



It didn't come as a surprise to head volleyball coach Sandy Trout that junior Lindsay Hayes would play in every match during the tournament this weekend.

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Fort Worth, Texas

UT Austin prepares for staff 'sickout'

Similar event at TCU unlikely, staff says

By Matt Jones
STAFF REPORTER

On the same day the TCU Staff Assembly met for the first time this year to discuss staff concerns, as many as 4,800 University of Texas at Austin employees were reportedly threatening to stage a three-day "sickout" if the Board of Regents and the UT administration fail to meet a list of their demands.

Chairwoman of the TCU Staff Assembly Jean Andrus said the assembly's ability to work with the administration to handle issues like staff wages, benefits and work conditions will probably prevent an incident like the one at UT.

"At TCU, we're sitting around talking about (issues), and the Chancellor is a part of it," Andrus said.

Kyle Cavanaugh, associate vice president for human resources at UT, said unlike TCU,

UT has no official staff advisory council or assembly to hear staff complaints.

"There hasn't been a good, systematic process for voicing staff concerns," Cavanaugh said.

Cavanaugh said the level of participation in today's sickout is unknown, but the university would operate as normal.

"We anticipate that we will be able to meet all of the functional needs of the university," Cavanaugh said.

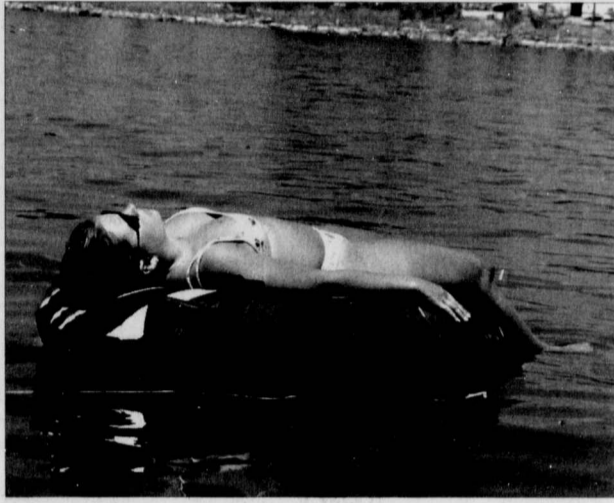
The University Staff Association, an advocacy group representing staff issues for all non-teaching employees, leads the protest against issues, including low salaries and the treatment of custodial staff.

The list of demands includes requests for detailed insurance information, the reinstatement

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Fort Worth area suffers drought

Voluntary water restrictions could be put into effect soon



Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

Tara Moore, a sophomore premajor, attempts to relax at Lake Leon during Labor Day weekend. Moore and other vacationers tried to escape the blistering North Texas heat, which has been called the "warmest weather recorded in 20 years," by local meteorologists.

By Melissa DeLoach
STAFF REPORTER

With temperatures continuing to top the record books in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and drought causing havoc across Texas, TCU groundskeepers are doing everything they can to preserve the campus' landscape.

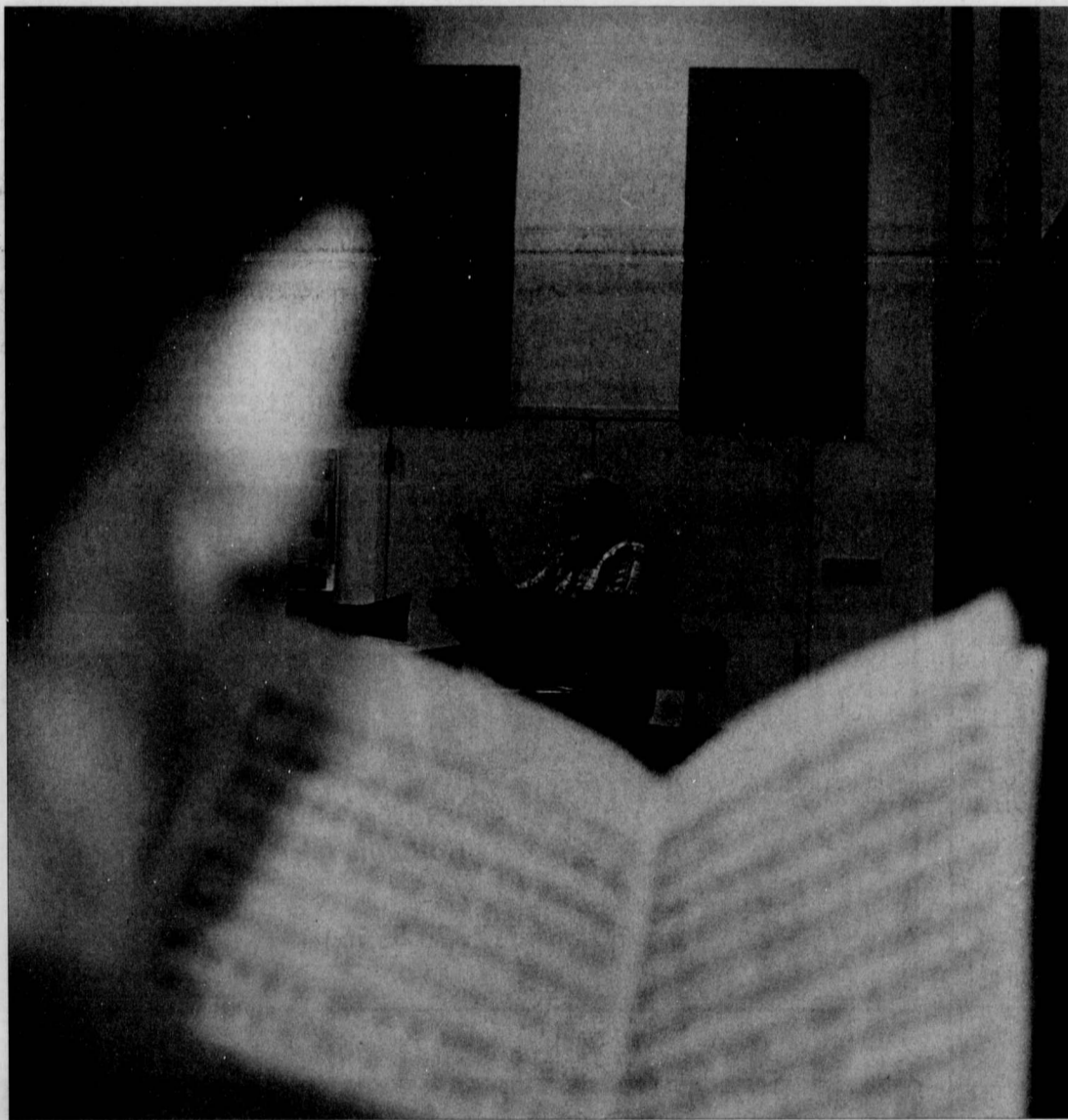
"Because the campus is running 24 hours a day, we have to schedule everything we do around all the functions — athletic practices and meetings of the students," said Robert Sulak, director of landscaping and grounds. "It is impossible for us to run the system just at night because the supply lines would not allow for the vast amount of water to be pumped out all at once."

TCU pumps out 450 gallons of water a minute and 1.2 million gallons a day, Sulak said. The drought has caused TCU to pump out an estimated 10-20 percent more this summer than average, he said.

Although the city of Fort Worth has not placed mandatory water restrictions on the city, Mary Gugliuzza, spokesperson for the Fort Worth Water Department, is encouraging conservation. According to figures

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LEARNING BY EAR



Tyson Trice/STAFF REPORTER

Professor Ronald Shirey conducts a choir concert rehearsal last week. Jules Woodson, a sophomore elementary education major, and the rest of the choir will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in Ed Landreth Hall.

University stays in second tier in annual rankings

School's academic reputation, freshmen retention rate increases

By Matt Jones
STAFF REPORTER

TCU maintained its four-year spot in the second tier of national universities this year in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual college rankings.

TCU earned an academic reputation score of 2.8, up from last year's 2.7. Baylor University's score remained at 3.3 and Southern Methodist University fell from 3.2 to 3.1.

Among the 64 schools in the second tier, TCU ranked third-highest in alumni giving rate and had the sixth-lowest percentage rate for classes with more than 50 students.

News rankings are based on several measures. The greatest weight, 25 percent, is given to the academic reputation score, which is compiled from a survey of university presidents, provosts and deans of admissions. Each school is asked to rate peer schools and assign a score of 1 to 5, with 1 indicating a marginal school, and 5 indicating a distinguished school.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the report comes as no surprise.

"This growth and increased recognition are evidence of the continual progress of the university," Ferrari said. "It is very encouraging to see our efforts are paying off."

Ferrari said increased visibility and four national dean searches have fueled higher recognition for the university.

"We find ourselves steadily moving forward," Ferrari said. "Our academic reputation will continue to grow with the strength of our faculty and increased quality of education."

The news magazine ranks national univer-

sities and liberal arts colleges and places them into the "Top 50" category and second, third or fourth tiers in increments of 50. A place in the second tier indicates that TCU ranked between the top 51 and 100 national universities.

The top five national universities in the overall rankings were Princeton (N.J.) University, Harvard (Mass.) University, Yale (Conn.) University, the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

U.S. News uses seven categories to determine its overall ranking: academic reputation, freshmen retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation rates.

In program specific rankings, the e-commerce program in the M. J. Neeley School of Business ranked eighth in the nation and the Neeley School ranked 41st in the nation for general management.

Using rankings from fall 1999, TCU showed several changes from the previous year:

"Freshmen retention rate increased from 80 percent to 81 percent.

"The percentage of classes with less than 20 students increased from 43 percent to 47 percent.

"The 25th through 75th percentile SAT scores of incoming freshmen increased from 1030-1250 to 1040-1260.

"The acceptance rate dropped from 77 percent to 75 percent.

Matt Jones

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briefs

Student's right to party leads to protests, arrests

WACO (U-WIRE) — "You have to fight for your right to party" proved not just another popular song, but a new anthem assumed by hundreds of Baylor students during the weekend.

A block party erupted at 10:30 p.m. Friday on the corner of 10th and Bagby as a public protest to the Waco Police Department's new Party 2000 initiative, which was announced last Tuesday at an all-university meeting.

Three students were arrested after police broke up the party of an estimated 500 to 750 people.

—The Lariat
Baylor University

House elections to be held today

Terms begin Saturday; first House meeting Sept. 12

By Kristina Iodice
STAFF REPORTER

While most of the campus is settling into new classes, some students are gearing up for House of Student Representatives elections today.

The main governing body of the Student Government Association, the House of Student Representatives comprises representatives from each residence hall and the commuter student population. Responsible for many of the permanent improvements on campus, House also decides who receives funding.

Chelsea Hudson, a sophomore political science major and Colby Hall resident assistant, was Colby's representative last year and is running

again for the position.

"You have to have dedication to do this," Hudson said. "A lot of the changes that the House and the student government make take time."

Ashley Hungerford, a junior radio-TV-film major, said there is a lot of frustration between House and the rest of the students because the changes initiated by House tend to take a long time before there are visible results.

"The money is the power," she said. "It's not the SGA's fault they can't get things done — the power only works when the money wants it to."

Hudson said it can be hard to get things done, but said things do get

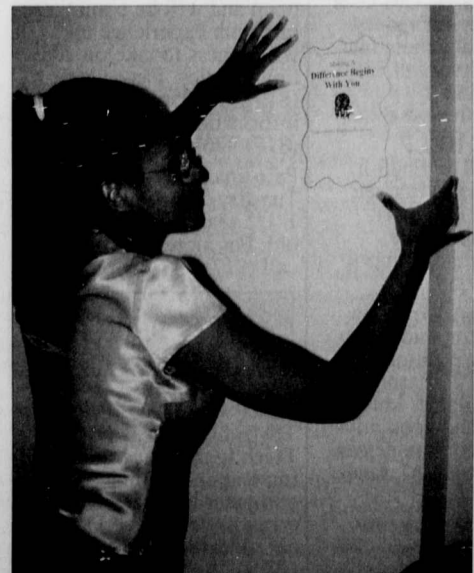
accomplished through House.

"Last year I campaigned for ID cards to be used in the washers and dryers, and they will be put in Colby later this year," Hudson said. The swipe machines are also being installed in all other residence halls.

Sara Donaldson, vice president of House, said representatives will be doing a lot more this semester than in the past.

Representatives will wear buttons that label them as representatives. They will be easy to find across campus, between classes and while hanging out in The Main, Donaldson said.

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Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR
Cherice Hopkins, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, hangs a SGA campaign poster Tuesday. Hopkins is vying for one of the Colby Hall representative positions. Ballots will be collected and counted today in the office of each residence hall.

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campus lines

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► **A Homecoming Organizations meeting** will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in the Student Center Ballroom for all campus organizations and residence halls interested in participating in Homecoming Activities. For more information, call the Programming Council at 257-5233.

► **December 2000 degree candidates** should file their Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean. Each 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 Oct. 6.

► **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. Today is the last day to interview. 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 specific jobs, depending upon 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.

► **The Health Center** wants to inform students about the meningococcal vaccine (Menomune) available Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Health Center. This vaccine can help guard against certain types of meningitis. College students, especially freshmen, are encouraged to be vaccinated. The vaccine costs about \$75.

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WORLD

The Red Cross urges governments to suspend use of cluster bombs in warfare

GENEVA — The Red Cross is urging governments to suspend the use of cluster bombs because they can kill and maim long after a war ends, an official said Tuesday.

A new study by the International Committee of the Red Cross found that, compared with land mines, those injured or killed by cluster bombs were 4.9 times as likely to be children under the age of 14.

The 50-page report focused on the aftermath of NATO's 78-day bombing of the Yugoslav province of Kosovo.

Children are especially at risk because the bombs are usually an eye-catching yellow with little parachutes attached, said Peter Herby, an ICRC specialist.

"People think they are duds because they didn't go off at first, but they are highly unstable and can be set off easily," Herby added.

The ICRC found that cluster bombs killed 50 people and injured 101 in Kosovo during the first year after the bombing ended in June 1999, the report said.

Land mines killed 30 people and wounded 169. Victims of land mines often survive, although they may lose feet or legs, but cluster bombs generally kill anyone near them when they explode.

Herby said the ICRC, charged with enforcing the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war, has sent governments its study with an appeal for a new international law on the weapon.

"The use of cluster bombs should be suspended until an international agreement on their use and clearance has been achieved," said a message to diplomats in Geneva.

NATION

More than 4,000 people injured in August while riding foot-propelled scooters

WASHINGTON — The number of people hurt while riding foot-propelled scooters surged this summer with more than 4,000 injuries in August alone, most of those suffered by children caught up in one the year's hottest fads.

Since May there has been a 700 percent increase in the number of people being treated in emergency rooms for scooter-related injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday. There have been more than 9,400 reports of people treated this year with children younger than 15 accounting for nearly nine out of 10 injuries.

"These scooters are the 'in' thing with kids heading back to school," Ann Brown, chairwoman of the safety commission, said in a statement. "Unfortunately, many kids are ending up in hospital emer-

gency rooms instead of classrooms."

The majority of the injuries were cuts, bruises and sprains, but a third were broken bones or dislocations, mostly in the arms and hands. Hospitals treated and released nearly all of those injured. There have been no deaths related to the new scooters.

Brown said nearly two-thirds of the injuries could have been prevented or lessened if the riders had been wearing protective equipment. The safety commission recommends scooter riders wear the same safety gear suggested for in-line skaters: a helmet, wrist guards and knee and elbow pads. Such equipment can cost less than \$35.

The commission also said children younger than 8 years old should not use the scooters without close supervision.

STATE

Ten Democratic officials hospitalized after floor collapses at new headquarters

LAREDO — The Democratic Party was on faulty ground in this South Texas city — for a few minutes, anyway.

Ten Democratic judges, candidates and supporters suffered sprained legs, bruises and cuts when the floor of the new Webb County party headquarters collapsed during a Labor Day ribbon-cutting ceremony.

As a 16-foot section of front porch flooring gave way, party officials disappeared from view. Some 400 supporters looked on as screams and dust rose from the porch.

The group had gathered for a breakfast to dedicate the new headquarters, an 80-year-old house donated to the Democrats.

"It happened so fast," said Webb County Democratic chairman Rolando Herrera. "All I heard was a boom and saw everybody go down."

Among those who plummeted five feet were 341st District Judge Elma Salinas Ender, who sprained her left ankle and fainted. Webb County Commission candidate Felix Velasquez and his wife, Laura, along with 406th District Court candidate Andy Reyes and his wife, Cindy, all sprained their legs in the fall.

County Court at Law Judges Ben Morales and Jesus Garza; Emilio Martinez, candidate for the Fourth Court of Appeals; 111th District Court Judge Raul Vasquez and State Representative Henry Cuellar all emerged from the pit bruised and scraped.

Judge Rosaura Tijerina, Precinct Chair Jose Gamez and Webb County Commissioner candidate Jerry Vasquez were hospitalized briefly, then released.

Placida Barrera and Oralia Guerra, both supporters for U.S. Congressional candidate Isidro Garza, also were injured, as was Garza photographer Antonio Cosme.

stories from the Associated Press

"It was unfortunate because we had such a huge crowd," Isidro Garza said. "The best they have seen in years at such a function."

Organizers said many Democrats were afraid to enter the headquarters after the accident. The house will be repaired and inspected before officials host any more political rallies.

Record-setting temperatures in Dallas and Houston, blamed for 40 heat-related deaths

DALLAS — The sweltering heat in parts of Texas is taking its toll.

Forty heat-related deaths have been confirmed this year in the combined Dallas and Houston areas, which both saw all-time record high temperatures Monday.

Dallas hit 111 — the hottest ever recorded in September — while Houston's high was 109, the city's all-time highest temperature.

Most of the Houston area heat victims did not have air conditioning or avoided using it to save on their energy bills, according to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office, which has recorded 28 heat-related deaths this year. That number does not include the current autopsies where heat is the suspected cause of death.

Lack of air conditioning killed the Dallas area's most recent of its 12 victims, Lillian Swanson, authorities said. The 66-year-old diabetic, whom authorities said was in poor health, was found Saturday in her home with the air conditioner turned off.

Dallas' previous record was 108, set in 1980. The city's all-time high was 113 on June 26-27, 1980, according to the National Weather Service.

In Waco, where the mercury also reached a record 111 degrees, workers at hospital emergency rooms received at least one confirmed heat-related illness Monday, along with some dehydrated patients during the Labor Day weekend.

Waco's Labor Day high surpassed the date's previous record of 106 degrees set in 1998.

"When you bust a record by 5 degrees like that, that's something," Alan Moller, a NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth, told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

Houston reached its previous record of 107 on Aug. 23, 1980 — a temperature that was tied last week during this summer's brutal heat and drought, said John Zeitler, Weather Service senior forecaster.

The state's all-time high is 120 degrees, which was recorded in the North Texas town of Seymour on Aug. 23, 1980.

Because of its distance from the coast, North Texas is vulnerable to the most extreme temperatures, meteorologists said.

But some slight relief may be in sight for North Texas, said Lonnie King, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

A high-pressure system was expected to keep temperatures in the upper 90s to low 100s for a few days.

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CAMPUS WASTE

Water conservation should be priority

Look around you. Among the straw colored lawns and withered hedges that have become a trademark of North Texas stands an oasis — TCU. With its lush green grass and blooming flowers, TCU's beautiful grounds are incomparable.

But it hasn't come for free.

Every day, TCU uses an estimated 1.2 million gallons of water, which is dispersed through over 9,000 sprinkler heads, to keep our campus green. These sprinkler heads shoot up every day, sometimes hitting students and sidewalks more

than the lawn.

Tuesday marked the 67th day without measurable rain at DFW International Airport and the 44th day of Texas temperatures hitting over the 100-degree mark. Cities throughout Tarrant and Dallas counties have been placed under water restrictions.

Fort Worth has not been placed on the water restriction list — yet. But if the stretch of rainless days continues, restrictions may come to our city as early as November.

Tarrant Regional Water District is encouraging, but not demanding, conservation from Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, TCU continues dousing its already luxuriant lawn. TCU is under no obligation to limit its water usage. But area lakes are going dry. It may not be a problem now, but it will be one come November.

Robert Sulak, director of landscaping and grounds, said sprinklers run even during the hottest times of the day because TCU's water system is not sufficient to run all the sprinklers at once overnight.

Here is our suggestion: sacrifice a little green and give way to some brown.

Water at night, even if it means not all of the grounds can be watered at once. With alternating schedules, all the grounds will be cared for, but water can be saved.

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'Thought Police' cannot decide guilty verdict

If you have read George Orwell's "1984",

you've heard of Big Brother and the "thought police" who monitor citizens at all times and punish them for any actions and thoughts that go against what the system has ordained.

Commentary



JOHN SARGENT

Although the concept of a real "1984" world seems too far-fetched to believe, it is already becoming a reality in Canada and even in America.

Hate crimes, according to the FBI, are crimes committed that "manifest prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity." The Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999 classifies them as

crimes against "the actual or perceived religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability of a person."

That means if you commit a violent crime against an individual and the government believes that you committed the crime because you perceived the person was gay, depending on the severity of the crime, they could tack on an extra five years or more to what your sentence would have been.

It makes no sense to me that identical crimes can be weighed differently depending on who the victim is; as if one victim is worth more than the other depending on the mental state of the perpetrator of the crime.

Why are they called hate crimes anyway, as if regular crimes were committed out of love. If I am killed because I am black is it any more of a loss than if I am killed because I angered someone the other day? Either way I would be dead. The whole idea that a person's thoughts at the time of the

crime make the crime worse is crazy. I believe that legislation that endorses such idiocy is totally anti-constitutional.

As Kelly Sanders of the National Conference of State Legislatures said, "the law historically has gone against punishing people for their thoughts, and that is what hate-crime laws do ... you have to make sure when you're drafting legislation that you're not punishing people for their thoughts. And that's a very difficult thing, because that's what it is."

And if you think that is bad, in Canada hate crimes not only refer to violence but also speech and writing that might possibly incite violence or genocide. That's crazy, too. Almost anything can incite hate and violence. My opinion about life or politics or religion may be so offensive to someone else that they feel like killing me. Does that mean that I don't have a right to speak my opinion?

In Canada, artists like Eminem would most likely be in prison. Not that I agree with the message of his music, but free speech is something that should be enjoyed by every human being.

Although hate crime laws are not yet as oppressive in America as they are in Canada or other countries around the world, they are steadily progressing in a negative fashion. It is evident to me that if we continue to progress in the manner that we are now, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights will not last much longer.

The sad thing in this country is that too many citizens blindly support hate crime legislation not knowing that they are supporting the eventual extermination of their own rights.

But who needs rights anyway? We've always got Big Brother!

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State programs should not limit young drivers

Proposed plan for new commuter regulations crushes responsible teenagers' rights

Studies have begun to show that "graduate driver" programs decrease the rate of fatal teenage car wrecks in the 31 states that have adopted them. Currently, Texas is considering a similar program that prevents teenage drivers from gaining a full license prior to the completion of two driving levels.

In order to achieve driver status, teenagers must first complete a "learner's period" that would require an adult to be present in the car at all times.

They must then go through an "intermediate period" that would require an adult to be present in the car during all so-called high-risk driving, including but not limited to, night driving and driving with other passengers in the car.

Upon the completion of these two levels (the length of time has not been determined), a teenager would then "graduate" to a full license governed only by driving laws and household rules.

When I read this, I had to seriously wonder: Should we be calling the government "dad?"

I mean, just how involved in our personal decisions will we allow the government to become? To some degree, of course, the government must be allowed to govern, but is it right to let it extend its hands into our per-

sonal decisions?

Granted, the rate of fatal crashes is on the rise in Texas, whereas the rate has decreased in most other states. However, this fatality rate is not limited to teenage accidents. Placing strict laws to limit teenage drivers, therefore, is simply a shallow solution to a deeper problem.

Controlling teenage driving rules is a parental responsibility. Households must be allowed to set rules according to each individual's needs or abilities. The laws under consideration by Texas may be reasonable if every teenager were in the habit of drinking and driving, but this is not the case.

There is, in fact, a large portion of the teenage population capable of acting wisely. Such baby-sitting would hinder the responsible minors whose abilities to commute to

work, school or other social functions would be limited.

Meanwhile, those teenagers who fail to flinch in the face of drinking laws would not be affected by these driving laws. "Graduate driving" would simply become, for them, another reason to get a fake ID.

The solution, therefore, can't be a ridiculous blanket rule.

What it all comes down to is the ability to make personal choices, both on the parts of parents and teenagers. Each party must be willing to act responsibly and in the best manner for the situation. Parents must be able to gauge their children's driving ability and maturity, and teenagers must be able to see the consequences of irresponsible choices and recognize alternatives.

If parents doubt their teenager's ability to

drive as an adult, they should choose to withhold a license until he or she becomes mature enough to handle it. Unless the government has children of its own to look after, it should leave parents to do their parenting.

The government must learn to recognize that certain ground is private and must be dealt with inside family lines. Teenagers must not be dealt with as a singular personalities but as individuals, and that can only be done through family rule.

Right now, all I can think is: "Am I ever glad I got my license before all of this crap came into play?"

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Presidential candidates should keep religion, politics separate

On Tuesday, the Anti-Defamation League, a primarily Jewish organization set up to combat anti-Semitism, sent a letter to vice-presidential candidate Sen. Joseph Lieberman and bluntly told him to stop parading his religion. The letter came in response to Lieberman's speech in Detroit in which the candidate made some remarks implying that Americans should "reaffirm" their faith in God and allow religion to enter the "public life."

As religion has taken a front seat on the campaign trail in this year's elections, the ADL has done a necessary and commendable job to attack candidates who try to mix

politics and religion. Allowing politics and religion to mix is a dangerous step toward infringing upon the separation of church and state.

There is a clear problem in telling a political candidate to keep quiet about his religious ideologies. Presidential candidates, like every other citizen protected by the Constitution, have a fundamental right to freedom of expression and religion. The ADL is not implying that once you enter politics, you cease to become the same citizen with the same constitutional rights as the average voter.

While a presidential candidate has the same rights as any other citizen, he also has the potential re-

sponsibility of representing the government, including its responsibilities and limitations. One of those limitations is making "no law respecting the establishment of a religion" as stated in the First Amendment. The purpose of this clause is quite clear — favoritism inevitably would lead to exclusion.

For example, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said in a speech at a B'nai B'rith organization that "Our nation is chosen by God and commissioned by history to be a model to the world of justice and inclusion and diversity without division. Jews and Christians and Muslims speak as one in their commitment to a kind, just, tolerant society." If Bush

were president when he gave these remarks, he would ultimately be implying as the executive leader of the government that Hindus, Buddhists, atheists and others not of the majority do not believe in a kind, just and tolerant society.

When Bush set aside a specific day as observance of "Jesus Day" in Texas, he used his political power to respect "the establishment of a religion." While "Jesus Day" in Texas is not quite the same as Congress passing a similar law that would affect the entire country, in theory, it violates the separation of religion and government in the same manner.

Lieberman stated in his speech in Detroit that one should never sup-

pose that "morality can be maintained without religion." He was implying that atheists are highly immoral people. The absurdity and exclusivity of these remarks are why the architects of this nation wrote the First Amendment the way they did.

The ADL also openly criticized both Vice President Al Gore and Bush earlier in March for expressing their religious conviction in the primaries. When Gore expressed on "60 Minutes" his strong faith in Christianity and Bush replied to a question that his favorite political philosopher was Jesus Christ, both rightfully were asked to limit their expression of religious faith.

While respecting a candidate's

right to express his religious beliefs, the ADL also has set a precedent of the limitations a candidate must endure when running for a government office. The separation of church and state form the building block of the right to freedom of religion, which cannot exist without limitations.

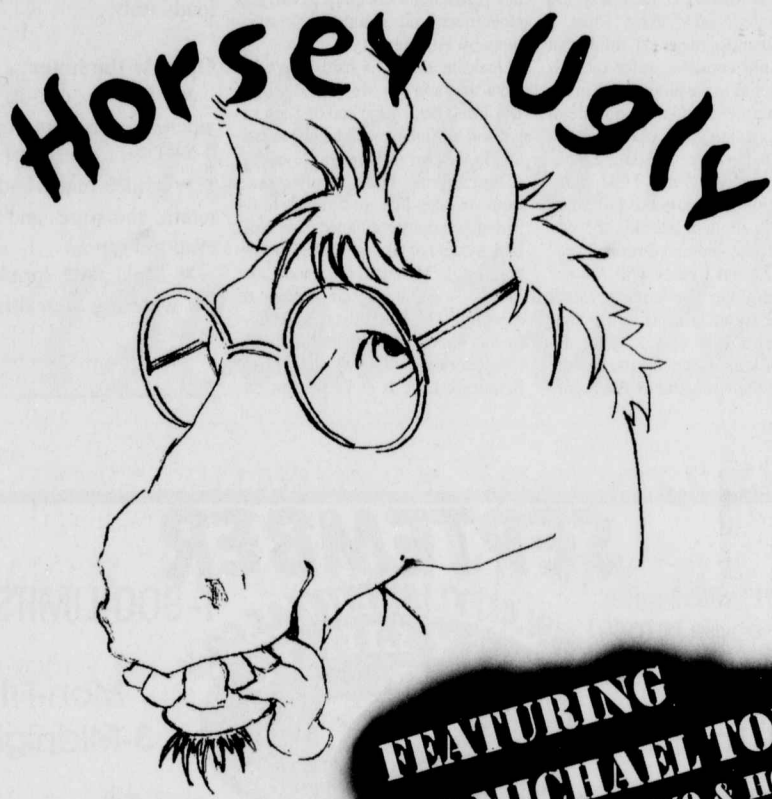
Politics and politicians make up the government. If we're going to respect the separation of religion and government, we should start with respecting the separation of religion and politics.

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Underage workers fired in China McDonald's plans internal inspection after media reports

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HONG KONG — Scores of underage workers hired in a mainland China factory that makes toys for McDonald's were fired following recent media reports about the situation, a Hong Kong labor-monitoring group said Monday.

Factory officials also threatened the teen-agers into lying about the conditions of their workplace if asked by inspectors, the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee said.

"They were told to move out within three days or else they'd be taken away by the police," said Monica Wong, spokeswoman for the group, which said it obtained its information by talking to some of the

young workers.

McDonald's responded Monday with a statement saying the company takes the underage labor allegations seriously and is conducting an "intensive, top-to-bottom inspection by a full-scale auditing team" at the plant just across the border in Shenzhen.

McDonald's said it has interviewed 500 employees, and added that it has a strict policy for working conditions at plants run by its suppliers and any company that does not comply can lose its business from McDonald's.

The story first appeared on Aug. 27 in the South China Morning Post, which said a reporter infiltrated the plant and interviewed a number of the workers who were as young as

14, working 16-hour days in spartan conditions that include crowded dorm rooms that contain wooden beds with no mattresses.

The minimum employment age in China is 16.

Some of the young workers were quoted by the Post as saying they lied about their age to gain employment at City Toys Ltd., the company that produces such items as Snoopy, Hello Kitty and Winnie the Pooh dolls sold with McDonald's meals.

An outside auditor employed by McDonald's declined comment, and Pleasure Tech Holdings Ltd., the company that operates the Shenzhen factory through its subsidiary, City Toys Ltd., did not return repeated phone calls.

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Shea, 'Trio Mistral' to perform 20th century music

Solo piece composed by Nazi prisoner of war survivor

By Wendy Meyer
STAFF REPORTER

Clarinet player David Shea, the newly appointed professor of clarinet at Texas Tech University, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the PepsiCo Recital Hall.

Shea and accompanying musicians "Trio Mistral," which is comprised of violinist Claudia Mahave, cellist Pablo Mahave-Veglia and pianist Paulina Zamora are preparing a performance of 20th century music.

Gary Whitman, associate professor of music, organized a reciprocal performance with Shea. In exchange for Shea's performance, Whitman will perform for a Texas Tech audience in the spring.

Whitman said he chose Shea to perform based on their personal and professional friendship and shared love for the clarinet.

"I am very happy to sponsor this group and bring them to the TCU School of Music," Whitman said. "They are an outstanding group of musicians who present 20th century works that are not often heard in live performances."

Shea will perform a solo in the 50-minute piece, "Quartet for the End of Time," by composer Olivier Messiaen. The performance will also feature a 30-minute trio of a Russian piece by Dimitri Shostakovich.

Brother and sister Claudia Mahave and Pablo Mahave-Veglia grew up together and performed together in Chile. They also studied and played with Zamora at the University of Chile.

Shea said the group is looking forward to performing in TCU's new PepsiCo Hall.

The other three musicians have played together throughout North and South America, but this is the first time they have all played as a quartet, Shea said.

A well-known musician, Shea has produced several compact discs and performed with ensembles at Merkin

Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York City. He also performed at the International Clarinet Association Conferences in Chicago and Lubbock.

Known for being boldly experimental and largely dependent on new-music and jazz, Shea's clarinet swells background music with new sounds and a modern conception of time.

Whitman said the last piece the ensemble will perform is an excellent vehicle for the group's type of performances.

Shea's solo, "Quartet for the End of Time," was a monumental chamber work for the 20th century. Messiaen composed the piece while he was a prisoner of war in Nazi-occupied France during World War II.

"[Shea and 'Trio Minstral'] are an outstanding group of musicians who present 20th century works that are not often heard in live performances."

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DROUGHT

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released by the Tarrant Regional Water District, 320 million gallons of water was used across the county Monday. Additionally, the month of August set an all-time monthly record, pumping 922 billion gallons of water from area reservoirs.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory until today.

"This is the warmest weather recorded in 20 years," said Ron Jackson, meteorologist for KDFW FOX 4 News.

Tuesday marked Texas' 44th day with temperatures of 100 degrees or higher. It also marked the 67th day without measurable rain at DFW International Airport, according to the National Weather Service.

"I think that TCU uses way too much water," said Tiffany Fluet, a junior business major. "I think that TCU could conserve water more if they watered in the morning or in the evening rather than in the middle of the day because it is just a waste when all the water is being evaporated. I understand that TCU wants the campus to look good, but when we have a drought like this the water should be conserved more."

And Tarrant County will not see relief from the sweltering weather any time soon, Jackson said. Computer maps show only a slight decrease in temperature by the middle or end of the week. But that will only

be about 10 degrees lower from our current triple-digit readings, which are still 10 degrees above the normal high of 90 for September, he said.

Ken Morgan, chairman of the geology department, said although the Dallas/Fort Worth area has not seen rain in over 65 days, residents of the area should not fear the possibility of running out of water.

"Since all the water feeding into faucets is supplied by surface reservoirs, the record-setting drought conditions have not caused severe shortages," he said.

These reservoirs, originally built to control the flow of floods, are so large that they will enable Dallas/Fort Worth area residents to survive the dry spell with no immediate danger, he said.

But Gugliuzza said if the current weather conditions continue, voluntary restrictions will come as early as November and mandatory restrictions by February.

Jackson said it is hard to predict what the next few weeks and winter will bring, but by the end of September and beginning of October a transition in weather patterns should occur.

Fort Worth's water supply comes from six lakes that are currently at 84 percent capacity combined. The West Fork system of lakes — Lake Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain Lake and Lake Worth — are at only 56 percent of capacity. The East Texas lakes — Cedar Creek and Richland-Chambers reservoirs — are 93 percent full. Benbrook Lake is at 74 percent ca-

capacity. Jackson said the drought is being linked to the La Niña weather pattern appearing in the Pacific Ocean. The effects of this pattern deal with the abnormal warming of the ocean currents in the Pacific.

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"You need to be careful when going to a salon because some people go too often for too long."

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Sunbathing Beauties

Tans: summer 'necessity' can be a health hazard

Story by Kristin Delorantis • Photos by Krystal Powell

Kristin Delorantis
SKIFF STAFF

Television, movies, magazines and even walking across the TCU campus suggest to students that tans are a summer necessity.

Obtaining that bronzed look can be achieved a variety of ways, but the question remains: Do any of these methods guarantee a healthy glow?

There are pros and cons to every method of tanning, whether it is laying in a salon tanning bed, soaking up the natural rays or applying a sunless cream, said Linda Stitt, a pharmacist at Eckerd Drugs.

"You need to be careful when going to a salon because some people go too often for too long," Stitt said. "Before

you go, check with a doctor. Also, if there is skin sensitivity in the family, you should not go."

However, some professionals believe salon tanning should be avoided altogether.

Janet Pena, a nurse at Tarrant Dermatology, said tanning can't be regulated in salons like it can be outdoors, and it is impossible to recognize the damage until it is done.

Pena said a dermatologist at her office recently treated a patient who was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, a cancerous dark-pigmented tumor on her skin that she had acquired from tanning too frequently.

Similar instances have been publicized, but freshman nutrition major

Emily Kaszynski said that regardless of what she hears, she will continue to visit salons.

"I know there are health hazards like skin cancer and melanoma," she said. "But I'm in the sun a lot anyway. I don't worry about the hazards now. I'll worry later."

Absorbing natural rays can also have dangerous repercussions

and may actually be worse than salon tanning, Stitt said.

"Tanning beds filter out the bad rays," she said. "From the sun, you get ultraviolet rays as well, which are the worst for your skin."

However, considering the Texas sun and harsh heat, it is virtually impossible not to get any color, Pena said. The main component is protection. Everyone needs to wear some sort of sunblock.

Sandy Stafford, a freshman theater-TV major, worked as a lifeguard this summer, and spent the majority of her time in the sun.

"I wore SPF 30 sunscreen because I did not want to burn," she said. "I also wore a hat and stayed under an umbrella some days. Even with these precautions, I was able to get a tan from spending so many hours outside."

To obtain a healthy-looking tan while staying out of the tanning beds and remaining indoors this summer, there are several options, Stitt said.

Sunless tanning products on the market provide the same results while preserving the skin, she said.

"I've seen a couple of new creams that stimulate the melanin in the skin," Stitt said. "These products do not dye the skin like the old lotions and creams. Not only are they better for your skin, they are also beneficial because your skin is not being exposed to the sun."

A recently developed product is Mystic Tan, a spray offered by many tanning salons, Stitt said. To utilize Mystic Tan, the customer simply

stands in a small area and waits for 30 seconds while the spray is distributed. After the cycle is complete, the spray dries and the customer is on his or her way.

"I actually use Mystic Tan myself and I am very impressed," Pena said. "It is safe for your skin and it only takes a quick 30 seconds."

Although sunless tanning methods have proved effective for some, sophomore fashion merchandising major Kelly Visosky said she has had unpleasant experiences with creams and prefers to visit a tanning salon.

"I'm from Corpus Christi and I really prefer going to the beach," she said. "But since there are no beaches around here, I go to a tanning salon. I have tried tanning creams but you have to reapply them every two days and most of the time, you end up looking orange."

Although no method is fool-proof, students who feel a tan is vital for the summer months can choose from three primary ways to deepen the skin tone, Stitt said.

But a quick visit to the tanning salon, hours lying in the sun or applying a cream have yet to guarantee that picture-perfect tan.

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Kaszynski tans in a vertical tanning bed at Planet Beach Tanning Salon on Hulen.



(Far Above) Freshman nutrition major Emily Kaszynski and freshman theater-TV major Michelle Warren sunbathe to improve their tans behind Colby Hall. (Above) Kaszynski lies in a tanning bed at Planet Beach Tanning Salon on Hulen Drive.

Study examines benefits, risks of synthetic hormones

By Lindsey Tanner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marjorie Sharpe takes a mystery pill every morning. What it does she can only guess.

It could be a dummy pill. Or it could contain powerful hormones that can ward off ailments common in the last third of a woman's life.

Sharpe is among more than 27,000 participants in one of the largest medical studies ever to examine the benefits and risks of hormone supplements at menopause.

Do they cause breast cancer? Do they help — or harm — the heart?

Do they protect against memory loss or prevent broken bones — even tooth loss and wrinkles?

Existing research has only deepened the dilemma. Meanwhile, Premarin, one brand of synthetic estrogen, remains the world's most commonly prescribed drug.

"Everything that people believe

about hormones has never been proven" conclusively, says Marcia Stefanick, head of the steering committee for the federally funded Women's Health Initiative, which is being conducted at 40 centers nationwide. "It's collapsed on observational data."

The 83-year-old Sharpe, one of Stefanick's subjects, says she didn't need hormones when she went through menopause decades ago. Now, amid much research questioning their potential risks and benefits, Sharpe is philosophical about the chance her morning pill contains them.

"Life is a risk," Sharpe says. "Somebody needs to find out what we believe may be helpful for women's health."

As women age, their ovaries stop making estrogen and progesterone, sex hormones that regulate the menstrual cycle and prepare the body for pregnancy. As hormone

levels decline, some women experience hot flashes, night sweats, depression and memory loss. Cholesterol levels can rise, and bone can become brittle because estrogen helps bones hold onto calcium.

The Food and Drug Administration approved replacement hormones for menopausal women more than 50 years ago, and experts have debated the benefits and risks ever since.

In just the last several months, numerous studies have raised troubling questions. Reports have questioned the belief that hormones lower the risk of heart attack, bolstered research linking estrogen to breast cancer, and suggested the breast cancer danger increases in combination with progesterin, the synthetic version of the hormone progesterone, which menopausal women take to reduce the risk of uterine cancer.

"The whole thing is a lot more confusing than I think we've been recognizing," says Stefanick, an associate professor in medicine at Stanford University, one of the 40 centers for the study. "We really do need to tease apart who benefits and who's at risk from going on these hormones."

The Women's Health Initiative is investigating major causes of illness and death in postmenopausal women who were aged 50 to 79 at the time the project began in 1991. Some 160,000 women are involved in its various research studies.

The 12-year hormone clinical trial began in 1993 and involves 27,348 women nationwide. Half take a placebo, and half take hormones. The women receiving the hormones are further divided: Those who've had their uteruses removed get estrogen, and those with their uteruses intact get a pill containing estrogen and progesterin.

Study results are expected in 2005. That's a long way off for the more than 10 million American women already in their mid to late 40s and nearing the average age of menopause — 51.

Dr. Eric Bieber, a reproductive endocrinologist at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, hears the questions daily from menopausal patients.

"Asking someone who has significant hot flashes to hold on is really an unreasonable thing to ask," Bieber says.

So he explains estrogen's known short-term benefits as well as the lesser-known long-term effects.

"Ultimately, it's up to the patient to decide if this is the direction they want to go," says Bieber.

So what are the facts?

Naturally occurring estrogen keeps brain cells healthy, benefits the heart by helping keep cholesterol at healthy levels, helps bones

maintain calcium and remain strong and helps keep breast tissue firm and the vaginal lining moist.

The facts get murky, however, when the question is whether supplements of synthetic estrogen can step into the breach and do all those positive things when levels of the natural hormone drop.

Synthetic estrogen is approved only to treat bone-thinning osteoporosis and vasomotor symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats and vaginal dryness. Though many women say hormones help them with menopausal moodiness, depression and forgetfulness, drug references advise against taking them for those conditions.

Some research has suggested that women taking hormone supplements are less likely to get Alzheimer's disease, but a study earlier this year found no estrogen benefit in women who already have the memory-robbing disease.

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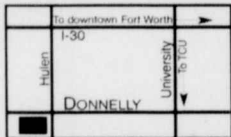
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ELECTIONS

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"For the first time, we've decided to make representatives literally flagged so the students really feel the representatives are there for them," she said. "In the past you didn't know who was representing you."

Each committee will be required to accomplish one thing this semester and must work on a long-term goal, Donaldson said.

Most of these goals will be established during the House retreat this weekend. They will also discuss visitation hours and holding open forums to discuss parking issues.

"There are a lot of excited people," Donaldson said. "I think it's going to be a really good semester because we'll have a good mentality for pushing forward and accomplishing what we set out to do in our objectives."

The House representatives election didn't receive much publicity, but Brian Becker, SGA Elections and Regulations Chair, said there was more interest in SGA this semester than in previous semesters.

"Overall, a lot more students are willing to participate and get involved, and they want to make big changes," Becker said.

Although the first House meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 12, the representatives will begin their term on Saturday at a day-long retreat.

The day will be spent training the representatives and giving them a chance to get to know each other, Donaldson said.

"If representatives aren't comfortable with (other) representatives, they're not going to feel like reaching out," she said. "So we need to first internalize, and hopefully, by next Tuesday, they'll be very comfortable with everything."

Last semester SGA spent a lot of time working on reorganizing House so it would be more effective, Donaldson said.

"This semester we will have vision. We will have direction. We will run," Donaldson said.

Ballots for hall representatives will be accepted all day today in each of the residence hall offices.

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Supporters rally for Muslim voters

Political parties look for allies in race

By Richard N. Ostling
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ROSEMONT, Ill. — U.S. Muslims were urged by two supporters on Capitol Hill to begin flexing their political muscle, while plans were outlined to do just that on Nov. 7.

An estimated 30,000 Muslims, gathered for the Islamic Society of North America convention, were addressed by congressmen David Bonior, D-Mich., and Tom Campbell, R-Calif.

Bonior extended greetings to Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore while Campbell read a statement from Gore's GOP rival, George W. Bush.

As he often has, Bush said he wants to help "rally the armies of compassion" in churches, mosques, synagogues and charities to help the needy.

Bonior, calling Islam the coun-

try's fastest-growing religion, said, "You are giving Islam in America the strong voice it needs, and deserves ... The challenge for Muslims is to translate your activism into political strength."

Both congressmen, regarded as allies of the Muslim community, criticized a 1996 anti-terrorism bill that allows the immigration service to hold people based on anonymous accusations. The so-called "secret evidence" bill is a prime grievance of U.S. Muslims.

Agha Saeed, chairman of the California-based American Muslim Alliance, said four Islamic political groups have agreed to send questionnaires to mosques and other Islamic organizations, compile the results and issue endorsements in the presidential and other key races two weeks before the election.

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Hayes set to surpass previous records

Volley Frogs led by junior setter's playing ability

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

It didn't come as a surprise to head volleyball coach Sandy Trout that junior Lindsay Hayes would play in every match during the Miami JustBalls.com Classic this weekend. Trout expected nothing less from Hayes, who was playing with a fractured nose.

Hayes was taken out of the game only because she was dehydrated, which was caused in part by a Miami-Ohio gymnasium that was not air conditioned.

"Hayes is one tough kid," Trout said. "She definitely gave all she could this weekend."

Although Trout was pleased with her team's performance at this weekend's tournament, she said she was especially impressed with Hayes' play.

Hayes, the anticipated starting setter, said she simply wants to improve her game.

"I want to get better, stay consistent and also stay disciplined," Hayes said.

Hayes has made strides, but freshman Tori Barlow continues to mount a challenge for her position. Trout said the competition has made Hayes a stronger player.

Hayes needed 271 assists at the beginning of the season to break Annie Gant's all-time assists record. She averaged 10 assists through the first three games this season, and Trout believes she can pass Gant's record next weekend at the Tiger Invitational.

Last year Hayes broke another of Gant's records, averaging 11.23 assists per game compared to Gant's 10.37 in 1997.

"I just think that I am a team player," Hayes said. "My job is to hustle and have a good work ethic."

Hayes has inherited the leadership role of the offense — a position that Trout said she feels is well suited for Hayes. Trout said Hayes' leadership stems from her relaxed, fun-loving nature.

"Lindsay has really been the team cheerleader," Trout said. "She's always the first one to tell people when they do a good job."

Trout relies on Hayes to be a strong all-around player, as Hayes has put up strong numbers in digging, blocking and

blocking and serving, along with setting, her specialty. Last season she finished third on the team in digs with a total of 204. She was also third on the team with 62 total blocks, and held the second-best serving record with 28 aces last season.

Hayes reached the 50-assist mark five times during the season and she holds a school record with 75 assists in a four-game win over Rice University last November.

Trout said Hayes has shown improvement in the weakest aspect of her game — defense — because of hard work during practices. "She's not our superstar," Trout said. "She would never even think that way because she's too focused on our team as a whole."

"But Lindsay is definitely our main-stay."

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Senior Lindsay Hayes sets up another TCU kill in a game last fall. Hayes entered the 2000 season 271 assists behind Annie Gant's all-time assist record. In 1999, Hayes also broke Gant's single-season assists per game record.

> The Hayes File

Full name: Lindsay Hayes
Position: Setter
Classification: Junior
Height: 5-10
Hometown: Sugar Land
High School: Sugar Land
Clements

Accolades: In her sophomore year at TCU, Hayes broke Annie

Gant's single-season record for average assists per game. She averaged 11.23 assists per game while Gant averaged 10.37 in 1997. Hayes' assists average ranked fifth in the Western Athletic Conference.

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Rickel gets revamped

Indoor track, outdoor pool part of improvements

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

One of the most widely used buildings on campus, the Rickel Building, may be next in line for a major face-lift.

The Rickel serves as the primary recreation facility for students and is the home to the volleyball team and both men's and women's swim teams.

Steve Kintigh, TCU's Director of Recreational Sports, said updating the Rickel has been a goal for many years but serious discussions and meetings have begun just recently.

"Starting over a year ago we did eight student surveys and focus groups, and until the last stages, there have been students on the planning committee," Kintigh said. "We began to develop a program (pertaining to what the students might want).

"Students rated things in order of importance: basketball, volleyball, swimming, tanning and food service. We want something that really fits the students' needs."

Preliminary designs include the addition of an indoor running track, six all-glass racquetball courts and an outdoor recreation pool for students and faculty.

Also included in the proposed renovations are the varsity athletic facilities. The volleyball and swimming coaches said they have been involved throughout the planning stages.

"We have seen the plans and if the proposed improvements are made, they should definitely impact our recruiting," assistant volleyball coach Barbara Kovacs said. "We have a great floor right now, but we need to improve on seating. We can only seat about 600, but our crowds are growing."

Head swimming coach Richard Sybesma said a new pool may not fit in the university's plans at the moment.

"After meeting with a pool consultant they basically told us that it would be cheaper to put in a new pool rather than add to the one we currently have," Sybesma said. "Looking at the overall plans, TCU is trying to build the best recreational facility they can, and a new pool is just not cost effective."

"Anything they do is better than nothing but in the long run we hope to have a world class natatorium in five years."

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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.

2 Fresno St. Bulldogs

Location: Fresno, Calif.
Enrollment: 18,902 (public)
Home field: Bulldog Stadium (natural grass), 41,031

Player to watch: Senior wide receiver Rodney Wright (74 receptions, 1,062 yards and 7 touchdowns). With an inexperienced quarterback, Fresno coaches will look to Wright to spark the offense.

Fourth and Long: The defending co-champions lose 16 starters from last season's 8-5 team. None will be harder to replace than quarterback Billy Volek (2,706 yards, 30 touchdowns). Head coach Pat Hill will turn to David Carr, a junior who won the job during spring practice. Carr's transition will be aided by the return of receivers Wright and junior Charles Smith (56 receptions, seven touchdowns) and three upperclassmen on the offensive line. After a non-conference schedule including Ohio State, UCLA and California, the WAC will seem tame by comparison. Fresno came within a loss at SMU of winning the WAC outright last year. An athletic Bulldog squad will come one game shy of the title again.

Volley Frogs win one

Team optimistic after showing at Ohio tournament

By Danny Horne
SPORTS EDITOR

Historically, the TCU volleyball program has not been a picture of success, but after last weekend's JustBalls.com Classic in Oxford, Ohio, things might be looking up.

Volleyball assistant coach Barbara Kovacs called the weekend the best volleyball TCU has ever played.

"We played three teams that all had records above .500 last season," Kovacs said. "We didn't win all three matches, but we played well enough to know that winning for this program will happen. We left our hearts out on the court in Oxford."

The Frogs went 1-2 for the tournament and senior Amy Atamanczuk received all-tournament honors, but Atamanczuk said the results do not begin to say what the team brought away from the weekend.

"We came away from Ohio knowing we had some level of consistency to our game," Atamanczuk said. "I won an individual award, but that doesn't compare to how our team, as a whole, came away."

Kovacs said the good showing in the tournament should do wonders for the team's confidence level.

"It makes us believe that we do have the ability to win," she said. "We'll still go into future games as the underdog, but we don't care because we expect to start winning."

TCU lost the first two matches at the JustBalls.com Classic at Miami University of Ohio before recovering with a win in the third match. Tennessee (3-0) was the eventual tournament champion.

Match 1	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
TCU	15	15	13	11	12
Miami	11	7	15	15	15

Match 2	TCU	10	15	5	15	13
Tennessee	15	13	15	9	15	15

Match 3	TCU	15	11	15	15
Denver	12	15	13	7	

The Frogs started the tournament at 0-2 after losing consecutive five-set matches to host Miami, Ohio and Tennessee. TCU jumped out to a two-game advantage in the first match against Miami, but could not hold off the RedHawks' surge. Atamanczuk led the Volley Frogs with 23 kills, 18 digs and six blocks in the loss.

Kovacs said the individual performances of Atamanczuk, senior Lindsey Hayes and junior Marci King were all impressive.

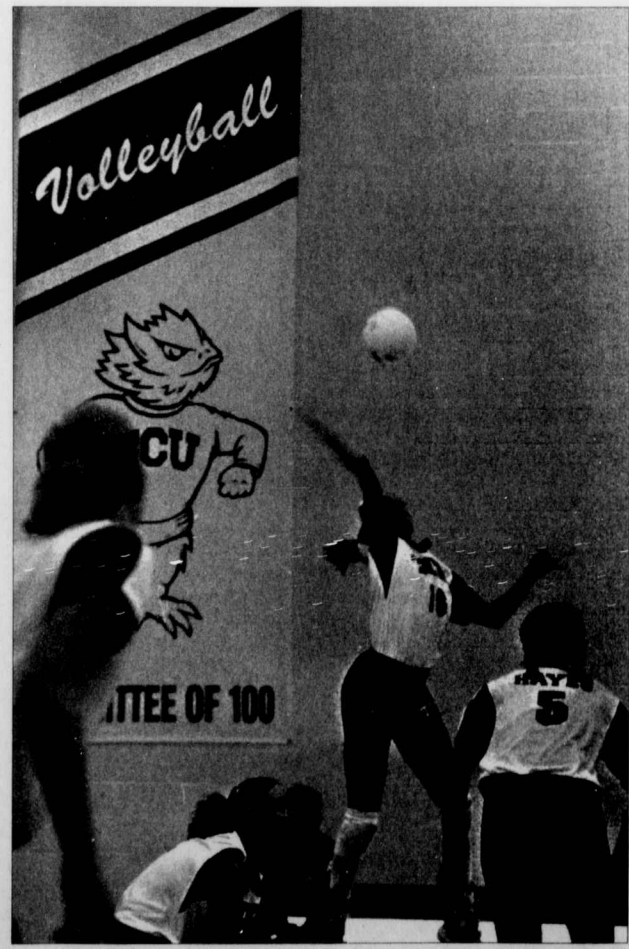
"But those performances are just a part of what gets us where we want to be," Kovacs said. "We probably have 10 players who we would like to see perform on a regular basis, but we recognize someone will have to pick up the slack if one doesn't perform."

"Atamanczuk made the all-tournament team, but she'd be the first to tell you that she wouldn't have gotten that recognition without the help of her teammates."

TCU recovered in the third match, a three-set victory over Denver, and brought home what Kovacs called the possible start of an uphill climb for the program.

"We're not completely satisfied just based on one weekend," she said. "We can't be satisfied. For example, our players through the middle need to get more involved in the offense. That's something we plan to work on."

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Sophomore Stephanie Watson goes up for a kill last season in a game at the Rickel Building. The Volley Frogs opened the 2000 season with one win and two losses at the JustBalls.com Classic in Oxford, Ohio.

