



It's more than a fairy tale of how TCU senior Tara Watson went from a frog to a princess on July 8 when she was crowned the reigning Miss Texas.

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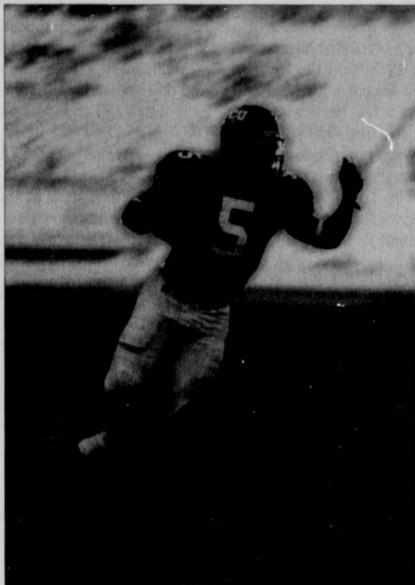


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Senior running back LaDainian Tomlinson ran for an NCAA-record 406 yards against the University of Texas-El Paso last season. Since then, his performances on and off the field have put him in the Heisman spotlight.

## Campaign aims for exposure

### Attention on Tomlinson good for school, some say

By Danny Horne  
SPORTS EDITOR

Six years ago Derick Hackett, the former Alcorn State Sports Information Director, was at the Downtown Athletic Club of New York watching quarterback Steve McNair mingle with college football's elite.

"We were all watching highlight films of all the (Heisman) candidate's seasons," Hackett said. "I'll never forget how it felt to have all those other great players watching in awe of what they saw when they were watching Steve's highlights."

"That's when it sunk in that we had done the best we could to get our player in the spotlight as much as possible."

Since the end of the 1999 season, TCU has been trying to do everything possible to get senior running back LaDainian Tomlinson into that same Heisman spotlight.

Trey Carmichael, Assistant Director of Media Relations, said TCU has worked hard to put this campaign into as many media markets as possible.

"The website (LTfor2000.com) is probably the most notable attempt at recognition because it can reach anywhere immediately," Carmichael said. "We've also sent out a CD-ROM to all the members of the Writer's Association of America and to all major television and radio networks."

Carmichael added that once the season starts, note cards will be sent out to make sure everyone can keep up with his stats and progress throughout the season.

"We can't necessarily control what people will think of the schedule he plays and the conference he plays in," Carmichael said. "We have some ways of controlling how much he gets seen. TCU football will be televised eight or nine times so it

can't be said that he gets no exposure."

Despite everything TCU has done for the Tomlinson Heisman campaign, none of it could be possible without money.

It was published in the August 21 issue of *Sports Illustrated* and later in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that TCU had spent \$90,000 to fund the campaign. Hackett, currently the Director of Student Media at Southern University, said Alcorn State spent about \$15,000 more than the \$20,000 normally allocated to the sports information office.

"One difference for us, though, was that our local television station in Jackson (Miss.) provided us with the chance to distribute tapes and highlights of McNair for free because we knew we had to get him on television nationally somehow," Hackett said.

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### briefs

#### CAMPUS

##### Housekeeping supervisor taken to hospital after injury at work

A TCU housekeeper was taken to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital Wednesday night after losing her footing while dumping trash in the faculty parking lot between Dan Rogers and Tandy Hall.

Ila Graves, housekeeping supervisor for east campus, complained of injuries to her right wrist and left knee.

TCU police officer Marvin McKinney said Graves was in the middle of her shift when she fell backward off of a 4-inch ledge that extends away from the base of the dumpster.

Her condition was unknown Wednesday night.

#### COLLEGE

##### South Florida breaks silence, counters allegations of racism

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — After six days of media coverage about allegations of racial discrimination on the women's basketball program, the University of South Florida released a statement defending itself for the first time Tuesday.

USF has received criticism since former basketball player Dione Smith sued the university for racial discrimination.

Tuesday's statement said USF discourages intolerance and will take action if an internal review shows discrimination exists.

—The Oracle  
University of South Florida

##### Varsitybooks.com reaches legal agreement

DURHAM, N.C. (U-WIRE) — Students can now expect more textbooks at advertised discount rates, thanks to a compromise made earlier this month between the National Association of College Stores, Inc., and the Varsity Group Inc., the parent company of VarsityBooks.com.

The settlement agrees that Varsity, one of the nation's largest online textbook retailers, will no longer advertise discounts as high as 40 percent unless 10 percent of the books it sells are actually being sold at that discounted rate. In addition, 10 percent of the books sold at the maximum discount must be books currently in use by college professors.

—The Chronicle  
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## Surf's up



Eric Levenhagen, a freshman biology and history double major, goes headfirst down a slip-N-slide at a Clark Hall wing social Wednesday.

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## Students 'rented' to do odd-jobs

### Rent A Frog puts new spin on employment

By Reagan Duplisea  
SKIFF STAFF

In this day and age of rental cars, rental movies and rental furniture, it seems like everything may be "borrowed" for a fee. But who would want to rent a Frog?

Many people, apparently.

Averaging 25 orders a week, Rent A Frog of Fort Worth is a local company that rents out employees — many who are TCU Horned Frogs — for a variety of tasks and odd jobs.

Rent A Frog's pool of employees includes computer science majors who can help troubleshoot, math majors who can tutor high school algebra students and business majors who can assist with filing, accounting and marketing support.

"Begun in the late 1980s as a TCU MBA project, the company has changed ownership and now employs many college and seminary students from the Dallas/Fort Worth area," said Warren Prescott, Rent A Frog's current president and owner.

The most common orders send Frogs valet parking, landscape working or tutoring. However, they don't provide baby-sitting or chauffeuring services because of insurance liability, he said. Rates vary depending on the job.

"It's crazy in a fun way," said Prescott, a 1996 TCU alumni and former student worker. "You're not doing the same thing every day."

Prescott said Rent A Frog is an ideal job for college students because those on staff call in and say what hours and days they would be available for work. They don't have to worry about scheduling around tests or social events, he said.

"The whole point of this is to have a job that works conveniently for you," Prescott said.

Jeff Wilson, a senior history major, said he likes the flexibility of working for Rent A Frog. He usually works one job a week.

"It's the best college job you can get," Wilson said.

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## CLASSROOM: CHINA

### Fribourg studies culture, life abroad

"It was too difficult to be an American. I think you learn more about yourself by studying abroad because you put yourself in a compromising position."

By Wendy Meyer  
STAFF REPORTER

After studying the language for a couple years, Blake Fribourg took off for China to practice his Mandarin Chinese and explore the most populated country in the world.

Fribourg, a senior business major, was the pioneer TCU student ambassador to participate in the Syracuse University foreign exchange program and the only one not from the Northeast region of the United States. TCU and Syracuse University have a partnership program that allows students to study abroad in China.

Recommended by assistant professor Mike Xu to be an ambassador, Fribourg was responsible for telling prospective students in China what it was like to go to school at TCU.

Studying the language and culture, Fribourg plowed fields with farmers in Thailand, partied at the Hello Kitty night clubs in Hong Kong, visited the Great Wall in Beijing and let sugar-white sand slip through his fingers on Philippine beaches.

Now Fribourg said he is "pretty darn close" to being fluent in a language that, with 885 million speakers, is the most widely spoken language in the world. Fribourg said he probably could have gone on the trip after studying Chinese for just two semesters.

But he had to get over the jitters first and needed a little bit of motivation before he began to communicate.

"I got hungry and needed some food, so I

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Special to the Skiff  
Blake Fribourg, a senior business major, sits atop the Great Wall of China during his trip this summer. He was the pioneer TCU student ambassador to participate in the Syracuse University foreign exchange program.

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campus lines

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► **The math department** will be holding special workshops to answer questions about the TI-83, TI-85 and TI-86 calculators. The TI-83 workshop will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 145. The TI-85 and TI-86 workshop will be 4 to 5 p.m. Friday in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 145. Videotapes are available for viewing in the math lab for students who cannot attend. Students need to bring their calculators, link cables and manuals to the workshop.

► **The Women's Shelter** will have volunteer training from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11, 14, 18 and 21 at the Arlington Human Services Building Conference Room A. Potential volunteers must complete an application and interview prior to the training session. Interview dates are Aug. 21 through Sept. 6. Applications are available online at (www.womensshelter.org) or by calling (817) 548-0583.

► **The American Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are matched with jobs depending on their skills, interests and time availability. The greatest need in Tarrant County is for cancer survivors and bilingual volunteers. For more information call (817) 737-9990.

► **Fight Hunger at the Plate** will be at 2:05 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Texas Rangers vs. Kansas City Royals game at The Ballpark in Arlington. Lower home run porch tickets are \$17.50 and upper reserved seats are \$10. Fifty percent of each ticket sold will benefit the North Texas and Tarrant Area Food Banks. To order tickets call (817) 273-5137 and reference account number 21153.

All times and dates subject to change.

**Correction:** The Aug. 29 issue of the Skiff reported students could buy coliseum parking stickers at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Students are not allowed to park at the coliseum. All parking permits are available through TCU Police only.

**Clarification:** Although reserved tickets for the third annual Gates of Chai lecture on Sept. 30 are sold out, tickets are still available for non-reserved seats.

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WORLD

German court hands one adult, two juveniles tough sentences in brutal hate crime murder

HALLE, Germany — A German court convicted three neo-Nazis of beating an African immigrant to death and handed down tough prison sentences Wednesday in an attempt to signal that a "long chain of attacks" on foreigners here must stop.

The state court sentenced Enrico Hilprecht, 24, to the maximum of life in prison. His two 16-year-old co-defendants, Christian Richter and Frank Miethbauer, were each given sentences of nine years — one year less than the maximum allowed for juveniles.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called the decision "a suitable verdict for a heinous crime."

The case offered a glimpse into Germany's violent skinhead scene. Fueled by beer and illegal racist rock music, it directs rage at foreigners and often revolves around the decaying communist-era housing developments that dot the country's east.

It was in a park in the eastern city of Dessau that the three men brutally beat and kicked 39-year-old Alberto Adriano in the head on June 11. Adriano died three days later, leaving behind a wife and three children.

Reading the verdict Wednesday, Judge Albrecht Hennig said the court concluded that the three defendants killed Adriano solely because of his skin color. He said none of the three cared whether Adriano would survive the beating.

"It was the latest in the long chain of attacks to which we must put an end," Hennig said.

The defendants looked stone-faced as the verdict and sentences were read. Richter, who had grinned at one point during the reading of the indictment last week, briefly blinked away tears. Defense lawyers said they were considering whether to appeal.

Schroeder, conceding Germans hadn't paid enough attention to the growing problem of right-wing violence, planned a visit Thursday to a makeshift memorial marking the spot where the Mozambican man was attacked.

Adriano's widow, Angelika, was not in court Wednesday for the verdict. She decided to stay away after receiving death threats, said Razak Minhel, a liaison with the foreigner community in Dessau, where she lives with the couple's three children.

Albino Lemos, a diplomat from the Mozambican Embassy in Berlin who attended the sentencing, said the German government had woken up slowly to the racism problem. He welcomed the verdict.

"This will put a bit of fear into those young people," he said.

But Hennig noted that around the country, neo-

Nazi attacks were being reported almost daily over the last few weeks.

In the northern town of Luebeck, two neo-Nazis suspected of kicking and beating a 33-year-old African man appeared in court Wednesday and offered to pay the man \$1,400. They face charges of causing bodily harm, racial incitement and slurs, but prosecutors said a judge released them without bail after they expressed remorse and offered damages. Prosecutors were reviewing the decision to see if they would accept it.

And in another western city, police arrested two suspects Wednesday in an arson attack on a home for asylum-seekers in Stuttgart.

Willi Dressen, who retires today as head of a special German prosecutor's office that has tracked Nazi war criminals since 1958, said the German legal system has been too lenient with Nazi war crimes suspects — just as it has been with neo-Nazis. He urged courts to consistently impose harsh sentences on right-wing extremists.

"They must be taken from the streets, that's most important," Dressen told *The Associated Press* by telephone from Ludwigsburg, the southwestern city where his office is based.

NATION

Medicare HMOs to drop elderly, leaving senior citizens panicking without medical coverage

NEW YORK — Some senior citizens are considering not taking some of their medications. Others are thinking about selling their homes. Some say they won't be able to visit their grandchildren as often.

Around the country, thousands of elderly people are facing a financial crisis. They are being dropped by their Medicare HMOs and losing their prescription drug coverage as a result.

"I am terrified," said Evelyn Thomas, 74, of St. Augustine, Fla., who is pondering not taking some of the nine drugs she uses for diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and other maladies. "I cannot afford to pay for my medicines on my own, and I can't afford to pay for a Medicare supplement that would cover my medicines."

Thomas is one of nearly 159,000 elderly people nationwide who are now enrolled in a Medicare HMO and whose health plans are ending coverage as of Jan. 1 — leaving them with no option other than returning to traditional Medicare coverage without prescription benefits, or buying expensive supplemental insurance.

Thomas' health plan, Humana Inc., is one of several HMOs reducing their Medicare business because they say Medicare no longer pays enough in reimbursements. The HMOs say they have no choice but to drop the service in unprofitable markets.

Because government reimbursement rates vary by county, HMOs are pulling out of some markets

stories from the Associated Press

but not others. Areas where fees remain high, such as Miami and New York City, continue to have a choice of plans. In places where reimbursement is lower, such as the Midwest and mid-Atlantic states, plans have been quick to leave.

About half the senior citizens losing their Medicare HMO option next year live in Florida, Texas, Pennsylvania and Virginia, all states with large numbers of people 65 and older.

Without an HMO option, senior citizens must return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program, with its higher monthly premiums, no drug coverage and only 80 percent coverage for doctor and hospital costs. HMOs, which generally have zero or minimal premiums, usually pay those bills in full.

Medicare supplemental policies that cover drugs and other costs not covered by the program typically cost \$250 to \$350 a month.

STATE

FBI taking first shots at Davidian compound in question; flashes shown on tape under debate

WACO — Whether federal agents shot at Branch Davidians as the 1993 standoff came to a fiery end is no longer part of the sect's wrongful-death lawsuit against the government, a judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith was to discuss the matter at a Sept. 18 hearing. But he canceled it Tuesday, saying plaintiffs did not agree to pay travel costs of David Oxlee, an expert from England.

Oxlee worked with British firm Vector Data Systems Ltd., which examined infrared images taken by an aerial FBI surveillance camera on the final day of a 51-day standoff between federal agents and the Davidians.

The plaintiffs had alleged that flashes on government FLIR, or forward-looking infrared equipment, were gunshots from FBI agents.

Oxlee concluded that the flashes seen on the tapes were sunlight reflecting off debris, not government gunfire.

Since an advisory jury in July ruled that the government was not responsible for the deaths of the 80 sect members, lead plaintiffs' attorney Michael Caddell said he no longer wanted to pursue the gunfire issue.

But co-counsel Ramsey Clark had wanted to question Oxlee about his findings. Last week, James Brannon, another plaintiff's attorney, said he expected to attend the hearing.

The plaintiffs had alleged that FBI agents fired into the compound on the final day of the standoff and pinned sect members, including leader David Koresh, inside as it burned.

Smith, who has not yet issued a final ruling in the \$675 million lawsuit, said Tuesday his decision will be based on evidence already in the record.

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## NOT ENOUGH ROOM Students squeezed into residences

Upon arriving on campus this semester, many students found that there was no room at the inn.

With the largest freshman class ever admitted to TCU, the strain on campus housing was acutely felt by many. Those who felt the impact most severely include transfer students and those students living in Tarrant County, who were denied on-campus housing.

Also, resident assistants, who usually receive the benefit of having single rooms, found themselves having to argue over who'd get which closet with their roommates.

### staff editorial

The problem did not end there, however. Some students wound up in make-shift camps in lounges or found themselves temporarily lodging at Amerisuites.

While the administration made accommodations and found places for these students quickly, the fact that the housing system is flawed still remains.

By admitting more students than the university has the capacity to hold, the system operates under the premise that some students will not be guaranteed housing, even if they have already paid for it. In other words, some will be sacrificed. This theory, fine in war time, is not one that an academic institution should endorse.

It is hard enough for freshman going off to college to make the transition from living at home to living in a foreign environment. It is far worse when they arrive to find themselves without a room to call their own.

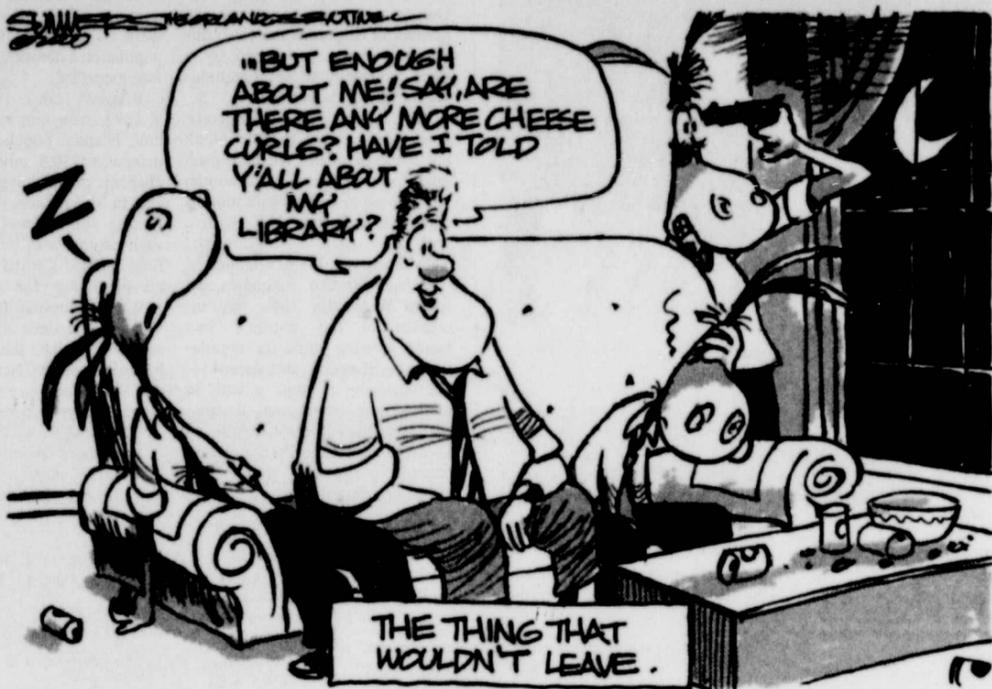
The bottom line is that the administration must think ahead about how to accommodate the rising numbers of students. The system must take into account that it is possible more students will accept the invitation to attend TCU than is expected.

Then, it must be redesigned so everyone has a place to lay their heads, instead of some getting housing while others get the shaft.

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## Dare to question your beliefs

The fluorescent lights create an over-head glare on the table as all 16 of us take in the words of our professor. On the faces near me I can see surprise registering at his blatant words.

"Those of you whose little psyches might be damaged by the discussion of such topics shouldn't go to the dean; this is my disclaimer, which means I win," he said. "If you can't handle it, don't bother with this course."

### Commentary



MIRANDA NESLER

When I signed on for this philosophy seminar, I had been drawn in by the description of the course, which had promised open discussion on the morality of such inflammatory issues as abortion, euthanasia and pornography. The professor had written that each student should be prepared to hear different sides than those accustomed to and that each should check his or her reservations at the door. I had been warned. I had still been thrilled to get the last place in this class.

Now, looking across the table at this man, I meet his eyes and feel a tinge of intimidation. This professor wants to take my moral ideology, deconstruct it and demand that I prove or defend it. At the same time I realize that serious examination is required to reach an understanding of right and wrong.

What he says does not originate from meanness, but from a desire to make me seriously ponder my views. For this reason, more than intimidated, I feel challenged.

Every day, I walk among people secure in their beliefs. Now I must wonder how many are merely comfortable in those thoughts and how many have attained their convictions through critical scrutiny? Ask almost anyone why he believes in God and he will respond angrily in a manner that suggests, "How dare you question such a thing you've been assured of all your life?"

Questioning what you have been raised with is difficult, yet is intensely imperative to knowing yourself. How do you achieve this questioning, though? When issues cause tempers to flare and consciences to itch, how may one tread on such sacred ground?

Simple: Trample it. Once you gain a desire for serious moral exploration, nothing may be

deemed sacred. Sentiment must not be allowed to entangle us as we try to make our logical journey. This brutal questioning is essential to putting morality through a trial by fire; in the process, some beliefs may just burn away while others change and grow stronger.

A year ago, I was comfortable with the concept of capital punishment. My anger would argue that by committing certain crimes, a criminal's own life could become forfeit. Upon entering into a bioethics class, in which new information was given to me regarding the process of capital punishment, all of my prior reasoning was shaken. How could I, someone so ardently pro-life, hold the double standard that all life is sacred but that humans could still decide to take lives as retribution for crimes? Quickly, I found myself deep in question, trying to explore the depths of my own convictions in order to decide if certain crimes could cancel out the value of a person's life, or if the standard of life should be upheld indefinitely.

Unlike before, I have no fixed side to maintain in this issue, yet my indecision does not cause feelings of weakness; contrarily, I am stronger because I am now educated enough to examine and question all sides in-

cluded, including my own.

Each of us is now at that period in which information is available to us, and new ideas are being introduced. This does not mean that as we meet new people and listen to their ideas that we should mindlessly adopt those tenets as our own; to easily embrace others' ideas without question would be as weak as belonging to a certain political party simply because our parents do.

Instead, it simply means that we should open our minds and welcome the questioning that could arise from the introduction to new philosophies. When beliefs are never questioned, one can never appreciate their strength or measure their weakness.

Therefore, as we embark on this new year, I leave you a challenge. I dare you to question your beliefs in your nation, in the world, in human goodness, and even in God. See if, once you have obtained reasons for or against your previous notions, you emerge stronger.

As I continue to watch my professor from across the table, I know I shall undergo the same trial.

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## Judicial system does little to stop repeating sex offenders

Last week, while most of us were just getting to know our professors and still figuring out which classes would and would not make the semester's cut, neighborhoods all across the grand old state of Texas were getting to know their neighbors.

This wouldn't seem truly significant except that a lot of the introductions didn't come in the form of a rosy-cheeked housewarming committee. Instead, in cities as close as Arlington, and even Fort Worth, neighborhoods learned of new inhabitants to their communities by mail from The Texas Department of Public Safety.

These mailings, 27 in all, were sent by the DPS to notify residents of various communities that a registered sex offender had moved in as little as three blocks or, in the case of Fort Worth resident Zachary Wyant, only one house away.

As can be expected, the recipients of these notices expressed outrage. In Burleson, the response was so strong that the indicated offender vacated his home and was forced to move elsewhere. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram even picked up the story, running reactions of several local residents who primarily expressed concern that the notices would incite violence against the offender, and would subsequently ruin their peaceful neighborhoods.

Even Star-Telegram columnist Bob Ray Sanders talked about the aforementioned Wyant who believes he has been sentenced to live in the home he was trying to sell forever,

because, after all, who would willingly move into a home across the street from a known sex offender?

With all these reports on the reactions of these neighborhoods, it seems the media, particularly the Star-Telegram and Sanders, have missed the point.

If these offenders are such a danger to society that signs must be placed in front yards and notices sent to community members warning of their impending arrival, why aren't they in prisons where threats to society belong? Why not offer them treatment and not release them back into this society, so full of potential victims, until they have shown they are actually up to the challenge of resisting those hormonal urges?

I'll tell you why. This is all because of a simple thing called the ineptitude of the U.S. Judicial System.

When murderers are released (paroled)

from prison, it is done with the hope that over the course of their years in prison, somehow they have been rehabilitated and prepared to return and function in society as valuable members. We don't send out notices warning, "Hey, this chick kills when she's angry." Instead, we let them gradually return to society, believing they've been cured of their demons.

Why then should sex offenders be any different? Is the judicial system essentially admitting that these individuals are beyond help? Are they willingly making society become the prisoners, by forcing us to stay in our homes and not allowing our children to go outside and play?

There should be a means to keep these sex offenders from repeating their offenses. Sending out notices and publicly humiliating — while fun to some degree — does not deter them from their wicked ways. It may make

parents a little more cautious, which, of course, is always a good thing. But it does little to restore anyone's security in a system that allows "high-risk" criminal deviants back into society and sees notifying those close to him or her as the only real means of punishment.

If I could think of a reasonable equivalent for female sex offenders, I would personally suggest castration. You can't commit the crime without the proper equipment, right? Unfortunately, however, this may be too medieval for our so-called modern society to consider.

In Sanders' column, he says that our judicial system goes beyond punishment and tries to destroy individuals. In this case, it seems that our judicial system doesn't go far enough.

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### Commentary



SHERIANN SPICER

## Park your money in your own pocket to solve lot problems

I don't want to seem like a complainer here, but have you guys noticed how tough it is to park on this campus?

Sarcasm is of course difficult to convey in print, but perhaps that opening line is dripping with enough of it that you'll get my point: Parking sucks. Parking has sucked for the three years I've been here. With our ever-growing campus population, parking will continue to

suck for the foreseeable future. What's a poor Horned Frog to do?

For a moment I want you to think of TCU, not as a university, but instead as a good ol' heartless American corporation. Realize that TCU sells a service, parking, by building and maintaining parking lots. We, the students, faculty and staff, are consumers of this service when we purchase parking stickers. The problem in this otherwise beautiful producer/consumer relationship lies in the little-discussed fact that TCU sells far more access to its parking service than it can, or is willing to, actually provide.

It's that "willing to" that haunts me. TCU would have us believe that it is just as upset as we are about the parking situation and is racking its collective brain to find a solution.

But how hard could it really be? TCU "can" build more parking lots. TCU "could" build a multi-story parking garage near the campus. TCU is "able" to fix the parking problems on and around its campus, but why would it go and do a dumb thing like that?

You see, our problem is that we keep buying parking stickers in ever-growing numbers. We whine; we complain; we demand TCU to take action and improve the situation. Yet when it comes time, we all pay out for those cute little stickers and happily fill up the school's coffers every year, only to be told that we should be thrilled with the new parking lot on Merida Avenue. Merida Avenue? Yeah, right. You might as well park at 7-11.

We're being forced to park in the east neighborhoods anyway, now we have to pay for it? It's an unfortunate likelihood that a big, ugly parking garage is the only real solution, but if TCU is continuing to rake in the cash without ever having to improve parking, what is its motivation? Don't tell me you guys are still buying that "It's About You" nonsense now that Howdy Week's come and gone.

TCU may not be an actual corporation, and yet it has engaged in the standard corporate practice of dividing those it exploits into factions, and getting them to blame each other when corporate policy infringes on their well-being. If TCU wanted to make its students, faculty and staff happy, it would have done so by now. Sadly, it has not. Instead, TCU

has taken away a large block of student parking and designated it for faculty and staff only, in effect, trying to divert student attention away from the root of the problem and direct it at the folks who still have it worse than we do.

There is only one sure way to force corporate cultures to change: to affect their profits.

We, as consumers, have one weapon in the battle against unjust corporate policy, and that is our very status as consumers. Every year people whine about having to walk to class from Lubbock Street and yet they continue to pay money for that very inevitability. I encourage everyone to think about motivation and how we can actually motivate TCU to help us out here, because altruism

is not a characteristic of this school's administration.

Don't demand action, take action. Next year, refuse to shell out what will likely be about 75 bucks for the right to be frustrated and angry, the right to hang around in the parking lot an hour before class waiting for a spot, the right to ultimately have to park somewhere else and the right to run to class just to be late anyway. At TCU, it is about you, but sometimes it's more about your money. Don't pay them for something they're not really giving you.

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### Commentary



DANIEL BRAMLETTE

### Pretty props

Krystal Powell/SKIFF STAFF  
Britta Natwig, a freshman pre-major, looks at the brick that she has just painted during a wing social held Tuesday night in Colby Residential Hall. The bricks the girls painted will be used to prop open their dorm room doors.



## Minorities move into nontraditional areas

By Justin Bachman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DORAVILLE, Ga. — Jose Quintana is among an increasing number of Hispanics drawn to this Atlanta suburb, welcomed by a tight community of helpful immigrants who came before.

"You know, 17 people can come here together, live together, look out for each other. We help each other," said Quintana, a Salvadoran who moved to Georgia six months ago from Rochester, N.Y., to live with his sister. "No English? They'll help you. It's a community."

Census Bureau estimates released Wednesday show that increases in the nation's two fastest-growing minority populations — Hispanics and Asians — are beginning to spur growth in nontraditional immigrant destinations such as northern Georgia.

California's minority population became a majority during the 1990s, marking the first time since

### Hispanics, Asians are fastest-growing groups

1860 that whites did not constitute a majority. Non-Hispanic whites were 57 percent of California's population a decade ago, according to the agency.

Between July 1, 1990, and July 1, 1999, the nation's Asian and Pacific Islander population grew 43 percent to 10.8 million, and the Hispanic population grew 38.8 percent to 31.3 million, the Census estimates show. These are the last such estimates to be released before detailed Census 2000 results come out next year.

While California, Texas and New York — the three most populous states — still have the highest numbers of minorities, Nevada, Georgia and North Carolina experienced the biggest percent increases, Census analyst Larry Sink said.

In northern Georgia, a construction boom along with abundant jobs at poultry processing and car-

pet-making plants have caused Hispanic immigration to surge.

Doraville sits on the edge of Gwinnett County, which saw its Hispanic population surge 215.6 percent in the 1990s to 26,731. Another metro Atlanta county, Cobb, had a 158.9 percent jump to 24,350. Similar increases were seen among Asians, up 180.7 percent to 28,793 in Gwinnett and up 135.7 percent to 18,758 in Cobb.

Nationally, the white population increased 7.3 percent between 1990 and 1999 to 224.6 million. Blacks remained the largest minority group, experiencing a 13.8 percent spike during the same period to 34.8 million, while the American Indian and Alaska Native population increased 15.5 percent to 2.3 million.

Nevada's 50 percent population growth led all states during the 1990s. Its Asian population rose

123.7 percent to 88,208, the largest such increase in the nation, while its Hispanic population rose 144.6 percent to 304,364. Hispanics can be of any race.

California had the biggest Hispanic population, with 10.4 million. Arkansas, meanwhile, had the largest percentage growth among Hispanics, increasing 170.3 percent to 53,729 in the 1990s.

New jobs in construction, food processing and textile industries make Georgia attractive to immigrants, said Robert Giacomini, director of research for the state's data center.

In interviews Tuesday, many Atlanta-area immigrants said an abundance of jobs with decent wages had lured them to one of the country's fastest-growing cities. Some, including Fernando Lopez, said they moved from Texas after hearing friends say that construction work paid better in Georgia.

### RENT A FROG

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Rent A Frog also assists in volunteer placement for organizations like the Boys and Girls Club.

"Frogs have even been known to rent their fellow Frogs," Prescott said.

The company often receives many calls around this time of year for help with moving into dorms or apartments.

Cody Edge, a junior accounting major, said he became involved with Rent A Frog through his fraternity.

"A lot of the guys use it to earn extra cash," he said. "I like it because you are able to pick what jobs you want to work, and you can work with your friends."

However, Prescott said the employees' flexibility and willingness to take any job can get

messy. "A lady called from Denton who had a mouse go through the spin cycle in her dishwasher. She wanted someone to clean it up," Prescott said.

Edge said he and his fellow employees are often hired to wait in lines for people. They often camp out overnight for concert tickets or for parents who want to enroll their children in local schools.

"We even bring ice chests," he said.

Although the company employs between 175 and 250 workers during the school year, Prescott said, they are always

looking for new Frogs to rent. However, the Frogs must be clean cut, well mannered and punctual.

Transportation is usually not a problem, he said, as long as the student can get to the main office, 1525 Merriam Circle, Suite 104, behind Ol' South Pancake House. Work-

ers can car pool to jobs from there.

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—Cody Edge,  
junior accounting major

## Texas Medicaid ruled against

Court says program inadequately provides for low-income children

By Laura Meckler  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Texas has failed to adequately care for the 1.5 million low-income children in its Medicaid program, a federal judge has ruled, giving the state until October to find a solution.

The ruling lands in the middle of the presidential race, fueling Al Gore's argument that Texas Gov. George W. Bush has failed to provide health care to his state's children.

The court found that Texas was not adequately providing dental care, regular checkups, transportation to doctors or information about what services are available to children in Medicaid, despite a 1996 agreement in which the state promised to make major improvements in its program.

"A poor and often isolated popu-

lation should not be robbed of their rights to services," wrote U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, a Democrat who has issued sweeping rulings on racial segregation, education for immigrants and prison conditions since being appointed by President Johnson in 1968.

The state's attorney general said Wednesday that Texas would appeal.

Bush and his top aides traveling with him were caught off guard. The Texas governor told reporters he had not reviewed the judge's order. "But we have a good record signing people up to Medicaid," he said, without mentioning the services children get once they are signed up — the subject of the court case.

The Gore campaign wasted little time in criticizing Bush.

"Governor Bush has an obligation

to explain that strong and very troubling court decision," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Gore's running mate.

Campaign spokesman Mark Fabiani called the ruling a "sweeping indictment of the way George Bush has run his state's Medicaid system."

It fits Gore's rap on Bush. The vice president regularly complains that there are 1.4 million Texas children without health insurance and that Bush tried to limit eligibility for a new program aimed at getting insurance to the children in working poor families.

The Bush campaign said the governor is working to fix the problems in Medicaid and pointed the finger at the Democratic administration that preceded Bush, who was elected in 1994.

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## Crowning Achievement

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SKIFF STAFF  
Senior speech  
pathology major  
Tara Watson,  
recently crowned  
Miss Texas in July,  
adjusts her tiara  
in the Pi Beta Phi  
sorority chapter  
room.

### Student crowned Miss Texas, enjoying moment

By Alisha Brown  
SKIFF STAFF

It's more than a fairy tale of how TCU senior and Miss Hurst-Euleless-Bedford, Tara Watson, went from a frog to a princess on July 8 when she was crowned the reigning Miss Texas at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

The 22-year-old senior speech language pathology major has dreamed of wearing the crown since she was 6 years old and competed in her first pageant. But the path leading down that final runway stretched over the span of 16 years.

#### The Long Road

At age 2 she began taking dance lessons from Jo Thompson, who was later crowned Miss Texas in 1987.

"For as long as I could remember I wanted to follow in her footsteps," Watson said.

Her first pageant was the Petite Miss Lufkin Pageant in her home town.

"She won that one," her mother Ann Watson said. "She did a jazz dance to Michael Jackson's 'Beat It' and got a standing ovation. At that point in time she got hooked on entertaining."

She competed in local pageants and in 1993 received her first crown in the Miss Teen Texas pageant.

#### Try, try again

The 2000 Miss Texas Pageant was Watson's fourth try at the Texas crown.

After only her second year she was first runner-up as Miss Dallas. She had her hopes set on only one goal. Still, she went home with roses instead of the crown and became more determined.

"I always thought the first runner-up would have the best place coming back," Watson said. "But it's the worst. You put the pressure on yourself and think that there's only one place for you to go — up. You don't realize that there are 56 other places to go down."

The following year, representing Lake of the Pines, Watson fell in the ratings and finished as third runner-up.

"It was a very humbling experience," she said. "I decided not to come back. I felt like I had peaked out and the Lord had different plans."

However, with support from TCU friends, faculty and family, she decided to give her goal one more chance.

At the beginning of the 2000 pageant Watson was confident and proud of herself.

"After the very first day I came out of the interview and looked at my mom and said, 'Don't worry, we're going to do this,'" she said.

She placed second overall in that preliminary interview out of the 56 contestants.

The rest was business as usual. She had matured in the pageant circuit and made improvements on the way.

"The next thing I knew I was in the finalists' circle," she said.

From then on the competition is a blur to Watson. What she remembers next is standing there with Miss Oak Cliff, Brooke Buie, as the last two finalists.

"I had been to that point before and I could not get past it in my mind," she said. "You see me look at her and say, 'I hate this part.' I had been there and I knew that feeling but I didn't know what was going to happen."

#### The crowning moment

Then the host announced the first runner-up and Watson as the new Miss Texas.

"I was kind of jumping up and down, and at one point you see me gasping for air," she said. "I realized I wasn't even breathing."

The tears came when Watson saw her parents, Bill and Ann Watson. They were the two people who understood it all, she said.

Along with her crown came more than \$11,000 in money and prizes and a new red Chevrolet Blazer, which, she said is still not comparable to the moment.

#### A helping hand

There to share in that moment from TCU was Watson's psychology teacher, John Schuster.

Schuster taught Watson both semesters of the 1999-2000 school year and has continued the support since.

"He always encouraged me and told me I could do what I wanted and that I did not have to choose between pageants and school," Watson said. Schuster attributes Watson's ability to

carry both loads to her energy.

"She would come to class all dressed up," Schuster said. "I finally asked her why and she explained that she had pageant appearances to make sometimes right after class. She was determined to do both and not cut any corners."

Also competing in the pageant was TCU senior political science major and friend of Watson's, Marshawn Evans, who finished third runner-up.

#### Pageant style

The Miss Texas and Miss America Pageant circuit is about much more than just beauty, Watson said. It is an educational pageant circuit, meaning all prize money is used toward undergraduate or graduate studies.

And regardless of reputation, Watson said, the contestants are not cut-throat competitors.

"Some of my best friends I have met in the pageant circuit," she said. "If a girl's hair or make-up is messed up another one will tell her and help her out."

The competition involves preliminary interviews and competitions as well as on-stage portions. One of the major differences between the Miss Texas and Miss Texas USA circuits is the talent section and a contestant-chosen platform.

Watson's platform is AIDS education. As Miss Texas, she will speak to over 300,000 school children in the coming year about the disease and prevention methods.

Watson has developed two educational programs that she will present in elementary, junior high and high schools called Staying Alive.

#### Surviving the spotlight

Watson is already receiving recognition as Miss Texas in and away from Fort Worth.

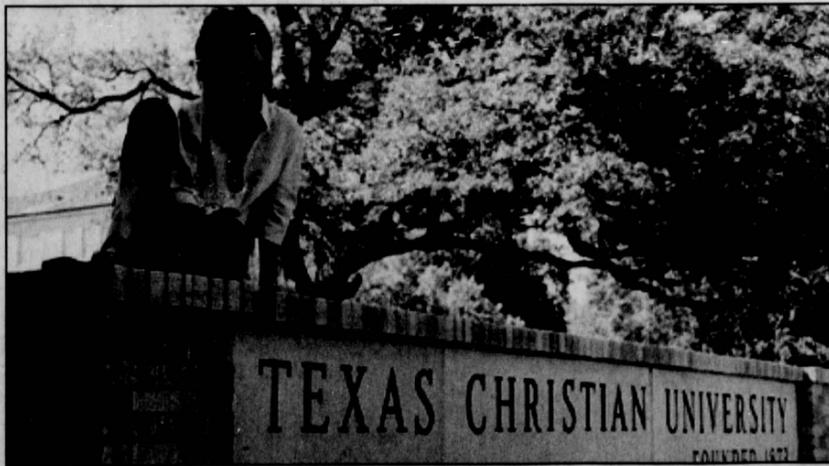
"Already it has been surreal how people recognize me," she said. "When I was flying back from San Antonio after doing a promotion with Clairol, the steward walked by and said, 'I know who you are,' and just kept walking."

With the spotlight, comes a few more responsibilities, though. Watson said she misses the trivial things about college life.

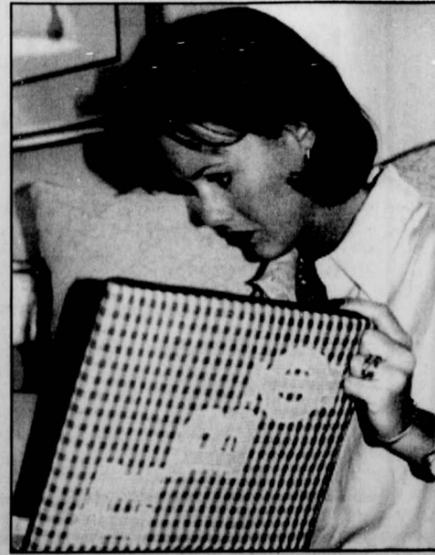
"I miss wearing my hair in a pony tail or just throwing on a baseball cap and going to the grocery store," she said.

Next on her agenda is the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, NJ on Oct. 20. But a year from now Watson will be back to college. With only 11 hours left she plans to return next fall and graduate in December 2001.

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(Left) Watson enjoys the afternoon by sitting near Frog Fountain.  
(Top) Watson takes a moment to relax in front of Sadler Hall.  
(Right) Watson looks through her Pi Beta Phi scrapbook.

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# Woman dies of Legionnaire's disease

By Michelle Koidin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Employees at a Southwestern Bell office building in San Antonio should not be alarmed after a worker died of Legionnaire's disease last weekend, company and city health officials said Wednesday.

The customer service representative, who was in her 50s, died Sunday of the respiratory illness, which is caused by the waterborne legionella bacteria.

The bacteria is spread when people breathe in mist from air conditioners and water fountains. It can cause sicknesses ranging from mild respiratory infections to deadly pneumonia in people with serious health problems. Those most susceptible are hospital patients with compromised immune systems.

Dr. Fernando Guerra, director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, said the infected employee,

## Doctors urge employees to remain calm

whose identity was not released, could have picked up the illness anywhere.

"Right now there is no conclusive information whatsoever that this woman was infected in the working environment," Guerra said. "Any of us should feel comfortable within that building, working in that building or being there for extended periods of time."

The woman's case was the only confirmed instance of Legionnaire's among the 1,800 employees in that building, officials said.

Officials with Southwestern Bell, a subsidiary of San Antonio-based phone giant SBC Communications Inc., learned the longtime employee's cause of death on Tuesday, company spokesman Joe Izbrand said. Her last day of work was Aug. 14.

Company and health department officials met Wednesday with groups of workers at the complex on the city's north side.

The officials explained that the disease cannot be passed from person to person.

They also informed employees that regular tests of the water and air-conditioning systems have not indicated a presence of the bacteria.

The water was tested most recently three weeks ago and the air-conditioning system is tested weekly, Izbrand said.

To alleviate concern, the company ordered additional tests Tuesday. Izbrand said initial results are expected by the end of the week and final results within 10 days.

Guerra said health officials were working with the company to be sure

all of their inspections are up to date.

A group of employees on a cigarette break Wednesday said the news was a little disconcerting but that they felt reassured that the building was not contaminated.

"We were able to leave if we were uneasy with it," said Tammy Balderas, a 26-year-old service representative who has worked for Southwestern Bell for five years. "If I was, I would have left. I feel OK."

Balderas said she didn't know of anyone who went home. Izbrand said there was not an unusual number of absent workers.

Two or three cases of Legionnaire's are reported in San Antonio each year, Guerra said. Nationwide, 10,000 to 20,000 people get the disease annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Symptoms include headache followed by high fever, shortness of breath and abdominal pain.

## FRIBOURG

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had to learn to talk," he said.

Besides a different language and culture, Fribourg said he also had to adjust to the smaller body sizes of his hosts.

"I'm not a big guy, but over there I'm a gorilla."

Chinese students and natives had a lot of questions for Fribourg too, but some just wanted to touch his skin.

"Some people I met had (never) seen white people and just wanted to touch me," he said.

Fribourg lived, worked and attended school in Hong Kong but took several excursions to other Asian countries like Vietnam and Cambodia.

While visiting war memorials and shrines dedicated to children who died during the Vietnam War, Fribourg said he would sometimes tell people he was Swiss rather than American.

"It was too difficult to be an American," he said.

Fribourg said he learned that the war effort was so great in Vietnam that many children died carrying grenades to groups of Americans.

"If you were old enough to carry

a gun or a grenade, you were involved," he said.

Many people asked him why the Americans did this to them and their country. Standing in the middle of dead, black land made infertile from bombs dropped twenty years ago, Fribourg could not respond.

Studying abroad allowed Fribourg to not only learn a new language and a new culture, but also about himself as an American and TCU student.

"I think you learn more about yourself by studying abroad because you put yourself in a compromising position," Fribourg said.

Xu said Fribourg's work experience in China opened many opportunities for him, including an appealing job offer with an Internet company based in Hong Kong.

Although TCU's Chinese program is only two years old, it is growing. Currently two other TCU students are studying in Hong Kong and 22 students are participating in Advanced Chinese.

"I would encourage every student who would like to go to apply," Xu said. "When you come back, you are a different person."

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# Gov. Bush's daughters leave for their colleges

By Natalie Gott  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — One of Gov. George W. Bush's twin daughters started classes at the University of Texas on Wednesday, nearly 1,600 miles from Yale University, the elite Ivy League school where her sister begins her studies next week.

Jenna Bush was one of about 7,500 freshmen at Texas, one of the nation's largest state universities. Her sister, Barbara, will be part of a smaller class of 1,352 entering Yale in New Haven, Conn., where classes start Sept. 6. Freshmen begin moving into their dormitories on Friday.

Barbara will be the fourth generation of Bushes to attend Yale, following her father, the Republican presidential nominee; her grandfather, former President George Bush; and great-grandfather, Sen. Prescott Bush.

Citing the Bush family's request to keep their children out of the public spotlight, Kim Black, a spokeswoman for Texas first lady Laura Bush, would say only that

both girls had left home.

Officials at both schools declined to discuss the Bush sisters, saying they respect every student's right to privacy. Neither university would say if security had been beefed up to accommodate the girls.

The Bush twins graduated in May from Stephen F. Austin High School in Austin, where Jenna was dubbed "most likely to trip on prom night" and Barbara was named "most likely to appear on the cover of Vogue."

They both told their parents that they wanted to have little involvement in their father's presidential campaign, and they have managed to stay out of the public spotlight.

Not so for their political star cousin, George P. Bush, who started classes Wednesday at the University of Texas law school in Austin.

The 24-year-old son of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush made campaign appearances for his uncle during the summer and spoke at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia.

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By Rusty Simmons  
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The University of Texas at Austin women's head soccer coach Chris Petrucelli won a national title at Notre Dame, and he envisions moving the Longhorns into the elite of the soccer world as well.

TCU women's head soccer coach David Rubinson now guides his players in the state-of-the-art Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, and he envisions using the stadium to legitimize the Frogs in the soccer world.

The teams will have the chance to judge which one is closer to its goal at 4 p.m. today when Texas and TCU face off at Garvey-Rosenthal.

Texas will enter the contest with

**Today**  
**Who:** Texas Longhorns and TCU Horned Frogs  
**What:** Non-conference women's soccer match  
**When:** 4 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium

a 1-1 record. The Longhorns lost their season-opener to No. 1 North Carolina 9-2 and beat Central Florida 4-0 on Sunday.

Six goals in two contests is an improvement over last season's team,

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Senior midfielder Jennifer Maunder looks for an open teammate in the Horned Frogs' 3-2 win against Texas Tech on Tuesday. Maunder scored two goals for TCU.

## Frogs beat Texas Tech in final half

By Doug Sharkey  
SKIFF STAFF

Not the draining heat of August, or the nimble attack of the Texas Tech Red Raiders proved enough to stop the Horned Frogs from claiming their second victory of the season Tuesday at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium by a final score of 3-2.

The Frogs came out strong against a quick Raiders' offense in the first half, playing possession and creating space as they combined one-two passes — quick, short passes between two players — in an attempt to create scoring opportunities.

Following two saves by freshman goalkeeper Shannon Wagner, the Red Raiders scored an early

goal off a free kick by junior forward Carrie Graham. The shot sailed over both the wall and Wagner's gloves seven minutes into the match, to put the Raiders ahead 1-0.

Wagner said free kicks directly in front of the goal can be very dangerous, as the ball is hidden by the wall and could sail directly overhead.

"You hope on those that it's not going to happen, but sometimes it does," said Wagner.

The Frogs answered four minutes later with a goal by senior midfielder Jennifer Maunder to tie the game at 1-1.

The Raiders refused to go down. After a one-handed save by Wagner, Tech scored off a corner kick.

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### U.S. cycling teammates hit by careless driver during training

NICE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong suffered only bruises after he and another cyclist were hit by a car in southern France in an accident that destroyed his bicycle and smashed his helmet into pieces.

The two-time Tour de France champion took the brunt of the impact with the car Tuesday, but X-rays proved negative, said Dan Osipow, a spokesman for the San Francisco-based sports marketing firm Disson Furst and Partners.

"He was not hurt seriously, but was bruised and banged up pretty good," Osipow said Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Texan was recuperating at home in Nice.

Another member of Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team, Tyler Hamilton, scraped his knee and elbow, Osipow said.

Armstrong, Hamilton and another teammate, Frankie Andreu, were training on a country road outside Nice when a car coming in the opposite direction missed a turn and ran straight into them, Osipow said. Andreu was able to avoid the car and did not crash.

Osipow said the crash would not deter their Olympic training.

## WAC preview

The Skiff counts down the Western Athletic Conference football teams for the upcoming 2000 season. Our No. 1 pick will appear in the Sept. 7 football preview issue.

## 4 Rice Owls

**Location:** Houston  
**Enrollment:** 4,000 (private)  
**Home Field:** Rice Stadium (artificial turf) 70,000

**Player to watch:** Redshirt freshman quarterback Jeremy Hurd. With the graduation of three-year starter Chad Richardson, Rice will turn to a freshman who has yet to play a down in college. Despite his inexperience, Hurd did lead Duncanville to the 1998 Texas state championship while running an option attack similar to that of Rice's. Everything in the Owls' offense runs on the quarterback's ability to understand the option, and at that Richardson excelled. Returning talent at all three halfback positions will ease Hurd's transition.

**Fourth and Long:** Rice has contended for the WAC title during each of its four seasons. However, November has not been kind to the Owls. Rice lost the conference title and a shot at its first bowl game since 1961 by losing its final three games of 1999. The 16 returning starters have not forgotten that fact. If Hurd can grasp the spread option, the Owls have the talent and experience on both sides of the ball for another title run.

## to our readers

The Skiff sports staff want to know how we are doing. We welcome your comments, suggestions, rants and raves. E-mail us at skiffletters@tcu.edu or drop by Moudy 2915. Selected letters will be printed on the sports page.

"In this segment of the game, you'd better have a wild-eyed look on your face. You'd better have your eyes set deep in your head."

— Mark Tommerdahl, special teams coach



Former Frog punter Royce Huffman led the Western Athletic Conference in average per punt last season. Special teams coach Mark Tommerdahl is faced with the challenge of replacing Huffman this year.

# SPECIAL CONCERNS

## Coaches search for punter and kick returner

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

This year TCU will welcome back candidates for the Heisman Trophy, the Outland Trophy and the Vince Lombardi Award.

However, they will spend the final two weeks of practice searching for a kick returner and a punter.

A team strength the past few years, special teams is now a question mark as the Frogs enter the 2000 season. Special teams coach Mark Tommerdahl will have to replace key components of his special teams unit before the Frogs take the field Sept. 9 at Nevada.

Tommerdahl said while TCU special teams players have talent, their attitude is still unknown.

"Height, weight and speed-wise, we compare very favorably with what we've put on the field in the past," Tommerdahl said. "In this segment of the game, you'd better have a wild-eyed look on your face. You'd better have your eyes set deep in your head."

TCU had the nation's leading kickoff returner last season in then-senior Reggie Hunt, who averaged 34.1 yards a return. TCU coaches will decide between senior Cedric

James, sophomores LaTarence Dunbar and Jason Goss and redshirt freshman Ricky Madison, who are all competing for the job. Tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, who was TCU's primary kick returner in 1997, is also getting consideration.

Both Tommerdahl and head coach Dennis Franchione said a final decision will probably come next week.

Franchione said he is pleased with the candidate pool.

"They've worked hard, and I trust them all to catch the ball," Franchione said. "It's not like we have just one guy back there. All of them are capable, so it's a good situation."

James and Dunbar each returned kickoffs last season. James returned five kicks for 141 yards (28.2 average), while Dunbar returned three for 50 yards (16.7 average). Goss and Madison have not returned kicks or punts in their collegiate careers.

"It will work itself out," Tommerdahl said. "We chart these guys everyday, and I mean that literally. We've still got two weeks."

"We look for guys who have little regard for their safety. Speed is really the secondary thing."

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### ► The James file

**Full name:** Cedric James  
**Position:** Wide receiver  
**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 200  
**Hometown:** Kennedale  
**High School:** Kennedale High School  
**Accolades:** Leads all current receivers with 21 career receptions; the only wide receiver on the 1998 team with a touchdown reception; head coach Dennis Franchione calls him the prototypical wide receiver with combination of size and speed.



JAMES

# Portland, Miami and Cleveland deal five players

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland, Cleveland and Miami completed a five-player deal Wednesday with the Trail Blazers sending power forward Brian Grant to the Heat and getting Shawn Kemp.

The trade was to be announced by the Cavaliers and Blazers at late afternoon news conferences, but Grant's agent, Mark Bartelstein, confirmed it during a conference call.

"Brian wanted to make sure he was playing for a team that had a chance to win a championship, a team where he would play a major role and he would be the starting power forward, with a great coach and a terrific city," Bartelstein said. "Miami has all that covered and more."

Under terms of the deal, which

has been known for weeks but finally met league approval Wednesday, Grant signed a new seven-year, \$86 million deal with the Blazers.

In exchange for Grant, the Heat sent Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon, along with a first-round draft choice and cash, to the Cavaliers.

The Blazers get Kemp, whose weight problems, bloated contract and surly attitude have made him unwelcome in Cleveland.

Kemp, who played for the Seattle SuperSonics when Blazers general manager Bob Whitsitt was there, is due to make \$71 million in the next four seasons.

Cleveland also gets Portland's 36-year-old backup point guard, Gary Grant, who almost certainly will be cut.

**Racial remarks made by Australian offensive, athletes say**  
BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — John Rucker revisited.

That's the way U.S. Olympic long jumpers Melvin Lister and Savante Stringfellow reacted to racial remarks by Australian jumper Jai Taurima.

Australian newspapers on Wednesday quoted Taurima as saying that because of the cool conditions expected for the Sydney Olympics, "you can pretty much knock out all the dark athletes."

"We jumped in Salamanca (Spain) a month ago, and those guys just couldn't compete well in bad conditions. It was wet and cold."

Lister, winner of the U.S. Olympic trials, and Stringfellow, the U.S. indoor champion and NCAA outdoor champion, both of

whom are black, were seething when told of Taurima's statements.

"I would rank them the same as John Rucker comments," Stringfellow said, referring to the Atlanta Braves' reliever who in December made disparaging remarks about foreigners, gays, women and New Yorkers. "That was very unprofessional on his part. Maybe he doesn't know any better."

"I can understand him having the confidence to beat us — but to come at us racially," Lister said.

"I want him to know I wasn't satisfied with the comments he made. All that can do is cause animosity between the U.S. and Australia."

Taurima's best is 27 feet, 43/4 inches. Lister, the NCAA indoor and outdoor champion in 1999, has jumped 27-10 1/4 this year,

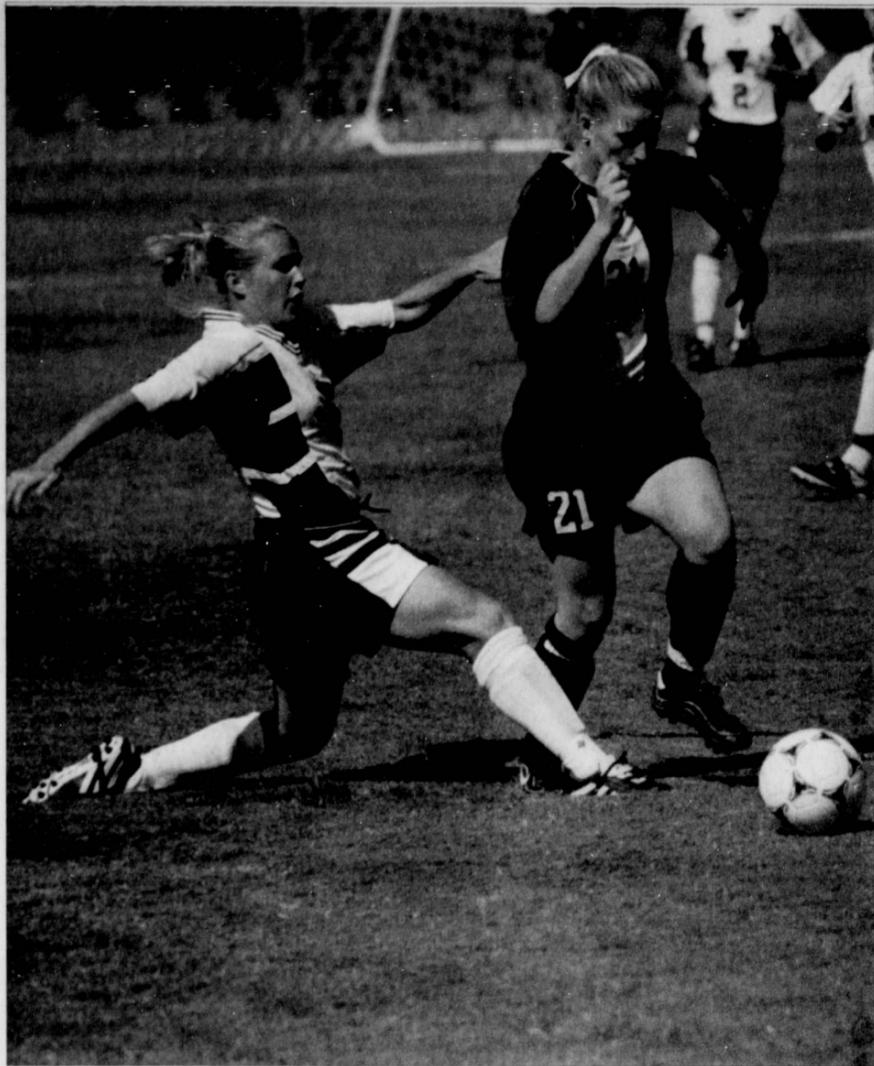
and Stringfellow's best is 27-2 3/4.

Lister said that the Americans have been treated very well since arriving in Australia Aug. 21 to train for the Olympics and he would not let one athlete spoil the situation.

"We haven't said anything to cross anybody," he said.

Taurima — a Queensland resident who is described as half Maori, the indigenous people of New Zealand — also dismissed any chance of U.S. long-jumpers winning a medal in Sydney. Dwight Phillips, the third U.S. jumper, has not yet arrived in Australia.

"Americans are Americans, aren't they?" he said. "They only jump big in America. These three guys are a bunch of dribblers. That's all I'm saying. I'm more scared of the two Ukrainian and two Russian guys."



Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

Junior midfielder Jeanine Rogers eludes a Texas Tech defender's slide tackle Tuesday at the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. The Frogs won the match 3-2.

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The kick was served to sophomore midfielder Lindsey Wile in the 29th minute of the game, putting the Raiders ahead 2-1.

Defensive breakdowns facilitated many Texas Tech opportunities, but the Frogs would not give in to the Raiders offense. Maunder planted the ball into the corner of the Texas Tech net for the Frogs' second goal, tying the game at 2-2.

TCU and Texas Tech went back and forth with scoring opportunities for the rest of the first half, but the score remained tied at the intermission.

The second half proved to be a desperate fight for both teams, as each side battled the heat and fatigue for the lead.

The Frogs had various scoring opportunities throughout most of the second half but could not capitalize.

Sophomore defender Alecia Grieshaber had a close shot after two minutes of play, and freshman midfielder Jenny Swanson, going one on one with the Texas Tech goalkeeper, nearly had her first goal of the season.

Midway through the second half, TCU sophomore midfielder Lori Robbins, beat two defenders and slid into Raiders junior goalkeeper Britney Peese. Robbins' knee struck Peese's head and face, and senior goalkeeper JoDee Campbell was substituted into the goal.

After 39 minutes into the second half, a direct free kick taken by junior midfielder Jeanine Rogers sailed over the Tech defensive wall and was put in the back of the net by junior midfielder Jenn Coulson to put TCU ahead 3-2.

Head coach David Rubinson said he was excited about the win and praised the team for staying strong throughout the match.

"I give them a lot of credit because

they stuck with it," Rubinson said. "I felt like we owned most of the game."

Rubinson said the team had many good chances, but the fitness of the group must improve. He said he has a lot of confidence in Wagner and expects that as the season progresses her skills will improve.

"We're asking a freshman to do a lot of things that we'd ask an upperclassman to do and I think she's got the mentality for that," Rubinson said. "That second goal came off of a cross, but she didn't let another one in. She held everything and was really big out there today."

The team is excited and is looking forward to their next game, Rubinson said.

"I think that we have more depth than we've ever had and I think it showed today," Rubinson said. "Our girls have shown a lot of heart."

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Petrucelli said the squad has worked on speed as a method of producing offense.

"My philosophy has always been that you can't win in this game unless you score goals," he said in the Texas media guide. "We are a much faster team this season, and we need to be a team that scores goals."

TCU has also spent time on improving the team's offense, Rubinson said. But the Frogs have not seen the immediate results the Longhorns have.

In their first three games, the Frogs have scored only four goals, good enough for a 2-1 record. At Garvey-Rosenthal, TCU has seen both ends of the scoring spectrum. They were shut out by Baylor Sunday, and the Frogs scored three goals against

Texas Tech Tuesday.

Unlike Texas' plan for scoring with speed, Rubinson said most of the TCU goals will come from plays set up by midfielders' possession.

"We've got to manufacture some goals from the middle of the field," he said. "We can still score goals, but we're not going to outrun a lot of people."

Texas has 12 freshman on its current roster, so Petrucelli said opponents will have a better chance of beating them early in the season.

"We still have to develop this team, and we will have to attack it slowly," he said. "It will take us a while to get it together, but there is no doubt in my mind that we will be a much better team in October than we are in August."

### Key match up

Although TCU's defensive scheme does not create man-on-man

marking opportunities often, Frogs' sophomore defender Brenda DeRose's defensive prowess against Texas' freshman midfielder/forward Kati McBain's scoring ability will make the difference in the game today.

DeRose was an all-Western Athletic Conference performer last season and has led the Frogs' defense, which is averaging one goal allowed a game this season.

McBain enters her collegiate career as a Parade Freshman All-American, and she has already compiled two goals and two assists in her first two games. McBain has been the catalyst of the Texas offense, which is averaging three goals a game.

An adage in most sports, which should hold true for this match is "A good defense beats a good offense."

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## Ellis to return against Philly

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IRVING — Defensive end Greg Ellis gets to pick up where he left off for the Dallas Cowboys — chasing Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb.

Ellis had his 1999 season ended when he broke his left leg at the end of a play after pursuing McNabb in the opening minutes of a December home game against the Eagles.

He returns to the starting lineup Sunday in the Cowboys' 2000 season opener, another home game against Philadelphia.

"I guess it's a big coincidence that the game I left in is the game I'm

coming back to," Ellis said Wednesday. "To pick up where I left off, that would be good."

His play quieted some of the critics who still lament Dallas not taking receiver Randy Moss with the No. 8 overall pick in the 1998 draft and instead selecting Ellis from North Carolina.

Just hours after he broke his tibia and fibula bones Dec. 12, Ellis underwent surgery to have a titanium rod inserted into his left leg. The rehabilitation, initially expected to take up to a year, took much less time.

"I feel like it's just sore after I run and stuff with some sharp pains," El-

lis said. "Other than that it feels good, but I think that's just me."

"After having a short preseason, I just need to get a lot of reps."

The hardest part, he admits, could be the mental recovery.

Now that the regular season is beginning, things will be at full speed — the action faster and the hits harder than in the preseason games.

"One of the biggest obstacles he has to overcome is the mental aspect of just letting go. The hardest thing to get over is telling yourself in your mind that it's okay; it's fine," said Ebenezer Ekuban. "Physically it looks well, but the mind can be stronger than the body."

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With Royce Huffman currently playing for the Martinsville Astros, a minor affiliate of the Houston Astros, Tommerdahl is also looking for a punter. He will choose from sophomore Joey Biasatti, originally recruited as a place-kicker, and freshmen Shane Hudnall and John Brazil.

Tommerdahl said a punter will be chosen in the coming weeks.

With skilled players competing at each position, Tommerdahl said attitude will determine who wins each position.

"We always said 'we will put our best athletes on special teams,'

### ► The Dunbar file

**Full name:** LaTarence Dunbar  
**Position:** Wide receiver  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 192  
**Hometown:** Dallas  
**High School:** South Oak Cliff High School  
**Accolades:** Finished second on the team in 1999 in receptions (20), yards receiving (315) and touchdown catches (2); has tremendous speed; won the 110-meter hurdles at the 1999 Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships; originally was recruited to TCU as a running back.



DUNBAR

but now we have to ensure they take the field with the proper attitude," Tommerdahl said. "We have the talent to continue the strong special teams tradition."

"We don't look at special

teams as a way to get experience. We look at it as a way to win a game."

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Director of Communications Kelli Horst said she had no idea where the two publications got the number to represent the university's spending.

"I am not saying how accurate the number is, but I will say I have no idea where they came up with that figure," Horst said. "All the money was raised by private sources and we said from the beginning that we would not disclose the details of the exact figure."

"Sports Illustrated published a statement saying that we had spent way too much. It's frustrating for me to see other media assume they know the details and publish a statement like that."

The issue quotes a sports information director from another school with a Heisman candidate as saying if TCU is willing to spend that much, they might as well write individual \$100 checks to every Heisman Trophy voter across the country.

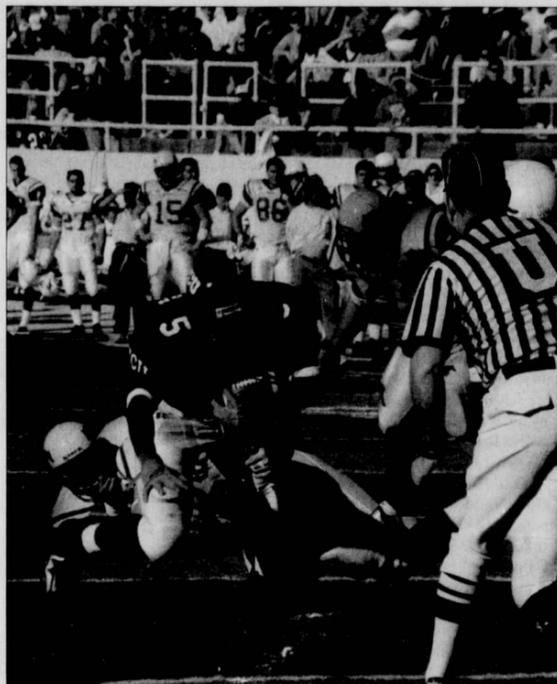
Despite that, Horst said the attempts at getting Tomlinson and the TCU football program into the media and public spotlight have been very successful.

"We haven't just been trying to win a Heisman Trophy," Horst said. "We've been trying to energize an entire fan base. Tomlinson's visibility and the surrounding expectations have increased the amount of season ticket sales."

"That's the question we'll ask ourselves when the whole thing is over. Did we excite the TCU community (about) TCU football?"

Hackett said they followed a similar plan with McNair in 1994.

"Things like exposure for Steve, the football program and Division I-AA football and just trying to get him in the top five so he could go to New York were



David Dunai/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

TCU senior running back LaDainian Tomlinson fights for extra yardage in a game against Southern Methodist University last season. Tomlinson has been the focus of much attention this year as a Heisman Trophy candidate.

all included in our goals," he said.

The top five selections as voted on by the Heisman Trophy voters across the country are invited to the awards banquet in New York City.

Horst said the loftiest goal possible would be for him to actually win the trophy.

"But we also recognize that if he gets to New York and TCU gets represented on television, that's not too shabby," she said. "So, no, we don't have just one goal of capturing the Heisman Trophy."

With the start of the Horned Frogs' season just over a week away, national television analysts on ESPN and Fox SportsNet have

listed Tomlinson third behind quarterbacks Michael Vick and Drew Brees.

"That's good to see, but it's still all going to come down to one thing," Carmichael said. "It all comes down to how he plays. Of course, having a candidate in general, brings instant credibility to the program."

For Carmichael and everyone in the TCU community, the thought of Tomlinson sharing his highlights with the likes of Vick and Brees in New York come December would make for a job well done.

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## Final touch



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Project designers for the Douglas Group, James Wheat (left) and Bryan Lightsey, put finishing touches on the trophy cases for the inside of the new John Justin Athletic Center. The Justin Center houses the Athletic Academic Center, the football offices, the athletic administration offices, video labs and the Heritage Center.

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# Rebels threaten hostage

## Philippines mull tougher approach to rebel demands

By Bullitt Marquez  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Muslim rebels threatened Wednesday to behead an American they are holding captive, and the Philippine government considered a tougher approach on hostage-takers, fearing that ransoms paid for other hostages could encourage more abductions.

"We do not joke," said Abu Sabaya, spokesman of the Abu Sayyaf rebels. "When we say we will behead someone, we will behead him."

The rebels announced Tuesday they had abducted Jeffrey Schilling of Oakland, Calif. and said they would announce their demands in three days, and warned they would kill Schilling if the United States didn't accept.

The extremist group is holding 18 other hostages on southern Jolo island after releasing six Westerners earlier this week for a reported \$6

million paid by Libya. Critics have warned that the large ransom payment will encourage more kidnappings in the southern Philippines. Abu Sayyaf has received more than \$11.5 million in ransom for the releases of the six hostages this week and other releases in recent months, including another Westerner and nine Malaysians, according to estimates by negotiators and the military.

"We cannot go on like this," said presidential executive secretary Ronaldo Zamora. "Otherwise we will be doing exactly what those against ransom have been saying right from the beginning. We are just setting ourselves up for more problems in the future."

Several senators, including Senate President Franklin Drilon, urged the government to consider military action against the rebels.

The U.S. Embassy said the American government would

make no deal with the rebels. "We will not pay ransom, change policies, release prisoners or make any concessions that reward hostage-taking," it said in a statement.

In an interview with the Radio Mindanao Network, Sabaya said the guerrillas are willing to begin negotiations with U.S. Embassy officials on Thursday for Schilling's release.

But he demanded that representatives of North Korea, China, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Libya take part in the talks.

"I hope this will proceed smoothly," he said Wednesday. "We are not afraid of a rescue operation by the Americans."

Schilling is being held by a faction of the hard-line Abu Sayyaf group that kidnapped about 50 schoolchildren and teachers in March. The group beheaded two teachers after the United States ignored their demand for the release of Arab terrorists held in U.S. jails.

# U.S. gives aid to fight drug war

CARTAGENA, Colombia — In a country beset by decades of violence, President Clinton delivered a \$1.3 billion U.S. package Wednesday which he said would help Colombia defeat its drug traffickers without getting the United States into a Vietnam-like quagmire.

"We will not get into a shooting war" with Colombian guerrillas, he said, standing alongside Colombian President Andres Pastrana, both in short sleeves in the sweltering heat of this Caribbean port city.

Pastrana stressed that Colombia has no intention of drawing the United States into its military conflict.

"As long as Andres Pastrana is president, we will not have a foreign military intervention in Colombia," he said.

There were reminders, during Clinton's half-day visit to Cartagena, of the fear and violence that bleeds this Andean nation. Police said they discovered and deactivated a 4.4-pound bomb found five blocks from a neighborhood Clinton planned to tour.

Officials said the bomb was intended to spread rebel pamphlets and would have been unlikely to cause harm. A U.S. Secret Service official, Terry Samway, insisted that only materials for explosives were found, not a bomb.

In an unusual display of bipartisan support, Clinton was accompanied by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and 10 other members of Congress. Hastert was instrumental in pushing the aid package through Congress, despite misgivings by some who feared the United States would get drawn into the guerrilla conflict and help an army long criticized for human rights abuses.

Clinton was also accompanied by Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Barry McCaffrey, Clinton's chief drug policy adviser—part of a delegation of 35. Daughter Chelsea also came along.

"Why are we here today?" Hastert said. "Not only do we share a great heritage of democracy, but we also share a great burden" — the threat drugs pose both to countries that produce drugs and those that consume them.

"In our nation, over 14,000 young people, children, lose their life every year to either drug use or drug violence, and it happens in our wealthiest communities and the street corners of our most devastated inner cities," Hastert said.

The U.S. assistance is part of Pastrana's \$7.5 billion "Plan Colombia," designed to end decades of civil war, fight drug trafficking, strengthen the judicial system and revive an economy in the doldrums.

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# Delay to cut power allowed Moscow television tower blaze to spread

By Vladimir Isachenkov  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — As fire spread in the Russian capital's television tower, firefighters had to wait three hours before getting authorization to cut the tower's power supply, the city fire service chief said Wednesday.

Fire Chief Leonid Korotchik said that firefighters battling the weekend blaze had to climb a long ladder of command before finally getting a personal cut-off order from President Vladimir Putin, even though safety regulations call for an immediate power cut in such fires.

"If we had cut the power earlier, we would probably

have been able to localize the fire," Korotchik said.

Instead, the fire lasted 26 hours, spreading through much of the landmark 1,771-foot Ostankino Tower and knocking out almost all TV service to the Moscow region's 15 million people for three days.

The fire chief's account of the long delay comes on the heels of widespread criticism of Putin and the Kremlin for a slow and seemingly confused response to the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk this month in which 118 crewmen died.

Korotchik said firefighters arrived at the tower within 10 minutes of receiving a call that smoke was seen stream-

ing from its upper reaches on Sunday afternoon. They quickly evacuated 300 people who were inside the tower, including scores of sightseers on the observation deck and patrons in the restaurant at the 1,050-foot level, and climbed to 1,440 feet to fight the blaze.

The failure to cut the power to the tower resulted in new short-circuits that kindled new fires all along the giant tower, Korotchik said. The 33-year-old tower lacked fire-prevention systems in its hollow shaft, where the burning cables were located, and the numerous short-circuits and pieces of burning cable insulation quickly spread the fire downward.

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## today's menu Aug 31, 2000

**The Main Lunch**  
Cyberwraps  
Pot pie  
Fiesta steak  
Roast pork shoulder

**Dinner**  
Ravioli  
Rosemary chicken  
Broccoli with cheese  
Honey baked ham

**Worth Hills Lunch**  
Tricolor pasta station  
Rotisserie chicken

**Dinner**  
Pasta with chicken  
Pork loin  
Pizza

**Eden's Greens Lunch**  
Potato skins  
Chicken  
Barbecue beef

**Frogbytes**  
Same as The Main

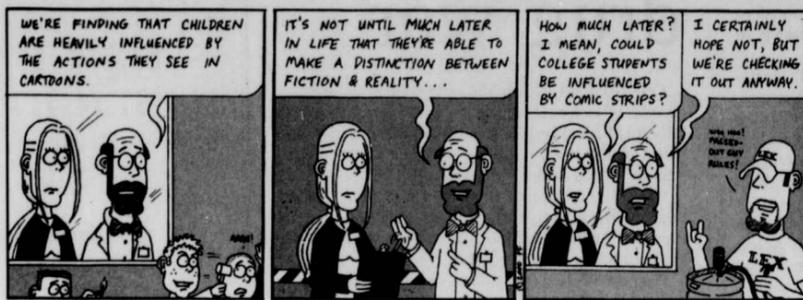
**Tomorrow at The Main: Lunch**  
Cyberwraps  
Chicken breast Florentine  
Parmesan over fried fish  
Honey and pineapple chicken

**Dinner**  
Cajun cod  
Chicken Creole  
Manicotti  
Barbecue brisket  
Smoked sausage

All menus subject to change.

## Lex

by Phil Flickinger



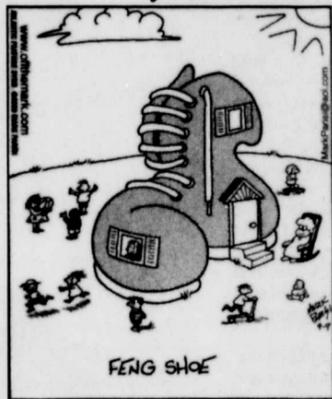
## Academia Nuts

by John P. Araujo



## Off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



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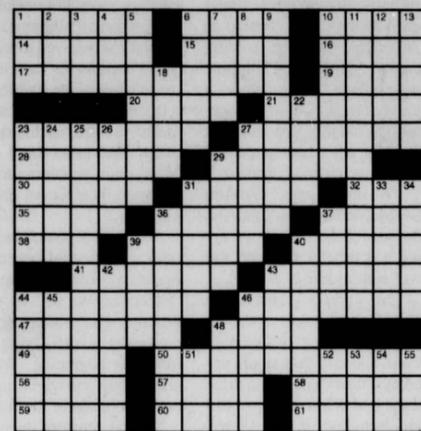
by Vic Lee



## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Total
  - Not pro
  - Weakening
  - Hotelier Helmsley
  - Parakeet staple
  - Field of study
  - Genealogical chart
  - Medicinal quantity
  - Enthusiastic
  - Sculptor's tool
  - Recovered from
  - Garments
  - Maxims
  - Calamitous
  - Distance runner
  - Gets wind of
  - Hall-of-Farmer Mel
  - Army mascot
  - Stand of trees
  - To a great distance
  - Doctors' org.
  - Braxton and Morrison
  - Doughboy's weapon
  - Dragged forcibly
  - Cowboy contests
  - Shockingly frightful
  - Reduces
  - Save from a pickle
  - Solomonic
  - Palliate
  - Arboreal ape
  - Tied
  - Vocal inflection
  - Strives
  - Requirement
  - Notices
  - Two under par

- DOWN
- TV alien of the 1980s
  - Narcs
  - DiMaggio of the Red Sox
  - Cycle or verse starter?
  - Idle chatter
  - Up and about
  - Dweeb



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## Solutions



- Driving area
- Interjection of surprise
- Elk
- Whiskey-laced java
- Brawl
- Coffin covers
- Fashion designer St. Laurent
- Swine
- Beta follower
- Intense hatred
- Southern state capital
- S-shaped molding
- Crude
- Lukewarm
- Bee product
- Condor's claw
- Lock of hair
- Stockpiles
- Abets
- Ballerina's garment
- Optimistic
- Scale
- Breathing: abbr. implement
- Putting surface
- Toss
- Citrus fruits
- Beaujolais or Bordeaux
- Gardener's implement
- Charlton Heston's org.
- Sharp turn
- Sniggler's catch
- Wind dir.

## Purple Poll

**Q:** Did you have trouble finding on-campus housing?

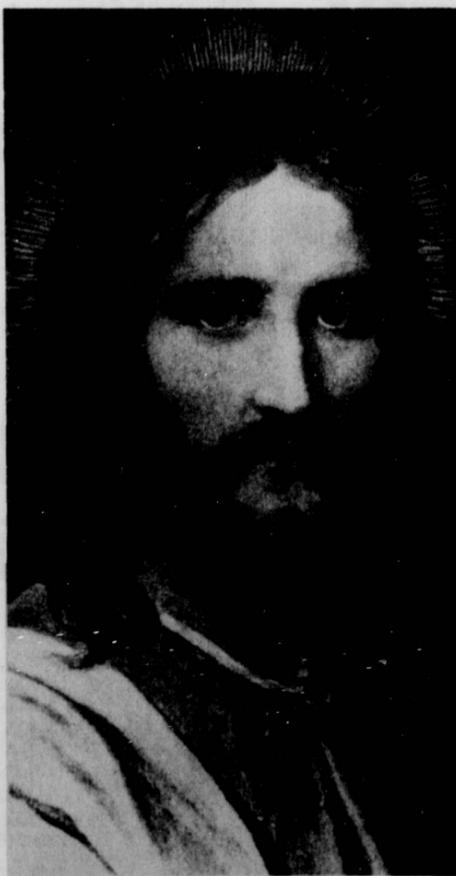


**A:** Yes 12 No 88

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