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If TCU wins Friday's game, the Frogs will be guaranteed a bowl berth. Mobile Alabama Bowl officials have expressed interest in TCU for the inaugural game on Dec. 22. page 7

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House approves bill to amend fiscal policies

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Changes set guidelines for House treasurer, budget spending

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives unanimously approved a bill to amend House fiscal policies and procedures at its meeting Tuesday in the Student Center.

The bill makes clear the financial relationship between House and Programming Council and defines

how money will be spent by the two bodies of SGA. It also sets guidelines for the House treasurer.

The bill was also unanimously approved by the Elections and Regulations Committee Thursday.

"We approved the changes because if things aren't updated, governing bodies can't do their job," said Brian Becker, elections and regulations subchairman.

Jason Cordova, chairman of the E&R committee, said the document

is the structure and framework from which House works.

"Without the current rules and regulations, the House would be in utter chaos," Cordova said.

Cordova said if the House makes changes to the constitution, these changes must be reflected in secondary documents such as the election code and House bylaws.

"It all starts with the constitution, it's a domino effect," Cordova said.

Ben Jenkins, House treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee, said the bill unanimously passed the Finance Committee vote last week.

"We want to give money to promising groups who have a need for House support, but they have to meet our qualifications," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said House members like to know how the funding of an event would affect the organization

requesting the funds and how it would affect the campus as a whole.

In other House business, a bill was submitted Tuesday to change the House bylaws and the standing rules. The bill was tabled to the Elections and Regulations Committee and will be debated and voted on at its meeting next Tuesday.

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Get on the Bus

Free shuttle service will be offered to students returning from the Dallas Fort/International Airport to campus Sunday night.

■ **What:** "Get on the Bus" - a free shuttle service

■ **When:** Sunday night every two hours between 6 p.m. and midnight

■ **Where:** Upstairs level-Terminal A at Gate 1 and Terminal C at Gate 2

Class to study range of music

From Rock to Bach explored

By Jessica Schambach
STAFF REPORTER

From "Livin' la Vida Loca" to the Brandenburg Concertos, much has changed in the course of music. Robert Garwell, professor of music, has plans to integrate such disparate sounds into one class — From Rock to Bach.

"The course is not about music fundamentals but how the elements of music work," said Garwell, who created the class. "It's how melodies, rhythms, harmonies and textures work to create style."

The class will cover popular and classical musical styles and genres in the United States including rock, folk, jazz, film music and many others.

Garwell said he has a diverse taste in music. His experience in music ranges from piano to music theater and jazz ensembles to rock bands. As a composer, Garwell has written everything from pop music to jazz and classical music to symphony orchestra.

But now his focus is on teaching students a gamut of music and how to sequentially listen to and describe it.

"What's unique is that I'm not sure if anyone has ever done this before," he said. "It may be one of a kind right now. I've never noticed a course where they pulled a bit of all different areas."

Garwell said he was excited about the newly-developed course.

"If you're looking for a class to come in and just sit and take notes and go home, then this isn't it," he said. "This class hopefully will be a lot of fun because I plan on having a lot of fun. What I'm trying to do is share the excitement, the enthusiasm and joy that I get from music."

Garwell said an opportunity for interchange between himself and students, as well as between classmates, will be available. He said the class will compose both audio and visual material. He also said Room 141 of Moudy Building North has been re-outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment.

"I'll be doing presentations with DVD, laser disks and CDs," he said. "And a grand piano will

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Deck the halls



Jaron Fullerton, a sophomore accounting major, Ryan Shoemake, a sophomore theater major, and Uzair Muhammad, a junior computer science and math major add decorations to the front of Clark Hall Monday afternoon. Ribbon, lights, wrapping paper, and ornaments were provided by the Clark Hall Council for the holiday season.

Case highlights use of fees for political groups

TCU's general university fee can't go to political organizations, but SGA fee can

By Matt Wehnack
STAFF REPORTER

A Supreme Court case has brought national attention to the disbursement of money collected from student fees on university campuses.

Scott Southworth, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, sued the school on the grounds that his money is helping to support political organizations that he does not agree with. The case, Board of Regents vs. Southworth, reached the Supreme Court Nov. 9.

While a decision is not expected until late June, the case has sparked interest in the use of mandatory student fees.

Full-time TCU students are charged a \$650 flat rate for the general university fee and students with less than nine hours are charged \$55 per semester hour. Director of Financial Services Dick Hoban said \$4.7 million was collected last fall from general university fees.

Hoban said organizations on campus are not allowed to receive money from the general university fund.

Assistant Director of Student Services Wendy Crowley said the student fees are used mainly for services on campus such as the library and the health center.

"Students are charged one fee and are entitled to use the library and the computer labs at no cost," Crowley said. "It's basically a user fee. Any university facilities are at the students' convenience."

Students at TCU have mixed reactions to the use of their fees. "I don't understand why they don't just take the money out of our tuition," said senior finance major Andrew Soule.

Hoban said he is pleased with the way TCU handles the use of student fees.

"The only advantage is that the university is able to use funds wherever they are needed," Hoban said. "The university needs to stay flexible. I think it works for this university."

Soule said he thinks the money generated from student fees is not being used efficiently. He said he would like to see more maintenance done on the computer labs and have more labs on campus.

Other students, though, said the money is being put to good use.

"I think it is being used wisely," said senior history major Danny Dukes. "There are really nice facilities on campus, and the computer labs are really convenient."

In addition to the general university fee, all students pay a \$20 student government fee. House Treasurer Ben Jenkins said the majority of the money goes to the Programming Council to fund the various activities it plans throughout the year. He said for this fiscal year the Student Government Association has raised \$260,000.

Jenkins said the money that is raised also pays for the salaries of

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SPOTLIGHT

B2K COMPATIBLE

Jenkins ready for role as SGA president

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

When Ben Jenkins came to TCU in the Fall 1997, he was looking for a home away from home. Now, two years later, he has not only found a second home, but he has found an office.

Ben Jenkins, who was recently named the new Student Government Association president, said he began brainstorming about holding an office his sophomore year. However, it wasn't until the few weeks leading up to the election that he decided to run, he said.

"I don't consider myself a political person, but I wanted to make a difference on campus by running for president," said Jenkins, a junior international finance major.

Jenkins, who is currently the House of Student Representatives treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee, first got involved with House his freshman year when he joined in Spring 1998.

Those in House who know him say he is someone who cares about TCU and its students.

"Ben is an outgoing and inclusive person and likes to involve groups when making decisions," said SGA President Ben Alexander. "He is a good communicator which is a necessary part of the job."

Nicholas Parks, a House town representative and member of the Finance Committee, said Jenkins is a perfect example of someone who genuinely cares for his constituents.

"He is always interested in what's right instead of what's easy," Parks said. "He will keep SGA headed in the right direction because he brings strong leadership skills."

Matt Louis, chairman of the House Technology Advancement Committee, said he has known Jenkins for seven years. He has always been concerned for others' welfare, he said.

"If there's one word to describe Ben, it's 'determined'," Louis said.



Ben Jenkins prepares for his new role as Student Government Association President. Jenkins is currently the House of Student Representatives treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee. He has been involved with House since his freshman year.

Jenkins, who is an only child from Austin, was involved in several activities in high school, including student government and speech and debate. He said he originally wanted to do something in international banking, but now thinks he would like to do something with technology and possibly be an adventure capitalist. The experience of SGA president

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Vacant Halls, Empty Classes

Students' travels for Thanksgiving begin days early

By Matt Stiver
STAFF REPORTER

Students were not trekking up and down the stairs. The din of conversations was not wafting through the halls and into the rooms. It was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Roger Pfaffenberger, a professor of decision sciences and chairman of the Faculty Senate, leaned back in his chair and glanced into the hallway.

"For a mid-week afternoon, there is not the usual amount of traffic and noise (in Tandy Hall)," Pfaffenberger said.

If that was Tuesday, what will today be like?

There exists a tradition on college campuses of students not attending the last day of class before Thanksgiving.

Bob Frye, professor of English, has three classes scheduled for today.

"I am expecting 100 percent attendance," Frye said. "I'm always a little disappointed (when students skip) because I prepare hard for my classes."

The staff in Provost William Koehler's office said they would be working throughout the day. Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari has scheduled appointments and will also be in his office.

Students, however, might not make it to class.

Garry Stephens, a sophomore finance major, said he will not be making the trip to his two classes today.

"I'm going home," Stephens said. "I'm from Iowa, so I have long drive ahead of me. My friend and I can make it home (tonight) if we leave in the morning. And I really want to get home."

David Alexander, a junior history major, said he intends on going to class.

"I am paying, what, \$1,000 per class?," Alexander said. "I want to get my money's worth. But more



John Patrick, a junior theater major gets on the D/FW Airport Shuttle Tuesday afternoon. The free bus service, provided by the House of Student Representatives, is available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in front of the Student Center and the Worth Hills cafeteria.

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Pulse

CAMPUS LINES

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

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

■ 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 Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Student Center Lounge and Reading Room.

■ TCU School of Music of 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 the special arrangement of "In the Still of the Night," off the new "SinatraLand" compact disc. There also will be 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).

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

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News

ROUNDUP

World

AIDS virus spreads, now up to 33.6 million cases, World Health Organization reports

LONDON — Fueled by an increase in the use of injected drugs, the AIDS virus is spreading at an alarming rate, according to a report released Tuesday.

The U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS and the World Health Organization said 33.6 million people, including 1.2 million children, carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The number of infections worldwide is expected to keep climbing, the agencies warned.

"With an epidemic of this scale, every new infection adds to the ripple effect, impacting families, communities, households and increasingly, businesses and economies," said Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS.

Last year, 33.4 million people were HIV positive. However, the agencies said this year's increase is even larger than it appears because the 1998 figures in a few heavily populated Latin American and Asian countries were overestimated.

Bombing campaign by Irish republicans feared, police issue terrorist alert over holiday season

LONDON — Police issued a terrorist alert Tuesday, saying they fear dissident Irish republicans, who are opposed to the Northern Ireland peace agreement, are planning a bombing campaign over the holiday season.

News reports said the threat was at its highest since an IRA splinter group bombed the Northern Ireland city of Omagh in August 1998, killing 29 people.

"There is a genuine and credible concern about the increased threat of violence not only in Ireland but also on the British mainland from breakaway renegade groups who are opposed to the Irish peace process," a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The alert came at a critical time for the province's 1998 peace accord.

A plan mediated this month by American diplomat George Mitchell appears finally to have won a commitment from the Irish Republican Army and its political ally, Sinn Fein, to gradually disarm, overcoming one of the toughest obstacles to implementing the accord.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern promised "vigorous pre-emptive action" against the "handful of dissidents" that continues to defy efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

The full weight of Irish law will be used "to deprive them not only of their liberty but of their

property," Ahern said in a statement to Ireland's parliament.

Nation

Juvenile crime down 30 percent, attributed to decrease in crack cocaine demand

WASHINGTON — Violent juvenile crime reached its lowest level in a decade in 1998 and has fallen 30 percent since 1994, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

The juvenile arrest rate for four types of violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — was 394 per 100,000 youths aged 10-17, the lowest since 1988, the department said. That includes 112,200 total arrests during 1998.

A study of juvenile arrests in 1998 found significant decreases for every violent crime, including a drop of almost 50 percent in the juvenile murder arrest rate from 1993 to 1998, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention said.

These figures continue trends that began in the mid-1990s. Police executives, academics and politicians have attributed the decreases to a decline in demand for crack cocaine, truces between remaining crack gangs that provided guns to juveniles in the 1980s, police crackdowns on illegal guns and stiffer sentences for repeat violent offenders.

The juvenile office's analysis, Juvenile Arrests 1998, using data gathered by the FBI's uniform crime reports for 1998, also found a 33 percent drop in the arrest rate for weapons law violations by juveniles between 1993 and 1998.

Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer's 330-year-old painting seen as a political masterpiece

WASHINGTON — An unusual 330-year-old painting by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer goes on exhibit today, and it may have a message for Washington about art and politics: Art is remembered longer.

"The Art of Painting," loaned by Vienna's Kunsthistorisches (Art History) Museum, is much bigger — about 3 feet by 4 feet — than Vermeer's usual paintings were. His paintings for the most part dealt with homely subjects like a woman weighing jewelry, writing a letter or just showing off a red hat.

This painting has a long legal and political history — it used to belong to Adolf Hitler — but few people remember that. Its beauty and to some extent the message are what is recalled now.

Vermeer made the biggest image in the painting, a huge wall map of his native Netherlands, as it was before Dutch patriots freed the northern portion from the Hapsburg empire 80 years earlier. Above it hangs a golden chandelier adorned with the Hapsburgs' double-headed eagle.

Maybe Vermeer sympathized with the Roman Catholic Hapsburgs, who still ruled neighboring Belgium. Born a Protestant, Vermeer married a Catholic and converted. Religion was at the heart of politics then.

But in the painting's foreground, and in sharper focus than the political references, sits the hulking black-cloaked and -pantalooned figure of an artist — possibly Vermeer — deep in creating art for the centuries to come. He is painting human memory itself — a young woman posing as Clio, the ancient Greek muse of history.

State

Diesel fuel spill in Houston Ship Channel caused by sinking of 456-foot long barge

HOUSTON — A barge that sank in the Houston Ship Channel blocked ship traffic for more than 14 hours and leaked about 100 gallons of diesel fuel before being raised by salvage crews, authorities said.

U.S. Coast Guard Lt. John Reinert said the 456-foot long barge began taking on water about 4 p.m. Monday and sank 20 minutes later. Crewmen were evacuated and no one was injured, but the channel was closed to all deep-water vessels.

The barge was raised and the channel reopened about 7 a.m. Tuesday, Reinert said. Crews were still working to clean up the spilled diesel, which created a slick about three miles long and a half mile wide, he said.

The accident is under investigation, he said.

Republicans to hold all seats in state district courts after Harris County judge's resignation

HOUSTON — The pending resignation of Harris County's only Democratic judge could mean Republicans will fill all 59 of its state district benches.

State District Judge Katie Kennedy will step down Dec. 3 to accept a federal court appointment overseeing the distribution of Dow Corning's \$3.2 billion breast implant settlement, although she could remain longer if a trial in her court has not wrapped up.

Gov. George W. Bush on Tuesday named Republican Don R. Stricklin to replace ousted District Judge Jim Barr. If Bush names a Republican as Kennedy's successor, as expected by Kennedy and the leaders of both parties, it will mean the eradication of Democrats from the county state district courts.

Murray said changing demographics in and around the nation's fourth-largest city likely will mean a comeback for Democrats.

"The Anglo percentage of the county is down around 48 percent and dropping a percent a year," he said. "That's slowly reflected in voting as the Hispanic population registers and participates more."

However, Robert Stein, dean of the school of social sciences at Rice University, noted that many blacks and Hispanics, who traditionally support Democrats, helped fuel the Republican surge.

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STAFF editorial

KEEPING BUSY

Our suggestions for Thanksgiving

Ahh ... Thanksgiving.

A day to eat until you can eat no more. It's a day to sit on the couch, watch football and complain about exactly how much you just ate. But after the food settles, and the clock ticks away the last seconds of the game, what's left for you to do?

■ Stuff your neighbors' mailbox full of cranberry sauce. When they go to check their mail, be sure to mention to them that all your leftover sauce was stolen in a cranberry heist earlier that morning.

■ Learn everything there is to know about this thing called Pokémon. What is it? Where is it from? And why are there news features about it every where you turn?

■ Play rhyming games with your family for the rest of the days. Don't acknowledge anything they say unless it's in a rhyming phrase.

■ Eat the leftover turkey out of a Styrofoam box to pretend like you're back at The Main. Hey, the food will still taste the same!

■ Instead of the traditional football game in the backyard with the family, Tae Bo in the living room. That way, no one has to miss a phone call.

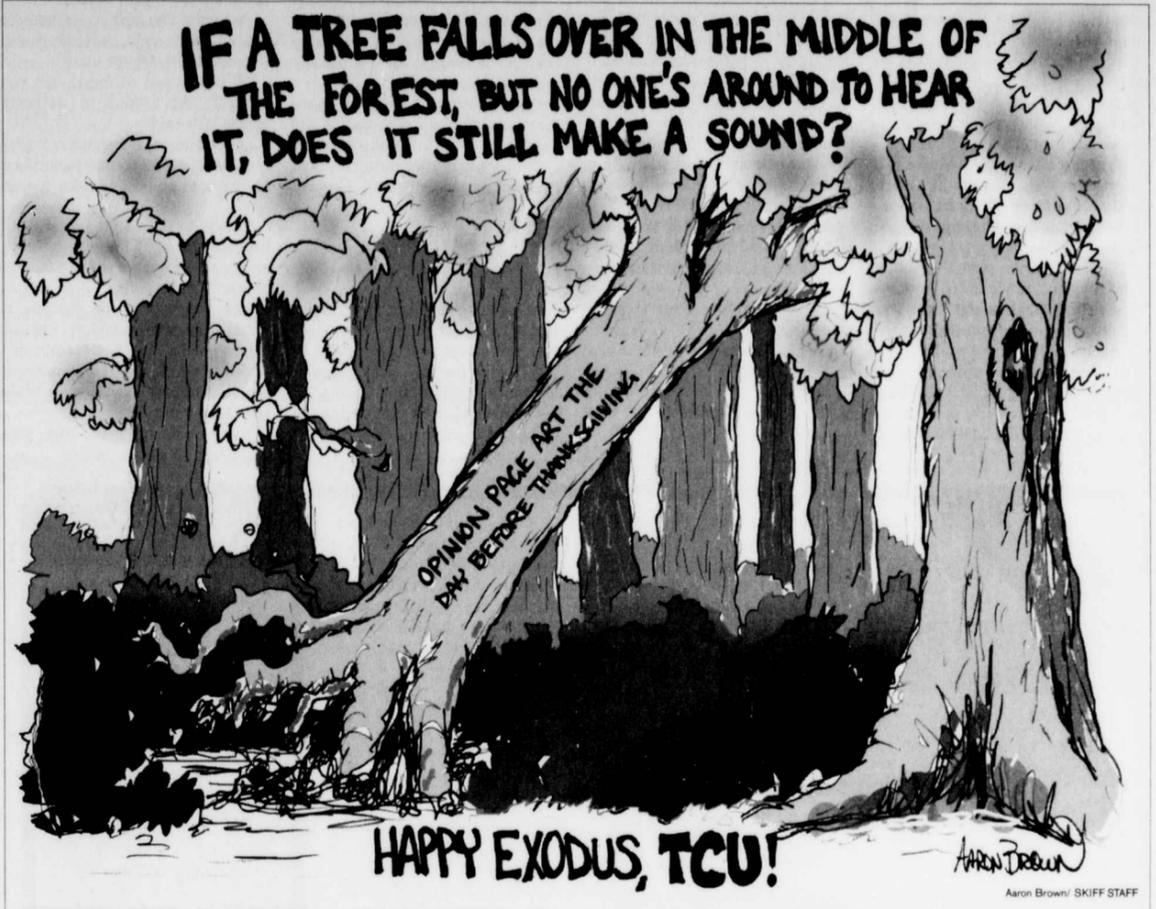
So maybe you have other ideas of what to do after the big meal. Maybe they include football and naps, or maybe they include volunteering at a food bank.

Start getting prepared for finals because they're closer than you think. But whatever you do, be safe and enjoy the break from classes.

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Labs take time and deserve credit

I made it. I conquered FrogNet and somehow managed to schedule the classes I wanted. Yes, I'm one of the lucky few.

Of course, only after a couple phone calls to the registrar's office. But after a nice man informed me that the Healthy Lifestyles class was in the nursing section, not the health section (figure that one out), I was in business.

Until I printed out a copy of my schedule. Listed were five different classes, three of which had labs attached, and only 13 hours of credit total. Thirteen hours? How is that possible? I will be spending a good 18 to 20 hours in class each week, yet it only counts for 13 hours. It's just sick. That,

my friends, is why none of us will graduate in four years.

Labs, for example, take up about an hour and 50 minutes each week, and most of us have more than one. This extra time though isn't just for practice. It may say "none" under the credit bracket for registration, but that doesn't mean "none" under grades. In two of my current classes, the labs count for 50 percent of the total class grade. That should be worth some credit. If TCU is going to allow a grade to be taken in that hour and 50 minutes, they sure as heck better be giving credit for it.

Don't try to tell me that the lab is already accounted for in the three credit hours. I'm giving more time in the classes with labs than in the normal three-day-a-week classes worth three credit hours. So, those two structures of classes are definitely not equal.

I appreciate that a class like second semester chemistry receives five credit hours. It convenes three times a week and has a lab of

almost three hours. But what about the rest of us who are not going into medicine? Many art students go to class two times a week for three hours at a time and only receive three credits. The point is, there are a lot of other classes that deserve some attention.

How about those pesky health and physical education classes? We are required to take them, and to add to the punishment, we are awarded with one measly credit hour. How pathetic. If I drag myself to aerobics two times a week for two hours at a time, it should make a bigger dent in my strive toward junior status. We actually do take notes and tests in these classes. OK, so it's not quite as challenging as other classes. But it is still time.

As with any complaint, it's only fair to offer a solution. I suggest that every lab be worth one credit hour, in addition to the lecture. Probably not an ingenious solution, I'm sure many students have

already thought of this.

My parents don't think 13 hours is funny anymore. They are starting to become annoyed with the idea that the college debt may be adding up for a semester or two more than expected.

The blame is not to be placed on the registrar's office. They are not the ones who make the rules. I asked them why labs receive no credit, and they said it was because labs were possibly considered outside homework. They said a committee decides undergraduate curriculum and probably takes into consideration that professors grade students for labs. I'm sure a few of us would be willing to dispute that.

Nevertheless, consider this a plea to the higher powers somewhere in Sadler Hall to take this issue into consideration.

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Commentary



COURTNEY ROACH

Criticism for intent to post Ten Commandments unjustified

The American media constantly criticize the government for not taking steps to improve our society. Yet, when legislators make the slightest move forward, they are often slammed by that same media and are referred to as nothing more than silly cartoon characters.

In his column last month, Bob Ray Sanders of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram criticized and mocked legislators for their intent of placing the Ten Commandments on their office walls. His main argument is that legislators are hypocrites who have no

business placing moral rules that they do not follow themselves on their walls. Sanders is making a sweeping generalization about many people with whom he has no personal relationship. He attacks them based upon the actions of a few. To judge the character of all legislators in this way is simply unfair.

Second, let's assume for a moment that Sanders is right and that some legislators do not live by the Ten Commandments. Because they have "sinned" under Christian law does not mean that they should give up on what they believe in. In fact, that would be totally AGAINST Christian principles. No one is without faults. To preach against what you might have practiced before is human nature. We learn from our own mistakes as well as those of others.

Sanders implies that the only reason for the posting of the Ten Commandments is because of pressure from conservatives who "want to impose their religious beliefs on others." Do opponents really believe that these words hung upon a wall will lead to great Christian conversions or baptisms on Capitol Hill? Anyone who doesn't already believe in the Ten Commandments is highly unlikely to change his or her mind upon seeing them on a government wall.

Another aspect that Sanders and others oppose is the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools. He calls it "ridiculous" and adds that it is a "blatant disregard for religions other than Christianity and Judaism." Obviously he believes this to be a constitutional violation of church-state separation. However, Darwinism is now a huge part of school

curriculum, even though it completely contradicts Christianity. What more blatant disregard for religion is there than that? Certainly, many more people in this country are offended by the thought of evolving from primates than by the Ten Commandments.

A degree in rocket science is not necessary to realize that several of the Ten Commandments are common sense regardless of your religious beliefs. Lying, cheating, stealing and murder are wrong, and no society could survive without rules that govern against such actions. America and its laws are founded not only on the concepts of the Ten Commandments, but also on Christianity itself. As Sanders points out, this is offensive to some.

Why then, do those who are offended not decline to use American money that clearly

reads, "In God We Trust?" How is it that they are more offended by a plaque in an office they will probably never see than by the infinite number of coins or bills they will possess? It makes no sense.

Sanders claims the whole idea of posting the Ten Commandments is a "Mickey Mouse idea from an obviously Goofy Congress." Maybe the media could learn something from Disney. "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all" would be a refreshing media concept. From Disney our children begin to learn right from wrong — some of the same ideas that can be found in those "offensive" Ten Commandments.

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Commentary



LISA PERDUE

Bush is smart, but not smart enough to run the country

Sarcasm is a tool many columnists use, some quite well. The trick, however, is to let your readers know that you are indeed being sarcastic. After reading a column in the Nov. 16 Dallas Morning News, I'm still not sure whether the author was being serious or sarcastic.

In a commentary bearing the headline "Bush is a Lot Smarter Than his Detractors Will Admit," the columnist made several

arguments — and I use that word loosely — in defense of Gov. George W. Bush that left me wondering what the tone of the article was.

First, the columnist (whom I will hereafter refer to as "W") applauded Bush's lack of basic political knowledge in both his 1994 gubernatorial campaign and the current race for the Republican presidential nomination.

"W" declared that in 1994, Bush was fully acquainted with the issues of Texas law "by the middle of the race." I don't know if he meant this to be funny or serious, but it casts some serious shadows on Bush's qualifications for office.

Political figures should know what's going on in the area they plan to represent before they start cam-

paing, not halfway through. There's no room for ignorance in politics (yeah, right).

Equally flawed was "W's" logic in regard to Bush's recent failure of a quiz on leaders of foreign nations. "W" actually praised Bush for admitting he didn't know the answers and said the governor wouldn't hesitate to refer the questions to someone who did know the answer.

Come on. For a governor not to know the names of world leaders is not as big of a deal. He or she would probably never deal with them. For a presidential candidate not to know the names is a very different matter.

If Bush is elected president, will he talk to the other world leaders or will he simply refer them to some-

one who knows what's going on? Heaven forbid the president should have to dirty his hands in foreign affairs.

Who knows, maybe Bush will simply lose interest in foreign matters and drift out of contact with the leaders of other countries. After all, "W" pointed out that Bush "tends to disappear from a conversation if the subject doesn't interest him." Did "W" mean "subject" as in topic or conversation partner? Either way, the leader of the free world needs to have a long enough attention span to discuss topics that may not be of much interest to him, but of vital importance to even the smallest group of people in the world.

In addition to having a short attention span, Bush is also neither

visionary nor conceptual, according to "W." He's smart, though. He went to both Harvard and Yale, and must therefore be a genius. Wrong! That's like saying that I go to TCU and must therefore be a devout Christian. Nope, sorry.

The great proof that "W" offers of Bush's genius is his ability to form "well-constructed sentences" and the fact that he claims to have studied diligently for the SAT so long ago.

How do either of these "proofs" demonstrate brilliance? "The sky is blue, but the grass is green; however, the ocean is blue-green" is a well-constructed sentence, but it is not particularly intelligent. Wanting to attend a prestigious school is more a sign of vanity than intelligence. Notice that Texan Bush went to two

out-of-state universities even though there are some here that would also endow him with a very good education.

Harvard? Yale? That's name-dropping more than anything else. Intelligence? A college can't teach you that. It has to come from within.

I'm sure Gov. Bush is indeed very smart. He did, in fact, graduate from college and graduate school. He just hasn't proven that he has the intelligence to run a country. Maybe he will before the election is over — after all, he figured it all out halfway through an earlier campaign.

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Commentary



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the officers, supplies and funds for organizations that request them. He said \$10,400 is set aside for special projects and \$4,000 is allocated for conferences and conventions.

The student government fee can go to political organizations if the organizations request money and the proposal is approved by the finance committee and then the House.

To change the fee, Jenkins said a referendum would have to be passed by the student body. He said, however, that he has mixed feelings on how SGA spends the money.

"I think there are some things that happen where we would like to have more money," Jenkins said. "But, you want to prove to (the students) that we are spending their money well."

Hobar said the only part of the \$9.1 million annual budget that is allocated for a specific use is the 6.7 percent that goes to the athletic administration,

which equals \$610,000.

Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director, said it is important to allow students to attend athletic events for free.

"I think it is obvious that the student body is critical to our crowd base," Hesselbrock said. "Whenever we have a large student crowd, the (student-athletes) always make a comment about it."

Both Soule and Dukes said having the free admission to games is one of the main reasons they attend.

Soule said he probably would not pay to attend basketball games because they do not play as many big-name teams.

"I have friends at other colleges who have to pay to go to games," Dukes said. "It is nice to be able to just flash the ID card."

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be set up in the room. It's going to be a little fast-moving."

From Rock to Bach is currently closed with 145 students and two on the waiting list. The class will return next fall if students have a positive response, Garwell said.

Patrick Crocker, a freshman music theory composition major, said he will enroll in the course in the fall if it is open. "I'm always hearing about Beethoven and Mozart," Crocker

said. "It's good to hear Billy Joel — you know, something a little different. It's good to get a break."

Amanda Dunlap, a sophomore radio-TV-film major said she is also interested in taking the class.

"It covers part of music that you normally don't think of as being taught," she said.

Jarrold Hinton, a freshman computer science and marketing major, said he wants to propose an idea for the

curriculum to Garwell.

"I'm thinking of getting 'Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me' on DVD to see what we can talk about in class," said Hinton. "Because that's, you know, between the rock and Bach era — at least most of the music there. That would be a good thing to discuss."

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long-term effects his presidential experience will have on him because he said he will not know what he will gain until his presidency begins.

"I just think of myself as working in the SGA office and working for the students. I'm just Ben Jenkins," he said.

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JENKINS

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will be a crucial one in terms of dealing with different personality types and groups of people, he said.

TCU was the only school Jenkins applied to because after visiting, he was really impressed with what the school had to offer.

"I have to say it's the people that I like most about TCU because there's always a welcoming, smiling face on campus," Jenkins said.

The camaraderie on campus is already here, Jenkins said. By improving communication and encouraging students to get involved with different people, he thinks the closeness could grow even more.

Jenkins said he is not sure what

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than that, I think (being in class) is important because why else are we at college? I have to fly to California, and I will be in class."

Pfaffenberger said it does not bother him when students miss class.

"I don't take attendance," Pfaffenberger said. "I tell students it's their choice if they attend class or not. I guess I would be upset if I went to teach and there was no one in the classroom."

"But the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, that's a tough call. If I were a student and I had a plane ticket and I just had to take off Wednesday, then I'm going to do it. If that meant missing two or three classes, then I would bite the bullet and try to make up the work."

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Military to review minority treatment

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen called for a military-wide review of conduct on Tuesday after a Pentagon study said up to 75 percent of blacks and other ethnic minorities reported experiencing racially offensive behavior.

At the same time, a companion study indicated the percentage of minority and women officers had more than doubled in 20 years.

Cohen, in a letter to service chiefs, said the survey on race relations, the most extensive ever taken by a government agency, should be used as a guide "as we work to improve our processes and practices."

"There is no place for racism in our society," Cohen told a Pentagon news conference. "There is certainly no place for it in the military."

The 296-page congressionally mandated survey was conducted in late 1996 and early 1997. It was mailed to 76,754 active duty enlisted Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard members and officers. More than 44,000 were returned.

The report indicated that racial minorities in uniform remain more pessimistic than whites about their

chances for advancement.

Seventy-five percent of blacks and 67 percent of Hispanics said they had experienced racially offensive behavior in the 12 months before the survey was taken, compared with 62 percent for whites.

Even though the military prides itself on moving against discrimination, major differences remain between whites' and minorities' perceptions of progress, the survey said.

For example, while half of white service members believed investigations into racially offensive conduct were thorough, only 38 percent of blacks and 39 percent of Hispanics felt that way, according to the "Armed Forces Equal Opportunity Survey."

Some 18 percent of blacks and 13 percent of Hispanics said they believed they were given poor assignments or evaluations based on race, compared with 4 percent of whites.

At Fort Jackson in South Carolina, the report drew mixed reactions from Army officers outside the base's retail store.

Staff Sgt. Sedrick Banks, who is black, said he hadn't noticed overt racism in military units, but he

encountered it while in training — derogatory comments that he said included "the 'n' word."

"I would tend to agree with what's written," Banks said, referring to the report.

But Capt. Katrina Birkelien, a white army nurse who participated in the survey, said she has never been in a unit where punishment varied according to race. And rewards also have seemed fair, she said. "I think opportunity is based on merit," she said. "That's what I've seen."

"We would all like to have had us perform better. This survey is a declaration of action," said William E. Leftwich III, assistant defense secretary for equal opportunity. "More attention and effort" are needed, he said, although the Pentagon has no specific proposals for addressing the problem.

Margaret C. Simms, research director of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank that specializes in racial issues, said the survey undermines the notion of racial harmony that the military attempts to project.

"I'm sure that the disappointing thing for leaders in the military is the fact that there still remains some sig-

nificant amount of at least perceived differences in terms of opportunity. This now presents the military with a chance to take steps that might make them better," she said.

The report found there was "a strong propensity not to report" racially offensive encounters.

While 74 percent of white service members said they believed their immediate supervisors made honest efforts to stop racial harassment, only 58 percent of blacks and 63 percent of Hispanics felt that way.

Still, members of all races expressed the view that race relations were less positive in local civilian communities than on military bases and ships.

Only 28 percent of the blacks who responded to the survey reported that community race relations were good. That compares with 34 percent among whites and Hispanics.

On a more positive note, large majorities of all racial groups indicated that they had close personal friendships (84 percent) or socialized (85 percent) with people of other races. Over half (52 percent) indicated they had more friends of another race now than they did before entering the military.

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Clinton urges forgiveness in Balkans

President tells Albanians they must try to forgive Serb neighbors instead of retaliating

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UROSEVAC, Yugoslavia — In a plea met with scant applause and silent stares, President Clinton told ethnic Albanians in Kosovo Tuesday that "you must try" to forgive Serb neighbors and stop punishing them for the terror campaign of Slobodan Milosevic.

"The time for fighting has passed," Clinton said. "Teach your children that life is more than the terrible things that are done. It is how you react to them."

Guarded by armed troops and tanks, Clinton ended a 10-day European tour by sweeping into war-torn Kosovo to urge reconciliation instead of revenge and to give a Thanksgiving boost to U.S. peacekeeping forces.

American aircraft shared runways with Russian helicopters at the jointly controlled Pristina airport, patrolled by guard dogs and soldiers armed with automatic rifles.

Clinton flew over snow-covered fields and homes with fire-black-

ened windows, signs of the destruction caused by Yugoslav President Milosevic's forces until they were expelled by 78 days of NATO air attacks.

Orthodox Christian Bishop Artemije, a leader of Kosovo's dwindling Serb minority, complained to Clinton about reprisals.

"He said that freedom has not been returned for the Serbs, that there still continue to be Serbs being killed, continue to be Serbs being kidnapped," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said. "Eighty churches have been destroyed."

Accompanied by his daughter, Chelsea, Clinton went to Camp Bondsteel, the sprawling firebase that is home for most of the 6,000 U.S. troops in Kosovo. Smiling and shaking hands, Chelsea got at least as much attention as her father. The Clintons stayed for a Thanksgiving dinner; Chelsea had a vegetarian plate while the president feasted on a drumstick, stuffing and sweet potatoes.

The president addressed the

troops in a huge tent, telling them that racial, ethnic and religious hatred is "the number one problem in this whole world today." Looking out at hundreds of Americans of different races, Clinton said they were models of cooperation and tolerance for Kosovars, particularly the children.

"Even if they don't speak our language, even if they never met any African-Americans or Hispanics before, even if they don't know any Asians before, they can see," Clinton said. "They have eyes. They'll get it."

He said "the power of your example will show them that they do not have to be trapped in the pattern ... of slaughter" that has crippled Balkan nations.

Six months after the air war stopped Milosevic, abuses against ethnic Albanians have been replaced with revenge attacks against the remaining Serbian minority. Berger said 50,000 to 100,000 Serbs have fled Kosovo, while an equal number remain.

Clinton spoke in Urosevac at a

community sports center, a drab building where several hundred people greeted him with cries of "Victory, victory!" Children chanted "Clinton, Clinton!" as they jumped up and down in excitement.

"You can never forget the injustice that was done to you," Clinton told the audience. He paused as his comment was translated, and the words were met with applause.

"No one can force you to forgive what was done to you," the president said. Again, the audience applauded.

"But you must try," he continued. This time, there was a subdued response.

"You cheered for us when we came in because when you were being oppressed, we stood by you," Clinton said. "We won the war, but listen: Only you can win the peace."

An 8th-grader, Ramadan Ilazi, introducing Clinton, said, "You promised that you will bring us to our homes safe. You kept your promise."

Accident prompts board to examine law

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Questions about design and oversight of the Aggie Bonfire have prompted the state's engineering board to examine Texas construction law to see whether it applies to Texas A&M University's 90-year-old tradition, officials said Tuesday.

The bonfire collapsed early Thursday morning, killing 11 A&M students and a recent graduate and injuring 27 others.

About 70 people were stacking the 40-foot-high pyramid of logs for the annual bonfire before the football game against rival Texas when the pile gave way. Some students were hurled from the structure and others were trapped beneath shifting logs.

The eight-member board will look at the Texas Engineering Practice Act on Dec. 10 to see whether bonfires fall under the law, said Jimmy Smith, interim

executive director of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and a professor of civil engineering at Texas Tech University.

"The law does not mention anything about a pile of logs that are going to be burned," Smith said. "We have not discussed this, or even a case like this. There is no precedent."

Texas A&M spokesman Lane Stephenson said he understood the bonfire was exempt from the law. "There is no question that we have been abiding," he said.

State and local governments must file plans with the engineering board and arrange for a licensed professional engineer to supervise construction before beginning projects that involve public safety, health or welfare.

Smith said the Aggie Bonfire could be exempt because volunteers build it and because the law typically applies to public buildings. The bonfire began as a trash

pile in 1909 and in recent years has peaked around 55 feet.

The law also exempts projects expected to cost less than \$8,000.

Smith emphasized that the board was not launching its own investigation. "No one on the board or the staff has been down there," he said.

Meanwhile, university leaders met behind closed doors Monday with members of the College Station police and fire departments and the Texas Rangers to plan their next step in their investigation.

Most questions surround the 100-foot center pole, the backbone of the bonfire, which is composed of two telephone poles spliced together with steel plates and wiring.

Some students say they heard the center pole snap just before the collapse. Local officials found the center pole split in three places.

Stephenson said the center pole

was moved Tuesday to protect it from weather damage. The university also built a tent over the bonfire area to protect the ground from the elements.

Smith said the board, which the Legislature created in 1937 after a New London school exploded because of a faulty heating system, may recommend changes to the law.

"Any time a major disaster occurs, it sometimes involves a change of the laws," he said.

This is the second time the state has looked at how laws apply to the Aggie Bonfire.

In 1997, Texas A&M biology professor Hugh Wilson questioned how the bonfire, which is ignited with jet fuel, was exempt from state outdoor burning laws.

Patrick Crimmins, spokesman for the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, said the bonfire has been allowed as a "ceremonial burning."

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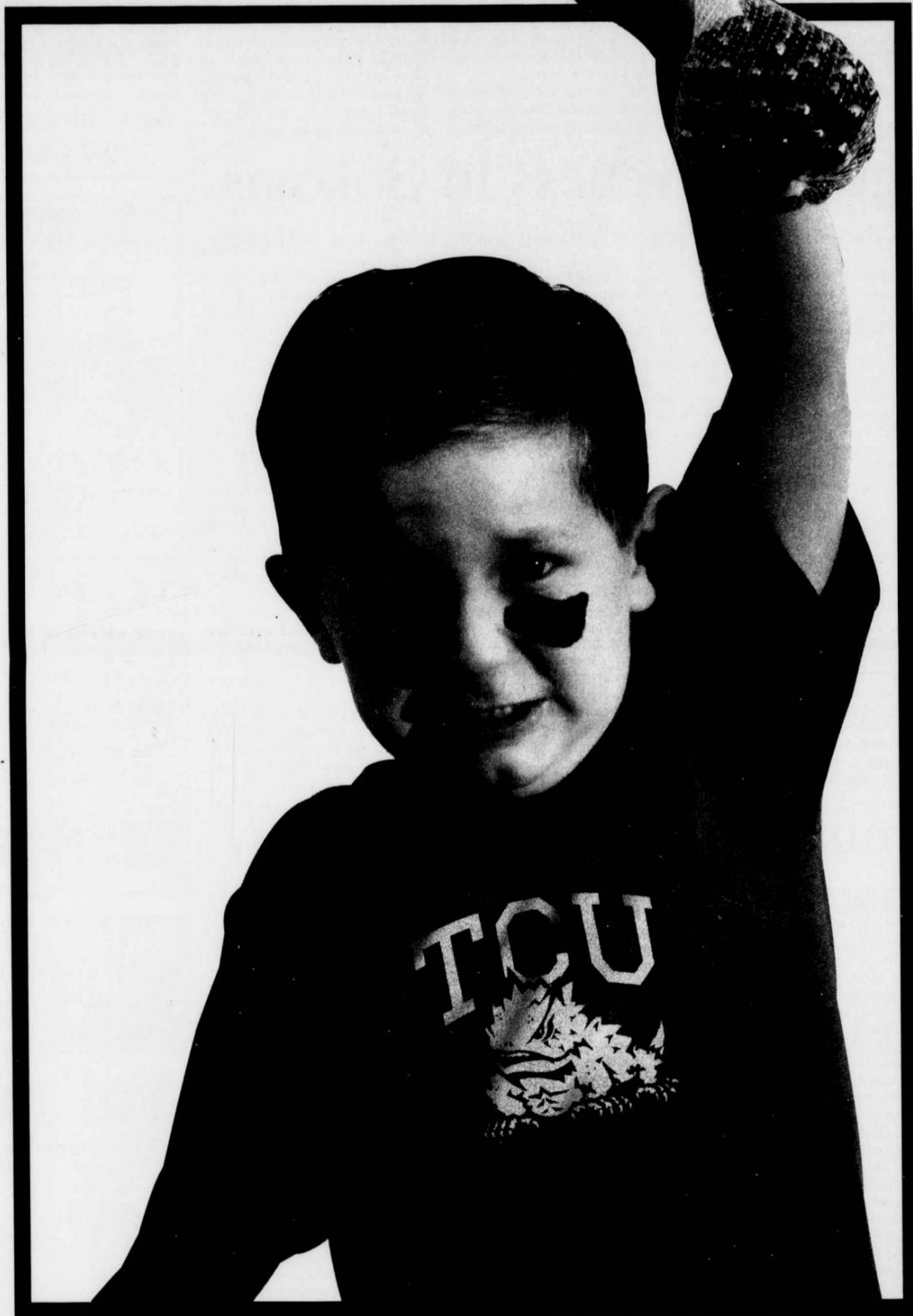
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Bowl game on line for Frogs

TCU aims to regain Iron Skillet after last year's loss to rival SMU

By Matt Welneck
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When TCU and Southern Methodist meet on Friday, the winner will receive the Iron Skillet, a tradition that was started after World War II.

But it might as well be called the Iron Bowl.

Two out of the past three meetings have had bowl game implications. In 1997, TCU defeated the Mustangs 21-18 to ruin any chance of SMU going to a bowl game.

If TCU wins this year's contest, the Frogs will be guaranteed a bowl berth. Mobile Alabama Bowl officials have expressed interest in TCU and have already invited No. 21 East Carolina to play in the inaugural game on Dec. 22.

Head coach Dennis Franchione said the Western Athletic Conference has all but guaranteed a bowl game for the Frogs if they finish with seven wins. But he said it is not positive they will go to a bowl game if they lose Friday to SMU.

"I'd have to go back quite a few years to find a SMU-TCU game that carried the ramifications that this one does," Franchione said.

TCU (6-4, 4-2 WAC) can also force a three-way tie for the conference title with a win over the Mustangs (4-5, 3-2 WAC).

The Mustangs struggled early this season, losing their first five games. But SMU is currently on a four-game winning streak, starting with its 24-14 win over Fresno State.

"They made a nice comeback on their season," Franchione said. "Coach (Mike) Cavan and his staff should be commended. That's really hard to do."

Franchione said he does not expect his team to score only six points, as they did last year in the 10-6 loss to the Mustangs at the Cotton Bowl. He also said he does not expect either team to run up the score.

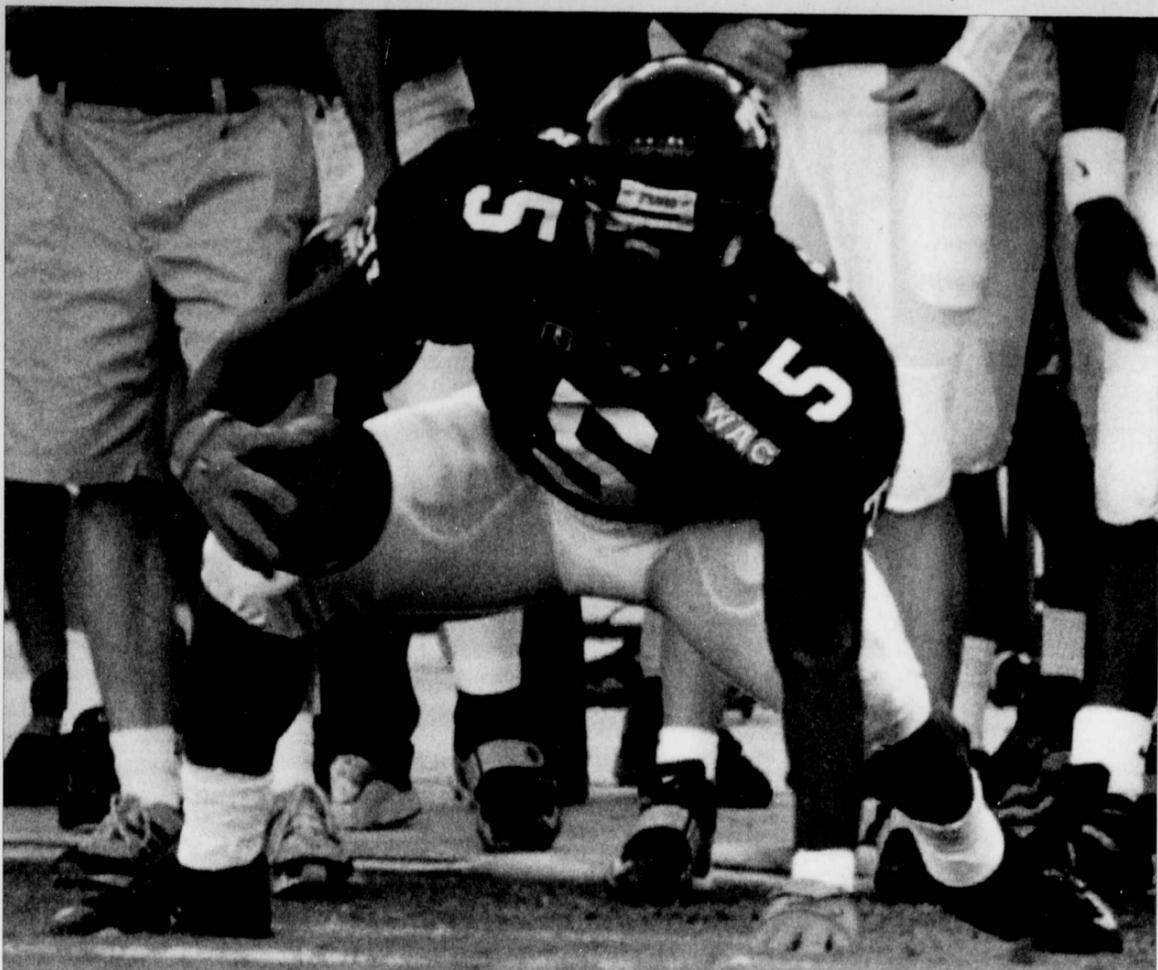
"I don't think that both teams will run up and down the field," Franchione said. "They play very good on the defensive side of the ball. This is two pretty good defensive ballclubs that are going to play each other."

The defenses are about even on rushing yards allowed, giving up 108 yards a game. The Mustangs' secondary, however, allows 263 yards through the air.

The No. 1 running back in the nation junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson is averaging 172.5 yards a game. He set a national record with his 406-yard, six-touchdown performance against Texas-El Paso last week.

SMU linebacker Jason Simonton, an All-WAC candidate, is second in the conference in tackles with 103. The defense as a whole has given up a mere 11 points a game for the past four games.

"I do not think it will be a high-scoring game, but I don't think it will be 10-6," Franchione said. "Both teams will have to fight for their yardage."



Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson keeps his balance along the sidelines to gain several of his record-setting 406 yards Saturday against Texas-El Paso. Tomlinson needs to run for 275 yards against the Mustangs Friday to reach the 2,000-yard plateau.

Franchione cited the improvement of sophomore quarterback Josh McCown as one of the main reasons for SMU's turnaround.

"(McCown's) finding receivers, putting the ball in good spots for them and receivers are going up and making catches," Franchione said. "They're making plays. This

may be the best offense I've seen from SMU."

Senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux, who played the majority of the second half against UTEP last week, said the Frogs hope to put more points on the board than last year.

"We hope to score more than

six points," Batteaux said. "That was probably the worst offensive performances that we've had in a while. We know that SMU is better offensively."

Batteaux needs only 17 yards receiving to be the first TCU player to have 500 yards receiving, rushing and passing. He said he

would rather beat SMU and reach a bowl game than achieve that distinction.

The game will be Friday at 2:08 p.m. and will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

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Edge Box

TCU

Pass Offense: Freshman quarterback Casey Printers only attempted seven passes last week, although his passing threat spread out the defense allowing junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson to run wild. The Frogs will need a strong performance from Printers, who tends to leave his passes in the air too long which leads to interceptions. **Edge: Even**

Pass Defense: SMU quarterback Josh McCown has steadily improved as the season has progressed. But since the Mustangs' 26-0 loss to Arkansas in the season opener, McCown and his offensive line have not faced a pass defensive rush like the Frogs. Junior defensive end Aaron Schobel continues to terrorize offenses with his quickness. But if McCown can find holes in TCU's secondary, it will be a long day for the Frogs. **Edge: TCU**

Rush Offense: Tomlinson shredded the Miners last week in his record-setting day. Tomlinson's performance made history, but a repeat may be a little difficult to come by against the Mustangs. The SMU rush defense, which is anchored by senior linebacker Jason Simonton and senior defensive end Luke Johnson, gives up 108 yards a game on the ground. It will be a battle on the ground Friday. **Edge: Even**

Rush Defense: The TCU defense is statistically similar to the Mustangs'. The Frogs give up 107 yards a game, but, the TCU rush defense has played solidly all year. The defensive front and linebackers have a knack of swarming to the ball, and they have not allowed too many long runs this season. Last year, SMU won the game on a 55-yard touchdown run. Don't expect that to happen this year. **Edge: TCU**

Special Teams: The TCU return units have performed extremely well. The kickoff returners average 27.5 yards a return, good for first in the Western Athletic Conference. Senior returner Reggie Hunt is averaging 34 yards a kick and has scored one touchdown this season. Senior punter Royce Huffman continues to excel, averaging 40 yards a punt and has 21 punts inside the 20-yard line. **Edge: TCU**

Intangibles: The Frogs need a win to assure themselves a bowl invitation. The Frogs need to win to get redemption for last season's 10-6 loss to the Mustangs. TCU will have its chance at home this season, although it's the day after Thanksgiving and a large crowd is not expected. The Frogs are playing on a high right now, especially after Tomlinson's record game. **Edge: TCU**
Prediction: TCU by 10

SMU

Passing Offense: During the Mustangs' 0-5 start, their passing game was disturbing. But during SMU's four-game winning streak, sophomore quarterback Josh McCown has completed 61 of 93 passes for 757 yards and nine touchdowns. SMU's two leading receivers are freshmen Chris Cunningham and Cody Cardwell. All of this spells too much inexperience against TCU's powerful pass rush and solid pass coverage. **Edge: TCU**

Passing Defense: The Mustangs' passing efficiency ranks in the bottom quarter of the nation's pass defenses. SMU safety Raymon Brown is the Mustangs' stabilizing force in the secondary. TCU freshman quarterback Casey Printers struggled against Texas-El Paso but should rebound nicely for Friday's game. Printers and the Frogs' receiving corps will have to be productive to open up running lanes. **Edge: TCU**

Rushing Offense: SMU's tailback trio of Rodnick Phillips, Kris Briggs and Johnnie Freeman isn't going to scare anyone, least of all the Frogs' formidable front four. The Mustangs' running game ranks No. 5 in the WAC, while TCU's run defense is No. 9 in the country. But in close games (as this game should be), one long run is often the only run needed, such as last year's game-winning 55-yard touchdown run by SMU running back Kelsey Adams. **Edge: TCU**

Rushing Defense: TCU tailback LaDainian Tomlinson's historic 406-yard rushing effort against UTEP notwithstanding, the SMU run defense may hold the edge here. SMU has been holding opposing running teams to just 92 yards a game during their current four-game winning streak. In most games that feature a dominant rushing offense against a dominant rushing defense, the defense usually wins out. Tomlinson could break loose, but don't bet on it. **Edge: SMU**

Special Teams: In every game the Horned Frogs have played this season they've had the edge in special teams. This game should be no different, but SMU's return units are as explosive as TCU's. Mustangs' Cunningham averages 49 yards a return, including a 90-yard return he had for a touchdown two weeks ago. But the Mustangs don't have a quality kicker, which could hurt in the clutch. **Edge: TCU**

Intangibles: The Frogs have bowl game hopes, revenge, home-field advantage and, most importantly, the nation's leading rusher on their side. Tomlinson won't hammer out 400 yards, but he gives TCU the possibility of breaking the game open on any play. SMU is on a four-game win streak, but the Mustangs have nothing left to play for but pride. Against TCU's powerful running attack and a stifling defense, pride won't be enough. **Edge: TCU**
Prediction: TCU by 10

SMU rivalry game holds more at stake than an Iron Skillet

Nov. 20, 1997. This will forever be remembered by many people at TCU.

On that date, the SMU Mustangs entered Amon Carter Stadium with thoughts and dreams of a bowl game for the first time in a long time. The game was to put the Mustangs back on the national map. The Frogs, on the other hand, were 0-10, and the Pat Sullivan era was almost over.

But in front of a national television audience, TCU showed up and played. Like a rival is supposed to, the Frogs ruined the Ponies' season with a 21-18 upset. The overwhelmed fans stormed the field to greet the football team.

On Friday, the situation will be completely reversed. SMU enters Amon Carter Stadium determined to ruin the Frogs' bowl hopes. SMU comes into the game with a four-game winning streak. With a win, the Ponies can grab some much needed momentum for the struggling program. With SMU being passed over for Conference USA, the Mustangs may want to show C-USA it made a mistake.

There couldn't be a better day for the SMU-TCU game than the day after Thanksgiving. What a perfect time for all of us to digest our turkey and stuffing. What a perfect time for the Frogs to show the nation their talent in front of a national television audience on Fox Sports Net.

The Frogs enter the game with the national spotlight on junior running back LaDainian Tomlinson. In case you haven't heard, and judging by Saturday's home attendance you haven't, Tomlinson set a national Division I rushing record with 406 yards along with six touchdowns. It was the

best statistical performance by a player in the history of Division I football. Tomlinson and the Frogs need a win to guarantee themselves a bowl game.

This game is much more important to the Frogs than it is to the Mustangs. TCU needs to be impressive in order to lock up a bowl berth. Any type of struggle against a young SMU team could dampen bowl hopes. A loss could mean the Frogs stay home. A victory, on the other hand, would clinch a second consecutive bowl berth and give this program something it hasn't seen in awhile: national respect.

The Battle for the Iron Skillet is one of the oldest traditions in college football. The Iron Skillet is awarded to the winning team, who keeps it for one year. SMU won it back last year with its 10-6 win in Dallas.

For the first time in a long time, the Frogs will have more than the Iron Skillet on their minds. Much more. A bowl game can do wonders for a program. With a win, not only do the Frogs regain control of the

Skillet for one year, but they will also be part of the bowl season. The SMU-TCU game is one of the oldest rivalries in the state. With the breakup of the Southwest Conference four years ago, this is one of the few remaining rivalries games left in Texas. Texas-Texas A&M is the biggest game of the year in the state. SMU-TCU might be the only other natural rivalry remaining in Texas. It's Dallas against Fort Worth and the winner gets bragging rights for 12 months.

So, now it's up to the Frogs to determine how badly they want to beat SMU. We all know what is at stake. The Frogs are only 60 minutes away from going to the postseason for the second consecutive year. We also know one other thing: SMU will do whatever it can to prevent that from happening.

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Analysis



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Junior kicker Chris Kaylakie may play an integral role in the annual Iron Skillet game when TCU is pitted against Southern Methodist at 2:05 p.m. Friday at Amon Carter Stadium.

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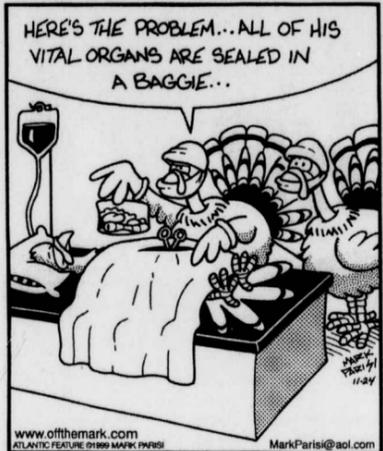
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