and mud slides," the National Weather Service warned.

There was one fatality: a man who fell off a ladder he was using to board up windows against the storm.

On Tuesday, Lenny passed south of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, staying on an unusual west-to-east course. It then veered northeast, sparking a last-minute rush at grocery stores and gas stations throughout the islands in its path.

Lenny was blamed for damage as far off as South America.

In Colombia, police said two fishermen drowned Tuesday in heavy rain and strong winds from the passing storm, and rain destroyed half the homes in the coastal town of Cabo de la Vela, leaving 540 people homeless.

# Meteor shower returns after 33 years

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Waves of fireballs brightened the skies like lightning Wednesday night over the sands of Arabia as the much-heralded Leonid meteor shower appeared headed for its peak.

Around the world, astronomers and amateur stargazers stared upward in fields, beaches and mountaintops — just about anywhere away from city lights — to watch what could turn into the most spectacular shower since 1966 and for decades to come. It was probably already the most studied in history.

The annual Leonid meteor shower was expected to reach the height of its intensity overnight Wednesday. However, predicting timing, strength and brightness is an inexact science. The quarter moon, lights of civilization and cloud cover obscured the sights in many places.

But about 50 astronomers sighed with wonder in the freezing cold as the fireballs flashed over the desert

25 miles from Jordan's border with Saudi Arabia.

For Jordanian astronomer Ali Abanda, it was redemption from the glum memory of the world's last great Leonid shower, which made a more modest showing over his country. "It is magnificent," he said Wednesday night. "It is something that we didn't even detect when we watched the skies 33 years ago."

Astronomers at the desert camp estimated more than 2,000 meteors during one 40-minute period.

They were so intent on protecting their dark sky that they banned lights, including car headlights. Their rule forced camp visitors to stay all night for fear of getting lost in the open desert, straying over an international border or tangling with smugglers.

The best American viewing of the shooting-star show was expected on the East Coast in the wee hours this morning. The National Weather Service forecast thickening clouds across much of the Northeast, but

mostly clear skies southward.

However, astronomical calculations put the best spectacle in the Middle East and Europe.

Up to 20,000 shooting stars per hour were predicted during the meteor shower, which occurs when dust and ice shed by the comet Tempel-Tuttle streak into the Earth's atmosphere at 40 miles a second and burn up. The shooting stars and fireballs can dart anywhere overhead, but all appear to come from the direction of the constellation Leo, which gives the shower its name.

Since the orbiting comet dumps extra debris every 33 years when it races past the sun, the chances for a meteor storm rise every 33 years. The last great storm was 1966, with a peak of 144,000 shooting stars per hour. A typical year might yield just 20 per hour.

A sense of delight built through Wednesday at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, in Huntsville, Ala., where scientists were monitoring the storm. An average of 140 to

180 meteors were streaking across skies worldwide by early evening, according to NASA's global observations.

"It's really exciting: just the beauty of seeing the brilliance of them crossing the sky," said Jeff Anderson, a NASA aerospace engineer.

NASA was studying the composition of the Leonids with special equipment aboard two airplanes, hoping for clues to how organic chemicals were first brought to Earth.

The military and private companies, meanwhile, turned the edges of satellite solar panels toward the shower to avoid meteor strikes. They also suspended some satellite functions that could otherwise be short-circuited by a passing meteor.

On Tuesday night, fireballs streaked across the sky and stirred panicky calls to police across the Midwest and as far east as New York state. Some feared plane crashes or UFOs.

# Washington Post, NBC partnership announced

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — NBC and The Washington Post Co. are joining hands to share news reports in print, on TV and the Internet.

The partnership announced Wednesday is the latest of several newsgathering alliances as media companies seek to boost their brand names at a time of heightened competition.

Contributors to the alliance will be NBC News, the MSNBC cable network and Internet site, along with print and Web operations of *The Washington Post* and its sister publication, *Newsweek* magazine.

The agreement, *Newsweek* Editor in Chief Richard Smith said during a teleconference, "allows each news organization to maintain its independence but to work together to

showcase their work on many more platforms."

In addition to newsgathering, the partners will share technology and offer joint advertising packages in a variety of media. Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Starting immediately, journalists from *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* will appear on NBC News programming and on MSNBC Cable, including regular segments on its nightly program "The News with Brian Williams."

"You'll see contributors both on the air and the Web with original content," said Merrill Brown, editor in chief of MSNBC.com. "Potentially, we'll be breaking stories together."

But the arrangement is non-exclusive, allowing *Washington Post* and *Newsweek* journalists to appear on

other networks as well.

Under the deal, MSNBC.com will carry editorial content from *Newsweek.com* and *Newsweek* magazine, along with material from *The Washington Post* and ([washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)). In turn, [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com) and *Newsweek.com* will have access to NBC News multimedia content, covering broadcast, cable and the Internet.

But each outlet will decide where to draw the line in the collaboration. "Each of us has the right to declare certain stories off-limits" to other outlets, Smith said.

A merged Web site, *Newsweek.MSNBC.com*, is scheduled to launch early in 2000.

"It's probably the right thing to do," said Tom Wolzien, a media analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. He cited an increasing importance

for Web sites to offer name-brand content — recognized bylines and publications — rather than generic material.

While unlikely to have a short-term payoff, he said, "these alliances are an effort by providers to position themselves with as much proprietary content as possible. Over time, it increases the collective Web views."

NBC's other cable network, CNBC, already has a deal with *The Wall Street Journal* to share business news. MSNBC is itself a joint venture created in 1996 between NBC and Microsoft.

On Tuesday, The New York Times Co. and TheStreet.com Inc., a popular financial news Web site, launched a joint newsroom for expanded online financial news coverage.

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Schieffer said the task forces will be faced with some difficult choices, but they must emphasize TCU's strengths.

"If we can become the best in just a few areas, we can use that as a springboard to take the university to a higher level in all areas," he said.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari said he was very pleased with the number of

people who attended the kickoff and attributed a lot of the enthusiasm to Schieffer.

"I can say with a lot of confidence that I doubt we would have attracted the community, corporate, health care and education leaders from throughout the city and state to say 'yes' without (Schieffer)," Ferrari said.

The Commission presented

a very different approach to planning, and Schieffer's involvement was critical in overcoming skepticism of the initiative, he said.

"We wanted an alumni who has the national credibility, respect and recognition that would let everyone know this is a serious matter," he said. "There is nobody else who could do this quite the same way."

The Commission's 17 task forces will issue a report in June, and the final commission meeting will take place in September. Ferrari said the Board of Trustees will then use those reports to develop a concrete plan for the university.

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tion, said the site was not an ideal location for the chain's typical clientele.

"We depend a lot on travelers, and this location was a little too far off the highway for anyone to see us."

Ninfa's Cantina shut its doors during the first week of November. The sign out in front still reads "closed for remodeling," but the restaurant is completely empty, and the property is now listed as available for potential buyers.

Officials from Rio West, the company that operates the Dallas/Fort Worth area Ninfa's franchise, were not available for comment.

Now that the restaurants have closed, the sites are available for redevelopment, which may either lead to another restaurant or a completely different retail project. Directly to the south of the former Ninfa's is a vacant lot, managed by the John T. Evans Company, a Dallas development firm.

Dan Garrett, vice president of the firm, said officials at his company are planning to build a new mixed-use retail development.

"We're building a 13,000-square-foot retail building on the site, which will have space for two retail businesses and a restaurant," Garrett said. "We expect to break ground within the next 45 days, and the project should be finished within six months."

Garrett said the firm already has a lease reserved for a restaurant to go on the south end of the new building, though he was not able to reveal what restaurant it will be. However, he said he doubts another additional restaurant will replace the Ninfa's building next door.

"Restaurateurs who have looked at the old Ninfa's said the building has a number of plumbing and other problems," he said. "They insinuated that the useful life of that building is probably past. I would bet that the site will probably be used for more retail rather than another restaurant."

Over the years, management at both restaurants tried to maintain a good presence in the community. Tarrant County Better Business Bureau records show that Owens was a member in good standing. Ninfa's had maintained close ties to the TCU community since its opening in 1994 offering discounts to TCU students who presented their ID, and hosting the weekly radio program, "The Coach Fran Call-In Show," on the TCU Sports Network during the 1998 football season.

Several TCU students and faculty members said they were somewhat disappointed that the restaurants had closed.

"I never ate at Owens, but I'll miss Ninfa's," said Kat Galanty, a senior radio-TV-film major. "The food wasn't anything special, but the happy hour was pretty good, and they were in such a prime location."

Ken Richardson, professor of mathematics, said he had eaten at both restaurants on numerous occasions.

"I've often gone to Owens for breakfast, and other times for dinner, so I'm sorry to hear that it closed," Richardson said. "And Ninfa's was just a great place to hang out."

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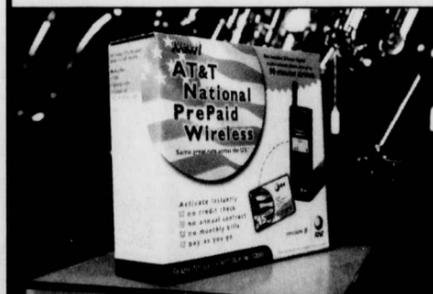
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# Women's b-ball beaten in WNIT quarterfinal by UC-SB

## Frogs unable to stop Gauchos transition game, lose 86-61

By Rusty Simmons  
SPORTS EDITOR

New head coach Jeff Mittie's debut against a ranked opponent did not go as planned.

The Frogs' main focus was to stop No. 14, No. 13 in ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and No. 15 Associated Press, California-Santa Barbara's transition game.

"Our transition defense is the key to this game," Mittie said in a pre-game interview on KTCU. "We will either attack the outlet pass or keep two players back to cut out transition layups."

But the UC-SB Gauchos' 28 fast-break points led to an 86-61 victory over TCU in the Women's National Invitation Tournament quarterfinal contest Wednesday night.

UC-SB has only lost 13 home games in the last 12 seasons, and the home-court advantage was visible early. The Gauchos got off to an 8-0 lead in the early minutes of the game.

TCU cut the lead to 8-5 with a five-point run of its own. But UC-SB went on an 11-0 spurt to extend the Gauchos lead to 19-5.

TCU was shooting less than 20 percent from the field with seven

minutes left in the first frame, while UC-SB was shooting close to 50 percent.

Down 7-25, the Frogs finally found the shooting touch. Sophomore forward Tricia Payne, junior forward Sally Spencer and senior guard Diamond Jackson hit three straight jump shots.

UC-SB turned up the tempo when TCU closed in on the lead. UC-SB scored six straight on transition buckets, to extend the lead to 16-38.

The Frogs, led by three-point jumpers by Jackson and Payne, ended the first half with 10 straight points to cut the lead to 26-40.

TCU continued the sharp shooting in the second half, including four three-pointers in the half's opening eight minutes. But even the Frogs' shooting from behind the arc could not close in the Gauchos' lead.

UC-SB's Erin Buescher, a pre-season All-American, added to her 15 first-half points with eight more points in the early-going of the second half to keep the Frogs at a comfortable distance.

Buescher ended the game with 25 points and 10 rebounds for the dou-

ble-double.

After TCU out rebounded the Gauchos 21-17 in the first half, UC-SB crashed the glass harder in the second half. The Gauchos, the No. 9 rebounding team in the nation last season, ended with a 43-31 advantage in rebounds.

Despite a better shooting performance by the Frogs in the second half, UC-SB used more intensity in rebounding and Buescher's performance for a 25-point victory, 86-61.

"(UC-SB) is a good basketball team and an experienced basketball team," Mittie said in a post-game interview on KTCU. "They've been through the war, and we had trouble matching their intensity early."

"We'll be a better basketball team for coming out here, but (it) depends on how we react."

The Frogs play the Houston Jaguars, a traveling exhibition team, at 7 p.m. Friday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and Mittie thinks his squad's reaction will be positive.

"I think I know this team," he said. "I think they'll come back strong on Friday."

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# 'Shoeless Joe' does not belong with other greats

## Induction of Jackson into baseball Hall of Fame would be a disgrace

I was in the computer lab Monday when I overheard some guy convincing his friend that Martin Luther King Jr. was as big a womanizer as anybody. King also didn't write many of his speeches, he said.

Now, I don't know whether any of that is true or not, but frankly, I don't want to know. I respect Dr. King for the good he did in his lifetime, and I would just as soon keep it that way.

It got me thinking about the alarming trend in our society to reach back into history and tear down anybody who is regarded as a hero, from Thomas Jefferson to Abraham Lincoln to John F. Kennedy. The dumbest part of this trend is that they are doing just the opposite for the villains of history.

Case in point: "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, the dirtiest baseball player in history, who admitted under oath to agreeing to throw the World Series in 1919.

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives sent a "non-binding resolution" to the Senate for Jackson to be put into baseball's Hall of Fame.

First, doesn't Congress have better things to do than worry about whether a guy who has been dead for 50 years is in the Hall of Fame?

Second, why on earth would we want to put this guy in the Hall of Fame to begin with?

Really, the one and only reason to put him in the Hall of Fame is because his career batting average, .356, ranks third all time. But we must remember that his declining years were cut off because of his involvement in the Black Sox scandal, so we are left with his batting average during his prime.

Truthfully, as a baseball player, Jackson ranks with Harry Heilmann, a right fielder from the 1920s who also hit .400 once. He ranks as a much worse player than Tris Speaker, a contemporary to Jackson that doesn't get near the acclaim he does.

But Speaker and Heilmann are both legitimate Hall of Famers, you might say. Well, neither one of them threw a World Series for monetary gain either.

Those who want to forget this little detail point to several arguments. One argument is posed by Kevin Costner's character in "Field of Dreams": "If he's supposed to be throwing it, how do you explain the fact that he hit .375 for the Series and didn't commit one error?"

Well, the conspirators said they did not try to get swept. They tried to win some games, but eventually lose enough games to lose the best-of-nine series.

According to Rob Neyer of ESPN.com, Jackson hit .545 in the games the White Sox won, and .250 with no RBI in the first four that they lost. In the deciding game, he was hitless until they were down 5-0 and hit a two-run double after they were down 10-1.

# Smith expects to play despite broken hand

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — The grayish scar on Emmitt Smith's right hand starts just below the knuckle of his ring finger and stretches about 3 inches, almost reaching his wrist.

There is enough swelling that he can't completely make a fist. He often wears a soft cast, even when he showers. Wrapping his hand in plastic makes it difficult to scrub his left side.

But Smith discovered that by putting a washrag over the plastic

All of this does not prove that he didn't try his best in all eight games, but it doesn't prove that he did, either. But either way, Jackson admitted to knowing about the plan and even took money to participate in the plan. And as the best player on the team, his decision to participate in the conspiracy almost certainly helped the gamblers convince his teammates to go along with it.

Some people would argue he was illiterate and didn't know what he was doing.

Look, education is not necessarily an indication of intelligence, and his illiteracy does not mean he was so dumb he didn't know why these guys were giving him \$5,000, with a promise of \$15,000 more once the Series was lost.

Jackson gave this testimony under oath:

Q: How much did he promise you?

A: \$20,000 if I would take part.

Q: And you said you would?

A: Yes, sir.

During that trial, the eight White Sox players who were banned from baseball were acquitted on criminal charges, but contrary to widespread perception, they were acquitted of "defrauding the American public," not throwing baseball games. In fact, the jury was specifically instructed that throwing baseball games was not, in itself, a criminal offense.

It is interesting to think about who would benefit from Jackson being elected into the Hall of Fame. I guarantee that Shoeless Joe, wherever he is now, couldn't care less whether he has his likeness on a plaque in upstate New York. And Jackson's family is nowhere to be found in this fight.

Perhaps the answer can come from Rep. Jim DeMint, the Republican from Jackson's hometown of Greenville, S.C., who authored the resolution. "It is worthy for this body to take a few minutes to stand up for fairness and right an old wrong."

In other words, it would bring money to his constituents for Jackson to be in the headlines again.

As a superstar player who took money to intentionally lose his sport's championship, Jackson performed possibly the most despicable act in the history of American team sports. So while nobody would benefit from his induction but a few money-grubbers and those, as Neyer puts it, "who get weepy when they watch 'Field of Dreams,'" anybody who respects the integrity of sports would lose.

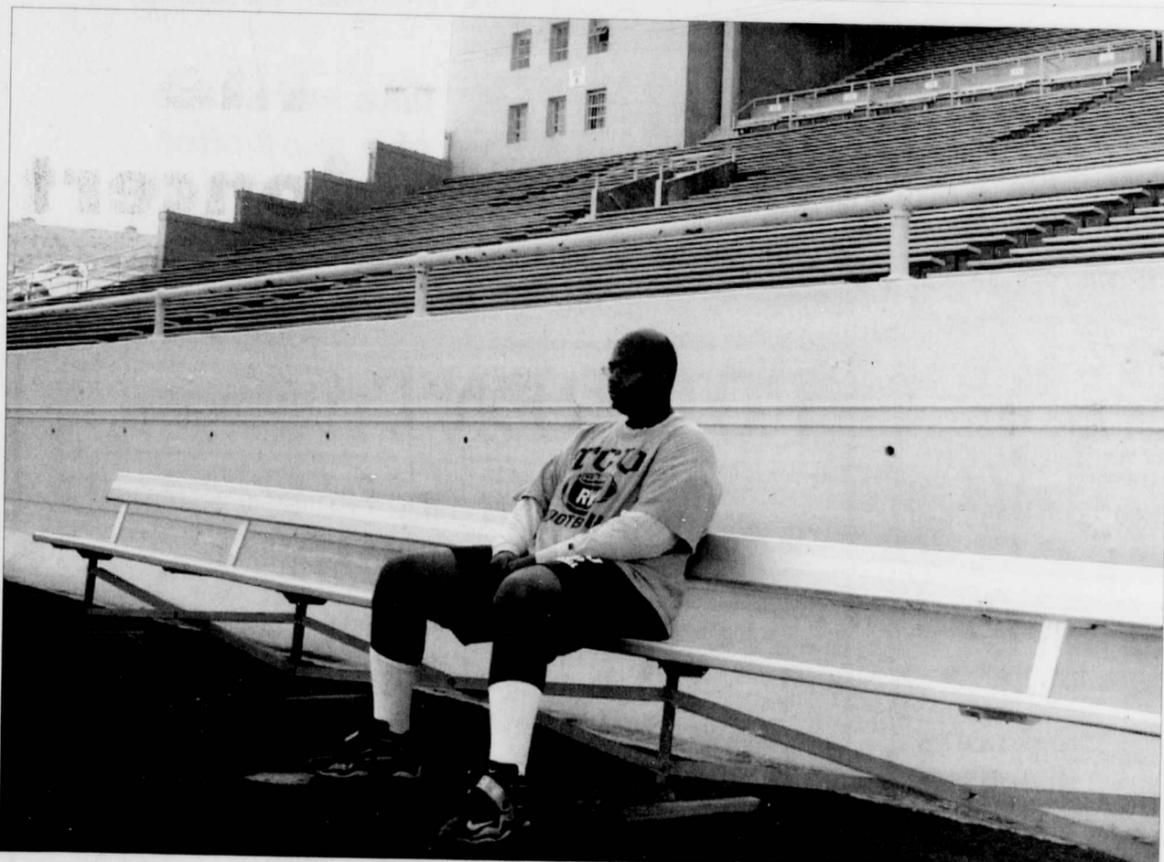
Baseball's foremost researcher Bill James had this to say about the Joe Jackson cult: "The people who want to put Joe Jackson in the Hall of Fame are baseball's answer to those women who show up at murder trials wanting to marry the cute murderer."

That says it all.

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David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR  
Junior guard Jill Sutton scored eight points in the Frogs' 86-61 defeat to No. 14-ranked California-Santa Barbara.



Robert Wallace's back disallows him to play football anymore, but his heart is still with the Frogs' football team.

Joel Anderson/STAFF REPORTER

# Former player still winning in game of life

## Wallace continues to assist football team, excel academically in spite of back injury

By Joel Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

The hues in the sky changed from yellow to orange to red, then finally, purple. Darkness settled over the TCU practice field as the bleary group of football players filed off the field.

The air stood still, and the temperature was appropriately mild for a Texas autumn. An observer at practice stated the obvious, "This is a great day for playing football."

Robert Wallace, who was lock in step with the other players, feels like any day is a great day for football. Rather, it would be if he could once again join his teammates on the field of play.

"I miss the games, the intensity, the whole Saturday atmosphere," Wallace said wistfully. "I miss the challenges, the whole aspect of the game."

That would seem an easy enough prospect for the 6-foot-4, 300-pound Wallace, who started four times on the TCU offensive line as a true freshman in 1997.

But a multi-level degenerative disc condition in Wallace's back, which was incurred during a weightroom workout, has more than likely ended what once seemed a bright future on the gridiron.

"Robert could have been a big help for us," said TCU football coach Dennis Franchione. "He knew all five positions on the offensive line. He understands what people are supposed to do and why they do it. That's very rare in a player."

Wallace came to TCU with a solid football pedigree. From the nearby fields of Eules Trinity High School, about 30 minutes from TCU, Wallace compiled an impressive career on the offensive line. He was a consensus Texas Top 100 honoree and all-district as a senior at Eules Trinity.

Wallace's older brother, Leon, was a star tight end at Notre Dame from 1992-95. Older sister, Vanessa, was a standout basketball player at the University of Texas from 1995-98.

So everything seemed to be in place for quite a career, but then the injury shattered Wallace's dreams of glory.

"Sometimes I try to remember what it used to be like to play," Wallace said. "During the games it's hard. At first I asked myself, 'Why me?' Finally, I gave it up to the Lord. He has other things in store for me."

When most players suffer career-ending injuries, they slowly separate themselves from the team, choosing to avoid day-to-day contact with the sport they once loved.

But Wallace dutifully attends every practice, every meeting, every game as if he were still battling in the trenches cloaked in the purple of the Horned Frogs.

"I spent 10 years of my life trying to get to this point," Wallace said. "Now I try to help out the other guys, particularly the younger guys. I try to let them know that there's more to them than football."

Wallace had to learn that lesson for himself, but fortunately academics has always played an important role in his life.

"I'm very glad that I took my studies seriously," said Wallace, who is a dean's list student and a junior computer science major. "Football, athletics, can be taken away from you just like that."

TCU offensive line coach Jim Bob Helduser said the constant presence of Wallace is an important influence on the other players.

"Robert sets a great leadership example for the guys," Helduser said. "He's such a great student, he's so conscientious, and he's a very responsible young man. He goes the extra mile in everything he's involved in."

Wallace still dreams of stepping onto the field again. Barring a medical miracle, the threat of possible

paralysis would remain, but Wallace still feels the pangs to rejoin the Frogs.

"I just remember what it felt like to be out there in the huddle, sweating it out," Wallace said. "If I got the chance to go back out there, at least just one more time, I would like to cut (block) somebody."

Sophomore guard, Victor Payne, a friend and former roommate of Wallace's, understands his friend's situation.

"I wouldn't be out here," Payne said. "It would just make it harder on me. But for him, I think it's more important he moves on. Like I've told him, the present isn't as important as the future. I've asked him, 'Do you want to be able to walk and play with your kids when you're 30?' Sometimes he's still hard-headed."

For now, Wallace just remembers what it was like to be one of the guys.

"I did everything to the best of my ability," he said. "I worked hard at everything I did."

And despite the absence of glorious autumn football practices, there always remains the possibility of more great days.

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**Chaos**

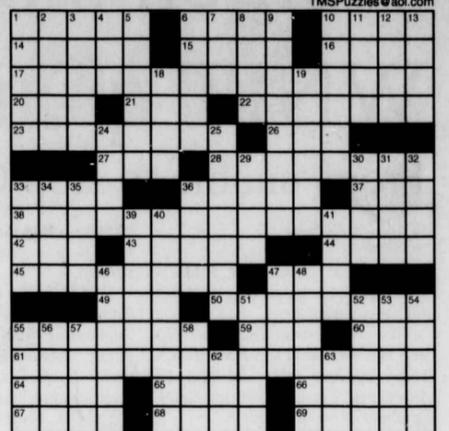
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  - 14 Be of use to
  - 15 Peak
  - 16 Leaning Tower site
  - 17 1956 Walter Pidgeon sci-fi classic
  - 20 Squeeze (out)
  - 21 Scheduled to arrive
  - 22 Form metal with a mold
  - 23 Snakes
  - 26 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
  - 27 Make a request
  - 28 Cheap ornaments
  - 33 Husband of Frigg
  - 36 Richard of "Have Gun, Will Travel"
  - 37 Cow call
  - 38 1997 Ice Cube melodrama
  - 42 John's Yoko
  - 43 Blockheads
  - 44 East of the Urals
  - 45 Turncoat
  - 47 Tub
  - 49 "River"
  - 50 Sou'westers
  - 55 Accompanist
  - 59 Booking
  - 60 Costello or Ferrigno
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  - 64 Goes steady
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  - 66 Uses a stopwatch
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- DOWN**
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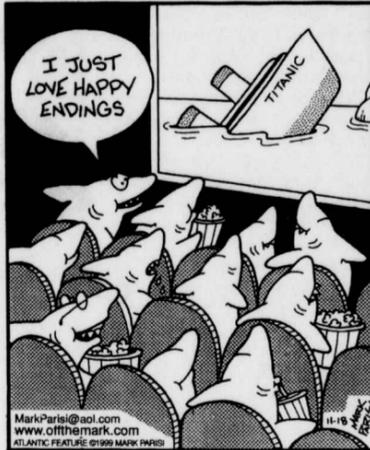
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# Player acts as stabilizer for women's b-ball

## Team maintains positive outlook through prayer, faith

By Steven Baker  
STAFF REPORTER

When women's basketball player Shonda Mack had to make two free throws with seven seconds remaining in last year's game against Nevada-Las Vegas, she had one problem — she hadn't scored all game.

"The other players on the court were praying for me and told me that I was going to do it," Mack said. "Even the players on the bench were holding hands and praying."

Before she took her shots, best friend and teammate Misty Meadows walked up to her, and they had a moment of prayer. She took a deep breath and dribbled the ball three times like she always does: for the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Mack made both free throws and the team defeated UNLV by one point.

Whether it is leading players on the basketball court in prayer or leading the team in rebounds, both head coach Jeffrey Mittie and the women's team said Mack is an affable person.

"When she stepped up to the free-throw line, God told me I had to talk to her," Meadows said. "I just looked at her and told her that I could see the

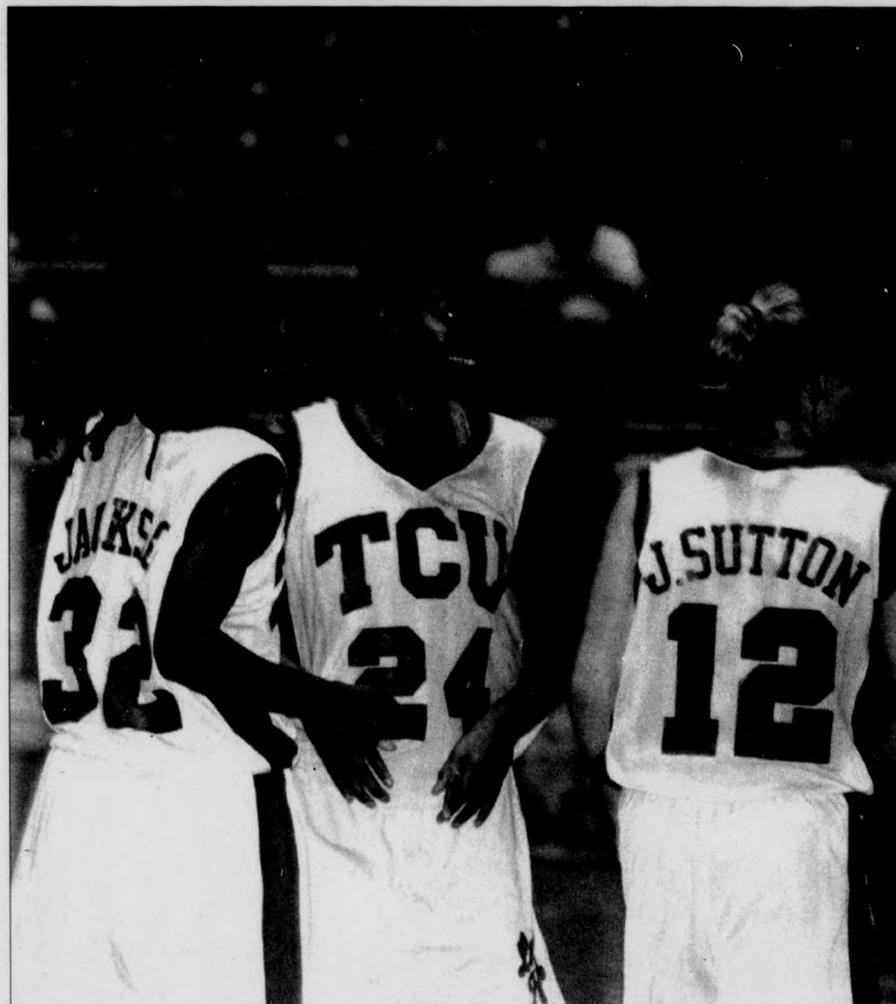
light of God in her because he was working through her. I knew she was going to make those free throws. I didn't even have to get in position for the rebound."

"Mack almost has two personalities," Mittie said. "On the court, she is aggressive and active on the glass. Off the court, she is very receptive and will help a teammate; like when the younger players are homesick. She is accessible to anyone on the team."

Mittie's offense is different from former coach Mike Peterson's because it will allow small forwards like Mack more opportunities to shoot the ball. The old system often isolated Mack in the post position where her main responsibility was rebounding. Mack only averaged 4.8 points a game last season.

"His style is really free," Mack said. "He wants you to go out there and play ball. He does not limit you. We have been playing ball for a long time, and we know what we can do. When he sees our best, he won't settle for anything less."

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Senior Shonda Mack, the emotional and spiritual leader for the women's basketball team, led the Frogs in rebounding last season. David Duna/PHOTO EDITOR

# McTyer steps forward in point guard position

## Team member becomes major force for upcoming season

By Matt Stiver  
STAFF REPORTER

When the TCU men's basketball team runs out onto the floor of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, one man comes out first. During player introductions, one man has his name called first. When the Frogs grab a defensive rebound, the ball is put in the hands of one man first — junior point guard Thomas McTyer.

The Frogs' junior point guard from Las Vegas, Nev., learned of TCU not only from recruiting pamphlets and coaches' phone calls, but also from a family member on the TCU roster — point guard Prince Fowler. He played at TCU from 1995 through 1999.

But the chance to play with family was not McTyer's only influence in choosing TCU.

"It's always nice to have somebody you know around you, and Prince was already here," McTyer said. "But the main thing was that I liked the style that (men's basketball) coach (Billy) Tubbs played. I could tell when he came and did my home visit

that he was going to be an exciting person to play for, and he is."

The Frogs have played two exhibition games so far this season, and McTyer has started both of them. Playing behind Fowler, the Frogs' All-Western Athletic Conference starting point guard from 1997 through 1999, McTyer averaged 2.1 points in 25 games last season.

McTyer said he hopes his numbers will improve.

"I feel pretty good where I'm at right now," McTyer said. "But like anything else, there's always room for improvement. You can tell when a coach wants you to improve because he's always on you. All the coaches are always on me about every little thing, and it helps me a lot."

McTyer said he learned a little something from his All-WAC family member.

"(Prince and I) played totally different styles," McTyer said. "The main thing he helped me with is just playing against me in practice every day. Seeing his defense and how he

shut people down made me want to be able to shut people down like he did."

Tubbs, who recruited McTyer out of high school, said McTyer possesses the key skill in a point guard.

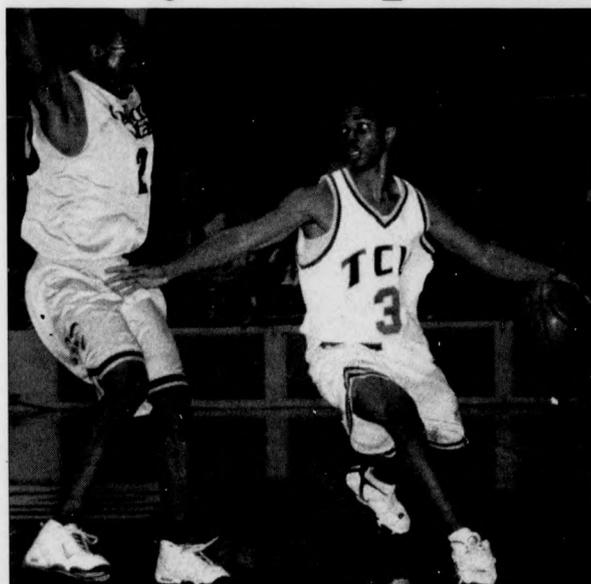
"He's a passer, not a shooter," Tubbs said. "I think he's a pure point guard. He looks to pass before he looks to shoot. You want your point guard to pass and your shooting guard to take shots. Thomas fills that role for us."

Tubbs said he remembers McTyer as an "outstanding young player" when he saw him in high school.

This year, the Frogs have depth at most positions. At the point guard position, McTyer will be challenged for minutes by junior transfer Larry Allaway. But he sees the team's depth as its strength.

"If somebody goes down, then there will always be somebody to step up for them," McTyer said. "If coach Tubbs wanted to, he could go nine or 10 deep. And not just people

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John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Junior point guard Thomas McTyer has stepped up as the primary ball handler and post feeder for the men's basketball team.

**MACK**

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Mack led the Horned Frogs in rebounding with 7.6 rebounds per game in 1998. She also won the Bulldog award in the 1996-97 season at Independence Junior College in Oklahoma for her hustle.

"I just go out there and head hunt," Mack said. "Rebounding is about positioning. The direction for rebounding comes from God and not from me. If I was thinking about it, I would just be guessing."

Junior guard Amy Sutton said Mack is the team's unquestioned spiritual leader.

"It is great for our team and every team to have a spiritual leader like her," she said. "On the court and off the court she fills this role completely."

Mack said no matter what the team does off the basketball court, they are all always having a good time.

"It is something that I have never before experienced as a group," she said. "When we get together there is no animosity or jealousy. We can go out in practice and just beat the dog out of each other. But outside of prac-

tice it is all love."

Mack met Meadows when they both visited the TCU campus in 1997. They roomed together on that visit and quickly became friends.

"We hit it off immediately, and she is my sister now," Mack said. "We both loved the campus for the coaches here and the genuine personalities of all the other people here."

When Mack is not spending time with Meadows, who has now graduated, she is influencing the decisions made by the team and coaching staff.

Coach Mittie said Mack's input is very respected by the coaching staff.

"I look for maturity and for Mack to be a stabilizer for other people," he said. "She is very consistent. You see some people do the right things at the right time. Mack does that all the time."

However, Mack said she doesn't have the energy to set the right example constantly.

"It's like I'm a battery, and people get juiced off of me," she said. "So when I feel so down, and my battery is about to run out, I seek inspiration from my Aunt Louis and my mother Alma. After I talk with them, I feel better."

Meadows said God has given Mack the gift of being a counselor to

everyone around her.

"We use to stay up all night and read Bible verses together," she said. "We always tried to keep our lives at a constant high. We always tried to find people on the team that needed that same high. In the last game of the season, we just hugged each other and cried."

The women's basketball team needed Mack last year during the UNLV game, and they now need her for one last senior season.

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# Men's Team Statistics



**#11 Larry Allaway**  
G 5-11 185 Jr.-TR 12.2  
ppg 4.9 apg 2.0 spg  
Transfer from Howard Co.  
(Texas) Community College.  
Has led high school and junior  
college teams to league titles.



**#32 Myron Anthony**  
6-6 225 Jr.-TR 2.3 ppg 1.2  
rpg 46 percent 3-PT  
Touted by Billy Tubbs as  
possibly the Frogs' best player.  
Transfer from Kentucky is  
likely the only player to come  
through TCU program with  
national championship ring  
(1997-98 season).



**#35 Colin Boddicker**  
6-8 230 So.-TR 2.9 ppg  
2.0 rpg 30 percent FG  
Transfer from College of  
Holy Cross. Brother, Brian of  
Duncanville High School, is  
the top-ranked high school  
basketball prospect in Texas  
this year.

**#55 Chris Campbell**

6-9 220 So.-WO  
Transfer from the Air Force  
Academy Prep School in 1997-98.  
Was Texas All-State high school  
basketball selection in 1997.



**#25 Ryan Carroll**  
G/F 6-4 205 Jr.-2L 14.0 ppg  
5.2 rpg 43 percent 3-PT  
Has launched 196 three-point  
shots, ninth-most in TCU history.  
Shoots 60.1% from within the arc.



**#41 Greedy Daniels**  
G 6-0 180 Jr.-TR 7.4 ppg  
2.4 rpg 2.4 spg  
Ineligible until 2000-2001  
season per NCAA transfer  
rules. Named to the WAC  
Mountain Division All-  
Defensive Team last season.  
Third in WAC in steals last  
season.



**#15 Derrick Davenport**  
C 6-10 210 Jr.-TR 18 ppg  
9 rpg 57 percent FG  
Former teammate of  
Marquise Gainous at Florida  
Community College-  
Jacksonville. Was junior-col-  
lege All-American last season.



**#33 Marquise Gainous**  
F 6-9 216 Sr.-1L 18.1 ppg  
8.7 rpg 58 percent FG  
Possibly one of the nation's  
best left-handed scoring  
threats. Shot 28-of-33 from the  
field during a two-game  
stretch last season.

**#21 Vladimir Jaksic**

G/F 6-8 233 Jr.-1L 7.4 ppg  
38 percent 3-PT 1.9 rpg  
72.8% of Jaksic's shots were  
made from behind the three-point  
arc last season. Averaged 9.4 ppg  
during 12 starts last season.



**#12 J.R. Jones**  
G 6-1 180 Fr.-RS 13 ppg 5  
rpg 5.5 apg  
From nearby Brewer High  
School. Was Academic All-State  
as a high school senior.



**#24 Estell Laster**  
G 6-2 185 Jr.-TR 17.8  
ppg 4.8 rpg 35 percent 3-PT  
One of nation's top junior  
college guards at Seminole  
State (Okla.) College last  
season. Honorable mention Junior  
College All-America.



**#5 Shannon Long**  
G/F 6-7 190 Sr.-1L 7.9  
ppg 5.3 rpg 42 percent 3-PT  
Finished second on the team  
in assists last season (86).  
TCU went 11-6 with Long in  
starting lineup.



**#3 Thomas McTyer**  
G 5-11 156 Jr.-2L 2.1 ppg  
0.7 rpg 18 percent FG  
Solid ball-handler, but jump  
shot in need of some tinkering.  
Cousin of last season's starting  
point guard Prince Fowler.

**#34 Bingo Merriex**

G 6-6 190 Fr.-HS 31.3 ppg  
10.1 rpg 5.2 apg  
Was named 1999 Class 4A  
Player of the Year by the Texas  
Association of Basketball  
Coaches. Named MVP of state  
all-star game.



**#44 Rebel Paulk**  
C 6-10 216 Fr.-RS  
Didn't play last season, but fig-  
ures into TCU's future plans at  
center. 1998's Oklahoma Small  
School Player of the Year.



## KEY

G - guard  
F - forward  
C - center  
TR - transfer  
WO - walk-on  
RS - red-shirt  
HS - high school

ppg - points per game  
rpg - rebounds per game  
apg - assists per game  
spg - steals per game  
FG - field goal percentage  
\*PT - \* point percentage  
\*L - \*-year letterman

# Women's Team Statistics



**#44 Sally Burrows**  
C 6-3 So. 56.7 percent FG  
2.2 ppg  
Burrows adds size and depth to the front court.



**#55 Karen Clayton**  
C 6-2 Jr. 43.4 percent FG  
5.5 ppg  
"We need her to step up and get after it on the glass," coach Jeff Mittie said. "She's capable of being a very good rebounder, and she's a good passer as a post player."



**#13 Jodi Harlum**  
G 5-8 So.  
Harlum has made some exciting passes in limited playing time.

**#32 Diamond Jackson**

G 5-10 Sr. 10.3 ppg 81.3 percent FT  
"She's our most explosive scorer," Mittie said. "She's in better shape this year because of conditioning. Her conditioning makes more minutes available. She's another one who has had a really good preseason."



**#31 Halisi Johnson**  
F 5-11 Fr.  
"She's a good leaper and a good rebounder," Mittie said. "We need to get her to develop a perimeter game."



**#24 Shonda Mack**  
F 5-10 Sr. 7.6 rpg  
"She's had a good preseason," Mittie said. "She's a battler inside. She fits in well with this team, because she is an undersized post player, but she can step out to the perimeter and shoot the ball."



**#35 Tricia Payne**  
G 5-11 So. 41 percent FG  
10.3 ppg 79.8 percent FT  
"I like her game," Mittie said. "She can shoot the three and hit a pull up. We will spread the offense to allow her to penetrate. I think she'll be more consistent this year because of a year of experience."



**#22 Sally Spencer**  
F 5-11 Jr. 39.7 percent FG  
Spencer will accept a role to move to the front court this year.

**#11 Amy Sutton**

G 5-9 Jr. 81 AST 13.4 ppg  
87.6 percent FT



**#12 Jill Sutton**  
G 5-9 Jr. 127 AST 11.4 ppg  
72.7 percent FT  
On the Suttons: "I still have trouble telling them apart," Mittie said. "Early in the preseason, I called them Jamy. They are both extremely hard workers, great spot-up shooters and they have improved a lot by getting stronger in the off season."



**#30 Quinn Tedder**  
C 6-2 So.  
Tedder will add to the rebounding core.



**#14 Janice Thomas**  
G 6-0 Jr.  
"She's a great athlete and has tremendous speed," Mittie said. "She could be our top defender."



**#45 Kim Walter**  
C 6-2 Jr.  
"She has gained some strength, but she is up and down like any freshman," Mittie said. "The upside is when she has been on, she's been great."

**KEY**  
ppg - points per game  
C - center  
F - forward  
G - guard

AST - assist  
FT - free throw  
rpg - rebounds per game  
FG - field goal percentages

# Changing Faces: B-ball tea

## BY THE NUMBERS

**693** - Total points scored by the Sutton twins, Amy and Jill, last season.

**33** - Percent of total offense produced by the Sutton twins last season.

**9** - Number of different players that led the team in scoring per game last year.

**152-59** - Career record of new head coach Jeff Mittie.

**16-12** - Winningest season ever since joining Division I.

**39** - High point game (individual) for the Lady Frogs last year, by junior guard Amy Sutton.

**95** - High point game (team), versus Grambling State Dec. 1.

**73.9** - Average points per game last season.

**7,881** - High attendance game, Dec. 9 at Texas Tech.

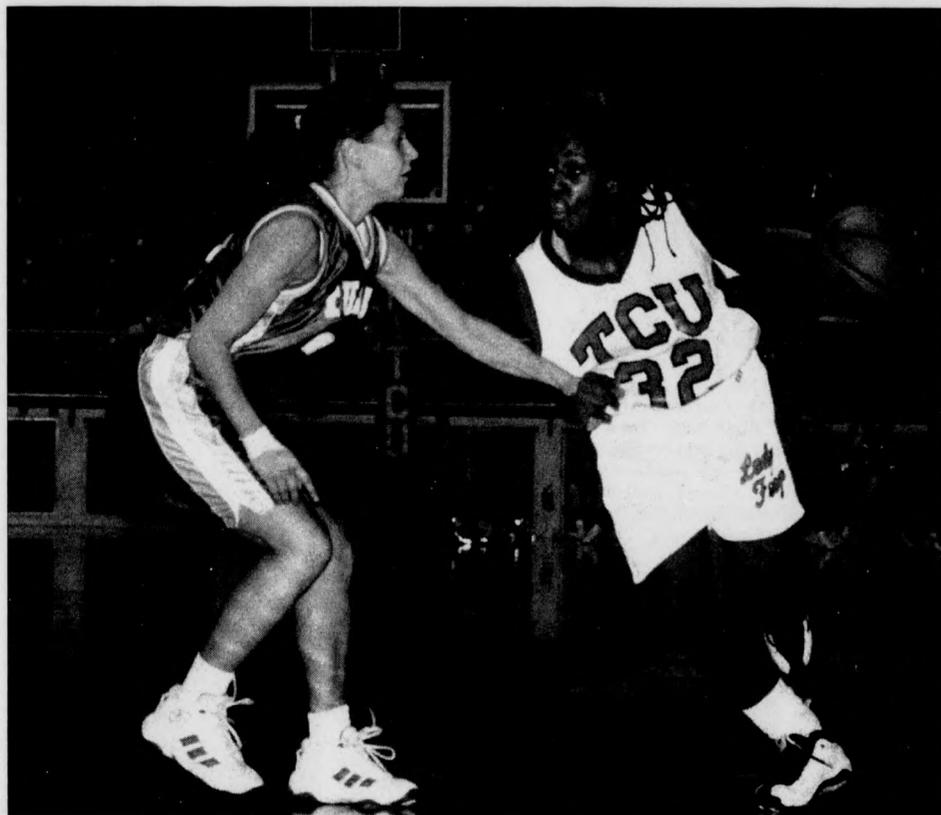
**45** - Place in nation for average attendance.

**5** - Number of wins by 20 points or more.

**67-58** - Score of first playoff win ever, against University of Texas-El Paso on March 1.

**127, 91** - Number of assists, turnovers for junior guard Jill Sutton — both team highs last season.

**3** - Number of players (Amy and Jill Sutton, post Misty Meadows) that started all 28 games for the Lady Frogs last season.



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Senior guard Diamond Jackson is emerging under head coach Jeff Mittie's new offensive scheme.

## Women's team leaps to new challenges

By Rusty Simmons  
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For junior guard Jill Sutton, the first two years as a Horned Frog basketball player have been full of personal accolades.

Jill Sutton was named the Western Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year for her play as a freshman during the 1997-1998 season. She also earned Second Team All-WAC honors that year and made a repeat appearance on the squad last season.

But Jill Sutton said the time has come to accomplish things as a team.

"All the personal accolades are great, but I would trade them all in for a WAC championship," she said. "Everyone on the team feels the same. If you win, those other things just come."

The Frogs started accomplishing some things as a team last year. They finished the season with a 16-12 overall record, the biggest win total for the TCU women's basketball team since joining Division I. The Frogs also became the first team in school history to win a post-season game when they defeated Texas El-Paso in the first round of the WAC tournament last season.

The respect has started to show its effects already this season. TCU was selected as a host site for the first round of the preseason

Women's National Invitation Tournament, and the Frogs received a first place vote from the coaches in the WAC preseason prediction polls.

It will not be easy to ride on last season's coattails, however. Although TCU returns all four players who averaged double figures in scoring last season and lost only one starter, a change occurred at the helm of the squad.

Head coach Mike Petersen left Fort Worth this summer to accept an assistant coaching position at Minnesota. TCU countered by bringing in Jeff Mittie, who led the women's basketball team at Arkansas State to a 75-42 record during his tenure in Jonesboro, Ark., including leading the squad to the Elite 8 of the WNIT last season.

Junior guard Amy Sutton leads the Frogs' returning scorers with 13.4 points a game. Jill Sutton added 11.4 a game last season, and senior guard Diamond Jackson and sophomore forward Tricia Payne each pitched in with 10.4 points a game.

Despite the returners' successes in the old system, Mittie said the Frogs' players have been open to the change.

"I'm implementing my system, and the team has responded well," he said.

Mittie's offensive system is based around the strengths of the current TCU team.

"We have a good perimeter team," he said.

"They will have the freedom to shoot the ball."

The Frogs have taken advantage of the freedom in the preseason. In TCU's first exhibition game this season, the team shot 23 three-pointers and connected on 61 percent of them. Against St. Mary's (Calif.), the Frogs again took 23 shots from the arc, but made only 26 percent of its three-point shots in the 62-51 victory.

The Frogs are aware that some nights the long-range jump shots will not fall, Jackson said, so Mittie has stressed defense in the preseason.

"We are becoming a defensive minded team," Jackson said. "(In the St. Mary's game) our defense helped us to win."

Despite being an under-sized team, which are is synonymous with zone defenses in collegiate basketball, Mittie said the Frogs will primarily play a man-to-man defense.

Jackson, who Mittie calls "the team's best on-the-ball defender," will usually be matched up against the opposition's most talented player.

She held the West Coast Conference Player of the Year, Tracy Morris, to six first half points when St. Mary's came to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Monday.

Mittie said TCU's interior defense is somewhat suspect, but he said the Frogs will combat

the weakness by using perimeter help to swarm the ball if it is passed into the post players.

The TCU post players were also a worry for Mittie on the offensive end in the preseason, he said.

But senior forward Shonda Mack said the forwards and centers would turn it up once "the offensive system became part of them."

Junior center Karen Clayton agreed with Mack, but not in words. Instead, she scored 12 points in the exhibition game against Russia Shelen and has 13 rebounds in the first two games of the season as an answer to Mittie's plea for consistency from the players inside the paint.

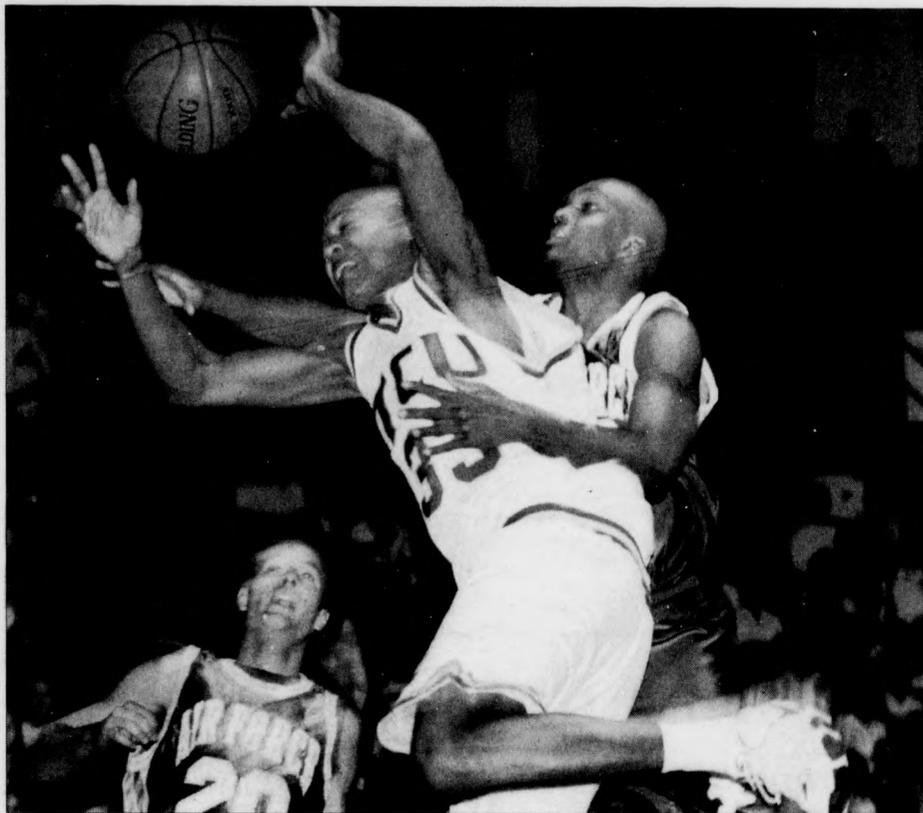
Mittie, himself, had some trouble with consistency early in the preseason. He said he could not tell the Sutton twins apart, so he called them both Jamy, a combination of Jill and Amy.

Now, he said he is getting better with the differences in the sisters, and he agrees with Jill's statement that the present is the best time for the Frogs to accomplish some team goals.

"Over the next two seasons, we want to compete for the WAC championship," Mittie said. "They have had moderate success here, but I believe there are better things to come."

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# teams undergo makeovers



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Senior forward Marquise Gainous, fights for a rebound. Gainous pulled down almost nine rebounds a game last season.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**3** - Three straight 20-win seasons for the TCU men's basketball program. A first for TCU.

**21.6** - Average victories a season for TCU men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs, who has been a head coach for 25 seasons, five of those at TCU.

**1/2** - Seven of the fourteen team members, are transfers or freshmen.

**41.7** - Percentage of offensive points that must be replaced from last year's team. The largest bulk of points lost are second-round NBA draftee Lee Nailon's, who averaged 22.8 points a game, good for 26.2 percent of the team's point production.

**39-19** - Tubbs' overall coaching record against the seven remaining teams in the Western Athletic Conference, which TCU is destined to leave after the 2000-01 season.

**101-56** - Tubbs' five-year record at TCU.

**70-76** - TCU's five-year record preceding Tubbs' arrival.

**268-294** - The tally of TCU's rebounds versus their opponents in the final seven games of last season.

**226** - The number of assists handed out by former point guard Prince Fowler last season, which was just eight fewer than the TCU single-season record.

**86** - The number of assists handed out by senior guard/forward Shannon Long last season. That total was second-best on the team.

## Seven fresh recruits add depth to team

By Matt Welnaack  
STAFF REPORTER

2-1. Alone this statistic does not mean anything, but in context it shows what the Frogs have done in the wake of losing graduating starters Lee Nailon and Prince Fowler.

"I'm 2-1 in (practice) scrimmages, and that's not supposed to happen because I get to pick the teams," head coach Billy Tubbs said. "Our games have been really, really close. We can't necessarily put a team on the floor that can dominate the other team."

Tubbs' recruiting class was rated best in the Western Athletic Conference by *Basketball News*. Highly-touted recruits and transfers such as juniors forward Myron Anthony, who enrolled at TCU this spring but won't join the team until Dec. 19, guard Larry Allaway and guard Estell Laster help add depth to a team that relies on the play of its guards.

Because of the added talent, Tubbs said, there is no clear distinction between the first string players and second string players.

"This is kind of an interesting season from the standpoint that we have some returners, yet we have a lot of new people that we are counting on," Tubbs said. "It's really hard at this point in time to get a read on what kind

of team we have."

The Frogs return to the court this season with a renewed vigor. While a trip to the National Invitational Tournament seems nice on the surface, Tubbs doesn't feel content. And neither does senior forward Marquise Gainous, who said the team has things to prove this season.

"We just have to go out and prove that we are No. 1 in the WAC," Gainous said. "I think we are better than last year because of our depth. We just have to prove we can do it without (Nailon)."

TCU returns two starters, Gainous and junior forward Ryan Carroll, but Tubbs said the Frogs will have to prove they belong atop the WAC with their unproven players.

"We'll have a couple of new guys starting and playing for us a lot at the two most difficult positions (point guard and shooting guard)," Tubbs said. "By the time conference play comes along, we'll probably start as many as three guys who have never played at TCU before this season."

Laster is projected to be one of those starters. The 6-foot-2 Oklahoma native possesses quickness and outside shooting at the shooting guard position. He transferred from Seminole State College in Oklahoma where he averaged 17.8 points and 2.1 steals per

game.

Anthony is a transfer from the University of Kentucky and Tubbs considers him to be the best player on the team. During his freshman season with Kentucky, Anthony played 31 games and hit 46 percent of his three-pointer attempts.

"That's the thing that is really interesting about this team because really, without question right now, the best player at the (power forward) spot is Myron Anthony," Tubbs said. "He is by far our best rebounder. We're excited, but it's a strange feeling knowing that maybe one of our best players in our program is not eligible to play until Dec. 19."

This year's team is loaded with guards and both have the potential to lead the team, Tubbs said.

"I think our decision is made at point guard," he said. "I think we've got two guys playing very well at the point guard. I am pleased with Larry, and I am pleased with Thomas."

In Saturday's exhibition game against Athlete's First, the two players combined for 13 points, seven assists and only two turnovers.

The backbone of TCU's success is defense. To Tubbs, defense is what separates

the starters from the rest of the team.

"I think we're better at the press than we were last year," Tubbs said. "But, I'm not going to give away the scouting report. Let's just say we're forcing lots of turnovers in practice."

The aggressive style of defense is what attracted Laster to come to TCU, he said.

"Coach Tubbs likes to define defense as all-out effort, hustle and getting wired-up," Laster said. "It's structured, but at the same time he likes you to play relentless and go out there and try to make things happen. What he provides for the players is the chance to get out there and really run."

Tubbs said his team can contend for the WAC title, but he does not think that his team can just show up to a game and win.

"Some days I think we are really good," Tubbs said. "But some days I think we're really bad."

Despite the uncertainty going into the season, which officially begins Thursday against California in the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska, Tubbs said the team has worked hard to become ready to play.

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# Women to face WAC b-ball competition

## Hawaii, SMU projected to take top places

### 1. Hawaii

**Mascot:** Rainbows  
**Founded:** 1907

**Outlook:** Hawaii went 17-10 last season despite losing its top returning scorer Kylie Galloway to a season-ending ankle injury. In Galloway's absence, Raylene Howard stepped up and earned WAC Pacific Division Player of the Year honors. The duo will be at full strength this season, and the pair alone could beat some teams in the WAC.

**Player to watch:** Four players will work together to fill the void left by the Rainbows' all-time assist leader, B.J. Itoman. Maj Forsberg, Ki'i Spencer-Vasconcellos, Kyla Evers and Kate McMeeken-Ruscoie will play an integral part as the primary ball handlers on the team.

### 2. Southern Methodist

**Mascot:** Mustangs  
**Founded:** 1911

**Outlook:** The Mustangs are coming off their first conference championship in the program's history. Head coach Rhonda

Rompola has had winning years in all eight seasons of her tenure in Dallas. That pattern will not end this year, as Rompola returns six players from last season's WAC championship team.

**Player to watch:** Karlin Kennedy reached the 1,000-point plateau last season. This season, she is expected to become SMU's all-time leading scorer.

### 3. Rice

**Mascot:** Owls  
**Founded:** 1912

**Outlook:** Rice was 20-12 last season. The Owls probably will not reach the 20-win milestone this season in a more competitive WAC, but they will get post-season recognition. Rice has made two straight appearances in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, and the squad should make it three-in-a-row this season.

**Player to watch:** Senior Marla Brumfield returns having paced the Owls with 14.5 points a game

last season. Not much will change in the 1999-2000 campaign, as Rice will look to Brumfield for big buckets and lots of them.

### 4. TCU

**Mascot:** Horned Frogs  
**Founded:** 1873

**Outlook:** TCU is guided by head coach Jeff Mittie for the first time this season. He has made the transition easy by letting the Frogs play the transition game. TCU will play fast and shoot, shoot, shoot. The fatal flaw is that sometimes the shots just do not fall.

**Player to watch:** Amid the attention that TCU's twins, Jill and Amy Sutton, draw, a diamond has been forgotten. Senior guard Diamond Jackson likes the new pace of the Frog offense, and she is scoring in bunches.

### 5. Fresno State

**Mascot:** Bulldogs  
**Founded:** 1911

**Outlook:** Only four letter-winners return from last season's 9-19 team. The Bulldogs also suffered a blow when senior guard Laura Paukert went down with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. But the recruiting class was strong enough to allow Fresno State to compete.

**Player to watch:** Tiffany Lewis, the WAC's best rebounder, returns for Fresno State. She is also the team's leading scorer with 12.6 points a game.

### 6. Texas-El Paso

**Mascot:** Miners  
**Founded:** 1914

**Outlook:** Head coach Sandra Rushing is the Miners' all-time leader in wins with 110. But this season she has to replace four starters from a year ago. The task will be too daunting even for a coach leading in wins.

**Player to watch:** Freshman Heidi Walker was No. 2 in scoring in the state of New Mexico during her senior year of high school.

Rushing is hoping Walker can continue that scoring pace for the Miners on the collegiate level.

### 7. Tulsa

**Mascot:** Golden Hurricane  
**Founded:** 1894

**Outlook:** The Hurricane has a new coach and a new arena. But the with ten players returning, who are set in a system, this will be a year of transition and frustration.

**Player to watch:** Kasie Pittman is on top of the all-time list for scoring and steals at Tulsa. She will add to totals in this, her final season

### 8. San Jose State

**Mascot:** Spartans  
**Founded:** 1857

**Outlook:** Another coaching change went on for the Spartans. Janice Richard steps in with a 159-34 record at Xavier, but does not have equivalent talent in San Jose.

**Player to watch:** Try not to, it will not be pretty.

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## Man in the middle

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The faces around the coach have changed this season, but Billy Tubbs is back in the middle of the huddle for the men's basketball team.



## McTYER

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nine or 10 deep. And not just people who come in and sub, but people who can come in and produce."

McTyer said he sees the 1999-2000 Horned Frogs as a team without a single leader, which is not a negative thing.

"I think we all support and help each other," McTyer said. "It's more of a team effort than one single person. Everything we do this year is more of a team: We score as a team, we play defense as a team and we

help each other as a team."

McTyer said Tubbs' assertion of him is correct.

"I think I am (a pure point guard) now, just from the help of (Tubbs) being here," McTyer said. "Ever since I've been here, he's been on me about my turnovers, and I hope that helps me get better."

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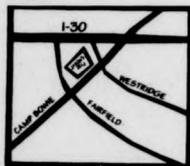


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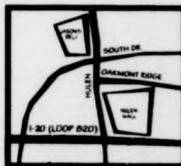
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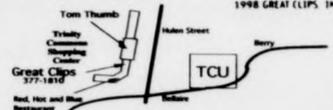
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# Frogs projected to take top position among WAC competition

## 1. TCU

**Location:** Fort Worth, Texas  
**Enrollment:** 7,210

**Outlook:** The Frogs, who advanced to the third round of the National Invitation Tournament last season,

return two starters: Senior forward/center Marquise Gainous (18.3 points per game) and junior guard Ryan Carroll (43 percent three point field goals). Head coach Billy Tubbs thinks he has the depth and speed to run a pressure defense for 40 minutes. The Frogs will be looking for a replacement for senior point guard Prince Fowler, who ran the offense and keyed Tubbs' pressure defense for the past three years. Juniors Thomas McTyer and Larry Allaway have been competing for the job. Forward Myron Anthony, who contributed to Kentucky's 1998 national championship run, becomes eligible on Dec. 19. Speed, depth, pure athleticism and a new "team first" outlook will compensate for experience. If McTyer or Allaway and Carroll can provide solid guard play, the Frogs have enough depth at forward to emerge from the WAC.

**Player to watch:** Gainous. The Frogs are touting him as an All-American candidate. They are correct. With the loss of forward Lee Nailon to the NBA draft, Gainous will be counted on to provide both an inside presence and scoring threat.

## 2. Fresno State

**Location:** Fresno, California  
**Enrollment:** 18,902

**Outlook:** When head coach Jerry Tarkanian returned to his alma mater four seasons ago, expectations in Fresno rose to astronomical proportions. During the Bulldogs' run of four consecutive NIT berths, Tarkanian has stockpiled talent.

Four starters return from last season's 21-12 team. Senior shooting guard Courtney Alexander, a consensus All-American last year, is placed on many pre-season best-of lists. The Bulldogs can, and will, score with the best offensive teams in the nation. Their defense, however, remains a question mark. Fresno will host the WAC championship. The pre-season media pick, the Bulldogs have the talent to win the WAC and do some damage in March.

**Player to watch:** Alexander. The pre-season WAC Player of the Year, Alexander returned to get his degree in anthropology. Tarkanian called him the best guard in the nation.

## 3. Tulsa

**Location:** Tulsa, Oklahoma  
**Enrollment:** 4,300

**Outlook:** The Golden Hurricane made its fifth NCAA Tournament appearance of the 1990s last season. Head coach Bill Self will regain the services of four of his starters, including scorer Brandon Kurtz, a 6-10 senior center.

To compensate for the loss of center

Michael Ruffin, Tulsa will switch to a more up-tempo offense and defense. Kurtz, who averaged 11 points per game last season, will be counted to be the inside force Ruffin was. Senior shooting guard Eric Coley lit up TCU for 20 points last season and has shown signs of taking his game to the next level. Tulsa has never been a flashy team, just solid. Four returning starters should continue that trend. If Tulsa can adjust to its new up-tempo style, the talent is in place for a sixth NCAA bid.

**Player to watch:** Coley. If Tulsa wants to run its offense, it will need a perimeter threat to balance its usually strong inside game. Coley could be that threat.

## 4. Southern Methodist

**Location:** Dallas, Texas  
**Enrollment:** 9,708

**Outlook:** Head coach Mike Dement gets back four starters and 11 letterwinners from last year's 15-15 team that reached the WAC semifinals. Senior guard Stephen Woods, the team's most experienced player will lead a team that is steady if not spectacular on both offense and defense.

Junior guard Jeryl Sasser can create shots against most defenders. Dement puts his players in situations to win games. The Mustangs should return to the postseason for the first time since 1993. An NIT bid will be in order in 2000.

**Player to watch:** Sasser. The WAC Mountain Division Player of the Year in 1998, Sasser will be key

to the Mustangs' success. Not only is he their leading scorer, Sasser is SMU's emotional leader on the court. He is a legitimate All-America candidate.

## 5. Texas-El Paso

**Location:** El Paso, Texas  
**Enrollment:** 15,393

**Outlook:** Don Haskins, the long-time UTEP coach who revolutionized the game of basketball by starting a lineup of five black players that beat all-white Kentucky in 1966 Championship game, has left the bench. As UTEP moves to the



future, the Miners will welcome back four starters from last season's 16-10 squad that lost six games by

fewer than five points. The Miners will have one of the best backcourts in the nation. Seniors Eggie McRae, Rico Nelson and William Smith all were in the starting lineup at the end of last season. The trio averaged 26 points and 8 assists per game, coupled with only five turnovers. However, UTEP does not have a player taller than 6-9 on its roster. Of the 13 players on UTEP's roster, 9 are guards. Though the Miners will keep games close, the lack of size in the middle will prevent them from advancing to the post-season.

**Player to watch:** Smith. A guard who led the team in rebounds, was second in assists and third in scoring, Smith filled several roles for the Miners last season. Oh, and he also can hit shots from the outside.

## 6. Rice

**Location:** Houston, Texas  
**Enrollment:** 2,600

**Outlook:** A youth movement has taken over in Houston, as Rice will return only one starter from last year's 18-10 team. The Owls' leading scorers, Robert Johnson (21 points) and Jason Skaer (10 points), graduated.

Junior guard Mike Wilks is the Owls' top returning scorer with 8 points per game. Rice has a habit of playing teams close (they beat SMU twice and nearly swept TCU last season.) The Owls were 13-1 at home, but just 2-7 on the road. With seven freshmen and three sophomores on the roster, both numbers should decrease.

**Player to watch:** Wilks. The Owls will look to Wilks to increase his scoring and provide leadership to a young team.

## 7. San Jose State

**Location:** San Jose, California  
**Enrollment:** 27,000

**Outlook:** New coach Steve Barnes will return have the benefit of having 10 lettermen return from last season's 12-16 team. Three players who averaged in double figures will return. Barnes' first recruiting class was ranked No. 17 in the nation by one publication. Barnes

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## BREAKDOWN

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**Player to watch:** Senior guard Ben Sanders, the Spartans' second-leading scorer last season, will be counted on to increase his scoring and hit more three-pointers.

### 8. Hawaii

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii  
**Enrollment:** 17,353  
**Outlook:** Head coach Riley Wallace will welcome back only four lettermen from last year's 6-

20 squad. Hawaii is rebuilding. Junior guard Johnny White, Hawaii's assist leader from last season, averaged nine points per game. Redshirt sophomore Predrag

Savovic will provide a much-needed scoring punch off the bench. The Rainbows did not win a game away

from the islands last season. With only one starter and eight new players on the roster, the results will not be pretty this season.

**Player to watch:** Forward Lane O'Connor. A 6-7 transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College, O'Connor led the nation in three-point percentage last season by draining 51 percent. His shooting could break zone defenses and free up teammates inside.



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## 1999-2000 SCHEDULE

## Men

Nov. 18-21	Ford Credit Top of the World Classic	
Nov. 27	vs. Louisiana-Monroe	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Northwestern State (La.)	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Arkansas State	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Texas-San Antonio	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Princeton	5:35 p.m.
Dec. 11	vs. Southwest Missouri State	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Texas-Arlington	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Eastern Michigan	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 23	vs. Louisiana Tech	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 27	vs. Butler	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. Grambling	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 3	vs. North Texas	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 6	vs. Tulsa	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Southwest Missouri State	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 13	at San Jose State	9:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Hawaii	11:05 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Fresno State	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 22	vs. UTEP	7:05 p.m.
Jan. 29	vs. SMU	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Rice	7:35 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Tulsa	4 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Hawaii	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 12	vs. San Jose State	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	at UTEP	8:05 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Fresno State	6 p.m.
Feb. 26	at SMU	7:35 p.m.
March 4	vs. Rice	7:05 p.m.
March 9-11	Western Athletic Conference Tournament	



## Women

Nov. 19	vs. Houston Jaguars	7 p.m.
Nov. 21-22	Women's National Invitation Tournament	
Nov. 26	vs. Air Force	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Wichita State	2 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. Oklahoma	7 p.m.
Dec. 10-11	Women's Sport Foundation Classic	
Dec. 20	vs. Sam Houston State	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Texas Tech	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Columbia	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	vs. South Alabama	2 p.m.
Jan. 4	at San Diego State	9 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Tulsa	2:05 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. San Jose State	7 p.m.
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March 8-11	Western Athletic Conference Tournament	