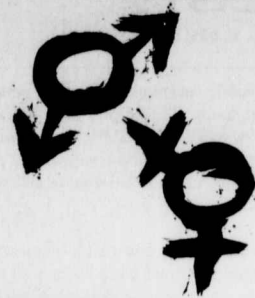




# Skiff



While the debate over gay marriage continues in Vermont courts, gay, lesbian and bisexual students said they adjusted to coming out during college and faced the misconceptions that surround their sexual orientation.  
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## Housing, tuition to increase along with fees

### Board vote approves change

By Reagan Duplisea  
STAFF REPORTER

Tuition, fees and housing will all increase in cost next year after the TCU Board of Trustees passed a motion Friday approving the change.

A student taking 15 hours will pay \$417 more per semester next year in tuition and fees alone. Students can also expect to pay more in housing, which is increasing by an average of 7 percent. The board met for its first meeting Thursday and Friday in the Dee J.

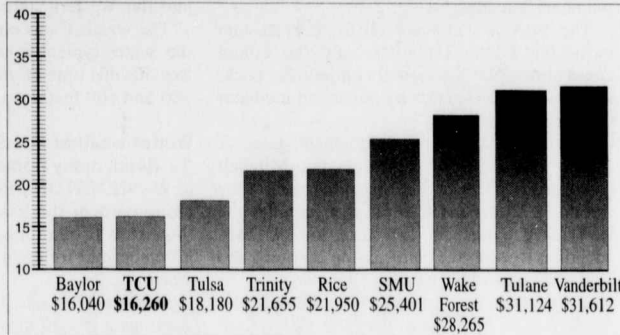
Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

Tuition will increase by \$25 to \$390 an hour, fees will increase from \$1,300 to \$1,385 per year and housing costs will increase 7 percent, Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said.

However, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said the percentage of what students are paying for their education has decreased.

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### Differences in private university tuition



### Students divided over decision

By Danny Horne  
STAFF REPORTER

After the TCU Board of Trustees passed a \$25-per-hour tuition increase, students were left with mixed emotions.

"As long as the money is going toward making the university better, I do not have a problem with them increasing costs," said Bethany Mize, a freshman elementary education major.

Reuben Reynoso, a junior business major, said he is concerned he will never be able to take

advantage of the improvements his money is going toward.

"I really don't see what they are doing with those fees except the renovations in the Student Center," Reynoso said. "I hope to see more of that before I graduate."

Felicia Garman, a junior finance and accounting major, said she wants to see relevant improvements for herself.

"We pay a lot of money, but we

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## PULSE

BRIEFS

### SGA commends football team for WAC championship

The House of Student Representatives will honor the TCU football team during its meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

The House will issue the 1999 Mobile Bowl and Western Athletic Conference champions a framed statement congratulating the TCU football team for its accomplishments.

The proclamation will be accepted by TCU head football coach Dennis Franchione on behalf of his team.

"This is the most important award to the players because it comes from their peers," Franchione said.

SGA President Ben Jenkins said it is an honor to have won the WAC championship two years in a row.

"It reflects the pride we feel at TCU and allows us to have national recognition," he said.

House will also formally swear in Jenkins and other new officers.

### Faculty Senate to discuss degrees, pedestrian safety

Nominations for honorary degrees and a resolution on pedestrian safety on University Drive will be discussed at February's Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.

The list of nominees for honorary degrees will be reviewed and finalized before going to the Board of Trustees, which makes the final decision.

The Senate will also vote on a resolution recommending speed bumps or elevated crosswalks on University Drive.

Joseph Bobich, a professor of chemistry and author of the resolution, said he expects it to pass without opposition.

The Senate will also be discussing re-allocating senate seats after the division of colleges and changes in the number of faculty. Chancellor Ferrari will also be giving a report on the January Board of Trustees meeting.

### Chancellor's daughter gives birth to triplets in Illinois

Chancellor Michael Ferrari became the grandfather of triplets Monday after his daughter, Elizabeth Masterson, gave birth to a girl, Maeve, and two boys, Seamus and Mickey, Monday afternoon in Hinsdale, Ill.

Ferrari said the triplets were given Irish names because their father, Jim Masterson, is Irish.

Ferrari said he does not know when he will be able to go see them.

"I'll start working on that right now," he said.

## Smoke from nearby fire fills campus air



Eighteen units and 80 firefighters worked on a five-alarm fire that broke out at the Air Controlled Self Storage Warehouse at 3614 McCart Avenue Monday.

### Warehouse fire draws several onlookers, fire departments

By Victor Drabicky  
STAFF REPORTER

Smoke from a nearby fire filled the air around campus Monday morning as a five-alarm fire swept through the Air Controlled Self Storage Warehouse at 3614 McCart Ave.

Fort Worth Police Lieutenant Kent Worley said the fire broke out around 10 a.m.

"When (employees) couldn't figure out where all the smoke was coming from, they decided to evacuate the building and call the fire department," he said. "Because the inside of the building is separated by only chain-link fencing, there is no way to tell how long the fire will burn. But when the fire is put out, we will pass our information on to the investigators, and they will determine the cause."

The smoke, visible from miles around, drifted onto campus and caught the attention of students.

"It drifted into Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium when we were watching a high school choir," said Charles Abbott, a freshman international

finance, marketing and voice major. "When we came out, it was hazy everywhere."

Sophomore math major Amanda Knecht said she smelled the smoke in Winton-Scott Hall and thought it was a gas leak.

Freshman biology major Alan Daniel said, "I thought it smelled like an electrical fire at first, and then I saw the smoke and wondered where it was coming from."

Worley said the first fire units arrived quickly after receiving the call about the fire.

"Our first units arrived on the scene within two minutes of receiving the call," Worley said. "In all, we had 18 units and about 80 firefighters working the fire."

Units from as far away as Arlington were called in to help fight the blaze.

TCU alumnus and Arlington Fire Department Battalion Chief Jerry Brooks said his unit was called in for backup.

"Arlington and Fort Worth have a mutual-aid agreement, meaning they help us, and we

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## Clinton increases funding for student loans

By Jaime Walker  
STAFF REPORTER

President Bill Clinton focused on the accessibility of higher education during his State of the Union address Thursday.

"To make the American dream achievable for all, we must make college affordable for all," Clinton said.

Education should play a critical role in this year's political agenda, Clinton said. In his address, he outlined the New Opportunity Agenda for Higher Education. His proposal, which included a \$30 billion college tuition tax cut, is designed to provide middle-class families up to \$10,000 for tuition costs.

TCU students, regardless of their political affiliation, said the idea of increased federal funding for college tuition is a good idea.

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### Many support president's higher education reforms

Clinton also called for a \$1 billion increase in funding for Pell Grants, more affordable student loans, Lifetime Learning Tax Credits and HOPE scholarships, which he said would help students across the nation. The Lifetime Credits provide up to \$5,000, while HOPE scholarships provide up to \$1,500. Both are eligible to families in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 tax bracket.

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Josh Wall, a sophomore political science major, said he supported

Clinton's education reforms.

"I am all for it," he said. "I can't tell you how much it would help out my family."

John Miller, a freshman marketing major, said Clinton's proposals could impact college affordability but is concerned about where the money will come from.

"If they cut taxes for college parents, taxes will probably go up for people without college students," he said. "I just really wonder where he wants to get the money."

James Riddlesperger, professor of political science, said American democracy is founded on the

struggle to decide who benefits from legislation and who is going to pay for it.

He also said Republicans and Democrats fight over how to fund education reforms and differ about who they think should get federal funds.

"The desire to make education accessible to more people is important to both parties," Riddlesperger said. "Education is the cornerstone of the American concept of equal opportunity."

In Clinton's speech, he praised the bipartisan effort toward education reform but said further sup-

port is necessary for reaching his proposed goals.

"If we take all these steps, we'll move a long way toward making sure every child starts school ready to learn and graduates ready to succeed," Clinton said.

Wall said college students should follow not only educational policy, but politics in general because legislators make decisions which will impact all Americans.

"This is an exciting time for our country," he said. "What happens in politics today has the power to shape the country forever."

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## FBLA conference teaches high-schoolers business skills

### Program includes courses in business law, speaking performance

By Yonina Robinson  
STAFF REPORTER

The M.J. Neeley School of Business hosted the Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda District 11 Conference Saturday.

Alice Arredondo, district adviser, said FBLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of students preparing for careers in business.

She said the association has three divisions: FBLA for high-school and middle-school students, PBL for postsecondary students and a professional division. Some of the program's

goals are to develop competent, aggressive business leadership, create more interest and understanding of American business enterprise and assist students in the establishment of occupational goals.

The conference included courses such as business law, speaking performance and communication service.

"Each year we compete at the National Convention in July," Arredondo added. "Therefore, each state hosts competitions."

Saturday, a few of the competitive events included impromptu speaking, job interview and entrepreneurship.

Arredondo said FBLA helps to build confidence and exposes students to actual business people.

As an adviser, Gerry Skiles of Lewisville

High School in Denton County, said his job is primarily to recruit the students and prepare them to compete.

"I joined because the organization was popular on campus," said Amber Shumake, a junior at Lamar High School.

"Membership in FBLA is second to Student Council," said Lauren Bair, a senior at Lamar.

Once they are a part of the organization, Shumake said members plan concerts and raise money for FBLA and Lamar High School while getting managerial experience. "FBLA gave me more wisdom in business," said Nicky Garrette, a Polytechnic High School sophomore. Some minority students said they enjoy the challenge of having their backs to the wall.

"It might not be easy, but this is a good way to start," said Bobby Smith, a sophomore at

Polytechnic High School. "It makes you work harder."

Garrette and Smith said their parents support their involvement in FBLA. Both students are also football players at Polytechnic.

Smith also said he takes his involvement in the organization as seriously as his involvement on the football team.

FBLA Texas President Kellen Vaughn, a senior at Paschal High School, said his involvement in the organization has not affected his GPA despite the demand of his position. He said he is also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Eagle Scouts and spirit organizations on campus.

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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. The deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. on the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **Photographs and drawings** by Richard Kelly, one of the pioneers in architectural lighting design, are in the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday.

■ **Free workshop on résumés and cover letters** 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in Rickel, Room 100 with Writing Center Director Jeanette Harris. Bring a diskette and a résumé in progress, if you wish. For more information, call 257-7221.

■ **Everyone is invited** to attend the screening of "Incident at Oglala: The Leonard Peltier Story," 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 156.

■ **Help bring the 2012 Olympic Games to North Texas.** The Dallas 2012 Olympic Bid Committee needs volunteers to help with upcoming amateur and U.S. Olympic Team trial events already scheduled for North Texas. These events include the Olympic track cycling trials (April 25-29), Olympic triathlon trials (May 27-28), and Olympic wrestling trials (June 22-24). For information on volunteer and membership opportunities, call (214) 871-3029 or visit the Dallas 2012 Web site at (www.dallas2012.org).

■ **Interviewing Skills Workshop** will be noon Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 204. This hour-long workshop will include topics such as researching the organization, anticipating questions, preparing your marketing strategy, dressing appropriately and following up effectively. Please register at least 24 hours in advance by calling 257-7860 or stopping by Career Services in the Student Center Annex.

■ **May 2000 degree candidates** should file their Intent to Graduate forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing and requires time to process the intent. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 15.

■ **Students are invited to enter their work** in the year 2000 Creative Writing Contests. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to TCU students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available in the English department, Reed Hall 314, or in the Writing Center, Rickel Building 100. The deadline for entries is Feb. 11.

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## NEWS

ROUNDUP

### WORLD

#### Disarmament report threatens Northern Ireland political stability, party compromises

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland's fledgling Protestant-Catholic administration faces imminent suspension if the Irish Republican Army doesn't agree to disarm, the senior Cabinet minister warned Monday.

David Trimble, Protestant leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said Britain might shut down the 8-week-old administration if — as expected — a report by Northern Ireland's disarmament commission shows the Irish Republican Army has failed to begin turning in its weapons.

The commission presented copies of the report to the British and Irish governments late Monday. Its contents were expected to be distributed to Northern Ireland parties and the public on Tuesday.

The province's major British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, said the fallout could blow apart the careful compromise package struck in November by American mediator George Mitchell.

Seeking to achieve two long-elusive goals of 1998's Good Friday peace accord, Mitchell persuaded the Ulster Unionists to move first by forming a four-party Cabinet that includes the IRA-linked Sinn Fein. In return, the IRA was supposed to help the commission pinpoint and neutralize its hidden weapons dumps.

In an interview Sunday, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams suggested that the IRA might break off contacts with the disarmament commission if the administration is suspended.

### NATION

#### Alaskan Airlines crash in Pacific Ocean yields no survivors out of 65 passengers

OXNARD, Calif. — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. The Coast Guard said several bodies were recovered from the site, but there were no reports of survivors.

A Coast Guard helicopter, a Navy airplane and small boats were searching an area where pieces of wreckage rolled in swells off Point Mugu after darkness had descended on the ocean. Commercial squid boats, which have high-power lights, were illuminating the area.

Several bodies were found by 6 p.m., said Lt. Chuck Diorio at Coast Guard headquarters in

Long Beach.

"Right now they are searching for survivors," said Coast Guard Lt. Jeanne Reincke.

The plane was an MD-83, part of the MD-80 series aircraft built by McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, said John Thom, a spokesman for Boeing's Douglas aircraft unit. The downed plane was delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, Thom said.

The jet's crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport. The flight was scheduled to continue to Seattle after San Francisco.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of passengers and crew.

Alaska Airlines, which has a distinctive image of an Eskimo painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It has built itself into a western power by serving more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states.

The weather was clear at the crash site, and the water typically has a temperature in the low 50s this time of year. The water is between 300 and 600 feet deep.

#### Winter weather shocks East Coast, leaving 17 dead, many homes without electricity

WASHINGTON — Roads were a slushy mess along parts of the East Coast on Monday and thousands of families and businesses still had no electricity following a deadly snow and ice storm.

At least 17 deaths had been blamed on the storm as it moved through the southern Plains, the Southeast and up the East Coast. Snow showers were scattered through New England on Monday as the remnants of the storm headed into Canada and out to sea.

President Clinton approved a federal disaster declaration for 31 counties of North Carolina on Monday, making federal funds available to help communities there dig out from last week's record snowfall.

Chilly rain that continued in North Carolina turned snow to slush that froze Monday morning on highways and sidewalks. Refreezing was expected again Tuesday morning.

Police warned motorists against becoming overconfident as temperatures eased.

"You're on water one minute and ice the next," North Carolina Highway Patrol Sgt. Jeff Winstead said.

Millions of chickens in parts of Arkansas and Texas died or were left in the cold when the roofs of more than 500 chicken barns collapsed under the weight of as much as a foot of snow and ice last week. An industry official said Monday the losses could crimp the nation's poultry supply and lead to higher prices.

### STATE

#### Plans to clean air include reducing speed limits, using more efficient hot water heaters

HOUSTON — Nearly 600 people packed a hearing room and spilled into a nearby hallway Monday night to sound off on a plan to clean the state's air.

Most were angrily opposed to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's proposals, which range from lowering the speed limit to regulating hot water heaters.

About 250 members of a group called Citizens for a Sound Economy protested outside the building where the hearing took place. They carried fly swatters and wore T-shirts with the words "Stop the blackmail" printed on them.

Carol Jones, 52, of Austin was among them. She's especially concerned that Texas will lose highway money for infrastructure expansion if the state fails to satisfy the federal government in the next seven years.

"The (Environmental Protection Agency) is threatening to withhold our highway funds," Jones said. "It's our money. It is extortion. This is only political."

Meanwhile, 24-year-old Chickpea Feltz of Houston tried to squeeze her way into the tense, crowded hearing room, where 300 people signed up to comment.

"I actually had to leave Houston for about a month during the bad ozone days. I was ill, coughing, tired all the time," she said. "I think they should go as far as they can with the restrictions."

After a week spent hashing over the air cleaning plan, state environmental regulators held two final hearings Monday in Beaumont and Houston.

Nobody argues about the filthy air lingering over the state — but how to clear the smog has proven a highly contentious question.

"The proposals have caught a tremendous amount of attention," said Randolph Wood, TNRCC deputy director of policy and regulatory development on Monday.

In October 1999, Houston edged past Los Angeles to become the nation's smoggiest metropolis. The dubious distinction threw light on an old problem — the alarming ozone depletion.

The state is against a wall: The Environmental Protection Agency ordered regulators to control air pollution by 2007.

Worried about their cars and their jobs, Texans met the TNRCC suggestions with dismay. Judging by citizens who spoke their minds at a hearing in Beaumont Monday afternoon, the state agency's suggestions are hitting a little too close to home.

Cars could be held to much higher emission standards, speed limits on Texas' expansive highways could be lowered and new, cleaner hot-water heaters could be forced into private homes.

These stories are from the Associated Press.

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STAFF editorial

## DANGER ON ICE

Notification needed in bad weather

TCU students finally got their white Christmas last week. Layers of ice were frozen on car windshields and on roads, making driving conditions slippery at best.

Winter arrived in Fort Worth and took everyone by surprise, including TCU administrators.

While many school districts around the Dallas/Fort Worth area closed their doors for the day, TCU went on with business as usual. Students had to slip and slide to class on icy sidewalks.

Classes were finally canceled at 4 p.m. However, by then, many students had already braved the weather and dangerous roadways to come to class. By late afternoon, the campus was desolate.

Classes should have been let out at much earlier than 4 p.m., but TCU failed to inform students how to check to see if school was canceled. Other schools have a specific phone number which is updated hourly in bad weather situations, and students can call to see if classes are canceled. Furman University in Greenville, S.C., for example, has informed all students of this number in case of bad weather.

Many TCU students were left wondering who to contact to find out if classes were canceled. TCU needs to take the responsibility for directly transmitting this information to students.

Kelli Horst, TCU's director of communications, said students can call the switchboard at 257-7000 to find out if classes are canceled. But how many students knew to call that number?

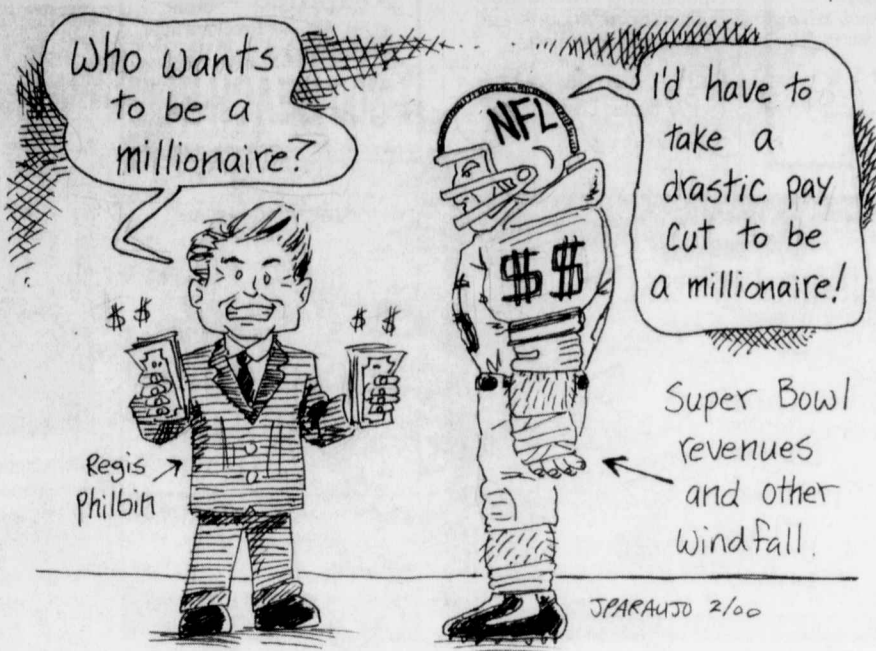
TCU needs a separate number just for weather emergencies, and if this number is ever going to be used, the university must publicize it.

TCU students need to be notified in a timely manner in case of bad weather. Students should not have to risk their lives to get to class.

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## SGA still needs improvements

Last semester was a tough one for me. I had to give up one of my favorite activities — being a Skiff columnist — in order to join the group of leaders that, I thought, were shaping TCU's future: the Student Government Association.



RAQUEL TORRES

I gained lots of insight from attending SGA meetings. I learned about projects that had been undertaken by students in the past and those that just now are coming to fruition. I learned that each of those projects which we now enjoy had an ancestor in the work of past representatives to the SGA. In other words, the SGA can do things. It might take a while, but they can.

In addition, I learned that we owe much thanks to the last president, Ben Alexander, and his team, who brought SGA out of the Dark Ages to give us an improved Web site, online elections and campus-wide e-mail announcements. Last year's initiatives also included a further strive toward diversity and unity in the TCU community. What

I'm trying to say is that SGA did a good job last year, and Ben Jenkins has a team with the potential to do even more right now. Nevertheless, there is always room for improvement. Thus, even though I have left my role as a representative in SGA to seek my solitary column, I want to offer some insight to this semester's reps and to the students of TCU.

1) SGA works on a model where reps are elected from their residence hall or from off campus. This model has worked in the past. However, it also has several flaws. For example, the number of seats available for town representatives (commuter students) is never filled. Although around 60 percent of students live off campus, their interests are always underrepresented. This problem needs a solution, or else commuter students are never going to have that parking lot they desire. In addition, the model of reps by residence hall hinders SGA from discussing many issues, such as improvements of technology, academic curriculum and financial aid at TCU. It is hard for a rep to raise these issues when they are fighting for the interests of a resident, not a student.

The SGA needs to implement a system in which the different colleges can voice their concerns. Perhaps each college should have a

number of reps to the SGA who can raise issues from our much-neglected academic standpoint.

2) In addition, if SGA wants to promote diversity and attract minorities to its seats, it needs to make a greater effort to reach out to them, to make activities that attract their interest, or at least attempt to be more inclusive. Often times, SGA sends mixed messages to minorities about their role and importance in the university. For example, last year a resolution that objected the change of the term "freshman" to "first-year student" was killed because the SGA believed that it was important for TCU women to feel included in every way possible. However, by the same token, last year several reps belonging to minority religions had to start every SGA meeting with an emotional slap in the face because the chaplain would always end the opening prayer with "in Jesus Christ's name we pray." No, dear chaplain, we don't all pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

3) SGA should also have its meetings in a more visible and spacious place. There were hardly enough seats for every rep at meetings last year, leaving no space for plain of students interested in attending a meeting. SGA also needs some time to have an "open

mic" for students to voice their concerns, so that the interests of the students remain a concern not only during campaign time, but throughout the whole semester. To achieve this, reps must realize that they made a commitment to be there every Tuesday from 5 until 7 p.m., not from 5 p.m. until as-soon-as-I-can-get-the-Hell-out-of-here.

And finally, and most importantly, TCU students need to begin to hold their representatives accountable for their decisions. Read the Skiff's House briefs, freeze the SGA computer with e-mails, complain or praise. It doesn't matter — just do it. This year, the SGA is starting with an awesome team that is willing to work hard. But it all won't work out as long as we students avoid what we have to do: bitch.

Thus, I explain my resignation now. I am leaving SGA, not because I don't want to participate with the improvements of the university but because I am going to be playing the most important role I can think of: I will be a constituent.

SGA, my pen and I are going to be watching you ... like a hawk.

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## LETTER to the editor

### Equality was issue for civil rights leaders, not Confederate flag

After reading the article, "Flag misunderstood by some," in the Daily Skiff on Tuesday, I felt a strong need to respond. I must challenge the logic in concluding that Martin Luther King seems to have understood the rich symbolism embraced by the Confederate flag since he never called for the abolition of Confederate symbols. King, as well as other civil rights leaders during 1960s, fought for basic civil rights that were denied to blacks in America: voting rights, equal access to higher education, jobs and housing. These were huge tangible barriers.

So of course the flying of the Confederate flag by the state of Georgia was not an issue in King's agenda, but that does not mean "King understood the rich symbolism embraced by the Confederate flag." People are entitled to their "sugar-coated" views of the Confederate flag, but the weak attempt to put words in King's mouth is offensive and slanderous. I am a native of Georgia. Georgia adopted the Confederate flag in 1956 to protest the desegregation of public schools ordered by the Supreme Court. Do you honestly think that King was supportive of the Confederate flag adopted by Georgia to denounce the desegregation of public schools?

Martin Luther King and others fought and died to remove the physical barriers of racism and hate, not silly symbols.

Darron L. Robbins  
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## Education is the key to understanding

Does the Confederate battle flag flying over the South Carolina Statehouse represent heritage or hatred?

It is difficult for anyone who has never lived in the South to realize how much pride people have in their traditions and gentility. There is also animosity toward minorities. The South is different in its customs and its attitudes. Old cultures die hard.

Southern historian B.D. Patterson said the flag flown in South Carolina is not one normally flown over a building. In a recent Fort Worth Star-Telegram column, he

said the flag flown in South Carolina is the type usually carried by military troops in battle.

Flying the Confederate battle flag in the South keeps distasteful memories alive and can cause other hate crimes to occur. The flag has become a symbol of bigotry and causes many people to resent it. The flag represents hostility toward people of color. Old wounds do not heal. Because of the reputation, it is time for South Carolina to take this flag down.

Is there still bigotry in the United States? Yes. Since 1971, the Southern Poverty Law Center has monitored hate crimes through its Klanwatch and leads the fight against civil injustice. Today it keeps tabs on more than 500 white supremacists, anti-government and other hate groups in the United States.

In Texas, Klanwatch monitors 18 groups, including the Knights of the

White Kamellia and World Church of the Creator in Austin, the National Alliance and United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and National Alliance in Fort Worth and the Texas Aryan Nationalist Skinheads in Baytown.

The monitoring task forces provide updates to law enforcement agencies and the news media. The SPLC issues a quarterly publication, "Intelligence Report," to disseminate its findings to the general public.

What is it about human beings that causes us to be hateful? Certainly we are not born that way. It seems that in the United States, there is always some group to hate. Some folks hate blacks. Some people hate the Jewish community. Some people hate women. It seems as if we are always trying to get in touch with our inner racist.

Education is the key. The most productive work of the SPLC is

educating young people in a national tolerance education program. More than 77,000 schools in the United States are using the Teaching Tolerance program that originated from the SPLC. President Clinton's Initiative on Race has singled out this program as a great tool to teach elementary school children how to get along with each other.

If Americans are going to learn tolerance, there is going to have to be a change of attitude and a change of heart. People can become educated about each other's culture. We can open our eyes to the fact that none of us is exactly like any other person. Today would be a good day to understand and learn to accept each other.

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## Facts about genetically modified foods present dilemma over its usefulness

Genetically modified foods have the potential to eliminate world hunger, fight disease and vastly improve general human health, all while making agriculture more sustainable and decreasing the use of harmful chemicals such as insecticides. However, these products may have the capacity to trigger an environmental catastrophe of incalculable magnitude.



ZACH NORRIS

The question today facing humanity is: Are we willing to gamble with Mother Nature?

In order to answer this question, we must first analyze the facts about recombinant DNA technology and genetically modified foods. Unfortunately, depending on whom you talk to, the facts can be inconsistent and misleading.

If you talk to the corporations that would profit from the technology, you would be told that genetically modified foods are just as safe as those produced by traditional methods. If you talk to certain consumer advocate groups, you would be informed of the dangers of "Frankenfoods," and the approaching economic catastrophe.

As usual, the truth is somewhere between these extremes. There are, however, some facts about genetically modified foods that should be known to every person.

Fact: The majority of those in opposition to genetically modified foods do not know enough about the science behind the technology to understand just how safe these products are.

Fact: Genetic manipulation of agriculture is nothing new. In fact, farmers since ancient times have engineered genetically superior crops by selecting seeds from those plants that were resistant to disease and hybridizing them with other strains of the plant.

Fact: Many of the foods that we today consider "natural" are actually the result of thorough genetic manipulation. Corn, wheat and many fruits are examples of foods that were not available to humans in their present forms before this century.

Fact: Modern recombinant DNA technology allows scientists to significantly increase the speed and precision of the process of genetic manipulation. A scientist can now identify a gene that codes for a single desirable characteristic, cut it out and insert that gene into a recipient, which will then display the desired characteristic.

Fact: Genes are not as simple as they were once thought to be. Genes function through complex interac-

tions, with one gene regulating the expression of others, and it is possible that a genetic insert could interfere with these interactions and lead to consequences that are not predictable. This presents a problem for researchers attempting to develop new foods through genetic recombination.

Fact: According to the World Health Organization, 230 million children are at risk for malnutrition due to vitamin A deficiency in regions where rice is a major component of the diet. An article in a recent issue of the journal Science explains how scientists have used recombinant DNA technology to create a strain of rice which contains enough vitamin A to

supplement the deficiency in the average person's diet. These scientists developed this rice without commercial support so that they could give the seeds to farmers free of charge and without dealing with patent laws or licensing restrictions.

The fact is, there are risks involved with this technology. So, if recombinant DNA technology could alleviate the suffering of 230 million children, is it worth the risk? Is humankind ready to gamble with Mother Nature? The stakes are high — ante up.

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TCU students walking to class said they could smell fumes from a five-alarm fire that broke out around 10 a.m. Monday at the Air Controlled Self Storage Warehouse on McCart Avenue, off of West Berry Street.

**FIRE**

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help them if they need the help," Brooks said. "When the fire hit five alarms, we were called in to help fight the fire."

Ruth Bogart, part-owner of the building, said the 100,000 square-foot building is old and not set up in the most beneficial way to fight the fire.

"The north half of the building, where most of the fire is, was built in 1904 and doesn't have a sprinkler system in it," Bogart said. "The southern half of the building was built more recently and has a sprinkler system in it, but the fire hasn't reached that half of the

building." Worley said the light breeze actually helped to contain the fire, although other structures had to be evacuated.

"Since the wind is blowing out of the south, the fire remained mostly in the north half of the building," Worley said. "Just as a precaution, we evacuated the Martin Sprokett building just to the north, but there was no risk of the fire spreading to that building."

As the fire continued to burn, onlookers began to line the streets to watch the firefighters work.

Nearby resident Danny Hernandez said his curiosity got the better of him and brought him out to watch the blaze.

"I had never seen anything like

this before," Hernandez said. "After I heard all the sirens and saw all the smoke, I had to come see what was going on."

Bogart said despite the damage to the building, customers will be more than accommodated.

"We can move any of our customers' belongings that survive the fire to our new building which still has some extra space," Bogart said. "We just want our customers to know that we will do whatever we can to help them following the fire."

Staff reporter Priya Abraham contributed to this report.

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**TRUSTEES**

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"Several years ago, students were paying 60 percent of their education, and now it's 51 percent," Mills said. "I think that's a pretty good deal."

Student charges were increased because the school needs to upgrade technology, maintain the low faculty-student ratio and because of commitments to taking care of employees, Mills said.

Ferrari said salary increases and the addition of more than 20 new faculty members were other factors that influenced the board's decision to raise costs.

"We will not compromise the quality of the university," Ferrari said. "It would be far more damaging to the current students and others down the road."

Interim Chief Financial Officer Ron Clinkscale said current students must invest in the future.

"That's kind of the way life is," Clinkscale said. "We have to pay for things the next generation will benefit from."

Ferrari said he realizes some students will have problems with the increase in tuition and fees. He said he also realizes this may hurt his goal of diversifying the campus.

"In many cases, tuition increases can deter low-income groups from the university," Ferrari said. "Some of our minority students are coming from low-income families.

This will be an important challenge."

But financial aid will increase accordingly, administrators said.

"Financial aid is a package designed to meet your needs, even if tuition is \$390 an hour or \$60 an hour," Mills said.

While building projects are the improvements receiving the most attention, none of the additional tuition and fees will be applied directly to those projects, Clinkscale said. Instead, the money will go to upgrading teaching facilities and adding faculty.

"We will not compromise the quality of the university. It would be far more damaging to the current students and others down the road."

—Chancellor Michael Ferrari

The board also voted to a decrease in spending the endowment for operating costs of the university, from 5.8 percent to 5.75 percent of the endowment. Clinkscale said the endowment is in the \$850 million range.

Ferrari said the board is reluctant to draw from the endowment.

"They wanted to take a prudent position right now because of the volatility of the market," Ferrari said. "We're becoming very slightly less dependent on endowment." Clinkscale said other universi-

ties that have been able to develop such a large endowment use only about five percent of it.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William H. Koehler gave a presentation on the importance of the Tucker Technology Center. He said he remains optimistic that construction will start soon.

"We have the plans," he said. "We're ready to start construction. We just need the money."

Koehler said the funds will come from foundations and individuals.

Mills gave a report on consultants' assessments of renovating the Student Center and Rickel Building.

Board member Pat Schieffer said the two renovation projects are on the drawing board, and no decision regarding them was made.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications and Public Affairs Larry Lauer presented the update on the Commission on the Future of TCU and its respective task forces. He said the board was excited and encouraged at the progress of the commission.

Ferrari added a third meeting to the board's calendar to decide on student costs so that the admissions office could let prospective students know what to expect. He said he added the meeting of his own initiative, not as a response to complaints from admissions or students.

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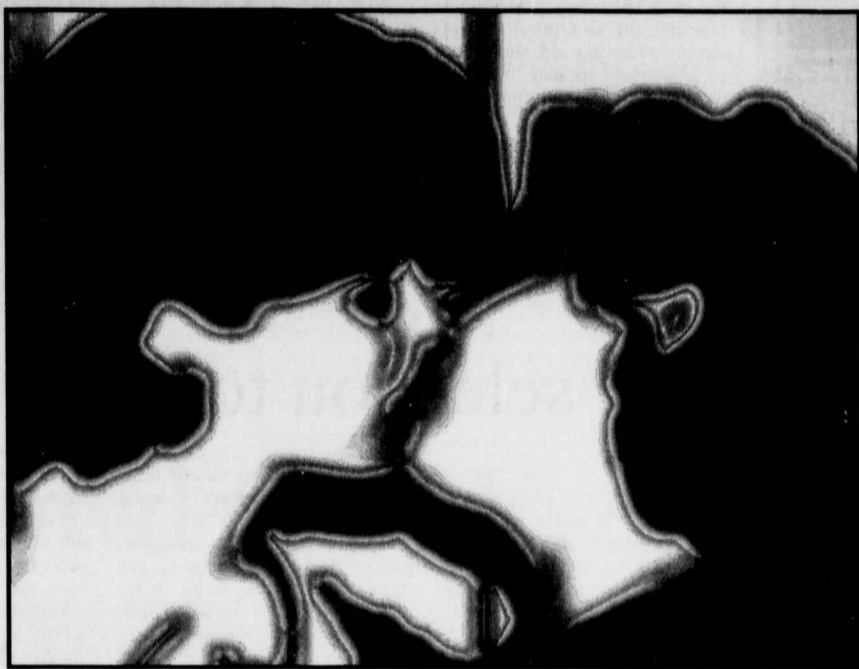
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## BEYOND THE BEDROOM

Students say being gay or bisexual is about more than sex

**W**hile the debate over gay marriage continues in Vermont courts, gay, lesbian and bisexual students said they adjusted to coming out during college and faced the misconceptions that surround their sexual orientation.

"Most people tend to fear what they don't know," said Rita Cotterly, sexologist with the Health Education Learning Project. "Our culture is sexually illiterate concerning the topic of orientation, and there are many myths that have done a disservice to gays and lesbians."

Michelle, a senior liberal arts major, said some people think bisexuals are into "kinky sex and threesomes."

"How I try to explain bisexuality is that it means I'm capable of loving anyone regardless of gender," she said. "I'm equally attracted to men and women — I'm attracted to the person."

Michelle said during high school she thought some girls were attractive, yet she had no idea that she was bisexual. As a college sophomore, her boyfriend asked if she was bisexual because of comments she made about women, she said. When her boyfriend went away for a month, she said she realized she had the potential to be attracted to certain women as well as men.

Coming out to herself meant confronting her own misconceptions about sexual identity, she said.

"I realized being gay or bisexual is not all about sex, which is what most people think," Michelle said. "Being gay or bisexual is a small part of a person's life — it's not all-consuming or all-encompassing."

She said after she stepped back and examined her sexual identity she stopped labeling some of her friends as "my gay friend Chris" or "my gay friend Scott" because she didn't want to be "my bisexual friend Michelle."

John Hussman, a junior English major, said as a 14-year-old, he realized he was attracted to men, though he first was in a state of denial about it. Now he said he chooses to be straightforward and honest about being gay because it is an important part of his life.

Being closeted about his sexual orientation, he said, created stress and frustration in his life.

"It's (lonely) not having anyone to relate to or talk to about your problems," he said. "It's a constant hassle having to concentrate on keeping the truth from others and not being able to express who you are."

Though Hussman has not come out to his parents because he's afraid they will no longer financially support him, he has told his friends.

"I have even more friends than I used to because my friends realize I'm a genuine person and someone who is straightforward and truthful with them," he said.

Michelle also has told her friends, but some of them, she said, have said negative things behind her back.

"I'm accepted by the people I choose to be around," she said. "I do not choose to be around people who won't accept me."

Both Michelle and Hussman said they have struggled with their Christian faith. Michelle said the church she attends has dismissed ministers who perform holy unions between same-sex partners. But she said she stays with the church to work for change.

"I encourage Christians to keep looking for a church in the true loving spirit of Christ because they are out there," she said.

Dating has been difficult at a conservative school, they both said. But Hussman said he is still optimistic about the future.

"I hope that I can live my life without having unfair obstacles put in my path," he said. "I want to be able to find someone I can live my life with and be able to have financial security."

Cotterly said sexual orientation is determined by a combination of genetic, hormonal and, possibly, environmental factors. Between the age of 4 and 6, she said, straight people know their sexual identity, while gay people know they are different. Gay people must discover their orientation, she said.

It is common, Cotterly said, for male and female teenagers to experiment sexually with members of both the opposite and same sex. But, even though a person's sexual behavior may change, the orientation rarely, if ever, changes, she said.

Cotterly said young adults often will come out in college instead of high school because they have more self-assurance that they can manage financially. Forty to 50 percent of teenage runaways and throwaways, she said, are gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Cotterly also said gays and lesbians who are in the closet experience a great deal of stress putting on a façade because they are afraid of being condemned by their churches, rejected by their parents and friends and stripped of their civil rights.

The isolation and alienation of this stress causes pain, she said, and some gays and lesbians deal with it through drugs, sex, acting out or perfectionism.

Cotterly said the idea that gay men are unhealthy stems from ignorance.

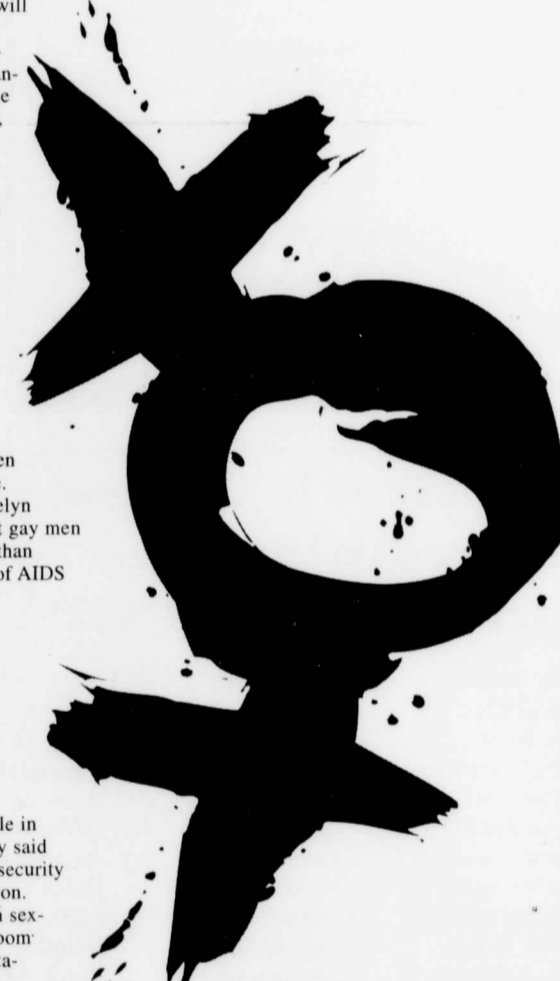
Studies done by psychologist Evelyn Hooker in 1950, she said, show that gay men are no more likely to be unhealthy than straight men. Though the majority of AIDS cases in the United States have been men who have sex with men — which doesn't necessarily mean all the cases are gay men — there is a larger percentage of heterosexuals with AIDS than homosexuals in the world, she said.

When asked why some students noticeably avoid walking past or looking at the Coming Out Day table in the Student Center Lounge, Cotterly said such actions illustrate a person's insecurity with his or her own sexual orientation.

"If I'm comfortable with my own sexual orientation, then I can be in a room full of people of the opposite orientation and be OK," she said.

She said she thinks gays and lesbians should be accepted and not asked to "leave their sexuality at the door." This means, she said, that gays should be able to hold hands, give a hello kiss and go to dances just like straight people.

"Regardless of how you feel about gays and lesbians, in this world everyone is entitled to human dignity," she said. "In the (United States), it's liberty or justice for all — or it isn't."



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### STUDENT survey

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

Do you view homosexuality as "wrong"?  
**Yes—45 No—53 Not sure—2**

If a friend told you he/she is gay or bisexual, would you remain friends with him/her?  
**Yes—92 No—6 Not sure—2**

Do you think being gay, bisexual or transgender is a "choice"?  
**Yes—56 No—41 Not sure—3**

Can you tell by looking at someone if he/she is gay?  
**Yes—19 No—63 Sometimes—18**

Do you have any friends who are openly gay, bisexual or transgender?  
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don't see where it goes," Garman said. "Where is our money really going?"

Sandra Tobias, associate director of scholarships and student financial aid, said those students already receiving aid should not be concerned because they will receive funds in proportion to their increased costs.

"I do not really see much change in financial aid because those students who are getting what they need will continue to get what they need, and those who do not need financial aid should still not need it," Tobias said. "The increase in costs is not that dras-

tic, so the change should be proportionally slight."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said financial aid is designed to meet the needs of the students whether tuition is \$390 an hour or \$60 an hour.

Sandra Ware, dean of admissions, said administrators do not expect to lose prospective students or those already enrolled as a result of the changes.

"Overall, the changes are not that devastating, so students should not feel as though TCU is any less a bargain than it always has been," Ware said. "TCU remains to be an affordable option in the grand scheme of higher education."

But parents have also voiced complaints about the tuition

increase. Deborah Ratliff, Garman's mother, said the increased charges will be a burden.

"I have to sacrifice to give my daughters an education," Garman said. "TCU is already improved. I don't know what they need to improve. It's a hardship — that's what it is — on the parents."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the increase is not big enough to hurt admissions or financial aid.

"Students and their parents will make choices based on price," Ferrari said. "If they know SMU is \$25,000 a year and TCU is \$16,000 a year, then a couple hundred dollars won't make a difference."

Jim Atwood, an associate professor of religion and assistant to

the dean of admissions, said often times, tradition is a bigger factor for students than money.

"Family tradition has become a leading factor in how prospective students choose where to attend," Atwood said. "If that tradition leads them to a private school like TCU, the money will not be an issue."

Tobias said if students want a private school education, they will pay for a private school education, but if they did not want to pay that cost, they would have gone to a state school.

Staff reporter Reagan Duplisea contributed to this report.

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**Jury selection to begin in officers' trial**

By Tom Hays  
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ALBANY, N.Y. — With protesters shouting "No justice, no peace!" outside and the dead man's parents sitting with the Rev. Al Sharpton inside, jury selection began Monday in the trial of four white policemen charged with killing an unarmed African immigrant.

Amadou Diallo's death in a hail of 41 bullets touched off widespread demonstrations in New York City, where protesters decried the shooting as another case of police brutality against minorities.

The trial is taking place in Albany, 150 miles north of New York. An appeals court decided the officers could not get a fair trial in the Bronx because of heavy publicity and racially charged protests, which led to more than 1,000

arrests.

"The fact that this case is being tried in Albany County is irrelevant," Justice Joseph Terisi told prospective jurors. "This case is not going to be decided on anything you might have read or heard in the media. This case is not going to be decided on anything that happens outside this courtroom. You must decide this case on the evidence."

Diallo, 22, was shot in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building on Feb. 4, 1999. He was hit 19 times. The officers, members of an elite plainclothes street-crime unit that had been looking for a rapist, said they thought Diallo was armed. He was carrying only a pager and a wallet.

The officers could get 25 years to life in prison if convicted.

The trial will be televised. The

judge ruled last week New York's ban on cameras in the courtroom is unconstitutional.

Twelve jurors and four alternates will ultimately be chosen from a pool of nearly 2,000 people — 20 times the number normally summoned for a murder trial in Albany.

Five jurors were selected Monday, and the first person picked, a black woman who once lived in the Bronx, will serve as forewoman.

The choice of a jury forewoman didn't come easy and prosecution and defense attorneys accused each other of trying to pick jurors based on race.

The move to Albany is almost certain to affect the racial makeup of the jury. According to 1990 census figures, the Bronx had a white population of 39 percent while Albany County was 89 percent.

About 400 demonstrators staged a prayer vigil outside. Protesters chanted, "Amadou, we love you" and "No justice, no peace!"

Kadiatou Diallo, Diallo's mother, said outside the courtroom: "We are praying for Amadou and to achieve justice in a peaceful way."

His father, Saikou Diallo, said simply: "Shooting him is murder. Shooting him 41 times is discrimination."

One of the accused officers, Sean Carroll, told reporters he wanted to express "my condolences to the Diallo family in this time of tragedy. I hope one day I'll be able to sit with the Diallo family and tell them I'm sorry about the loss of their son."

Carroll, 36, was charged along with fellow plainclothes officers Edward McMellon, 27, Kenneth Boss, 28, and Richard Murphy, 27.

**Shooting still impacts church**  
Wedgwood incident rehashed at Baptist conference

By Stephen Hawkins  
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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Pastor Al Meredith says that even as a gunman sprayed bullets in the sanctuary at Wedgwood Baptist Church, God was faithful to his congregation — and has been ever since.

"He was faithful that night. I should have had 50, 60 funerals on my hands, but God was there protecting us ... 400 kids in a killing field at point-blank range, shooting over 200 rounds of ammunition," Meredith said Monday night, recalling the night of Sept. 15.

During a 15-minute address at the annual Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference, Meredith recalled chilling details of the night that Larry Gene Ashbrook walked into the Wedgwood sanctuary with two guns, 200 rounds of ammunition and a pipe bomb.

Before killing himself, Ashbrook had killed seven people and wounded seven others.

Meredith spoke of how Ashbrook walked

only three or four steps down the aisle several times before backing away. The church's youth believe a stained glass cross he saw at the front of the sanctuary may have impacted him. Then there was the misguided pipe bomb.

"If it had landed in the crowd, there could have easily have been 50 deaths from that one pipe bomb," said Meredith, the church's pastor since 1987. "But he threw it too far, it went all the way through the crowd, rolled up to the front of the church up against the wall by the organ."

The pipe bomb exploded upward rather than outward as designed. Shrapnel landed in the church's empty balcony.

A four-month police investigation, which was closed officially just last week, revealed few answers. Investigators found no real motive as to why Ashbrook, whom they termed a loner, went on the shooting spree inside the Wedgwood sanctuary, which he apparently chose at random. They said he acted alone.

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tape in 7.48 seconds beating the previous school record of 7.50 seconds set in 1999. Distance runner sophomore Katie Singleton's 9:59:35 in the 3,000-meter race fell just shy of the school record of 9:58:00 set by Gladys's Keitany last year.

"This was a very good event for us," Stratton said. "We're positioning ourselves very well for the NCAA meet. We've already qualified six of our kids and hope to pick up a few more in the weeks to come. We hope to be well represented in the NCAAs."

This past week the men Frogs moved eight spots, jumping to No. 13 nationally in the latest release by Trackwire, a national news service specializing in collegiate track.


Next up for TCU is the Arkansas Pre-National Meet to be held on Feb. 11 and 12 in Fayetteville.

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# Lady Frog basketball team falls to SMU, 82-63

By Danny Home  
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The TCU Lady Frogs basketball team went into Saturday afternoon having lost 17 consecutive games to Southern Methodist University.

The Mustangs stretched that streak to 18 and their series record against TCU to 36-7 after an 82-63 Western Athletic Conference victory in Moody Coliseum.

SMU (12-5, 5-0 WAC) took what was a one-point half-time lead and turned the game into a familiar sight for TCU against SMU in women's basketball.

## Poor shooting leads to 18th straight loss to crosstown rival

TCU (11-10, 2-4) was outscored 11-2 in the first three minutes of the second half. SMU junior guard D-dra Rucker led the early second half attack from which TCU never recovered. She scored 12 points during the decisive 27-10 run that put SMU up by 18 points midway through the half.

"She scored just four points in the first half," SMU head coach Rhonda Rompola said of Rucker. "I wish she would have more frequent stretches like the second half, though."

Rucker, SMU's leading scorer this

season, finished the game with 22 points on 7 of 17 shooting. SMU shot 37 percent in the first half, but was bolstered by a 59 percent performance in the second half.

Despite trailing by just one point at halftime, the Lady Frogs made only 10 of 28 shots in the half.

"I thought we could have been up by five or 10 points at halftime, but we did not take advantage of our opportunities," TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said. TCU was nine for 36 from the field and finished 19 for 64

for the game.

"They were more aggressive on defense, but we did not respond by being more aggressive in going out and getting the ball," Mittie said.

Junior guard Jill Sutton played all 40 minutes for TCU tallying a season-high 18 points including four three-pointers. Freshman center Kim Walter scored in double figures for the fourth consecutive game with 15 points but never got going in the second half as SMU shut down the inside game defensively.

Sutton previously said the game plan was to get the ball inside and create open shots on the perimeter as a result. After the inside was shut down, the outside shooting never stepped up.

Junior guard Diamond Jackson chipped in 10 points but was three for 15 for the game and zero for eight from three-point range. Overall, the Lady Frogs shot 25 percent from behind the three-point arc while SMU shot 47 percent.

SMU senior forward Karlin

Kennedy paced the Mustangs in the first half with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

"Kennedy was basically the offense in the first half," Mittie said. "But when Rucker got hot in the second half, they had a good one-two punch."

Sutton said TCU had planned to stop Rucker and Kennedy from dictating the tempo of the game. Rucker and Kennedy controlled the second half and TCU could not keep up amid the play of the SMU defense.

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# Record crowd sees Frogs down SMU

## Davenport on way to record

By Rusty Simmons  
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TCU's junior center Derrick Davenport blocked three Mustang shots and made Southern Methodist players alter their shooting position on more than 10 others.

Davenport's play on offense Saturday night overshadowed his defensive ability, which now has him one blocked shot shy of the TCU single-season record of 67.

With under a second left in the game, Davenport grabbed an offensive rebound and made a put-back attempt to cap a 16-point, 10-rebound night for him, and a 92-75 victory over SMU.

The 175th meeting between the Frogs and Mustangs was played in front of 7,201 fans, the largest attendance in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum since TCU joined the Western Athletic Conference.

"By far, this was our most exciting game so far," TCU head coach Billy Tubbs said. "The crowd makes it a good game. SMU had people hollering, and we did too."

TCU built an 11-point lead in the first half, but SMU cut it down to seven by the break. When junior swingman Ryan Carroll picked up his fourth foul and left the game with 15:23 remaining in the game, the Mustangs gained their first lead of the second half.

The Frogs trailed by five points with eight minutes remaining but took the lead for good with a 14-2 run led by senior forward Marquise Gainous and freshman forward Bingo Merriex.

Gainous scored eight of his game-high 25 points in the final eight-minute stretch, and Merriex scored 10 of his 16 in the same time span.

"Every shot I took felt good," Merriex said, who made four of his five three-point attempts.

Tubbs said Merriex's play was a key in the TCU win. "(Merriex) made some big baskets down the stretch for us," Tubbs said. "He got some physical rebounds and made some big baskets."

Merriex guarded SMU's Jeryl Sasser, the 1999 WAC Mountain Player of the Year, for the majority of the game. Merriex held Sasser to 12 points and forced him to turn the ball over six times.

"I just locked (Sasser) up and kept him off the boards," Merriex said.

Junior point guard Thomas McTyer gave TCU the lead with six minutes left on a driving layup. But the Frogs took the momentum for good on his next possession.

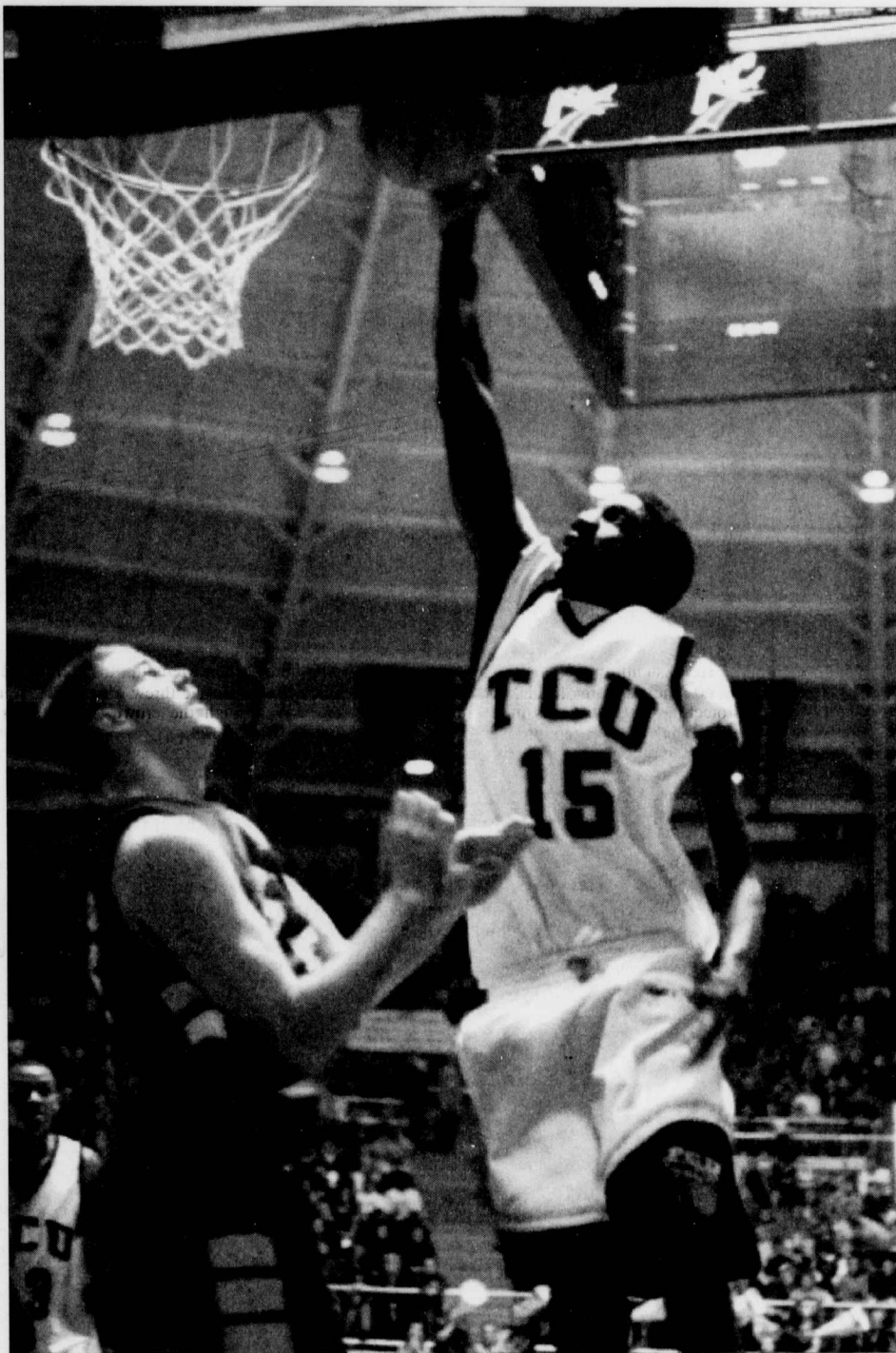
McTyer was intentionally fouled by SMU's Stephen Woods on a breakaway layup attempt. TCU converted the play into four points as McTyer made a pair of free throws and Gainous scored on a move from the post.

The Frogs, who are among the nation's top five free throw shooting teams, made 15 of 18 attempts from the foul line. TCU also shot 51 percent from the field, while holding SMU to 35 percent.

But Gainous said the Frogs' rebounding was as important as the team's shooting proficiency.

"Practice was good, and that comes out in the game," he said. "They were missing a lot of shots, and we were getting the rebounds."

SMU actually outrebounded TCU 46-42, but the margin is a far cry from the Mustangs' average. SMU,



Junior center Derrick Davenport dunks the ball over Southern Methodist's Jon Forinash in TCU's 92-75 win Saturday. Davenport scored 16 points and pulled in 10 rebounds.

the WAC's leading rebounding team, came into the game outrebounding opponents by a margin of 7.3 a contest.

The Frogs, now sporting a two-game conference winning streak, have two WAC matchups on the road this week against Rice and Tulsa. Tubbs said the team's success against SMU should play a role in

their success this week.

"(The victory over SMU) lets us know what we can do," he said. "SMU is an excellent club. The key is we did it down the stretch."

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# Men's swim team suffers loss to SMU

By Chris Gibson  
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The TCU men's swimming and diving team was defeated Friday night by No. 14 Southern Methodist University in a Western Athletic Conference meet held at the Rickel Building.

SMU swimmers captured 11 of the 12 events, posting a 129-80.

"They came in here and really swam well," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "We knew they had a strong team, but I feel like we still matched up pretty well with most of them."

One of TCU's swimmers who matched SMU stroke for stroke was junior Ryan Mamarella. He won the 500-yard freestyle (4:38:08) and placed third in the 200-yard freestyle (1:44:11).

"These (competitions) are really hard to predict," Mamarella said. "I just came into this meet hoping to swim well against good competition, but I think we did a good job as a team in a meet where we knew we needed to swim our best to have a chance to win."

Sophomores Josh Pipes and Scott Adkins swam to second-place finishes in the 100-yard butterfly (51:20) and the 100-yard breaststroke (59:17). Freshman Aaron Ewert finished third in the 50-yard freestyle (21:72) and placed second in the 100-yard

backstroke (51:36).

"Mamarella, Adkins and Ewert all did well," Sybesma said. "Pipes really showed what a tough competitor he is tonight."

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—Richard Sybesma,  
men's swimming head coach

to close out the relay events. "What we like to do when we're swimming against a good team like SMU is try to get the lead early and hopefully hold it,"

Sybesma said. "If you can get out in front early, you usually have a better chance of winning."

TCU begins its preparation for another nationally ranked team this week as the team travels to Austin to take on No. 1 Texas Longhorns Friday. But the Frogs still have their minds set on the WAC Championships in late February.

"We're at a part of our season where we're coming off some really intense workouts that we had over Christmas," Mamarella said. "Now we're gradually decreasing the intensity of our workouts and beginning to work on faster movements to get ready for the WAC Championship meet."

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# NATIONAL EXPOSURE

Collins, Patton take individual wins, while men, women have good showings at Houston meet

By Chris Gibson  
STAFF REPORTER

Juniors Kim Collins and Darvis Patton picked up three individual victories this past weekend at the Houston Classic Indoor Track & Field meet at the University of Houston.

Patton took the top slot in the 200-meter dash and the long jump. His time of 21.06 in the 200-meter is the nation's fastest time by a collegiate sprinter this season, automatically securing him a spot at the NCAA meet to be held in March in Fayetteville, Ark.

Collins also captured a victory for the second straight week in the 60-meter dash, finishing in 6.63 seconds and knocking .01 off his

season best, which he posted last week at the OU Classic in Norman, Okla.

"We really ran good, especially on the men's side," head coach Monte Stratton said. "Darvis Patton had an excellent meet along with (junior) Roy Williams. I'm not sure if they kept score, but the men may have won the meet."

The TCU men's team took three of the four top spots in the 60-meter dash. Adding to the victory by Collins, junior Lindel Frater placed second (6.69) and Patton finished fourth (6.75).

In the women's events, senior sprinter Dywana Crudup broke the

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## HELP me, Harlan!

### Reader responds to friend theory; cheater looks for advice

by Harlan Cohen

Dear Harlan,  
This is in response to the "friends who want to be more" column from last week. I think you gave the right answer, but for the wrong reasons.

The fact of the matter is that the friendship the writer values so highly is simply going to end under normal circumstances.

If the two friends do nothing (in order to preserve the friendship), one or both will eventually meet another person who will be their best friend, lover and soul mate. Eventually, marriage, family and life will separate the old friends and replace what they had together with something much fuller and more rewarding: love with a spouse and family.

If the two friends explore their romantic inclinations, either they discover they are right for one another or they'll discover they've made a grave mistake and the friendship will end sooner rather than later.

Of course, this is just my opinion. If you want to know the truth, you'll have to contact my wife.

#### Married a friend

Dear Married:

The only flaw in your theory is if a friendship is meant to endure past college, but if the friendship is strong enough, it should endure anything, I suppose. Interesting letter, but I'm going to have to contact your wife for the truth.

Hey Harlan,

I cheated on my girlfriend twice. I know it is far from an excuse, but I was drunk, and we had just gotten into a big argument. The next day, I was so ashamed of what I had done. I didn't have the nerves to tell her, so I never did. Needless to say, she found out four months later, and she flipped.

I don't know how to go about apologizing. Everything I think of saying to her sounds pathetic. I'm completely lost and don't know what to say.

#### Blundering Idiot

Dear Idiot:

Let her know you don't expect her to forgive you, but you want her

to know how sorry you are for hurting her. Then, let her know you're going to get some help so this will never happen again.

Then stop dating anyone and work on you. Explore why you find yourself cheating. Make an appointment with a counselor. Discover why you cheat and what you need to do to stop it. Get to the source before you drink yourself into a blundering idiot again. Then, maybe, she'll give you a second chance.

Harlan is not a licensed psychologist, therapist or physician, but he is a licensed driver. Write Harlan via e-mail at (harlan@helpmeharlan.com). All letters submitted become the property of the column.

## TODAY'S menu

### THE MAIN

#### Lunch

- Cheese quesadillas
- Crepes bar
- Lemon-peppered chicken
- Pasta bar

#### Dinner

- Fried chicken
- Carved roast beef
- Lemon-peppered chicken
- Pizza bar

## WORTH HILLS

#### Lunch

- Beef stew
- Fajita quesadillas
- Selona shakers

#### Dinner

- Baked stuffed pork chops
- Mongolian wok
- Selona shakers

## EDEN'S GREENS

#### Lunch

- London broil
- Veal parmesan

## FROGBYTES

- Sizzlin' salads (late night)

## Rudy



by Aaron Brown

## Lex

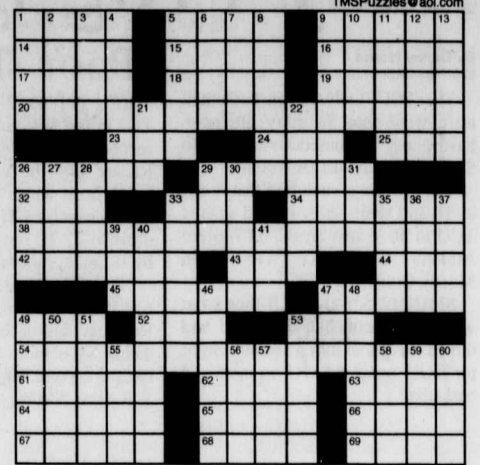


by Phil Flickinger

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By Vivian O. Collins  
Albany, GA

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### Friday's Puzzle Solved



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