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Teaching geography is more than just a job for geography lecturer Jeffrey Roet — better known as Dr. Jeff. It's his life.

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## Committee to look into new health care provider

Current contract with PacifiCare will expire at the end of December



TCU's health care coverage operates on an annual, renewable contract and different health care providers are examined every year. TCU originally renewed a contract with Harris Methodist Health Plan in October 1999, but the provider was bought out by PacifiCare in January 2000. Faculty and staff have complained about delays in getting claims processed with PacifiCare.

By Angie Chang  
STAFF REPORTER

The Retirement, Insurance and Benefits Committee will meet today in a closed meeting to choose a health care provider for faculty and staff.

Ken Morgan, co-chairman of the RIB Committee, said the current contract with PacifiCare, TCU's health care provider, will end Dec. 31. TCU had originally renewed a contract with Harris Methodist Health Plan in October 1999, but the provider was bought out by PacifiCare in January 2000, he said.

"With any new ownership in manage-

ment, there are always changes," Morgan said. "As (PacifiCare) took over, we made sure they would honor our contract. They adopted the contract, but we've had to encourage them to be sure they honor all components of the contract. Sometimes we have to give extra encouraging."

Morgan said more people have been vocal about their dissatisfaction with PacifiCare than in the past.

"If there is a time for change, this is it," Morgan said.

John Weis, assistant vice chancellor of human resources, said the committee will be moving quickly because the new con-

tract needs to be in place and active by January. He said if TCU decides to change health care providers, there will be even more activity than usual.

"We'll be busy getting people informed about the new plan and enrolling them," Weis said. "We want to give them adequate time to decide if they want to sign up for coverage or not. We've taken a close look at all alternatives and we're putting the best one out."

Marilyn Yates, administrative assistant for the physics and astronomy department, said she had experienced trouble with the health care service provided by

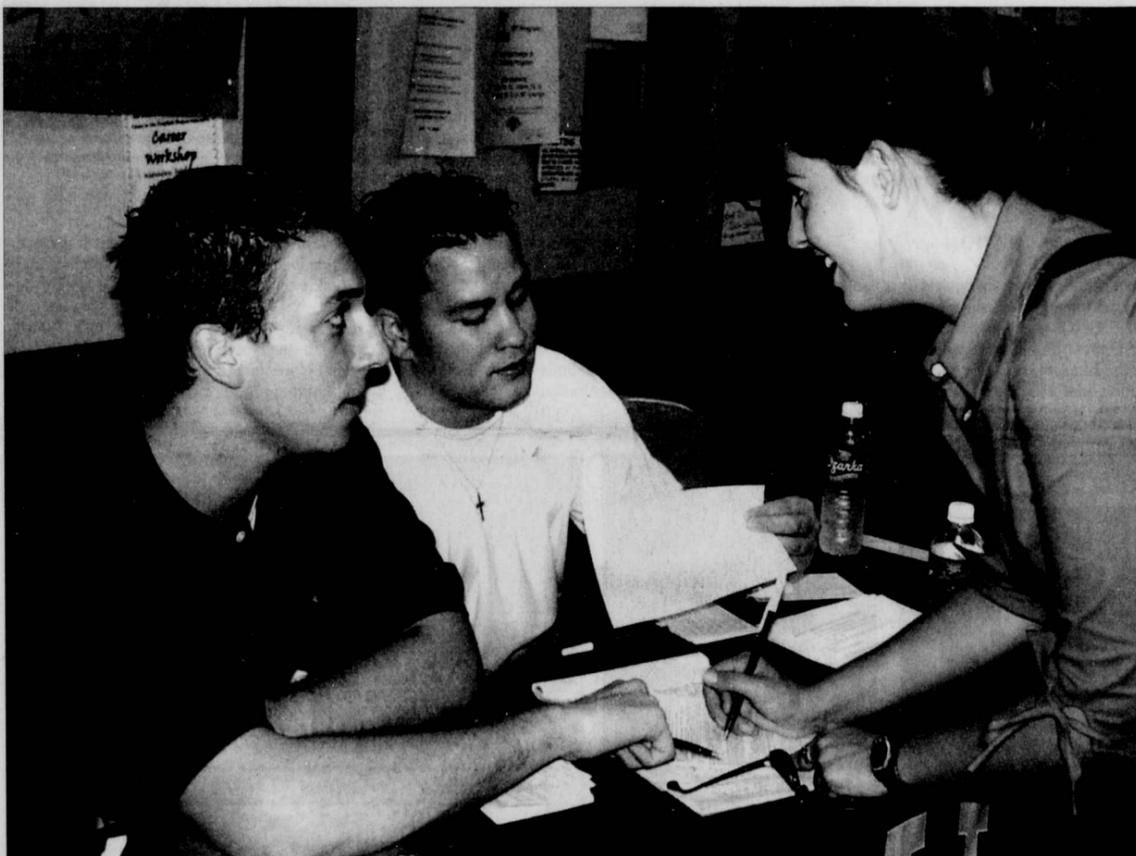
TCU and does not know if it is the fault of PacifiCare or Harris Methodist.

"Doing everything was a battle," she said. "There was lack of communication with doctors, delays in getting approval for treatments and I was getting bills that I never should have to see."

Morgan said today he will present recommendations to the Faculty Senate that were made by the committee. However, Morgan said he may not make a report if the committee does not choose a provider, and instead may ask for input

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## LICENSE TO VOTE



Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR  
Brian Casebolt, chairman of Academic Affairs Committee in House of Representatives, and Scott Geer, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, explain to Stephanie Horner, a senior marketing major, how to fill out a voter's registration form.

## Construction on Tucker building soon underway

University reviews project to reduce \$25 million cost

By Melissa DeLoach  
STAFF REPORTER

Negotiations on the building costs of the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center will conclude in a matter of days, said Will Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for Plant Management.

A contract with Dallas construction company Austin Commercial is being finalized. Once the contract is signed construction will begin, said Ed Bivin vice chancellor for Administrative Services. Construction on the center has been delayed since July 1.

Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering and a member of the building steering committee, said the university is involved in a period of value engineering. All aspects of the project are under review to see if the \$25 million cost can be reduced, he said.

"This is a normal process that occurs in every aspect of a project this big," McCracken said. "I wouldn't be surprised if the costs could be brought down by at least a million dollars."

McCracken said the process has been delayed because the level of detail is vast. The emphasis has been geared toward external features of the building like glass, metal and brick, he said.

"We want to retain the design elements of the center, but as the architects propose different materials we have to keep in mind the long term maintenance of the building," McCracken said. Initially, the building was delayed because the university did not have a building permit from the city of Fort Worth. Before the permit was granted, the university had to comply with various safety inspections and new fire ordinances set by the Fort Worth Development Department.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said although only 70 percent of the funds for the technology center has been raised, the Board of Trustees has authorized construction to begin.

The 86,000 square-foot

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### pulse

#### briefs

#### Protesters storm U. Massachusetts-Boston streets

BOSTON (U-WIRE) — Thousands of presidential debate protesters stormed the streets outside the University of Massachusetts at Boston's Clark Athletic Center Tuesday night, targeting the exclusion of third-party candidates such as Ralph Nader and Patrick Buchanan.

Demonstrators — including a significant number of college students — continually battled with police throughout the day and night as the presidential debate between Democratic nominee Al Gore and Republican hopeful George Bush seized the attention of the nation.

The debate was in its opening stages when police deployed pepper spray into the crowd of protesters outside University of Massachusetts at Boston Tuesday night.

At least 10 people were treated for exposure to the spray, according to paramedics at the scene.

Within 15 minutes, eight people had been arrested for disorderly conduct, said Lt. Morse of the Massachusetts State Police.

— The Daily Free Press  
Boston University

### "I'm getting really, really sick and tired of them cutting on each other."

— Deb Barsh, Pennsylvania restaurant clerk

## Polls show minimal change after debate

Bush and Gore begin debates with attacks on each other's plans

By Ron Fournier  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DANVILLE, Ky. — Al Gore and George W. Bush are sticking with the strategies that marked their first debate, the Republican on the attack, the Democrat playing nice. Both courses are fraught with risk.

Millions of viewers tuned in to their televised clash over taxes, Medicare, abortion and Gore's character. But analysts say the first debate may have minimal immediate impact on the political landscape.

That would be good news for the vice president, who came in with an edge in the state-by-state race for electoral votes. Bush needs to take advantage of every chance to persuade Americans to

vote for change in a time of peace and prosperity, analysts say.

Gore appears to be playing it safe, though polls show the popular vote split and his electoral lead fragile. The Texas governor is assuming the role of scrappy underdog.

"Bush didn't make a particularly good case for changing the administration. He didn't look awful, he didn't lose anything, but this wasn't the kind of performance that moved him ahead," said John Green, political scientist at the University of Akron in Ohio, a battleground state that Gore is keeping tight.

Green and others said nobody will know the full impact of the debate for a few days, until voters digest follow-up media reports and talk to friends and colleagues.

It could all turn out to be a mixed blessing.

Gore proved the best debater

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## Cheerleading scholarships could be a reality next year

Tucker donates \$5,000 to initiate \$25,000 endowment

By Yonina Robinson  
STAFF REPORTER

Jeff Tucker, cheerleader coach, is working to set up an endowment for next year that will allow TCU to offer scholarships to current and future TCU cheerleaders.

Tucker and his wife, Tracy, have started the endowment with an initial donation of \$5,000.

Tucker said he initiated the endowment because when he was a cheerleader in 1994-95, he and the other cheerleaders wished the school offered cheerleader scholarships.

"I felt so strongly about it that I wanted to get something done," Tucker said.

Tucker said at least \$25,000 is needed to begin an endowment. Besides the donation from the Tuckers, the rest of the money is being donated by alumni, cheerleader alumni and parents of cheerleaders.

Tucker said he is also planning fund raisers, the biggest of which is a concert next semester that his company, Bomb Squad Entertainment, would sponsor either on campus or at the Will Rogers Auditorium.

"It's a reward for students who do a lot," Tucker said. "They attend cheerleader clinics and athletic functions, and they're asked to attend various other functions just to repre-

sent TCU. I think that's deserving of something."

The disbursement of the scholarship money would be handled case by case, similar to the way football scholarships are handled, he said. Not everyone would receive a scholarship.

"A committee would be formed

from alumni and cheerleader alumni who would decide who would receive scholarships for their books, fees and partial tuition," Tucker said.

Jamie White, a sophomore kinesiology major, said cheerleaders should receive something for their

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Lauren McDonald/SKIFF STAFF  
TCU cheerleaders work on stunts in practice at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Wednesday night.

pulse

campus lines

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

► **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 Friday.

► **Family Weekend Activities:** A jazz concert will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge; "TCU Think Fast" Game Show will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday at Frog Fountain; Ballet and Modern Dance Recital will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday in the Ballet Building; Variety Show will be from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium; a post-game celebration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Frog Fountain; and a good-bye brunch will be from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom.

► **Radio-TV-film Film Series** will show "Gunga Din" (1939) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. Admission to the film is free. Joan McGittigan will give an introduction. For more information call (817) 257-6690.

► **TCU College Republicans** will have a meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in the Student Center, Room 202. Christopher Hackett, disc jockey for Mix 102.9-FM, will be the guest speaker. For more information call Christa Baker at (817) 257-8526.

► **Golden Key National Honor Society** will have information tables for prospective members set up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Student Center.

► **The Department of Mathematics** will host professor Fernando Rodriguez-Villegas from the University of Texas at Austin. He speak as part of the Frank Stones Research Lectureship series. The speech, "Lattice polygons and the number 12," will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Winston-Scott Hall, Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 171.

► **The Health Center** wants to inform students about the meningococcal vaccine (Menomune) available Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Health Center. The vaccine costs about \$75.

news digest

WORLD

**Former prime minister Trudeau voted Canada's newsmaker of century after death**

MONTREAL — Mourned by a nation, Pierre Trudeau has his place in Canadian history assured — he was even named the country's newsmaker of the 20th century. Friends and family of the former prime minister hope his legacy will endure into the new century.

In a moving eulogy at Trudeau's state funeral Tuesday that left thousands of Canadians in tears, his eldest son Justin challenged the country to make his father's vision of a united, bilingual and multi-ethnic Canada a permanent monument.

"It's all up to us, all of us now," he said. But the Quebec separatist movement remains very much alive. Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard, leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois, waited 16 hours to lower the provincial flag to half-staff to honor Trudeau. And he couldn't come up with an answer when asked what Trudeau had contributed to modern Quebec. Yet, he called Tuesday's funeral "a homage to the exceptional qualities of the man that was Mr. Trudeau."

"We're a very divided nation," said Bessie Karagiannis, an airline ticket agent, noting that, in addition to the separatists, Westerners are pushing for U.S.-style states rights while Easterners want a stronger federal government. "It's a very strange time. I wonder how it is all going to end."

The Reform Party, the main opposition in Parliament, was created in 1987 as a Western protest movement against domination and disinterest by the eastern political establishment. And the party only reluctantly supported two national languages, English and French.

How Canada's divisions will shake out remained on the minds of people across the country as they paid final tribute to the flamboyant former prime minister who liberalized laws on abortion and homosexuality and campaigned successfully against the separatists and for a constitution controlled by Canadians.

What intrigued Canadians most was why they reacted with such emotion to the loss of a leader who had been out of office for 15 years. An estimated 75,000 Canadians paid their respects to Trudeau as he lay in state, first in Ottawa and then in Montreal.

Trudeau was voted newsmaker of the century by Canada's newspaper editors and broadcasters.

NATION

**Survey claims most home mortgages, loan forms, will be handled via Internet by 2005**

WASHINGTON — About half of Americans believe most home mortgages will be handled over the Internet by 2005, and more consumers have become willing to consider applying for

a home loan online, according to a survey released Wednesday.

Despite a continued lack of confidence in Internet security, 28 percent of those surveyed said they would definitely or probably use the Internet to apply for a mortgage, up from 20 percent four years ago, according to the survey from Fannie Mae, which buys home loans from banks and other lenders to supply cash to the mortgage market.

The survey indicated a "positive shift in people's view of the Internet and their willingness to use it to purchase a home," Franklin Raines, Fannie Mae's chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement. "This is good news as the mortgage industry reinvents itself in the Internet age."

The survey found that many consumers currently view the Internet mainly as a source of information on getting mortgages rather than a channel for applying for one, but 51 percent said most mortgages would be handled over the Internet five years from now.

The growing familiarity with the Internet comes at a time when obstacles to home ownership, such as problems saving for a down payment and racial discrimination, have been crumbling, the company said.

The booming economy helped push the nation's home ownership rate to an all-time high of 67.1 percent in the first quarter of this year, surpassing the previous record of 67 percent set in the third quarter of 1999.

Fannie Mae's nationwide survey covered 590 adults who recently bought a home and 450 renters. They were interviewed between July 5 and July 11. The survey's margin of error is about 3 percentage points.

STATE

**County sheriff pleads guilty to felony theft and drug charges; could face five years in prison**

SAN ANTONIO — The Frio County sheriff has pleaded guilty to felony theft and drug charges after allegedly pocketing thousands of dollars confiscated during a 1994 traffic stop and later trying to sell marijuana to replace the missing money.

In a San Antonio federal courtroom on Tuesday, Sheriff Carl Burris said he took \$7,726 confiscated during the traffic stop and tried selling about 262 pounds of seized marijuana in order to replace the missing money in 1997.

Burris faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison for conspiring to distribute marijuana and stealing from a federally funded government. His conviction will not be final until his sentencing, which has not been scheduled.

In Wednesday's editions of the *San Antonio Express-News*, the 53-year-old Burris said he would withdraw as a candidate for re-election but would not resign before his term ends on Jan. 1, 2001. "I've been in law enforcement most of my

life," he said. "When you make a mistake, you need to stand up, 'fess up to it and let the law take its course."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn said an investigation of unidentified members of law enforcement in Frio County, which is located about 40 miles south of San Antonio, was ongoing.

Last week, U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo allowed Burris to keep his sidearm because his department is reportedly short on deputies and engaged in an "extensive investigation relating to a triple homicide case."

**\$1.4 million project in the works to add a seventh floor to the Sixth Floor Museum**

DALLAS — The Sixth Floor Museum is planning to take its exhibition space to a new level.

Construction is scheduled to start this week to expand the museum to the seventh floor of the former Texas School Book Depository, where the Warren Commission said Lee Harvey Oswald positioned himself for the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

The \$1.4 million project will double the facility's exhibition space from 9,000 to 18,000 square feet. "What we have at the museum is a capacity problem," Jeff West, executive director of The Sixth Floor, told *The Dallas Morning News*. "In the summer months especially, it's crowded and we have long lines. And we don't know how many people, because of that, just walk away."

The museum opened 11 years ago. The first part of the expansion calls for connecting the two floors by extending the shaft of the special elevator that takes about 20,000 visitors a year directly to The Sixth Floor. A stairwell also will be added to connect the floors.

Then, contractors will begin preparing the seventh floor, now used as storage space for Dallas County. Officials hope to open the new floor next summer.

West said instead of focusing on the events surrounding the assassination of Kennedy, the seventh floor would showcase the American presidency itself. For example, exhibits might include a presentation on first ladies or the White House.

West said the intent is to capture more first-time and repeat local visitors. He compared The Sixth Floor to the Statue of Liberty in that many New Yorkers view the landmark as solely a tourist attraction.

Even out of towners said they would return for the new exhibit.

"I'd definitely come back and see it again," said Orien Denham, a resident of Alexandria, La., while taking his first tour. "I think it would be great."

To help raise the museum's profile in North Texas, the advertising firm Publicis-Mid America volunteered to produce a free marketing campaign.

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### Make mark to affect our issues

We've all heard that voting is our civic duty. We've heard that it's not a right but a privilege. We've been reminded about the people who have suffered for the vote, protested for the vote, died for the vote.

And still, when election day comes, many of us will never make it to the polls. Many of us will never even have registered.

And why should we care about who wins this presidential election? It seems the issues important to our generation are never even addressed. It appears that our concerns are not a high priority on the candidates' agendas.

James Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, said the lowest voter turnout has consistently been the 18 to 21 age bracket. The only group that votes less frequently is the 85 years or older bracket, he said.

But it doesn't have to be.

We say we are not a priority, but if we want to be a priority we must make sure our voices are heard. If we do not vote, we are rejecting our role in deciding how we are governed. And if we reject our role in democracy, we cannot whine about health care, the environment, poverty, abortion or any other issue we deem important.

As author Louis L'Amour put it, "To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain."

But simply voting doesn't fulfill our duty. Blindly choosing a candidate is just about as bad as not voting at all.

Having a voice is not enough. We must make informed decisions about the issues and the candidates so that when we speak, the nation listens.

In a presidential race as close as the one between Gore and Bush, in a race where the winner will likely select three or four Supreme Court justices, it is vital that our generation opens our mouth. What we utter could make all the difference.

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## Races need a reality check

### Look closer at biases before making snap judgments

Self-adulation always bothers me. Plenty of people, myself included, are proud of being black and proud of being Christians, but their race and their religion is not all that defines them. People shouldn't think that they have any reason to feel more important or prouder of themselves because they were born into a better social or economic status than someone else, because they are of a different race or because they go to TCU while others might attend Tarrant County College.

Those types of attitudes are what promote racism, discrimination, and hatred. But what is shocking is that those who hold these opinions sometimes, in their naiveté, label attempts to promote equality as reverse discrimination.

I am tired of hearing about how "The Man" is oppressing the white race, lowering standards for minorities and limiting the opportunities white students have. The idea that minorities are just receiving hand-outs is so naive.

Well, maybe it's right to some extent. When I filled out the application for admission to TCU, I didn't fill in the fact that I was a 16-year-old senior with a 3.7 GPA, and I didn't even write the required essay. I simply put that I was black, and the next day I received my acceptance letter which informed me that I had received a Chancellor Scholarship.

Nope. Wrong. Didn't happen!

I had to apply just like anyone else; I had to wait just like anyone else; and I filled out a FAFSA (Federal Application For Student Aid) form just like almost everyone else did.

A lot of people agree that affirmative action needs to change, but not be eliminated. It's hard for someone to criticize something that they've never needed.

It's a simple fact that people with more money usually get a better education. Even in our public high school systems, those who live in better neighborhoods usually attend better schools than those who can't afford to move. That's what's unfair, not affirmative action.

And then, there are some people that want to make a big deal about Black History Month and how it's unnecessary or unfair. As if 28 days of celebrating one-twelfth of the information that is not included in textbooks and not taught in most public schools and universities is really doing injustice to the rest of America.

In every level of education we learned more than the fact that blacks used to pick cotton and Mexicans come from Mexico, maybe we wouldn't have to designate months of the year like Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month. If more money was invested into making sure all students, no matter what race or economic status, could have the same opportunities early on in life, maybe we wouldn't have to give an edge to the lesser qualified person applying for a job or for admission into college or graduate school.

People make it seem as if the "tables are being turned" and now blacks are getting their turn to oppress the white man. As if having Black Entertainment Television and a few shows on UPN and the WB means we're taking over America. Come on. Get real. America is still run by the majority — upper-class, rich, white men.

I'm not saying that all whites are racist or naive. That is far from true. But it is important that whites and people of all races take a closer look into the issues before attempting to dissect them.

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#### Commentary



JOHN SARGENT

## Nader obvious presidential choice after debate

Well, I just got done watching the presidential "debate," and boy is my bullcrap detector tired.

Frankly I'm more concerned now than ever that we the People are doomed. I'll tell you right now that come Election Day I'm going to march right down to the ballot box and, doing my best to hide my hopeful desperation, cast my vote for Ralph Nader.

What? Voting against Bush in Texas? I might as well shoot myself in the head and hope I don't die. De-

spite the fact every poll in the country shows Nader doing far better than the media would have us think, I've resigned myself to the fact that the American people are too (insert derogatory adjective here) to do the smart thing and vote in the best person for the job.

So, faced with the sad fact one of the two jokers speaking at the University of Massachusetts at Boston Tuesday night is going to be the president, my interest in watching the debate was in which one of them I'd mind the least.

Like I said, I'm more concerned now than ever.

The thing started off like a bad episode of "Who's Line is it Anyway?" with Bush, Gore and moderator Jim Lehrer spending a lot of time looking at each other, waiting for someone to say something important.

And what's up with Lehrer, any-

way? Why does he get to pick all the questions? Does hosting your own show on PBS give you the right to act like The Great and Powerful Oz, carefully guarding the questions from any inquiring minds in the weeks prior to Tuesday night's activities? Hey, Jim, we all know what the issues are, maybe you should be a little less concerned with hiding the questions and focus more on keeping these two golden-tongues within the time limits they agreed to before the whole shebang got underway.

Which leads me to my next point. I mean, it took literally months for the two "camps" to finally agree on the "proper format" for Tuesday night's debate, and then the participants just blatantly violated the time limits of their arguments whenever they felt like it. Hmmm ... should we really believe those campaign promises, fellas?

OK, so maybe I'm a little bit too cynical, and I'll admit the time limit thing is a little bit nit-picky, but here's something that shouldn't go without being touched upon: Bush, for all his attempts to appear to be a serious candidate (he's not, by the way), just couldn't resist cracking on Al Gore with a reference to the Veep's claim of inventing the Internet. Uh, memo to Big Ears: I'm not sure you want to move the debate material into the awfully shaky ground of who's got the most ridiculous sound bites. I mean, be careful. You'd hate for Al to hold you "hostile."

And before you think I'm letting Gore off easy, let me just say the most impressive thing about his performance was his incredible skill at memorization. If you want someone who can deftly spout the party line, America, Gore is your robot.

While both men are probably not

real robots, they might as well be. They're both in the pockets of huge corporations with fat wads of the softest money imaginable. I'll give props to Gore for at least getting permission from his owners to drop buzz words like "public financing of federal campaigns." Bush seemed to want a prize for his ability to get money from special interests ... more likely the people pulling his strings were just a bit too busy coming up with clever phrases like "compassionate conservatism" and "Medi-Scare" to write him a usable script. And we've all seen the disastrous results that come about when he tries to improv.

And as far as tax cuts, let me just say both men are acting like that homeless guy no one will give money to because you know he's just going to spend it on alcohol. Our country is \$5 trillion in debt and the second we save a measly couple bil-

lion in one year, we suddenly have a "surplus" in the treasury. Add up \$5 billion and subtract \$5 trillion and see what kind of surplus it generates. Clearly this talk of tax cuts is just our glorious candidates playing politics trying to get elected.

Both of these candidates are at best a bad joke and at worst an insult to democracy and to the American people. I'm excited and refreshed to vote for Ralph Nader, and I encourage anyone who is tired of choosing between the lesser of two evils to check out his Web site (www.votenader.com).

Me? I'm going to be working on hiding that hopeful desperation ... and it just keeps getting tougher everyday.

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#### Commentary



DANIEL BRAMLETTE

## Black pride stems from continued lack of color in the world

How sad it is that on the dawn of the 21st century, people still exist who can't see the color of water. These people fail to see what's plainly evident before them.

Why do we have Black Entertainment Television? Why do we have the Circus of Soul? Why do we have the Miss Black America Pageant? Why do we

have the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc. in Dallas?

The answers are simple.

Ask yourself what the new fall TV lineup is. How many black women do you see in pageants? Are black women not beautiful and benefit, just as white women, from pageants? Of course we do. Our own Marshawn Evans has been participating in pageants since she was a young girl and won several scholarships from her pageant participation. Can black people not act? Of course we can. Denzel Washington won an Oscar for the movie "Glory." Bill Cosby had one of the top-rated sitcoms in the '80s and early '90s.

So why do we have all of the

previously mentioned corporations and programs?

The answer is simple.

We have them because as an entire race, black people have been excluded from television, awards shows, pageants, colleges, etc. You name it and I can find a black person who's been excluded from it.

I'm happy for people being proud of who they are. They should be proud of the person God created them to be. I'm not taking anything away from that. But by the same token, they shouldn't get their feelings hurt when my people and I show the same pride in who we are.

Black pride could be seen just

as negatively as white pride — the Black Panther group from the '70s was not a group who supported feline animals. But because blacks were oppressed for more than 400 years, it is justifiable for the group of oppressors, white people, and the oppressed, black people, to be proud of from whence black people have come.

I hate to bust any white people's bubbles, but more times than not, if you're white, your ancestors contributed to the enslavement of black people. Who captured Africans and brought them over in slave ships? Who were we running from — ourselves? Very few slaves were fortunate enough to buy their

freedom and own plantations. But the majority of slave owners were white people. But I bet a lot of white people didn't even know that. That's why we need Black History Month. We learned about white history in every aspect of history taught in school, as if black people only showed up in the cotton fields, jail, sports and music.

Television is dominated by white people. I have yet to see the fascination in "Friends," and "Seinfeld" was not that funny to me. Yet, I still don't know why "Living Single" and "New York Undercover" were canceled. Even MTV doesn't show a variety of black musicians and, instead, continues

to show people like Master P with more half-naked black women than a gynecologist's office.

So why do we have black pride?

The answer is simple.

Because we have the freedom to. And we're going to continue to exercise that freedom until we can "speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics," will see one another, not as a color, but as children of God — equally.

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#### Commentary



YONINA ROBERTSON



# Faces & names

A look at the people who bring life to the university

## Thomas Guderjan anthropology professor

By Natascha Terc  
Photo by Jennifer Klein

Never the kind of kid who collected rocks and arrowheads, Thomas Guderjan, professor of anthropology at TCU, said his passion for learning about the past still lies elsewhere.

"Trying to understand a society in which you cannot talk to anyone, and trying to gain insight to something 2,000-years-old is like the ultimate unsolvable puzzle," Guderjan said.

Guderjan, director of the Maya research program which sponsors excavations in the ancient community of Blue Creek in northern Belize, has been doing fieldwork there for nearly 10 years.

Guderjan said the main purpose of the program is to understand what a Mayan city is all about.

Every year, Guderjan leads four two-week sessions in Blue Creek, which attract students and faculty from all over the world.

Guderjan said the groups dig around in ancient residences in a 65 square mile radius to try to find out when and how the people lived.

"Each person deals with a piece of the puzzle and I try to keep the pieces integrated," Guderjan said. "We have only begun to scratch the surface."

One of the reasons Blue Creek stands out as an excavation site, Guderjan said, is the staggering amount of jade in the area.

In 1995, Guderjan's team discovered the third largest cache of jade artifacts ever found.

"We are trying to find out what makes that place so different and special," Guderjan said. "It is certainly not the size."

Guderjan said TCU students will benefit because the program is becoming one of the largest and most important research programs in Latin America.

"TCU students will be able to go to Blue Creek and later have the possibility of being supported in their careers by having research underwritten," Guderjan said.

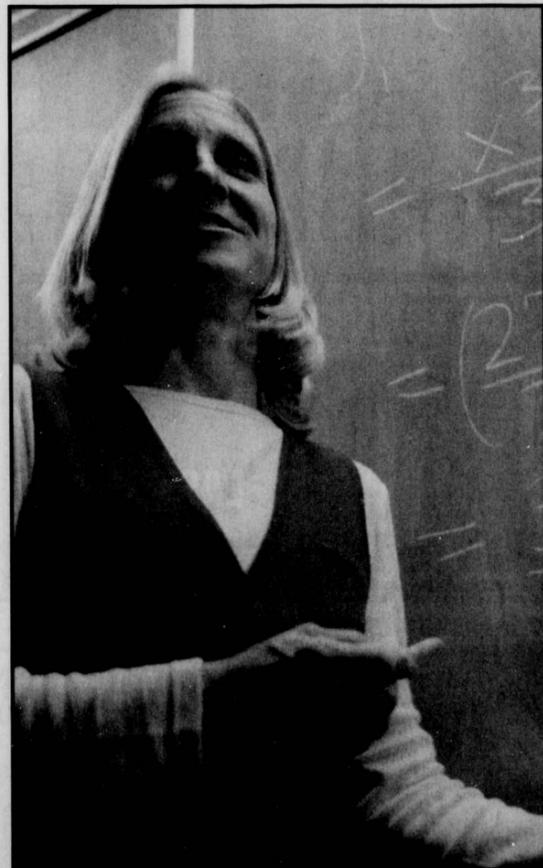
There are plans for a month-long field school in Blue Creek in which TCU students can earn credit toward their degree, Guderjan said.

Currently, there is not an anthropology major at TCU, but Guderjan said that is why he and Miguel Leatham, assistant professor of anthropology, were brought to TCU this semester.

Guderjan said the administration has been supportive and is moving fast, and he hopes students will have the option of majoring in anthropology by the spring semester.

Leatham, who specializes in cultural anthropology, said this is a time of long-awaited growth and change in the anthropology department.

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## Rhonda Hatcher mathematics professor

By Mark Lewis  
Photo by Jennifer Klein

Her mother never graduated from college. Her father received his undergraduate degree at 35, and he was the first of his family to graduate from high school. No one knew what path the young woman from Colorado would follow, not even herself.

Now, 13 years after earning a Ph.D. from Harvard University, Rhonda Hatcher, the recipient of this year's Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching, works to maintain her successful life at home and in the classroom.

"I don't come from a traditional academic background family,"

Hatcher said. "(My parents) were both raised on farms: they are not math people in the least. I took a big jump to get a Ph.D."

Armed with her doctorate degree, Hatcher now lives the roles of an active mother, wife and associate professor of mathematics. She raises two children, Nolan, 14, and Alex, 11, with her husband, George Gilbert. In the classes she teaches, she is responsible for 56 students.

"I have two focuses," Hatcher said. "My children and teaching are two separate worlds for me. But I view my students as my children because I'm responsible for both, so I'm very careful to make sure I do those things well."

"That's why sometimes my car

just doesn't get washed or why the housework doesn't get done. But in the big picture, it's pretty well-balanced. I just don't sleep very much."

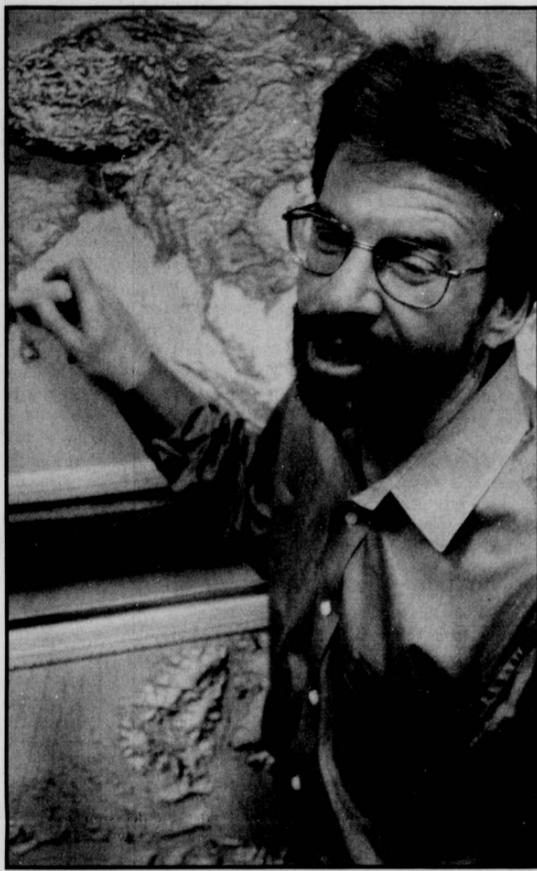
Smiling, laughing and providing a casual atmosphere is what she said is part of her secret to good teaching.

"The question is, how do you get students to understand (mathematics)? A lot of that has to do with personality," Hatcher said. "I probably have much more of an outgoing personality than they expect and a sense of humor."

Her students said they find her charisma to be an essential part of her style.

Lyndsey Blott, a senior

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## Jeffrey Roet geology lecturer

By Sarah McClellan  
Photo by Jennifer Klein

Teaching geography is more than just a job for geography lecturer Dr. Jeff. It's his life.

"It's my hobby, my profession — I don't separate it from play and my personal life," Roet said, while pointing to the picture on his desk of his 4-month-old daughter, Jordana, holding a globe. "Even my wife is a geographer."

Roet's fascination with geography began when he was 19 after a friend inherited \$300,000 and bought him a round-trip ticket to India. He stayed for a year, and became interested in the relationship between transportation and cities.

Since his trip to India, Roet has traveled to every continent except Antarctica. His trips aren't vacations, however.

"(My wife and I) travel as geographers doing research, learning about places so I might be a better classroom professor," Roet said. "I bring that expertise and experience to the classroom because I've been there and asked people questions about life in that country."

One of Roet's trips was an "adventure" in Botswana.

"My wife and I rented a car and traveled through African villages meeting people, learning about their lives and how they practice agriculture before going on a safari in the Okavango Delta," Roet said.

During another trip, Roet and his wife hopped onto a bus, whose destination was unknown to them, rode deep into the mountains of Venezuela, and got off at a village, not knowing how they were going to get out of the mountains. There, they met Sister Ana Maria, a nun who befriended them and showed them the ways of the people. She still keeps in contact with them.

"We never would have met her and learned what the people were like if we never got on that bus," Roet said. "The idea is to get off the beaten path. The idea is to explore."

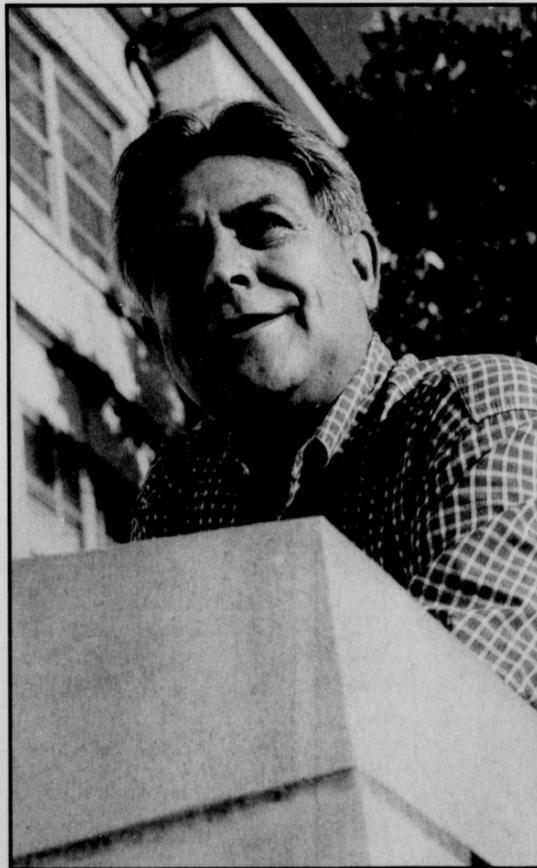
Laura Berry, sophomore English major, enjoys Roet's classes because of his "extreme enthusiasm about geography."

"You come into his class and you can't help but be excited about what you're going to learn," Berry said. "He's so passionate about geography that you have to smile and laugh and stay awake. He helps you put geography into everyday life."

Suzanne Keck, senior history major and geography minor, said Roet puts more of his time into teaching than he has to.

"He takes the time to analyze the students' abilities and point them in a good direction," Keck said. "He tries to match them up with a possible career choice suited to their abilities."

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## Arturo Flores Spanish and Latin American studies professor

By Kristen Delorantis  
Photo by Jennifer Klein

Most children dream about what their future job may be. Arturo Flores, associate professor of Spanish and Latin American studies, grew up and turned his dream into a reality.

"Since I was a little boy, my dream was to be a teacher," he said. "When I was 10, I remember my composition. The teacher said to write down what you want to be."

When Flores visited the same teacher before venturing into his career, he said she remembered his letter and she knew he would achieve his childhood goal.

Flores was born and raised in

Chile, received a bachelors degree in Spanish Literature and, after making the decision to move to the United States, completed his masters degree at Arizona State University. He went on to attain his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona.

With these credentials, Flores taught Chicano Studies and Spanish at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. Shortly after he began his job there, he came to TCU, and has been teaching in the Spanish department for 15 years.

Flores believes he has paid a high price for his success, considering the death of his father.

"My father was a mechanical engineer, and (he) always wanted me to do the same," he said. "He was

very upset when I told him I was going to teach. I think it was very hard for him, and he never ever forgave me."

In addition to deciding not to follow in his father's footsteps, Flores left the country to pursue his goal.

"I think I lost him in a way then too," he said. "In 1988, when I was ready to go, he was sick. It was hard for me because I couldn't arrive there on time, and he died before I saw him."

Flores knows the decisions he made were against his father's wishes, but he knows deep down his father was proud of him.

"I know he always wanted the best for me," he said. "My mother

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# Racial profiling evident in traffic stops

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — State troopers are more likely to ticket black drivers than whites in many of Texas' rural counties, according to a statistical analysis published Wednesday.

In *The Dallas Morning News*' study, researchers who reviewed 1999 traffic tickets written by troopers found that in 28 mostly rural Texas counties, blacks received twice the number that were given to the general driving population.

"There's no way you can explain this level of variation except there's got to be some kind of intent involved," said Gary Bledsoe, president of the state National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter.

The data noted that the Texas Department of Public Safety officers did not denote Hispanic drivers when

## Black drivers more likely to be ticketed

writing tickets, and therefore Hispanics could not be included in the study.

The analysis conducted by the newspaper included figures on 894,702 traffic tickets issued last year by DPS troopers.

It found that statewide, blacks received about the same proportion of tickets — 10 percent — as their statewide driving-age population who garner 11 percent of the tickets issued.

But in 84 of 193 counties, blacks received more tickets than expected, compared with 28 counties where whites received more tickets than anticipated.

In another 28 counties, blacks received at least double the number of tickets expected. Five of those counties do not have an interstate highway. The study compared the percentage of tickets issued, by race, with the racial demographics of the

county where they were issued.

Recording of traffic stops by DPS troopers, which was revealed last month, has been defended by the agency, which began keeping records in response to public concern about racial profiling.

Civil-rights leaders said the *Morning News* analysis underscored the idea that black motorists are targeted by law enforcement along state highways through the profiling practice.

But others who studied the figures, including statistics professors, said no conclusions about racial profiling can be drawn because a key element is missing — the number of minority drivers on any given highway.

James Francis, chairman of the Department of Public Safety Board, said he believes the study is fundamentally

flawed because it compares ticketed drivers with each county's racial makeup — but does not take into account that highway travelers might be from another place.

"I'm not going to start a massive investigation unless, and until, there is some indication that something is going on," said Francis, criticizing the implication that troopers drew upon racial profiling techniques.

Allegations of racial profiling by police have become a volatile political issue around the country. Five states have outlawed the tactics and dozens of police departments are gathering ethnic statistics on people who are stopped.

Last month, researchers found that whites and Asians had an 8 percent chance of being pulled over by San Diego police during the first six months of this year. Blacks and Hispanics had a 14 percent chance of being stopped, they found.

# Palestinians continue clashes with Israeli army

## Six killed Wednesday as Paris talks continue

By Laura King  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Fierce fighting erupted Wednesday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with Israeli troops firing armor-piercing missiles after an isolated army outpost came under Palestinian gunfire. But an uneasy calm reigned in much of the Palestinian territories amid a U.S.-mediated peace effort.

Six Palestinians died Wednesday, including a 13-year-old boy killed by Israeli fire in fighting at Netzarim Junction in central Gaza, scene of some of the worst clashes in week-long violence. In all, the fighting has left 63 people dead and more than 1,800 injured, most of them Palestinians.

Although the two sides were talking again — with Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ehud Barak brought together in Paris by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright — the protesters' fury did not appear spent.

In the northern West Bank town of Tulkarem, a 22-year-old Palestinian man was shot dead in a protracted firefight. In the divided town of Hebron, shots were fired from the Palestinian sector into the Israeli-controlled downtown sector where the army imposed a curfew on some 30,000 Palestinian residents.

The violence also crept closer to Jerusalem. Shots were fired at four homes in the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of the city, close to Bethlehem, police said. There were no injuries.

At the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, onlookers said army helicopters shot five rockets at buildings near the army outpost, and that live bullets were fired into a stone-throwing crowd. Hundreds of terrified protesters flung themselves flat on the ground.

Thirteen-year-old Muhammad Abu-Asy was running from the helicopter when he was shot and killed, said Palestinian medic Yasser Ashour, adding that it was not clear

whether the fire came from the gunship or the army post. The medic said the boy was dead by the time he reached him, and that he and his colleague were struck by rubber bullets when they tried to lift the boy's body into the ambulance.

When one man was wounded by a bullet or shrapnel while lying flat, fellow protesters, trying to keep as low to the ground as they could, dragged and pushed him 300 yards to an ambulance, passing him from one person to the next.

The army said the rockets were aimed at a Palestinian police post, which it said was the source of massive firing.

In the West Bank, gun battles broke out near Joseph's Tomb, a Jewish enclave in the troubled town of Nablus, but Palestinian police for the first time in days moved to keep Palestinians out of the area.

Three Israeli soldiers were lightly wounded in an exchange of fire near the Palestinian town of Bet Sahour, next to Bethlehem, the Israeli military said.

As Palestinians slain in earlier fighting were buried, some young mourners went directly from funeral processions to the front lines.

In Gaza's Jabaliya refugee camp, the father of 17-year-old Omar Mohammed Suleyman wept hard as his son's body, wrapped in a white shroud, was lowered into a sandy grave. Suleyman's young friends looked on, grim-faced — and then immediately left for Netzarim, where he had been killed the day before. "Allahu akbar!" — God is great! — they shouted as they went.

Meanwhile, the radical Islamic group Hamas denounced the Paris peace effort, saying it represented "careless disregard for the blood of our martyrs." In leaflets distributed in the West Bank, the group — which violently opposes any peace accord — called for new confrontations on Thursday and Friday throughout the West Bank, Gaza and inside Israel.

# Court annuls part of Yugoslavian election

## Opposition may refuse if runoff election is required, officials say

By Jovana Gec  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — In what may be an attempt to buy time for Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslavia's highest court invalidated parts of the presidential election on Wednesday after thousands of opposition supporters forced police to back off from seizing a strikebound mine.

The constitutional court ruling, reported by the state news agency Tanjug, came in a case brought by the opposition — which sought to have Vojislav Kostunica declared the winner of last month's election.

Instead, the court annulled "parts" of the election, the agency said, adding details of the ruling would be made public Thursday. If the presidential vote — or even parts of it —

must be repeated, it means Milosevic retains power longer.

The announcement came on the eve of a planned mass rally in Belgrade that the opposition hoped would be the final push to force Milosevic to concede defeat.

Milosevic acknowledges Kostunica finished first in a five-candidate field on Sept. 24 but without a majority needed to avoid a runoff Sunday. The opposition has rejected a runoff.

Opposition official Goran Svilanovic said he believes the opposition will also not agree to take part in a rerun of the first round.

"We have our elected president," he said. "These are things we can discuss, but my initial reaction is that there can be no bargaining."

The opposition, challenging the official findings of the Federal Electoral Commission, went to Yugoslavia's highest court earlier Wednesday, appealing to the justices to grant them victory in the presidential elections.

The court met in emergency session Wednesday to hear complaints by the 18-party opposition coalition, maintaining Milosevic's supporters manipulated election results by using a sophisticated software program.

Opposition leaders said they had obtained a copy of the program and would use it to illustrate how the vote was rigged to favor Milosevic's candidacy.

Earlier Wednesday, Milosevic's police abandoned barricades at a striking coal mine 25 miles south of Belgrade and mingled with thousands of workers seeking to topple the Yugoslav president.

The turnout gave opposition forces hope that the regime was mortally wounded.

The stunning and swift turn of events at the Kolubara mine complex was unprecedented in a former communist nation with no history of major worker uprisings. It caught even

top opposition figures off guard. They rushed to join more than 10,000 protesters at the mine and predicted Milosevic's quick demise.

Opposition leaders issued an "ultimatum" for Milosevic to resign by 3 p.m. Thursday — the time set for the Belgrade rally.

In an open letter Wednesday to Milosevic before the court's ruling, Kostunica said "it will be better for you to recognize" electoral defeat or risk "the danger of open clashes" nationwide.

"Serbia has risen so that one man would leave," Kostunica told cheering workers and their supporters at the Kolubara mine.

Only hours earlier, police in riot gear had poured in and occupied the strip mine complex in an attempt to break up the largest of the nationwide strikes against Milosevic. But the police couldn't contain a swelling crowd that heeded the workers' cry for help.

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## pulse sidelines

### Illness won't keep Printers out of action Saturday, coaches say

Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers did not practice Wednesday because of flu-like symptoms, head coach Dennis Franchione said. However, Franchione said Printers should be ready for Saturday's game against Hawaii.

Sophomore quarterback Sean Stiley ran the first and second-team offenses during practice. During 7-on-7 drills, he completed several deep passes to senior Cedric James and sophomore LaTarence Dunbar.

### Golfer Adam Rubinson named WAC Player of the Month

After three top 20 finishes in as many September events, sophomore Adam Rubinson was selected as the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Month for men's golf. He moved up to 18th in the Golfweek/Sagarin Men's Top 100 rankings by the month's end.

"I'm excited because it means that a lot of hard work is finally paying off," Rubinson said in a press release. "I've worked a lot at both the physical and mental aspects of the game and I'm happy to see that they're coming together. Other than my family and friends, I've put more effort into golf than anything else."

Rubinson opened the fall season with a four-under-par 212 (68-71-73) to tie for third out of 75 competitors at The Ridges Intercollegiate Invitational. His efforts helped carry TCU to the team championship in a 14-team field that included nine ranked schools.

He placed 19th individually at the Inverness Intercollegiate Tournament, shooting a 225.

Rubinson continued his hot stretch at the 16-team NCAA Preview on Sept. 25 and 26. Competing against a field that included 20 of Golf World's top 25 rated players in the country, he tied for eighth out of 80 golfers with a two-round total of 145 (73-72).

For the month, Rubinson posted a 72.75 stroke average over eight rounds, with a low round of 68.

### Njubi, Schacht named WAC Runners of the Week

TCU's Eliud Njubi and Robin Schacht were selected as the Western Athletic Conference Runners of the Week. Njubi, a native of Kenya, finished second in the competitive field of 148 at the Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree. He ran the 8000-meter terrain in 24:12, crossing 14 seconds behind the winner. Njubi won the North Texas Season Opener, his only other competition so far this season.

Schacht has consistently been TCU's No. 2 runner throughout the season. At the Oklahoma State Jamboree, she finished third, with a season-best 5000-meter time of 17:58. Schacht helped the Horned Frogs earn their third team title in as many meets. She has earned a pair of third-place finishes and one second-place finish this fall.

### Abbott and Mariners' bullpen shut down White Sox offense

CHICAGO (AP) — Paul Abbott pitched like a playoff veteran and Seattle's bullpen was nearly unhit-table once again. That's why the road-tough Mariners are headed home with a 2-0 lead over the Chicago White Sox in their division series.

Shutting down Frank Thomas and Chicago's high-scoring offense for a second straight game, the Mariners beat the White Sox 5-2 Wednesday.

Abbott gave up just five hits and two runs over 5 2/3 innings to win.

### Giants take first playoff game behind pitching of Hernandez

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Livan Hernandez held the Mets to five hits over 7 2/3 innings and Barry Bonds fought back his playoff demons with an RBI triple and a key single as the San Francisco Giants beat New York 5-1 Wednesday.

Hernandez wasn't dominant, but he picked up where he left off in the post-season three years ago. Hernandez retired the Mets' first seven hitters, allowing his only run on a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

### Yankees even the series 1-1 with revamped batting lineup

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Andy Pettitte's near-flawless pitching and a radically revamped lineup allowed the New York Yankees to temporarily delay obituaries for the two-time defending World Series champions.

Pettitte allowed five hits in 7 2/3 scoreless innings and the Yankees defeated the Oakland Athletics 4-0 Wednesday night to tie their best-of-five American League division series at 1-1.

## Volleyball weekly

BY COLLEEN CASEY

### Road trip to experience Volley Frogs face Nevada and No. 2 Hawaii

When head volleyball coach Sandy Troutd began her practice Tuesday afternoon she didn't once mention the two upcoming road games, except to remind the team to bring their swimsuits.

Troutd said she wants the team to relax and enjoy the experience and not focus too much on who they are playing.

"I think we'll maintain our serving, blocking and defense, which we've improved on," Troutd said. "Though we will also need to have good ball control and pass well."

Thursday night the Volley Frogs will play at Nevada, before traveling to Hawaii to face the USA Today/American Volleyball Coaches Association No. 2-ranked Rainbow Wahine on Sunday.

Since Nevada is new to the Western Athletic Conference this season, the past few days Troutd has been reviewing game tapes of the Wolf Pack's previous matches. She also said she hopes her team can overlook the distractions involved with playing a premier program like Hawaii.

"It's hard to focus on Nevada, especially because I have no expectations of them," sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist Jennifer Cuca said. "But I think we'll get through the weekend with a lot more experience."

Troutd said Nevada is playing well this season, despite a record of 4-9, 1-2 in conference. She said she considers Nevada the best WAC opponent they will have played thus far — until they face Hawaii. Troutd said she hopes the team can stay consistent throughout the entire match and stay strong mentally.

"(Nevada) is really powerful in the middle," Troutd said. "I think they'll be a handful. It should be a dogfight."

No matter what happens in Reno, Nev., Troutd said there is nothing that will change what will be awaiting the Volley Frogs when they arrive in Honolulu to face a 12-0 Hawaii team.

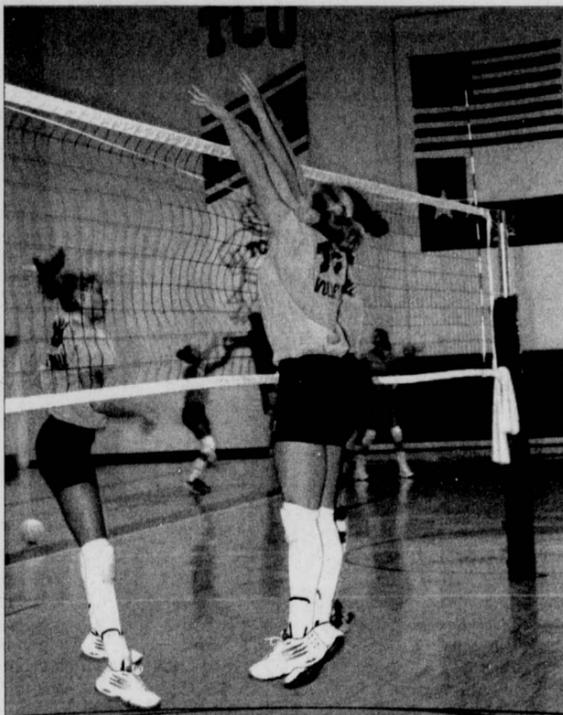
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#### Volley Frogs continue WAC play in Nevada and Hawaii

The Volley Frogs play Nevada at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Old Gymnasium in Reno, Nev., and from there travel to Hawaii for a midnight match on Sunday at Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu. The Sheriff Center holds a capacity of 10,300 people, and Troutd expects it will be close to a full-house.

#### Barlow pushes Hayes to maintain steady improvement

Junior setter Lindsay Hayes was



Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

At 10-7, the TCU volleyball team is off to its best start in the program's five-year history. The Frogs will be tested this weekend when they play on the road at Nevada and the nation's No. 2-ranked Hawaii.

"Volleyball is huge in Honolulu," Troutd said. "As soon as we walk off the plane, every waitress, server, and luggage handler will know we came to play in the match. Little girls will come up to (senior outside hitter) Amy (Atamanczuk) and know her name."

Troutd said circumstances, such as being famous for a weekend, obviously make it difficult for the team to focus on the actual game. However, freshman middle blocker Courtney Beach said her first match in Hawaii will be a valuable

opportunity for development. "It's an awesome chance, and I'm excited about it," Beach said. "We're hoping to stay in the game and really compete with them."

Despite the imposing challenge, Atamanczuk said the team is prepared to play its usual game.

"If we can win at least one game against Hawaii, that should mean we can win three," Atamanczuk said.

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### > Team leaders

Kills		Service Aces	
Amy Atamanczuk	289	Amy Atamanczuk	29
Marci King	208	Marci King / Tori Barlow	15
Jennifer Sebastian	122	Jennifer Cuca	13
Total attacks		Digs	
Amy Atamanczuk	718	Marci King	193
Marci King	475	Amy Atamanczuk	185
Allison Lynch	305	Lindsay Hayes	129
Assists		Total Blocks	
Lindsay Hayes	745	Jennifer Sebastian	79
Tori Barlow	65	Allison Lynch	73
Marci King	40	Marci King	46

### > Team statistics

	TCU	Opp.
Kills	1024	1021
Errors	392	473
Total attacks	2616	2698
Attack percentage	242	203
Kills per game	15.5	15.5
Assists	892	879
Assists per game	13.5	13.3
Service aces	107	122
Service errors	161	140
Digs	997	999
Digs per game	15.1	15.1
Total blocks	192.0	137.5
Blocks per game	2.9	2.1
Block errors	51	39

## Wisconsin suspends three athletes

By J.R. Ross  
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MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin suspended three basketball players Wednesday, including two from its Final Four team, for eight games for receiving unadvertised discounts at a shoe store.

Men's basketball players Maurice Linton and Travon Davis and women's player Krista Bird must sit out the first eight games this season, close their open accounts at the Shoe Box and repay more than \$500 in benefits they each received to restore their eligibility, the school said.

Another 37 winter and spring student-athletes who received extra benefits at the store won't miss any games. But they must close out their accounts and repay the amount of the extra benefit to a local charity.

Sixteen of those athletes who received benefits of between \$100 and \$299 also must perform 24 hours of community service. They include Roy Boone, Andy Kowske and Mark Vershaw, all senior starters on the men's basketball team.

Fellow starter Mike Kelley received extra benefits of less than \$100 and will only have to close his account and make a donation to charity.

The university's action Wednesday brings the number of Badgers athletes disciplined for receiving substantial discounts on shoes and clothing at the Shoe Box to 121.

In August, 26 football players received suspensions ranging from one to three games for the discounts they received. Also, a women's soccer player was suspended for two games as part of

the investigation that began after a report in the Wisconsin State Journal this summer detailing purchases by eight members of the Badgers' Final Four basketball team and 14 players from the Rose Bowl champion football team.

The newspaper reported players received discounts of 25 percent to 40 percent and interest-free credit.

Linton, who averaged 4.5 points and 2.7 rebounds, is expected to be the team's starting small forward. Davis averaged 2.1 points last season and likely will be the backup point guard.

They must serve their suspensions within the opening eight games, not counting exhibition games. But the university has appealed to the NCAA to allow the suspensions to be staggered over the first half of the season, 13 games.

## QUIET but DEADLY

### Overlooked defense a big part of team's success, coaches say

By Matt Stiver  
SKIFF STAFF

It may not get much publicity. USA Today hasn't written a story featuring its exploits.

Yet coaches say the TCU defense, which toils in relative anonymity, is a major reason why the Frogs are currently undefeated and ranked No. 14 in the nation.

"We don't really pay attention to stats or national rankings," head coach Dennis Franchione said. "Our motto is 'one more point,' and our defense has put us in a position to win every game."

While others may not pay attention, the Frogs have compiled some impressive numbers.

The TCU defense ranks among the top five in four national categories this season. The Frogs rank No. 1 in scoring defense (6.75 points per game), No. 1 in passing efficiency, No. 2 in total defense (199.75 yards per game, only 0.55 yards behind Clemson) and No. 4 in passing defense (119.25 yards per game).

Defensive coordinator Gary Patterson said he had a feeling before the season began that his defensive unit would be a strong one. "The kids worked hard in spring, and it's starting to show," Patterson said.

Facing both run-oriented teams and pass-happy ones, the TCU defense has still managed to perform well.

One week after the Frogs held Northwestern to 14 points and 145 yards, the Wildcats blitzed then-No. 3 Wisconsin for 47 points and 544 yards.

One week later, the Wildcats hung 37 points and 500 yards on then No. 18 Michigan State.

Northwestern's Damien Anderson rushed for 219 yards against the Spartans. The Frogs held him to 90.

"Look at how some of the teams we've played have performed in recent weeks," Franchione said. "I think it's a credit to our defense."

Against Navy on Saturday, the TCU defense made sure a 24-0 final score was not indicative of the game. The Frogs held Navy to 120 yards and only allowed the Midshipmen into TCU territory twice, ensuring a first quarter field goal would be all the offense TCU would need.

Senior safety Curtis Fuller said the quality of the defense lies in its ability to play within Patterson's system.

"We do the little things, like staying in our base coverage, to win games," Fuller said. "We come out every week (in practice) and make sure we don't do things to beat ourselves."

Franchione said the speed and athleticism of the unit's athletes have allowed the defense to perform at a high level.

"There have been a few times where an opposing player looked like he might break out for a long gain, but then we just swarmed," Franchione said. "Speed is definitely a strength for us. It's not the whole story, but it's a big part."

Despite four solid performances, Fuller said the defense has not reached its potential.

"I don't really think we've really played as well as we're capable yet," Fuller said. "We haven't put four solid quarters together."

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## heismanTROPHYwatch

**1 Virginia Tech sophomore quarterback Michael Vick** led the Hokies to a 48-34 victory against Boston College. While his passing numbers (5 of 17, 161 yards and one interception) were not impressive, his rushing numbers controlled the game. Vick ran 16 times for 210 yards and three touchdowns. For the season, Vick has 902 total yards, 10 touchdowns and two interceptions. The Hokies host Temple next week.

**2 Florida State senior quarterback Chris Weinke** led the Seminoles to a win and the No. 1 spot in the polls. Weinke completed 11 of 15 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns in a 59-7 win against Maryland. He has thrown for 1,478 yards and 12 touchdowns this season while throwing just three interceptions. Weinke travels to Miami to face the Hurricanes next week.

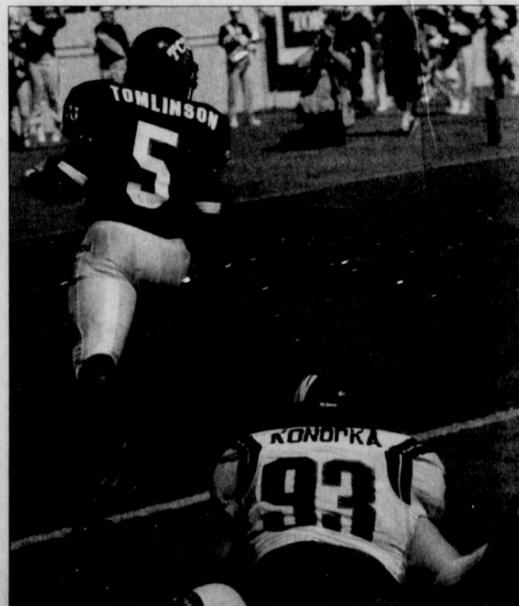
**3 Nebraska senior quarterback Eric Crouch** had 283 all-purpose yards in the Cornhuskers' 42-24 win against

Missouri on Saturday. Crouch threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, giving him 15 total touchdowns this season. Nebraska goes on the road next week to play Iowa State.

**4 Clemson junior Woodrow Dantzler** is new to the list this week, but he can no longer be ignored. Dantzler racked up 308 yards and four touchdowns in the Tigers' 52-22 win against Duke. So far, Dantzler is leading the Atlantic Coast Conference in rushing. Undefeated Clemson plays at home against North Carolina State next weekend.

**5 TCU senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson** wasn't overly impressive in his East Coast showcase against Navy. He ran 33 times for 121 yards and one touchdown in the Horned Frogs' 24-0 blanking of the Midshipmen. Tomlinson now has 680 yards and eight touchdowns this season. TCU hosts winless Hawaii next week.

— Danny Horne



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Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson scores one of his two touchdowns against Northwestern. He has scored eight touchdowns and is ranked second in the nation, averaging 170 yards a game.

## today's menu

Oct. 5, 2000

### The Main Lunch

Ravioli  
Pork stir fry  
Salisbury steak  
London broil  
Dinner  
Cyberwraps  
Southwest eggplant  
Roast turkey

### Worth Hills Lunch

Barbecue brisket

### Dinner

Chicken quesadillas  
Roast turkey

### Eden's Greens Lunch

Fried ravioli  
Hot and sweet tofu  
Fresh glazed carrots with raisins  
Steamed leaf spinach with garlic

### Frogbytes

Late Night  
Same as The Main

### Tomorrow at The Main:

Lunch: Beef and noodles,  
Lemon dill cod, Carved  
smoked brisket with barbecue

Dinner: Beef ragout burgundy,  
Fried catfish, Oven browned  
pot roast

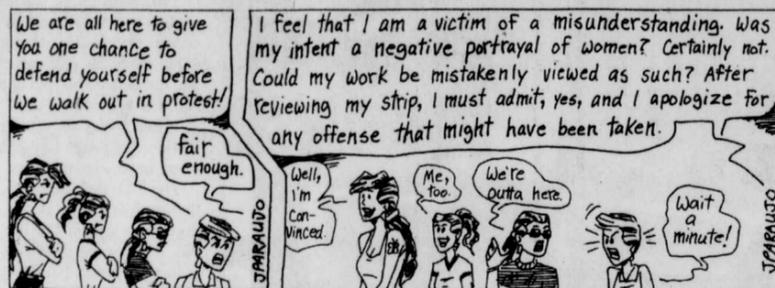
## Lex

by Phil Flickinger



## Academia Nuts

by John P. Araujo



## Off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



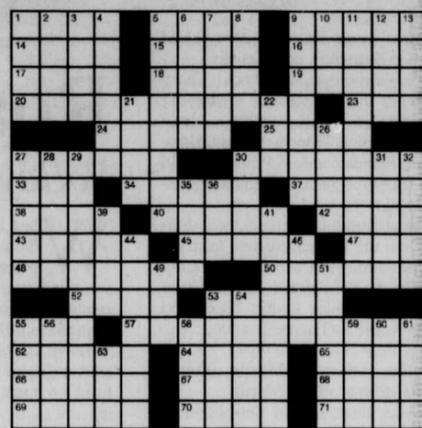
## I Need Help

by Vic Lee



## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Cleansing agent
  - Long nail
  - Commended
  - Fan sound
  - Traditional knowledge
  - Greek coins
  - Assistant
  - Laptop image
  - Remove knots
  - Roast host
  - Hoodwinked
  - Data display
  - U.S. tennis stadium
  - Couple with sixteen arms?
  - Tapering tower
  - So it's you!
  - Follow logically
  - "Six O'clock" painter John
  - Transport by truck
  - Lose sanity
  - Take offense
  - Stephanie
  - Zimbabwe's dad
  - Diminishes
  - Sgt. or cpl.
  - Reputations
  - Liquefied by heat
  - Royale
  - Rock
  - ASAP
  - Secretarial skill
  - "66"
  - Indira's dress
  - Early garden
  - Black-and-white treats
  - Carolina college
  - Capital of Italia
  - Dull finish
  - Deputy of cartoons
  - Aperture for coins
- DOWN
- The Sultan of (Babe Ruth)
  - Columbus' state
  - Verdi opera
  - Magician's
  - exclamation
  - On the way up
  - Nearby
  - Got up
  - Took off
  - Paths taken
  - Abdul Aziz \_\_\_ Saud
  - Relevant
  - Charles Lamb
  - Passed away
  - Finish line
  - Dine
  - Ship's tiller
  - \_\_\_ and aahed
  - Cause friction
  - Device to check bleeding
  - Connery or Lennon
  - Juster's weapon
  - Not from either side
  - Plants seeds
  - Ms. Thurman
  - Hilo garlands



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## Solutions



## Purple Poll

Q: Are you registered to vote?



A: Yes 71 No 29

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