



Traveling to Annapolis, Md., to play a winless United States Naval Academy coming off a 48-7 loss at Boston College, TCU should be brimming with overconfidence. Not so.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Wage increase to aid TCU Police Department

Higher salaries will make it easier to hire officers, McGee says

After struggling to fill vacancies and facing a high turnover rate, the TCU Police Department has implemented a wage increase of more than \$5,000 for entry-level officers, Steve McGee, chief of police, said. But while Southern Methodist University and Rice University offer a starting salary of \$29,000, McGee said TCU's wage increase leaves the starting salary at \$27,350. The increase, which took effect

June 1, affects all new officers on the squad and any officers who were previously paid a salary below the new entry-level salary. The starting salary is up from last year's \$22,000, McGee said.

Fred Pruitt, a TCU police officer who was compensated for wages once the new salary took effect, said he thanks the administration for supporting its officers.

"It makes you feel appreciated," Pruitt said. "We can really thank the university for getting in there and fighting for us."

McGee said he approached the university cabinet last spring and requested a review of starting officer salaries. He said the research he gathered about local agencies and comparable salaries surprised him.

"We knew local agencies were

paying more," he said. "We just didn't realize how big the difference was."

"We simply can't compete with local municipalities that can offer officers more money," McGee said. "We are trying to be creative, but it's often difficult to attract the quality of applicant that we are looking for."

Over the past two years, seven TCU police officers have left the

squad to find higher paying jobs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, McGee said.

Even with the recent salary increase, there have been three vacancies on the squad for the past six months, he said.

J.C. Williams, assistant chief of police, said the primary reasons for vacancies are low wages and lack of quality applicants.

Mark McGuire, a former TCU police officer who left the squad in May 2000 after five years of service, said salary and wage issues forced him to look elsewhere for employment.

"I loved working at TCU," McGuire said. "But, the fact is that there was very little room for advancement, and I could work anywhere else for more (money)."

McGuire said, as a starting officer,

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University mourns the loss of student Amanda Beaty

Flags outside of Sadler Hall remain at half-staff after the death of Amanda Beaty, a 22-year-old news-editorial journalism major who died Tuesday.

Bevin Kurtz, Foster Hall director, said Friar Charles Calabrese and staff psychologist John Koehel will facilitate "Conversation in our Community, Concerning the Loss of Amanda Beaty." The event will take place in the Foster Hall second floor lobby at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Although a memorial service has not been scheduled, John Butler, minister to the university, said one may be set next week if requested by the community.

Beaty's cause of death hasn't been released by the Tarrant County Medical Examiners Office. Beaty was a victim of McCune-Albright syndrome, a hormonal disorder.

Funeral services will be held noon Monday at the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen. Burial services will be at the Fitzhugh Cemetery in Lucas.

U. of Toledo says pay tuition or be dropped from classes

TOLEDO, Ohio (U-WIRE) — University of Toledo officials told the Independent Collegian Wednesday they are putting an end to the purge question.

Students must either pay their balance in full by Oct. 5 or start an installment plan in which they would pay 50 percent of their balance, also by Oct. 5.

Failure to comply with either option would result in the students being dropped at a 60 percent credit. If dropped, the students cannot re-register for any future term until the bill is paid.

—The Collegian University of Toledo

Harvard denies request to block Napster from server

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Harvard University will deny a request to block access to Napster, the popular music-sharing service that has come under legal assault from the rock group Metallica and rapper Dr. Dre.

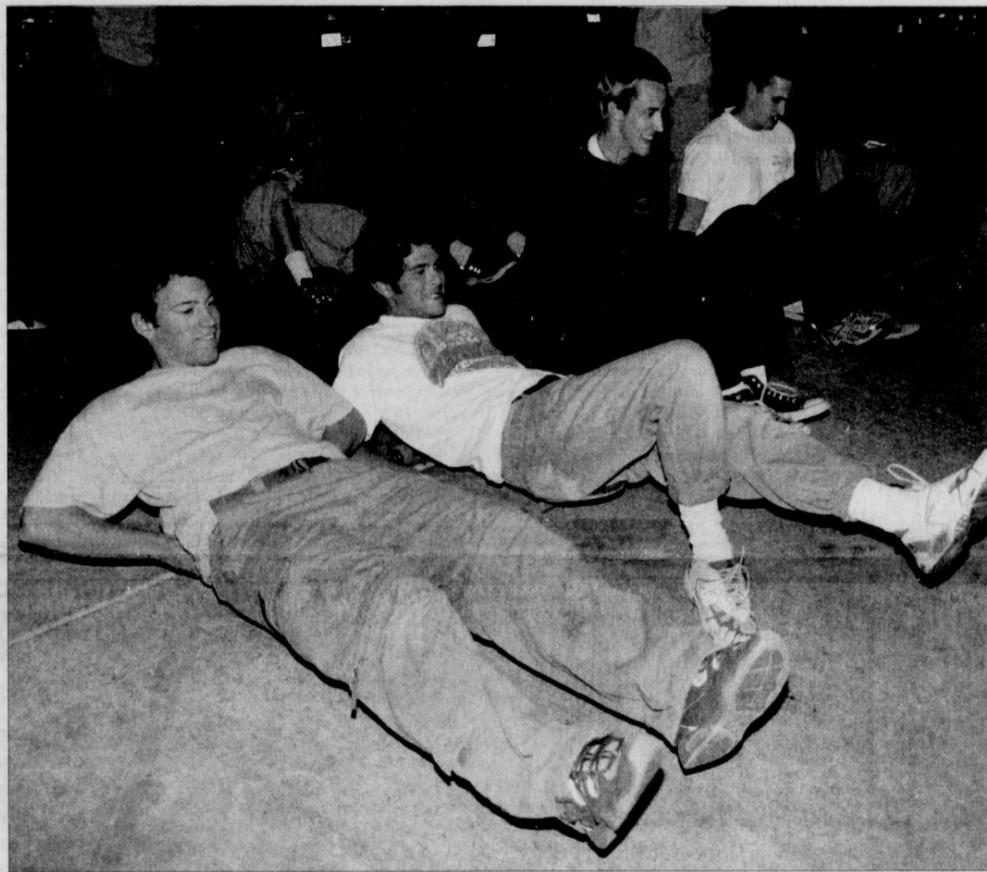
The letter, signed by Daniel D. Moriarty, the assistant provost for information technologies, will be sent to Howard E. King, the attorney for Metallica and Dr. Dre, Thursday.

Most schools King contacted this month replied last Friday. University Counsel Allan Ryan said Harvard needed the extra time to insure that everyone involved in the decision had a chance to be heard.

Instead, King said he would try to convince the universities of their obligations under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

—Harvard Crimson Harvard University

Olympic hopefuls?



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Patrick O'Neill, a senior business major; Jason Barr, a sophomore business management major; Dustin Van Orne, a sophomore art history major; and club president David Elizalde, a junior graphic design major, participate in the first downhill luge, sponsored by the TCU Skateboarding Club in honor of the 2000 Olympic Games. Club meetings are 9 p.m. Thursdays in the Student Center Lounge.

Heritage month aims to educate Latin heritage activities bring in few supporters

By Sarah McClellan SKIFF STAFF

In contrast to the six activities to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month last year, there has been one on-campus program this year and only two more are planned. The first program was a speech Tuesday by the founder and publisher of *Latina* magazine, Christy Haubegger. Salsa dance lessons will be taught Oct. 5, and a salsa dance contest follows Oct. 12.

"Each year is a little different," said Darron Turner, director of intercultural education and services. "This particular year we decided we wanted to have a big-name speaker. The programs last year were much smaller in terms of financial commitment."

Turner said Haubegger's appearance cost about \$8,000, but cost isn't the only reason for the minimal programming.

"If the main purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to educate various communities of the Latin heritage, that doesn't need to be confined to a month," Turner said. "(Education) needs to be through the course of a year."

Manuel Rodriguez, president of Lambda Kappa Kappa fraternity, said part of the reason for the small number of programs for Hispanic Heritage Month this year is a small turnout at previous activities.

"In the past we haven't had the turnout for Hispanic Heritage Month that we would have liked," said Rodriguez, a junior psychology major. "The crowd was so minimal that it's hard to get the money (for more programs)."

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Young to speak Saturday on fighting racism

Lecture to address united congregations, poverty issues

By Yvette Herrera SKIFF STAFF

The Rev. Andrew Young, renowned for his work alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Civil Rights Movement, will speak about fighting racism at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Broadway Baptist Church.

Young, a former mayor of Atlanta and current president of the National Council of Churches, will also preach for "World Communion Sunday," an event celebrated by the Disciples of Christ,

at University Christian Church.

All tickets have been sold for Saturday's lecture, but Sunday's services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. are open to the general public.

The Rev. Ken McIntosh, executive director of Tarrant Area Community of Churches, said even though there has been more progress combating racism in the last 30 years than anyone ever predicted, it still persists.

Saturday and Sunday as a resource for congregations.

In Young's autobiography, "An Easy Burden," he writes about the Civil Rights Movement and people that have influenced him. One element in the book that is clearly emphasized by Young is that America still has a long way to go in regaining the last two weeks, Fort Worth has experienced incidents of racism firsthand, McIntosh said.

A black family's home was broken into and vandalized with ethnic slurs and swastikas, he said.

Young's speech, "Unity, Justice and Overcoming Racism," will also address unity among congregations and poverty issues, which is a key focus for the National Council of Churches.

Young participated in the 1965 march from Selma to Mont-

gomery, Ala., and more than 10 years later he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Jimmy Carter. During Carter's 1976 presidential campaign, Young was one of Carter's principal supporters in the black community.

McIntosh said Young will bring racially diverse congregations from all over Tarrant County and people of all ages to this year's 18th annual Peter Ainslie Lecture.

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Site offers tips about professors, classes

Students to launch FrogPages.com

By Melissa DeLoach SKIFF STAFF

Availability, number of tests and personality are all things students rarely know about professors before enrolling in classes. This may all change with the launch of (FrogPages.com) Sunday.

FrogPages, a privately funded Internet business run by six TCU students, will provide students with a new way to get connected to the daily happenings and events surrounding the campus and Fort Worth, said Adam Reed, a senior accounting and finance major.

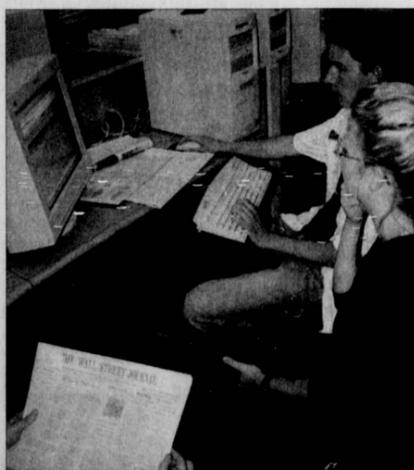
By logging on to the Internet, students will be moments away

from an online community including teacher reviews, textbook exchanges and a listing of food delivery options.

Mitchell Manschreck, a senior e-business and marketing major, said the teacher review section will allow students to log into one centralized location while posting and reading reviews about professors on campus. Teachers will be evaluated on a five-star rating system, he said.

"Communication about a professor is pretty much word-of-mouth now so it is hard to get a

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Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

Matt Meyers, senior finance major, and Nikki Reynolds, senior finance and accounting major, participate in the Educational Investment Fund. Students trade stocks and manage a \$2 million portfolio.

Students manage \$2 million fund

EIF is investment experience

SKIFF STAFF

As he sifts through a pile of reports he must read in order to stay ahead of an ever-changing Wall Street, second-year MBA student Cody Dick is only beginning his workload for the Educational Investment Fund.

Run by the M.J. Neeley School of Business, students in the fund manage an almost \$2 million portfolio on behalf of the William C. Conner Foundation and its two benefactors, TCU and the Department of Ophthalmology at Baylor Medical School.

Six percent of the year-end net asset value is paid in the form of an annual contribution to the benefactors, said Larry Lockwood, professor of financial services and faculty advisor for the fund.

Between reading various financial magazines like *For-*

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campus lines

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▶ **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.

▶ **2000 Fall Speakers' Panel** will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center. Featured speakers are Diane Lee, Francesca Spinelli, Vicky Teherani and Sharon Voros. The topic of the lectures will be "Growing Through Change." Please R.S.V.P. to Amanda Garcia at (ahgarcia@hotmail.com) or (817) 731-1804 by this Saturday.

▶ **Family Weekend's Variety Show auditions** will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Student Center Ballroom. To audition for a spot, sign up at the Information Desk in the Student Center. For more information call Sara Komenda, of the Programming Council, at (817) 257-5233.

▶ **C.L. Rowan Honors Humanities Lecture** with Roger Louis will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. For more information call Alison Trinkle at (817) 257-7125.

▶ **TCU Symphony Orchestra** will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. German Gutierrez will conduct. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

▶ **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.

▶ **The Health Center** wants to inform students about the meningococcal vaccine (Menomune) available Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. at 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

Coal mine explosion in China kills 118; officials fear death toll could reach 161

SHANGHAI, China — A gas explosion in a coal mine in southern China killed 118 miners, a mine official said Thursday.

Another 123 miners were rescued, leaving no one missing from the blast Wednesday night at the Muchongou Coal Mine in Shuicheng, a city 1,350 miles southwest of Shanghai, said Zhong Tianfang, an official of the municipal mine bureau.

"The rescue work went very quickly and smoothly," Zhong said by telephone.

But other officials said rescue efforts were still underway and gave conflicting accounts suggesting the death toll could go as high as 161.

Police officer Qian Shixi said only 80 of the 241 miners underground had been rescued.

"There are no signs of life from the mine," he said, adding that the rescued miners were too badly hurt to be questioned about the explosion.

China has the world's deadliest coal mines. More than 2,730 miners died in the first six months of the year, according to government statistics. Many mines are poorly run, lacking adequate fire and ventilation equipment, and safety regulations are spottily enforced.

At least 36 people rescued from the Muchongou mine were hospitalized with burns and other injuries, local hospitals said.

A doctor at the Ertang Hospital in Shuicheng, who identified himself by his surname, He, said some of the 12 miners taken there were comatose. The mine's own hospital received 24 miners and others might have been taken elsewhere, said a doctor who gave only his surname, Wang.

Zhong said the blast in the Muchongou mine was blamed on a buildup of gas, but the exact cause was still under investigation.

NATION

Army to release investigative findings of killing of South Korean civilians by American soldiers

WASHINGTON — The Army said Thursday it plans to release findings by the end of the year from its investigation into the reported killing of South Korean civilians by American soldiers in the early weeks of the Korean War.

Officials said the timetable was not designed to avoid releasing information before Election Day.

"The No Gun Ri inquiry is not in any way or shape being driven by considerations regarding the election," Army Secretary Louis Caldera said in response to a reporter's question at a Pentagon news conference on another matter.

"It's been driven by the need to do a very thorough inquiry where there were millions of pages of documents that had to be reviewed and individuals that had to be interviewed," he added.

Caldera said "much of the report" is being written now, although "some pieces" are not yet completed. He said the goal is to complete the work before the end of the year.

Asked whether he thought it would be done before the Nov. 7 election, he said he doubted it.

Kenneth Bacon, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary William Cohen, said, "The report will be released when it's ready, but it's not done at this stage. ... It's not connected to the election, it's connected to when we complete the report."

One year ago Friday, The Associated Press reported that U.S. Army veterans, corroborating the accounts of Korean villagers, said their unit killed a large number of civilian refugees at the South Korean hamlet of No Gun Ri in July 1950. The villagers say about 400 were killed, including 100 in a preceding attack by U.S. warplanes.

On Sept. 30, 1999, Cohen ordered Caldera to initiate an investigation into the matter, and he asked that it be done as quickly as possible. The Army had hoped to finish the inquiry in June, in time for the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, but it later estimated it would take until the autumn.

STATE

Sorority date rape plot speeds university decision to close campus chapter for hazing

HUNTSVILLE — A date rape plot by two women against a fellow member of a Sam Houston State University sorority preceded the East Texas school's decision to shut down the campus group for hazing, according to a published report.

The sorority sisters who allegedly gave the victim the date rape drug then drove her to the apartment of a male friend, who had sex with her the following morning, according to the Houston Chronicle's Thursday editions.

The newspaper said Sam Houston State's suspension of the Chi Omega chapter's charter was the first time that a fraternal organization has been banned from the campus in Huntsville, 70 miles north of Houston.

The victim's mother said her daughter was targeted because sorority members had grown tired of hearing her talk about being a virgin.

"They wanted to make her like them," the mother, whose identity was withheld to protect her daughter, told the newspaper. "They kept saying, 'We're going to corrupt you — we're going to get you involved.'"

She said some sorority sisters began calling the freshman victim "Special K" after the date rape attack in an apparent reference to the date-rape drug Ketamine, which they allegedly slipped into a drink on Feb. 16.

The hallucinogenic drug has been connected nationwide to at least one death of a teen-ager who mixed it with heroin and has also been linked to numerous sexual assaults and thefts from veterinari-

ans' offices and hospitals.

Phil Hall, an assistant district attorney in Walker County, said Thursday the case had been no-billed by a grand jury in June and no longer was under criminal investigation.

The victim, who rejected requests from sorority officials that she remain with the group after the reported attack, moved into a university dormitory and then transferred from SHSU to another university later that semester after harassment by the campus group, the mother said.

"They screamed her off campus," she said, adding that SHSU was "whitewashing" her daughter's abuse by focusing on minor hazing incidents.

University spokesman Frank Krystyriak said only that a seven-month investigation into unspecified hazing incidents during the fall of 1999 revealed no documented physical injuries as a result.

New Web site to provide Texas residents with easier access to state government information

AUSTIN — Long lines soon may be a thing of the past for Texans who go online to do government business at a Web site launched Thursday.

The (TexasOnline.com) will offer residents 24-hour, seven-day access to renewing licenses, applying for permits and other selected state business. The site is available in English and Spanish.

"The use of online technology is changing the way government does business in Texas," said Gov. George W. Bush in a statement. "TexasOnline.com will enhance Texas government by making it more accessible, efficient and responsive to all Texans."

The site — a public-private partnership between the Texas e-Government Task Force and KPMG Consulting — packages information and services from several state and local agencies in a format that is easily navigated. Encryption technology protects credit card and social security numbers.

New residents can get information about getting a driver's license, registering to vote and obtaining the proper paperwork for their automobiles.

Election results, lottery numbers, and other state news will be posted.

The convenience comes with a price.

Fees ranging from \$1 to \$3 will be charged for some services such as vehicle registration renewal. The money helps pay for the site along with funds from the agencies' budgets.

"We're going to try to be sensitive to the citizens' needs and keep that as low as possible and maybe even in the future eliminate it altogether," said Carolyn Purcell, executive director of the Texas Department of Information Resources.

Within the next few months, the state hopes to allow sales tax filing and payment, oil well drilling permit applications, insurance agent's license renewals, driver's license renewal, concealed handgun licensing and motor vehicle registration renewal.

The state hopes to have every agency online within three years, Purcell said.

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BIAS UNNATURAL

Forced fairness is disappointing

The Fort Worth City Council, in its Tuesday meeting, voted to amend the city's anti-discrimination ordinance to include a provision barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The move will protect homosexuals and bisexuals from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations. Currently, the ordinance includes such designations as race, creed, color, religion, gender and national origin.

Those who opposed the change contended that homosexuality is a choice, and that the ordinance could infringe upon their right to exercise freedom of religion. Others doubted that the ordinance could really be enforced.

No matter. After two hours of passionate debate, the amendment was approved.

Although the council members have taken a positive step, should city officials be applauded for finally admitting that bias against homosexuals is a problem in Fort Worth? Or anywhere, for that matter?

Treating humans fairly isn't something anyone should be praised for, nor should it be something that should have to be legislated. The ordinance isn't about promoting a particular lifestyle, but instead demands we treat everyone fairly and that, as a community, we won't stand for discrimination of any kind.

Council member Chuck Silcox, a conservative Republican, was one of the officials who willingly took up the fight to pass the ordinance. Only two years ago, Silcox had the issue tabled indefinitely at a council meeting. But after meeting a Fort Worth man who lost his job after his employer discovered he was gay, Silcox said his position on the issue changed.

"This is an anti-discrimination ordinance and nothing more," Silcox told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "And if we all loved each other, we wouldn't have to have these kinds of laws."

But we do. Which is nothing to be commended.

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Get over fear of evolution

A national group of scientists gave Texas a big fat "C" for Christianity this week for its teaching of evolution in its schools.

Not much of a surprise for a Bible Belt state such as Texas. In fact, the state should be celebrating the fact it made the satisfactory mark.

Of the 49 states and the District of Columbia graded in the report by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, six states, including California, Connecticut, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina and Rhode Island, received perfect scores.

Four states scored in the 90s to receive A's in the report, 14 received B's, seven scored C's, six were given D's and 13 states including Wyoming, Maine, Ohio, Oklahoma,

New Hampshire, Florida, Alabama, North Dakota, Georgia, Mississippi, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kansas failed.

Rhode Island received the highest grade and Kansas received the lowest for its "disgraceful" standards.

Iowa was not included in the grading because statewide education standards do not exist in that state.

Although the results showed weaknesses in the South and Midwest, they varied greatly across the country.

So, what's the problem? It is not like evolution is a new phenomenon.

The problem is people are afraid of evolution. They are afraid to learn about it, hear about it and God forbid, believe in it. Why?

Well, I guess it comes back to the religious arguments. God created the world in six days and then rested on the 7th, right? He created Adam and Eve and from them all human beings are derived, right?

For the sake of argument we can agree on these principles, but if you believe in the story of creation as

told in the Old Testament, does that mean there is not room for evolution?

Too many people are blinded by the arguments of either side. People aren't examining the possibility that there was certainly room for evolution after creation.

If humanity is around for another 20,000 years, I'm certain the people will be much different than they are today, just as I am pretty sure Adam and I wouldn't have had a lot in common if we were to have hung out together.

Religious arguments aside, evolution should still be able to be taught successfully in America's schools. The problem is America's teachers aren't prepared to do so. When most of them were in school, evolution was a bad word spoken only by atheists.

So, teaching evolution isn't as easy as it sounds for these individuals. Many are afraid because they know there is always going to be that one student in the class who argues.

Argument and discussion of evolution has the potential of being a fruitful topic. However, this creates a

problem for many of America's schools. At the university level, intelligent conversation is easy to find because professors and students are allowed to express their ideas in more ways. But as for primary and secondary educators, it is difficult to discuss the topic of evolution without the mention of God.

As everyone knows, mentioning God in the classroom is a big "no-no."

America needs to take the results of this report card and do what is intended by grading it in the first place, which is to examine what is being done wrong and what is being done right, and apply aid to all of those states needing help.

With any luck at all, by the time the next generation of children enter school, evolution will be discussed with as much ease as any other theory. All America needs to do is make an attempt to change their old-school ways of thinking.

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Web site undermines true nature of democracy

I like the Internet. I like getting access to information any time of day, and I like the variety of information that's out there. I like learning things I might never have known about were it not for the various news and information sites that populate the Web.

However, while visiting the Web site of noted Fox News personality Bill O'Reilly late last night, I learned a few things that made me want to shout "Ignorance is bliss" from the rooftops.

You see, until last night I remained blissfully unaware of the existence of the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

The North American Man/Boy Love Association. It doesn't matter if I say it five times fast or 500 times slow — I remain utterly stunned at the mere existence of the association.

If your inference skills aren't what they should be, or if your professor's hypnotic voice has lulled you into a trance-like state as you're reading this, let me clear it up for you.

There is an organization out there dedicated to fostering what it deems "mutually consensual" sexual relationships between adult men and boys as young as 8 years old. In fact, the association, through newsletters and via the Internet, has been in the business of distributing strategy tips to men to help them seduce young boys.

Umm ... No! Am I the only one who sees something wrong here? These are some seriously wacked people. What is going on? Shouldn't these people be put in jail or something?

But it's not that simple, you see, because far from being thrown in the deepest, darkest pit humankind can dig, the association has actually found a defender in the American Civil Liberties Union. It seems that a bunch of sick-in-the-head crazies should have the right to mass distribute their tricks of the trade for sex

with boys because of "free speech."

Even if you're sitting out there reading this and thinking "Hey, I think the First Amendment does give child molesters the right to talk shop online," it doesn't stop there. The association is reportedly in the planning stages of setting up an orphanage of young boys in Thailand so its members will be able to enjoy an exotic vacation and not have to deal with those oppressive statutory rape laws we Americans are burdened by. Clearly they have crossed the line from an advocacy group to an organization with an active interest in destroying children's lives for a few cheap thrills.

What a mess. I mean, when I was kid, I learned that the ACLU was a great organization, dedicated to fighting the censorship of novels, keeping Japanese-Americans out of concentration

camp and ending the segregation of public schools. Now, they're defending pedophiles ... it makes me sad to be a liberal.

As conflicted as I feel when I say this, I think it's time to face up to the fact that the Bill of Rights has ultimately proven to be a failure. Every special interest group with a bank account and a penchant for empty rhetoric can use it to get away with murder, and the government is still under no obligation to fulfill its citizens' natural rights to basic health care and a minimum economic standard of living.

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It's time to rewrite the Constitution. I'm not talking about amendments; I'm saying let's declare the whole thing null and void and write a new one — one that can't be so grossly misinterpreted as to allow everybody with a sick fetish or a gun obsession to claim his liberty is under fire. How can a document that was written be-

fore the invention of indoor plumbing even be considered relevant anymore, anyway?

Freedom has tragically gotten out of hand. Special interests are undermining the true nature of democracy. James Madison has proven to be an ominous prophet, and our social conscious is now subject to the tyranny of the minority. I'm not saying that certain minority or special interest groups don't deserve a voice ... the civil rights movement, for example, is a shining example of the good that can be done in a free country. But it's a sad state of affairs when perverts can gain credibility by linking themselves with Thurgood Marshall.

Americans are proud to proclaim their wonderful democracy. Well, folks, democracy means that, though everyone gets to vote, the majority rules. I wonder what the majority of Americans would say about the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

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Commentary



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"I think it is an incredible thing, because it says student opinions and individual ideas are important. If you really push for something at this university, it can happen."

— Sara Donaldson, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, on the launching of FrogFinder, a Web site where students can view professors' course syllabi.

"The absolute downfall of the American people is to listen to marketing in regards to nutrition."

— Gregory Thatcher, an instructor of kinesiology, on the tendency for manufacturers to exaggerate the dosage of dietary supplements customers need.

"For anyone who's reading this whom I may have hugged, I am truly sorry for sexually harassing you."

— Jordan Blum, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, comments on David Robbins, principal of Eules Junior High School, viewing a hug shared by two students as a "sexual encounter."

"We really wanted to move out of the (Western Athletic Conference), leaving SMU something to remember us by. Beating them tonight is definitely a confidence booster."

— Allison Lynch, junior middle blocker, on the Volley Frogs win over Southern Methodist University last Friday.

"I can't wait to be home loving on my cat, sleeping in my own bed and eating real food."

— Robbyn Kindle, a TCU alumna, expressing her eagerness to get home after spending about seven months at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha where she underwent a four-organ transplant in her fight against liver disease.

"No one can really hurt you through a phone call or e-mail. Someone can hurt you if they know where you and your family live and can easily get there."

— Miranda Nesler, a freshman English major, on the dangers that go along with the easy accessibility of students' personal information on the Internet.

found in the Skiff this week

SALARIES

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TCU is a stepping stone for young officers who have just finished police academy.

"I learned a lot from my time there," he said. "I got to work with many retired city officers who showed me the ropes."

However, new officers usually stay only a few years, McGuire said. "Young officers want to get out there and see the action," he said. "Policing a university is a lot different than policing a city."

McGuire said he knew of the increase and still chose to leave TCU.

"The increase was designed to affect new officers," McGuire. "I had been there five years, and knew that the change would not affect me."

McGuire said although the wages were low, working conditions were excellent.

"I have no regrets about working

there," he said. "They stood behind me on everything, and I was treated well."

McGee, who is currently screening applicants, said the increase in salary will make it possible to hire new officers.

He expects all of the positions to be filled by November.

"We have an officer who is waiting to complete the screening, and two who will be added over the next month," McGee said.

Williams said qualifications for new officers are state mandated and include drug screening, physical and psychological exams and completion of an accredited police academy.

"Before the wage increase, our quality of applicants was often very poor," Williams said. "We are still clearly under the market, but now we have a wider range of qualified applicants."

McGee said a new officer would be hired by the end of the week.

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Rodriguez said some of the programs were less educational than they should be. Last year's jalapeño eating contest and this year's salsa dancing contest are examples.

"It's just typical stuff that you could see anywhere throughout the year," he said. "Even though a jalapeño eating contest might be fun, it's not what I would like to see for Hispanic Heritage Month."

Rodriguez said his fraternity didn't have the funds to bring a speaker to campus. The fraternity focuses more on promoting Hispanic youth excellence in the community, he said.

Linda Juarez, president of Sigma Lambda Alpha sorority, said the scheduled programs are more educational than they appear.

"For people who are into music, the salsa contest caters to them,"

said Juarez, a senior Spanish major. "I think it helps other students get exposed to different types of music."

Juarez said the programs encompass different forms of education. "Dancing is a part of our culture, and so is the music," Juarez said. "There are different activities for different students... any type of cultural activity will help educate people, not necessarily just something where you just sit down and listen to someone speak."

Carmen Orozco-Acosta, president of the Organization of Latin American Students, said she agrees.

"The salsa contest is educational because a lot of people don't know a lot about it," Orozco-Acosta, a sophomore psychology major, said. "It's an important aspect of the Latin culture and people who just walk by will see it."

Juarez said she thinks the salsa lessons and contest are beneficial because they provide comfort to

some students. "When I'm on campus and I hear salsa music, it makes me feel good because it's familiar," Juarez said.

Rodriguez said the ideal educational project for Hispanic Heritage Month is posters with biographical data about Hispanic people who show the value of hard work and how it pays off.

"We should focus on home-grown heroes like (Hispanic) people in the community that you see every day but don't notice — like the single moms that work to put their kids through school," Rodriguez said.

Juarez said her sorority would like to bring a Latin or Hispanic artist to campus and has tentative plans for a Hispanic women's recognition night to honor Hispanic women who have made an impact in the community.

This program has not been scheduled for Hispanic Heritage Month

because they want to make sure it's planned well and that it gets recognition, she said.

Juarez said, if planned, the event would probably take place in March, and her sorority would have to fund it by finding sponsors and doing fundraising.

Rodriguez said all student organizations, not just Hispanic ones, should help with the planning of events pertaining to the Latin culture.

"What we're trying to do is plan stuff at the Student Center, where it will be visible," Rodriguez said. "I would like to see everybody come together and (plan) the month. Only by helping each other on campus and involving others in the planning process can we excel and go further, as far as being aware of other cultures."

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Entry-level salaries from a survey of police agencies in Texas.

Department	Annual Salary
Southlake Police Department	\$38,874
Arlington Police Department	\$36,204
DFW Airport Department of Safety	\$35,000
Fort Worth Police Department	\$34,747
North Richland Hills Police Department	\$34,564
Arlington Police Department	\$34,416
Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department	\$32,281
University of North Texas	\$30,120
Baylor University Police Department	\$29,760
Forrest Hill Police Department	\$29,286
Rice University Police Department	\$29,000
Southern Methodist University Police Department	\$29,000
Tarrant County College Police Department	\$27,500
TCU Police Department	\$27,250
Crowley Police Department	\$27,082

EIF

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tune, Money and Bloomberg, to watching financial analysts on television, Dick said the challenge is funneling large amounts of data to evaluate what three to four years can do to a particular stock.

"Because we look at a particular stock only a couple of times a semester, we have to think long term when a stock is up for review," Dick said. "We are constantly taking risks when we decide to buy or sell because our best stock can drop in one day."

According to statistics from the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, the fund contributed \$56,224

to the university's annual fund in 2000.

"This is the first program managed by students 100 percent," Lockwood said. "From all decisions major and minor, (students) have the same responsibilities as a major investment firm."

Jon Hegrans, a senior accounting and finance major, said although fund students might ask Lockwood for advice, ultimately the decisions are completely run by the students in the program.

"They might talk to us to inform us or talk about the importance of issues related to our stock, but they don't at all try to influence our decisions," said Hegrans, who is also the chief administrator of the fund.

Bob Lusch, dean of the business school, said more leading edge programs like EIF are needed to bring notoriety to the business school. He said these experiences make the program successful and greatly enhance the quality of both TCU, the business school and the finance department.

Lockwood said the skills students learn in the program make them marketable candidates upon graduation.

"I get so many phone calls from top money-managing firms asking specifically about students in EIF and their availability," Lockwood said.

"The training of EIF students makes them highly qualified in the global environment."

Dick, who manages the technology sector of the fund, said because a par-

ticular stock is up for review only a few times a semester, when Intel stock fell a few weeks ago it showed the limitations of the program.

"Intel has been one of the best stocks in the fund," he said. "We can try our best to keep up with trends and news of the economy, but we can not predict the future. We are definitely thrown in the fire here because we have to think long term unlike day traders who have the advantage of making quicker trades."

EIF was established in 1973 with a \$600,000 donation from William C. Conner, co-founder of Alcon Laboratories. More than 600 students have taken part in EIF. The program is supervised by Stanley Block and Lockwood.

FCC works to add to Internet competition

Regulations developed for new services

By Kalpana Srinivasan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission took the first step Thursday to determine whether cable companies offering super-fast Web connections must allow competing Internet providers on their systems.

The effort to develop a framework for regulating new Internet services comes amid the FCC's review of the merger between America Online and Time Warner. That deal, bringing together the nation's top Internet provider and second largest cable system, would create a powerhouse in offering high-speed cable connections.

FCC officials insisted the merger review is independent from the agency's efforts to craft a broader policy on the issue of cable access. Yet the commission reportedly is considering requiring as a condition of merger approval that the companies permit Internet providers — other than AOL — on their cable systems.

The staff at the Federal Trade Commission, which also is reviewing the deal, has determined that it will block the deal unless the two companies agree to share their high-speed cable lines.

Thus far, the FCC has declined to set a national policy requiring that all cable Internet providers permit rivals

on their systems. Chairman William Kennard has said repeatedly that he prefers the marketplace to resolve the issue.

On Thursday, though, Kennard suggested that the government may need to intervene.

"I have been patient in allowing the marketplace time to develop, while monitoring it closely to assess its openness," he said. "It is unclear, however, whether a marketplace solution will develop absent some form of intervention."

Officials said the broad-based inquiry launched Thursday does not guarantee that any new regulations will be placed on the entire industry. Even if the agency were to devise rules, they likely would not come until next year, after the AOL-Time Warner review is complete.

"The FCC should have acted on the issue of cable access much sooner than this. We hope it's not too little, too late," said Dave Baker, vice president of law and public policy for EarthLink, the nation's second largest Internet provider behind AOL.

Companies such as EarthLink want to ensure that they can offer their service on cable systems under fair terms. They and consumer advocates fear that cable companies — like a combined AOL-Time Warner — will only offer consumers Internet service from affiliated providers.

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The Ainslie Fund brings an internationally recognized economic leader yearly to speak at the lecture.

"We already have 343 confirmed reservations, whereas in the past we've had up to 183 people attend (the lecture)," McIntosh said.

Jerri Robbins, director of com-

munications at UCC, said a brochure depicting strategies to address racism will be available both rds to racism.

Young has received over 45 honorary degrees from universities such as the University of Georgia, Notre Dame, Yale, Morehouse and Emory. He is also an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ.

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FROGPAGES

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good feeling about a professor," Mannschereck said. "The site will help students find teachers that they are most compatible with."

FrogPages production is currently located in a room in the house of Trent Walton, a junior computer information sciences and e-business major.

They operate using five computers, two printers and a fax machine. Mannschereck said the original idea for the Web site was to provide an online business directory accessible to TCU students.

Another component of the site will enable students to search for used textbooks from other TCU students. Walton said this section will allow students to search for used textbooks and buy and sell their textbooks online. This section will be running by the end of the semester, he said.

"If a book is not listed, a rec-

ommended vendor will be provided," Walton said.

Mannschereck said the food delivery section will provide students a wider selection of opportunities to have food delivered to their doorstep. The site includes menus, numbers, delivery rates and prices of items. Students can order any kind of food, ranging from Chinese to Italian, Mannschereck said.

Although TCU is not supporting FrogPages, Walton said the university's support is not vital to the success of the Web site because all the funds needed for the Web site are coming from advertising revenue.

Other pages on FrogPages include a section on the night life in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, intramural sports, a link to the TCU e-mail site and student phone book, classifieds, Greek connection and campus events.

A launch party will take place Oct. 6 at the Aardvark, 2905 W. Berry St.

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Ill smokers cost government billions

Federal judge says expenses not recoverable

By Pete Yost
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WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Thursday dealt a blow to the government's effort to recover billions of dollars from cigarette makers for treating ill smokers, dismissing two of the claims in a federal lawsuit against the industry.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ruled the government could not use the Medical Care Recovery Act or the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act to recover Medicare expenses related to ill smokers.

The judge said that if the government wanted to recover expenses dating to the 1950s, it should have acted sooner.

"Congress' total inaction for over three decades precludes an interpretation of MCRA that would permit the government to recover Medicare and FEHBA expenses," Kessler ruled.

The judge, however, ruled the government could proceed with two others of its claims under federal racketeering laws.

That means the government can continue to try to prove that

the cigarette makers misled the public about the dangers of smoking and should be forced to surrender the profits from past years resulting from what it called "unlawful activity."

"Based on the sweeping nature of the government's allegations and the fact that the parties have barely begun discovery to test the validity of these allegations, it would be premature for the court to rule," Kessler wrote, explaining why she did not dismiss the entire lawsuit.

The government sued the major tobacco companies last year seeking to recover \$20 billion a year spent by Medicare and other federal health plans to treat smoking-related illnesses.

The government argued it is legally entitled to seek payments dating back to 1954, when the Justice Department alleges the cigarette makers began conspiring to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking.

The tobacco companies asked Kessler to dismiss the entire lawsuit, prompting Thursday's ruling.

When the lawsuit was filed last September, Attorney General Janet Reno accused the tobacco industry of putting profit above health by concealing data that showed nicotine is addictive and smoking causes disease.

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Program developed for professors

By Hemi Ahluwalia
SKIFF REPORTER

Professors now have a chance to make sure they are teaching at their optimum level because of a recently developed program.

The Center for Teaching Excellence was first developed three years ago when a committee of eight people gathered to deliberate ways to form a program that would aid professors in their teaching, said William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs. "The center was modeled after a similar program that was first established at the University of Southern California," he said.

The center offers various programs available to the faculty, said Roger Pfaffenberger, professor of finance and decision science and part-time director of the center. Some programs offered are work-

Center develops teaching skills

shops, lectures, special guest speakers and national conferences.

Darren Middleton, assistant professor of religion, said he has attended at least a dozen programs in the past two years he has worked at TCU.

"I really appreciated the chance to think hard about what I was trying to accomplish in my teaching," he said. "In the Teaching Portfolio workshop, I was able to construct a teacher's portfolio that will be used in regards to tenure."

Although the programs are well attended, there are still a few problems the center has to overcome. A full-time director needs to be added, along with increasing the staff the center already has, Koehler said.

"We are still at the infancy stage

of the program, and we are trying to work from the bottom up," he said.

The center costs about \$40,000 a year to run, which is divided up among the various programs.

"Right now the center is funded by university money, but we are looking at moving toward endowment funding," said Leo Munson, assistant vice chancellor of academic support.

The various programs seem to be well attended by cross-sections of the faculty, he said. One workshop, Conversations on Teaching, is held monthly and provides a forum for exchange of ideas about teaching and learning.

"We have had about 400 faculty attend at least one of the many programs, and more than 200 faculty

have attended more than one of the programs," Pfaffenberger said.

Another benefit that is offered through the center is WebCT, a software product designed to enhance teaching effectiveness, Koehler said.

"WebCT helps the faculty to integrate technology into their teaching," he said. "It is very instrumental to the center."

A resource library, housed in the Center for Instructional Services, has material to aid in teaching. Professors may also request to have a center professional staff member come into the classroom and observe their teaching style. The professor will then be presented with a complete report on what was observed, Pfaffenberger said.

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Jury to decide if Eastwood owes money

Lawsuit claims hotel was not wheelchair-accessible

By Brian Bergstein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A federal jury Thursday began considering whether a disabled woman deserves a "fistful of dollars" from Clint Eastwood because his hotel was not fully accessible to her wheelchair.

John Burris, the lawyer for Diane zum Brunnen, did not ask for a specific dollar amount. But he urged jurors not to excuse Eastwood from complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and a similar California law because he's a celebrity.

"Mr. Eastwood is a very special man, no question about it," Burris said, gesturing across the courtroom toward the actor-director who's been in court every day since the trial began Sept. 19. "I believe he thinks as a matter of principle he is entitled to special consideration from you."

Burris said Eastwood spent millions renovating his Mission Ranch near Carmel but neglected to spend a "fistful of dollars" to improve disabled access, a reference to the first of the "spaghetti Westerns" Eastwood starred in.

Eastwood attorney Chuck Keller used the same reference, accusing zum Brunnen and her husband of visiting Mission Ranch merely to find grounds for a lawsuit.

"Make no bones about it," Keller said. "That's why the plaintiff is here, and that's why you're being asked to decide this case: Because she, and those who represent her, want a fistful of dollars."

Zum Brunnen, 51, has muscular dystrophy. She sued Eastwood in 1997, a year after she and her husband, Michael, say they had dinner at Mission Ranch. The couple complained that the wheelchair-accessible bathroom was in another building, more than 200 feet away, across a driveway; the only accessible guest room was \$225 a night, when other rooms were as low as \$85; and there was no ramp to the main office.

Eastwood, 70, said he should have been told about the problems so he could fix them instead of being sued. The zum Brunnen testified they sent two letters to Eastwood in 1995 to complain about the disparity in room rates but got no answer.

Eastwood bought Mission Ranch, a former dairy farm with buildings dating to the 1850s, in 1987 for \$4.2 million so that it would not be developed into condominiums. He testified that his renovations have tried to ensure disabled access while preserving the ranch's historic character.

PREVIEW

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"102 Dalmatians"
Starring: Glenn Close
Cruella DeVille is on the hunt again, but how many spots can we bare to see?

"Unbreakable"
Starring: Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson

The movie is another supernatural thriller starring Willis and directed/written by M. Night Shyamalan. It could end up being a hit like "Sixth Sense," but it also may not be worth seeing.

Music

October
Oct. 10
Orgy, "Vapor Transmission"

The rock group that covered "Blue Monday" comes back with the same flavor and flare in their sophomore album.

Oct. 17
Limp Bizkit, "Chocolate Starfish and Hot-Dog Flavored Water"

The rap-rock oriented band brings us the hilariously titled album which should feature songs much like "Nookie" and "Break Stuff."

Oct. 31
U2, "All That You Can't Leave"

U2's new album "All That You Can't Leave" shouldn't disappoint their loyal fans.

November

Nov. 7
Jennifer Lopez, "A Passionate Journey"

Lopez uses her vocals once more with her sophomore recording.

Nov. 14
Ricky Martin, album untitled as of now

He's been living a crazy life while shaking his bon bon across the world on tour this past year, and he's ready to hit us with an album which should feature more catchy dance songs.

Nov. 21
Backstreet Boys, "Black and Blue"

Although they are the best-selling boy band on the market, they are definitely feeling the stress of "N Sync on their heels. The first single will be "Shape of My Heart."

Television

ABC
"The Geena Davis Show"

8:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Academy award winning actress, Geena Davis ventures into the realm of television sitcoms with her self-titled series. As a film actress, she has a lot to prove.

"Gideon's Crossing"

9 p.m. Wednesdays

Emmy award winner Andre Braugher stars as a doctor at a hospital that actually cares for their patients. The premiere episode will

be aired without commercials.

"Madigan Men"

8:30 p.m. Fridays

Film actor Gabriel Byrne stars as a single father having to deal with his father and son. This series will be part of the new ABC Fridays, which will no longer consist of the TGIF family programming.

CBS

"Bette"

7 p.m. Wednesdays

Although I think Bette Midler has tremendous talent, I predict her series as the first to be canceled of the new season. Nobody enjoys watching a comedy about a prima-donna, aging actress.

"Welcome to New York"

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Emmy and Tony award winner Christine Baranski, known for her portrayal of the alcoholic Maryanne on "Cybill," returns to prime time. Her acting and comedy is hilarious, much like the early years of "Frasier," I just hope she finds an audience.

"The Fugitive"

7 p.m. Fridays

The jury is still out about the new version of "The Fugitive." It stars former "Wings" star Tim Daly as Dr. Richard Kimbel. It may be a winner, although the only thing I definitely know is that the one-armed man killed his wife.

"The District"

9 p.m. Saturdays

Former "Coach" star Craig T. Nelson takes a dramatic turn as the police chief of Washington, D.C. It could be the next "Law & Order," but only time and story plots will tell.

NBC

"The Michael Richards Show"

7 p.m. Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Emmy winner and former "Seinfeld" cast member Richards returns to television sets as a private detective. As long as the "Seinfeld" fans follow Richards, the series will be a hit.

"DAG"

8:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Former "Designing Women" star, Delta Burke plays the first lady of the United States. David Alan Grier ("In Living Color") plays a secret agent trying to protect Burke. With these two, this comedy could take flight if promoted right.

"Titans"

7 p.m. Wednesdays

An Aaron Spelling creation, "Titans" will revolve around a back-stabbing rich family. The series stars Yasmine Bleeth and Casper Van Dien.

These films, series and albums are just a select few of the upcoming season. Only time will tell which ones will win and which will lose.

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Tests conducted to shoot missiles in space

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon conducted two tests Thursday of important elements of the proposed national missile defense system in preparation for another attempt to shoot down a target in space.

In the first test, a Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., released 20 objects in

flight to test the ability of a prototype ground-based radar to distinguish among them. In a real missile intercept mission, the radar's role would be to keep an intercepting missile on a collision path with its target and not allow it to be fooled by decoys around the target.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the Pentagon office in charge of the program, said preliminary indications are that the prototype

radar successfully distinguished among the 20 objects in space.

The radar is situated on Kwajalein Atoll in the central Pacific Ocean.

In the second test, conducted about two hours after the first, also involved a Minuteman III missile launched from Vandenberg. It was designed to test elements of the national missile defense system — such as an "in-flight interceptor communication system" used to send information from

the ground radar to the interceptor missile — that will be used in the next attempt to shoot down a mock warhead in space.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said that next test is expected to be conducted early next year. Until recently, that test was scheduled for November, but the timing has slipped due to technical problems.

The two previous intercept attempts failed, most recently in July.

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Delta Delta Delta

The ladies of Delta Delta Delta have set a standard for the greek community for this year by their dedication to TCU and the Fort Worth community this month. They sold programs at the football games to benefit women's scholarship. They showed great support by having the most members in the stands for the volleyball game against UTA. Cook's hospital was delighted with the donation of 300 pillowcases which were made during recruitment. They also sponsored a speaker about date rape with Alpha Chi Omega. They even increased their GPA to a 3.05.

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MOVIE review

► Remember the Titans



Members of the newly-integrated Virginia high-school football team don't have to like each other, but they do have to respect one another.

That is the stipulation Coach Herman Boone gave the Titans when he became their head coach in 1971. Now his words are immortalized in "Remember the Titans," a first-rate movie based on the real events that followed the integration of T.C. Williams High School.

Denzel Washington plays Coach Boone, an uncompromising man who faces not only the prejudices of his assistant coach and his team, but also of the whole town. Boone and his family left South Carolina to go to Alexandria so he could join the staff of Coach Bill Yoast, played by Will Patton. Instead, Boone learns that he will be taking over the coach's position, despite the man's seniority and devoted following.

What follows is anything but ordinary. Before they have any chance at becoming a first-class football team, the players and the coaches first have to overcome the intolerance that has ruled their families for generations.

For football fans, the game scenes are compelling.

For people who like to see the good guys win by overcoming problems, this is the movie to see.

But what makes this movie all the more compelling is that most of these events actually happened.

What started as a campaign to get members of a football team to play together, forged friendships that would last a lifetime and helped make the town of Alexandria one of the most successfully-integrated towns in Virginia.

— Laura McFarland

CD reviews

► Everclear

Songs from an American Movie

As an Everclear fan, it really pains me to say this — "Songs From An American Movie Vol. 1" is the worst thing to come out of Oregon since Tonya Harding. The opening song is a sweet little melody in which Art Alexakis said how much his daughter's laughter means to him.

That's pretty cute and all, but that doesn't make up for desecrating Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl." If you haven't gotten around to buying this album, don't.

— Sean Martin

► Photek

Solaris

Photek's "Solaris" is a study of alienation and detachment. The spare, simple electronic arrangements are enough to weave a spell over you, but never intimate enough to let you get too close to them. The 11 tracks on the album are pure headphone music. Songs bleed into one another abruptly, and leave listeners with little time to catch their breath. Sound effects swing wildly from earphone to earphone, as if crisscrossing your mind. This is techno music in its purest form, and it aims to make you concentrate a little more to appreciate its full effect.

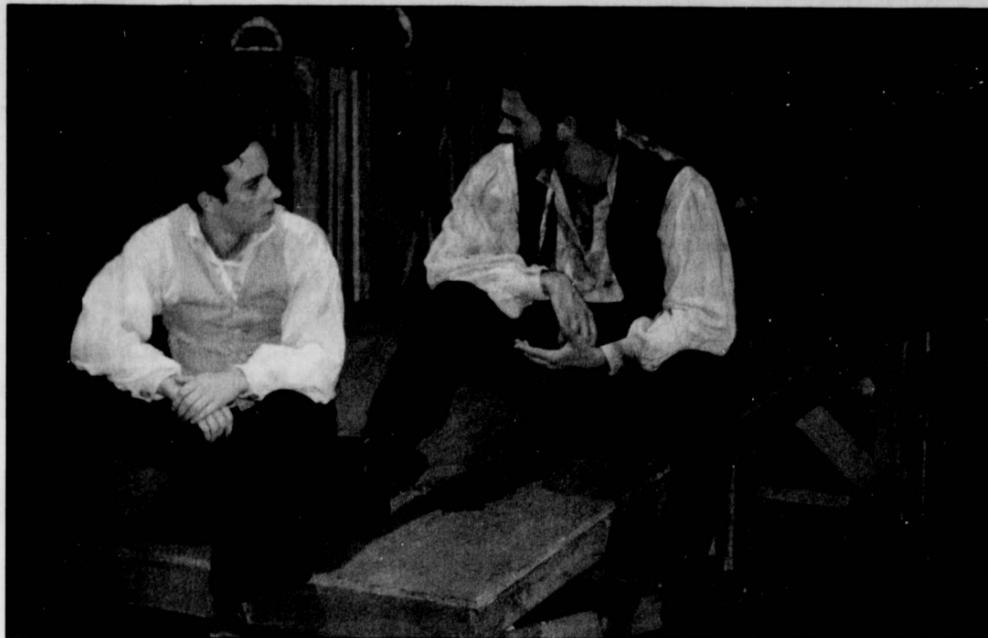
"Solaris" opens with two head-pounding deep house cuts. The elastic funk of "Terminus" puts you in an altered state, and the cold clockwork of "Junk" does its part to ensure that you will not be leaving anytime soon. But the rest of the album isn't just drumbeats and synthesizers — Photek also performs wonders with vocal samples. They weave them in and out of the fabric of the music, making them echo, linger like a strummed guitar chord, then fizzle out like dying gasps. "Glamourama" and "Lost Blue Heaven" incorporate haunting words and then turn them into instruments themselves.

The vocals on "Solaris" aren't restricted to mere background noise, though. "Mine to Give" and "Can't Come Down" are plain and simple techno pop. Both are unashamed love grooves that end with electronic handclaps.

There are times when "Solaris" gets a tad too monotonous — the 8 1/2 minute long "Infinity" is aptly named. Uncomplicated and unfettered, this is an album that will make you both move and think.

— Jack Bullion

HEATHEN VALLEY



Special to the Skiff
Sophomore theater major John de los Santos, who plays Billy, and sophomore theater performance major Matthew Moore, who plays Starns, contemplate the role of religion in "Heathen Valley." The play opened Wednesday and will run through Sunday in the Hays Theatre.

Questions go unanswered in TCU Theatre production

By Wendy Meyer
STAFF REPORTER

An ex-convict murderer or a caring deacon? A wild woman or a loving wife? A dirt-poor hick or a midwife with a heart of gold? Corrupt bishop or bewildered theologian? A valley of heathens or just another community surviving the best way they know how? Playwright Romulus Linney leaves the choices entirely up to you.

"Heathen Valley," performed by TCU Theatre, is set in backwoods North Carolina where Bishop Ames played by David Fluitt, a junior theater major, and his accomplice Starns, played by sophomore theater performance major Matthew Moore, set about converting a community of lost souls to Christianity.

"Do you remember Jesus Christ?" the Episcopal priest asks Juba, a stout midwife played by Desiree Fultz, a senior theater major.

"Passed through here about a month ago," she stubbornly replies.

With minimal set and props, the play demands strong acting. Rachel Golden (Cora), a senior theater and radio-TV-film major, sophomore theater major Travis Willingham (Harlan) and John de los Santos (Billy), Fultz and Moore all meet the challenge with powerful performances.

Starns, Ames and Billy, an orphan, set out for the valley of darkness in order to spread the word of God to its people.

"When the poor of this earth need me, I go," Ames says.

When the group finally arrives things are somewhat in a state of disarray and Ames leaves Starns in charge of changing the heathens' lives according to God's will.

Director George Brown, associate professor of theatre, said the play deals with themes that are prevalent in our world today, like spirituality and religion.

"The dichotomy between finding happiness on earth and fulfilling our duty to prepare for heaven is essential to the play," he said.

Brown chose the play after falling in love with the script a few years ago, he said.

"I have always been looking for a group to perform it and finally found the right people,"

—George Brown
associate director of theater

Golden plays a feisty 20-year-old heathen (Cora) married to a brute, Harland.

"She really kicks butt," Golden said. "It's fun to get to beat up all these guys."

Cora constantly engages in stage fights and soothes Harland during his

episodes of terrifying illusions.

Harlan and Huckleberry Finns' dad might be long lost twins. He is one of the most interesting characters of the play because he occasionally redeems his despicable nature with moments of human compassion.

Golden also said it was challenging to explore the different dialect of the heathens. Students worked with Belinda Boyd, head of the acting program, to vocally define the backwoods North Carolina colloquialism, Brown said.

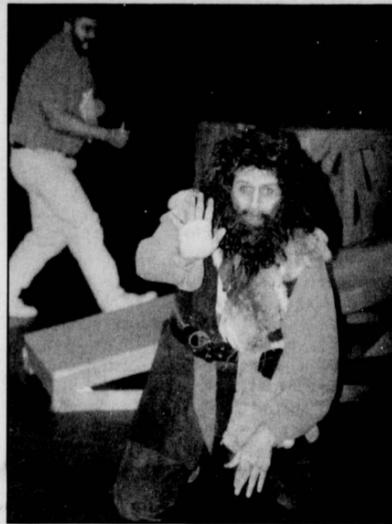
Brown choreographed the fight scenes, based on experience he gained from staging fights and battle sequences for Romeo and Juliet for Theatre Koleso in Russia, Trojan Woman and Macbeth.

The costumes and scenery were designed by LaLonnie Lehman and Nancy McCauley. The costumes are vivid and the bare stage helps evoke the impotence of poverty.

Starns finally does spread the bishop's religion to the heathens.

The success turns out to be less than satisfying for the spiritually superior Ames, who is never pleased with Starns.

"Ultimately the play demonstrates that these heathens are human," Brown said. "When we are judgmental about others' religion, we are all heathens," he said.



Special to the Skiff
Sophomore theater major Travis Willingham plays the emotional Harlan in the TCU Theatre's rendition of "Heathen Valley."

The show runs 8 p.m. today through Sunday with 2 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday in Hays Theatre. Tickets are free for TCU students, \$3 for children, seniors and all other students and \$5 for adults.

The answers to this play's questions are not answered by the characters or the plot. Linney ends "Heathen Valley" with each character introducing themselves to the audience again, offering no conclusion as to which of the characters are the true heathens.

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COMING SOON

Fall schedule produces variety of new shows, movies, music

By David Reese
SKIFF STAFF

As the fall season approaches, the anticipation grows for the new television lineup and upcoming movie and music releases. Here's an in depth look into this season's hottest movies, music and television series.

Movies

October

Oct. 6

"Get Carter"

Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Michael Caine and Rachael Leigh Cook

"Get Carter" could be the film Stallone needs for a comeback. Based on the 1971 film, "Mean Streets," Stallone acts the part of a Vegas card shark that attends his brother's funeral in Seattle. While there, Stallone, along side his niece, Cook ("She's All That"), seek revenge for a murder.

"Meet the Parents"

Starring: Robert DeNiro and Ben Stiller

DeNiro plays a crazed father in a story of a relationship between a man and his future son-in-law.

Oct. 13

"Bounce"

Starring: Ben Affleck and Gwyneth

Paltrow

A cocky ad executive gives his plane ticket to Paltrow's love-struck husband. The plane crashes and Affleck visits the grieving widow. The little visit eventually turns into a romance. Shouldn't be too difficult for Paltrow and Affleck to act like lovers since the couple has been off and on for years.

"The Ladies Man"

Starring: Tim Meadows

Another "Saturday Night Live" comedy sketch turns into a film like "Wayne's World," "Superstar" and "Coneheads." The trailers look funny, but I'm sure those are the best scenes.

Oct. 20

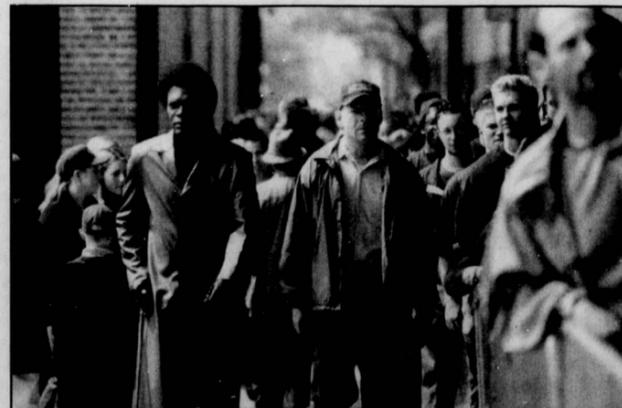
"Pay It Forward"

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment

Talk about an incredible cast, all I have to say is ... Oscar. Spacey (Best Actor, "American Beauty" and Best Supporting Actor, "The Usual Suspects"), Hunt (Best Actress, "As Good As It Gets") and Osment (Oscar nominee, "The Sixth Sense") make this movie worth seeing.

November

Nov. 3



Special to the Skiff
Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson star in "Unbreakable," a movie written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan. Touchstone Pictures has scheduled the release for Nov. 22.

"Charlie's Angels"

Starring: Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu

The movie is a remake of the fashionable 1970s television series about three heroines trying to stop the assassination of their fearless leader, Charlie.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance"

Starring: Matt Damon, Will Smith and Charlize Theron

A young World War II hero (Damon) and his caddy (Smith) enter a local golf tournament with hopes of beating the pros.

Nov. 10

"Little Nicky"

Starring: Adam Sandler

A strange and weird plot, even for Sandler.

Nov. 17

"The 6th Day"

Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger

Little information has been released about the film so far, but we know there are less blowups than previous Schwarzenegger films.

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

Starring: Jim Carrey

The film about the classic children's book looks to be a huge film with Carrey as the Grinch.

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Milosevic to take part in a runoff

By Misha Savic
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Despite opposition threats of a general strike, President Slobodan Milosevic confirmed Thursday he will take part in a runoff vote, refusing to recognize an apparent first-round victory of a pro-democracy challenger. It was his first public statement since the election Sunday.

Summoning his closest Socialist Party associates, Milosevic pressed ahead with plans for the Oct. 8 runoff, ignoring appeals at home and abroad that he step down in the wake of an overwhelming defeat to opposition leader Vojislav Kostunica.

The defiant move signals that the Yugoslav leader has no intention to back down, but will move to deepen the political crisis.

Milosevic's opponents threatened on Thursday to call a general strike, shutting down schools, offices and other public institutions until he rec-

Socialists ignore appeals to step down

ognizes their victory and steps aside.

Kostunica earned 48.96 percent of the vote to 38.62 percent for Milosevic, the State Election Commission said late Wednesday. That would require a runoff. The opposition, using figures from its poll watchers, claims Kostunica won 52.54 percent to Milosevic's 32.01 percent — figures that would mean he won outright.

Kostunica's campaign manager, Zoran Djindjic, called the government tally "a bad joke." He vowed to take the opposition beyond street protests — which have been unsuccessful — by calling "a total blockade of the system and institutions."

"We will call a general strike," Djindjic said. "We shall seek to paralyze all institutions, schools, theaters, cinemas, offices ... call everyone onto the streets and stay on the streets until he who wants to be

president by force gives up his post."

Declaring that "Vojislav Kostunica was elected Yugoslav president in the first round of the elections," the opposition leaders once again called on the members of the State Electoral Commission to "publicly acknowledge the true election results."

The influential Serbian Orthodox Church recognized Kostunica's election victory and addressed him as "president-elect." The church holds no direct political power in Yugoslavia, but its dictates hold great moral sway in a population that recognizes it as a pillar of rectitude in a corrupt society.

Montenegro's pro-Western government also recognized Kostunica's apparent victory.

European Union officials said Thursday the 15 EU members will not back a second round. In Brussels, EU

officials said the organization will hold off on lifting economic and other sanctions against Serbia until Kostunica has been installed as president.

The statements came the morning after more than 200,000 joyful Milosevic opponents swarmed the capital's downtown district, waving banners and chanting, "He's finished." There was no visible police presence near the crowd.

The biggest demonstration ever against Milosevic completely blocked Belgrade's main streets around Republic Square. Much of the downtown area teemed with people.

The victorious atmosphere suggested the pro-democracy Serbs no longer fear Milosevic's autocratic government, sensing that he may not be able to hold on much longer.

An opposition member of the electoral commission said the head of the body presented the 13 members with just before midnight — shortly after the crowds had scattered for the night.

Marijuana is on ballots in the West

Medical use of illegal drug debated

By Brendan Riley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Marijuana is on the ballot across the West this fall, from proposals to allow its medicinal use in Colorado and Nevada to measures that would let it flourish in Alaska and the pot-growing "Emerald Triangle" of Northern California.

Recent polls suggest the proposals are likely to pass in both Nevada and Colorado. In the past four years, similar medical-marijuana measures have become law in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Maine and Hawaii.

Nevada's Question 9 would let doctors prescribe marijuana for severe illness and pain. Nevada voters approved medical marijuana by 59 percent in 1998, but adding it to the state's constitution requires another "yes" vote on Nov. 7.

Nevada has strict anti-marijuana laws, yet a recent Las Vegas Review-Journal poll found 63 percent of likely voters backed the measure, with 28 percent opposed. And the state's policy-making drug commission, which fought the measure two years ago, has been silent this year.

"Nevada voters get it. They know this is a public health issue completely unrelated to the war on drugs," said Dan Geary, a leader of the movement in favor of the measure.

Colorado's Amendment 20 would permit marijuana use for those with serious or chronic illnesses, under a doctor's care. A recent Denver Rocky Mountain News poll found 71 percent of registered voters favored the measure, and 23 percent opposed it.

It is the "the wrong message to send to our children," said Dr. Joel Karlin, a past president of the Colorado Medical Society and

spokesman of Coloradans Against Legalizing Marijuana.

Advocates of medical marijuana use say it helps people suffering from ailments like glaucoma, nausea from chemotherapy and appetite loss from AIDS. Opponents, including the American Medical Association, say marijuana can contribute to cancer and affect eye disorders and multiple sclerosis.

Out-of-state money is pushing both measures. Their chief backer is Americans for Medical Rights, bankrolled by three tycoons: New York financier and philanthropist George Soros, Cleveland insurance mogul Peter Lewis and University of Phoenix founder John Sperling.

Since 1998, those supporting the Colorado and Nevada measures have reported raising at least \$1.4 million. Opponents said they have raised less than \$40,000.

Not surprisingly, there is no organized opposition in California's Mendocino County, where passage of Measure G would allow adults to grow 25 pot plants apiece as long as they are not for sale or transport.

The Northern California area produces an illegal marijuana crop with an annual street value of around \$1 billion. Last year, more than 300 pot plantations were raided in Mendocino County and \$204 million worth of weed was seized. Authorities believe that for every plant they find, there are 10 more out there.

Under the measure, the sheriff and the district attorney would make marijuana crime their lowest priority and county officials would seek an end to state and federal anti-marijuana laws. The district attorney and sheriff have refused to support the measure.

State fair to benefit needy families

Event helps area with food drives and scholarships

By Susan Parrott
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — State fair visitors may be craving corny dogs and cotton candy, but charity organizations are urging them to contribute cans of creamed corn and coffee.

The annual event is as much a benefit for needy families as it is a popular family outing.

"I think we do a lot of good," said fair spokeswoman Nancy Wiley. "We like to say (fair mascot) Big Tex wears a white hat (symbolizing a 'good guy')."

Last year, more than 81 tons of canned goods were donated to the

North Texas Food Bank by fair-goers who gained free admission with their contributions.

During this year's State Fair of Texas, each person bringing three cans of food will get in free on Wednesdays.

And Friday, when the fair opens its three-week run, attendees giving cans of Maxwell House coffee will be waived admission. The Maxwell House-sponsored event produced 9,100 pounds of coffee for the food bank last year.

The benefit is twofold, said Jan Pruitt, executive director of the North Texas Food Bank, which serves 347 nonprofit agencies in 13 counties.

"It makes sure everyone can afford to come to the fair, and it's a real shot in the arm for us as we kick off our food drive season," she said.

Other state fair promotions and proceeds benefit scholarship recipi-

ents, student livestock exhibitors and preservation of historic art deco buildings, Wiley said.

Since 1992, the fair has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships to high school graduates attending Texas colleges and universities. Recipients include students from high schools in the Fair Park neighborhood and those who have participated in the fair's livestock shows. This school year, about 125 scholarships were awarded.

Fair organizers also help find buyers for winning livestock raised by 4-H and Future Farmers of America members. Last year, the annual action garnered more than \$625,000, including a \$70,000 bid by Bank of America for a grand champion steer exhibited by a 9-year-old student. The exhibitors are allowed to keep up to \$35,000 for each animal and the remainder goes

into the state fair scholarship program.

The fair also gives 1.3 million free admission tickets to students and teachers in North Texas, 7,000 admission passes to organizations for the disabled and sponsors free admission days for senior citizens, who otherwise receive a 40 percent discount on general admission.

The State Fair of Texas is a private, nonprofit organization that rents Fair Park for \$700,000 each year from the city of Dallas. A portion of fair profits, about \$3 million annually, is dedicated each year to maintaining and renovating Fair Park structures.

Last year, the fair spent nearly \$200,000 to restore six historic murals on the exterior of the Automobile Building. The art deco designs, first created for the 1936 Texas Centennial, had been destroyed by fire in 1942.

Referendum on whether or not to replace krone creates test for the European Union

By Jan M. Olsen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The beleaguered euro faced its first public test Thursday as polls forecast a cliffhanger in a referendum on whether to replace the 125-year-old krone with the European Union's common currency.

Lawmakers remained cautious about predicting the outcome of the Scandinavian country's fifth referendum on EU-related issues since it joined what became the European Union in 1973. Two polls reported Thursday morning predicted a statistical dead heat.

Christina Dallmann, a 31-year-old student, checked "Ja," or yes. "I think it's better to be sitting at the table."

The euro took effect in 11 of 15 EU countries in January 1999

for corporate and investment transactions, with coins and bills to be introduced in January 2002. Denmark, Britain and Sweden opted out, while Greece, which was barred from membership because of high inflation and a budget deficit, will join on Jan. 1.

Denmark already ties its fiscal and monetary decisions to those made by the 11-member euro zone, which forms the bulk of its export market. Supporters say membership in the European Monetary Union will give it more influence.

But opponents say the euro threatens Denmark's extensive welfare state and will lead to an erosion of sovereignty, as more powers are ceded to EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, and the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Germany.

Danes stunned fellow EU nations in 1992 by rejecting the Maastricht treaty for a common currency and a common defense. A year later, voters approved a revised treaty with clauses allowing it to initially stay out of the currency and the defense cooperation.

Thursday's vote was expected to have ramifications throughout Europe as it was being closely watched by fellow holdouts Sweden and Britain, which also plan as-yet unscheduled referendums on the issue.

A survey done by Megafon for TV2 said Wednesday night that 46 percent of Danes planned to vote against the euro, while 44 percent were in favor. Ten percent were undecided. There was a 3 percent margin of error and 1,016 people were interviewed.

Legislation takes on traffic problems

State officials suggesting improvement on roads and highways

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Transportation must be a high priority in the next legislative session or traffic problems will snarl the state's economic development, local leaders from across Texas said Thursday.

"It may not be sexy, it may not be the prettiest issue. But without transportation for the 21st century we're going to have a problem in the state of Texas," said Carroll Robinson, a Houston city councilman and member of TEX-21.

The statewide coalition of local government officials reported to the Texas Transportation Commission its suggestions for improving the state's roads and highways and air quality.

Formally known as Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century, the group also is briefing key state legislative leaders, including Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

The free trade agreement with

Mexico and a Texas population boom during the 1990s — amounting to a 25 percent population increase during the decade — have contributed to traffic troubles, according to TEX-21.

It is estimated that 179 of the state's 254 counties have a "trade corridor," or highway, running through them or next to them. Some 18.2 million people, or 91 percent of the Texas population, live in those counties, said Mark Scott, a city councilman from Corpus Christi.

The group said the state should address safety concerns and road damage caused by overweight trucks; monitor and analyze congestion and maintenance of international trade corridors; and create a new transportation "revolving fund" to support bonded indebtedness for transportation infrastructure spending.

The state can afford to fund less than 40 percent of necessary trans-

portation projects under its current pay-as-you-go system, the coalition said.

Jack Miller, former Denton mayor and co-chairman of TEX-21, noted that a recent decision by Dell Computer Corp. to open new operations in Tennessee instead of Texas was influenced by a worry that Texas isn't fully addressing transportation infrastructure needs.

Air quality problems caused by traffic congestion also hurt economic development, added Robinson, the Houston councilman.

"If we have cars backed up and smoke is coming out of their tail pipes or we have bad trucks on the highway and they back up our congestion, we don't have economic development in Texas," he said.

Transportation commissioner Robert Nichols said transportation needs to be a leading issue in the Texas legislative session that begins in January.

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YOUTHFUL AMBITION

Women's coach looks for young team to return to WAC championships

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

Head women's tennis coach Roland Ingram doesn't think about what he has lost.

Instead, he looks to the season ahead and the young players he has recruited to make a run at the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

Key losses to the women's tennis program have resulted in one of the youngest teams Ingram has ever coached. Seven freshmen highlight this roster along with two sophomores and one junior.

Ingram said the youth is an asset to his program rather than a setback.

"These girls wouldn't be here if I didn't think they could compete," Ingram said. "Despite their age and college experience they have shown that they can compete."

Some of the key losses were the leaders of last years WAC championship team, Lucie Dvorakova and Daria Zoldakova, also known as "The Euro Duo."

"They led this team and were con-

sistent in their play, especially in doubles action," Ingram said. "They will be missed but all is not lost. We are looking to make it right back to where we were last year."

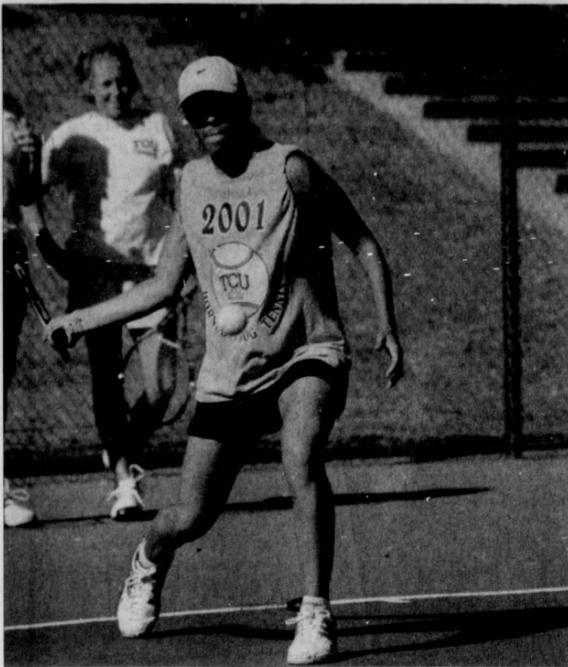
The women's tennis team hosted its annual fall tournament September 22 and 23 at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The tournament went to benefit the National Breast Cancer Association.

The Frogs won all of their first round singles matches. In round two of singles play, they took seven of eight matches. In doubles, TCU won two matches in the opening round and two in the finals round.

In the first round, TCU lost one set out of its 10 matches. Freshmen Katrin Garber, Saber Pierce, Paty Aburto, Karolina Roubickova, Sandhya Kanury and Rebecca Reynolds all picked up straight-set victories while freshman Emily Waters lost one set in her win.

Ingram said he was pleased with how the freshmen came out to play

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Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

The TCU women's tennis team opened the 2000-2001 season with seven freshmen, two sophomores and one junior on the roster. The Frogs are playing in the Rice Tournament in Houston this weekend, with play starting today.

Men's soccer to compete in MVC

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

After finishing its non-conference play with a record of 4-3, the men's soccer team gets ready to play two games in the 94-year-old Missouri Valley Conference, the oldest athletic conference west of the Mississippi River.

They will face-off against Eastern Illinois today in Charleston, Ill., and Bradley Oct. 1 in Peoria, Ill.

"The Panthers are undefeated and are a very high scoring team," sophomore midfielder Dustin Sitar said. "Our first goal will be to shut them down defensively."

Joining the Frogs this year in the MVC are Belmont University, Tulsa and Southern Methodist. Of the 11 teams in the conference, four are nationally ranked.

Because TCU has only played against SMU and Tulsa before the start of this season, the play-

ers are uncertain about what awaits them.

"We are unsure going into the MVC conference play," Sitar said. "This weekend will be very telling because it will give us an idea of how we're going to do this year in the conference."

After a rough start to the season, sophomore defender Todd Bates is looking at the first game of MVC play as the true start of his season.

"We treat our non-conference games as preseason," Bates said. "We've had some eye-opening games, but our losses have refocused us. We are playing in a really challenging conference, but we are ready for the task."

"Learning from our non-conference play, we (will go) into our first game of conference (play) on the right page with the right attitude."

To prepare for their more aggressive and larger opponents,

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pulse sidelines

Horned Frogs' sprinters are well-represented at Olympics

There are six current or former Horned Frogs competing in track and field at this year's Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Runners include current Frogs, Lindel Frater and Kim Collins, and former Frogs, Ricardo "Flash" Williams, Jon Drummond, Donovan Powell and Beverly McDonald.

Frater, Williams, Powell and McDonald are all competing for their home country, Jamaica, and Collins is running for his home country of St. Kitts. Drummond is the only runner competing for the United States.

Drummond and Collins both ran in the men's 100-meter final this week, finishing fifth and seventh respectively. McDonald finished fourth in the women's 200-meter final this week.

Frater, Powell, Williams and McDonald will all run for Jamaica on their 4x100-meter relay teams and Drummond is set to run the opening leg for the American sprint relay squad.

"Obviously (running in the Olympics) is a great boost for these runners," assistant track coach Sam Hume said. "It really speaks for the strength and tradition of the program here at TCU."

U.S. women's track team takes hit with injuries to Miller and Devers

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Subtracting two teammates could add up to disappointment Down Under for U.S. gold medalist Marion Jones.

Jones, winner of the 100 and 200-meter sprints, had her eye on five gold medals in Sydney. But word came Friday (Thursday night EDT) that half of the U.S. 400-meter relay team — Inger Miller and Gail Devers — would miss the race with injuries.

Miller has already flown home from Sydney, while Devers leaves this weekend. Both suffered hamstring injuries.

Losing the pair leaves the U.S. team vulnerable, and puts Jones' hopes for an unprecedented Sydney sweep in danger. She hopes to win the long jump, the 400-meter relay and the 1,600-meter relay.

On Friday, Jones rested for the long jump while her healthy teammates won their 400 relay heat. Also advancing were top rivals Jamaica and the Bahamas; Australia was ousted by a dropped baton.

Jones remained unflappable and unbeaten in Australia, breezing to her second gold medal in the 200 Thursday. Unfazed by the firestorm created by her husband's alleged steroid use, she flashed a wide smile after an easy victory.

With husband C.J. Hunter watching from the stands, Jones took an early lead before blowing the field away in 21.84 seconds.

Hunter, the world shot put champion, has denied knowingly taking anabolic steroids.

The Americans remained atop the medal chart with 76 (32 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze). Russia followed with 58 (19-18-21), while China had 56 (26-15-15).



No. 16 TCU at Navy



► Time: 11 a.m. Navy-Marine Corps Stadium (30,000), Annapolis, Md. TV: Fox SportsNet (National) Radio: KWRD 94.9 FM, KTCU 88.7 FM

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David Duna/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson slips a tackle against Northwestern on Sept. 16. Tomlinson ran for a season-low 140 yards last week against Arkansas State.

Frogs approach Navy with care

By Danny Horne
SPORTS EDITOR

Traveling to Annapolis, Md., to play a winless United States Naval Academy coming off a 48-7 loss at Boston College, TCU should be brimming with over-confidence.

Not so. The 16th-ranked Horned Frogs are taking the Middies seriously, senior wide receiver Cedric James said.

"We haven't taken any lazy steps in practice," James said. "You hear people say all the time that college football is unpredictable. It would hurt us way too much to take them lightly and have something bad happen."

"That doesn't mean we don't go in there with a lot of confidence, but we approach every game the same way."

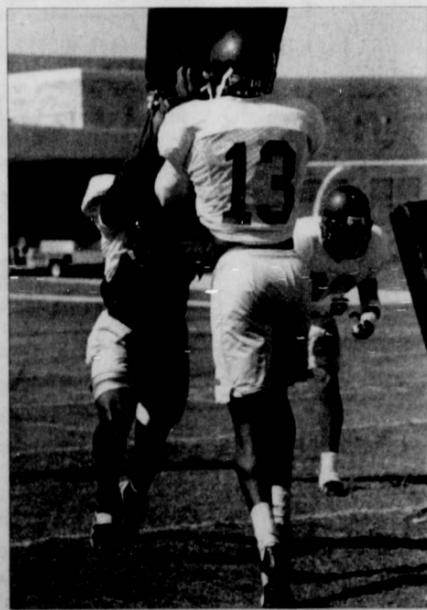
Offensively, Navy has managed just 26 points for the season in three games, an average of 8.7 points a game. Defensively, TCU has given up just 27 points in three games, an average of nine points a game.

Head coach Dennis Franchione said the key to getting the best of the Navy offense is to keep them off the field.

"They like to stay on the field and control the ball," Franchione said. "We can't allow them to keep control of the clock. If they sustain a couple of long early drives in the first quarter and we go three-and-out, it'll be the end of the first quarter and we'll have run just three plays and accomplished very little. So, our offense will have to be productive."

Navy senior quarterback Brian Broadwater sat out last week with a fractured larynx, but reports from

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Senior wide receiver Cedric James (13) and sophomore wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar (3) work on blocking drills in practice. James has four receptions for 56 yards this season.

Senior wide receiver takes charge

Cedric James focuses on level of concentration on way to the end zone

By Matt Welnaek
SKIFF STAFF

Cedric James is all alone on the field. His eyes are trained on the ball and his hands are ready. The only thing between him and a 70-yard touchdown catch is a lack of concentration.

James, a senior wide receiver, has learned to focus his efforts now. He is a tough, physical receiver who, in the past, has been plagued by injuries and a lack of concentration. But this season, James has put together three solid games and has drawn praise from his coaches.

"Right now, we feel really good about the things that Cedric has done," wide receivers coach Kenith Pope said. "You expect a lot out of your seniors and up to this point, he has done everything that we have asked of him."

James said he is pleased with how his season has begun.

"I can say at least this better, I've started this season off much better than last year," he said. "I feel like I can do much more for this team."

Pope said because James is a senior

it has helped him turn a productive off-season into a successful fall season.

"He's an older player and he's got something to prove to himself and to his team," Pope said. "He comes out to the field everyday and works like he is trying to make the team. He's coming out every day trying to make something positive happen."

James is coming off a season where he only caught four passes for 51 yards. But he has caught four passes for 56 yards and one touchdown through three games this season with one touchdown. The 6-2, 200-pound receiver has also returned two kickoffs for 48 yards this season.

"I've had some confidence problems which have affected my game," James said. "But this year is all or nothing, and nothing is going to stop me."

James said he and head coach Dennis Franchione have had one-on-one talks about his focus and what he needs to do to be successful.

"He comes out to the field everyday and works like he is trying to make the team."

—Kenith Pope,
Wide receivers coach

he hauled in a tough 33-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Casey Printers.

"After that catch, I felt like nobody could hold me," James said. "I was ready to make another play."

Pope was also impressed with James' acrobatic catch.

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in the opening weekend of the season.

"The freshmen played to the top of their games and I couldn't be more proud," Ingram said. "You work and work and here is where it pays off in the season."

In round two, juniors Leoni Weirich, sophomore Rosa Perez and Garber picked up wins in the top three spots for the Frogs. Other wins came from Pierce, Aburto, Kanury and Reynolds. Sophomore Brenna Shackelford accounted for the Frogs' only loss in round two.

In the finals of singles play at the fall tournament, TCU picked up five wins in eight matches.

"Our play was good for the first match of the year and I like our chances as a team," Ingram said.

The Frogs showed that despite their young age and lack of senior leadership, they can still compete. Ingram said he wants to make it back to the WAC championship and eventually the NCAA Regional where they finished the season last year.

"I like our chances," Ingram said. "I think we will surprise a lot of people in the year to come."

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Sitar said the team is turning it up a notch at practice.

"Since we've heard that the conference is more physical, we are simulating in practice the type of play we expect to see," Sitar said. "Because conference games are more intense and there is more on the line, we have been training a lot harder."

Sophomore midfielder Nick Browne said SMU is one of the team's top opponents.

"Out of the four teams that are nationally ranked, SMU is especially going to be competitive because of the local rivalry we have with them," Browne said. "We had our first win in school history against SMU last year, so our main goal this year is for our last game of the season against SMU to still be important."

"If it is, that means we will still be in the run for the playoffs." While this year will be the

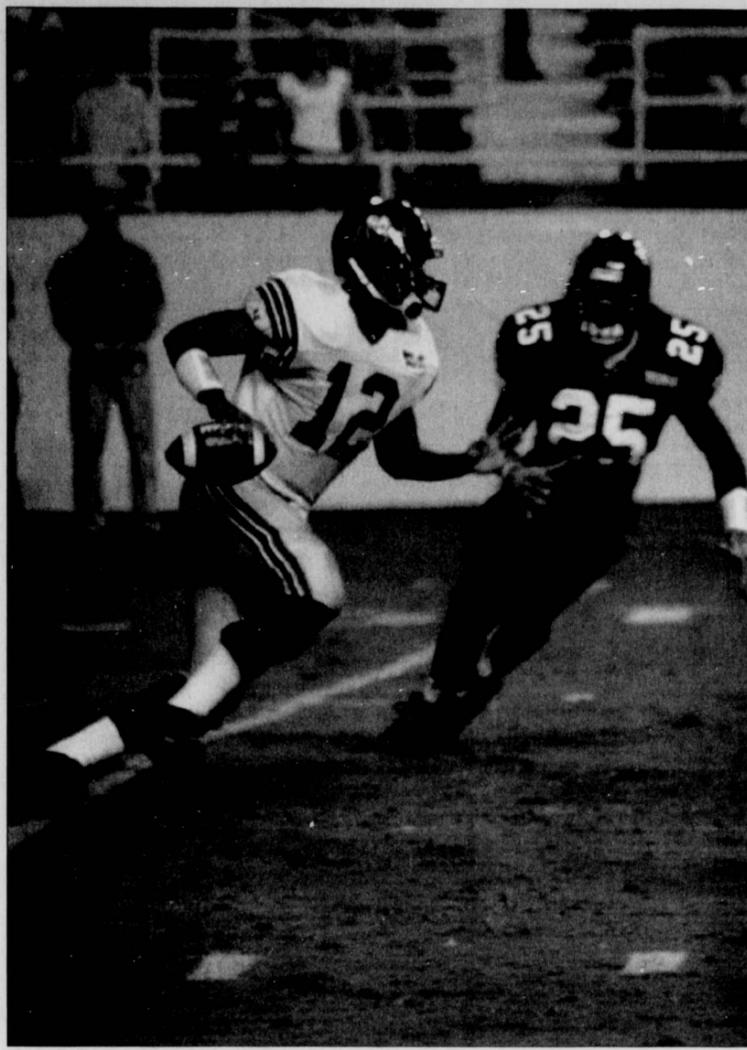
Frogs' first year in the MVC, it will also be their last. Next year they will relocate to Conference USA.

"In my two years on the team, I have already played in two conferences, the (Western Athletic Conference) last year and the MVC this year," Sitar said. "Next year I will play in (C-USA). It's very interesting because you get to see different teams every year."

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Arkansas State quarterback Cleo Lemon tries to elude junior defensive end Joe Hill last Saturday. The TCU defensive line has accounted for 17.5 sacks through the first three games.

Franchione wants further improvement

Despite being 3-0 and having the fifth best defense in the country, head coach Dennis Franchione said he's not completely satisfied.

"I don't think we've played our best game yet," he said. "I know we played solid against Arkansas State, but I know we can be better."

TCU beat ASU 52-3 last Saturday and held the Indians' offense to 151 yards. Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers threw for 204 yards and three touchdowns. The performance was easily his best of the season.

Still, Franchione said there is always room to improve somewhere.

"There is no area where we can't be better," Franchione said. "We missed 14 tackles last weekend. That's a lot for us. We had six balls touch our hands defensively and only two were caught."

Wide receiver core no longer in question

When the season opened, TCU was facing questions in its receiving core, but Franchione said those questions have been answered.

"We're getting to the point where we've got a group of receivers where the defense can't key on just one," Franchione said.

Sophomore LaTarence Dunbar leads the TCU receivers with five catches for 97 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Cedric James is off to the best start of his career with four catches for 56 yards and one touchdown.

Surprise production

Junior fullback George Layne has put up the best numbers of his career through the first three games this season. Layne has rushed 12 times this season for 88 yards and two touchdowns. He also has two catches for 55 yards and one touchdown.

Franchione said his role probably won't change much, though.

"The more consistent he plays, the more chances he might get," Franchione said.

KEY matchups



◀ 48, Chad Bayer, LB.

vs.

14, Brian Broadwater, QB ▶



The matchup: The return of senior quarterback Brian Broadwater could be a spark to an otherwise pathetic Navy offense. The Midshipmen have seen little success offensively, regardless of who was leading the charge, but getting their team captain back from a fractured larynx could change things. Junior linebacker Chad Bayer recorded a career high for tackles in a game last weekend. The TCU linebacking crew will shoulder some of the responsibility of keeping a handle on the Navy option attack.

Effect on the game: Offensively, Navy thrives on ball control and time of possession. The Midshipmen's philosophy revolves around keeping the opponent's offense off the field, while they control the tempo of the game. If Bayer and the TCU defense can keep Navy from dictating the tempo, the game will get out of hand. The Middies defense has not stopped anything all season. If Navy got into a point-scoring contest with TCU, it would be futile. Basically the outcome of the game depends on how well Broadwater can move his team on offense.

The stats: Navy has only scored three touchdowns this season. TCU has 16 — 11 rushing and five passing. Teams have converted nearly 50 percent of third down conversions against the Navy defense. The Middies 0-3 start is their first such start since 1994 when they finished 1-10. TCU is the only team ranked in the top 10 nationally in both rushing offense and rushing defense.

The winner: As it has been said all season, the TCU defense has not been tested yet. We still wait for that big test. The Navy offense, on paper, should provide no test for a defense that allows just 226 yards per game and ranks fifth nationally. Just like last weekend against Arkansas State, if the Middies are not able to run the ball effectively, they will not win because they average just 128 yards through the air.

— Danny Horne

Heisman TROPHY watch

Virginia Tech sophomore quarterback Michael Vick didn't play last week. For the season, he has completed 26 of 44 passes for 412 yards. He has four touchdowns and one interception. Vick also has run the ball 25 times for 219 yards and three touchdowns. Hokies travel to Boston College this weekend.

Florida State senior quarterback Chris Weinke set a new Florida State record after his 58th career touchdown pass. Weinke was 11 of 15 for 234 yards and three touchdowns in the Seminoles' 59-7 win over Maryland

Thursday night.

Nebraska senior quarterback Eric Crouch completed 19 of 13 passes for 159 yards and five touchdowns in leading the top-ranked Cornhuskers to a 42-13 win against Iowa last week. Crouch added 93 yards rushing on 12 carries. This season, Crouch has racked up a total of 659 yards and 12 touchdowns. The Huskers play this weekend at home against Missouri.

TCU senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson was not the focal point of the Horned Frogs' 52-3 win against Arkansas State, but in

three quarters of action he managed 140 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns. Overall, Tomlinson has 559 yards and seven touchdowns on 86 carries. TCU travels to Annapolis, Md., to face Navy on Saturday.

Purdue senior quarterback Drew Brees climbed back into the race after throwing for 409 yards and two touchdowns on 33 of 49 passing in a 38-24 win against Minnesota. Brees also ran for a career-high 88 yards and a touchdown. Brees has completed 103 of 159 passes this season for 1,363 yards, nine touchdowns and

two interceptions. The Boiler-makers travel to Penn State this weekend to play the Nittany Lions.

UCLA junior tailback DeShaun Foster had his worst game of the season in the Bruins' 29-10 loss to Oregon last weekend. Foster rushed for 49 yards on 19 carries and failed to score. For the season, Foster has 471 yards and six touchdowns. The Bruins play at home this weekend against Arizona State.

— Danny Horne

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Navy say he should be ready to play on Saturday.

Franchione said the Midshipmen are a much better football team with Broadwater on the field.

"Broadwater is significantly better than (junior Ed) Malinowski," Franchione said. "He's significantly faster and a better passer. Offensively their problems come down to execution and turnovers."

No matter who plays quarterback for the Middies, something has to stop the Horned Frog offense from scoring, something no team has been able to do thus far.

Franchione said the Navy defense

hasn't been impressive this season.

"Defensively, on paper, Navy isn't physically imposing," he said. "They play good team (defense at times). Their (defensive) success is based on 11 guys covering 11 guys."

Through three games, Navy's 11 guys have not done a good job of covering the opponent's 11 guys. Teams have averaged 35 points and almost 450 yards a game. Saturday, Boston College gained 625 total yards.

James said the offense is capable of putting up those kinds of numbers every week.

"If we execute right, we should be able to put up 50 points against anyone," he said.

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JAMES

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hanging on his shoulder pads. He maintained control of the football, which in my opinion was really a tough, tough catch to make.

"He wanted to make the play and he made the play."

While that was James' only catch for the day, he made several key blocks for senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson that allowed him to score.

James said he takes pride in doing the little things for the team.

"My main goal is to be an all-around, big, physical-type receiver," James said. "Last year

we had one of the top running teams in the nation and coaches give receivers some of the credit.

"I get just as excited making a big block for LT as I do making a big catch," he said.

He said one of his personal goals this season is to be named the team's offensive Most Valuable Player after a game. But James said he is happy as long as TCU is winning.

"We're winning, and people on the outside are telling me that I am doing well, so I'm satisfied," he said. "But I always think there is room for more. I can do more for the team."

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Staff prediction

TCU 48 Navy 10
— Danny Horne

theEDGEbox

Rushing offense:
TCU has the No. 3 rushing offense in the nation. Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson will run often and could break the all-time TCU rushing record in the first quarter.

Passing offense:
Sophomore Casey Printers is coming off his best game of the season. If he can continue to provide balance for the offense, he should get a chance to throw. His numbers have gotten better each week this season.

Rushing defense:
The Horned Frogs are giving up just 70 yards a game on the ground this season. The defense has allowed just 27 total points and only two rushing touchdowns. That shouldn't change this week.

Passing defense:
The Horned Frogs pass defense ranks 14th in the nation and has given up just one touchdown. Since giving up 259 yards against Nevada, the Frogs have given up a total of 210 yards in the last two weeks.

Special teams:
The TCU kickoff return unit ranks first in the country, averaging more than 36 yards a return. If Navy scores, that could become important. If Navy doesn't score, it will have to deal with TCU's sixth-ranked punt return unit.

Intangibles:
Another winless opponent spells another victory for TCU. The Frogs go to Annapolis, Md. on an eight-game winning streak dating back to last season. TCU didn't look past a winless Arkansas State squad.



Rushing defense:
The Navy rushing defense is ranked 102nd in the nation, giving up 193 yards a game. TCU is 13-1 under head coach Dennis Franchione when rushing for 240 or more yards.

Passing defense:
In previous years, the passing defense may not have mattered, but Printers appears to have found a groove. Boston College scouted the Navy secondary for 414 passing yards last weekend.

Rushing offense:
The Navy running game will feature the option attack that has, at times, given TCU some trouble in the past. Navy's leading rusher averages 61 yards a game. That won't get it done against this defense.

Passing offense:
Senior Brian Broadwater returns to head the Navy offense this week after sitting out with a fractured larynx. For the season, he has thrown for 240 yards and has yet to throw a touchdown pass.

Special Teams:
Navy averages less than three yards a punt return this season, which doesn't do much for field position. The game shouldn't come down to punt returns and field position, but if it does, TCU will have the advantage.

Intangibles:
The Middies don't have enough fire power to keep up with TCU in any facet of the game. The first 0-4 start under head coach Charlie Weatherbie seems imminent in Annapolis.

today's menu Sept. 29, 2000

The Main Lunch

Grilled cheese
Fried catfish
Baked ziti with ricotta
Smoked rope sausage
Dinner
Fish and chips
Sausage and peppers

Worth Hills Lunch

Philly steak sandwich
Fried catfish
Dinner
Closed

Eden's Greens Lunch

Grilled tuna with pico de gallo
Penne with tomato and wine sauce
Green beans
Fresh zucchini with garlic and basil
Garlic rice

Frogbytes Late Night

Same as The Main

Tomorrow at The Main:

Lunch: Deli bar, Waffle bar
Dinner: Cilantro chicken, Veal parmesan

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by Phil Flickinger

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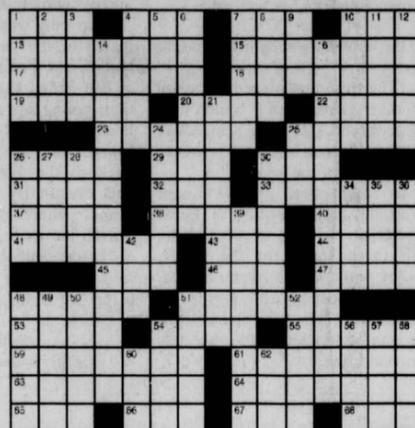
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Purple Poll

Q: Are you going to attend a performance of "Heathen Valley?"



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