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Vote to restructure SGA invalid, some say

Four absent members' votes not counted in final number

By Hemi Ahluwalia
STAFF REPORTER

Members of the House of Student Representatives whose votes were not counted on a bill to restructure the constitution are raising questions about the validity of the result.

The bill to change the executive portion of the Student Government Association passed with 35 votes at Tuesday's meeting.

Four representatives left after they had turned in their voting slips but before the final vote on the bill. Of those four votes, three were against the bill, said Moncrief Hall representative Grant Hewitt, a freshman political science major and one of the four voters.

Had the three votes against the bill been counted, it would have lacked the necessary votes to pass. The bill needed a two-thirds majority to pass House and go to a student referendum.

At the meeting a motion was brought to have a roll call vote, which entails going down the roll and asking for each representative's vote. If a representative leaves before this takes place, when their name is called it means a no vote, said Brian Becker, elections and regulations committee chair.

"With a roll call vote, the paper slips are not counted unless it is absolutely necessary," Becker said. "We had met quorum, which means that three-fifths of all members of House shall be required to conduct business, so we held the vote."

But Hewitt left before the decision was made to take roll call because of a fraternity obligation, and said he was under the impression the paper vote would count.

Charles Abbott, a Foster Hall representative, also had to leave the meeting to attend a class.

"If I had realized that my vote would not have counted, I would have stayed at the meeting and been late to class," said Abbott, a sophomore international business, environmental science and vocal performance major.

No procedure is written in the bylaws for absentee voting. All four of the representatives were present during attendance roll call, but had to leave before the debates could take place, Hewitt said.

"The debates do not sway the representatives' votes, they go into the meetings with their mind already made up," he said. "Cye Fischer had told me that Jason Cordova, Ben Jenkins and himself had written the bill and since they have been promoting it for two weeks, I had already made up my mind."

Scott McCray, parliamentarian of House, said House debates have been instrumental in deciding his vote.

"It is very sad to think that the

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pulse briefs

College students probably didn't watch second debate

PHILADELPHIA (U-WIRE) — It's a pretty safe bet that most college students didn't watch the presidential debate Wednesday night.

A scary thought for many, considering that by most accounts, the youth of America could be a determining factor in this year's election. Whoever wins the White House in the showdown on Nov. 7 — whether it be Vice President Al Gore or Texas Gov. George W. Bush — will need the notoriously fickle youth vote, according to many experts.

Alison Byrne Fields, creative director and chief strategist for Rock the Vote, feels that those ages 18 to 24 — a group seen by some Americans as powerless in the political process — have a tremendous amount of influence to wield in this election, the closest in decades.

"They do have the power to decide things this time around," she said, explaining that since youth already make its presence felt economically by spending money, it can do the same by voting.

And with four weeks remaining until Election Day, the campaigns have begun to communicate their messages to the young.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader doesn't appear to be having the problem of getting youth support. Many in his campaign are of college age.

"There's a level of sophistication that remains after the demise of the Reform Party," Henry Teune, University of Pennsylvania political science professor, said of students' enthusiasm for the third-party candidate.

— Daily Pennsylvanian
University of Pennsylvania

Many youths ignorant of presidential candidates

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Undecided voters have the potential to swing this year's presidential election, but while many students are grappling with which candidate to vote for, others are left wondering who is on the ballot.

According to a study released Tuesday by the Close Up Foundation, one-third of 16- to 21-year-olds do not know who the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates are, and 75 percent cannot name either of the two vice-presidential candidates.

And although many students at the University of Michigan can name both presidential candidates, they could not name the vice-presidential candidates, often referring to Joe Lieberman as "the Jewish guy" and completely forgetting Dick Cheney's name.

— Michigan Daily
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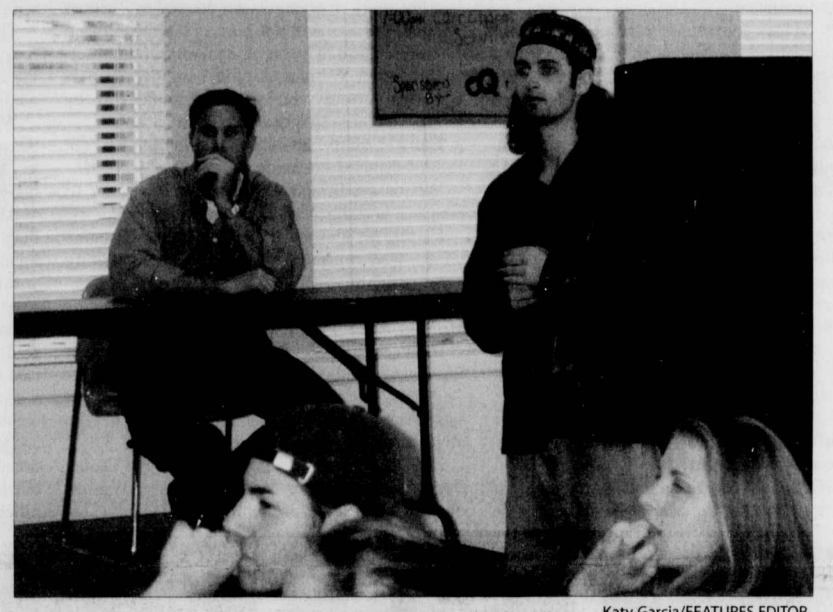

Katy Garcia/FEATURES EDITOR
David Jenkins, social work associate professor, and Jakobus Wolf, a senior art history major and Triangle president, field questions from students at a Coming Out Day panel discussion Wednesday afternoon.

National Coming Out Day supported by students

By Melissa DeLoach
STAFF REPORTER

In past years students banged on windows of the Student Center, yelled lewd comments or gave rude looks as they walked by, but participants of this year's National Coming Out Day met with far less opposition Wednesday.

National Coming Out Day events began noon at Robert Carr Chapel. A panel discussion followed in the Student Center Lounge and concluded with an evening worship service in the chapel.

Jakobus Wolf, president of eQ Alliance, said students were receptive of the event held in the lounge.

"When we first started, people were outrageous," said Wolf, a senior art history and chemistry major. "This year people were really interested and stayed around for a while to read information. Plus we handed out all our ribbons; the first in a long time."

Last year, the Baptist Student Ministry invited a speaker who

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Student Center to undergo changes

Renovations should begin in 2001

By Hemi Ahluwalia
STAFF REPORTER

The construction of a new Student Center may finally become a reality for the university after 13 years in the making.

Groundbreaking for the new Student Center should begin around June 1, and take 15-24 months to complete, said Larry Markley, director of the Student Center.

Since approval of the renovation of the Student Center was made in 1987, there have been many revisions made to the plans that were recommended, he said.

More than 500 recommendations were made to the TCU Board of Trustees on what the new Student Center should look like. The current artist conception of the new Student Center that was recommended by a task force has yet to be finalized by the Board of Trustees, said Chancellor Michael Ferrari.

"With all of the research of student centers around the country, we have seen that the qualities of a student center help to attract new students and retain old students," Ferrari said.

The Student Center will be increased from its current 113,000 square-feet to 165,000 square-feet, and it will have an asymmetrical shape, Markley said.

"The estimated cost of the project will be between $35 and $40 million because we will have to gut out the whole building and start all over again," he said.

Funding for the new Student Center will come from a combination of private grants, donations and student fees. The building will be financed over a period of 20 to 30 years, Ferrari said.

"To raise the money needed for the new Student Center we will try to sell everything on the building from the name on the outside to the name on the conference rooms," Markley said.

The money will be used to build a larger ballroom, add student organization storage areas and add an auditorium. The ballroom will be divisible into six rooms that will hold 500 people in a dining atmosphere and 800 people in lecture style format. The auditorium will be built to hold 350 people, he said.

"Student organization storage, Frog Prints and Frogbytes will be moved to the newly renovated basement," Markley said.

Although there will be many new added incentives to the new Student Center, some items that are currently available will be taken away. The computer labs and parking lots will be decreased

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Parking affects area neighborhoods

Limited space causes overflow into area streets

By Wendy Meyer
STAFF REPORTER

As cars overflow into neighborhoods surrounding campus because of limited parking spaces, community members are complaining about students' cars lining their streets.

Juliette Stewart, who has lived at 2840 Princeton St. for almost 40 years, said the lack of parking has always caused a problem. More students began parking in front of her house and caused her family to put a "Do Not Block Drive" sign in front of the house last year, she said.

Students have actually parked right in front of her driveway making it impossible for her or her family to leave, she said.

"We have had some pretty serious problems with sick children and doctor's appointments and not being able to get out of the drive," Stewart said.

Parking in the neighborhood is an increasing problem for two reasons, said Fred Oberkircher, chairman for the Traffic, Regulations and Appeals Committee.

The first is classes are no longer building-specific, he said.

"Historically, English classes were taught in Reed Hall and religion classes were taught in Beasley Hall," Oberkircher said. Now, classes are being taught outside of their traditional buildings and more classes are on the east side of campus, he said.

The high concentration of classes on the east side of campus makes parking difficult and causes more students to park on the street near the building where their classes are, rather than in a lot, he said.

"Students would be safer in the parking lots and the neighbors would be happier," Oberkircher said. "The neighbors do not like to lose access to their house."

Oberkircher said new parking lots are available where the Ale House used to stand and by the former Shannon Funeral Chapel, but students often park on the streets surrounding TCU buildings.

Stewart has had to call Campus Police twice in emergency situations to remove cars parked in front of her driveway, but the problem has been somewhat alleviated by the "Do Not Block Drive" sign, she said.

"No one has parked in front of our driveway since we put up that sign," she said.

The second reason Oberkircher gave for the increase in parking problems is that Paschal High

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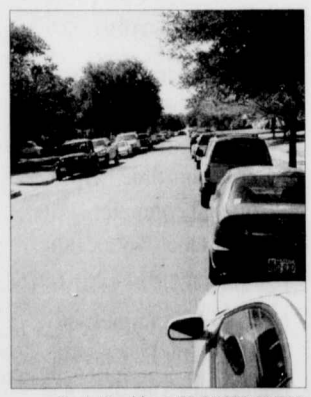

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Students' vehicles line the streets surrounding TCU because of limited on-campus parking, and many community members are becoming frustrated.

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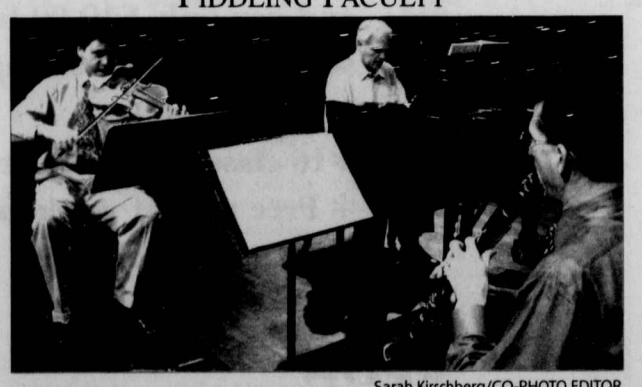

Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR
Misha Galaganov, new assistant professor of viola, John Owings, professor of music, and Gary Whitman, associate professor of clarinet, practice Wednesday night at PepsiCo Hall. Their Faculty Recital Series is at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Pepsico Recital Hall.

Eating options, habits graded

The Main offers variety of healthy choices for willing students

By Elise Rambaud
STAFF REPORTER

Burton Schwartz, a physician at the health center, eats lunch in The Main every day and challenges student complaints about the lack of healthy meal options.

In a tour of Frogbytes, The Main, Eden's Greens and Deco Deli, Schwartz and Stephanie Dickerson, a nutrition counselor for dining services, pointed out healthy and unhealthy choices available to students.

"Academic demands of professors and (physical demands of) coaches as well as pressure from parents and friends often leave college students with a sense of helplessness," Schwartz said. "Students do have control over their health habits: what they choose to eat and drink, whether they smoke and how much sleep they get."

Many students make poor nutrition choices because they are not thinking about the long-term effects, Schwartz said. They can't see beyond the next exam, term paper or mixer, he said.

Some students have voiced concern about the lack of food variety after 8 p.m. in Frogbytes and Worth Hills, the only dining halls open at night.

"The food available in Frogbytes is nutritionally equivalent to the food in a truck stop," said Marjorie Bruchez, a junior English major.

Hot dogs, nachos, pizza and fried foods are available because dining services must offer foods for every taste, Dickerson said. Because of their high fat, salt and calorie content, these foods are not meant to be dietary staples, but it is acceptable to eat them every once in a while, she said.

"Students didn't form unhealthy

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campus lines

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➤ **The Mortar Board Annual Advising Fair** will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. Mortar Board members will offer advice on scheduling, professors, choosing a major or minor and other academic concerns.

➤ **The TCU International Foundation** will host a student-led discussion titled "Why are They Rioting?" at 8 p.m. next Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. They will be discussing issues surrounding economic globalization that has provoked recent demonstrations in Washington D.C., Seattle, Australia and the Czech Republic. For more information call International Student Services at (817) 257-7292.

➤ **E-business applications** are due Friday in the Neeley Student Resource Center. No late applications will be accepted. For more information call (817) 257-6772.

➤ **The all-campus Programming Council meeting** will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom. Food will be provided. For more information call Jennifer Jost at (817) 257-5233.

➤ **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 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays at the Health Center. The vaccine costs about $75.

➤ **4th International Film Festival** runs today through Oct. 18 at local libraries. Contact libraries for film titles and showing times. For more information call (817) 871-7791.

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WORLD

Debate: Palestinian vs. Israeli officials hosted by Koppel and U.S.-based ABC's "Nightline"

JERUSALEM — A heated town hall meeting moderated by Ted Koppel was delayed for more than two hours by a disagreement over whether Israeli bodyguards could bring their weapons into a carefully selected venue — a YMCA that straddles east and west Jerusalem.

The Host of ABC's "Nightline," had invited three Palestinian and three Israeli officials to participate in a special town hall-style gathering Tuesday for the late-night U.S. news program. Invitations were also issued to about 100 people representing all sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which spiraled into violence nearly two weeks ago.

But 45 minutes after the meeting was scheduled to begin, Bishop Biah Abu el-Assal, whose diocese operates the YMCA, appeared on stage and announced that two of the Israeli panelists — Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert — had insisted on bringing armed bodyguards into the building, something strictly prohibited by the organization.

The old limestone building is situated on what is known as the "Green Line," where the pre-1967 Israeli-Jordanian border sliced through Jerusalem. Palestinians want the eastern half of Jerusalem as a future capital while Israel claims sovereignty over the entire city.

With the audience wondering whether the event would take place, Koppel came out half an hour later and said Israeli security feared there were guns in the center. He suggested a compromise: everyone would evacuate the building, the bodyguards would search the area, and the guests would make a second pass through metal detectors at the entrance.

Angry voices immediately erupted from the audience.

An Israeli on the other side of the room yelled back: "They don't trust me either. It's procedure, not discrimination."

Finally, the three Arab guests — senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat, spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi and Israeli Arab parliament member Azmi Bishara — walked onto the stage to loud applause.

During a tense hour, strong emotions gave way to shouting matches as guests on each side waved their fingers and blamed one another for the violence that has killed 88 people and injured almost 2,000 over 13 days.

NATION

Microsoft appeals a District Court decision to separate the company into two parts

WASHINGTON — A federal appellate court set oral arguments in the Microsoft antitrust case for Feb. 26-27, splitting the difference between what the government and the company proposed.

The computer software giant is appealing a District Court ruling that would split it into two separate companies.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia also ordered on Wednesday that the company's first brief be filed by Nov. 27 with the government's reply due Jan. 12. The company's rebuttal is due Jan. 29.

Seeking to speed up the case, the government had sought a Nov. 1 deadline for the company's first brief, completion of all briefs by Dec. 22 and oral arguments in January.

Microsoft had sought a much slower schedule than that. The company had proposed its first brief be due two months after the court set a schedule, which would have been Dec. 11. The company's proposed schedule had called for final briefs to be filed five months after the order, which would be March 11, with oral arguments later still.

The court limited the company's first brief to 150 pages, the federal government's reply to 125 pages and the reply from state governments, which also sued the company, to 25 pages. The company's final rebuttal was limited to 75 pages.

The court advised the parties that it "does not assume that length necessarily equates with quality."

STATE

Republican candidate for county constable accused of misrepresentation of identity

DALLAS — A Republican candidate for county constable is accused of campaigning under a false name to woo Hispanic voters.

After years of trying to get elected as Thomas Wesson, the Dallas man now is calling himself Tomas Eduardo Wesson on campaign literature.

In January, Wesson filed his candidacy papers for Dallas County constable in Precinct 6 using the traditionally Hispanic first name.

Dallas County officials say Wesson has not legally changed his name.

Wesson confirmed recently that he is not of Hispanic heritage.

He said he was not trying to deceive Hispanic voters, who represent one of the largest voting blocs in the precinct.

"That is my name," Wesson told *The Dallas Morning News*. "That's how I spell Thomas."

Attempts by *The Associated Press* to reach Wesson on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Wesson's Democratic opponent, Mike Dupree, said Wesson is using the modified spelling to take advantage of the largely Hispanic district.

Dupree has filed a complaint with the Dallas county district attorney's office, accusing Wesson of misinterpretation of identity.

"He obviously did it to deceive Hispanic voters," Dupree said. "You know someone actually approached me and said I should change my name to Miguel. But I said I wouldn't do it because I'm not Hispanic. I'm Mike, not Miguel."

No official documents, including his driver's license, list Wesson as Tomas. County records show he was born Thomas Edwin Wesson on June 14, 1958.

Wesson, 42, made two unsuccessful bids for the Dallas City Council in 1997 and 1999. Each time, he filed his candidacy papers as Thomas Wesson.

In 1998, Wesson filed to become Precinct 6 justice of the peace as Thomas Wesson. But his name was dropped from consideration after he failed to pay the permit fee.

Dallas County elections administrator Bruce Sherbert said the unofficial name change is a rarity, but that his office could not do anything about a complaint against Wesson's candidacy, which must be challenged through the court system. Ballots for the Nov. 7 election already have been printed using Tomas E. Wesson.

Court records show that Wesson also has a criminal history. In 1993, he and another man were arrested on charges of taking 20 pieces of 10-foot construction metal from a building site. Wesson was convicted of a misdemeanor theft charge and sentenced to a one-year probation and a $350 fine.

Doctor arrested for hiring police officer to kill a patient accused of harassing him

HOUSTON — A Houston physician who claimed he was being harassed called the police, then tried to hire the uniformed officer who responded to kill a patient, authorities said.

Dr. Armando Sanchez, 45, has been charged with solicitation of capital murder.

The investigation began last week after Sanchez reported that a patient had been following and harassing him, according to Wednesday's editions of the *Houston Chronicle*.

While Sanchez was detailing his complaints to the officer, the doctor asked if the officer would kill the patient and offered to pay the officer for his services, police said.

After arranging to meet with Sanchez again, officer Glen F. Hill, a 17-year veteran, contacted homicide investigators.

Investigators said Sanchez met with the officer several times to discuss details of the proposed killing. During one of those meetings, Sanchez made an $8,000 down payment to Hill and promised to pay more later, they said.

Court information did not indicate the total amount the suspect had planned to pay.

Sanchez, an internist who practices occupational medicine, was arrested Monday afternoon outside a restaurant after making a payment to the officer, police said.

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PROTECTIVE ORDER?

Firestone's legal secrecy cost lives

Few people are probably rushing out to buy Firestone tires. The news that Firestone tires are under investigation as the cause of accidents that have claimed more than 100 lives is nothing new to most people.

What might be new to some, however, is that the first known death linked to the tires was in 1992 when the first of nearly 200 lawsuits blaming the accidents on the tires was filed against the company.

staff editorial

The lawsuits have not been brought to public attention until now because Firestone settled out of court under a protective order — an agreement between the plaintiff's attorney and the company which virtually seals all the documents involving the lawsuit.

According to Firestone executive vice president Gary Crigger, protective orders are necessary. In a Senate hearing he testified the company had to keep the documents sealed for "competitive reasons."

In other words, these protective orders are designed to protect the company, not the consumer.

But who is defending consumers from companies who put profits before quality? The government?

Sadly, protective orders are perfectly legal.

According to Lorna Schofield, head of a bar association task force, "The purpose of civil cases is for a private party to settle its dispute with another private party and to get money for its injury. That's what the system is designed to do. It's not designed to publicize all the ills in our society."

Gail Touchton, widow of Florida minister Rev. Bill Touchton whose life was claimed just this year in an accident involving Firestone tires, doesn't seem to agree.

"If the covering up and the lying had not occurred, if the truth had been exposed sooner, my husband would still be here."

Civil cases were not designed to expose social ills. Perhaps they should.

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School system not doing job

Commentary

DANIEL BRAMLETTE

The school system in this country is a joke. Repeat: it's a total, absolute, utter, complete, unqualified, outright, categorical, (I'm running out of synonyms, here) joke. It might be the most corrupt aspect of a thoroughly corrupt government.

Kids in schools these days just keep getting dumber and dumber, according to test scores, and it's a sad state of affairs when students are more likely to give their teachers a bullet than an apple.

Who do we blame? Umm ... well, I just don't know!

So, since Clinton is leaving before any of the rap falls onto his shoulders, I'm stuck having to point the finger at that evil of all evils: The System.

Bluntly put, The System is crap! The U.S. Congress, no model of efficiency itself, recently released findings that the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) has, in the past two years, forgiven $73 million worth of defaulted loans, placed $500 million in the wrong treasury accounts and then spent the money without saving any receipts, and double-paid contractors and grantees to the tune of a cool $150 million. And these are apparently low-ball estimates!

The Department of Education is clearly operating in the worst kind of faith. The accountants at Ernst & Young told the government that it was impossible to audit the department because the books were in such a state of chaos. And yet, the money doesn't stop coming in, does it? Well, we didn't all just up and quit paying our taxes, right? As long as the government is seeing fit to take money from my paychecks and give part of it to the DOE, the DOE seems more than willing to waste it.

As if a failure to keep proper books weren't enough, there seems to be an alliance that's voted faculty accountability right off the island. Kids these days are testing awfully, and I don't think that anyone put "dumb potion" in the water supply. More likely, lazy teachers and inefficient administrators are the culprits.

We need to raise the standards for our high school and elementary teachers and principals in this country because they're waaaaay too low.

Of course it's hard to argue for making it tougher to become a teacher when there's such a dramatic shortage in the field. The fact still remains — the current system is not working, and it's only getting worse.

I think it's time we elevate the teaching profession to what it should have always been. Require an advanced degree in some sort of subject specialization to increase their effectiveness and then hook them up come payday. I understand that the field is a bit short on manpower, but if we increase the prestige and compensation for the job then perhaps we can select our teachers from the intelligentsia and not from those who eked out a minimal certification.

Which brings me to the topic of private school vouchers. Why is there even a question, here? The school system is already being run like a business, just an incredibly bad business. The beauty of capitalist theory is that increased competition will lead to high quality product.

The problem is that the public schools face almost no competition.

Numerous studies will affirm the quality of a top-notch private school education, yet they don't really compete with the public system because they tend to be a bit cost prohibitive. But why should taxpayers have to pay for the public school system, a product that is so far below the available standard?

If more people had access to the better education that private schools offer, then the public schools would be forced to reform to keep up. That magic well of tax money would dry up a little bit, and the corrupt administrators and lazy teachers would be forced to either shape up or get the heck out of Dodge.

The System is an out and out (hey, I found another synonym) failure in need of drastic reform. At this point, I'd try just about anything. Well, anything but an alphabetical voting system ... we all know how that worked out.

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Mind-altering drugs don't inhibit human emotions

Commentary

MIRANDA NESLER

Science has the wonderful ability of creating medicines that better people's living conditions. I always look with awe and appreciation on those men and women who have the ability to relieve pain and heal disease. However, when it comes to mind-altering drugs such as Prozac, are the effects good or bad?

This question arose in my philosophy seminar and led me to wonder about the topic. The issue was mentioned as part of a "quality of life" discussion that debated which was better: to be unhappy yet retain your personality, or to use altering drugs through which a state of happiness is achieved at the loss of true personality? Opinions differed as students debated the values of personality and happiness, and what conditions allow a person's true character to shine. Where does a person's character lie — is it dependent on a natural state or on the stability of an individual's emotions? Do drugs such as Prozac truly cause a loss of identity or simply sharpen the ability to define personality without the concerns of depression?

I have always been under the impression that the drug was great in its ability to better people's lives by taking away depression and anxiety. To my knowledge, no one close to me has used Prozac; therefore, my ability to observe its influence is nonexistent and I am dependent upon others' commentary.

My curiosity during class was piqued at the use of Ernest Hemingway as a case study. Hemingway suffered from bouts of depression, which resulted not only in the creation of dark stories with unhappy endings, but also in his suicide. My professor proposed that, had Hemingway been put on Prozac, his personality would have been so altered that instead of writing "A Farewell to Arms," he would have been employed by Hallmark to compose greeting cards.

Had Hemingway chosen to use Prozac to alter his personality, the world would have missed out on a great literary mind — it would not have mattered so much that he was unhappy or killed himself if only he had retained his true self in order to write.

I'm not sure if I agree with this. I believe a change of mood does, to a degree, alter the personality — yet that can be healthy if a person is spending his or her life feeling worthless or sorrowful. Happiness would hopefully bring a greater appreciation of life and a desire to use abilities to their greatest degree.

To continue the Hemingway example, perhaps he would have still retained his ability to write well, but the matter of his novels would have shifted. With medical prescriptions, he may have avoided both suicide and Hallmark by being happier and writing better endings to his novels; thus the world would have been able to keep a great literary mind longer while also feeling better about the ends given to his characters (I hold a grudge for the ending provided for Jake in "The Sun Also Rises."

The drugs of today allow for better living conditions while not pushing the limit and creating a society like that envisioned by Aldous Huxley. After all, the drugs do not wholly prohibit human feelings such as sadness, anger or frustration; they simply provide a greater balance.

Perhaps true personality has the ability to thrive even when a person uses medication to help him or her maintain a stable emotional life. Perhaps it makes it easier to express that personality without the restraints of unhappiness.

Then again, I may just dislike Hemingway and wish he had been able to attain such help.

I haven't figured that one out yet.

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Putting God back into schools will not magically fix things

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret. — Matthew 6:5-6

Republicans are so cute when they try to think.

My recent favorite tidbit of Republican propaganda is this clamor to "Bring God back into the schools."

One particularly right-wing political cartoon shows two children outside Columbine High School. One asks: "Why didn't God stop the shooting?" The other replies: "Didn't you hear? He's not allowed in school anymore."

Wow, that's dumb.

I never understood this assumption that believing in God or promoting worship of God would suddenly solve all the problems facing youth today.

People seem to have forgotten that believing in God does not automatically make one a better person. Anyone remember that little tiff in Europe called the Crusades? Boy, did those guys love God — and boy, did they show it.

In that vein, I'd like some proof that those who are constantly exposed to God are better people than those who are not. Can I statistically chart that religious faith is inversely proportional to violence or cheating?

Moreover, there remains a not-so-subtle form of conversion. People call for God in schools, but they never say which god. I can be crafty here and say, "Well, we all worship the same God, so it doesn't matter," but in truth, it very much does matter. This is a predominantly Christian country (86.2 percent worth, as of a 1990 poll by Kosmin), and therefore, if decided in a democratic fashion by each local community, the God worshipped in most schools across the nation will be the Christian God.

My favorite moron, Pat Buchanan, wants the Ten Commandments posted in every schoolroom, and many of his constituents want the Gospel recited daily. Why not passages of the Bhagivad-Gita or Koran? Why not have the Eightfold Path up on school walls?

The very term "putting God back into the schools" is misleading. No one is stopping a student from praying privately between classes or wearing a necklace with the Star of David. Some schools even give special considerations for religious students of any faith, allowing them to put off their exams until their ritual fasting is completed.

The truth is, we don't need a "formal" institution of worship in schools set up at all. If a father wishes his son to pray every morning, he should wake him up 10 minutes earlier or send him to parochial school. Yet the desire for a defined regiment of worshipping God in the schools remains, and such a desire comes from two equally sad and confused bases.

The first base stems from those who do not feel like they have done a good enough job instilling religion or ethics in their own children and wish schools to pick up the slack. We see this quite a bit. Parents will blame schools for not mandating morals or principles that the parents themselves neglect to teach their kids. In this case, forcing schools to do such a job will only lead to further laziness from already apathetic parents.

The other base stems from those who honestly do believe that prayer and religious readings in schools will make for a better community. Sadly, these people are mistaken. They wish to believe that somehow, a few prayers will clear away raging hormones that beg for premarital sex, stop the urge for fitting in that can lead to drug use and even stop all the feelings of rage, rejection and confusion that spur on violence.

And here we reach the very core of the argument against mandatory prayer in school.

It would cure absolutely nothing.

The debate will never be solved, but luckily we do not need to teach "God" to teach morals and charity and love. So while Buchanan and Republicans waste valuable time and money trying to pass legislation for mandatory prayer time, another school goes without new textbooks and with sub-par teachers.

This is, in all senses of the word, a sin of the highest degree.

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representatives come in with their minds made up because they are keeping the room from being a place where we can exchange ideas and they simply make debating useless," he said.

When representatives ran for office they signed an agreement stating that they would be at every House meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday. The issue of absentee voting has never come up before, so nothing was ever needed in the bylaws, McCray said.

"Absentee votes have never been counted in the past and it is inappropriate for representatives to vote if they have not heard all of the debates," he said.

The student body referendum was originally scheduled to be held Oct. 23 but was changed to Oct. 26, Becker said.

"The change was made because according to the last article in the constitution there must be at least 10 class days to advertise the bill," he said. Because of fall break, the original date would have only allowed for nine days.

The elections and regulations committee has already started to advertise by hanging posters in the Student Center, and they will hold an information session to answer any questions students might have, Becker said.

The information session will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 25 outside of The Main, he said.

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DRUM ROLL, PLEASE

Erin Munger/STAFF REPORTER

Terry Beckham, a sophomore music education major; Brian Brauner, a freshman at Tarrant Community College; and Paul Thomas, a sophomore at TCC, practice their exhibition show Tuesday night at Amon Carter Stadium. The group will perform for the Region 5 University Interscholastic League 2-A and 3-A School Competition next Tuesday.

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eating habits at TCU," Dickerson said. "We are not responsible to undo those habits."

When choosing between a breakfast of doughnuts and coffee or a bagel and fruit juice or skim milk, Schwartz recommends the lighter breakfast.

"When you sleep, your brain works on the glucose in your body, so you wake up with a lower blood sugar," he said. "Students do better on exams if they eat a good breakfast before class. "

To wake up or stay alert, Schwartz recommends drinking tea instead of coffee. The caffeine in tea picks you up gradually and lets you down gently, whereas the coffee results in a quick caffeine rush and crash, he said.

Students who do not cook for themselves have little control over how their food is prepared, Schwartz said. He recommends salad bars, custom made meals and sandwiches instead of pre-packaged or prepared entrees and side dishes because the amount of mayonnaise, oil, cheese and other added salts and fats can be specifically monitored by the student.

Americans have difficulty keeping to the suggested serving size, Dickerson said. When eating chips or other snacks from a big bag, it's best to carefully read the back of the package to determine how much a serving really is, and measure out the suggested amount, she said.

"Many people overeat because they have the 'clean-your-plate syndrome,'" Dickerson said.

Many students say the few healthy options offered in The Main are unappetizing.

Rebecca Still, a sophomore history major, said the choices at salad bar do not constitute a palatable option.

"The vegetables look like they have been sitting out for a few days," he said.

Schwartz said he would like to see a vegetarian plate offered in The Main.

Alternative options such as egg substitutes and vegetarian burgers are available upon request and dining services welcomes and appreciates student comments and requests in writing, Dickerson said.

Dickerson offers free nutrition counseling 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays.

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had renounced his homosexuality and become a Christian. An hour before the BSM meeting, students from the Leftist Student Union, TCU Triangle and TCU Student Allies protested.

Wednesday's discussion panel comprised David Jenkins, associate professor of social work; Steve Sprinkle, director of field education for Brite Divinity School; Chris Stillwell, a Brite Divinity student; and TCU students Stephen Shaw-Naar, a senior piano performance major, and Julia Bogart, a senior English major.

Sprinkle, an eQ Alliance ally, said National Coming Out Day is important because it gives gay and lesbian students the opportunity to speak up for themselves.

"Because gay does not show on the outside, the closet damages people because it forces them to be silent and hide who they are," Sprinkle said. "On National Coming Out Day we are able to heal some of the negative repercussions."

Shaw-Naar said the well-attended forum showed a sign of progress for eQ Alliance. Almost every seat in the lounge was full, he said.

"It was a very productive hour because people were vocal and comfortable speaking up about their views," Shaw-Naar said.

The event was sponsored by eQ Alliance, formerly TCU Triangle and TCU Student Allies. The two organizations merged at the start of the fall semester. eQ Alliance meets 4 p.m. Thursdays in the Student Center, Room 222.

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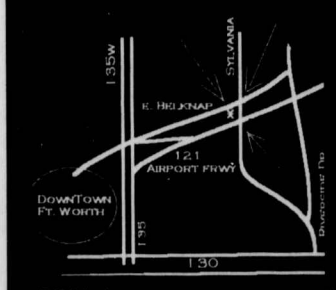

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Stroke therapy's new push

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Neurologist Linda Sigmund helps stroke victim Garline Perry with a rehabilitation exercise at Inova Fairfax Hospital. After aggressive intra-arterial treatment with a clot-dissolving drug, Perry has regained most of his functions, a recovery his doctor termed "miraculous."

Effects of controversial treatment visible

By Susan Okie
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Like a wisp of cloud that's really the edge of a hurricane, the first sign of what was about to happen to Garline Perry seemed a small thing.

One morning last month, Perry complained to his wife that he couldn't keep his balance. When he tried to walk, she said, he kept "listing to the right."

Susana Perry took her husband, 57, to the emergency room at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Virginia. Minutes after they arrived, the storm hit.

"He yelled, 'I can't hear you! I can't see you!' ... He fell to the floor and started convulsing," recalled Susana Perry. A two-inch clot had blocked a major artery at the back of Garline Perry's brain, producing a catastrophic stroke.

Unable to move, talk, breathe or even blink, the Fairfax, Va., man was placed on a respirator and flown by helicopter to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where radiologist John J. "Buddy" Connors embarked on a rescue mission that few doctors would dare attempt. He snaked a long, fine tube through an artery to reach the plug of congealed blood inside Garline Perry's brain and began to drip in a clot-busting drug, hoping to reopen the blocked vessel.

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Radiologist John J. Connors inserts a catheter into an artery to reach the patient's blocked blood vessel. Assisting Connors is fellow Inova Fairfax Hospital doctor Firas Al-Ali, left.

Along with perhaps 300 other doctors in the United States, Connors works on the uncharted borders of stroke therapy, putting novel devices and powerful drugs deep into an organ where a mishap can mean death, coma or paralysis. Strokes, the third-leading cause of death in the United States, are now viewed as emergencies in which rapid and aggressive treatment may save lives and minimize disability.

Although the treatment administered by specialists such as Connors has produced dramatic results for some patients, it remains largely untested except in small pilot studies.

"The fact that (a new treatment) seems logical and does what it should doesn't necessarily mean that it's going to benefit the patient," said John R. Marler, associate director for clinical trials at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md.

Doctors such as Connors, faced daily with desperate cases, contend that they are advancing medical knowledge as best they can.

"We have to do this," Connors said. "We know we can help patients ... There is no regulatory process for this kind of thing."

Some 600,000 Americans suffer strokes each year. The problem occurs when a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked by a clot or hemorrhage, causing nerve cells supplied by the vessel to die. Until recently, there was no way to mitigate the damage, only physical therapy and the hope that the brain would partially recover in time.

That changed in 1996, when the Food and Drug Administration approved the clot-dissolving drug tPA as the first effective treatment. But only about 2 percent of U.S. stroke victims receive tPA. A major reason is time: the intravenous therapy only helps if it is started within three hours of the first symptoms, and few people with an incipient stroke make it to the emergency room and through the required battery of checkups and tests before that deadline has passed.

The approach Connors uses appears to be effective if started within six hours after symptoms begin. Specialists in his field also believe it may produce better outcomes by delivering clot-dissolving drugs directly into an artery of the brain instead of through an arm vein, the only mode of administration approved by the FDA.

Genentech Inc., which makes tPA, also has not decided whether to study intra-arterial treatment, a spokesman said.

Connors believes that companies do not want to fund additional trials because they doubt they will recoup research costs.

Tareta Lewis, an Abbott spokeswoman, said cost is not the only consideration.

"There are many things that go into making the decision," she said.

Lacking such studies, Connors and other specialists say they don't know the exact benefits and risks of what they are doing.

In the meantime, Connors said, "hundreds of patients are being treated right now, all over the United States."

He has organized a training course for doctors to be held in Washington in October and is setting up a registry to collect data on patient outcomes.

The odds in Garline Perry's case looked to be long. His clot was in the basilar artery, a dreaded location for a stroke because it nourishes areas of the brain that control life-support functions such as breathing. Without treatment, he would certainly die. With it, he might recover and regain considerable function.

But there was a third possibility. Garline Perry might end up in a nightmarish state that neurologists call "locked in": awake and aware, but permanently unable to speak, move or communicate.

If that were the outcome, Connors told Susana Perry that afternoon, "if it was me, I wouldn't want to make it."

He offered to stop treatment if she thought it best.

When Connors posed that question, he and his team had already been working on Garline Perry for an hour at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Garline Perry lay on a table in an operating room equipped with X-ray machines that took magnified pictures of blood flowing through the vessels of his brain.

Connors and another doctor, Firas Al-Ali, had threaded a long, slippery catheter, thinner than a strand of angel hair pasta, through a larger tube in Garline Perry's groin, guiding it along major arteries of his abdomen, chest and neck until the tip rested against the clot inside his skull. Through the catheter, they squirted dye to illuminate the blocked vessel on X-rays and dribbled in medicines that they hoped would tease apart the clump of protein and blood cells.

Most clots that Connors attacks in this way are the size of a grain of rice. Garline Perry's was the size of his little finger.

"His outlook was 99 percent death," Connors said. "The options were so bad. It's one thing to have a stroke where you can't move your arm but you're mostly still you. It's another thing to have a stroke where you're paralyzed from the eyes down."

Susana Perry told Connors to go for broke.

"I said, 'I'm not ready to get rid of this guy,'" she recalled.

Connors treated Garline Perry for eight more hours. He estimated that he had dissolved about 95 percent of the clot.

At 1 a.m. the next day, a nurse woke Susana Perry, who was asleep in a room near the intensive care unit.

"He's responding," the nurse said. "He's nodding yes or no to simple questions."

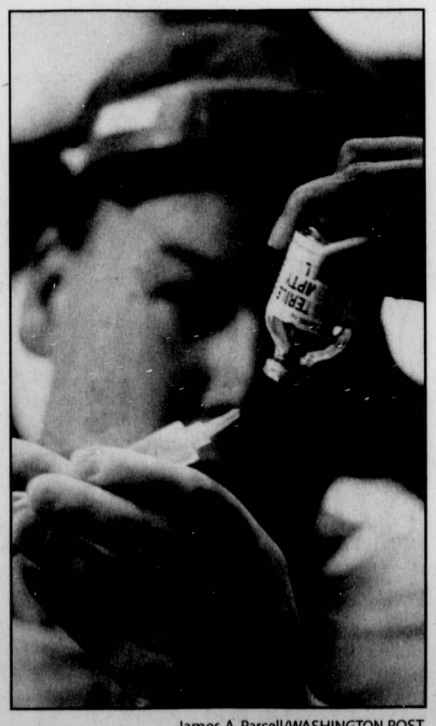
Garline Perry was still on a respirator and his left side was paralyzed, but the pace of his recovery over the next few days astonished his doctors. Three days after his stroke, he signaled to his son that he wanted something. Handed a pad and pencil, he wrote, "Beer."

Two days later, doctors disconnected the respirator and Garline Perry breathed on his own. A week after the stroke, he had regained some movement in his left leg and was eating and cracking jokes about the hospital food.

"There's so much I'm learning from the beginning," he said, speaking slowly. "You take so much for granted."

David Grass, Garline Perry's neurologist, is amazed by the recovery.

"His level of recovery is — what can I say? — miraculous," Grass said. "This would have been fatal, absolutely no doubt ... He's going to need several months of rehabilitation, but I'm optimistic that he may eventually be able to return to work."



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Inova Fairfax Hospital technician Jeffrey Knode prepares a clot-dissolving drug for stroke treatment.

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PARKING

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School cars are overflowing onto streets that have traditionally been TCU parking areas.

West Bowie Street used to be a popular street to park, Oberkircher said, but now Paschal High School cars are filling it up.

Oberkircher said he has noticed that students are parking farther into the neighborhood and near St. Stephen Presbyterian Church on McPherson and Merida streets, four blocks away from campus.

Though Stewart said she does not see any solution for the parking problem, she suggested commuter vehicle parking lots and a possible parking garage.

"We have endured the problem because we love this school and we love the students," she said.

Patricia Murphy of 2829 W. Cantey St. said the parking problem doesn't have much impact on her because it is illegal to park on the curb in front of her house.

"I feel bad for the students because there just isn't enough parking spots," she said.

Murphy also said she notices the problem when she has business to conduct at the university.

"It is certainly clear that parking is a problem," she said.

The Traffic, Regulations and Appeals committee made more changes to parking regulations this past summer than they have made over the past 10 years, Oberkircher said.

They reorganized student parking, increased faculty parking and increased parking fines.

"Fines have gone up to help students and faculty understand the rules," he said.

The university has taken a hard-line stance about illegal parking and will write a citation for anyone parked in a fire lane, he said. Also, the fine for parking in a reserved faculty spot has increased from $25 to $75.

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by a substantial size. Parking problems have not been solved as of yet, he said.

"We figure by the time that we finish the building we will not need the computer lab anymore because everybody will be carrying their computer with them," Markley said.

Changes have recently been made to the Student Center to accommodate current students. Suites built on the first floor and remodeling the ballroom cost around $800,000, Markley said.

"We needed to attract people to the Student Center until we could raise enough money to remodel the whole building," Markley said.

The university is looking forward to the improved Student Center, but some students think the renovations could have waited.

"I think that improving academics would have a greater effect on future TCU students than spending the money on building a new Student Center," said Tonya Antle, a junior computer science major.

Markley wants the new Student Center to make a good impression on the student body and prospective students.

"The intent on the building is to make it a situation where you will say 'wow' and you are going to want to come in," he said.

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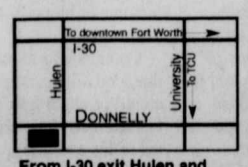

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midseason report card

With the TCU football team off this week, the *Skiff* reviews the performances of the No. 12 Horned Frogs through five games this season.

DEFENSE

Goss

Overall — A+

The TCU defense ranks No. 6 in the country in total defense, allowing 236.6 yards a game and just six touchdowns in five games. The 21 points allowed to Hawaii last weekend were the most TCU has allowed this season.

DE Chad McCarty — B

Junior defensive end Chad McCarty has just 13 tackles this season but three are for losses, totaling 13 yards. He has chipped in two sacks for a loss of 11 yards.

DT Shawn Worthen — A

Senior defensive tackle Shawn Worthen has spent a lot of time in opponents' backfields so far this season. He has 19 total tackles and one sack. He leads the team with six quarterback hurries.

NT Stuart Ashley — A

Senior nose tackle Stuart Ashley has been slowed by nagging injuries this season, but it doesn't show. He has four tackles and two sacks, totaling losses of 21 yards. He has also intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

DE Aaron Schobel — A+

Senior defensive end Aaron Schobel said he is not satisfied with his season, but he's still leading the team with six sacks, for losses of 46 yards. Despite a low tackle total, his presence on the end is immeasurable.

SLB Chad Bayer — A+

Junior strong side linebacker Chad Bayer leads the team with 44 tackles, 27 unassisted. He has a sack and a fumble recovery. He seems to be involved in almost every play.

MLB Shannon Brazzell — A

Senior middle linebacker Shannon Brazzell is tied for second on the team with 34 tackles and leads the team in tackles for a loss with eight. Brazzell also has three sacks, totaling a loss of 22 yards.

SS Russell Gary — B+

Senior strong safety Russell Gary is 4th on the team with 22 tackles, including two for a loss, totaling negative nine yards. Gary helps anchor a pass defense that ranks 6th nationally allowing 148.6 yards a game.

WS Charlie Owens — A

Junior weak safety Charlie Owens ranks second on the team with 24 unassisted tackles. He has 28 tackles overall and five pass deflections. Owens has done well at helping TCU fans forget the loss of Reggie Hunt

FS Curtis Fuller — A+

Senior free safety Curtis Fuller is tied with Brazzell for second on the team with 34 tackles. Fuller has two tackles for a loss, a sack and three pass deflections. His on-field leadership makes his performance even more effective.

CB Jason Goss — A

Sophomore cornerback Jason Goss leads the Frogs with two interceptions and has 17 tackles. Goss is tied with Owens for the team lead with five pass deflections. He has played far above his sophomore status at corner.

CB Greg Walls — B

Senior cornerback Greg Walls has four pass deflections and one fumble recovery. He and Goss have helped at clamping down on receivers in crucial situations. Opponents are just 19 of 73 on third-down conversions.

P Joey Biasatti — A

Junior punter Joey Biasatti ranks 18th in the nation with a 38.3-yard net punt average. Only six of his 18 punts have been returned, for a total of just 35 yards.

OFFENSE

Overall — A-

Averaging 39.8 points and 441.1 yards a game, the TCU offense has lived up to its preseason billing. So far, the only thing slowing the offense has been itself. Penalties and lapses in execution (the Frogs have committed 36 penalties) must be eliminated.

QB Casey Printers — B

Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers has completed 43 of 70 passes for 637 yards, seven touchdowns and four interceptions. TCU entered the season needing consistency from the quarterback position. Printers, who has sandwiched two bad performances around three solid ones, has done what TCU has needed from him.

TB LaDainian Tomlinson — A+

Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson has compiled 974 yards on 168 carries and 12 touchdowns. What used to be a great day for a TCU running back, 100 yards, is now a bad day for Tomlinson. He is on pace to rush for 2,000 yards and has been the catalyst behind a 5-0 team ranked No. 12 in the nation.

FB George Layne — B+

Junior fullback George Layne has 189 yards rushing on 24 rushes and three touchdowns. He also has 133 receiving yards and two touchdowns on 5 receptions. After an admittedly poor performance against Nevada, Layne has become a potent offensive weapon. In addition to delivering blocks for Tomlinson, Layne has made the most of his offensive touches.

WR LaTarence Dunbar — B+

Sophomore wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar leads the team with nine catches for 140 yards and two touchdowns. Dunbar has provided the Frogs with a deep threat. He has also made strong contributions on special teams, averaging 34.0 yards a kickoff return, returning one for a touchdown.

WR Cedric James — B

Senior wide receiver Cedric James has seven catches for 92 yards and a touchdown. In addition to his receptions, James blocks solidly downfield for Tomlinson.

WR Tim Maiden — B

Senior wide receiver Tim Maiden has 6 receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown. Maiden caught a 52-yard bomb from Printers during a 41-14 victory over Northwestern. Though he has not seen as much playing time as Dunbar and James, Maiden has played a major role in an improved TCU passing attack.

TE B.J. Roberts — B-

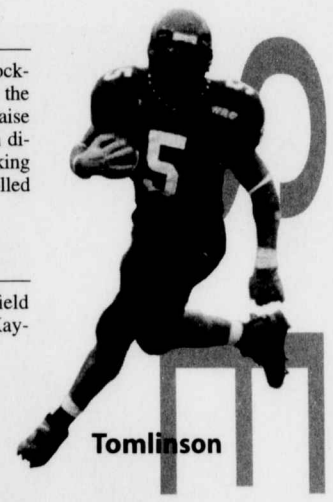
Junior tight end B.J. Roberts has caught two passes for 23 yards. His main role in the TCU offense is to ensure Tomlinson can get outside the tackles, not catch passes.

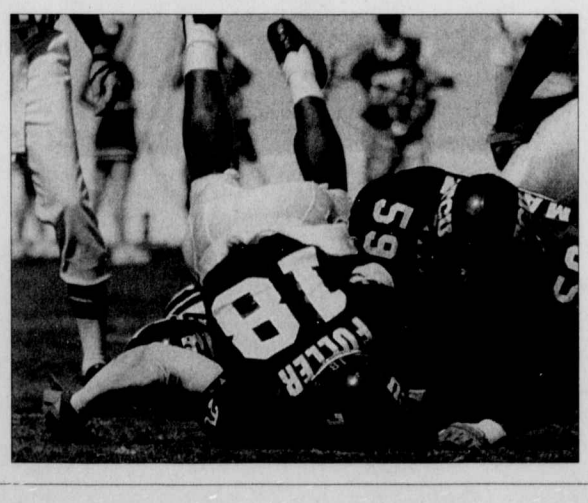
Offensive Line — A

The offensive line excels at its two tasks: run blocking and pass blocking. The Frogs have rushed for 1,559 yards, ranking them second in the nation, and 17 touchdowns. Tomlinson, as always, has been quick to praise the offensive line, and with good reason. The offensive line has been directly responsible for TCU's offensive output. The unit's pass blocking has been superb as well. Printers' only sacks have come when he has rolled out of the pocket. The line has yet to yield a drop-back sack.

K Chris Kaylakie — A

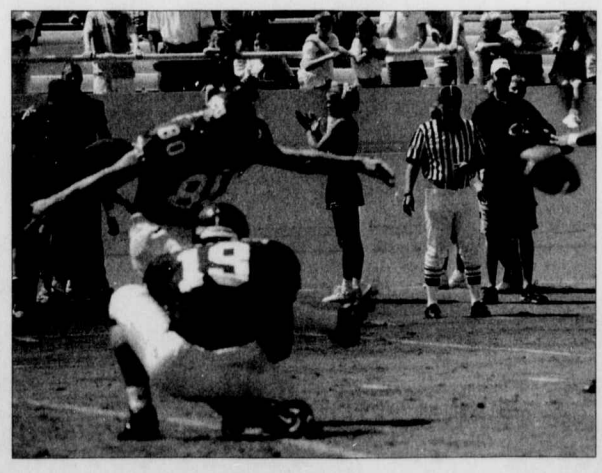
Senior place kicker Chris Kaylakie has converted on six of seven field goal chances and has made good on all of his extra point attempts. Kaylakie has made all five of his attempts from within 40 yards.


Tomlinson


David Dunai/ CO-PHOTO EDITOR
Senior free safety Curtis Fuller and senior linebacker Terrance Maiden converge on a Arkansas State ball carrier Sept. 23 at Amon Carter Stadium. The defense ranks No. 6 in the nation for average points allowed.

Offense report card by Matt Stiver

Defense report card by Danny Horne


Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF
Senior place kicker Chris Kaylakie kicks a 39-yard field goal in the Frogs' 52-3 win over Arkansas State Sept. 23. Kaylakie has hit six of seven field goals this season. TCU is 5-0 and ranked No. 12 by The Associated Press.

Midseason offers opportunity to assess goals

Volley Frogs taking time to reflect on past and react for future

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

More than halfway through the season, the TCU volleyball team now has the opportunity to assess its success in accomplishing the goals agreed upon before the season began.

Head coach Sandy Troudt said she believes the next three weeks are crucial in determining how the Frogs will feel at the end of the season.

"We just put the toughest road stretch we'll have this season behind us," she said. "We have seven games left in October and we plan to take them on one by one."

This baby-step method is one that assistant coach Chris Rudiger said is the most productive means to achieve the goals of the team.

"We certainly aren't there yet, and I don't think anybody is completely satisfied," Rudiger said. "We still have much more to get through, and we'll do this by focusing on all the little things."

Troudt said the current team has put together the best season of volleyball played in TCU's history.

"The team knows how strong we've been, even though we haven't won as many matches at this point as we had hoped," she said.

Troudt said a team that doesn't win often isn't going to receive recognition, but she feels better about the team challenging themselves when playing better competition.

"We could have put easier teams on our schedule," she said. "I think it's better to play tougher teams because you get better, even by losing to them."

Troudt said playing a team with better technique, like Hawaii, will prepare them for next season, when the Frogs move from the Western Athletic Conference to Conference USA.

Sophomore Stephanie Watson said the Frogs have never determined a team's importance to their schedule based on which conference they play in.

"We don't take any team any different from another," Watson said. "Not discriminating against teams lets us just focus on playing our game and stay consistent to our progress.

"Even though we lost recently, we're still coming off a good weekend. It just has really pumped us up to take on more tougher opponents."

Among some of the positive highlights Troudt said she has seen is an increased number of digs produced, with 1,104 so far this season. She said she is also pleased with TCU's No. 19 ranking in blocks with 214.5 blocks.

Additionally, Troudt said she has seen the benefits of each player drawing energy from another.

"We all feed off the environment that we're in," she said. "Because we draw certain characteristics from each other, it's obvious we start possessing the same qualities."

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today's menu

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The Main
Lunch
Pita station
Balsamic chicken
Fiesta steak
Roast pork shoulder
Dinner
Baked rosemary chicken
Veal parmesan
Honey baked ham

Worth Hills
Lunch
Tricolor pasta station
Rotisserie chicken
Dinner
Pasta bowtie
Pork loin

Eden's Greens
Lunch
Caesar chicken breast
Orzo with tomato, feta and mozzarella
Fresh zucchini with garlic and basil
Roasted sweet potatoes

Frogbytes
Late Night
Same as The Main

Tomorrow at The Main:
Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, parmesan oven fried fish, honey and pineapple chicken, turkey pot pie

Dinner: Cajun catfish, manicotti

Lex

by Phil Flickinger

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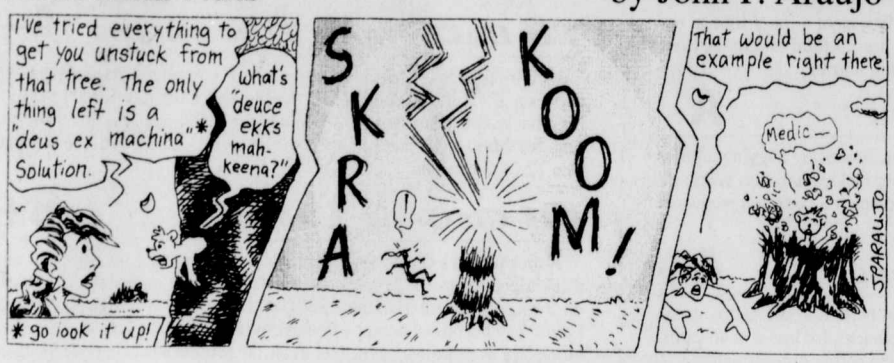

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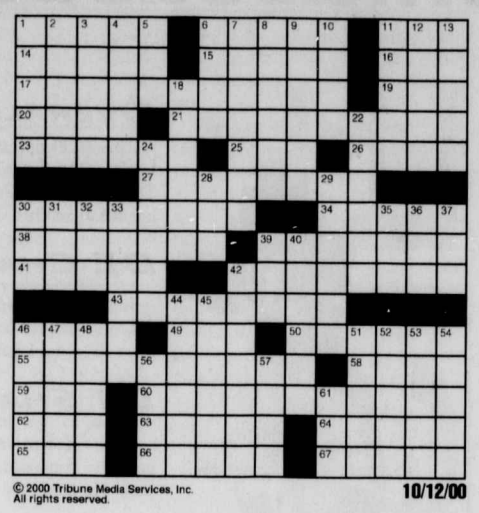

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26 Clean and tidy
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38 Showed contempt for
39 Sleeping bag
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22 Guarantee
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29 Tire type
30 Sports division, est. 1969
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32 Sticky stuff
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35 Collie or corgi
36 __-de-France
37 Ancient
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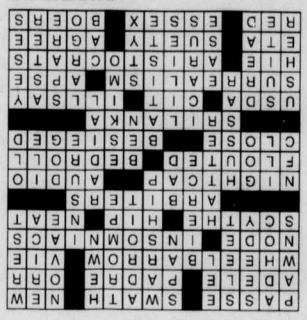

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