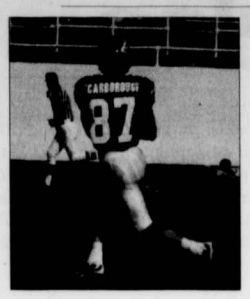
TCU DAILY
Skiff

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 1999
97th Year • Number 49

High 71
Low 57
Partly cloudy

TODAY



Senior Mike Scarborough will look to continue his touchdown streak when the Frogs take on Texas-El Paso at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at Amon G. Carter Stadium.
page 9

Fort Worth, Texas | Serving Texas Christian University since 1902 | www.skiff.tcu.edu

Three arrested for firearms possession

Two match descriptions of suspects in TCU robberies, officials say

By Justin Roche
STAFF REPORTER

Three men were arrested for possession of firearms early Thursday after their vehicle was identified as a possible match for one used in two armed robberies near campus earlier this month.

The car, a 1990 gray Oldsmobile, matched the description of a car used in armed robberies behind the TCU Bookstore on Nov. 5 and 11. Four of the car's license plate characters also matched those belonging to the car involved in the robberies, according to a police report.

The suspects, Nathan Loftis, 18, Chauncey Wade, 22, and Jason O'Malley, 24, were charged with unlawful possession of a weapon after a .38 caliber pistol and a 9mm were found in the car by police in the 6600 block of Camp Bowie Boulevard at 1:25 a.m. Thursday.

Wade was also arrested on charges of parole violation after a criminal background check revealed a prior burglary conviction. A check on O'Malley revealed him as having two outstanding traffic warrants and as a registered gang member.

The men were taken to Tarrant County Jail, each with a $5,000 bond. Loftis posted bond Thursday. Wade and O'Malley were still incarcerated as of Thursday evening, Tarrant County Jail officials said.

Fort Worth police spotted the car on 8th Avenue near TCU after 1 a.m. and monitored it until the driver made an illegal U-turn on Camp Bowie.

O'Malley had been sitting on the two guns, which police found laying in the back seat after they asked the suspects to exit the car. None of the men had a license for a concealed handgun or claimed ownership of the guns, according to the police report.

TCU Assistant Chief J.C. Williams said the time, suspects, weapons and area of the arrest are closely related to the two armed robberies on Nov. 5 and 11.

See ARREST, Page 5

Record summary

Brief accounts of the robberies that occurred near campus earlier this month:

Nov. 5 — Two female TCU students were approached by a man behind Jons Grill. The suspect took a cellular phone and $4 and drove away in an older-model vehicle with two passengers.

Nov. 11 — A man and a woman, both TCU students, were robbed at gunpoint by two suspects in a parking lot behind the TCU Bookstore. The suspects drove away in an older-model vehicle.

11 die in A&M bonfire collapse

TCU to honor memory of students with prayer vigil, flag lowering

By Alan Melson
STAFF REPORTER

As students at Texas A&M University gathered Thursday to comfort one another in the wake of the bonfire collapse that has claimed at least eleven lives, members of the TCU community expressed their shock, regret and anger over the tragedy.

The "Aggie Bonfire", which was going to be lit Nov. 25 at a traditional pep rally before A&M's football game vs. the University of Texas, collapsed early Thursday morning, while almost 70 students were working on it. The log structure, which would have stood almost 60 feet high when completed, toppled inward, crushing several workers and trapping others inside. A&M officials confirmed late Thursday afternoon that at least eleven students were dead and 28 injured, with others possibly still trapped inside.

As a show of sympathy for the victims and the A&M community, Chancellor Michael Ferrari said all flags at TCU will be flown at half-staff until Monday. A prayer vigil sponsored by University Ministries will also be held at 5:00 p.m. tonight in the Robert Carr Chapel.

Melissa Vaughan, a junior management major who helped plan the vigil, said TCU students should band together to show their support for A&M students dealing with the loss.

"I'm from Houston, and I know a lot of people at A&M who were involved with Bonfire," Vaughan said. "As fellow college students here in Texas, we need to show our support."

Carter BloodCare Centers in Fort Worth are asking for blood donations to be used for victims of the collapse. The nearest center, located at 5429 S. Hulen St., can be reached at (817) 263-5810.

Student Government Association President Ben Alexander said he was planning on sending a letter of support to the A&M student government.

"Our message to them is that our thoughts are with their campus community in this time of shock and grief, and we hope that they can work through this together ... it's not going to be easy, and it may take their university a long time to recover, but we want them to know that we will do what we can to help them," Alexander said.

SGA President-Elect Ben Jenkins also voiced his thoughts on the collapse.

"When you think of Aggie Bonfire, you think of such spirit and tradition ... you just don't think of something like this," Jenkins said. "So many of us at TCU have friends at A&M, and we just want to provide support to them."

One of the A&M student victims whose name has been released was Jerry Self, a sophomore engineering technology major from Arlington. Several TCU students who attended Arlington Lamar High School with Self remembered him as a kind person who would do anything for his friends.

"He was one of the most amazing, caring individuals you would ever find," said Andrea Biesi, a sophomore advertising/public relations major. "No matter what circumstance it was, he was always able to help you out."

See BONFIRE, Page 5

David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR
TCU Police Officer Jay Torrez lowers flags to half-staff in memory of at least 11 who lost their lives in Thursday morning's bonfire collapse at Texas A&M – College Station. A prayer vigil is scheduled for 5 p.m. today in Robert Carr Chapel.

THE FUTURE OF TCU

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

Focus on Competition

University competes with near-by colleges by expanding educational, technical programs

By Lety Laurel
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

It's cheaper than TCU, offers some of the same classes and it's just a few miles away.

The University of Texas at Arlington entered TCU's backyard when it opened its Fort Worth Riverbend Campus June 24. Offering smaller engineering, computer science and business classes at state-school cost, it joined the University of North Texas in its expansion into the Fort Worth community.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said those universities' presence in Fort Worth does not create extra competition for TCU.

"I don't see us needing to protect our local turf against them because we are not the same kind of institution," he said. "Students come to TCU because of the environment, the challenges on campus and for the value of the institution."

The Commission on the Future of TCU met Wednesday to begin discussing possible improvements on campus. Throughout this year, the commission will examine the status of the university and determine how to establish worldwide recognition.

Patrick Walter, professor of engineering, said the key to academic distinction is to identify the strengths of

See COMMISSION, Page 4

IN-DEPTH REPORT

"It's clear we can't be all things to everyone. We need to always be aware that there are some things they can do better and at less cost. But there are things that we do better, and that's what we have to make sure stays to the front."

— DON MILLS, *vice chancellor for student affairs*

Trustees and students meet to discuss changes

Students voice recommendations for campus

By Matt Welnack
STAFF REPORTER

Students voiced their recommendations on the improvement of the university through the Student Relations Committee Thursday, with topics ranging from campus security to international education to facility improvements.

Chairman Clarence Scharbauer III will meet with the Board of Trustees today to convey student concerns brought up during the meeting.

The Student Relations Committee meets once before and once after the Board of Trustees meeting. The committee is made up of leaders of various student organizations and several trustees. Presentations were made on the topics of student retention, campus life, facilities on campus and the global perspective.

Scharbauer said he does not think any one issue was more important than the others.

"I don't like to look at it as what is most important," Scharbauer said. "This committee is to sit and listen to students' concerns and the ideas

See TRUSTEES, Page 5

New alumni alliance formed

Group to unite African-American graduates

Jessica Schambach
STAFF REPORTER

To involve African-American graduates on campus, the Black Alumni Alliance was formed and is now an integral part of the university, representatives said.

The BAA was organized last summer, but Homecoming 1999 kicked off the board of director's first inaugural meeting, said Darron Turner, director of intercultural education and services.

Turner, who is also vice president of community services on the BAA's board of directors, said Homecoming weekend was a great time to get the alliance underway.

"The biggest piece was to get us back together and kind of do what some of the other groups have done, like meet on a regular basis, but also to be involved in our almamater," he said.

Director of Alumni Relations Kristi Hoban helped organize the BAA and said it is beneficial to the university.

"The more that you can get folks coming back within their groups, then the more you can get them to come back to campus for events, like Homecoming," Hoban said. "And the more that we can get all of those different constituent groups coming back, the more involved we can get them in the university as a whole."

Turner said more African-American alumni attended Homecoming than ever before. In addition, people asked to be placed on the BAA's mailing list, he said.

The BAA is a piece of the overall alumni umbrella and is not an effort to dissociate African-American alumni from others at TCU, Turner said.

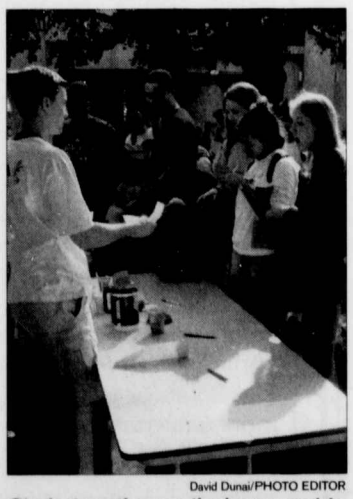
Hoban agreed and said the BAA is not an issue of segregation.

"People associate themselves with whatever group they were a part of at TCU," she said. "And whether that be a fraternity or sorority or the band, that's who they relate to. People relate and they want to have a reunion with the people they were the closest to while they were here on campus."

Turner said the BAA not only reunites African-American alumni, but also educates current students. One organizational objective is to provide culturally educational programming, such as scheduling heritage month events.

"We want to get alumni involved in the life of undergraduate students," he said. "We want to provide an opportunity for them to net-

See ALUMNI, Page 5



David Dunai/PHOTO EDITOR
Students gather on the lawns next to Mary Couts Burnett Library to participate in a marketing class's semester-long research project which studies future consumers for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. More than 1,000 students showed up for free food, video games, free prizes and T-shirts.

MARKET VALUE

Music, food, video games entice students to participate in marketing class study

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Beastie Boys music, free food and video games were only a distraction to the four-hour promotional event that took place Thursday in the two white tents next to Mary Couts Burnett Library.

The event was the final objective in a semester-long project for the 14 students enrolled in the Marketing Application Project class. Administrators at Enterprise Rent-A-Car presented $3,000 to these students to research, advertise and present information about future consumers.

Josh Anderson, a senior marketing and management major, said most of the money went to the funding of Thursday's promotional event.

"We have done interviews, Internet research and a presentation for Enterprise," he said. "So when TCU students think of a rent-a-car company now, hopefully, Enterprise is going to be the first thing that pops in their head."

Rebecca Beasley, marketing instructor and fourth-year faculty adviser for the course, said this semester the students have controlled the direction the class has taken.

"I have not had to do much teaching this semester," she said. "This is a fun class. If you enjoy what you do, you never go to work."

More than 1,000 students

See MARKETING, Page 4

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.

■ 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.

■ TCU Toastmasters will meet at noon Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 211.

■ TCU Concert Chorale will perform Bach's monumental "St. John Passion" with the TCU Symphony at 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. Tenor James Ray Taylor, a 1991 graduate of the TCU voice program, will have a featured role.

■ Tenor Richard Estes and pianist John Owings, faculty members in the School of Music , will perform together in a recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. The free event will feature vocal and piano selections from 1899.

■ TCU School of Music's Jazz Studies will present its three big bands and the Purple, White and Blues vocal jazz ensemble in a two-hour concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is $3, and it will help fund the group's appearance at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland next summer.

■ RTVF Thursday Film Series will present "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944) at 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 2 in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

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

TCU DAILY Skiff
Since 1902

The *TCU Daily Skiff* is an official student publication of Texas Christian University, produced by students of TCU and sponsored by the journalism department. It operates under the policies of the Student Publications Committee, composed of representatives from the student body, staff, faculty and administration. The *Skiff* is published Tuesday through Friday during fall and spring semesters except finals week and holidays. The *Skiff* is a member of The Associated Press.

Circulation: 4,600
Subscriptions: Call 257-7000, extension 6274. Rates are $30 per semester.
Mailing address: Box 298050, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.
Location: Moudy Building South Room 291
2805 S. University Drive Fort Worth, TX 76109
On-campus distribution: Newspapers are available free on campus, limit one per person. For additional copies contact the *Skiff* office.

Main number ..... (817) 257-7428
Fax 257-7133
Advertising/Classified 257-7426
Business Manager 257-6274
Student Publications Director 257-6556
E-mail ..... skiffletters@tcu.edu
Web site ..... http://www.skiff.tcu.edu

News
ROUNDUP

World

Some Egyptians dispute America's suicide theory in Flight 990 crash investigation

CAIRO, Egypt — Many Egyptians believe U.S. investigators are making a rush to judgment by focusing their probe of doomed Flight 990 on a mass murder-suicide by an EgyptAir co-pilot.

They say there was no apparent motive for Capt. Gameel el-Batouty to kill himself — he was rich and had a loving family — and that as an observant Muslim, he would never commit suicide.

Egyptians also note that even secular Muslims invoke the name of Allah in situations that range from the mundane to the dangerous.

"When I cross a crowded street I whisper a prayer," said Marwa Mohammed, a 19-year-old law student. "That doesn't make me fanatical or suicidal."

Egyptians are outraged that U.S. investigators point to a prayer uttered in the cockpit of EgyptAir Flight 990 seconds before it plunged toward the ocean on Oct. 31 to buttress their suicide theory.

Egyptian airline officials have tentatively identified the co-pilot at the time of the crash as el-Batouty, 59, who was scheduled to take over much later in the flight, according to sources in the United States close to the investigation.

Someone in the co-pilot's seat said in Arabic, "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands," moments before the jet's autopilot was turned off and the plane plunged from 33,000 feet, according to a U.S. federal law enforcement official.

There are no signs el-Batouty was a Muslim fanatic. In a conservative society that does not encourage the mixing of the sexes, he allowed his sons to date and even encouraged them to bring their girlfriends to family gatherings.

On a family video of a July 21 party for his son Mohammed, el-Batouty joined his wife on the dance floor. Those who strictly interpret Islamic tenets do not dance or listen to music.

Many Egyptians believe that linking a religious utterance to an act of murder is an insult to Islam, which strictly forbids suicide and is considered a sin and a crime.

Arabs, including those who are secular, commonly make references to God in everyday statements. Many of EgyptAir's Muslim crew members say prayers from the Islamic holy book, the Koran, before flights, and Muslim airline passengers are frequently heard reciting from the Koran during takeoffs and landings.

Nation

FBI reports at least half of crimes in U.S. are motivated by racial prejudice

WASHINGTON — Racial prejudice motivated more than half the 7,755 hate crimes committed in 1998 that were reported to the FBI, the bureau said Thursday.

As in 1997 and 1996, racial prejudice was the most common motivation for hate crimes, accounting for 4,321 incidents in 1998.

In order of magnitude, there were 1,390 incidents attributed to prejudice over religion, 1,260 over sexual orientation, 754 over ethnic or national origin, 25 over disabilities and five over multiple prejudices, the FBI said.

The 1998 data come from 10,730 law enforcement agencies in 46 states and the District of Columbia, representing 80 percent of the nation's population.

In 1997, there were 8,049 hate crime incidents, of which 4,710 were racially motivated. But the 1997 data came from 11,211 law enforcement agencies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, representing 83 percent of the population.

'Smart bomb' drug can block chronic pain without side effects, researchers say

WASHINGTON — A biological "smart bomb" that combines a natural protein with a toxin is able to permanently block chronic pain without the side effects common to narcotic pain drugs, researchers report.

In laboratory studies using rats, researchers at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis report they have identified nerve cells that cause chronic pain and devised a drug that knocks out those cells without affecting other nerve signals.

"What we've done is developed a molecular missile for chronic pain," said Michael L. Nichols, a neurology researcher at the university. "It targets specific cells and knocks out chronic pain without the side effects that you have with opiates."

Nichols is the first author of a study to be published Friday in the journal *Science*.

Dr. Richard Payne, director of pain and palliative care at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said the study "is promising" because it suggests that chronic pain can be controlled with drugs that work only on specific neurons.

Payne said doctors have always used drugs to control pain, but for some types of pain the medications don't work and "we've always wondered why." This study begins to explain some of that by identifying specific chronic pain neurons, he said.

State

Last defendant in Jasper murder found guilty, sentenced to life in prison

JASPER, Texas — A Jasper County jury returned a life sentence Thursday for the third and last white man to go on trial for the fatal dragging of a black Jasper man, James Byrd Jr.

The sentencing of Shawn Allen Berry, 24, came after the all-white jury found him guilty of capital murder in one of the nation's most vicious recent hate crimes.

Jurors took less than two hours to sentence Berry after taking about 10 hours over two days to find him guilty of capital murder.

The decision means Berry avoids the fate of his two co-defendants, avowed white supremacists who were sentenced to die for the crime. The punishment means Berry must spend at least 40 years in prison.

In finding him guilty Thursday, jurors ignored Berry's pleas that he felt threatened by his racist companions when they dragged Byrd to death.

On June 7, 1998, Byrd was beaten, hooked to Berry's pickup truck with a 24-foot logging chain, and dragged by his ankles over three miles of an East Texas country road. His shredded body was found the next day, torn in two, his headless torso left between a black church and black cemetery.

Berry blamed his roommates, avowed white supremacists John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, with hatching and executing the plan to kill Byrd.

Texan congressman push Clinton to oppose tax on cars traveling into Mexico

HARLINGEN, Texas — Two South Texas congressmen asked President Clinton on Thursday to oppose the Mexican government's proposed fee on cars traveling into Mexico's interior.

In a letter to Clinton, U.S. Reps. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, and Solomon P. Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, said visitors from the Rio Grande Valley alone pump an estimated $2 billion into the Mexican economy by traveling to the Mexican interior. Bonilla and Ortiz are chairmen of the Congressional Border Caucus.

Mexico's announcement that it would require drivers to pay up to $800 to travel past the 15-mile border zone has prompted outrage and criticism from people in the United States who make regular car trips into Mexico, as well as from public officials.

Mexican officials have said they plan to proceed with implementing the policy Dec. 1. They are trying to discourage people from selling stolen U.S. cars in Mexico by requiring people to leave a deposit in cash or on a credit card.

The deposit would range from $800 for the newest cars to $400 for the oldest. Refunds could be collected at any border post. Drivers without credit cards would be required to buy partially refundable bonds that start at $375. The Baja California peninsula would be exempt.

These stories are from The Associated Press

Can't go home for Thanksgiving?

Join us for a special Thanksgiving service of praise and gratitude on November 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist
2112 Forest Park Blvd.
All are welcome. No collection taken.

Three month's rent FREE*
(just mention this ad)

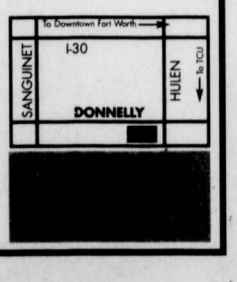
HULEN HEIGHTS APARTMENTS

A BRAND NEW COMMUNITY
Located at 4701 Donnelly Ave.
Call 738-3100 for information.

FREE MEMBERSHIP TO THE HEALTH AND FITNESS CONNECTION
2 Locations

Community Features
* Swimming Pools w/ Water Volleyball
* Downtown Views * Remote Access Gates
* Covered Parking
* 24-hr. Emergency Maintenance

Interior Features
* Washer/Dryer Conn. * Monitored Intrus. Alarms
* Cable TV Available * 9' ceilings * Ceiling Fans
* Woodburning Fireplaces * FF Refrigerator
* Microwave



*** limited time only in select units**

CLASSIFIEDS

CHILD CARE

Part-time babysitter needed. Tuesday-Friday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call for more information at (817) 738-6346 Starting in January.

SALES

Sales Representative. Join the OmniPlayer student sales team and start making money today! Contact us online at: jgonalez@sphere-omniplayer.com

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Work for the Skiff Advertising Department! Sell ads and make great commission! Pick up an application in Moudy 294 South or call us for more information. Applications due November 24

$$ MANAGE A BUSINESS ON YOUR CAMPUS $$
Versity.com Internet notetaking company is looking for students to run our business on your campus. Manage other students and make tons of money today! Apply online at www.versity.com or contact us at Jobs@versity.com Call us for more information (734) 483-1600 ext. 888

DANCE

Wanted! Children's dance or tumbling instructor. Make $10.00-$15.00 per class. Call JoAnne for more information at (817) 498-8616

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT

$9.00-$11.00 per hour. Activist Campaign work/ environment. Walk, talk and make a difference. Protect the planet and learn grassroots organizational skills. **Clean Water Action-building grassroots environmental power.** Call (817) 924-1981. Student hours.

Longhorn Saloon is now hiring for all positions. No previous experience is required. Call Russell at (817) 620-6939 or apply in person Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

TUTORING

Necesita ayuda? Spanish tutor needed. Call for more information at (817) 924-8632

FOR SALE

Misc. home furniture and electronic equipment. $50-$800. Call for more information at 367-6965 or 346-0442

Laptops $599-$799
Pentium 120-166 MMX. Full Multi-media with medium active matrix display, free internet and 120 days warranty. Call 1-800-886-0055

FREE

Free CD of cool indie music when you register at megabytes.com, the ultimate website for your college needs.

WANTED

Young, healthy non-smoking women needed for egg donation program. Excellent compensation. 540-1157

It is the selling experience you can't afford to miss! In a class by itself...

- **Child Care**
- **Wanted**
- **On-Campus Jobs**
- **Internships**
- **Fundraising**
- **For Sale**
- **Tutoring**
- **and more!**

Skiff Classifieds
257-7426

STAFF editorial

LENDING A HAND

Students should help after tragedy

At least 11 Texas A&M University students were killed and 28 others injured early Thursday morning when the log structure they were building collapsed.

According to reports from The Associated Press, 60 to 70 students were on top of the logs at the time the structure fell. They were preparing for Bonfire, an annual rally to get students excited about the football game against their archrival, the University of Texas at Austin.

Tens of thousands of people have participated in the Bonfire since it began in 1909. It is a tradition that was canceled only once before — after President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

It was a tragedy that never should have happened.

But it did happen, and now it is our turn to do something about it.

The Student Government Association sent an e-mail message to all students encouraging blood donations. Make the short drive to Carter BloodCare, 5429 South Hulen St., and donate blood for the victims. It will take only a small portion of your day, but it can save a life.

Attend the prayer service at 5 p.m. today in Robert Carr Chapel. Send a letter of sympathy and support to A&M. Any show of support we can give them will be appreciated. Call your friends that attend A&M to let them know you care.

Many of us have friends there, and we would want them to do the same for us.

Do it for Christopher Breen, Jerry Self, Jeremy Frampton, Byran McClain and the five other students who were killed. Do it for the injured and for those that are still missing. Your support can go a long way.

Editorial policy: The content of the Opinion page does not necessarily represent the views of Texas Christian University. Unsigned editorials represent the view of the *TCU Daily Skiff* editorial board. Signed letters, columns and cartoons represent the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board.

Letters to the editor: The *Skiff* welcomes letters to the editor for publication. Letters must be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. To submit a letter, bring it to the *Skiff*, Moudy 291S, mail it to TCU Box 298050, fax it to 257-7133 or e-mail it to skiffletters@tcu.edu. They must include the author's classification, major and phone number. The *Skiff* reserves the right to edit or reject letters for style, taste and size restrictions.

Editor in Chief	Jeff Meddaugh
Managing Editor	Joaquin Herrera
Advertising Manager	Jeff Horler
Campus Editor	Kristen R. Naquin
Assistant Campus Editor	Lety Laurel
Design Editor	Matt Jones
Weekend Editor	Pam Woodhead
Opinion Editor	Laura Head
Sports Editor	Rusty Simmons
Photo Editor	David Dunai
Web Editor	Craig Graue
Copy Desk Chief	Katy Garcia
Production Coordinator	Gretchen Crabb
Production Manager	Jeanne Cain Pressler
Business Manager	Bitsy Faulk
Student Publications Director	Eva Rumpf
Journalism Department Chairman	Tommy Thomason

Classes should allow different views

Commentary

TARA POPE

This week I attended a meeting where a professor made the comment that academics have stopped communicating with the public. Later in his talk, the professor noted that 50 percent of freshmen in his classes reject a Darwinian view.

Putting these two statements together, I think the professor was saying that the lack of conversation between academics and the public has resulted in ignorance. From this, it is not too much of a stretch to say that he probably thought the 50 percent of freshmen that rejected Darwinism were speaking out of ignorance. And I don't think he is alone in this view.

It seems many professors feel that students arrive at TCU relatively ignorant. This is true to a certain extent. Often students have been in a sheltered environment with others determining what information they receive. Professors do have a duty to challenge students' ideas. Professors do have a right to point out inconsistencies in students' thinking.

But professors also need to realize that some students hold positions, not out of ignorance but for other reasons. For instance, in studying origins, some students have studied evolution and creation and reached a different conclusion than the majority of scientists. Growing up in east Tennessee (Scopes' trial territory), I attended a public high school where biology teachers taught evolution. There were no other theories mentioned in the textbooks, and the teachers confined their discussion of origins to evolutionary theory.

But I had one biology teacher that offered equal time to any student who wished to explore alternatives to evolution, provided he or she had some evidence. At this point, I read several books concerning evolution and creation, and I found that the theory of evolution wasn't as absolute as it was presented in textbooks. I later took what I learned and presented creationist ideas to the class.

I discovered that at TCU, however, this openness in discussing alternative theories of origins doesn't exist. While I have not taken any biology classes at TCU, the issue of origins frequently occurs in other classes I have had. And a creationist world view generally isn't even considered. For some time, most academics have considered the discussion closed. This is an example of the breakdown of communication between scholars and the public. And this breakdown has engendered an attitude of condescension among academics and distrust among the public.

I recognize that many professors consider evolution to be the only viable theory and discussion of any other alternatives fruitless. But where does that leave students who think differently? If universities are supposed to help students develop their own views and learn to think for themselves, shouldn't there be some effort to at least address students' concerns? An outright dismissal of creationism not only silences discussion of other alternatives but can leave students confused about whether genuine discussion and learning are truly desired.

While recognizing that all opinions are not equal and some ideas are undeserving of class discussion, issues in which there is widespread disagreement are often legitimate topics of discussion. Many of us come to college not endorsing a Darwinian view largely because of what we have been taught by our parents or churches. But are we any better if we leave believing in evolution because that is what we have been taught by our professors?

Let us try to find some middle ground. As students, we come to college to learn. In this learning process, we are going to come into contact with ideas we disagree with. Refusing to even listen to other alternatives undermines learning, so we must be willing to entertain (but by no means accept) other points of view.

Professors have a duty to expose students to a wide range of thinking in helping students develop themselves. And while professors may see only one way in which people can think and be correct, they need to be ready to accept that students aren't always going to think that way. And sometimes students who disagree with academics aren't doing so out of ignorance but because they have a legitimate viewpoint.

The real issue with which we wrestle is not so much the arguments concerning creation and evolution but the decision that it is a legitimate topic for discussion. While professors might not think it is such a topic, many students think otherwise. And students should have some say in determining what can be discussed.

Tara Pope is a senior religion major from Longview, Texas. She can be reached at (tpope13@aol.com).

QUOTE unquote

Quote/Unquote is a collection of quotes from news stories and opinion columns in the Skiff *during the past two weeks.*

"There is a god of tennis. When a tennis ball hits the net, it should stop. Sometimes there is a god up there who rolls it over when it shouldn't. And that happened to us several times."

— **Roland Ingram**, head coach of the Lady Frogs tennis team on the outcome at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southwest Regional

"When I first came to America, I had the American dream of owning a house and all that. Now my children have an education, too. I feel like I've gone far beyond that original dream."

— **Hector Maciel**, a TCU custodian on the success of his three children who have all attended TCU.

"It's one thing to die for your country, but it's another thing to be tortured and then die for your country."

— **cadet colonel Todd Guest**, a senior political science major on the 24-hour candlelight vigil for American prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action.

"Folding tissue paper really brings people together."

— **Libby Zey**, a junior social work major on the unifying effect of pomping during Homecoming festivities

"Quitting can't hurt you, but not quitting can kill you."

— **Tom Spann**, a sophomore economics major on a nationwide effort, known as the Great American Smokeout, designed to encourage smokers to quit for at least 24 hours

"The TCU of old is not the TCU of today. The new TCU has a role in saying who comes here."

— **Darron Turner**, director of minority affairs on recruiting minority students to TCU

Don't ignore character in political debates

Commentary

KEVIN DUNLEAVY

People aren't talking much about politics lately. And when they do, it's about who's Republican, who's Democrat and who's Reform. It's about who's conservative, who's liberal and who's moderately riding the fence. It's about who might have snorted coke, who smoked marijuana in college and who won't shake hands with people.

We can look at their issues, we can look at their profiles. George W. Bush is the compassionate conservative, Bill Bradley is the hard-edge liberal. Al Gore has the personality of my sock drawer, and Donald Trump provides enough fodder for me to write a whole other column.

All of these candidates have important stances and viewpoints that must be examined before pulling levers. Hopefully, decisions aren't made because Candidate X is a Republican, and you think elephants are much cooler than donkeys. Let's forget for a moment about party divisions, labels and affiliations and look instead at the big picture.

The issue here isn't about who's for cracking down on violence or eradicating the drug epidemic plaguing the country. I've yet to hear a politician say, "I think the new proliferation of violence in schools is a positive trend for America. That, along with the promising number of drug addicts in the nation, can only benefit us in the long run."

Beyond some major distinctions in what they stand for and what their party stands for, these fellas all want the same thing, and they'll all use the same catch phrase of "leading the country into the next millennium" to convey it. Their styles may vary (Perot will make some 50 graphs showing how he will lead the country into the next millennium), but their goals are similar.

So what are the candidates' focal points? The trick is to differentiate and get past all the superficial political rhetoric and look at the candidates themselves. The issue here is about something elusive and harder to detect than pro-life promises or tax reform proponents. It's something bypassed so often, people really don't even examine it anymore.

The issue here is one of character.

Uh-oh. Nobody likes that word. How can character possibly be pertinent to work performance, decision-making and communication? What does it have to do with the way someone does a job or the way someone conducts themselves in a public setting? Well, pretty much everything, actually.

People are reticent to admit it, but character is the reflection of the very root of our individual lives. Ramifications stem from its presence or absence. It is at the innate core of everything we do. It is an integral part of who we are. Our lives are largely a reflection of our character and what we believe. Our standards, our ethics and our perceptions are all parts of our character.

And unfortunately, character has become a discarded and largely unimportant topic in politics because people are too busy warring over the political issues. Should we expect our leaders to be Christ-like figures, incapable of error and omniscient in all they do? Of course not, because that's impossible for humans.

Should we expect our leaders to be the moral representatives and ethical examples of our country who strive to uphold dignity and integrity as best they know how? The answer is an unequivocal yes.

And it's a lot to ask, but it's something imperative to do. The candidates aren't perfect, and their track records show this. But regardless of ancient history, examine the candidates' present lives and how they've conducted themselves for a few years prior to their new thrust into the political spotlight. Look at what they're doing now and how they behave off camera when they're not smiling into the crowds.

Certainly overlook mistakes made and poor paths taken from decades ago, but recent events should illustrate an accurate depiction of character and integrity. I point to the present leader of our country as a man who is no doubt an extremely skilled, qualified and gifted politician but also is a man who greatly lacks depth of character and integrity. His lack of good judgment, and his lack of character are two wake-up signs that Americans should be scrutinizing in the next election.

Our president not only lied to and cheated on his wife but also proceeded to do the same with the American people. From claims of not inhaling to not knowing what the definition of "is" is to shady real estate deals, he has craftily evaded most of the controversy and calamity surrounding his reign. His poor decisions have almost cost him his presidency and nearly destroyed the reputation of his office.

There is no distinction between his private life and his public life, as they are both parts of the whole. His policies and decisions are, and always will be, subtly influenced by what he believes and what composes his character. Is he trustworthy in his marriage? No. We should therefore be skeptical about what he tells us. What worries me more is that few people seem to care about this fact.

Even more frightening is the fact that whom we elect is somewhat of a reflection of our character.

So as we make our way through the political smog of ambiguity and doublespeak, we should always focus on the pertinent issues and the goals of everyone clamoring to be president. But beyond those aspects, we should also keep in mind the character and integrity of the leaders because it largely determines the choices they make to lead our country.

Some of these politicians are going to be blowing lots of smoke in our general direction. We just need to remember not to inhale.

Kevin Dunleavy is a junior advertising/public relations major from Spring, Texas. He can be reached at (kduns80@airmail.net).

• THE FUTURE OF TCU •

Commission contiued from page 1

the university and build on them.

"We need to create an increasing identity in the community, because in reality, our impact has been small," he said. "To increase our competitiveness, first we have to have professional development in continued education programs focused on the needs of local industry."

Mills said the commission, which consists of 17 task forces, will consider improvements such as the possible expansion and creation of new departments and academic programs. It will also consider the formation of satellite schools to make TCU a more competitive university. The commission will issue its final report in June.

"We need to look at what we have to offer," he said. "It's clear we can't be all things to everyone. We need to always be aware that there are some things they can do better and at less cost. But there are things that we do better, and that's what we have to make sure stays to the front."

Richard Rinewalt, chairman of the TCU computer science department and Commission member, said competition between universities is increasing as each institution fights to maintain or increase enrollment.

"The competition between universities and colleges for students is becoming more heated," he said. "And that means reaching out to territories of other universities."

Although UTA's enrollment numbers are steadily increasing, Rinewalt said its engineering and computer science department in Fort Worth has not created more competition for TCU's computer science department.

"UTA has been 20 miles away for 40 years, and the fact that they moved 10 miles closer is not a big difference," he said. "The difference between TCU and Arlington is much more than location."

However, with about 200 students currently enrolled in the Riverbend campus and class sizes ranging from 12 to 20 students, UTA is attempting to appeal to the needs of the Fort Worth community, said Anne Robillard, director of marketing at UTA.

"The university can take the stance that we're on a higher plain, but in reality, any institution that deals with dollars and cents is a business," Walter said. "Like any business, we have to assess the niches that best satisfy us. Then the goal is to be the first to fulfill it."

With smaller classes and personalized instruction, TCU offers more personal treatment to students than state schools, Walter said.

"But since (UTA) has more expansive facilities because of the duration of (its) programs, it has a more extensive number of graduates in the area to essentially enhance their recognition and establish graduate educational programs," he said. "Everyone recognizes that UTA has an engineering program, and we're still advising people in the industry that we have an engineering program."

Lynne Heider, a senior engineering major, said the creation of the Tucker Technology Center, which should open in about a year, is evidence that the TCU engineering department is continuing to improve.

"We have a real strong program that I think will continue to grow," she said. "Price-wise, UTA is going to be attractive to students, but I still think TCU has a better engineering program. The professors are caring and the department is structured well for a well-rounded education."

Expanding education

Linda Lai, professor of nursing, said TCU offers students opportunities that most satellite campuses, such as the Riverbend Campus and UNT's Health Science Center, may not.

"I think opening a satellite campus is a double-edged sword," she said. "It's good for the convenience of location, but satellite schools can become commuter schools. TCU has a unique personality. No one has to leave TCU to go somewhere else while they are here studying."

Lai said TCU is different from UNT and UTA because it is a residential university that encourages student participation in campus activities and extracurricular activities.

"We have an awful lot to offer students," she said. "We have a unique resident campus which I think is important for people because when they graduate, there's not an opportunity to take advantage of what they want to pursue. It allows students to have a golden opportunity to develop interests they didn't think they had."

UNT joined the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth in 1975 and created the Health Science Center in 1993. It did not become a recognized university system until July 1999.

"We're looking to be a primary player in public education in the North Texas area," said Roddy Wolper, director of news and information at UNT.

Wolper said there is a growing demand for higher education, and universities are working to meet the demand.

"I think there is room for everybody, both public and private," he said. "We are different personalities, and we all have different things that we offer. I wouldn't think the growth of a public school would inhibit the growth of a private university."

Peggy Conway, MBA admissions director, said the M.J. Neeley School of Business is in a transitional phase of development along with TCU.

"We don't know where we should be going, but we do know what new and exciting things we can do," she said. "This is the time to determine what we should be, what we want to do, but we have to decide what fits with what TCU wants to do."

The business school will not be highly recognized until it improves the technological side of business, said Melissa Stinson, a junior finance major.

"TCU needs to catch up with technology, because right now we are very behind," she said. "I think students will start going to other schools that are more up-to-date. Maybe the presence of the UTA school will not make a difference in the beginning, but as the school grows in reputation and gets established, it will eventually create some competition."

Although the commission will likely consider expansion to add visibility to TCU, Edward Douthett, professor of accounting, said expansion is not as important as academic ratings for the continued success of the university.

"It is not necessary to expand — size doesn't matter to me," he said. "We can establish a good reputation without being big. When our academic reputation improves, everything improves — funding, contributions to the university and more scholarships for students."

Although UTA and UNT's move into Fort Worth does not constitute a threat to TCU, Mills said TCU should remember the Fort Worth community is the foundation for its success.

"We must never forget we are a Fort Worth, Texas, school, and that's were our strength comes from," he said.

Lety Laurel
llaurel@delta.is.tcu.edu

This weeklong series will focus on TCU's vision for the future and will examine what steps it will take to get there. Among the major topics that will be covered are diversity, freshman retention, community outreach and university expansion.

Katie Belka/SKIFF STAFF

Todd Lookwood, a senior finance and marketing major, attracts students to the Enterprise Rent-A-Car promotional event, with a little help from a snake and its owner Lynn Shinkle.

MARKETING

From Page 1

showed up for the free food, video games, free prizes and T-shirts that awaited them in the tents. Before the students could enter the food tent, they had to fill out a questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed to inform Enterprise how much students used the Internet, where they vacation and what they know about rent-a-car companies.

Students said the entertainment surrounding the event is what was most attractive.

"Everybody said there was going to be free food and job opportunities, so of course I came to the event," said Mariu Iabichela, a TCU Intensive English Program student.

Pier 1 Imports allocated $2,500 to the class for research last year.

"When we came to last year's event, it was a great turnout," said Ken Nicholson, Enterprise regional vice president. "Part of this project is name recognition for us. If we can create awareness and career opportunities at the same, then this is a great opportunity."

The students will add the results of Thursday's polls with the previous data and send a final report to Enterprise's headquarters in St. Louis in the next couple of weeks.

"Our class has become a close group through the activities that we have done inside and outside of class," Anderson said. "Everybody in this class is very intelligent and respected. It has been a very rewarding experience."

Steven Baker
Lastevas@aol.com

Now you can see our rates on the web:
www.skiff.tcu.edu/advertising

OUR TEAM —
THE TEAM THAT DREAMS,
AND WORKS,
and CREATES.

MAKE IT YOUR TEAM, TOO!

Skiff Staff Openings • Spring 2000
SECTION EDITORS
Campus News – Sports – Opinion
Weekend – Photo – Design – Copy Desk

APPLY NO LATER THAN NOV. 24
MOUDY BLDG. 293S
257-6556
TCU DAILY Skiff

Andee Russell & James F. Smith*
State & Federal Law
CRIMINAL & FAMILY LAW
• Felonies
• Misdemeanors
• DWI
• Traffic Tickets
• Divorce
• Child Custody
• Modification
* 1979 TCU Alumni
* 15 year Ft. Worth police veteran
Phone: 334-0505
fax: 817 332-5511
West 7TH St. Suite 1212
NOT CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF SPECIALIZATION

NEVER WORK LUNCH AGAIN!
Don't miss the awesome opportunity to join America's #1 steakhouse team. At Outback, a dinner only, Aussie-themed restaurant, we're seeking energized individuals for big fun and full-time employment. We also offer great benefits and an Employee Stock Option Plan. The Outback Steakhouse will open for interviews
M-F 12-5 at
4608 Bryant Irvin Rd.
Fort Worth
(817) 370-7800
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE®
NO RULES. JUST RIGHT.

The TCU Daily Skiff is looking for Account Executives for the spring semester to sell advertising. No experience necessary, but an interest in advertising and/or sales is preferred. Please call for more information or come by Moudy 294S for an application.
TCU DAILY Skiff
Application Deadline:
Wednesday, November 24

ARREST

From Page 1

Loftis, 5 foot 11 inches, 192 pounds, and O'Malley, 6 foot 3 inches, 190 pounds, both match the descriptions of suspects involved in the two robberies.

Photos were taken of the men and will be shown to victims of the robberies, but Williams said no official connection has been made with the three men arrested Thursday.

Williams said TCU and Fort Worth police will continue to keep the area under surveillance even though an arrest of possible suspects has been made.

"(The arrest) isn't going to change the visibility of the patrol," he said. "We're going to continue working with Fort Worth police and patrolling though the end of the semester."

Justin Roche
jaroche@delta.is.tcu.edu

TRUSTEES

From Page 1

they have for the future of this university. At some point, there will be emphasis on certain things. This is the students' way to input to the board."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills said the meeting is important for two reasons. Trustees find out what students want and students get to see that the trustees actually listen to what they have to say, he said.

"They can engage trustees in conversation so that students also understand that trustees care a lot about them," Mills said. "I think it was a very productive meeting in that regard."

Mills said students should not expect a new student center or funding for minority scholarships immediately, but he said students should be reassured that the process is underway. He said the board usually responds favorably to student concerns.

Student Government Association President Ben Alexander said Thursday's meeting was productive. He agreed with Mills that the board will seriously take into account what the students have to say.

"I think it was a good start for us to be able to put issues out in front of the board again and say, 'This is what students really want to see happen at TCU in the next few years,'" Alexander said.

One of the issues that Scharbauer said is on the board's top priority list is safety on campus. He said in the past few years, TCU has spent about $750,000 to light the campus.

Mills said he agreed with students that the campus needs more lights. However, Mills said people who live around the university might object to more lights.

House Vice President Sarah Burleson gave a presentation on student retention. She said TCU is good at bringing students to campus, but it has a problem keeping students. TCU's 1998 retention rate for freshman students was 83 percent, up three percent from 1997.

The 1997 average retention rate for a top 50 university was 93.2 percent and the rate for a tier two school was 85.4 percent.

Burleson said TCU needs a comprehensive program for first-year students to keep them involved on campus. She also said the Chancellor's Leadership Program needs to be expanded to all students and the program needs to be a class that can be taken for credit.

The issue of diversity was also discussed. Brenda Gomez, president of the Organization of Latin American Students, said more minority faculty and staff need to be hired to help increase diversity on campus. She also said that it will take a personal commitment to make increased diversity happen.

"I don't think there is a trustee or anyone who doesn't share the same concerns that (Gomez) shares," Scharbauer said. "It's getting there. It's how we do it, it's how we market (diversity), it's how we find these individuals to come. Diversity is a key word and everybody here is on the same page."

Renovations to the Brown-Lupton Student Center and the Rickel Building was also discussed by the committee. Several different models were presented. Alexander said according to surveys done by Tripp, Umbach & Associates, students want more services provided in the Student Center and recreation building. The proposal to rebuild the Student Center calls for an additional 82,000 square feet.

The board will meet in January in addition to its fall and spring meetings. Scharbauer said the board needs more time to discuss the issues that were brought up by students.

Matt Welnack
mgwelnack@delta.is.tcu.edu

ALUMNI

From Page 1

work and just be involved in life of the community, whether through community service or educational studies."

Zuberi Williams, a senior marketing major, attended the BAA's Homecoming events and said he will join the organization after graduation.

"Minority students, specifically black students, at TCU don't see the black successful alumni in the workplace," he said. "By having them come back and be a part of the alumni celebration, minority students can see positive role models. It allows me to talk to people who have the same interests that I have and who are successful. And it encourages me to follow them and become successful."

Tamara Taylor, a junior business management major, said she doesn't know much about the BAA, but said it's a good idea.

"It's just something that we can be a part of," she said. "It gives us a sense of belonging."

Jessica Schambach
jessbach@juno.com

Date auction

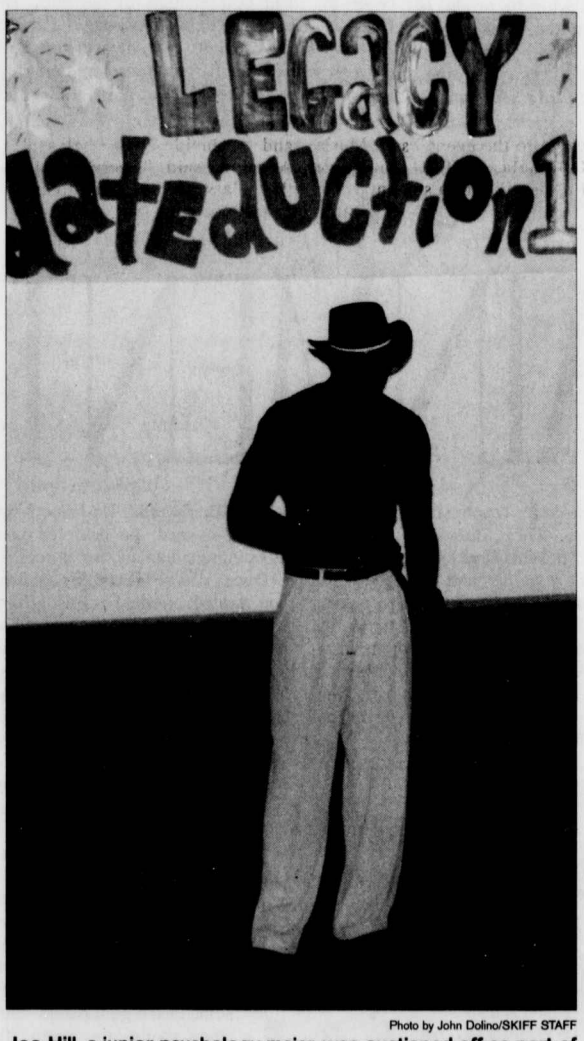


Photo by John Dolino/SKIFF STAFF

Joe Hill, a junior psychology major, was auctioned off as part of Legacy's date auction fund-raiser Wednesday. The auction helped raise over $500 for sickle cell anemia.

BONFIRE

From Page 1

Nicky Zimmer, a sophomore nursing major, said Self played football at Lamar, and was known for his friendly, positive outlook.

"He was an awesome, wonderful guy ... you could rely on him to be there for you," Zimmer said. "It is so sad to hear something like this."

Eyewitnesses said the structure, interwoven into 'stacks' and held together by steel wire, collapsed without warning. A&M sophomore Diana Estrada said she was about 200 yards away when it fell.

"It just toppled over, and the wires snapped and lights started sparking and going on and off," she said. "We ran over there as fast as we could, and we could see legs sticking out and hear people screaming."

The bonfire structure has collapsed one time before, in Fall 1994, but no one was injured. Immediately afterward, it was rebuilt and used for the traditional pep rally, which normally draws thousands of spectators and features football players and coaches, "yell" leaders and the Aggie Band.

A&M President Ray Bowen said Bonfire would be canceled this year, but a decision has not yet been made on whether to it next fall.

Many A&M students who worked closely with Bonfire preparations are still trying to sort out their emotions as they deal with the deaths of friends and co-workers. Chris Bathurst, a fifth-year senior at A&M who served as a second platoon leader in the Aggie Corps of Cadets, said this is a devastating blow to the campus and to the spirit for which the school is known.

"This is ripping us apart," Bathurst said. "Here is something that is such a big tradition that means so much to us, and for such a tragic thing to happen there is almost unbelievable. What really hits home is the fact that it was on campus, and so many students were involved.

Bathurst said although classes were not officially canceled, many professors made class attendance optional Thursday in light of the tragedy. A school-wide memorial service was held Thursday night at the campus coliseum, Reed Arena. Throughout the day, groups of students and rescue teams continued to work to help dismantle the rubble and free anyone still trapped underneath.

"The student body is really coming together to show the 'Aggies helping Aggies' spirit," Bathurst said. "In addition to the people helping move logs, we have other students coordinating a blood drive and holding prayer vigils on campus. The mood is somber, but everyone has maintained a helpful attitude."

At the University of Texas at Austin, A&M's traditional rival and opponent for their Nov. 26 football game, traditional cheers for the Longhorns have been replaced by messages of condolence to the Aggie community. University officials said the 307-foot UT Tower that serves as a focal point on the campus will be darkened Monday night in honor of the victims. In addition, the annual "Hex Rally" spirit gathering where UT supporters place a good-natured "curse" on the A&M team has been replaced by a candlelight vigil in support of A&M. Students will wear white ribbons, symbolizing the connection the universities have by displaying the color the two schools share.

This report contains information from the Associated Press.

Alan Melson
mamelson@delta.is.tcu.edu

Traffic Tickets Defended
$35 ask about our student discount
MIP, DWI & PERSONAL INJURY & CRIMINAL DUI
Law Offices of Douglas Wright, William Pratt & Josh Norell
1417 W. Berry
(817) 927-0550
not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

LET SOMEONE ELSE PAY FOR YOUR COLLEGE!!!
No loans to pay back – EVER! This is for real.
CALL TODAY!
817-4UEDZ40 or
817-483-3940

TRAFFIC TICKETS
defended in Fort Worth, Arlington, and elsewhere in Tarrant County only.
No promises as to results. Fines and court costs are additional.
JAMES R. MALLORY
Attorney at Law
3024 Sandage Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76109-1793
(817) 924-3236
Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

WEDGWOOD VILLAGE 4 THEATER
$1 EVERYDAY
50¢ TUES!
5298 Trail Lake Dr.
817.292.5529 - Movie Line
RUNAWAY BRIDE (PG)
FRI. 7:00, 9:30
SAT. – THUR. 1:00, 3:20, 7:00, 9:30
IN TOO DEEP (R)
FRI. 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
SAT. – THUR. 1:10, 3:30, 7:20, 9:30
DRIVE ME CRAZY (PG13)
FRI. 5:10, 7:10
SAT. – THUR. 1:10, 3:10, 7:10
STIGMATA (R)
FRI. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
SAT. – THUR. 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
BOWFINGER (PG13)
FRI. .....9:10 only
SAT. – THUR. 5:10, 9:10

American Heart Association.
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES
1-800-AHA-USA1
This space provided as a public service. 1996-1997 American Heart Association.

SHOWDOWN SALOON
HOURS: 11 AM-2 AM DAILY
• COLDEST DRINKS IN TOWN
• TOTALLY COOL ATMOSPHERE
OLDEST SPORTS BAR IN TOWN
4007 CAMP BOWIE 738-4051
TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol, you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

SPECIAL WINTER FORMAL PRICES
All formalwear shops get their tuxedos delivered on a truck from a warehouse somewhere. Now you can get yours direct from the warehouse and SAVE!
FORMAL WAREHOUSE
3167 BISBEE STREET / FORT WORTH / 817-531-2417

STOCKYARDS HOTEL
Seeking part-time or full-time
BELLMAN AND VALET
Flexible with school schedule
Apply in Person
109 East Exchange Avenue • (817) 625-6427

Pulliam
Pulliam Journalism Fellowships
Graduating college seniors are invited to apply for the 27th annual Pulliam Journalism Fellowships. We will grant 10-week summer internships to 20 journalism or liberal arts majors in the August 1999-June 2000 graduating classes.
Previous internship or part-time experience at a newspaper is desired. Winners will receive a $5,500 stipend and will work at either *The Indianapolis Star* or *The Arizona Republic*.
Early-admissions application postmark deadline is Nov. 15, 1999. By Dec. 15, 1999, up to five early-admissions winners will be notified. All other entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2000.
To request an application packet, visit our Web site, e-mail us or write:
Russell B. Pulliam
Fellowships Director
Indianapolis Newspapers
P.O. Box 145
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Web site: www.starnews.com/pjf
E-mail: pulliam@starnews.com

Galactic Astrology
Black Holes
Quasars
The Galactic Center
Owl's Clover, Inc.
A metaphysical bookstore just 1 mile east of TCU!
(3037 James Ave., off Berry – 921-5809)
• books • mineral specimens
• jewelry • astrology/numerology software
• music • readings/reports
• candles • solar ovens
• vitamins • Mountain House Foods
• homeopathy • massage therapy (CSR)
Full moon meditation–
Nov. 23, 7 p.m. - 8:30
10% Discount on all books w/ TCU ID
HOURS: Tues. – Sat., 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sun., 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Moke lacks specific identifying sound

By Laura Head
OPINION EDITOR

Moke is a joke.

In its self-titled debut album released in August, Moke combines rock-n-roll with blues-n-funk, but the band lacks a specific identifying sound.

And because its songs sound like every other song we hear on rock stations, the album is easier for listeners to tune it out than to tune it in.

> "Maybe if the London lads would choose one sound and stick with it, they could work on excelling in that one area."

In October 1996, four South London men came together to create Moke, with John Hogg on vocals, Sean Genockey on guitar, Alex Evans on bass and keyboard and John Morgan on drums.

They signed to England's Dorado Records and then to U.S. Indie label Ultimatum Music.

They have played more than 200 shows, including their performance as one of the opening acts for the Goo Goo Dolls last week at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Moke also opened for the Black Crowe's "Souled Out" Tour 1999.

Although the album is dull at best, it is a good attempt at catering to various music groups. "Down," the only single released from the album, and "Leather Drag" tease with almost folkish introductions, but each give way to heavier guitar playing about 30 seconds into the song.

"Down," however, does a better job of returning to its original sound after the brief stint in the land of rock music.

And "Leather Drag" is just that — a drag. The beat of the song leaves you tapping your foot, not in the this-is-a-great-song kind of way, but in the maybe-if-I-tap-my-foot-a-little-faster-the-song-will-speed-up kind of way.

On the album's playlist, "Mislaid the Key" is listed as the fourth track. But No. 4 is actually the sound of a strumming guitar and someone humming in the background. "Mislaid the Key" is really on the third track following "Another Weekend."

There's no need for tricks like that, just like there's no need for hidden tracks on any other group's albums.

Moke's selection of lyrics seem to be chosen solely for the rhyme, as is evident with the lines, "I can feel it creeping, sleeping and stealing up on me/ I can read it from the air/ Everyone will come aware" from "Powercut."

Maybe if the London lads would choose one sound and stick with it, they could work on excelling in that one area. As it is now, they've spread themselves so far across the boundaries between rock and blues and punk that their performance is less than par in all areas.

Moke is a band with rockstar potential, but it hasn't quite found its niche yet.

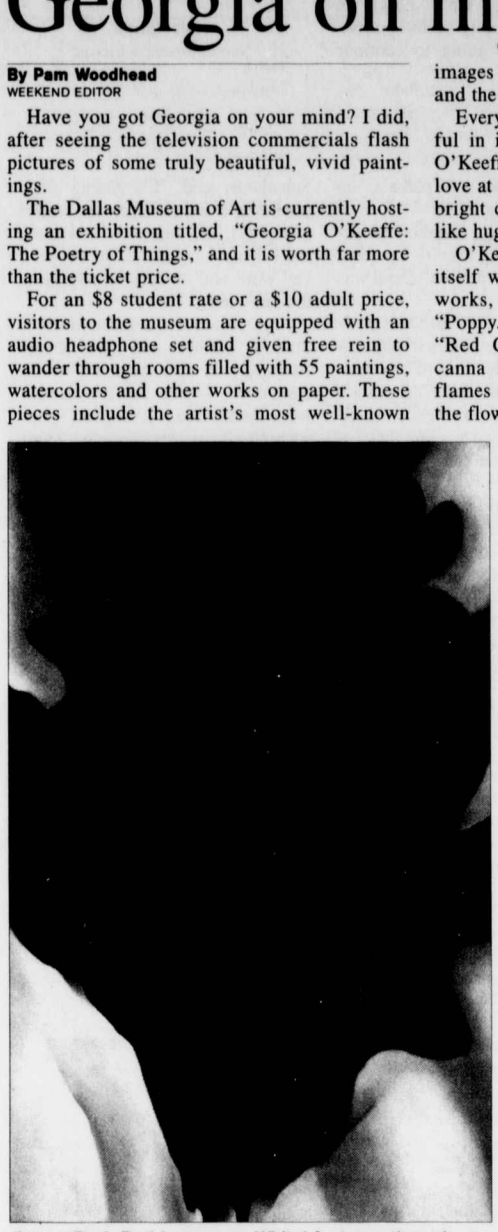
Georgia on my Mind

By Pam Woodhead
WEEKEND EDITOR

Have you got Georgia on your mind? I did, after seeing the television commercials flash pictures of some truly beautiful, vivid paintings.

The Dallas Museum of Art is currently hosting an exhibition titled, "Georgia O'Keeffe: The Poetry of Things," and it is worth far more than the ticket price.

For an $8 student rate or a $10 adult price, visitors to the museum are equipped with an audio headphone set and given free rein to wander through rooms filled with 55 paintings, watercolors and other works on paper. These pieces include the artist's most well-known images of flowers, bones, trees, shells and the Southwest.



'Large Dark Red Leaves on White' features three beautiful leaves in different shades of autumn reds. O'Keeffe's works give everyday objects a new view.

Everything in the exhibit is beautiful in its own way, but when I saw O'Keeffe's paintings of flowers, it was love at first sight. She uses such bold, bright colors that the paintings seem like huge, live flowers.

O'Keeffe's artistic genius reveals itself when you compare her similar works, such as "Red Canna" and "Poppy." The deep reds and oranges of "Red Canna," an abstraction of a canna lily, give the impression of flames licking out from the center of the flower toward the top of the painting.

While "Poppy" uses the same colors, this painting gives the viewer a much different idea. The cool black center, with a dark green accent, imbues "Poppy" with a colder sense than "Red Canna." This piece smolders while the other rages.

In similar fashion, O'Keeffe presents two different views of the petunia. "Petunia II" is a flower of the daylight, with pale purples and vivid greens that light up the canvas. Conversely, "Black and Purple Petunias" features much darker flowers. Rich, deep violet gives this piece a velvety appearance, and a single stroke of blue across one of the petals makes the flower glow.

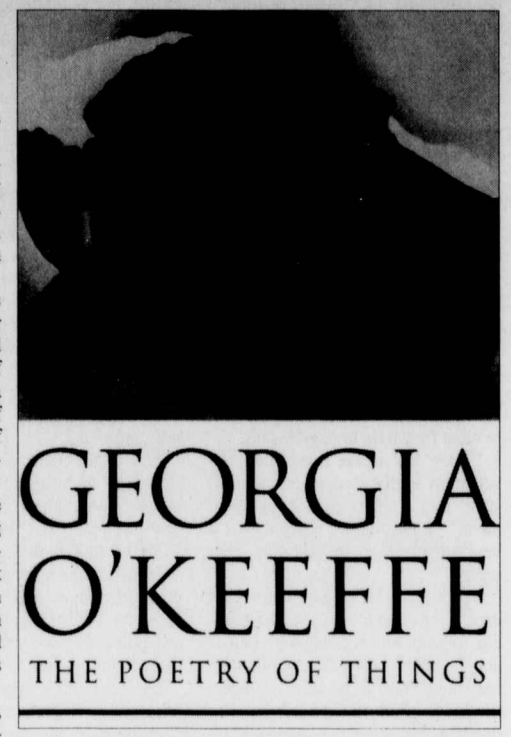
O'Keeffe's beautiful flowers share the exhibit hall with various other themes, the most prevalent being the Southwest. Creamy bones stand in stark contrast to the bright blues of desert skies in such pictures as "Pelvis with Pedernal" and "Pelvis with the Distance." O'Keeffe saw bones as objects of beauty rather than reminders of death, and she once said the Southwest "fitted me perfectly."

"Pelvis with the Distance" makes the viewer question what he or she is looking at and what the sizes are of the objects pictured. The bones rise up in the foreground of the painting, leaving the shadowy, blue mountains behind them. On closer inspection, though, the bottoms of the bones seem to be placed at the base of the mountains, making it unclear whether they are indeed in the foreground or if they are really as large as they appear.

This ambiguity is classic O'Keeffe, who delights in playing with point of view. Several of the displayed paintings demonstrate this aspect, including "Fishhook from Hawaii No. 1," which features a hook floating above a loop of fishing line acting as a lens to distort the horizon, and "Gray Cross with Blue."

When I first saw "Gray Cross with Blue," I was tempted to move on after a cursory glance, but then something about the painting caught my eye. Though the background is done in dark blue hues, there are streaks of white on the gray cross, indicating a light source coming from an unseen source.

O'Keeffe's art is full of mystery and life, and it is a treat for anyone who loves art, beauty or the ideal combination of the two. The DMA is offering the exhibit through the end of January, so make plans to visit over the holidays. It will be a gift for your eyes. For more information, call the DMA at (214) 922-1200.

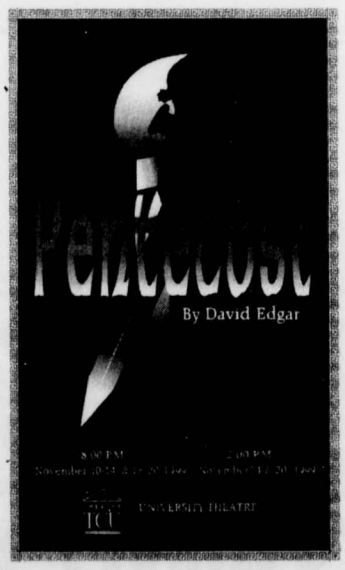


'Pentecost' explores man's inhumanity

By Sarah Mullen
STAFF REVIEWER

The discovery of a fresco that would alter some of the fundamental principles of art history sparks a chain of events in "Pentecost," a play performed by TCU theater students, that showcases man's inhumanity to mankind.

Gabriella Pecs (Holly Smith) seeks assistance from Dr. Oliver Davenport (Kirk A. Holland) in removing and preserving a remarkable fresco from the wall of an antiquated church in an unidentified Balkan village.



Their efforts are thwarted by a number of characters who want the fresco to stay where it is. Among those characters is Leo Katz (Michael Chase), a somewhat cynical art expert from Ithaca, N.Y., brought to the village at the request of a local priest.

While Gabriella, Oliver and Leo are in the church bickering over the intent of the artwork, a group of displaced refugees enter the building and take the three of them hostage along with Toni Newsome (Courtney Robinson), an Englishwoman.

Yasmin (Nikki Gonzales), the leader of the refugee group, is angry about how she and the other refugees are forced to wander aimlessly and suffer severe mistreatment from unwelcoming governments and hostile citizens.

During the standoff, Gabriella, Oliver and Leo learn about the plight of the refugees and more about the cruel, vicious side of human nature.

This exciting finale is well worth the wait. The first act is almost intolerably slow, particularly the opening dialogue between Gabriella and Oliver.

The forced accents make their lines almost unintelligible. Audience members may be well into the second or third scene before finally gaining some understanding of the conflict.

The first act was saved with the entrance of Leo, the refreshingly straightforward New Yorker. The intricacies of the plot finally came to light thanks to the clear and concise dialogue between Leo and the others.

The handful of people who didn't return after the intermission missed out on a stellar second act. The individual stories of the refugees were intriguing and convincingly portrayed. Theatergoers are in for a compelling depiction of man's inhumanity to other men.

"Pentecost" will also be performed at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 to Nov. 20 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 21 in the University Theater. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children and free to students who present their student ID. For more information, call 257-7550.

the future of ENTERTAINMENT

By Guy Bickers
STAFF REVIEWER

The world of home entertainment has changed dramatically in the last few years. In the 1980s, a TV and VCR were enough to enjoy a flick at home. If you were lucky you got hold of a laser disc player and hooked it up to your stereo.

In the '90s, however, a true home theater requires a lot more thought than most people think. Electronics have become the dominant fixtures in many homes: TVs have gotten bigger, cable has a real audience, pay-per-view is actually affordable and you can watch movies that look better at home than they did in the theater.

But where to begin?

The first thing to do when designing your home theater is to decide where you're gonna put it. In an apartment or dorm room, you likely won't have much choice. But there are a few simple rules to follow:

1) Don't put your TV across from a window unless you have a really dark, thick curtain.

2) Make sure there are power sockets near where you plan to install everything and make certain they're grounded.

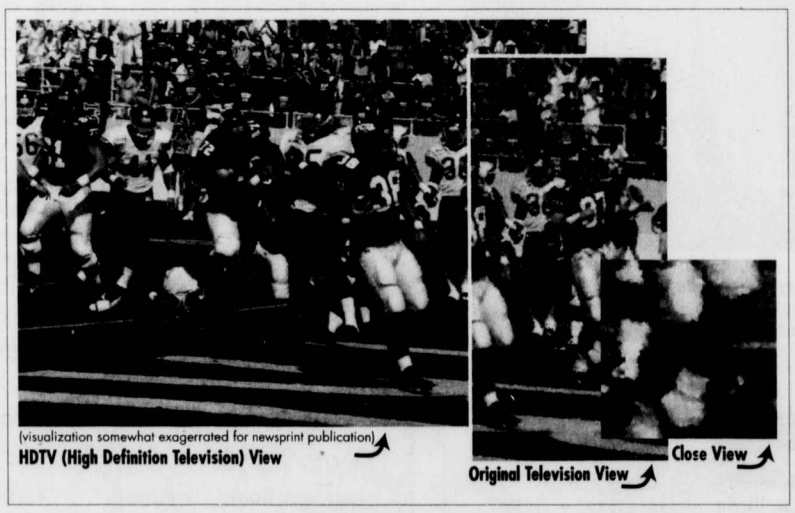
3) Try to keep away from air ducts because audio/video components are very sensitive to dust.

4) Don't smoke around your components: The tar and residue from the smoke collects on lasers and coats speakers, causing potential problems.

Next, you need to decide if you need a new TV or not. That 13-incher from your dorm ain't gonna cut it. Most experts recommend at least a 27-inch set for serious movie watching. I recommend at least a 32-inch.

"Home Theater" means watching movies in widescreen (yes, the black bars are supposed to be there), and widescreen means big TVs. Go to specialty shops to look at good sets, then go to Best Buy to buy one you can afford. (Tip #1: Find a nice set and keep your eye out for a sale price. If you go back after the price has gone back up, the store manager will still give you the sale price. They just want your money.)

Now ask yourself how much you are willing to spend. Do you want everything at once, or are you willing to build over time? (The latter route is annoying, but the payoff is much greater.) Do you need a DVD player? What about a CD changer? Dolby Digital or Pro-Logic? What about a subwoofer?



Write down a list of items before you head out to buy and stick to it. You can always add later. (Tip #2: Comparison shop. Talk to a lot of salesmen and ask a lot of questions. Hit the Web for more information so you don't get duped.)

So you've decided how much money you're gonna throw into your new project and discovered that you will have plenty of room once you get your roommate kicked out. Where do you go? Here it gets tricky.

I found it helpful to start at the high-end (expensive) specialty shops. They know about each of their products and know which parts work together and which do not. Make it clear that you aren't going to buy anything immediately; that takes salesmen out of commission-seeking mode. The majority of people in the hi-fi shops genuinely want to help you and will be very upfront with you.

The other way to go is to start with the big places such as Best Buy, Circuit City and the like. When dealing with these places I must say: Buyer beware. If you choose to start here make certain you know exactly what you are looking for. The salesmen generally know very little about what they sell and are only really interested in getting you to buy a warranty plan. (Tip #3: Extended warrantees are generally useless. If something like a DVD player is gonna croak, it's gonna happen really early, during the manufacturer's warranty period.)

Now there is one rule of home theater shopping that is unforgivable to break: If a salesman in a high-end shop helps you a lot, and you decide to buy a piece of hardware he showed you, DO NOT buy it elsewhere. That's rude. He helped you not get conned; he deserves your money more than another store!

Once you've found everything you wanted, or could at least afford, it's time to get everything home. You have a few choices here as well: Wait for delivery and hope nothing gets broken, load it all into your Sedan and hope nothing gets broken or load it all in your friend's truck and hope nothing gets broken.

Everything's set up, but you realize you didn't get any audio/video cables to hook it all up. Your best bet is to head to Radio Shack and find quality cables at a reasonable cost. They sell excellent speaker cable for around $15 for 50 feet. Video cable is a bit pricier, but you wanna go with some of the gold-plated kind. They really are worth the extra price. Grab a good surge protector while you're at it.

The single most useful piece of equipment you can buy might be a bit of a surprise: a universal remote. I don't mean one of those el cheapo kind from Sam's. If you're serious about building your own theater, you'll want to get a good programmable remote from a specialty shop. The price'll shock you (look to spend around $200 or more) but it is DEFINITELY worth it. (Tip #4: You're gonna lose a remote at some point. Accept it and move on.)

Now that you know what to do, where to buy? My personal favorite place is Marvin's Electronics off Hulen, across from Stonegate. The guys there are incredibly knowledgeable and treat you well no matter how you are dressed. They have something for every price range and are happy to help you find whatever is best for your dollar.

Well, there you have it: Home Theater 101. Once you get a system set up to your liking, you'll have a hard time watching your friend's 13-inch TV-VCR ever again.

eight days in November

Friday 19

TCU Opera scenes at 7:30 p.m. Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call 257-7602.

The department of economics' Green Chair speaker, James K. Galbraith of the University of Texas, will speak on "Growth, Employment and Inequality: A Global View" at 3:30 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 234. For more info, call 257-6234.

Performance Preludes presents Chamber Music and Laurie Shulman with composer Michael Hersch at Horchow Hall before the Dallas Symphony Classical Series, 7 p.m. For more information, call (214) 692-0203.

The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra presents its classical series with conductor Junichi Hirokami and cellist Brinton Averil Smith at the Bass Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Stage West presents "Loot," 8 p.m. There is a dinner service at 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Meet the cast after the performance in the lounge. Free hors d'oervres will be served.

Saturday 20

TCU Theatre presents "Pentecost" in the Spencer and Marlene Hayes Theatre located in the Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Center for the Performing Arts, 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and children. For more information, call the box office at (817) 257-5770.

"2 for 1 Night" at the Pottery Pad, Fort Worth's new paint-your-own pottery shop. For more information, call (817) 927-7823.

The Flying Saucer Texas Beer & Music Festival is a celebration of hand-crafted beer and music. Various types of international and domestic beer and music will be in Arlington from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There is no cover. Designated drivers get free soft drinks. For more information, call (214) 969-9321.

Melissa Etheridge comes to the Will Rogers Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Conductor Junichi Hirokami and cellist Brinton Averil Smith come to Bass Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Stage West presents "Loot", 3 p.m.

Sunday 21

TCU Concert Chorale, featuring tenor James Ray Taylor performing Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. John Passion," St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. For more information, call 257-7602.

The Pottery Pad hosts "Family Night."

The *Dallas Morning News* Classical Series continues with guest conductor Alan Gilbert at the Meyerson Symphony Center, 2:30 p.m.

Conductor Junichi Hirokami and cellist Brinton Averil Smith come to Bass Performance Hall, 2 p.m.

Stage West presents "Loot", 7:30 p.m. Pasta Night before the performance at 6 to 6:45 p.m. for $7.

Monday 22

Faculty voice recital featuring Richard Estes at the PepsiCo Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 257-7602.

Leslie Nielsen, star of the "Naked Gun" movies, will star in "Clarence Darrow" presented by Performing Arts Fort Worth and Casa Mañana. The performances will be at the Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth, 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from $24 to $57 and are available at the Bass Performance Hall box office and online at www.basshall.com. For more information, call (817) 212-4280.

Tuesday 23

TCU Wind Symphony, Ed Landreth Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 257-7602.

Storytime at the Pottery Pad from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

"Clarence Darrow" starring Leslie Nielsen at the Bass Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the film "Chinatown" as it becomes released on video and DVD. The movie "Apocalypse Now" will also be released on DVD.

Wednesday 24

The Pottery Pad gives free pizza from 4 to 5 p.m.

Last night of "Clarence Darrow" starring Leslie Nielsen at the Bass Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday 25

Thanksgiving

Friday 26

The Pottery Pad is holding an ornament party.

The Parade of Lights will take place in Downtown Fort Worth, 6 p.m. It is Fort Worth's annual holiday parade and Christmas tree lighting.

Run in Christmas spirit The Jingle Bell Run will be held at 5 p.m. Nov. 27 in Downtown Fort Worth. For more information, call (817) 820-0635.

Christmas shows abound, including: The Dallas Theater Center opens "A Christmas Carol" at the Arts District Theater. The show will run until Dec. 26. For tickets and more information, call (214) 522-8499.
"Ebenezer Scrooge" will return to Pocket Sandwich Theatre Nov. 26 through Dec. 23. Ticket prices range from $6 to $14. For info and reservations, call (214) 821-1860.

Auditions are also being held in the area. Check out: Circle Theatre will have auditions for the play "The Last Night of Ballyhoo." To make an appointment, call (817) 877-3040 between 1 and 5 p.m.

dinner and a movie ...

dinner: Turkey Spaghetti

Turkey Day is just around the corner. Or rather, Turkey Month is just around the corner! If your family is anything like mine, you'll be eating turkey for weeks after Thanksgiving. Here is one of my favorite ways to eat the leftovers.

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups (29 oz.) tomato juice — not V8, just tomato
- 1 onion, finely minced
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, shredded
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- salt and pepper
- 1 pint chicken or turkey broth
- 1 cup ripe black olives, chopped
- 1 can mushrooms
- leftover turkey, cooked, shredded, at least 2 cups
- 1 package spaghetti, cooked

Directions

1.) Heat butter, add onion, celery and green pepper. Sauté until onion is pale yellow.

2.) Add tomato juice, worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Stir in broth and cook about 30 minutes or until thickened.

3.) Add mushrooms and olives.

4.) In a large baking dish, layer spaghetti noodles and turkey and sauce until all is used.

5.) Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes. Serve.

Tip

This meal should not be too dry, so add more tomato juice if needed.

going out: Light It Up

By Allan Schwegmann
STAFF REVIEWER

Look up to where the ceiling and the wall meet. Stare at it for a while. Exciting? Well, it's a lot more exciting and dimensional than the characters and plot in "Light it Up." At least the ceiling is real.

From the first 10 minutes of the film, the dialogue is practically a joke, sounding like someone in his 40s, with no knowledge of high school students or their problems, picked up a copy of the Ebonics dictionary and tried to recite every word from it. We hear "yo," "G," "dawg" and the beloved "n-word" countless times.

The film begins by showing the harshness of Lincoln High, a school where broken windows are not fixed, there are more students than textbooks and the principal does not care about his students or teachers.

For instance, Ziggy, one of the film's stereotypical characters, is drawing while sitting in the middle of the hall between classes. This is something he loves, but the audience can see he is terrible at it.

Dante Jackson (Forest Whitaker), the school's new security guard, asks him to stop and move on. Naturally, pushing comes to shoving and a fight breaks out. Ziggy's best friend, Lester (Usher Raymond) helps to escalate the fight.

Meanwhile, Stephanie (Rosario Dawson), whose character is a carbon copy of Jessie from "Saved by the Bell," is head of the student government, which is trying to get books and a career day, but, of course, is not allowed to have anything.

To make matters even worse for these ridiculous characters, the school's best teacher (Judd Nelson) is fired for virtually no reason.

So what do you do in a situation like this? Petition the school board? Get parents in the PTA involved? Of course not — you shoot a cop in the leg and take him hostage.

Everyone leaves the school except for the above characters, along with a few others including Lynn (Sara Gilbert), who doesn't hear the gunshots because she's in the library with her Walkman on and smoking a cigarette.

The fuchsia-haired Lynn is in quite the predicament, given the fact everyone makes fun of her weight and looks. And she is pregnant.

Soon, Audrey (Vanessa Williams), a hostage negotiator, is brought in to settle the situation, but no one will listen to her either, since she is oppressed by "The Man" due to her gender and race, like everyone else.

She is upset about the situation even more because she learns that Lester's father was randomly beaten to death and shot by two cops coming back from getting ice cream, and his family was not compensated. Sound pretty realistic, doesn't it?

The film drones on with its characters, all of whom we have seen in "Dangerous Minds" and "The Breakfast Club." The movie tries so hard to make a point that it fails to do so. No public school in a big city has a situation as bad as this.

Perhaps if the filmmakers toned everything down and did not try to make everyone in the audience mad, it might have a decent message.

The ending tries even harder to be more dramatic, but it had the opposite effect because it had me in the aisle rolling hysterically with laughter.

The bottom line? Don't waste your time. Don't even wait for it on cable.

Photo by Chuck Hodges/Fox 2000 Pictures

Police officer Forest Whitaker confronts Usher Raymond, a high school student, in the hallway in 'Light It Up.'

TCU movie channel

Saturday, Nov. 20
2 p.m. Election
5 p.m. Maverick
8 p.m. Rudy
11 p.m. 10 Things I Hate About You

Sunday, Nov. 21
2 p.m. You've Got Mail
5 p.m. The Blair Witch Project
8 p.m. Rounders
11 p.m. Bachelor Party

Monday, Nov. 22
2 p.m. The Muppet Movie
5 p.m. Animal House
8 p.m. 10 Things I Hate About You
11 p.m. Four Rooms

Tuesday, Nov. 23
2 p.m. School Daze
5 p.m. You've Got Mail
8 p.m. Bachelor Party
11 p.m. Election

Wednesday, Nov. 24
2 p.m. Rounders
5 p.m. Babe: Pig in the City
8 p.m. Animal House
11 p.m. Rudy

Thursday, Nov. 25*
2 p.m. Rounders
5 p.m. Babe: Pig in the City
8 p.m. Animal House
11 p.m. Rudy

Friday, Nov. 26*
2 p.m. Rounders
5 p.m. Babe: Pig in the City
8 p.m. Animal House
11 p.m. Rudy

Saturday, Nov. 27
2 p.m. Four Rooms
5 p.m. Caddyshack
8 p.m. The Muppet Movie
11 p.m. You've Got Mail

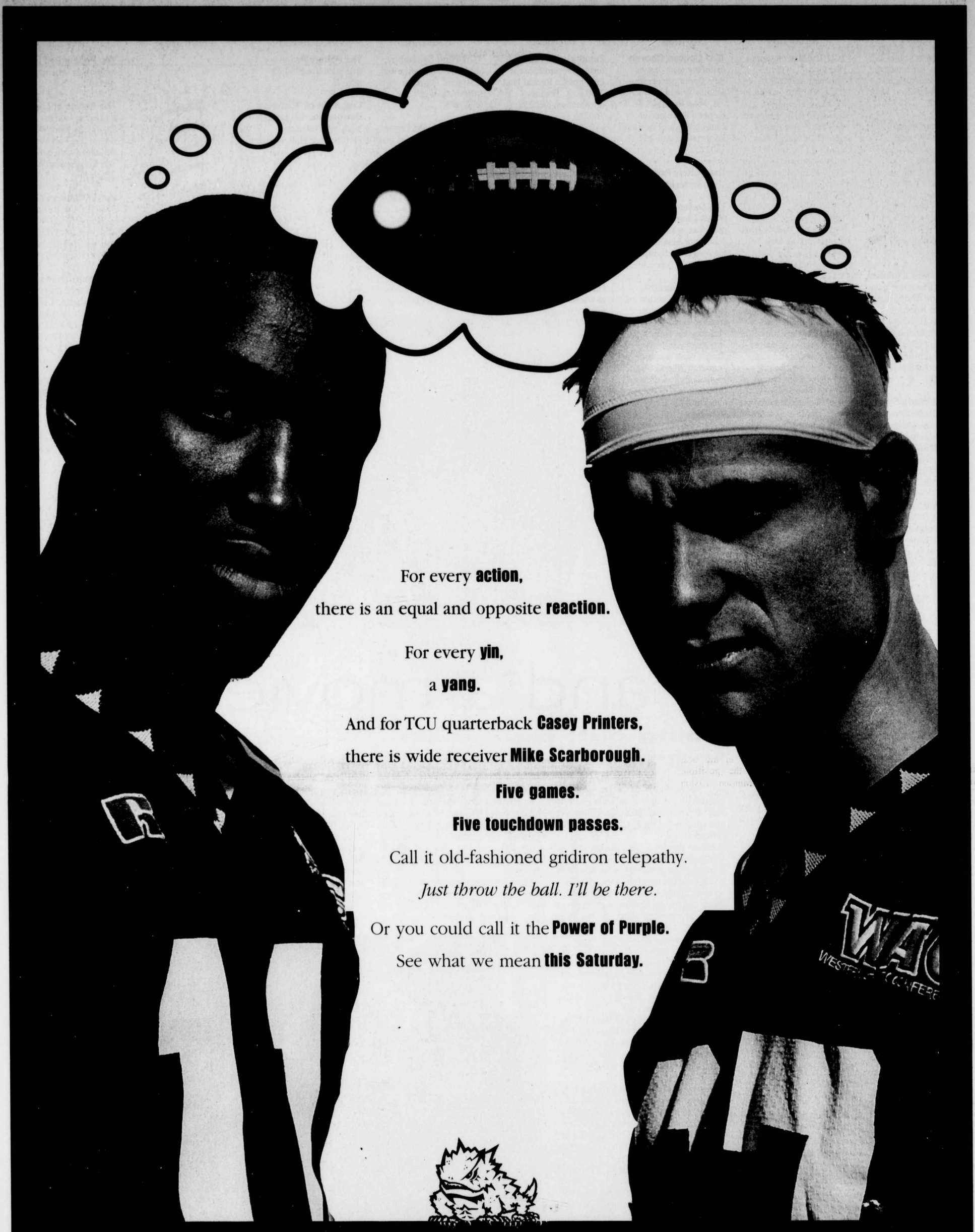
Sunday, Nov. 28
2 p.m. Bachelor Party
5 p.m. Animal House
8 p.m. 10 Things I Hate About You
11 p.m. Maverick

Monday, Nov. 29
2 p.m. School Daze
5 p.m. The Blair Witch Project
8 p.m. Election
11 p.m. The Muppet Movie

Tuesday, Nov. 30
2 p.m. Babe: Pig in the City
5 p.m. Rudy
8 p.m. You've Got Mail
11 p.m. Four Rooms

* Repeated Movies due to Thanksgiving Holiday

Compiled by Name Here



For every **action,**

there is an equal and opposite **reaction.**

For every **yin,**

a **yang.**

And for TCU quarterback **Casey Printers,**

there is wide receiver **Mike Scarborough.**

Five games.

Five touchdown passes.

Call it old-fashioned gridiron telepathy.

Just throw the ball. I'll be there.

Or you could call it the **Power of Purple.**

See what we mean **this Saturday.**

TCU vs. UTEP

2:05 p.m. at Amon Carter Stadium

Your I.D. gets you into the game!

Purchase tickets for your family at the gate!

THE POWER OF PURPLE

Lagat, Martinez prepare for NCAA Championships

Cross country runners use past running experiences to train them for race

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

When the NCAA Cross Country Championships are held Monday, it will mark the first time two TCU male runners have competed in the race.

Seniors David Lagat and Adrian Martinez qualified for the race because they were each one of the top four finishers after the teams that qualified for the NCAA South Central Regional Championships last weekend. It is the first time for Martinez, while Lagat has run in the competition twice.

Martinez said this is something that he has been competing for since high school.

"Last summer I ran smart in preparing for this season," he said. "I ran 12 miles five or six times a week. So even though I haven't been as focused this year as in the past, I am physically and mentally ready for the race."

Lagat

After failing to reach nationals in high school, Martinez said he was angry as a freshman runner, and he disliked running by his sophomore year. By the end of Martinez's junior year, he said he was getting slower and slower in the races.

At the 1998 Southern Methodist Invitational 8,000 meter race, Martinez finished in fourth place (26:34) compared to Lagat's second-place time of 25:52. But by the Western Athletic Conference Championships, Lagat had improved his time by one minute (24:52) and Martinez was in 30th place (26:12).

Martinez

"I trained extremely hard the summer before my junior year, running 10 or 12 miles every day," Martinez said. "I became anemic."

Lagat said experience in two previous NCAA championship races helps him because he knows how to compete in the extended running field.

"You have to be among the front runners at the beginning of a race because if you get too far behind, it is hard to pass a lot of runners at the end," he said. "You need to have the flexibility to run faster at the beginning."

Martinez said his strategy for the race is to be relaxed, but at the same time not get more than five meters behind the first-place runner.

"I will try to position myself relative to the other runners, not relative to time," he said. "I will try not to let the excitement get to me."

Lagat and Martinez will be running in a field of about 255 runners Monday at the championships in Bloomington, Ind.

Martinez said the course was picked specifically for its level of difficulty. This is a competitive course because of the turns and the size of the hills, he said.

Although the men's team did not qualify for nationals, both Lagat and Martinez said the team pushed them in reaching this point in their cross country careers.

"Sometimes the other runners would say they couldn't keep up with me and David because we ran so hard in practice," Martinez said. "People expected Lagat to go to the nationals, because he may be a little bit better than me. But I have pushed Lagat too. It is a mutual situation."

Steven Baker
lastevas@aol.com

MVP gives Pudge spot as catching elite in baseball

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Already considered the best catcher of his generation, Texas' Ivan Rodriguez solidified a spot among the greats Thursday by being winning the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

Rodriguez edged Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez to become just the ninth catcher in either league to win baseball's top individual honor, joining the likes of Johnny Bench and Yogi Berra.

"That means a lot," said Rodriguez, the first MVP catcher since Thurman Munson of the Yankees in 1976. "I respect those guys a lot. To be compared to them is something special."

Rodriguez earned the comparisons by hitting .332 with 35 homers, 113 RBIs, 116 runs and 25 stolen bases. He became the first catcher with 20 homers and 20 steals in the same year and he's the first AL backstop to have 30 homers, 100 RBIs and 100 runs in the same season.

This was the third straight year he's set a personal best in average and homers, and it's the second straight year he's had bests in RBIs and steals.

"I prepared myself in the offseason with weights and running to make myself stronger physically and mentally," Rodriguez said. "I told my trainer I was going to hit 30 home runs this year and I hit five more."

Rodriguez was able to dedicate his offseason to a fitness routine because it was the first time he didn't play winter ball in his native Puerto Rico. The Rangers got him to agree to that while negotiating his contract.

"It helped keep me in shape and more fresh for the season," said Rodriguez, who earned a $250,000 bonus for winning the MVP. "But I just love to play baseball."

Rodriguez broke into the majors at age 19, mostly because of a powerful arm. The extra baby fat he carried earned him the nickname Pudge, which stuck.

Now sporting a rock-solid physique and a few days shy of turning 28, Rodriguez has become a complete player.

He just won his eighth Gold Glove and his sixth straight AL Silver Slugger award for being the best hitter in the league at his position.

He's popular, too — fans have voted him to start the last seven All-Star games.

"Talking about all phases of the game, along with being durable, what he's done at his age, I would argue, that he's the best," said Texas manager Johnny Oates, himself a former catcher. "Since I was old enough to know major league baseball, there's never been any catcher who can do more as well as he does,"

The list of MVP catchers is a roll call of some of the best who've played the position: Bench, Berra, Munson, Elston Howard, Mickey Cochrane, Roy Campanella, Ernie Lombardi and Gabby Hartnett.

Munson and Elston Howard are the only ones not in the Hall of Fame.

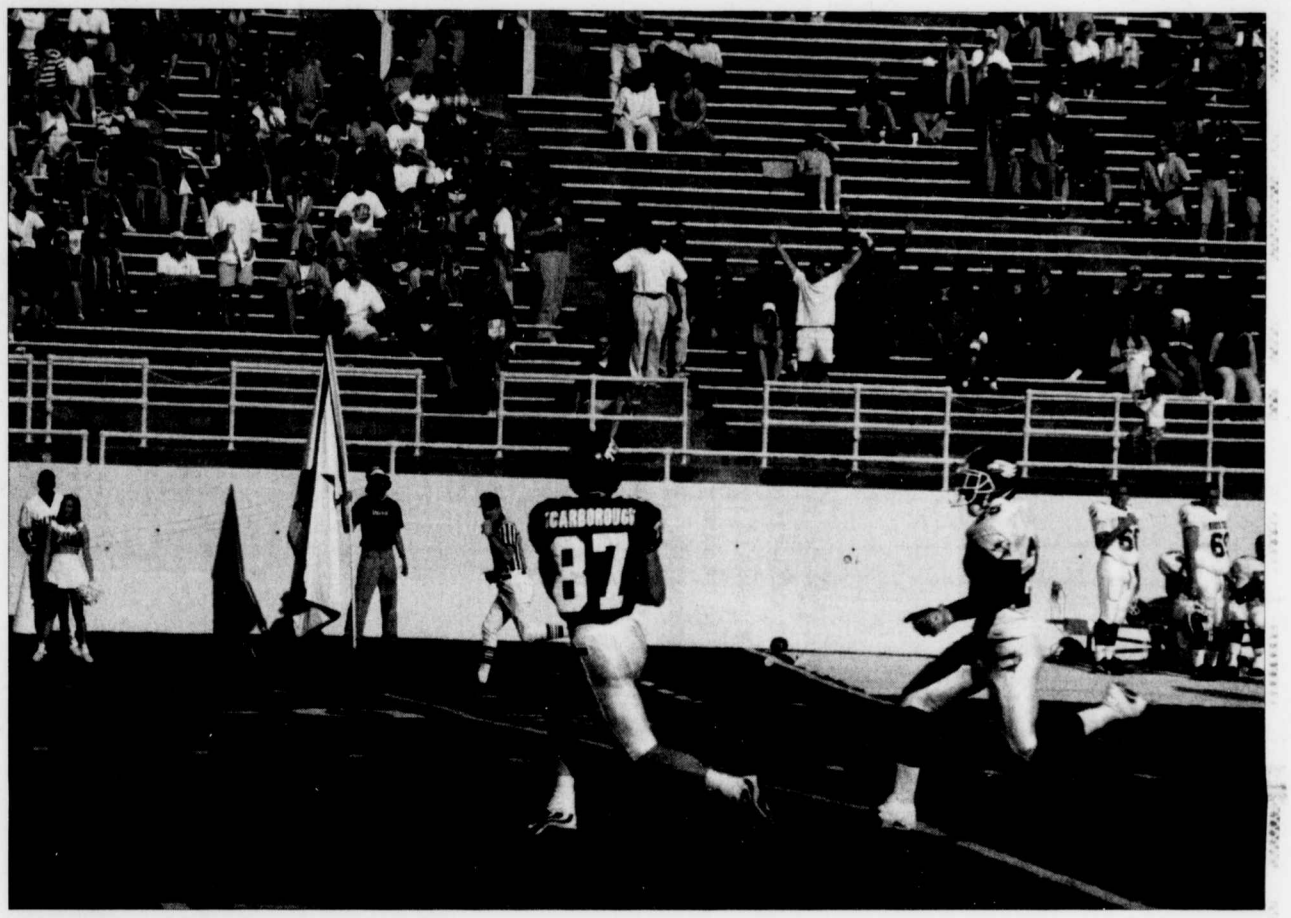
The only thing missing from Rodriguez's resume is a championship. Texas won the AL West in three of the last four seasons but has yet to get out of the first round.

"They're going to put a good team together to go to the playoffs next season," Rodriguez said. "Probably next year is going to be the year."

Rodriguez is the third Ranger to win the award, joining recently traded Juan Gonzalez (1998, '96) and Jeff Burroughs (1974).

Martinez, the unanimous AL Cy Young winner, had one more first-place vote than Rodriguez, marking only the fourth time that's happened. Rodriguez's 13-point victory was the closest since 1996, when Gonzalez beat Seattle's Alex Rodriguez by three points.

"The guys I competed with, they all had dream seasons," Rodriguez said. "But that's baseball. I feel I had a good season and I felt confident that I had a shot to be MVP and it came true. I'm so happy for it."


John Shaw/SKIFF STAFF

Senior Mike Scarborough has caught touchdowns in five consecutive games. He will look to continue the streak when the Frogs take on Texas-El Paso at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at Amon Carter Stadium.

UTEP sparks memory of past

Frogs aim to create new football tradition, seek spot in bowl game

By Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

To get an idea how much has changed since TCU last faced Texas—El Paso, which will be forever remembered as a turnover-marred 24-17 loss to the Miners, consider this:

- Current senior backup quarterback Patrick Batteaux was the team's leading receiver that night, catching eight passes for 184 yards and a touchdown.
- Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, currently the nation's fourth-leading rusher at 146.6 yards a game, was then an unheralded freshman who had what he termed "one of the worst games of my life." Tomlinson lost two fumbles in that contest and rushed for 77 yards.
- TCU head coach Dennis Franchione was then New Mexico's head man, leading the Lobos to an upset victory over Brigham Young, en route to New Mexico's first bowl berth in 36 years.

The Frogs were then headed to an ignomious 1-10 season, but with little more than two years separating TCU from that embarrasing finish, the drastic changes since that airy night in El Paso should put the Frogs' current situation in perspective.

With a Saturday victory over UTEP, TCU (5-4, 3-2 WAC) will clinch its second consecutive winnning season and possibly, its second consecutive bowl berth. It would be the first time TCU appeared in two straight bowl games since 1959.

But first, the Miners come to town to put a damper on TCU's flirtation with history.

Franchione said he isn't concerned about his team overlooking a UTEP squad beating Rice last weekend, snapping an eight game Miner road losing streak.

"I don't think there's any danger of our players looking past this game," Franchione said. "They probably have more marquee players than any other team in the conference. They are as talented as any team in this league."

UTEP (5-6, 3-3) boasts the Western Athletic Conference's second-best offensive unit, averaging 391 yards a game.

Franchione said the Miners pose more of a problem than the WAC's top-ranked offense, Hawaii, because of UTEP's capability to run and pass the ball equally well.

"They are not a one-dimensional team," Franchione said. "This is a tougher team to face than Hawaii. They have a lot of weapons. That's what makes them difficult to defend."

The Miners' defense isn't quite as formidable as their offense. UTEP gives up 381 yards a game, and has held an opponent under 20 points only once in 11 contests this season.

Still Franchione has concerns about a UTEP team that defeated the same Rice team that beat TCU by three touchdowns just four weeks ago.

"We have a lot of respect for UTEP," Franchione said. "This is a scary team. That win (against Rice) gave them some momentum."

Joel Anderson
jdanderson@delta.ts.tcu.edu

Edge Box

TCU

Passing offense: TCU freshman QB Casey Printers isn't quite ready to carry the burden of the Frogs' offense on his shoulders, but he ranks third in the WAC in pass efficiency. UTEP is second in the conference in pass efficiency defense, with two solid pass rushing defensive ends in Leif Larsen and Brian Young, who is tied for first in the WAC with eight sacks. **Edge: UTEP**

Passing defense: TCU ranks first in the conference in pass efficiency defense, but the Frogs' defensive line has proven to be one of the country's most threatening front fours. No quarterback is safe in the pocket against the Frogs, so look for UTEP's touted pass offense to falter. **Edge: TCU**

Rushing offense: With Frogs' TB LaDainian Tomlinson hobbling during this week's practice, the running game could suffer a bit. But TCU stills ranks 12th in the country in rushing, occasionally sparked by the talents of backup QB Patrick Batteaux and emerging backup TB Andrew Hayes-Stoker. The UTEP run defense shouldn't pose much of a threat. **Edge: TCU**

Rushing defense: TCU has the WAC's best rushing defense, bolstered by run-stuffing DT Shawn Worthen. But UTEP has an ace up its sleeves with 235-pound TB Paul Smith, who has run for nearly 1,300 yards this season. TCU doesn't want to see Smith carrying the ball too many times, his size, strength and speed could wear down the smaller Frogs. **Edge: Even**

Special teams: Reggie Hunt ranks first in the WAC in kickoff returns, Royce Huffman is second in punt returns and kicker Chris Kaylakie can nail field goals when called upon to do so. Everything looks OK here, but don't look for UTEP to kick to Hunt. The last thing Franchione wants is to be returning a lot of kickoffs because lots of returns means lots of points for the Miners. **Edge: TCU**

Intangibles: UTEP stands in the way of bowl-eligibility for the Frogs, so look for Franchione to pull out all the stops this week. With the possible absence of wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar, someone will have to fill the role as TCU's second-most explosive offensive weapon. **Edge: TCU**

Prediction: TCU by 6

Joel Anderson/STAFF REPORTER

UTEP

Pass offense: The Miners have the luxury of a roster that sports two quarterbacks averaging more than 100 yards passing a game. Quarterback Jay Stuckey averages 147.5 yards a game, and Rocky Perez throws for 111 yards a game. Receiver Lee Mays leads the team in receptions (55), receiving yards (806) and touchdowns (9). **Edge: UTEP**

Pass defense: University of Texas at El Paso's secondary is rather inexperienced, but it has held its own this season. They have produced 14 interceptions — two returned for touchdowns — and have given up 196 yards a game. Safety Derek Walker and cornerback Nick Salinas are tied for the team lead in interceptions with three apiece. **Edge: Even**

Rush offense: UTEP averages 140 yards a game on the ground, led by running back Paul Smith, who averages 113 yards a game and has scored 12 touchdowns this season. He is a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, which is given for the top running back in the country. The TCU defense has been rather stingy this season, so it will be a battle in the trenches. **Edge: TCU**

Rush defense: This is where opposing teams have taken advantage of the Miners this season. UTEP gives up an average of nearly 184 yards a game and have allowed 24 touchdowns this season. The lone bright spot is defensive end Brian Young. Young leads the team in tackles (111), sacks (8) and tackles for losses (16). **Edge: TCU**

Special teams: UTEP's punt returners average a mere 4.5 yards a return. Kickoff returners are slightly better at 16.4 yards a return. Kicker Ricky Bishop is 10 for 13 in field goals this season. His longest field goal is from 49 yards out. Punter Glen Beard averages 39.4 yard a punt and has 11 punts inside the 20-yard line. **Edge: TCU**

Intangibles: The Miners need a win Saturday to attain an even record for the season. TCU is on a quest for a bowl game. TCU will prove to be too strong in the matchup this weekend. The TCU defense is playing extremely well right now, and the passing game is finally starting to come together. **Edge: TCU**

Prediction: TCU by 17

Matt Welnack/STAFF REPORTER

RUDY

BY AARON BROWN

Academia Nuts

by John P. Araujo

e-mail: AcademiaNuts@aol.com

Lex

by Phil Flickinger

www.L-E-X.com

Chaos

by Brian Shuster

"Captain, listen, James had a *great* idea! If we just take off one of these eye patches . . ."

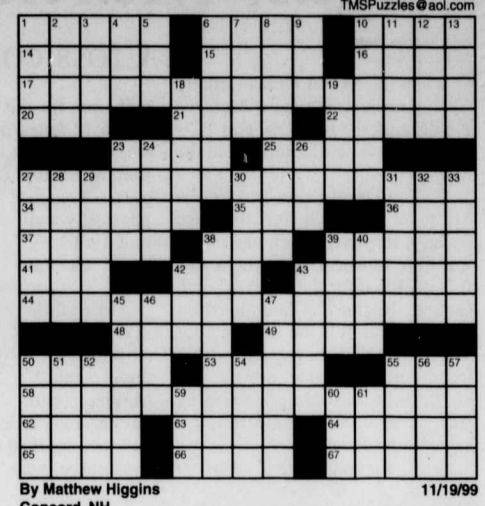
off the mark

by Mark Parisi

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

TMSPuzzles@aol.com



By Matthew Higgins
Concord, NH

11/19/99

ACROSS
1 Antilles island
6 Roosevelt's successor
10 Encircling route
14 Severity
15 __ vera
16 Nabisco cookie
17 Holding device, super weapon, radiograph
20 __ polloi
21 Itemize
22 Chances
23 __ accompli
25 Far from plump
27 Double bend, girder, fed. agent
34 Walk-on parts
35 Cowboys' sch.
36 Gone by
37 Harry's veep
38 Blockhead
39 Asian capital
41 Fabrication
42 USN non-com.
43 Restaurant patrons
44 Ski lodge, online letters, 6/6/44
48 Church or movie follower
49 Belfry occupants?
50 Chemical compound
53 Mountain lake
55 Ex-Giant Mel
58 Cavalry sit-com, German sub, skier's ride
62 Putrid
63 Region
64 One Judd
65 Made haste
66 Actress Tuesday
67 Kilmer poem

DOWN
1 Foot structure
2 Puerto __
3 Jamaican fruit
4 Feathery scarf
5 Branch
6 Papeete's location
7 Clerical wear
8 Apodal
9 Pro __ (temporarily)
10 Ali's sport
11 Goes astray
12 News source?
13 Playthings
18 Works at
19 "Dracula" author Stoker
23 At liberty
24 Bard's river
26 Seine flow?
27 La __ Opera House
28 L.A.'s state
29 Brown pigment
30 "__ Buddies"
31 Coiffed like Leo
32 Greek market
33 Offensively loud
38 Opening
39 Dagger handle
40 Common conjunctions
42 Average grade
43 Paul Anka hit
45 Ancient
46 Gulf of the Celebes Sea
47 Overseas
50 Failing grades
51 Octagonal sign
52 False alternative
54 Rudolph or Walter
55 Shawm's descendant
56 Docile
57 Speaker of Cooperstown
59 Handle roughly
60 Explosive letters
61 Seafarer

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

S	E	R	F	S		C	A	V	E		S	T	U	B
A	V	A	I	L		A	P	E	X		P	I	S	A
F	O	R	B	I	D	D	E	N	P	L	A	N	E	T
E	K	E		D	U	E		D	I	E	C	A	S	T
S	E	R	P	E	N	T	S		R	A	E			
			A	S	K		T	R	I	N	K	E	T	S
O	D	I	N			B	O	O	N	E		M	O	O
D	A	N	G	E	R	O	U	S	G	R	O	U	N	D
O	N	O		D	O	L	T	S			A	S	I	A
R	E	N	E	G	A	D	E		V	A	T			
			R	E	D		R	A	I	N	H	A	T	S
P	I	A	N	I	S	T		G	I	G		L	O	U
A	D	V	E	N	T	U	R	E	I	S	L	A	N	D
S	E	E	S		E	T	O	N		T	I	M	E	S
T	A	R	T		R	U	N	T		S	T	O	R	Y

(C)1999 Tribune Media Services, Inc.
All rights reserved.

11/19/99

PURPLE poll

Q. DO YOU THINK CHARACTER SHOULD PLAY A ROLE WHEN ELECTING PUBLIC OFFICIALS?

A. YES 91 NO 9

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria.
This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

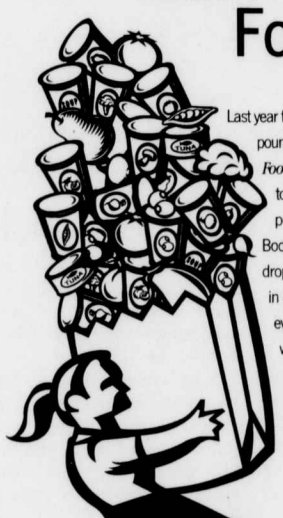
Take advantage of a good offer when you see one.
Call *Skiff* Advertising at 257.7426

Chief EZ Liner II Frame System
Complete Theft Restoration
Expert Color Match
Collision Specialist
HAWS
Paint & Body
Since 1963
Eddie Stephens
(817) 335-3616
1100 Florence St., Fort Worth

PREGNANT?
NEED HELP?
- Free pregnancy tests.
- Results while you wait.
- No appointment necessary.
- Confidential.

924-9110
Fort Worth Crisis Pregnancy Center
3502 Bluebonnet Circle • TCU Area

5th Annual
Canned Food Drive
November 8–19

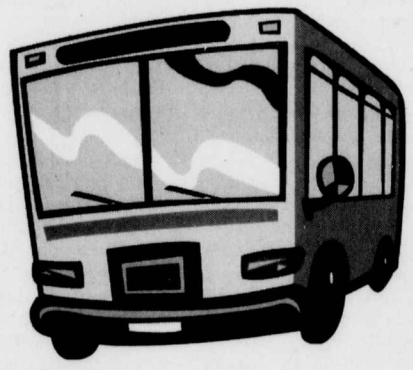


Last year the TCU Bookstore donated 750 pounds of food to the *Tarrant County Food Bank*. Our goal this year is to increase our donation to 1,000 pounds. You can help the TCU Bookstore reach this goal by dropping off your canned* goods in our store collection bin. For every one pound you donate, we will give you **20% Off**** any one regularly priced item in the store. Help this worthy cause and take advantage of this great discount.

TCU BOOKSTORE
2950 WEST BERRY STREET
FORT WORTH, TX 76109
(817) 257-7844
tcu@bkstore.com

* All canned goods must be non-perishable. ** Discount does not apply to textbook, software, professional reference books and class rings. The discount may not be combined with other markdowns or clearance merchandise. The 20% discount applies to one item in the store for every one pound canned good you bring into the store.

Get on the Bus!



FREE bus service to D/FW Airport for Thanksgiving.

The Bus Essentials:
- Drop off at your gate
- FREE!!!
- Depart from both Student Center and Worth Hills Cafeterias
- NO CHARGE!!!
- Every hour on the hour
- WE'LL PICK UP THE BILL!!!
- Brought to you by the House of Student Representatives
- NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!
- ???s Call 257-5234

Tuesday • Nov. 23 1p.m. to 6p.m.
Wednesday • Nov. 24 7a.m. to 5p.m.

$25.00 OFF
Your Fall Formal Tuxedo Rental!
TCU GREEK STUDENT DISCOUNT

BUY AND SAVE **20%OFF** ALL TUXEDOS AND ACCESSORIES!
Offer good on in-stock items only. Does not include special order items or closeout items. Can not be used in conjunction with tuxedo package coupon offer. OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/99. See store for details.

TUXEDO SALE
THE COMPLETE TUXEDO PACKAGE
ONLY $279.95
Package includes: Gingiss Custom Collection Coat, pants, standard tuxedo shirt, solid cummberbund and bow tie set and jewelry.

Hulen Mall • Fort Worth
294-1364
gingiss
Ridgmar Mall • Fort Worth
731-6467

STORE HOURS:
(some store hours may vary)
MONDAY-SATURDAY
10:00a.m.-9:00p.m.
SUNDAY
12:00 p.m.-6:00p.m.

Visit our website at:
www.gingiss.com/fortworth
See store for details.

Must Present This Ad To Receive Discount.