



The three members of the Volley Frogs' 1999 senior class will leave a team well on its way to establishing a presence in the collegiate volleyball scene.

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TCU receives invitation to inaugural bowl after winning season

THE ROAD TO MOBILE

Mobile Bowl officials extend invitation to TCU

By Joel Anderson
STAFF REPORTER

Pardon TCU football coach Dennis Franchione if he's not yet focused on the Horned Frogs' itinerary for the week of Dec. 22, which happens to be when TCU arrives in Mobile, Ala., for a bowl game.

Franchione has many other things to consume his thoughts after the Frogs clinched a three-way tie for the Western Athletic Conference title, consecutive postseason appearances for the first time at TCU since 1959 and watching junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson secure his spot atop the national rushing standings.

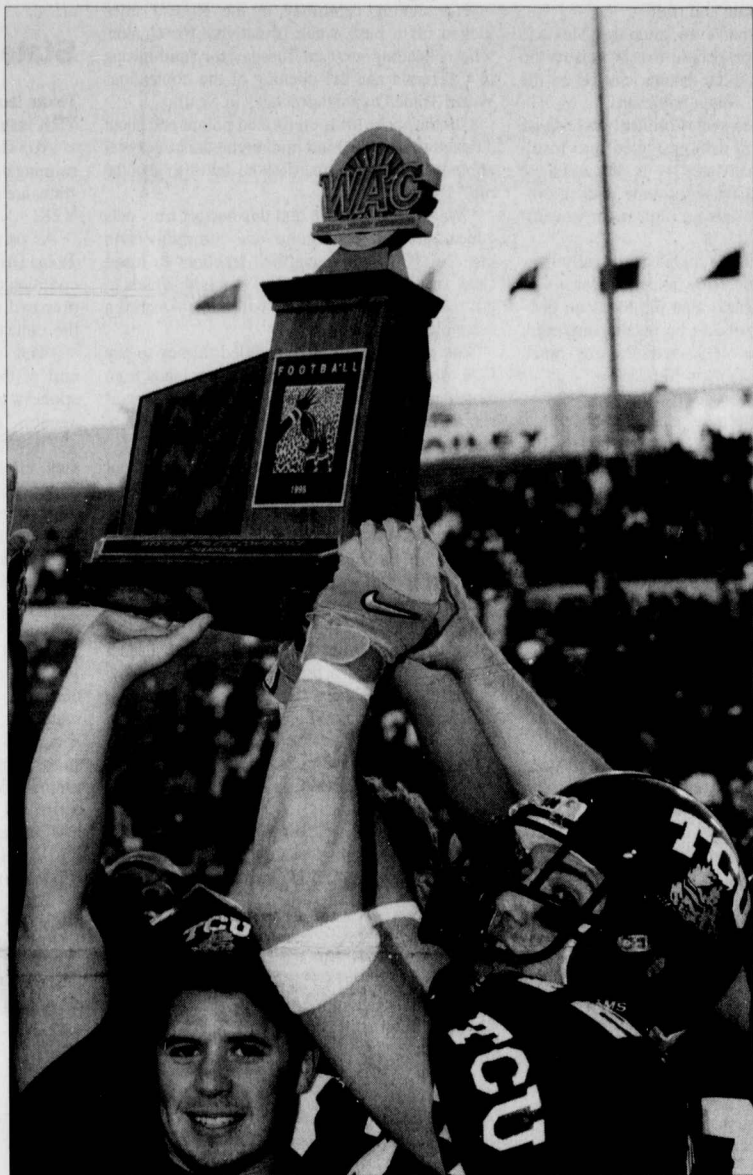
"It's hard to (focus)," Franchione said in the aftermath of TCU's 21-0 victory over Southern Methodist University. "When we came here two years ago, and we inherited a 1-10 team, and to be conference co-champions and to be going to our second consecutive bowl game, you take a little time to let it soak in. You get so focused on trying to prepare your team to play a single game. It's pretty sweet."

Officials with the Mobile Alabama Bowl said they couldn't be more pleased with TCU's recent good fortune, considering it will give the inaugural bowl a match-up between 7-4 TCU and the No. 20-ranked East Carolina Pirates, 9-2.

"You know, lower-tier bowls usually get two 6-5 teams," said John Gottfried, director of sales for the Mobile Alabama Bowl. "We couldn't have asked for a better match-up. It's a dream for a first-time bowl!"

Mobile Alabama Bowl officials extended the bowl invitation to TCU Wednesday, two days before the game against SMU. Officials with the bowl were excited about

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Senior punter/punt returner Royce Huffman returned for his senior season after being drafted by the Houston Astros. After his return, he helped the Frogs clinch a tie for the Western Athletic Conference championship Friday against Southern Methodist University.

David Duna/PHOTO EDITOR

Frogs clinch co-championship after SMU defeat

By Matt Welack
STAFF REPORTER

The Horned Frog defense saved its best for last as it held Southern Methodist University to 81 total yards en route to a 21-0 victory Friday to secure a share for the Western Athletic Conference title.

Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson gained 125 yards on 32 carries to edge out Wisconsin's Ron Dayne to win the national rushing title with 1,850 yards. Tomlinson also scored two touchdowns to tie the TCU single-season record for touchdowns with 18.

The defense, however, won the game for TCU. Led by WAC defensive player of the week, junior strong safety Russell Gary, the Frogs forced five fumbles and one interception. Gary recovered two fumbles and forced another to help TCU shut down the Mustangs.

"Our defense today was pretty phenomenal," head coach Dennis Franchione said. "When you can't score, you can't win. Our defense made our offensive game plan much easier."

The Frogs share the WAC title with Fresno State and Hawaii. The title is TCU's first while in the WAC and the first since 1994 when the Frogs were in the Southwestern Conference.

"To really appreciate what we have done, you had to be here in January two years ago," Franchione said. "We had a lot of work to do with the self-esteem of our players. I am really excited and proud for our kids. It will take a little time for it to soak in."

In the first half, the TCU defense held SMU to 12 yards. Three SMU fumbles led to two field goals by junior kicker Chris Kaylakie. But

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Bill to align provisions in House documents

Vote will ease transition to new semester, officials say

By Tealy Dippel
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives will vote on a bill to change the House bylaws and standing rules in order to reflect the new constitution passed during a referendum held in October.

The bill, which was submitted by the Elections and Regulations Committee, asks House to approve the changes made in the referendum in an effort to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of all House documents.

The new constitution calls for the vice president for House to chair meetings, allowing the president to oversee the entire Student Government Association.

"Because of the constitutional changes, (documents) didn't match up," SGA President Bill Alexander said. "We want the constitution and the bylaws to agree and to have the same meaning."

Brian Becker, Elections and Regulations Committee subcommittee chairman, said all the House documents correlate with one another, and he can't see any reason why the bill would not pass.

The House bylaws include: the agenda for House meetings and plenary sessions, meeting times, objectives of committee chairmen and chairwomen and the president's power to veto legislation.

House members will also vote on a resolution to encourage the university to reduce the minimum amount of money on the meal plan requirement for students living in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community. The resolution encourages the university to reduce the minimum amount to \$100 on the meal plan for students living in the complex.

Marcus Kain, Student Concerns Committee chairman, said he was given the idea to write the resolution in Spring 1999 by a student living in the complex.

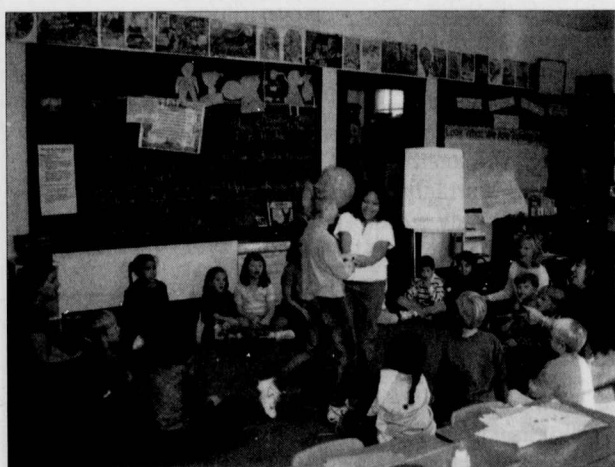
"When you have the facilities to cook, this plan is a lot better because it makes more sense," Kain said.

Students living in the complex should not be forced to spend money on campus food, Kain said.

The House meeting will be at 5 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 222.

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Children at the Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center play games in the classroom, where students of TCU's music education course can gain experience teaching children.

Carey Hix/STAFF REPORTER

Music students reach out to children

Weekly trips provides teaching experience, music classes for kids

By Carey Hix
STAFF REPORTER

Monday is a day to look forward to for Pam Hulsey's second grade class at Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center.

For the last three years, Peggy Bennett, chairwoman of music education, has been taking her music education class to the school to gain hands-on experience teaching the children music.

"It's important because of the budget cuts across the district, the children don't often get music," Hulsey said. "To have a professional bring over her students and work with them, that's wonderful."

The lessons help the children with rhythms and patterns. Some lessons also help them with other subjects, such as math, Hulsey said.

One second grade student, Colton Erhart, said he enjoys the class because of the attention.

"I like the class because I like to be embarrassed, and it embarrassed me a lot," said Erhart, one of the students who got to sing a solo for the class.

Bennett's four students teach interactive music, which allows the children to use their bodies to communicate as well as their voices. They sing "Hello Everybody" while they make eye contact with each

other and wave to their neighbors.

Some of the songs, including "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut," encourage creative interaction. The children make different kinds of "scissors" with their hands and arms while they sing.

But other songs, including "America the Beautiful" delve into the history of the music, including composers and dates of composition.

The experience is beneficial, not just for the second graders, but also for the college students, said Laine Hodges, a sophomore music education major.

"It's been a really good experi-

ence, because as many classes as you have about education and what to do and what to say, it really doesn't prepare you for when you're in there with the kids trying to think of a question to ask them," she said. "So it's just a really good experience to have the hands-on with the children."

It is also a personal educational experience, Hodges said.

"We get to see more about ourselves and what we need to work on," she said.

The lessons help to prepare the college students for a career after

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LOOKING BACK

University moves from Waco to Fort Worth, requires corps training for males

97 years of campus news coverage

REFLECTIONS

Editor's note: This week-long installment will look back at headlines that ran on the front page of the TCU Daily Skiff since 1902.

TCU goes to Fort Worth
May 13, 1910

The Skiff reports that the TCU Board of Trustees unanimously voted to move TCU. The cities of Dallas, Gainesville and Waco all offered bids to TCU, but the original home of TCU, Fort Worth, won out. The citizens of Fort Worth combined their money to offer TCU \$200,000. The 50-acre campus that TCU moved into the next year was valued at \$100,000.

Military system instituted at TCU
Sept. 13, 1918

Under a new government pro-

gram, most TCU male students will be required to study and train in the Students' Army Training Corps. Each male student who is classified as a freshman will be required to undergo three months of training. Students must complete 42 hours of class work and 13 hours in military training each week. When a student enlists in this program, he will be officially enrolled in the U.S. Army.

October 12, 1918

The slogan "An Army Camp And College Paper Combined" is added to The Skiff. But by Dec. 21, 1918 The Skiff

slogan has been changed to "Behold Us As We Are: Snappy, Peppery and Classy."

Full journalism courses offered at TCU
June 11, 1928

The new journalism department will offer students a chance of write for The Skiff, newspapers in downtown Fort Worth and in other cities of Texas. Professor J. Willard Ridings began to institute new classes for the department in September 1927.

Compiled by staff reporter
Steven Baker



Boughs of holly Terry Brooks, left, and Bill Eivens from Lone Star Electrics decorate the Student Center Monday afternoon for the holiday season.

David Duna/PHOTO EDITOR

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.

■ A meeting for those interested in studying abroad will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 215 and 216. Students should turn in completed forms handed out in the last meeting.

■ Air Force ROTC offers open-enrollment during the spring semester for college freshman and sophomore students interested in becoming commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force. Once enrolled in the AFROTC courses, eligible students may apply for two- or three-year scholarships which could pay up to \$15,000 per academic year beginning in the Fall 2000 semester. There are no service requirements for the AFROTC freshman and sophomore courses. For more information, call 257-7461 or e-mail (J.Aleman@tcu.edu).

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

■ Special Events Committee of Programming Council will sponsor the annual Holiday Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday 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. Thursday 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. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

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



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News

ROUNDUP

World

Hundreds of Mexican Nationalist ride horses into Mexico City, protest NAFTA, farm policy

MEXICO CITY — Hundreds of nationalists from the dusty northern plains rode their horses into Mexico City Sunday; this time it wasn't Pancho Villa, but a group protesting farm policy, agricultural imports and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Repeating Villa's famous feat — almost 85 years to the day after the mustachioed rebel leader rode into the capital in December 1914 during the Mexican Revolution — the group, El Barzon, rode 52 days over 1,000 miles (2,000 kms) from the border city of Ciudad Juarez to Mexico City.

The 200 riders, accompanied by thousands of supporters, passed out fliers protesting the poverty and undercapitalization of the nation's farms, and accusing the government of allowing in cheap foreign imports of grain and fruit.

"Did you know that even after the Mexican Revolution, 30 million people live in poverty on Mexican farms?" read one banner carried on the march down the city's main boulevard.

El Barzon — which stages militant protests on behalf of farmers and debtors forced into insolvency by high interest-rates — is demanding a renegotiation of NAFTA to provide greater protection for Mexican farmers, and more government farm aid.

The protesters said free trade hasn't really benefited them. The procession included dozens of used U.S. cars and trucks that the Mexican government has not allowed to be legally imported, despite the fact that U.S. vehicles are much cheaper than any available in Mexico.

Man storms naked into London church, attacks churchgoers with 3-foot sword

LONDON — A man was charged with attempted murder Monday after police said he stormed naked through a Roman Catholic Mass in a sword-wielding rampage, injuring 11 people.

Eden Strang, 26, was charged with attempting to kill Paul Chilton, 50, the most seriously injured of the congregants at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in the southern London suburb of Thornton Heath.

Doctors said the attacker cut through Chilton's jawbone with a 3-foot sword, slicing three front teeth off at the root. The blows severed his jugular vein and also cut off a thumb and a finger.

Worshippers returned to the church Monday to pray for the injured congregants — and for the man who burst into the church nude during their Sunday morning Mass.

According to Scotland Yard, it knew of no motive for the rampage.

"Apart from suffering some severe depression, we have no details as to why he carried out this horrific attack," Detective Chief Inspector Phil Fitzgerald said.

Witnesses said the naked man burst into the congregation, lashing out at people with a gold and silver sword. The elderly and those who were too slow or stunned to get out of the way took the brunt of the attack. Worshippers fled screaming and slipping in blood.

Some half-dozen men wrestled the attacker to the ground.

Nation

President Clinton signs billion-dollar bill supporting funds for more teachers, police

WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed a \$390 billion budget package today that provided money for more teachers and police officers. Acknowledging it fell short on many of his goals, he nonetheless said the bill represented "real progress" for American families.

"I am proud to sign a bill that I believe will give us a stronger, better America for the 21st century," Clinton said.

The signing ceremony in the Rose Garden kicked off a busy week of activity for Clinton, who is heading west on Tuesday for fund-raising in California and the opening of the contentious World Trade Organization talks in Seattle.

Clinton spoke with uniformed police and about a dozen teachers behind him on the dais. A crystal apple was placed on the desk he sat at to sign the bill.

"We value education and this budget truly puts education first, continuing our commitment to hire 100,000 highly qualified teachers to lower class size in the early grades," he said. Funds to put more cops on the street "will make America a safer place," he said.

The spending bill also included money to pay U.N. dues and protect more sensitive lands from development. But Clinton failed to win support for a prescription drug benefit for Medicare or changes to shore up the retirement system.

Lawmakers also ended their session without completing work on a patients' bill of rights, a minimum wage increase, and several other issues important to the president.

Study of global water problems shows half of the world's major rivers going dry, polluted

WASHINGTON — More than half the world's major rivers are going dry or are polluted, a panel studying global water problems reported Monday.

The fouling of the waterways and surrounding river basins contributed to the total of 25 million environmental refugees last year, for the first time exceeding the world's 21 million war-related refugees, said the World Commission on Water for the 21st Century.

The findings are part of a report the commission expects to complete at a two-day meeting beginning today at The Hague, Netherlands. The

panel — backed by the World Bank and United Nations agencies on children, development, the environment and other issues — has been charged with finding a way to ensure there is enough water for the world's growing population in the next century.

The commission gathered information on the river portion of the study from specialists around the world and an analysis of existing material.

It concluded that of the 500 major rivers in the world, the Amazon in South America and the Congo in sub-Saharan Africa are the healthiest. Both have few industrial centers near their banks, the report noted.

By contrast, overuse and misuse of land and water resources in river basins elsewhere has "seriously depleted and polluted" them, the commission said. That, it said, is "degrading and poisoning" the rivers' surrounding ecosystems, "threatening the health and livelihoods of people who depend upon them for irrigation, drinking and industrial water."

The main reason is lack of coordinated management of watersheds, which often cross national boundaries or — as in the case of the Colorado River in the United States — several state boundaries.

State

Texas launches ad campaign informing about Y2K issues, assures ready for millennium

AUSTIN — A new series of advertisements, running in radio and television markets around the state, are telling Texans that things will be OK in Y2K.

As part of its Readiness 2000 campaign, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and a coalition of other state government agencies have prepared three different public service ads with the same theme: Be prepared but be positive.

"This is the start of a new millennium, not the end of the world," said Jo Schweikhard Moss, spokeswoman for the emergency management agency. "Texas is ready for Y2K."

The first ad, which debuted last month, recreates black-and-white horror movies and talks about "scary things" regarding the millennium bug. A second ad, which began broadcasting in November, features the cast of "Greater Tuna" offering advice on how to be prepared.

State officials are advising Texans to take precautions, such as putting together readiness kits, but not to overreact by withdrawing large amounts of cash from banks.

The emergency management division's Y2K checklist recommends two quarts of drinking water per person per day; a manual can opener; special dietary foods if needed; personal papers such as identification, bank and financial documents and prescriptions; a battery operated radio; a first aid kit; a sleeping bag or blankets and pillow; and a change of clothing and rain gear.

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STAFF editorial

LOG ON FOR L.T.

Fan vote will recognize running back

Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson is officially the best running back in the nation.

His 1,850 rushing yards are highest in the nation, and Tomlinson's 168.2 yards a game average also ranks No. 1 in the country.

But some people still seem to look past Tomlinson when stacking up the nation's premier running backs.

The purple-clad fans of TCU have probably noticed that Tomlinson broke the Frogs' single-season rushing record and tied the TCU single-season touchdown mark with 18. Many of the Western Athletic Conference coaches have made note of Tomlinson's WAC record for rushing yards in a season by awarding him with five WAC Offensive Player of the Week awards this year.

Despite Tomlinson's 406 yards against the University of Texas-El Paso — a NCAA Division I-A record — the national media have ignored his season altogether. They say Tomlinson plays weak competition, citing games against Arkansas State University and the University of North Texas.

However, Tomlinson is one of the three finalists for the 1999 Dr Pepper Doak Walker Award, given to the top running back in the nation. By logging on to ESPN.com, fans have a chance to help choose the winner.

The results of the poll will count as one official vote on the ballot. The rest of the 189 votes will be cast from the Dr Pepper Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee.

Even if Tomlinson doesn't win the award, maybe we can get the nation to look beyond its frame of reference and notice the Horned Frogs in Fort Worth.



A life for a life upholds justice

Despite contradiction, death penalty should be practiced

Putting people to death who are guilty of committing extremely heinous crimes is an ancient practice, but it has become quite controversial in the United States during the latter half of the 20th century. Changing views of the issue led the Supreme Court to abolish capital punishment in 1972 but to reinstate it — with certain conditions — in 1977.

Commentary



KRISTIN NAQUIN

Yet many voices are still raised against capital punishment. Heated public debate centers on questions of deterrence, sentencing equity, the execution of innocents and costs, among others. I have listened to and read the arguments opposing the death penalty — including a column by Zachary Norris that appeared in the *Skiff* Nov. 9 — and I find they are not at all convincing. Here's why:

In his column, Norris wrote, "... There exists no evidence supporting the claim that the death penal-

ty deters potential murderers." First, during the 1972-1976 suspension on capital punishment, researcher Karl Spence, of Texas A&M University, gathered murder statistics from across the country. In 1960, there were 56 executions in the United States and 9,140 murders. By 1964, when there were only 15 executions, the number of murders had risen to 9,250. In 1969, when there were no executions, 14,590 murders occurred, and in 1975, after six more years without executions, 20,510 murders occurred. Therefore, the number of murders grew as the number of executions dwindled, Spence concluded.

In another argument, Norris stated, "The death penalty is inflicted disproportionately on minorities and the poor." But a 1991 Rand Corporation study found that white murderers received the death penalty slightly more often — 32 percent — than non-white murderers — 27 percent.

And Patrick Lanagan, a senior statistician at the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics, said, "I don't find evidence that the justice system is treating blacks and whites differ-

ently." Norris also argues that the death penalty has been used in error: "... Recent research by Hugo Adam Bedau has shown that 23 people are known to have died wrongfully at the hands of the death penalty in America since 1900 ... Therefore, because of the imperfections of the judicial system, the death penalty should be replaced by life imprisonment in the United States."

It seems a valid point, but most of us know that far more innocent lives have been taken by convicted murderers than the supposedly 23 innocents mistakenly executed this century. For instance, more than 600 repeat offenses occur within prison walls each year in this country, and more than 13,000 American citizens are murdered each year by released and paroled criminals, some of whom were convicted for murder.

I fully agree with Norris on one of his arguments: "Because of the extent that the legal system is involved in the application of the death penalty and its aftermath, the cost of putting a prisoner to death is higher than life imprisonment without parole."

All the statistics show this fact. But the cost for justice does not

have to be so high for the execution of murderers. If we allowed only appeals that are relevant in proving one's innocence and eliminated the many more that are used merely as delaying tactics, it would save millions in taxpayer dollars.

But I will be the first to admit that several reforms must still be made in our justice system so that the death penalty can cause a more positive effect. Nonetheless, I am still "all for it." In fact, those electrical currents need to flow much more often. Otherwise, we are saying to victims, "Your life was worthless."

As a society, we owe it to them and to their loved ones to ensure that all murderers are punished fully. When a society ignores its moral duty to defend the safety and security of its decent citizens and leaves them at the mercy of violent criminals, it is not being "civilized." Instead, it is being negligent.

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Chase goals worth pursuing

I have a turtle. His name is Ed. Ed lives in a terrarium on my kitchen bar that also serves as my table and my desk. Most of the time, he just sits there and stares at me while I do my work.

But every once in a while, Ed comes alive, standing up on his two hind legs and feebly scratching on the glass with his front claws.

I noticed one day when he erupted with such energy. It happened when I picked up my bright yellow highlighter.

You see, Ed thinks my highlighter looks delicious. If I set it too close to the cage, Ed will eye it for a second or two, slowly open his mouth as he cocks back his head, then slam his nose into the glass as he tries to take a bite.

I really don't know what it is about that highlighter that gets him so excited. He doesn't get nearly as stoked when he spots a tomato (which he actually eats), and he will even refuse to eat the squash I bought him that is about the same color as the highlighter.

I find it strange that he will put little or no energy into reaching for something that will actually nourish him, but he will knock himself over onto his back or give himself a bloody nose to gain something that he will ultimately find holds no value to him at all.

Then again, Ed is a turtle. His puny little turtle brain is his excuse for that futile pursuit.

I'm not sure what our excuse is when we do the same thing.

I remember sitting and watching a Shania Twain video with a good friend of mine three years ago. He was very content at the time with his relationship with a very nice, pretty young lady. I will never forget what he said as he watched Shania's video.

"It's girls like that," he said, "that makes it so hard for us guys to commit to the girls we're with."

He was saying men don't want to commit to the woman they are dating because maybe, just maybe, there is a better-looking woman out there who would be willing to take her place.

Why is that a factor? Why would the outside possibility that somewhere there exists some gorgeous,

willing woman have any bearing on a man's current relationship?

It's because embedded somewhere in every man's brain is the notion that his happiness in a relationship is directly proportional to the physical beauty of the woman he is with.

Women really aren't any better. I have spent my 4 1/2 years of college watching scores of nice guys finish last in the dating game, while arrogant, rich, boorish, "exciting" guys break heart after heart, always with a new woman eagerly awaiting her turn.

But from relationships to ambitions to every other part of life, everyone has a little bit of Ed the Turtle in him. We willingly pass up that which is nourishing in favor of something shiny.

So many of us spend our college lives pursuing something we believe will make us rich, famous or fulfill our vain ideas of self-expression. Half of the seniors I've met look forward to their graduation with happiness only for the fact that they are getting out of school, not because they are anxious to start doing what they've spent the last four or five years of their lives preparing to do.

Why is there such a complete lack of enthusiasm toward doing what they've told themselves and everyone else that they want to do? It's because we too often react like an animal in pursuit of something that appears desirable without asking ourselves what we would really gain if we get it.

An African missionary once said, "He is no fool that forfeits that which he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." But students waste their time in college and in life chasing something that will not fulfill them while they're alive and will be no more alive than they are when they're in their graves.

When you find yourself on your back again, bloody from trying to gain a prize that you've set before you, take time to ask yourself what you are really pursuing and why. Make sure your effort is pointed toward something that will nourish your souls as well as your senses.

Even Ed sets aside his quest for the highlighter and takes a bite of tomato every now and then.

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City growth needs restricting

Imagine a large meadow, a vista of rolling acres, softly blowing grasses and maybe a few head of cattle dotting the landscape. Now, imagine plowing over that meadow to build a subdivision of cheaply-built tract housing, shopping centers and convenience stores.

This is a scenario that is being reproduced with alarming regularity around the country. Granted, it is true that the cities are still growing rapidly, creating a burgeoning need for more affordable housing.

According to a March 1999 report from the United States Census Bureau, Tarrant County grew by nearly 30,000 people over a one-year period from July 1997 to July 1998, a trend that is projected to continue.

With these figures, the idea of preserving the majority of "green space" like that meadow is somewhat optimistic. However, cities are not doing enough to curb the unchecked growth, allowing developers to plow through the system and make their money, and certain voices within the media are still trying to perpetuate the myth that it is a non-issue.

A good example of this involves a law passed in 1973 in Oregon, requiring cities and counties to set permanent boundary limits in order to restrict growth to existing areas. This law has been upheld, and in the city of Portland, it has

served as a catalyst for urban redevelopment and preservation of open space.

But Lee Cullum, in her Nov. 14 column for the *Dallas Morning News*, says that setting limits such as those in Oregon only serves to "deny too many people what they want — a suburban life." Cullum cites figures from Fort Bend County, near Houston, where lenient development regulations have resulted in lower home prices, making it easier for newcomers to buy a home and develop to provide infrastructure and retail/restaurant centers for neighborhoods.

Cullum is correct that this kind of freedom does provide opportunities for people who would otherwise not be able to afford a bigger house in an upper-middle-class neighborhood. But many of those people in Sugar Land and other Fort Bend County communities enjoying the "free use of property" Cullum speaks about still have to commute to the city of Houston for their jobs. This commute, from the suburb to the city and back, is choking the area's major arteries with traffic and leading to the many ozone action days that have plagued the Houston area for over a decade.

Meanwhile, back in inner-city Houston, the infrastructure continues to crumble and the crime rate remains high as the effects of "white flight" continue to be felt decades after it first began. A recent APBnews.com survey indicated that the neighborhood around the University of Houston, located in one of the city's older urban areas, ranked in the top 25

highest-crime areas around four-year colleges in the United States.

Why does Cullum seem to think that all of the dollars spent on suburban sprawl aren't necessarily more needed for urban redevelopment in places like that?

The problem in Houston may serve as the example listed here, but it exists here in Dallas/Fort Worth and beyond to other cities across the country. Other states are taking notice, and voters have been approving legislation to regulate this kind of growth. Cullum cites a "smart growth" initiative passed in 1997 in Maryland to reserve money for infrastructure improvements for pre-existing communities and a successful 1998 proposal in New Jersey that allows the state to purchase and preserve a million acres of undeveloped property in the state.

Cullum writes, though, that this kind of structured growth planning is not needed in Texas. In fact, she adamantly insists that suburban sprawl is just a fact of life in a growing state like Texas.

"Development, in and outside metropolitan areas, is unavoidable," she says.

This may be a fact, but the state legislature needs to work to keep that development carefully controlled, and pass legislation to foster redevelopment of urban areas rather than development on the site of what was yet another meadow.

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they graduate, said Christy Hough, a junior elementary education major. "It's a very good experience for us as teachers to have a hands-on experience before we get out into the real world," she said. "(The students) are so excited. They get smiles on their faces when they're able to have music class."

The children are like little adults, said Jenny Vanderholm, a junior music education major.

"There's not much of a difference between us," she said. "So many of the things that they do in there are things that I do when I'm in a college classroom."

The lessons are like a trip back in time, said Kara Kasper, a sophomore music education major. "You get to kind of play around and get to be a kid again," she said. Watching the kids having fun while they learn is the most rewarding

aspect of the class, Bennett said. "It's one thing to talk about music education for children in a college classroom, but it's quite another to see children react; it's a huge other step to be the teacher of those children," she said.

The process is gradual, Bennett said. At the beginning of the semester, each person taught a small portion of the lesson. Now, they teach most of the entire lesson.

"What I've seen is a huge leap in their confidence level, and in themselves as teachers," she said. "They are much more assertive with the children when they need to be, when their focus needs to be gained. They also realize how some things that they see other teachers do that look so simple can be really quite challenging."

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Trial begins in yogurt-shop slayings

Accused releases statement — other men pressured him into helping kill four girls

AUSTIN — One of the suspects in the city's slayings of four girls at a yogurt shop told police that two other men bullied him into the robbery, sexual assaults and murders, police said Monday.

During the first day of an emotional hearing to determine whether 24-year-old Maurice Pierce and 23-year-old Forest Welborn should be tried as adults, a police detective read a statement from Michael James Scott, also accused of the crime.

In his statement, Scott, 25, accused Pierce and his former roommate, Robert Burns Springsteen Jr., now 24, of masterminding the crime at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! store.

Eliza Hope Thomas, 17; Amy Ayers, 13; Jennifer Harbison, 17; and her 15-year-old sister, Sarah Harbison, died in the Dec. 6, 1991, crime.

If tried as adults, Pierce, who was 16, and Welborn, who was 15, could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. Because they were under 17 when the crime occurred, neither Welborn nor Pierce would face the death penalty.

All four have been charged with capital murder.

Police detective Manuel Fuentes read Scott's statement in a packed Travis County courtroom of about 65 spectators, including the families of the accused and the slain girls.

In his statement, Scott told police, "Maurice (Pierce) and Rob (Springsteen) were pressuring me."

Attorneys for Pierce and Welborn criticized the police investigation and questioned Scott's credibility.

Robert Icenhauer-Ramirez, Welborn's attorney, said the police used "terrible and deplorable investigative techniques" and had "no reasonably trustworthy information" to

tie his client to the crime.

Guillermo Gonzales who represents Pierce, echoed Icenhauer-Ramirez's criticism.

In his statement to police, Scott said:

— Pierce, who said he needed money, suggested the four youths rob a store while they were hanging out at a shopping mall on Dec. 6, 1991.

— The four drove near the yogurt shop and decided it was a good target. Pierce distracted the workers at the front counter, while Scott and Springsteen propped the back door open. Then they returned to the mall and waited for nightfall.

— Returning to the yogurt shop, Pierce told Welborn to wait in the car as a lookout and the others entered through the back door. Springsteen told the girls to take off their clothes, which were used to tie them up.

— Pierce went to the cash register, took out the drawer and found little

money. He returned to the back and demanded one girl tell him where the money was. "The girls were crying and whimpering, they were begging us not to kill them," Scott said. "They said that they didn't want to die."

— Pierce allegedly shot two of the girls.

— Springsteen allegedly raped one of the girls and told Scott to rape another one. Scott said he tried to rape the girl, but couldn't. Scott said he then grabbed a gun from Pierce shot one of the girls.

— Amy Ayers was the last to die. Scott said he shot Miss Ayers, but she didn't die. Pierce allegedly shot the girl again, but she tried to crawl away and then was strangled.

— Scott piled up the bodies and set them on fire with lighter fluid.

— Welborn left the car and was later picked up in front of the store.

The hearing is set to continue this morning.

Software to track customers' Web browsing

WASHINGTON — A company's popular software to change a Web browser's computer cursor into cartoon characters and other images is quietly tracking its customers across the Internet and recording which Web pages they visit.

Comet Systems Inc., a private company in New York, does not dispute that its free cursor software, installed by more than 16 million people, reports back to its own computers with each customer's unique

serial number each time that person visits any of 60,000 Web sites — including dozens aimed at young children — that support its technology.

Computer privacy experts expressed dismay over the behind-the-scenes transmissions, which are sent without warning. But the company insists it is not violating customers' privacy because it does not attempt to match serial numbers against anyone's real-world identity. It published an explanation of its practices early Monday on its Internet

site after questions over the weekend from The Associated Press.


"We don't know your gender, your age or anything except you're a Web browser visiting sites," Comet spokesman Ben Austin said. "There's not a lot of reason to crunch that data because I don't see that it's in anyone's economic interests. We're stating for the record that we don't do that and we never will."

Austin said the company tracks those serial numbers for a census of its customers, who aren't asked to disclose their names or e-mail

addresses, and because some Web sites pay Comet based on the number of visitors using the cursor-changing technology.


Critics said the company should have more openly disclosed the transmissions to its customers. They also contend it would not be enormously difficult with today's technology to begin correlating the Comet serial number with a consumer's identity if the company suddenly decided to or if Comet — with its extensive tracking database — were purchased by new owners willing to do that.

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'Millionaire' sweeps ABC to the top

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NEW YORK — Regis Philbin, the man who makes millionaires, says it jokingly: "I'm just ready to save the network any time they call."

Don't laugh. It's hard to overstate the impact of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" on ABC, which will almost certainly claim an unexpected victory in the important November ratings "sweeps" on the back of its hit quiz show.

ABC executives are huddling to decide how and when to bring "Millionaire" back, either as a regular series or another sweeps event in February. A decision could be announced as early as Tuesday.

"Over the course of time I have been blown away by the public's demand for this program," said Michael Davies, the show's executive producer.

"Millionaire" drew its biggest

audience ever — just under 30 million people — on Wednesday for the last of its 18-night run. Over the 18 nights, it had an average viewership of 24.2 million, and was consistently popular among everyone from teenagers to senior citizens, said Larry Hyams, ABC's top researcher.

"That's very, very rare," Hyams said. "You don't see such broad-based programming on network television anymore."

ABC has a seemingly insurmountable lead in the November sweeps, which ends Wednesday. It would be ABC's first victory in a sweeps month, which occur four times a year, since 1994.

CBS and NBC were expected to battle it out for sweeps supremacy this month, with big-budget miniseries on leprechauns, Y2K travails and rock 'n' roll pioneers.

Instead, ABC clobbered the competition with a show that's cheaper to

produce than anything else on its prime-time schedule.

"It's a huge morale boost," said Tom DeCabia, executive for Schulman Advanswers, a media buying firm in New York. "It's like picking a dark horse and seeing it win the World Series."

Even a cable rival has caught the "Millionaire" craze: MSNBC on Monday showed a "Special Edition" program on Philbin packed with clips of the show biz veteran.

More than 5 million people have downloaded the "Millionaire" game off the Internet to play on their home computers, Davies said. A CD-ROM version of the game also recently went on sale.

It's safe to say ABC is making more off "Millionaire" than it is giving away in prize money, although it's hard to quantify exactly how much. The show enables ABC to meet — or exceed — viewership levels promised

to advertisers. And it increases interest in other ABC shows, although that residual effect hasn't been dramatic.

DeCabia said he expects "Millionaire" to return as a regular series, because it is more profitable and easier to sell to advertisers that way.

ABC is considering both approaches, and may ask for the show as many as four or five times a week, Davies said.

He said he feared the show will become less of an event if it is on so much. But the public appetite is such that other networks will step into the breach with their own quiz shows if "Millionaire" is not on regularly, he said.

Waving goodbye on the final night, Philbin promised viewers, "see you next year!" Davies said he had slightly hedged his bets — the signoff was originally supposed to say, "See you in January."

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Castro declines attendance at WTO meeting

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HAVANA — President Fidel Castro announced Monday that he would not attend the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle because he believed U.S. officials would bar him from entering the country.

"I was certain that the State Department would not grant me the visa," Castro wrote in a letter to Rep. Jim McDermott of Washington. The government distributed a copy of the letter to foreign news agencies in Cuba on Monday afternoon.

"For that reason, I didn't even

bother to apply," the communist leader continued. "I did not want to be submitted to that humiliation."

The six-page letter made it clear that Castro was interested in attending the meeting and, at one point, had been hopeful of going.

"I prepared feverishly," Castro wrote. "I wanted to do it and I had practically decided to make the trip, despite insurmountable difficulties."

Senior U.S. officials had said earlier that a visa would be granted to Castro if he applied, because the United States, as host country for the 135-nation WTO meeting, was obligated to allow officials from member

countries attend.

But Castro said in the letter that some American officials had been quoted in newspaper articles as saying that the gathering was for cabinet-level officials, and that his being there would not be "appropriate."

He also said officials from the State Department's Cuba desk had warned Dagoberto Rodriguez, director of North America for Cuba's Foreign Ministry of the possible consequences of the trip.

"The plot against my trip to Seattle, with the support of the State Department, was unquestionable," he said. "That confirmed my perception

about the opposition to, and even the political and moral terror of, my participation in the WTO meeting in Seattle."

Castro's letter thanked McDermott, a Democrat, and the people of Seattle for their kindness and hospitality. The letter was distributed shortly after a plane carrying the Cuban delegation to the meeting took off from Havana without Castro aboard.

The delegation will be led, Castro wrote, by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque "who is deeply familiar and fully shares my concepts and ideas about the current situation of the world and its possible evolution."

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Mexico implements \$800 car deposit

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CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Immigrant rights advocates met Monday with Mexican government officials to voice their opposition to a hotly debated new policy to collect deposits of up to \$800 from drivers of U.S.-registered cars entering the Mexican interior.

Despite boycott threats and pressure from U.S. congressmen and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who have asked the Mexican government to reconsider, officials plan to begin taking the deposits at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. The measure was added to Mexican law books last week.

"We want to do one last-ditch effort to try to convince the Mexican government that this measure is unconstitutional and will hurt a lot of Mexican immigrants who live in the

United States," said Luis Pelayo of Chicago, representing the Mexican Coalition for Our Rights.

Many of the 30 or so activists and border representatives to Mexico's Congress raised the same concerns: that Mexican officials couldn't be trusted to return the deposits because of long-standing corruption and that the policy will most harm families who can't afford the deposits.

The government has maintained that the measure is necessary to prevent the illegal importation of cars, which often are cheaper in the United States, and to protect the domestic car industry. Officials say more than 10 percent of cars in Mexico are illegal, U.S.-registered cars.

But those attending Monday's meeting at a hotel in this city across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas, said there is a widespread feeling that

some Mexican officials will try to cheat returning drivers out of some of their deposit money.

"What has changed between now and yesterday in terms of the institutionalized corruption?" said Carlos Spector, an El Paso immigration attorney who helped organize the meeting.

Maria Jimenez, representing the Houston-based Association of Residency and Citizenship of America, added: "We don't trust government authorities to return the money, even if we could pay it."

Jimenez said the policy is "a slap in the face to immigrants who send about \$6 billion a year back to Mexico."

The three Mexican congressmen in attendance — members of the Border Affairs Commission — said they could understand the sentiments

and planned to officially object to the policy.

Gerardo Delgado Cruz, the Mexican Customs administrator in Juarez, said he wouldn't like to pay, either, and asked the group to come up with alternatives to prevent the illegal imports.

He said in some ways, the new system could help drivers save money.

Under the outgoing system, drivers of U.S.-registered cars either had to allow Mexican officials to make a copy of their credit card — but not charge it — or buy a bond of about \$300, only about half of which was refundable.

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Leading party keeps control in Malaysia

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's coalition won a resounding victory in Monday's parliamentary elections after a year of political and economic turmoil that threatened the Malaysian leader's reign.

Mahathir's 14-party National Front retained its two-thirds majority in the 193-seat Parliament with a campaign that focused on economic and civil stability. The strong showing announced today assured Mahathir, 73, of a fifth consecutive term.

The Alternative Front opposition coalition had hoped to hold the National Front to fewer than two-thirds of the seats to prove Malaysians yearn for democratic freedoms and government transparency.

The opposition did win a crucial victory when the wife of Mahathir's imprisoned former deputy, Anwar Ibrahim, trounced a former Cabinet minister in the race for the rural

northern seat that Anwar held for 16 years before being sacked and convicted of corruption.

"This is a victory of the people," Azuzah Ismail told her supporters late Monday. "It shows that people dared to choose change."

Anwar has become the opposition's leading symbol for change and greater freedom since being ousted by Mahathir. He is serving a six-year sentence for corruption and is on trial for sodomy — charges he says were trumped up to destroy him politically.

The final tally for Monday's vote in Parliament and 11 state assemblies was not expected until later in the day.

Mahathir, who began his rule in 1981, could see his landslide victory as vindication of his risky actions in the past year, from the firing of the popular Anwar to his controversial economic policies that brought sneers from Western financial gurus, yet brought the country out of recession.

Mahathir proclaimed his victory early today to thousands of cheering members of his United Malays

National Organization.

"The people have given us more than a two-thirds majority," he said. "That's clear proof that they still want us to lead the country. We will ensure that the country remains free, remains united and remains successful."

The new government was expected to be formed later today, with the Malaysian king reinstating Mahathir as prime minister in a formal ceremony.

The Alternative Front had hoped to win at least 65 seats, but with 191 of the 193 seats decided, they had won only 40 seats. In the previous Parliament, the opposition held only 23 seats and the ruling coalition controlled 166 seats.

The National Front won 148 of the seats and a small opposition party won the remaining three.

The country's Election Commission said that voting Monday proceeded calmly and turnout was between 60 percent and 70 percent.

The opposition had believed most Malaysians were ready to join the wave of demands for greater democ-

racy that hit Southeast Asia in the wake of the 1997 financial crisis. Indonesian President Suharto was forced to give up his 32-year reign last May after riots shook Jakarta. Thailand earlier this year adopted a new constitution designed to reduce corruption and to make government more transparent.

But Mahathir repeatedly reminded Malaysia's 22 million people how much they have benefited from his rule as the economy grew by 8 percent each year for a decade until the Asian financial crisis. The average annual income has risen from \$300 in 1957, when Malaysia won independence from Britain, to \$3,800 this year.

He warned Muslim Malays that they could forfeit special privileges and cautioned the ethnic Chinese and Indian minorities that they could lose their religious and cultural freedoms if the opposition were to win.

Mahathir is also riding high on the rebounding economy, which fell into deep recession last year, then came back to post 8.1 percent growth this quarter.

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Volley Frog seniors leave their mark at TCU

By Paul Freeland
SKIFF STAFF

The three members of the Volley Frogs' 1999 senior class will leave a team well on its way to establishing a presence in the collegiate volleyball scene.

With home wins against Rice and Tulsa last weekend, seniors Jessica Rangel, Jill Pape and Stacy Olson ended their collegiate careers with a display of natural talent and a passion for pioneering. When the trio entered TCU, however, the volleyball landscape was quite different.

"At the time our recruiting pitch was getting to be a part of history and being a part of something special," head coach Sandy Troutd said. "My offer was to get a chance to play the best teams and if the players listened to me, they could be the best."

Though the seniors' destination was the same, some of the angles they took to arrive on the TCU campus were very different.

"I came to TCU because of a combination of different things," Olson said. "I had a couple of scholarship offers from Division II colleges but TCU was in a good conference, and I had a chance of playing as a freshman."

"I had already gone on a couple of recruiting trips out of state," Rangel said. "I wanted to stay in state, though, and I wanted to go to a smaller university."

"At TCU I had a chance to make a difference as a freshman and play in a talented conference."

Troutd, who already had her eye on her current seniors, saw a

wealth of talent in the guise of her newest recruits.

"We brought in Jill not only because of her athletic talents but because of her personality, as well," Troutd said. "She loves to compete and we felt that she could develop into the leader that she has become."

"We thought that she could survive in the (Western Athletic Conference) even though we were young and she enjoys teeing up against the best teams that are out there."

"Jessica had a lot of athletic ability when we found her. She was quick and had the best vertical jump out there. She needed work on her back row skills, though, which is ironic since she's been playing back row almost full time this year."

"Stacy started as a non-scholarship player and we couldn't offer her anything more than a position. I was just amazed by her energy and work ethic, though. She will go to any length to make herself and her team better."

TCU Volleyball was born in 1996 and debuted with Rangel, Pape and Olson on the Division I circuit. However, life wasn't all fun and games for TCU's first freshman volleyball class.

"My first thoughts were 'Oh my gosh, this is harder than I thought,'" Olson said. "I didn't know anyone except my teammates for the entire fall semester. We had

to balance everything that was going on and there was no way we could have imagined how hard that would be."

"Our freshman year was totally different than any other year any freshman will ever have in this program."

Normally teams that have a number of different personalities tend to clash and create discord in the locker room. However, in TCU's case, the exact opposite is true, Pape said.

"As a group we tend to balance each other out," Pape said. "All three of us are so different that we compliment one another. We all bring energy and effort to the table."

The impact the balance effort brought is not lost on Troutd, who turned to the record books to show just how important her seniors have been to the program.

"The seniors have been the program," Troutd said. "The seniors have been the record book. I told the 1996 team that they would be pioneers and these three are the first to complete a full four years in our program."

Pape, Rangel and Olson dominate the tops of the TCU record books with two matches to go, holding 19 school records between them.

Olson holds the record for most aces in a match, is second in career

aces and career matches played and fourth in career digs.

Rangel holds the lead in blocks in a match and career blocks, is second in season blocks and third in career matches played.

Pape, in addition to holding 16 school records, holds spots on the WAC (seventh in career aces, ninth in career kills and eleventh in career digs) and NCAA record books (fifth in season attacks per game), as well.

"I don't know if there is enough time to say how much I've learned from these three," Troutd said. "Even as long as I've coached, I don't think I ever appreciated my upperclassmen until I started all freshmen here."

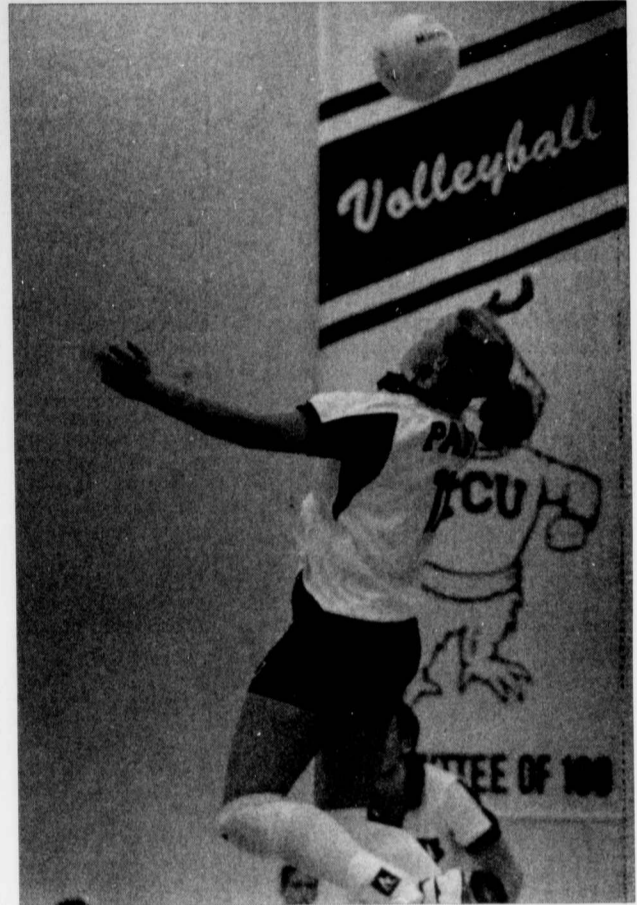
"Also, I also learned that I don't have to yell and scream to get players to hate losing. They already knew that despite the odds we faced night in and night out."

As they bid farewell to their days at the Rickel Building, the Volley Frog seniors will take with them many lessons learned throughout their years at TCU.

"I learned a lot of discipline and I learned how not to handle situations more so than how to handle situations," Pape said. "I learned how to accept a role, no matter what it has to be."

"We proved that we could stick through the tough times and now we are able to say that we are almost like the founders of this program, being the only three players left out of the original 15."

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Senior outside hitter Jill Pape led a trio of pioneers for the Volley Frogs program. Pape, joined by fellow-seniors Jessica Rangel and Stacy Olsen, are the first class of volleyball players to attend TCU all four of their NCAA-eligible years.

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REFLECTIONS

Frogs join first conference in their athletic tenure

1909 - TCU became a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

TCU men's basketball team doesn't take the court

1910-1913 - For a four-year span, the Frogs did not field a men's basketball team. It is the first time TCU lacked a basketball squad since its induction 91 years ago.

Football team just misses an undefeated season

1912 - The Frogs' finished the season 8-1, with its only loss coming against the University of Texas.

Frogs go to the Dixie Bowl in Fort Worth

1920 - The post-World War I squad produced TCU's best record to date, winning nine straight games in the regular season. However, the post-season bowl contest against Centre College ended in a 63-7 Frog defeat.

TCU joins the newly-formed Southwest Conference

1923 - The Frogs were admitted into the SWC. In their initial football season in the SWC, the Frogs played three games and posted a 2-1 record.

Frog basketball player named All-SWC twice

1925 - Tim George, a center on the TCU basketball team, repeated as an All-SWC performer.

Baseball team produces major-league talents

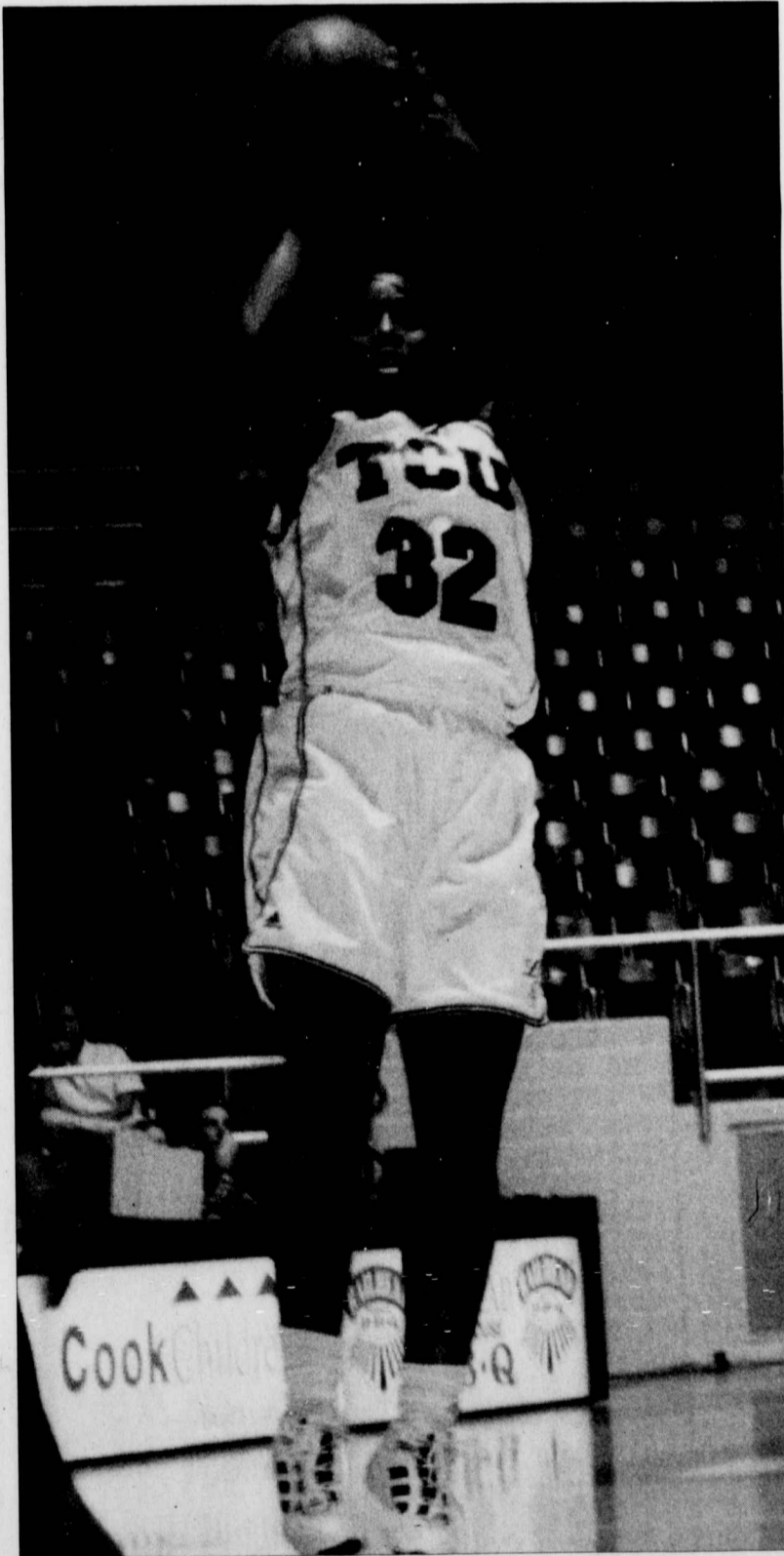
1909-1912 - Louis Drucke played his entire career for the New York Giants.

1912 - Ona Dodd and Jim Haislip each played a single season of major-league baseball.

1912-1917 - Claude Cooper had a six-year career for the Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics.

1921-1932 - Pete Donahue played for four different teams over his 12-year tenure in Major League Baseball.

1923-1926 - Boob Fowler played in Boston and Cincinnati during his career.



Senior guard Diamond Jackson scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Frogs to a 92-69 win over Air Force Friday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Jackson scored only seven points the next night against Wichita State, but TCU came away from the contest with a 86-80 victory. The Frogs set a three-point field goal accuracy mark in the Air Force game connecting on 12-of-17 shots from behind the arc. Junior guard Amy Sutton scored 33 points over the weekend. Junior guard Jill Sutton added 25 and sophomore forward Tricia Payne chipped in 34 over the two-game span. The two wins boosted TCU's record to 3-1. The Frogs will host Arkansas-Pine Bluff at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

GAME

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the Frogs did not fare much better either. Tomlinson was held to only 37 yards on 14 carries.

"Our defensive line just wore them out," sophomore linebacker Chad Bayer said. "It's hard to run the ball when our defensive line is knocking their offensive line back, and it is also hard to pass the ball when the quarterback is getting hit nearly every time."

SMU quarterback Josh McCown spent most of the game eluding the TCU defensive front. He was sacked four times for a loss of 31 yards, and he completed 12 of 26 pass attempts for 50 yards.

The shutout was the second for the Frogs this season, and the third time SMU has been shut out. The loss drops the Mustangs to 4-6, while TCU improves to 7-4.

"The shutout was great," Bayer said. "But we were going for the win."

The Frogs started the second half strong, behind a 13-play 80-yard scoring drive, capped off by Tomlinson's 16-yard run. Freshman receiver LaTarence Dunbar converted the two-point conversion on a reverse hand-off to make the score 14-0.

Senior quarterback Patrick Batteaux,

playing in his last game, played most of the second half and gained 24 yards rushing. Batteaux needed 17 receiving yards to become the first TCU player ever to gain 500 yards passing, rushing and receiving.

"I wouldn't trade this win for 17 yards," Batteaux said. "We are conference champions, and that is all that matters."

The Frogs are two years removed from a 1-10 season and are now going to a second consecutive bowl game Dec. 22 in the Mobile Alabama Bowl against No. 20 East Carolina. Had the Mustangs won Friday's contest, they would have made up their game against San Jose State and had a chance to share the WAC title.

Senior defensive lineman J.W. Wilson said a victory over SMU is an ideal way to end his career.

"We practiced all year long for something like this," he said. "As a senior, I could not have asked for anything more than this. Playing SMU at home and for the WAC championship, you can't ask for anything more than that."

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Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson is gang tackled by the Mustang defense Friday at Amon Carter Stadium. TCU beat SMU 21-0 to win the Iron Skillet.

BOWL

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the presence of Tomlinson, one of three finalists for this year's Doak Walker National Running Back Award, and a TCU defense that statistically ranks among the nation's top 20 units.

"It's going to be great to have one of the outstanding runners in college football history and the nation's 17th-ranked defense," Gottfried said. "TCU was our No. 1 choice. We're very impressed with the TCU program."

The game will be televised at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 22 on ESPN2 and will be the only bowl game played that day. Gottfried said he expects the 40,646-seat Ladd-Peebles Stadium to be sold out.

Most of the post-game chatter in the

TCU locker room centered on the conference championship, not on upcoming bowl opponent East Carolina.

Tomlinson, who set TCU single-season records with 1,850 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns, was too busy celebrating the close of a successful regular season to fathom the implications of his record-setting season and a bowl game.

"I'm happy with the win, and I'm most proud of the fact that we're WAC champions," Tomlinson said. "It's great, but then again ... I'm not realizing what I've accomplished."

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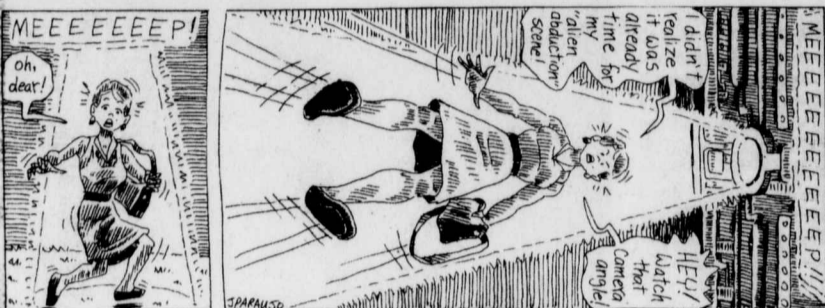
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