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The Lady Frogs have three days off before facing Air Force at 7 p.m. Thursday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Trustees discuss enrollment, renovations

By Lori Eshelman
STAFF REPORTER

Increased undergraduate enrollment and student retention, enhanced Internet access and preliminary renovation plans were several of the key issues Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari reported to the TCU Board of Trustees at its fall meeting Friday.

"Last week was a great week in TCU history," said John Roach, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "The seeds planted there will lead to a future enhanced with great achievements and distinction for the

Board members approve various measures at 2nd meeting

university."

Roach said last week's events — which included the record financial participation from alumni during Homecoming events, the dedication of the School of Music, the strong attendance at the launch of the Commission on the Future of TCU and the dedication of the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community — were especially encouraging.

TCU also had a three percent

increase in undergraduate enrollment, which rose from 7,395 last fall to 7,603 this fall. In addition, the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate — a critical index in most institutional ratings — increased from 80 percent to 83 percent this year.

Ferrari also announced TCU's partnership with four other universities in North Texas to secure high-speed access to Internet 2, the next generation of the Internet.

Ferrari said this capability will enhance teaching and research abilities for faculty and staff members and provide a stronger platform to deliver and access Web-based instruction.

The trustees also discussed preliminary renovation plans for the Student Center and the Rickel Building, and the administration will study plans submitted by two architectural firms.

"Preliminary planning is in

progress, but no decision has been made as to when construction might start," Roach said.

Ferrari also added a third meeting of the Board of Trustees, which will be held each January in addition to the November and March meetings.

Roach said a third meeting was added to enable board members to be more informed about what is happening at the university. Ferrari had three meetings when he was president of Drake University in

Des Moines, Iowa.

"I think it is clear that Dr. Ferrari's leadership is very important to the future of the university, and his success in long-range planning at Drake is indicative of that," Roach said.

In other business, the board:

■ Approved a joint resolution on continuing affiliation and services between TCU and Brite Divinity School that strengthens their institutional association and clarifies gov-

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BRIEFS

Velez to conduct wind symphony, band concert

The TCU School of Music will present its Wind Symphony and Community Concert Band in a performance at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Alfredo Velez, the interim director of bands, will conduct the concert that features TCU's leading wind and percussion musicians. The concert is a culmination of a semester-long class offered through the Office of Extended Education.

House of Reps bring back free D/FW airport shuttle

The House of Student Representatives will host "Get on the Bus," a free airport shuttle to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport again this year for TCU students beginning Tuesday.

Buses will be supplied by Cowtown Bus Charters and will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Student Center and in front of the Worth Hills dining hall. Students are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before the hour they intend to leave for the airport.

Pending confirmation, students may have the option of taking buses back from DFW to campus Sunday night. Buses would leave every two hours starting at 6 p.m. and would pick students up from the American Airlines terminals only.

House votes on bill to amend fiscal policies

The House of Student Representatives will debate and vote on a bill to amend its fiscal policies and procedures at its meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222.

The bill, submitted by the House Finance Committee, reflects changes in the Student Government Association Constitution, as well as annual changes. It was voted on by the House Elections and Regulations Committee at its meeting Thursday.

Part of the committee's duties under the election code is to accept, reject, review and choose between all bills that propose revisions to House documents. Committee members will announce whether or not they approved the bill at today's meeting.

House members voted last week on whether their meeting will be a plenary session, where quorum rules do not apply.

In previous years there has been a decrease in attendance the day before Thanksgiving break, so a precautionary measure was taken to make sure they get through business as usual.

Making music



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Music faculty members Richard Estes, left, and John Owings perform at the Faculty Recital Series Monday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. The performance included popular music hall and parlor songs.

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Focus on Retention

Freshman-to-sophomore retention rate rises three percent for 1998-99 year

By Kristen Naquin
CAMPUS EDITOR

When Laura Cruzada came to visit TCU, she thought she had found her home for the next four years.

But now — more than halfway into the first semester of her freshman year — Cruzada has decided to not return to TCU in the spring.

"I am just not happy here," she said. "It's been hard finding friends. As far as people being nice, it's 'hi' and 'bye,' but it doesn't go deeper than that. I could get involved, but I don't feel like I fit in."

Although statistics released Nov. 11 reveal that TCU's freshman-to-sophomore retention rate for the 1998-99 academic year reached an all-time high of 83 percent, Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari and other university administrators said TCU's rate is not yet high enough. The most prestigious private universities in the country have freshman-to-sophomore retention rates that reach into the 90s, Ferrari said.

"To increase three points in one year is really quite impressive," he said, referring to the 1997-98 retention rate of 80 percent. "It's a step in the right direction, but it can and should be higher. It gives us the basis to continue building to the future level."

Because the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate is so significant when judging the overall quality of an institution, TCU officials must work diligently to improve its rate, Ferrari said.

"If institutions judging the quality of a university can look at one and only one statistic, it will be the retention rate," he said. "It is something any private institution should attend to."

But Sandra Ware, dean of admissions, said the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate should not be



IN-DEPTH
REPORT

"It is not because of one program or one office. It has to be a university-wide commitment to make sure students don't fall through the cracks."

— Chancellor
MICHAEL R.
FERRARI

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Members of new sorority chapter inducted



After 10 months, Zeta Phi Beta to start recruitment

By Jessica Schambach
STAFF REPORTER

After 10 months of searching, Zeta Phi Beta finally found its niche at TCU. The five members who comprise the predominately black sorority were officially inducted Friday night in the Woodson Room of the Student Center.

"Our sorority (was) founded in 1920 off five members," said Cinnamon Sheffield, advisor to the sorority. "We figure we can start there and continue to get it to where it needs to be. We want to get a firm foundation started here."

Last semester, representatives questioned whether Zeta Phi Beta would be successful with few members, and they delayed the sorority's official recognition.

Rick Barnes, director of special projects for the division of student affairs, said the 10-member requirement to begin a chapter was lowered to five members for groups under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the governing body for black Greek organizations at TCU. He said minimum membership was lowered shortly after the debate last semester.

"Part of the reason behind that

was simply due to the limited opportunity that these groups have for members from within the student body," he said. "There are not as many African-American students that meet their qualifications."

He said Zeta Phi Beta was recognized Sept. 23 by the university but an internal processes delayed induction.

Sheffield, the women's assistant track coach and a former member of Zeta Phi Beta at Louisiana State University, played an instrumental part in getting the sorority underway.

"We're giving a variety — a different type of organization," she

said. "The community service activities we do will be more prolific here on campus. We want to tie in the community with TCU and our graduate chapter."

Zeta Phi Beta member Brandi Odle, a sophomore international communication and fashion merchandising major, said the "realness" of Zeta Phi Beta appealed to her.

"I believe that through Zeta (Phi Beta) I can influence others to live with finer womanhood and delegate scholarship, as well as service in the community," she said.

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Skiff TV makes Web debut

Broadcast reports featured online to enhance campus coverage

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

With today's emergence of Skiff TV, students can observe the birth of a new type of interactive communication.

Skiff TV is a news Internet site that combines print, broadcast and the World Wide Web, allowing people to see, hear and watch TCU news. Students who enroll in Broadcast Reporting will record, write and edit their own stories for the Internet site.

"This is the way people will be doing stories in the future," said Aaron Chimbel, a sophomore broadcast journalism major. "All the types

of media are becoming intertwined. Through Skiff TV, we are learning to rely on ourselves and how to do professional work."

Students enrolled in the class this semester have already completed or are working on putting stories together for the Internet. Chimbel's story on the new TCU eatery, Frog Bytes, will appear today on the TCU Daily Skiff Internet site: (www.skiff.tcu.edu).

Suzanne Huffman, chairwoman of the broadcast journalism sequence, said Skiff TV will help make graduates more competitive in the job market.

"This gives students an opportuni-

ty to create something new," she said. "The strength of video is that it can take us there and show us what is going on. This is a complement to the Skiff."

Chimbel's story is almost two minutes and contains video and audio that is available in Quicktime movie player format.

"The sound bytes are short, and the video is good in his story," Huffman said. "He interviews students about something that matters to them."

TCU is one of a few programs in the country utilizing the Internet in

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Steven Baker/STAFF REPORTER

Latonia Vaughn, a senior radio-TV-film major, records her stand-up for Skiff TV, a program that will broadcast stories produced by the broadcast reporting class on the Skiff's Web site (www.skiff.tcu.edu).

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CAMPUS LINES

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

■ Organization of Latin American Students will meet at 5 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Student Center, Room 206 for a Christmas party.

■ TCU College Republicans will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community Commons Building. There will be free pizza, soda and cookies. New members are welcome.

■ Order of Omega will sponsor the Holiday Tree Lighting at 10 p.m. Dec. 1 in front of Sadler Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a gift for the Spirit of Christmas program.

■ 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 today in the Student Center, Room 211.

■ 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. The program will include some Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Miles Davis and a special arrangement of "In the Still of the Night," off the new "Sinatraland" compact disc. There also will be a performance of "100% Concentrate," an original composition by TCU graduate Michael Riggs.

■ RTVF Thursday Film Series will present "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944) at 7 p.m. 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).

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ROUNDUP

World

Jet crashes into power lines in Tokyo, leaving 800,000 homes without electricity

TOKYO — A Japanese air force jet ripped through a power line northwest of Tokyo on Monday, cutting off power to hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses and briefly halting some rail service.

The T-33 jet crashed in a dry riverbed near a junior high school, killing both crewmen. There were no reports of casualties on the ground, police spokesman Masami Yoshida said.

As many as 800,000 homes lost electricity in the Tokyo metropolitan area for about three hours after the jet severed the 275,000-volt power transmission line, said Yoichi Takeuchi of Tokyo Electric Power Co. Ltd.

The afternoon outage, which affected Tokyo and nearby Saitama prefecture, also temporarily stopped trains to the busy Ginza and Shimbashi districts of the capital and shut down ATM machines, Takeuchi said.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange suspended trading in futures on government bond options for about a half hour because of the power loss, Kyodo News agency said. Among many businesses, the Tobu department store in the Ikebukuro neighborhood was without electricity.

Nihon University Itabashi Hospital was without electricity for about 20 minutes before emergency generators kicked in, Kyodo reported.

Islamic Salvation Front leader shot dead after most violent week in Algiers since April

ALGIERS, Algeria — Abdelkader Hachani, the third-ranking leader of the banned Islamic Salvation Front, was shot and killed Monday in Algiers, family members said.

An unidentified gunman shot Hachani twice in the head and once in the stomach in the working class district of Bab el-Oued, just before he entered a dentist's office. He was rushed to the emergency ward at a nearby hospital, his 14-year-old daughter said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. She is one of four children.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the killing that came after the worst week of violence in the North African nation since President Abdelaziz Bouteflika was elected in April. He has promised to end the seven-year insurgency.

Hachani was a pragmatist who was able to persuade radical Islamic leaders to use elections to try gain power.

Nation

Labor Department announces more reasons in support of workers' compensation

WASHINGTON — Employers would have to correct injury-causing workplace conditions that require repetitive motion, overexertion or awkward posture under proposed regulations the Labor Department announced Monday.

The proposal would affect about 1.9 million work sites — one of every three — and more than 27 million workers. The department estimated the cost to employers at \$4.2 billion a year.

Each year, 1.8 million workers have musculoskeletal injuries related to ergonomic factors and 600,000 people miss some work because of them, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The injuries to muscles, nerves, ligaments and tendons include such problems as carpal tunnel syndrome, back pain and tendinitis.

The new rules would cover a broad range of workers from nurses aides who must lift heavy patients, to baggage handlers at airports and people who work at computers or on assembly lines.

Under the rules, a worker who has an ergonomic injury diagnosed by a doctor would be entitled to have the work environment fixed to relieve the cause — by changing the height of an assembly line or computer keyboard, for example.

A worker who must be assigned to lighter duty during recovery from ergonomic injury would be guaranteed normal pay and benefits. A worker who must leave the job altogether would be guaranteed 90 percent pay and full benefits during recovery.

17-year-old lowland gorilla gives birth to baby in front of crowd at Washington zoo

WASHINGTON — Mandara, a 17-year-old lowland gorilla, gave birth for the fourth time — in public, in full view of a very surprised crowd. Her guardians couldn't be more delighted.

"Gorillas choose to give birth where they feel most comfortable," said Lisa Stevens, curator of the gorilla exhibit at the National Zoo. "Obviously, Mandara is very used to human visitors." The baby was born Saturday.

Mandara is on loan from the Milwaukee County Zoo, and the first-time father, 16-year-old Kuja, belongs to the Brookfield Zoo, near Chicago.

Zoos regularly lend gorillas back and forth to try to ensure a genetically diverse captive population. The practice has worked so well that some animals have been given birth control, though not the gorilla population at the National Zoo.

According to Stevens, workers at the gorilla exhibit believe the new baby is a girl, although Mandara hasn't yet ventured close enough for them to get a good look.

Gorillas are typically born after an 8 1/2-month gestation period and weigh between 4 and 5 pounds.

State

Crash fraud estimated at \$3 billion with \$17 million in Dallas/Fort Worth area

DALLAS — It took Jennifer Resnick five years of courtroom battles to prove she was one of thousands of victims snared by staged-accident rings each year that authorities say seem to be thriving, primarily in Texas and California.

For Resnick, 24, her five-year nightmare began in early October 1994. She was waiting alone in her car at a traffic light on Preston Road when a car ahead of her moved into the intersection when the light turned green. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason, the driver suddenly hit his brakes.

Resnick rear-ended the car, which carried three people, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Shaken and scared, the young teacher knew that night that the crash wasn't her fault. She saw no other cars or obstructions that could have forced the Nissan to stop short.

She was eventually proven right.

Robert Cox, a local agent for the National Insurance Crime Bureau of Palos Hills, Ill., estimates that more than \$17 million in losses resulted from accident claims eventually processed as fraud cases in the D/FW area in the last five years.

But he says the national toll from such fraud has been an estimated \$3 billion in the same five-year period.

Government records say voice on tape after Kennedy assassination was not Oswald's

WASHINGTON — Hours after President Kennedy was assassinated, FBI agents reportedly listened to a tape of a phone call that a man identifying himself as "Lee Oswald" had placed to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

They made a startling discovery: The voice on the tape was not Oswald's, government records say.

This controversial tape has been a question mark in the assassination investigation since Kennedy was killed. The assassination occurred 36 years ago Monday and only now have new details about the tape come to light.

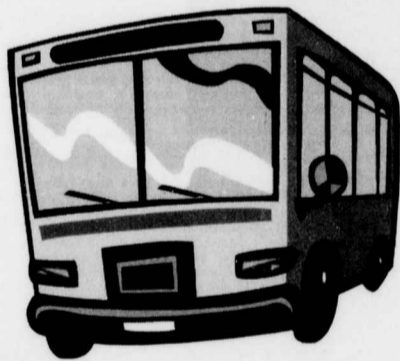
The CIA said years ago that the tapes on which it recorded the call were erased. Documents released in recent years said otherwise. The latest and newest of declassified documents offer more evidence that the tapes survived.

The discovery that the voice on the tape was someone other than Oswald was a "disquieting discovery because the man who impersonated Oswald was still at large," said John Newman, an ex-military intelligence analyst, author and professor at the University of Maryland.

Oswald was in Mexico City in September and October 1963. During his one-week stay, he contacted the Soviet Embassy and the Cuban consulate, inquiring about visas needed to go to the Soviet Union via Cuba.

These stories are from The Associated Press.

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STAFF editorial

MOVIN' ON UP

Skiff TV hits the Web

Today marks the inauguration of *Skiff TV*, a news Internet site that combines print, broadcast and the World Wide Web, allowing people to see, hear and watch TCU news. The technological phenomenon is made possible by students in the Broadcast Reporting class who record, write and edit their own stories for the Internet site.

Starting today, people will be able to log onto the *Skiff* Web site (www.skiff.tcu.edu) and click on a link that allows them to view a taped news broadcast. Beginning next semester, the taped video clips will correspond to news and sports stories that appear in the *Skiff*, giving people the option of reading the story, viewing the broadcast or doing both.

Suzanne Huffman is chairwoman of the broadcast journalism sequence and faculty member most responsible for the implementation of *Skiff TV*. She said TCU is one of a few programs in the country utilizing the Internet in different ways to complement the existing media at their schools. Working with this new media outlet will make graduates more competitive in the job market and will give an international focus to the journalism department, to the *Skiff* and its Web site, she said.

An alumnus anonymously donated \$5,000 for the purchase of microphones, video cameras and tripods, and the university recently gave the journalism department \$15,000 for editing equipment to be used with *Skiff TV*.

Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said the program was brought to TCU because of the convergence of print and broadcast that will occur in the near future.

But *Skiff TV* does not benefit only journalism majors. It is a cutting-edge technology that will bring national and international prominence to the university and help to further educate the members of its community as well.

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Look at all these people running! George W. Bush, Al Gore, Bill Bradley, Pat Buchanan, Donald Trump, John McCain—



Prez's Internet chat positive for politics

In an Internet chat room somewhere in America... SlickWillie: "53/m here. Any ladies wanna chat?" TheAmericanPublic: "So, uh, Mr. President, what is your position on campaign finance reform?"

Commentary



Laura Head

SlickWillie: "LOL. He said 'position!'" OK, so maybe it wasn't exactly like that. Bill Clinton became the first president to participate in a live Internet chat Nov. 8. Many Americans have since dubbed his Internet chat as a great technological advance for the United States political system.

But Mariano Castillo, columnist for *The Battalion* at Texas A&M University, wrote last week that the president's online discussion was a political digression.

"Until the number of voters with access to the Internet becomes greater than the number of voters

with access to a television or radio, chats such as Clinton's will have a negative effect on democracy in the United States," Castillo wrote. "Franklin Roosevelt's 'Fireside Chats' and John F. Kennedy's television press conferences brought politics within the reach of the masses with, of course, the exception of those without televisions or radios."

Those presidents didn't reach every American, and Clinton won't either. But they all tried. They all made an effort to bring the White House to every house, and that's what counts in the grand scheme of things.

Castillo wrote that only 50,000 Internet surfers were able to log on to chat with the president. Granted, it was a small portion of the population. But that was also 50,000 more people who got to "talk" to one of the most powerful men in the world.

That's 50,000 people who showed interest in the government when they could have been chatting with fellow singles or other members of 'N Sync fan clubs. That's impressive.

What reason is there to complain about 50,000 people getting to talk to the leader of their country? Last time I checked, that's why we let him live in that big house in Washington.

Castillo wrote there are 215 million televisions and 540 million radios in the United States.

"Such large coverage means that those who want to hear a debate or meeting can," he wrote. "Even if a political event is not covered by a standard channel, it will surely be on C-SPAN."

But not all of those 215 million television sets have access to cable channels like C-SPAN.

Those who do have cable access rely on reporters to ask the important questions. And — don't let this get around — reporters don't always ask what people want to know.

Though the questions in the chat were screened and chosen before Clinton answered them, the chat allowed participants in the Internet chat session to ask what they wanted to know.

Castillo, however, wrote the screening process increased the

chances of "manipulated questions."

"It is the definition of hypocrisy when the president of the United States and his supporters can talk proudly about what a huge step for democracy the event was, when he screened all the questions," Castillo wrote.

Of course they would be screened. There are always inappropriate questions from Internet chatters, whether they are asked of the president or of the average citizen.

Surely this Internet chat with the president will be improved with time, just as television and radio coverage has improved through the years. There's no sense in condemning something based on its inaugural run.

So for now, let's be content that 50,000 of our neighbors got to chat with the president. After all, that's 50,000 people that wouldn't have gotten to talk to him otherwise.

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Equality struggling to exist

Ingrained in so many of the ideals that we hold to be American is one unifying theme: equality of opportunity.

Without equality of opportunity there can be no freedom. Without equality of opportunity there can be no impartial justice. Without equality of opportunity there can never be equal access to resources, and of course, there can be no equality.

Why is it that so many people who believe in these other American ideals deny the necessity of equality of opportunity? How can those people who stand against policies that promote this equality call themselves Americans?

It seems that many people believe that equality presently exists in America, and that prejudice and discrimination are things to be found in our history books, not in our social institutions.

Wake up, people! Inequality still exists in its many manifestations here in the United States. People are being discriminated against in schools and in the workplace on the basis of their religion, race or ethnicity, and gender. Yes, I said gender.

You may have been told, "The glass ceiling is shattered" or "The women's rights movement is over," (hence the term "post-feminism"), but these are weak-minded falsities. So much of our socialization is

based on traditional gender roles, many of which are harmful and demeaning to women and thus to society as a whole.

In addition to that, discrimination against females still exists in the workplace. A headline in the Nov. 15 *Dallas Morning News* reads, "Female Senate workers earn 83 percent of men's pay." Compare this to a national average of 69 percent of the male salary, and it becomes evident that the cry for "equal pay for equal work" is yet to be answered. Those who say that women have nothing left to fight for are either simply ignoring the facts or don't care enough to rationally consider the point.

But that is only the beginning. In addition to gender, race and ethnicity, there are also areas where inequality is evident to any person willing to take the time and effort to entertain the thought.

Nationally, black employees earn an average of 71 cents to every dollar of the average white employee's salary, and Hispanics earn only 66 cents to the dollar.

Contrary to the beliefs of many, this is not due to the inherent inferiority of minority races. It is due to an intricate web of factors that include inequalities in public schools, preferential hiring practices and socialization factors that are beyond the scope of this column.

I do not know all of the causes of these inequalities, but my life experiences tell me that they do undeniably exist.

I attended two different high schools in the same school district. One was in a primarily black neighborhood, and one was in a white neighborhood. One school

was equipped with computers in each classroom and extensive college placement programs. The other school was outfitted with technical job training and a direct job placement program, guaranteeing graduates a labor intensive job in a struggling business. I will let you guess which was which.

This in a country where many people deny that racism exists. This in a country where many people oppose policies that would give minorities and women a chance to compete on more even ground with those of the dominant group. How can Americans deny that we have yet to realize equal opportunity in the United States?

A tour of the Long Beach Unified School District's high schools would shut the mouth of anyone who believes that inequality does not exist in America's schools and thus in America as a whole.

The "American Dream" is to have a chicken in every pot, not a chicken in some people's pot and a crow in the pot of others. The American ideals of freedom, justice and equality can not exist without true equal opportunity, which itself cannot exist in a place where diversity is not even addressed.

For those who believe this whole issue of diversity has been blown way out of proportion, I want to say that diversity and equality are not small issues. In fact, these issues are at the heart of the American dream.

Zachary Norris is a senior biology major from Long Beach, Calif. He can be reached at (pookyson@hotmail.com).

LETTERS to the editor

Homecoming decorations leave campus in messy state

I am writing on behalf of a group of students that is all for school spirit and homecoming decoration. However, we are also in favor of maintaining the beauty of the TCU campus. Supporting our school by putting up signs and banners is great, but those who do the decorating are also responsible for disposing of such decorations in an appropriate manner.

Removal of decorations is neither the responsibility of the housekeeping staff nor the students and faculty who occupy the building. To all those who displayed such enthusiastic school spirit for the Frogs, please be responsible and clean up your handiwork.

Alexis Cormier
senior modern dance major

Texas A&M graduate appreciates outpour of support for victims

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone at TCU for the memorial service that was held for the Aggies who were lost and injured in the tragic bonfire accident. I am truly moved by the outpour of support and will forever hold TCU near and dear to my heart. Thank you and God bless.

Robert Gutierrez
TAMU '93 graduate

Aggie alumnus thanks campus for support during tragedy

I attended Friday's vigil for the fallen Aggies who died at the bonfire site. The past few days have been hard for everyone, not just Aggies. I just wanted to thank TCU for the undying love and support during these hard times. Your ges-

tures to offer condolences have been heart-felt by all Aggies, and we're very grateful. TCU is a true class act.

I've always liked TCU, but my liking for your school has increased ten-fold. There were many TCU folks who attended the vigil, and their thoughts and consideration haven't gone unnoticed by the Aggies in attendance. TCU's kind gestures are a true act of humanity.

For anyone who is in any way associated with TCU, I sincerely thank you for your support, consideration and prayers. God bless.

Randy Treviño
TAMU '99 graduate

TCU lacks minority numbers that reflect hometown demographics

I was extremely happy to see the *Skiff* print the article about local high schools whose student body consists of mainly minority students and how they are not being recruited enough by TCU. It is about time this problem has been addressed.

I am a Mexican-American female who is from Fort Worth and chose TCU to stay close to the home I love. Yet when I arrived here last year as a freshman, I felt as if I was in another town. TCU does NOT represent Fort Worth in any way. I did not understand how I could be within the Fort Worth city limits and feel like I was in another state.

I realized part of the problem was that TCU really was a bubble and did not target the local minority students, even though these high schools represent the heart of Fort Worth and its culture.

You would never know that Fort Worth has a high Hispanic popula-

tion and that there's a love for customs such as Tejano dancing and quinceaneras by going to TCU. I know first-hand that Fort Worth high schools see TCU as a university that doesn't care and wouldn't give them a chance. To them, TCU is BMWs and stuck-up sorority girls who pay for their friends.

We have a great campus to offer here! Why are we keeping it hidden from our own home town?

Thank you Joel Anderson for your article!

Celestina Phillips
sophomore advertising/
public relations major

Punishment for not attending class reminiscent of high school

I've noticed lately that TCU is not really a major university at all. It is high school revisited.

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studied in isolation. "It depends on so many factors," she said. "It is a multi-dimensional situation. Students may tell you one reason (for transferring), and it may be another reason: boyfriend, girlfriend, can't decide what to study, home influences or students don't know what to expect in the university environment."

Ferrari said there are a variety of reasons students leave TCU after their first semester or year, some over which university officials have no control. Other reasons include personal problems, family influences, financial reasons and the lack of academic programs, he said.

Darron Turner, director of minority

affairs and commuter-student services, said an unrealistic expectation of what TCU will be like also contributes to transfer rates. Because admissions officials do not necessarily discuss campus diversity with prospective students, some minority students are not aware of campus demographics until they arrive.

"I wouldn't underestimate the power of a good PR person," he said. "They put the (university's) strong points first."

Therefore, Turner said he tries to ensure that organizations that represent ethnic minority students are functional so these students have a forum to discuss relevant issues. He also tries to

ensure that minority students have made connections on campus, he said.

Ferrari said several programs which have been initiated over the past few years — including new-student orientation, Howdy Week, Frog Camp, residence-hall activities and faculty and staff mentoring — contributed to the retention-rate increase.

"It is not because of one program or one office," he said. "It has to be a university-wide commitment to make sure students don't fall through the cracks."

Ferrari said the success of these programs — many of which are sponsored by Student Development Services and Residential Services — lies in their ability to fully connect students with the university.

"The most significant factor (contributing to freshman-to-sophomore retention) is the depth of connection or engagement of the student in the university in the first six to eight weeks he or she is here," he said.

"I wouldn't underestimate the power of a good PR person. They put the (university's) strong points first."

— DARRON TURNER, director of minority affairs and commuter-student services



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ernance arrangements. The board also endorsed bylaws approved by the Board of Trustees of Brite Divinity School to rename the positions of dean and associate dean to president and vice president and academic dean, respectively, as is

customary among seminary schools.

- Authorized the renovation of Foster Hall, part of the ongoing residence hall renovation program, at the cost of \$8.1 million.
- Approved the design for the

William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center and authorized the production of construction and engineering documents.

- Approved resolutions honoring former trustees and honorary mem-

bers of the board James R. Curtis Sr., who passed away July 2, 1999, and Marion L. Hicks, who passed away July 31, 1999.

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In addition, low membership of the other black sororities on campus is not a strong basis to exclude additional sororities, Odle said.

"If this were a predominately black school then we would have higher numbers," she said. "And no sorority is exactly the same. Our principles as far as sisterhood are basically the same, but as far as the emphasis on certain things, they're different. Regardless, there should be a variety because there are different people on campus."

Taria Mathis, a junior elementary education major and a member of Zeta Phi Beta, agreed.

"Just as there are different types of people, there are different types of groups," she said. "And different groups appeal to certain people. I feel that Zeta Phi Beta is just another avenue for the African-American young ladies to look at."

Sheffield said the chapter will hold

informational meetings, and members will recruit others to increase membership.

"It's not about (saying) we have a new sorority — come join," she said. "It's about the young ladies we started with, who they know and bringing them into the organization. We'll give young ladies around campus an overview of the sorority and let them see if this is what they've been looking for."

Alpha Kappa Alpha President Janae Hafford said she's not worried about Zeta Phi Beta taking membership away from AKA, instead she's happy students will have more options.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha isn't for everyone," she said. "Zeta Phi Beta gives people more of a chance to find something that might be fit for them."

Jessica Schambach
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different ways to complement the already existing media at their schools. An alumnus anonymously donated \$5,000 for the purchase of microphones, video cameras and tripods, and the university recently gave the journalism department \$15,000 for editing equipment to be used with *Skiff TV*.

"This will give broadcast students an outlet that is international in scope," Huffman said. "It creates a platform for something different. International students can do two versions of their story, one in English and one in their native language. This will bring eyeballs to the TCU Web site."

Skiff Editor in Chief Jeff Meddaugh said the broadcast reports are a welcome addition to the *Skiff* Web site.

"This will only help to enhance

campus coverage and provide a variety of reports for our readers," he said. "And it's a sign that the student publications division is progressing and moving in the same exciting direction as other kinds of media outlets."

Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said this program has been brought to TCU because of the convergence of print and broadcast that will occur in the near future.

"Ultimately, what we want is a full scale program that does everything the *Skiff* does but in a TV format," he said. "But this is not a different delivery service for an old medium like television. The Internet is a new medium."

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Oil surge lifts Russian economy

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MOSCOW — The Russian economy, beset by a litany of woes, has tapped a mini-gusher of unexpected revenues from surging world oil prices.

One of the world's largest oil exporters, Russia stands to reap an extra \$4 billion this year — a hefty sum in a country where the projected annual budget is only \$25 billion.

The cash infusion is not enough to solve Russia's huge problems or reverse a decade of economic decline. But it has given President Boris Yeltsin's government extra cash to raise pensions, whittle away at debts to unpaid workers, help stabilize the ruble and cover the costs of the war in Chechnya.

The government may end this year with a balanced budget, something that was unthinkable at the start of the year, when oil prices hovered around \$10 a barrel. By contrast, oil prices have hit nearly \$25 a barrel in recent weeks.

"The oil prices are a huge benefit for Russia," said Peter Westin, chief economist at the Russian European Center for Economic Policy Trends. "Anyone in power in an improving economic environment can benefit."

So far, the oil money has been good news mostly for Yeltsin's government and Russian oil companies. The direct benefit for ordinary citizens has been minimal or nonexistent and probably won't make a difference in Dec. 19 parliamentary elections, when Yeltsin's allies are not expected to fare well.

But Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who plans to run for president next year as Yeltsin finishes up his second and final term, could benefit if the oil money gives the economy a boost.

At the beginning of the year, Russia was still in the grip of a financial crisis that hit in August 1998, and the economy was expected to shrink by about 5 percent.

But the oil revenues and increased industrial production have vastly improved the forecast, and the econo-

my is now likely to remain flat — or even grow 1 or 2 percent, according to the government. If the economy grows just 1 percent, it will be the best performance since the 1991 Soviet breakup.

The oil money has also eased Russia's dependence on foreign loans. For much of this decade, Russia has survived multiple loans from the International Monetary Fund and other foreign lenders.

The latest IMF loan installment has again been delayed while the fund seeks assurances about the government's economic plan. But with oil money in the coffers, the need for the IMF loan is less urgent.

Oil prices began their rapid climb after the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries cut production at a March meeting. Russia is not a member of OPEC, meaning it was able to maintain its production levels even as prices soared.

For every dollar increase in the average annual oil price, the overall Russian economy receives an extra \$2

billion a year, said Konstantin Reznikov, senior oil and gas analysts at Russia's Alfa Bank. Of this, the government now collects about 50 percent in taxes and tariffs, Reznikov said.

Analysts caution that oil money is not a panacea — Russia is too big and its economy too broad-based to prosper on the strength of one industry.

Also, in a country plagued by capital flight, Russian oil companies may seek ways to keep their money abroad, where it won't help the government or the economy.

But after years of failing to meet its tax collection targets, the Russian government suddenly began exceeding its planned revenue figures this past spring. The government has also imposed duties on oil exports in order to take a larger cut of the oil money.

These gains could all disappear if oil prices start to fall, though oil market watchers expect prices to remain strong through the winter and probably until OPEC meets again in March to plan its next moves.

Taiwanese heating ad features Hitler

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — Adolf Hitler is one of this century's most monstrous figures, but that didn't discourage a Taiwanese company from using his image in an advertising campaign for German-made electric space heaters.

"We decided to use Hitler because as soon as you see him, you think of Germany," Yu-shan Shen, of the K.E. and Kingstone trading firm in Taipei said Monday. "It leaves a deep impression."

The company's 6-foot-tall subway ads in Taipei feature a smiling caricature of the Nazi leader in a khaki uniform and black jackboots, his right arm raised high in a salute. Above

him is a white space heater and the slogan "Declare war on the cold front!"

There are no swastikas in the ad, but the Hitler figure wears a red band around his left arm with a white circle bearing the name of the heater's manufacturer, DBK, a company based in the southwest German city of Kandel.

Shen said she didn't think the ad campaign, which began this month, would offend Taiwanese consumers, who "are not that sensitive about Hitler" and wouldn't think about how he oversaw the deaths of millions of Jews and others during World War II.

Taiwanese companies have used Nazi symbols before to catch customers' eyes or emphasize that a

product was made in Germany. Two years ago, a company sold swastika-adorned motorcycle helmets that were shaped like those worn by German soldiers in World War II. Another firm put swastikas on German-made sneakers.

Israeli and German trade officials in Taipei were appalled by the electric heater ad, and DBK said it would order an immediate halt to the campaign.

At DBK headquarters in Kandel, executive director Hans-Hermann Alfes said the company first heard about the ad on Friday. Alfes said managers were not immediately sure who was behind the ad, but they will order the campaign to stop immedi-

ately.

Uri Gutman of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei said the advertisement was "unbelievable." He feared using Hitler's image in such ads would trivialize Nazi atrocities or make them seem less real.

"It supports the denial of the Holocaust," said Gutman, referring to fringe theories that the Nazis didn't kill Jews.

The ad was especially embarrassing to Germans in Taipei.

Johannes Goeth of the German Trade Office in Taipei said the advertisement didn't surprise them because he often encounters Taiwanese who admire Hitler and lack a deep understanding of European history.

Holy Land churches close doors in protest of mosque

Christians and Muslims in conflict; Vatican backs closure

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAZARETH, Israel — The gates of churches across the Holy Land swung shut in protest Monday as church leaders made a final attempt to block the building of a mosque in the heart of Nazareth, the town of Jesus' boyhood.

The two-day, Vatican-backed closure highlights the increasingly volatile relations between Christians and Muslims, as well as Israel's ambiguous — some claim politically tainted — role as mediator.

The dispute has also spilled over into Mideast peace talks, with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat backing the Christians in Nazareth in hopes they will support him when he negotiates the future of Jerusalem

with the Israelis.

Saudi Arabia, the guardian of Islam's holiest shrines, supported Arafat's efforts, offering to pay for a new mosque at an alternate spot in Nazareth, away from the Basilica of the Annunciation, to avoid friction.

The church closures, just weeks before the last Christmas of the millennium, left many pilgrims disappointed. Some endorsed the protest, while others said Christians should set examples of tolerance and not block construction of the mosque.

"Nazareth should be a city for everyone," said Jozeph Wietstiers, 54, a Roman Catholic who had walked more than 2,400 miles since May on a

pilgrimage from his hometown in Oss, Holland, only to find the Basilica closed.

But the highest Roman Catholic authority in the Holy Land, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, said the Christians, a tiny minority of about 100,000, had to take a stand.

"We closed the churches so the world can hear, and the world did," Sabbah told a news conference in Jerusalem.

The dispute is uncharacteristic of Israel's Christians, who usually keep a low profile to avoid friction with Muslims.

Sabbah hinted that Pope John Paul II's visit to Israel and the Palestinian

areas, set for March, could still be called off if the Nazareth dispute was not resolved.

The argument began two years ago, when the city's Christian mayor, Ramez Jeraisi, announced plans to build a tourist plaza on a half-acre plot outside the Basilica to make the congested, noisy downtown more appealing to millennium visitors.

The city's Islamic movement said some of the land was Muslim-owned and set up a protest tent on the lot.

In a compromise brokered by the Israeli government, the mosque is to be built on one-third of the land, the plaza on the remainder.

Jeraisi reluctantly accepted the

deal, saying he wanted to avoid more strife, but was overruled by Roman Catholic, Armenian and Greek Orthodox patriarchs who said a mosque near the church was unacceptable.

On Monday, a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said the Holy See "clearly supports" the church closures, but stressed the decision was made by the various local authorities in charge of the churches.

Churches closed across the Holy Land, including in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Galilee. Some neighborhood churches stayed open, including a Greek Orthodox church in Nazareth and the Ethiopian

Orthodox-controlled section of Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Israel has denied allegations by church leaders that it favored the Muslims because they have more political clout. The vast majority of Israel's one million Arabs are Muslim.

On Monday, Muslims and Christians in Nazareth, who have long lived in harmony, said the dispute has left them suspicious of one another. Christians make up only about 30 percent of the city's 60,000 residents, but until recently were dominant in politics and business.

Christian Nassim Mazzawi, who owns a jewelry store next to the Basilica, said he felt the Muslims were being rewarded for using threats and force.

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Microsoft faces 7 lawsuits

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NEW YORK — A growing wave of private lawsuits against Microsoft Corp. suddenly has the company fighting on several legal fronts at once, raising the stakes in its antitrust battle in Washington and intensifying pressure on Microsoft to settle the case.

At least seven lawsuits, including one filed Monday in San Francisco, have been filed on behalf of computer users in response to a judge's Nov. 5 finding that Microsoft is a software monopolist that routinely bullies high-tech rivals. The finding provided grist for allegations by computer users that Microsoft's monopoly gave it substantial leeway to overcharge for its Windows software program.

Microsoft is viewed as rich enough and legally savvy enough to weather a continued onslaught of private lawsuits, which may be consolidated into a federal case. Among the world's most profitable companies, Microsoft has about \$19 billion in cash and no debt.

But legal experts say the state and federal lawsuits, filed in Alabama, California, Louisiana and New York, could create a short-term challenge at Microsoft as it tries to ensure its legal arguments and trial maneuvers are consistent across different jurisdictions.

Moreover, the lawsuits are likely to reinforce pressure on the software giant to reach an out-of-court settlement with the Justice Department, particularly after the judge appointed a mediator Friday to oversee voluntary negotiations. A settlement would make it far more difficult for private plaintiffs to use the judge's findings to bolster their cases.

"As more of these lawsuits are filed, you have to assume

that Microsoft will look for some way to try to prevent the trial from going to conclusion," said Richard Thomas Delamarter, an expert on corporate monopolies who teaches antitrust history and technology at Yale University. "These private cases only add to the pressure."

Indeed, the appointment of a mediator and the prospect of a settlement offset any concern by investors that Microsoft may get swamped by lawsuits. The company's stock was sharply higher Monday, rising more than 4 percent, or by \$3.81 1/4 at \$89.81 1/4, as of the 4 p.m. EST close of trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

So far, consumers have filed three cases in San Francisco; one in Orange County, Calif.; and one each in New York; New Orleans and Birmingham, Ala. They all seek class-action status, potentially on behalf of millions of consumers.

The lawsuits in Alabama and Louisiana are federal cases, while the ones in New York and California are in state courts. New York and California are among more than a dozen states that make it easier for consumers to sue for allegedly overcharging for products.

Regardless of the eventual outcome of the antitrust case in Washington, the broadened legal assault could compel Microsoft to tone down its aggressive behavior in the computer industry.

Consider the long-running antitrust case against IBM, another famous computer industry monopoly. IBM had to defend itself not only against a Justice Department lawsuit, but also against competitors and private individuals whom the government's action prompted to file similar complaints.

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Thousands mourn bonfire victims

Services remember Eagle Scout, pilot, Corps of Cadets member

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WATAUGA, Texas — Thousands of mourners, many wearing ribbons in Texas A&M University's maroon and white colors, gathered in churches across the state Monday to bid farewell to five of the 12 people killed when the traditional A&M bonfire collapsed last week.

In the Fort Worth suburb of Watauga, about 2,200 people, including 100 uniformed Boy Scouts, gathered at Harvest Baptist Church to mourn Chad Anthony Powell, 19, former Keller High School valedictorian and Eagle Scout.

Fellow Scouts took turns eulogizing their dead comrade, whose flower-bedecked casket was draped with a Texas A&M flag.

"There's a handful of people you can turn to if you need anything that you can trust," Powell's former Scout leader Barry Johnston said. "Chad was one of them to all of us."

Said fellow Scout Cody Austin: "I personally believe that God was looking for a leader, and after searching far and wide, he found Chad."

Four others dying in the bonfire were remembered in funerals at Carrollton, Arlington and San Antonio and a memorial service at Pasadena.

The bonfire is a Thanksgiving week tradition on the A&M campus in College Station, the highlight of preparations for the annual day-after-

Thanksgiving football game against archrival Texas.

Four students remained hospitalized Monday with injuries from the accident. John Comstock was in critical condition, William Davis and Dominic Braus were in serious condition, and Milton "Chip" Thiel was in fair condition. Davis was upgraded Monday from critical.

This year's bonfire has been canceled, and university leaders will decide the future of the tradition at a later time.

In College Station, workmen were to erect a large tent over the bonfire site Monday to prevent rain from disturbing evidence, A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson said. Also, the stack's center pole was to be moved to a protected location.

In Carrollton, just outside Dallas, more than 1,100 people overflowed St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church on Monday to mourn 19-year-old Michael Stephen Ebanks, who was eulogized as a loving son, dedicated friend and loyal Aggie.

Ebanks' desire to attend the university was magnified after his older brother, a Texas A&M graduate, died in a traffic accident in 1994.

"I think he really got the Aggie infection from his brother, Keith," said Jim Ebanks, an uncle. A&M "was a source of intense pride for Michael."

Ebanks also was an avid student of aeronautics, his major at Texas A&M.

An honors student, he earned a private pilots license in high school, where he was known for his easy smile and quiet sense of humor.

"How could a 19-year-old make such an impact on so many people?" Ebanks said. "The answer is found in the devotion and dedication of his parents. The answer is found in the strength of his heritage. The answer is found in his love."

In Arlington, more than 2,000 people crowded into the First Baptist Church to mourn A&M junior Jerry Don Self.

Self was buried in his Corps of Cadets uniform in a casket lined with fabric bearing the Texas A&M logo. Dozens of fellow uniformed cadets attended.

Best friend Beau Riley said Self has gone to heaven, but "it's just like him not to let any of us know what it's like up there."

"I know that someday when I die and go to heaven, he'll be at the gates waiting," Reilly said. "He'll say, 'What took you so long, loser?'"

In San Antonio, friends and relatives packed a Methodist church to remember Bryan Allan McClain, 19, as an outgoing, fun-loving young man.

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Bond, Ichabod flicks top Hollywood box office

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood's juggernaut year is cranking into high gear with two mega-hits dominating the weekend and two more likely blockbusters opening over Thanksgiving as a second straight record year at the box office winds down.

The world's favorite spy copped the top spot at the box office over the weekend as the latest James Bond flick, "The World Is Not Enough," debuted with \$35.5 million, according to industry figures Monday. "Sleepy Hollow" turned some heads for second-place as Tim Burton's take on Washington Irving's tale of Ichabod Crane and a headless horseman opened with \$30.06 million.

It was the first time two movies grossed more than \$30 million each their opening weekend.

Opening Wednesday are this week's big premieres, the animated sequel "Toy Story 2" and "End of Days," a fire-and-brimstone thriller with Arnold Schwarzenegger battling cosmic enemy No. 1, Satan, played by Gabriel Byrne.

"Toy Story 2" has money written all over it," said Robert Bucksbaum of Reel Source Inc., which tracks box-office trends.

Analysts expect the computer-generated sequel to top \$50 million over the five-day Thanksgiving weekend, breaking the record of \$45.7 million set last year by "A Bug's Life." Both films were produced by Pixar and Disney studios.

"Toy Story 2" is poised to continue Disney's run of opening No. 1 movies at Thanksgiving. Since "Toy Story" in 1995, Disney has topped that weekend with "101 Dalmatians" in 1996, "Flubber" in 1997 and then "A Bug's Life."

"End of Days" is expected to gross at least \$30 million for the five-day weekend, Bucksbaum said.

This Thanksgiving should easily surpass last year's five-day record of \$182 million overall, possibly

topping the \$200 million mark, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks movie ticket sales.

It's a fitting end to a record-breaking year for the movie industry. Movie-goers are expected to spend \$7.4 billion this year, beating the record of \$6.95 billion set in 1998.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distributing studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI Inc.:

1. "The World Is Not Enough," MGM, \$35.5 million, 3,163 locations, \$11,230 average, \$35.5 million, one week.

2. "Sleepy Hollow," Paramount, \$30.06 million, 3,064 locations, \$9,811 average, \$30.06 million, one week.

3. "Pokemon: The First Movie," Warner Bros., \$12.5 million, 3,043 locations, \$4,109 average, \$67.4 million, two weeks.

4. "The Bone Collector," Universal, \$6.5 million, 2,623 locations, \$2,490 average, \$45.1 million, three weeks.

5. "Dogma," Lions Gate, \$4.1 million, 1,287 locations, \$3,172 average, \$15.7 million, two weeks.

6. "Anywhere But Here," Fox, \$3.2 million, 1,681 locations, \$1,933 average, \$10.1 million, two weeks.

7. "The Insider," Disney, \$2.8 million, 1,844 locations, \$1,535 average, \$18.3 million, three weeks.

8. "The Bachelor," New Line,

\$2.4 million, 2,337 locations, \$1,040 average, \$17.9 million, three weeks.

9. "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc," Sony, \$2.3 million, 2,147 locations, \$1,060 average, \$10.5 million, two weeks.

10. "Being John Malkovich," USA, \$1.9 million, 591 locations, \$3,158 average, \$8.8 million, four weeks.

11. "The Sixth Sense," Disney, \$1.6 million, 1,219 locations, \$1,325 average, \$270 million, 16 weeks.

12. "House on Haunted Hill," Warner Bros., \$1.5 million, 1,807 locations, \$851 average, \$37.4 million, four weeks.

13. "Double Jeopardy," Paramount, \$1.4 million, 1,340 locations, \$1,073 average, \$110.8 million, nine weeks.

14. "The Best Man," Universal, \$1.34 million, 766 locations, \$1,745 average, \$29.6 million, five weeks.

15. "American Beauty," DreamWorks, \$1.29 million, 815 locations, \$1,587 average, \$64.7 million, 10 weeks.

16. "Light It Up," Fox, \$1.004 million, 1,252 locations, \$803 average, \$4.6 million, two weeks.

17. "Music of the Heart," Miramax, \$1 million, 1,042 locations, \$960 average, \$12.3 million, four weeks.

18. "The Omega Code," Providence, \$780,368 million, 395 locations, \$1,976 average, \$10.2 million, six weeks.

19. "Fifty," Warren Miller, \$565,000, 31 locations, \$18,226 average, \$2.6 million, four weeks.


20. "Runaway Bride," Paramount, \$460,726, 651 locations, \$708 average, \$150.7 million, 17 weeks.

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Wayne Gretzky inducted into hockey Hall of Fame

The 'Great One' remains humble, shares spotlight with other inductees

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Wayne Gretzky handled the ultimate tribute to his unparalleled hockey career — induction in the Hall of Fame — with the same boy-next-door humility that characterized his playing days.

In typical Gretzky fashion, The Great One tried to share the limelight with his two fellow inductees — former referee Andy Van Hellemond and former referee-in-chief Scotty Morrison — when they received their Hall of Fame blazers and rings at a ceremony Monday jammed with journalists.

Gretzky insisted that Morrison take the center seat at the interview table and called the honor of joining his co-inductees in the Hall "pretty special."

Such gestures have made Gretzky a national hero in Canada, honored and loved as the greatest to ever play

the game. When asked what made him the most dominant player of all time, Gretzky credited his teammates and a passion that drove him to always want more from himself.

"I felt like I'd never done enough," he said. "If I had three goals, I wanted five goals. If I had seven points, I wanted to get the eighth point. I kept going every night, played 80 games every year as hard as I could, whether it was Oct. 1 or April 1."

"Maybe that's why I was able to have the records that I did eventually get," said the holder of 61 NHL records whose trademark No. 99 was retired after his final game.

The 38-year-old master left an extraordinary mark on the game, with four Stanley Cup championships, almost every conceivable scoring record and winning every major NHL award multiple times.

He longs for the camaraderie and competition left behind by retirement, but said his decision to stop playing is final.

"Nothing can replace hockey," he said. "I wish I could still play and I miss it tremendously because it's a great game."

"But I said this before: I was going to retire one time, one time officially and I'm officially retired. I probably miss the game more than the game misses Wayne Gretzky."

His legacy is evident, on and off the ice. The NHL now features increasing numbers of swift-skating, highly skilled European players who prospered under the flowing, puck-control style played by Gretzky and his Edmonton Oilers teams of the 1980s that won four championships in five seasons.

Eight NHL teams play in southern U.S. cities formerly considered

unsuitable for a winter game such as hockey, due in part to Gretzky's seven-plus years in Los Angeles and the popularity he helped spread.

In conjunction with Gretzky's induction, the Hall of Fame opened its largest single exhibit, a 2,300-square-foot collection of Gretzky memorabilia that includes the skates he wore in his final game on April 18, the net into which he scored his league-record 802nd goal and even his picture as a smiling youngster with idol Gordie Howe.

The Hall waived the normal three-year waiting period for the 10th time in honor of Gretzky and accredited 175 journalists for the ceremony.

Both Van Hellemond, who worked 19 straight Stanley Cup finals, and Morrison, credited with building the Hall of Fame into one of Canada's leading tourist attractions, joked they were now the answer to the trivia

question of who was inducted with No. 99 in 1999.

Morrison acknowledged Gretzky's humble approach, telling how Gretzky rejected a plan to move the ceremony to a bigger venue because he wanted the same ceremony in the same place as those before him. That came as no surprise to one of the onlookers, Wayne's father, Walter.

"It's just nice to know that Wayne has turned out to be such a great individual," Walter Gretzky said. "His hockey achievements are one thing, but he's also a very fine person."

Thin and shifty with an unmatched ability to anticipate, Gretzky scored more goals (894) and had more assists (1,963) than anyone before him. His assists alone exceed the 1,850 total points of the No. 2 career scorer, Howe, who played past age 50.

When asked if the NHL should

name a trophy for him, Gretzky deferred to his elders, as usual.

"Before anything needs to be done about Wayne Gretzky, we need to address people like Gordie Howe and Bobby Orr," he said. "I'm way down the totem pole on that one."

He called his first Stanley Cup win, with Edmonton in 1984, his greatest memory, and losing in the finals as a Los Angeles King to Montreal in 1993 as the greatest regret. Traded to St. Louis in 1996, he signed as a free-agent with the New York Rangers the next season, and his career ended on April 18 with a team that failed to make the playoffs.

Asked what his dream was now that his playing days were through, Gretzky gave a laugh and said: "That I can come back and play again, like I did when I was 20."

Horned Frogs blast Miners

Tomlinson sets record Saturday during 52-24 victory over UTEP

By Matt Welnaack
STAFF REPORTER

Before junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson came off of the field with 1:46 left in the game Saturday against Texas-El Paso, he turned around to his offensive line and hugged them.

Congratulations were in order after Tomlinson broke the NCAA Division 1-A record for rushing yards in a single game with 406, breaking Kansas running back Tony Sands' mark of 396 yards set Nov. 23, 1991.

Tomlinson also scored six touchdowns to lead the Frogs past the Miners' 52-24 and improved TCU's record to 6-4. The Frogs are now eligible for a bowl game and also have back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since the 1994-1995 seasons.

"I have never seen anything quite like that," head coach Dennis Franchione said. "I've seen a lot of great teams, but not many days like that. It was the best ever. No one has ever done what he did today."

Tomlinson also set a TCU single-season rushing record with 1,725 yards, formerly held by Kenneth Davis, who had 1,611 yards. His six touchdowns also represented a TCU single-game record.

In usual style, Tomlinson gave the credit to his offensive line.

"I believe all the credit goes to the offensive line," Tomlinson said. "They've done a great job creating holes all season. I need to buy them a couple of steaks now."

The Frogs, as a team, rushed for 475 yards against the Miners and are 4-0 in games this season when they rush for over 240 yards.

Junior guard Jeff Millican said the offensive line takes pride in knowing they played a part in Tomlinson's record-setting day.

"We took it upon ourselves to get

it for him," Millican said. "When we see his name anywhere, we know we are related to it."

TCU started the game strong, scoring 17 points in the first quarter. Sophomore linebacker Chad Bayer set up Tomlinson's first score, a 13-yard run, with an interception off a UTEP quarterback Jay Stuckey pass.

On UTEP's ensuing drive, running back Paul Smith fumbled the ball and junior linebacker Shannon Brazzell recovered the ball at the 9-yard line, and three plays later, Tomlinson had his second touchdown of the day.

In the second quarter, the Miners gave the Frogs a dose of their own medicine as they countered with 14 points off of a fumble by Tomlinson and an interception thrown by freshman quarterback Casey Printers. A field goal by kicker Ricky Bishop tied the game at 17 going into halftime.

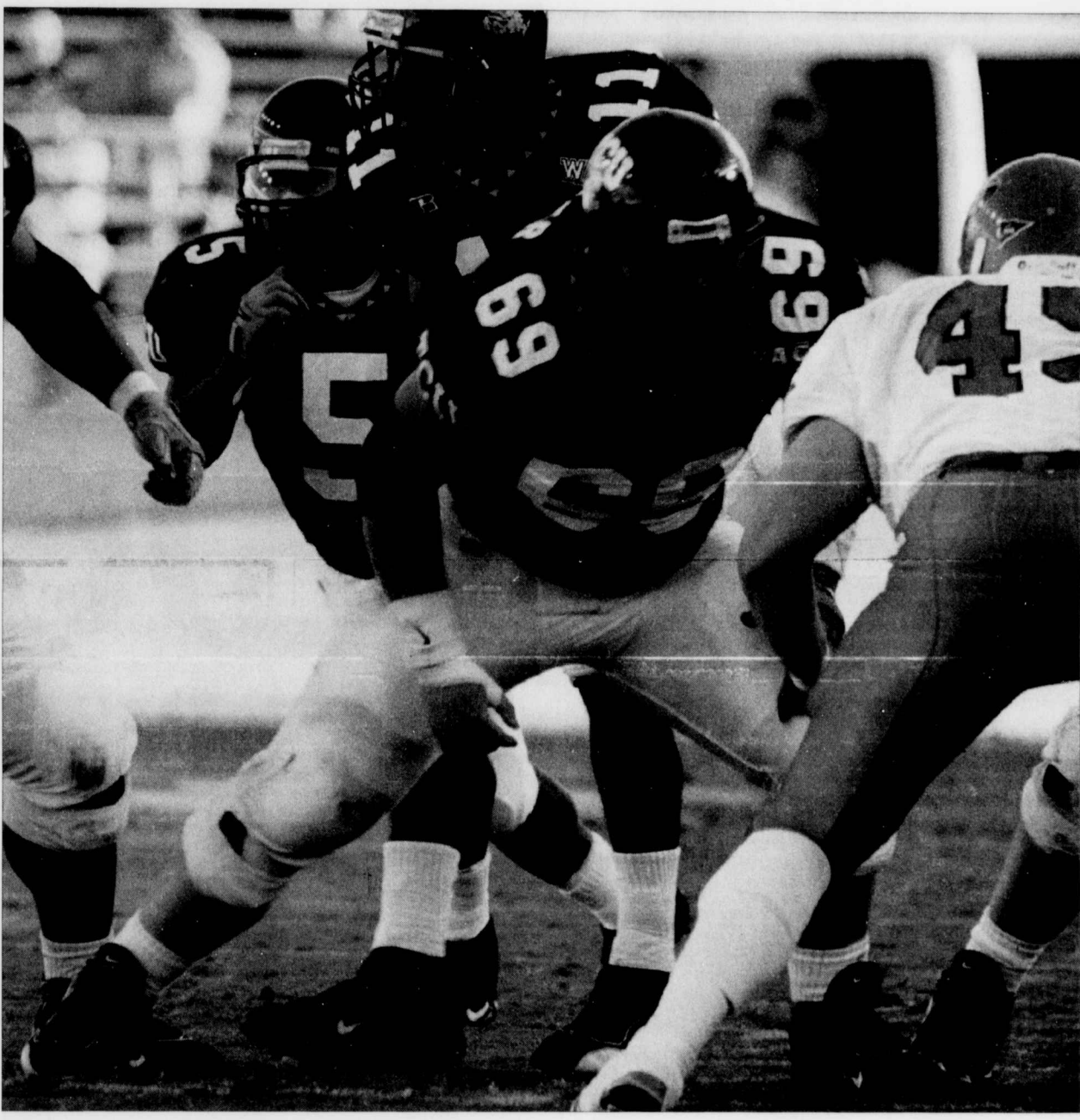
"I told them (at halftime) the offense had to quit turning the ball over and that we had to play a four-quarter ball game," Franchione said. "I have a lot of respect for UTEP. Their offense has been able to score quickly."

The Frogs defense stepped up in the second half, holding Smith to one yard and Stuckey to 149 yards passing. Bayer came up with another interception in the fourth quarter, setting up a 63-yard touchdown run.

Tomlinson was not the only Frog to have a record-setting day. Junior defensive end Aaron Schobel set the all-time TCU record for career sacks with 22.5, breaking the record of 22 held by Royal West.

Senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux, who played much of the second half because of Franchione's decision to run the ball more, said Tomlinson's rush to the record books made the game interesting.

"He made my job a whole lot easier," Batteaux said. "All I had to do



Junior center Jeff Gamer leads the TCU offensive, which opened 406 yards worth of holes for junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson Saturday afternoon. The Frogs beat Texas-El Paso, 52-24, at Amon Carter Stadium.

was hand off the ball to him. I still had to carry out my fakes, but it was hard because I wanted to watch him and see what he's doing because he's very exciting to watch.

"We never expected that out of

him, but we knew he was capable of (rushing for over 400 yards)."

Tomlinson gained 289 yards in the second half, despite playing with several nagging injuries. Tomlinson said his ankle was still sore from a

past injury, and he took a hit to his wrist that plagued him throughout the second half.

"I knew I had to play," Tomlinson said. "All the second half came from my heart for (the offensive line). No

little, minor injury was going to stop me from getting out there with them."

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

Junior point guard Jill Sutton dribbles past the full court press of the Houston Jaguars Friday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Sutton led the Frogs to a 98-72 victory in front of a crowd of 400 spectators. Forward Janice Thomas scored a team-high 14 points. Guard Amy Sutton, guard Diamond Jackson and forward Sally Spencer each added 11 points in the win. The Frogs have three days off before facing Air Force at 7 p.m. Thursday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.



Lagat places in top 100 for third straight year; Martinez makes debut

By Steven Baker
STAFF REPORTER

Running against the nation's best at the NCAA Cross Country Championships Monday only one of the two TCU men's runners finished in the top 100.

Senior David Lagat finished the 10,000 meter race in 67th place (31:43), while senior Adrian Martinez completed the race in 223rd (33:56).

Martinez was among the top 50 of 255 runners through the first 4,000 meters, but said he exhausted himself too early by trying to run the turns too fast.

"It was like a sea of runners," Martinez said. "You look up at the beginning and all you could see were heads bouncing up and down."

This was Martinez's first time to run the race, while Lagat had competed in three previous championship races. Lagat finished 59th in 1998 with a time of 31:36.

Lagat was among the top 10 runners through the first 5,000 meters of the race, when runners began to pass him. "There was a lot of pushing and shoving in the race that caused me to lose my concentration," Lagat said. "But that

is part of the race. I expected that. I am OK with what I accomplished in the race, because I ran hard."

Instead of marking the race in miles on the course, NCAA officials decided to measure reference points for the runners in kilometers.

"I have no idea why the NCAA would measure the race in this fashion," Martinez said. "It was a real slap in the face to the American runners."

Lagat, who is from Kenya, said he was not bothered by the measuring system.

"Kilometers is the universal way to measure the races," he said. Head cross country coach Dan Waters said running in this race is totally different, because the team aspect for TCU

was taken out of the race. "When you are running individually and you are not having a good race, then there is really nothing else to work for," he said. "But no matter how they finished, we were extremely proud of them. They had a great season."



Lagat



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'I'm thinking, 'Get it and run.' There was green grass, a whole lot of grass'



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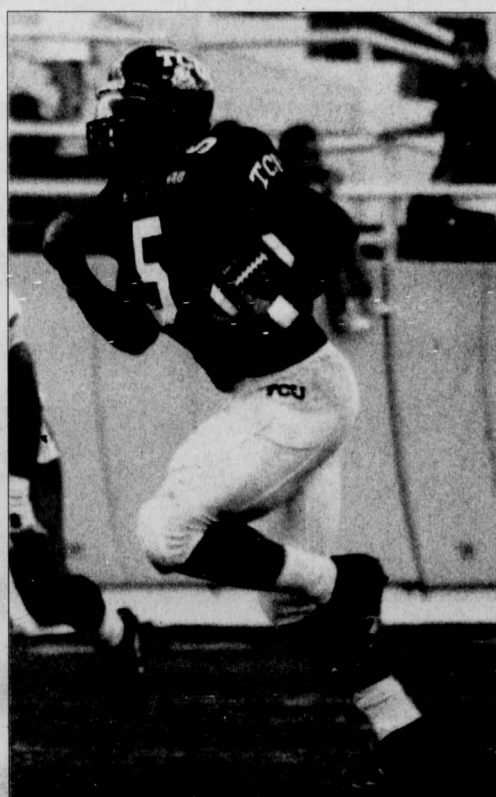
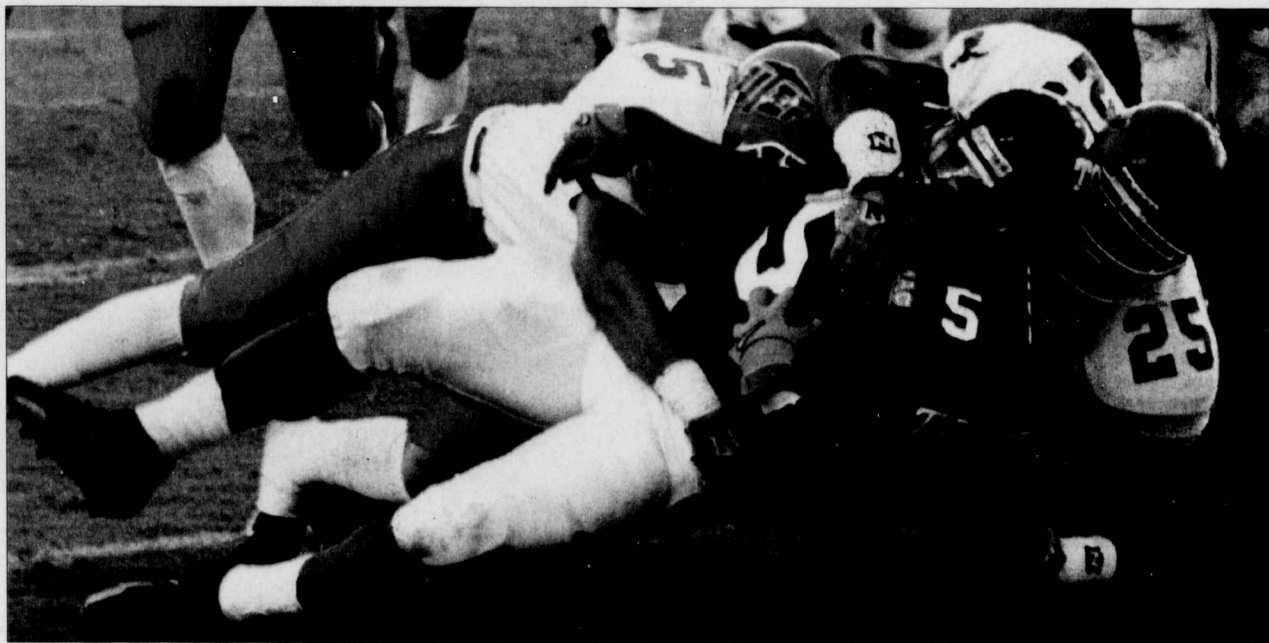
Mightier men, with the strength of Hercules and the speed of Mercury, have made a college football field their own playground. Often, it's been called a battle between men against boys.

The list of great college tailbacks runs as long as the Mississippi River, but before LaDainian Tomlinson laced up his cleats Saturday afternoon, no one in the 130 years of sanctioned Division I-A football had rushed for 400 yards in a single game.

Then came Tomlinson.

Off right tackle, through the heart of the defense, over a sprawling Texas—El Paso defender. When the statsheet stopped sizzling, Tomlinson had finished off an effort of biblical proportions. For the 21,218 pairs of eyes that witnessed Tomlinson's artistry unfold on the well-worn field of Amon G. Carter Stadium, know that you saw history.

For the others, see you in another 130 years.



LaDainian Tomlinson

- #5
- 5 feet, 11 inches
- 217 pounds
- junior tailback
- Waco, Texas
- Waco University High

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