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Going into Saturday night's football game against Tulsa, another easy TCU win wasn't a bold prediction. After all, the Frogs were ranked in the top 10 and were riding the second-longest winning streak in the nation.

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Fort Worth, Texas

The merits of early voting currently debated

Aims to increase young voter participation

By Michael Davis
STAFF REPORTER

Early voting, an attempt to increase voter participation and turnout, began Monday and will be held through Nov. 3 for the Nov. 7 general elections, where voters will elect a new president and decide state and local elections.

James Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, said there are two sides to early voting.

Early voting does allow more people an opportunity to vote and is devised to attract more young voters, he said.

Riddlesperger said he is in favor of anything that encourages more participation, but the greater ease of voting doesn't necessarily translate into a larger voter turnout. Voter turnout has actually decreased in the past decades even though the government has attempted to make voting easier, he said.

Since the 1960s, the percentage of voters in the 18 to 24 age group has been declining. In 1964, almost 51 percent of young voters turned out, according to the Census Bureau. In 1996, just under one-third of that group voted.

More voter participation is needed, but Riddlesperger cautioned that individuals voting before the conclusion of the campaign may not see the entire picture.

"People might vote differently two weeks from now," he said.

If people vote early, the latest news on the candidates leading up to the election will be wasted, he said.

Other factors are involved in determining whether people come to the polls. Disaffection with the political parties and people who don't think their votes count both play a role in voter turnout, he said.

Russ DiCapo, a senior management major, said he likes the idea and plans on voting early because he has

already decided who he wants to vote for. But he did say there could be drawbacks if you aren't completely sure.

"There are so many things that can happen between now and election day," he said. "When people vote this early they don't necessarily see the entire picture or have all the information."

Other students said they don't have anything against early voting, but they said they weren't going to take advantage of the opportunity.

Justin Dinsdale, a senior history major from Houston, said he plans on voting via an absentee ballot.

"I just have my parents send me the ballot in the mail," he said.

Information and absentee forms can be found at (www.voter.com). Individuals interested in voting can also go to their resident state's Website and download the appropriate forms.

With a margin of error of 4 percent, the latest Gallup Poll (Oct. 20-22) shows Republican Gov. George W. Bush at 46 percent and Democrat Vice President Al Gore at 44 percent.

In other important elections around the state, Republican Dee Anderson will face Democrat Luther Perry in the race for Tarrant County sheriff. Anderson is currently the public information officer for the Arlington Police Department. Perry is a

Tarrant County Polling Sites

- Muller Building, 600 W. Weatherford St.
- Como Community Center, 4900 Horne St.
- Diamond Hill-Jarvis Library, 1300 N.E. 35th St.
- Griffin Sub-Courthouse, 3212 Miller Ave.
- Handley-Meadowbrook Community Center, 6201 Beaty St.
- Southside Community Center, 959 E. Rosedale St.
- Southwest Sub-Courthouse, 6551 Granbury Road
- Worth Heights Community Center, 3551 New York Ave.

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briefs

Women benefit from selective higher education

DENVER (U-WIRE)—Attending a college with high admission standards is more advantageous for women than men, according to a study released by the National Center for Education Statistics.

The report found that women who attended a highly selective college or university earned on average 24 to 32 percent more than women who did not. Men who attended a similar college earned on average 11 to 19 percent more than men who did not.

"One possible explanation is that women face continuing discrimination in the labor market," the report states. "The form this discrimination takes may involve different wages for similar work, but it may also include different assessments of ability. Employers may feel that a degree from a selective college of university is more important to certify the skills and abilities of female applicants than for male applicants."

According to the Center's report, a student's field of study has more effect on income than other factors.

—The Metropolitan
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of Denver

Homecoming activities

Tuesday

12 to 1 p.m.

Sixty Foot Sammy Band
SC Lounge

7 p.m.

Frog Follies
Ed Landreth Hall

Cadets endure dirt and sweat to place at competition

By Elise Rambaud
STAFF REPORTER

Caked with mud and drenched with sweat and rain, the 12 elite Army ROTC cadets of TCU's two Ranger Challenge teams called themselves the dirty dozen. The teams placed third and 12th this weekend against 29 teams from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico at Fort Hood in Killeen.

Cadets got down and dirty as they crawled face-down in the grass and mud on their stomachs and elbows to throw grenades. They also tromped through puddles and crossed a bayou to tie a one-rope bridge.

During the competition, each Ranger Challenge participant must complete seven events, including a written patrolling exam, the Army Physical Fitness Test, grenade assault, weapons assembly/disassembly, one-rope bridge and land navigation courses. The competition concluded with a 10-K ruck run, or foot march, where cadets had to carry full combat gear, including a 40 to 50-pound ruck, or backpack.

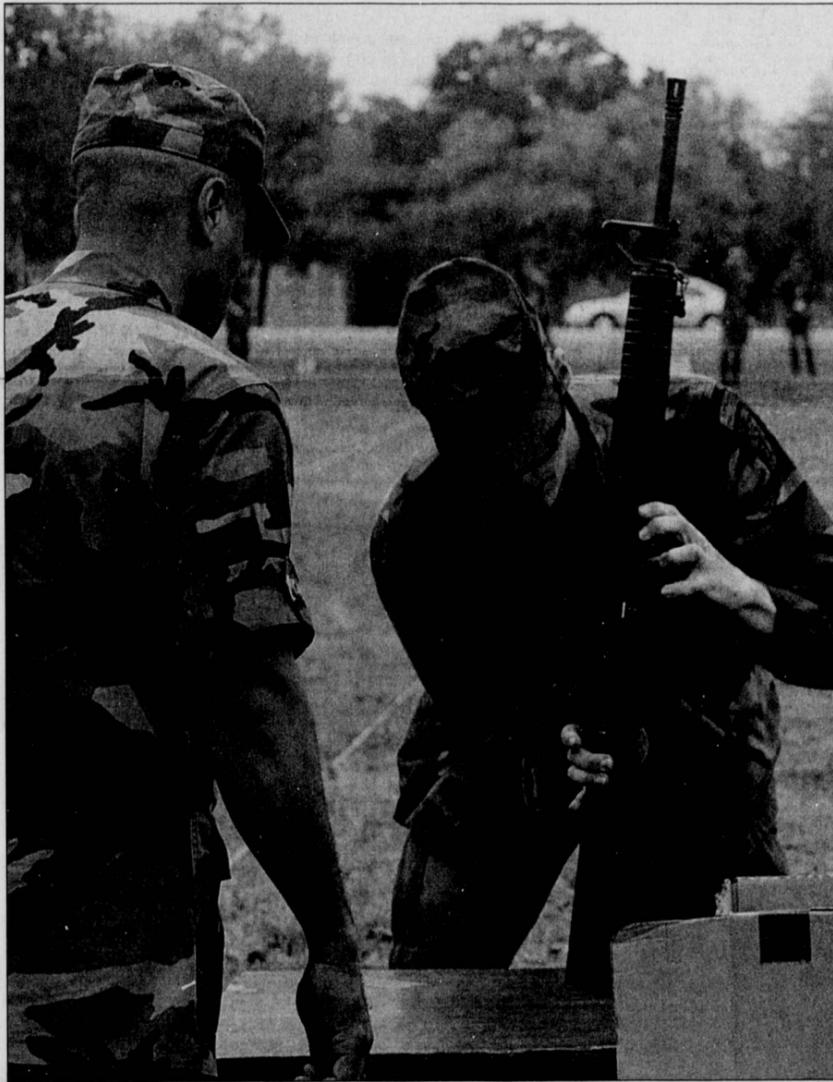
Last year, TCU tied for first place with Texas A&M University in overall points, but the trophy was awarded to the Aggies because they ranked first in the most events.

This year, TCU's purple team ranked third after the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas A&M respectively, and TCU's white team took 12th place. Only seven points separated the top three teams, said Master Sgt. Leonard Cousins.

Sam Denton, a sophomore business management major, said there was additional pressure to beat their Aggie rivals this year because of the tie last year.

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Dirty dozen



Aaron Price, a sophomore business major, assembles an M-16 rifle Saturday in Fort Hood. Price assembled and disassembled the weapon in 1:10, the fastest time in the 29-team Ranger Challenge.

Special to the Skiff

Voting goes online

Proposal made to end paper ballots

By Hemi Ahluwalia
STAFF REPORTER

The university's move to online voting for all elections may mean the Information Desk paper ballots will no longer be accepted, said Brian Becker, elections and regulations committee chairman.

Unlike paper ballots, the computers will keep track of the tabulations as they come in throughout the election, Becker said.

"Paper ballots are counted by hand which leaves room for human error, such as the altering of votes, which can damage the credibility of the votes," Becker said.

The House of Student Representatives will vote on a bill to eliminate the paper ballot during its meeting at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 222.

Online voting will not only make it easier to keep track of the numbers but also give students a better chance to vote, Becker said.

"I believe that we can run a completely online election because we have made significant progress to help students vote," Becker said. "With computer voting, people can submit their vote from home or even if they are studying abroad, and still have a say in what happens at TCU."

Not all people agree with the proposal to eliminate paper ballots altogether.

"Since I do not have a computer, I have always voted by the paper ballots," said JoEllen Ehler, a junior geology major. "If those are eliminated I am likely not to vote."

Larry Markley, adviser to Student Government Association, thinks paper ballots should be kept in case something goes wrong with the online voting process.

Paper ballots were used in last year's first online election to help get through the process in case there were technical problems, Becker said.

"Out of 1,864 votes, only 82 people voted with paper ballots," he said. "That tells me that students like the idea of voting online."

Last year online voting was done through E-elections.com, and problems arose when students had to create new pin numbers and passwords to vote. Students can now vote for SGA officers through the FrogNet system and use their current passwords and pin numbers for FrogNet.

"We will never eliminate the possibility of (bringing) back paper ballots in the case that something goes wrong," Becker said. "But we need to move in the direction of total online voting, especially to get new students used to the idea."

Ashleigh Powell, a junior psychology major, agrees with the

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Hanging out



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Lauri Brooker, a freshman political science major, and Lindsay Simm, a sophomore psychology major, hang signs in Jarvis Hall Monday night as part of the residence hall's Homecoming Decorating Committee.

Irish-born poet to speak

Higgins overcomes hardships to succeed in writing

By Sarah McClellan
SKIFF STAFF

Rita Ann Higgins, a poet from Galway, Ireland, will read poetry from her new book, "An Awful Ruckus," at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the D.J. Kelly Alumni Center.

Higgins is the Green Honors Chair for the English department. The Green Honors Chair is an endowed position set up by Hilda and Ida Green to bring distinguished scholars and writers to TCU. The position rotates between departments in the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and each



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chooses a lecturer.

Higgins' background is unlike that of most professional writers because she quit formal schooling when she was 14-years-old to work in a factory.

"Everyone in our family left school after second level," Higgins said. "Third level wasn't an option. Generally, you got a job and supported the family."

In 1982, when Higgins was 22-years-old, she had tuberculosis and spent months in recovery, where she had to rest or stay in bed.

"All we did was watch television and go to bed," Higgins said. "I thought, 'I am too young to feel this old,' so when I got out I thought there must be more to life than this, so I started reading books, which I hadn't done since I left school when I was 14."

After reading books such as "Animal Farm" and "Wuthering Heights," she began writing.

"I had all this mental energy but no physical energy," Higgins said. "So I went to a writing workshop. I wasn't good (enough) with the rules of grammar to write prose or stories, so I started writing poetry where there were no rules and whatever pattern I was using was working."

Karen Steele, assistant professor of English, thinks Higgins' lack of formal schooling had a positive effect on her writing.

"She didn't have the schooling, which you would think is a terrible deficiency, but it allowed her more freedom and creativity," she said.

After beginning her writing

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campus lines

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► **The Leadership London Summer Study Abroad Program** for all majors will have an informational meeting at 4 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 231. For more information call Chuck Williams at (817) 257-7216 or Carol Thompson at (817) 257-6200.

► **A TCU-in-Mexico information session** will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in Reed Hall, Room 115. Students interested in the TCU-in-Mexico summer study abroad should plan to attend. For more information call (817) 257-7289.

► **Applications for student teaching** for the spring semester are due Wednesday. See Diana in the Bailey Building, Room 102, to receive your application packet and complete the application process.

► **A lecture series on globalization** will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Building North, Room 141. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M University agricultural economist, will speak on globalization in contemporary America: implications for food, agriculture and consumers. A reception will follow the lecture in the Faculty Center.

► **Fogelson Honors Forum with Doris Kearns Goodwin** will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The event is free, but seat reservations are necessary. For more information call David Connally at the TCU Honors Program at (817) 257-6488.

► **The radio-TV-film department** will show "The Invisible Man" (1933) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164, as part of its film series. Admission is free and the film will be introduced by Joan McGettigan. For more information call (817) 257-6690.

► **Meals on Wheels** is looking for volunteers and a coordinator to deliver meals from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays to homebound elderly and disabled in a community near campus. Training will be provided. For more information call Bea Nealy at (817) 257-7830.

► **The American Cancer Society** is looking for volunteers. For more information call (817) 737-9990.

news digest

WORLD

Investigators still determining the identities of men responsible for USS Cole bombing

ADEN, Yemen — A man sought in the bombing of the USS Cole regularly visited a tiny hilltop apartment with an excellent view of the harbor where the U.S. warship stopped to refuel, security officials said Monday. A pair of binoculars was found at the apartment.

The bearded and bespectacled man and a colleague also spent a lot of time with local fishermen, questioning them in detail about the comings and goings of ships in the harbor and asking how far fishing boats are allowed to go into its waters.

Those details from witnesses and investigators helped fill in gaps about the men's activities before the Oct. 12 bombing that killed 17 U.S. sailors and injured 39, but investigators appeared no closer to determining their identities.

U.S. officials believe the blast was a suicide attack. Two men were seen standing on a rubber boat seconds before the explosion. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh has said a 12-year-old boy told investigators a bearded man in glasses gave him change to watch his car near the port on the day of the bombing. The boy, according to Saleh, said the man went to sea in a small boat taken from the roof of his car and did not return.

Authorities have been searching at least five houses and other locations they believe the attackers used. At least 68 people, including members of the army and police, have been rounded up by Yemeni authorities in connection with the blast.

Yemeni officials said the hilltop apartment in the Tawahi neighborhood was used as a reconnaissance base. Along with the binoculars, they said Islamic publications were found in the apartment in a two-story brown building overlooking the sea.

The lease was in the name of Abdullah Ahmed Khaled al-Musawah, said the officials, who also spoke on condition they not be named. A fake ID card in that name apparently was issued to one of the two men.

U.S. officials have said a great deal of physical evidence had been moved from locations under investigation. The officials said U.S. labs can perform some tests on the evidence that, because of technical limitations, Yemen cannot carry out. The U.S. officials, however, haven't said what sort of evidence has been found or whether some has been sent to the United States.

NATION

President Clinton signs bill on Monday setting a national standard for drunken driving

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, after a three-year struggle with Congress, signed a bill

Monday that would set a tough national standard for drunken driving and, according to proponents, prevent 500 highway deaths a year.

"For me this is a very good day for the United States," the president said. He said the measure was "the biggest step to toughen drunk driving laws and reduce alcohol-related crashes since the national minimum drinking age was established a generation ago."

The new law requires states to implement a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content standard as the legal level for drunken driving by 2004. States that fail to impose that standard would begin losing millions of dollars a year in federal highway funds.

The provision was tucked into a compromise \$58 billion transportation spending bill that was stuffed with pre-election highway, mass transit and aviation projects for every state.

Clinton said the 0.08 standard was a "commonsense nationwide limit" that will save an estimated 500 lives a year and prevent thousands of injuries.

A 170-pound man could consume approximately four drinks in an hour on an empty stomach before reaching 0.08 limit, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics cited by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. A 137-pound woman could have three drinks in an hour before reaching 0.08.

The president was joined in a Rose Garden ceremony by Millie Webb, national president of MADD, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., and representatives of highway safety, civic and health organizations.

Opponents of the 0.08 standard say the measure would penalize social drinkers while ignoring the bigger problem of repeat offenders who drink heavily.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have 0.08 laws, and in Massachusetts a level of 0.08 is considered evidence but not proof of impairment. Thirty-one states define drunken driving as 0.10 percent blood alcohol content.

STATE

State Health Commissioner resigns after suspension for racially insensitive comments

AUSTIN — State Health Commissioner William "Reyn" Archer III, suspended last week after making racially insensitive comments to a black former employee, resigned Monday.

Archer, 46, whose 1997 appointment had been approved by Gov. George W. Bush, had taken heavy criticism this year from minority groups after questionable comments about Hispanics and blacks.

Bush had supported Archer through his previous controversies but pulled back his support last week, calling Archer's latest comments "inappropriate."

Dr. Demetria Montgomery, who was a top-level

administrator in the state health department before she was fired last month, secretly tape recorded a February meeting with Archer.

On the tape, Archer can be heard making references to "lynching" and suggesting Montgomery used her brain to advance her career and "that's what white people do."

Health and Human Services Commissioner Don Gilbert announced Archer's resignation.

"Reyn Archer has served as an energetic and dedicated public health official and I thank him for his years of service to the state of Texas," Gilbert said.

A man who answered the phone at Archer's home said Archer was unavailable for comment.

Gilbert and the health department's governing board had suspended Archer with pay on Thursday. Archer was already undergoing an annual performance review when Montgomery filed her complaint, officials said.

Dr. Charles Bell, the health department's executive deputy commissioner, is serving as interim director.

Tanker truck carrying liquid propane explodes on Sunday, killing one man, injuring another

LONGVIEW — A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of liquid propane exploded and burst into flames, killing one man, injuring another and forcing the evacuation of nearby homes Sunday.

The fire at a propane storage facility burned out by early Monday morning. Officials believe the blaze started while a tanker truck was transferring a load of gas to the storage tank.

Witnesses said a line exploded, then the tanker truck caught fire and there was a second, larger blast at the Martin Resource Management Corp. yard.

The company identified the man killed in the blast as Tim Martin, 52, an employee of 11 years. Officials said he was not related to company president Ruben Martin. The injured man, Martin truck driver Billy Davis, 57, remained in serious condition Monday at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

About 225 residents near the fuel yard were evacuated from their homes because of fears that a second propane tank holding up to 30,000 gallons of fuel could explode. They began returning to their homes Monday morning, said Gregg County Sheriff's Lt. James Maxwell.

Earlier witness reports that three men were injured in the blast were not true, Maxwell said.

Gregg County Fire Marshal Jerry Pierce said firefighters took the safest course and let the blaze burn itself out.

Ruben Martin, the president of the gas sales company, said the propane storage area has been used by the company for more than 40 years without incident.

Wheeler said the agency had two investigators on the scene Monday but that it was too early to determine a cause of the accident. She said the agency would issue its findings within 45 days.

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WAIT AND SEE

Early voting may not be best idea

Over a third of those voting in this year's presidential election are expected to cast their ballots between Monday and Nov. 7, according to the Texas secretary of state's office.

Early voting, an attempt to increase voter participation, allows registered voters to vote in person two weeks before Election Day. Nine locations will be available daily for voters in Tarrant County.

staff editorial

But just because voters can go to the polls early doesn't mean they should.

Whether it is protests of "scare tactics, distortions and exaggerations," or accusations of subliminal messages in commercials, the debate between Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore is volatile at best. From week to week, issues are re-examined and more fingers are pointed.

And no one can tell what is going to happen next.

Bush holds a slight lead in some national surveys, but even this margin is starting to shrink. Gore is struggling in traditionally Democratic states. In California, his lead has slipped from double digits to five percentage points.

And now, with 15 days until Election Day, both candidates are sharpening their tongues and their attacks.

With the increased pressure on the candidates, we are sure to see them fumble and struggle in their last-ditch efforts to win the seat in the Oval Office. This is when we will see who they really are and how they will react under pressure.

For those who have already made their choice for the next president, go to the polls now and get out of their way of others who choose to wait. For those who are still undecided, we urge you to wait and see what happens in the next two weeks before voting.

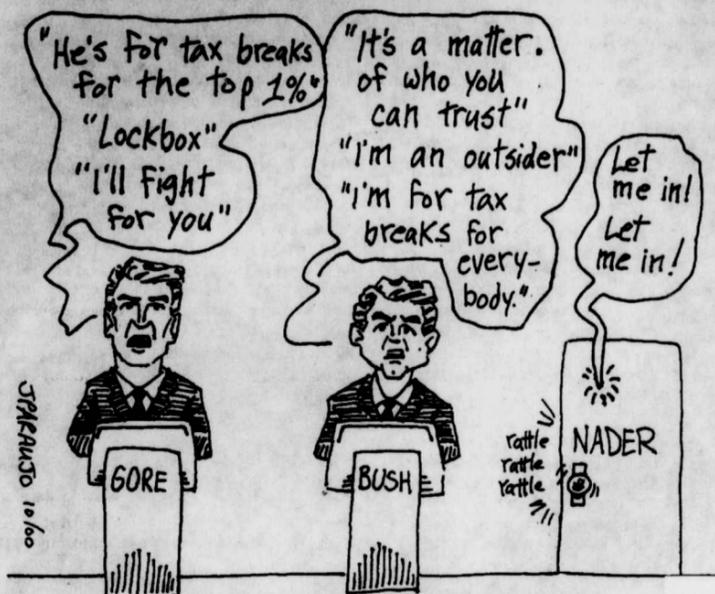
The pressure is on and someone is sure to crack.

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The Presidential Debates: in a nutshell.



John Araujo/SKIFF STAFF

Debates don't ease indecision

Limited discussion leads to blurred presidential decision

If you are still an undecided voter, then you are probably the sole beneficiary of the presidential debates.

If, however, you already know who you are going to vote for, then the debates did little to change your mind. Taken collectively, the debates had something for everybody, but not enough for anybody.

Commentary



JOHN P. ARAUJO

On the plus side, Democratic candidate Al Gore came across as someone who acted like a president. Gore gave the appearance of being in control and knowing clearly what he expects and what can be done. On the negative side, Gore seemed rude and crass. At times he sounded too much like a politician in the "say anything to get elected" sense. For Republican candidate George W. Bush, the plus side is that he seemed more sincere about his

views, and he displayed a more folksy charm and used humor quite effectively. Bush tried his best to NOT act like a professional politician. On the negative side, Bush's folksy manner sometimes came across as bumbling and uncertain. At other times, this manner almost made him look like a hick next to Gore's polished professionalism.

Overall, there was a general lack of discussion on some hard-hitting issues. This was largely due to the lack of Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader in the debates. Gore and Bush undoubtedly wanted to limit what would be discussed in the debates in order to decrease the odds that they would say or do something potentially damaging to their respective campaigns.

However, doing such a thing limits what we can and should know about the candidates that we are being asked to vote for. It's a bit hard to swallow for politicians to ask us to trust them with what little they give us.

Unfortunately, Gore and Bush are practically the only options available to us, because the other candidates have virtually no chance to win.

Now the question is who to vote for.

When I first was eligible to vote, I voted a straight Democratic ticket (it was the thing to do for a Hispanic Catholic living in Texas). Things changed in 1996 after we had four years of Bill Clinton and after I had gained a deeper appreciation for my Catholic faith. For the first time ever, I voted for the Republican candidate because I was so disappointed in the Democratic Party.

Well, now we come to the year 2000, and the Democratic Party continues to disappoint me. I have not yet decided whom I will vote for, but I do know that it will not be Gore. Gore's constant "re-inventing" of himself scares me. Also, his rewriting of his personal history (like claiming to have invented the Internet) serves only to emphasize the image of him being one of those "say anything to get elected" politicians.

Finally, Gore is so adamantly pro-choice that I feel that he will set back civilization to the barbaric, knuckle-dragging days of cavemen in which respect for human life was virtually non-existent. I simply

can't support such a narrow-minded pro-choice extremist.

And then there's ol' "Dubya." Despite a somewhat competent term as governor, Bush still does not strike me as presidential timber. And his support of the death penalty disturbs me. In fact, Gore also supports the death penalty — thus you see my quandary.

So what is a pro-life, liberal-leaning moderate to do?

Both Nader and Buchanan are too extreme for me, and the other candidates have an even more remote chance of winning than Nader and Buchanan do.

What? You didn't know that there were other candidates running? That proves my point!

I suppose I will do as most of the voters will do on Election Day and hold my nose and hope for the best. But vote I will, and so should you.

The United States is still a country "by the people," and voting is the best way of keeping it that way.

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Green Party hides its political truths from public

In the wake of the presidential debates between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, the Green Party has surfaced and presented their candidate, Ralph Nader, as America's only hope to restore the democratic process. Throughout this election, the Greens have fought to allow all candidates to participate in the debates, regardless of voting percentages or quotas.

I'm with the Greens on that one. I realize that Nader has been kept out of the political process. I realize that the media is biased and not doing its job when they ignore third party candidates. Nevertheless, I also think that in their efforts to put the Green Party on the ballot, the Greens have lied to and hidden things from the American public.

First let me say that I respect anybody who

is going to vote for Nader out of personal conviction. If you are familiar with the Green Party's platform, you should be allowed to cast your vote and have it count.

What makes me furious is the horde of people who are going to flock to the voting booth in November and cast a vote for Nader as a sign of protest, to be trendy or because it seems like the cool and youthful thing to do. If you are one of these people, then you should take five minutes to find out what the Green Party really stands for, because being eco-friendly and social equality are not the only things that lurk in their platform.

The Greens have used Nader's image as their forefront, but the reforms they propose are more socially and economically irresponsible than they would have the American people think. Not to mention the "Republican" rhetoric they have shoved down everybody's throat is nothing short of "B.S."

They have tried to convince the American public that there is no difference between Bush and Gore when, in reality, the records of both candidates are radically different on most of the crucial issues hanging in the bal-

ance in this election, like abortion, taxation, affirmative action and the environment.

Most of Green Party's initiatives will be impossible to implement without big federal government.

For example, according to the Green Party's official Web site (www.greenparty.org), the party wants "mandatory conversion of the 200 largest banks ... into democratic publicly-owned community banks." They want "mandatory break up and conversion to democratic worker, consumer and/or public ownership ... of the largest 500 U.S. industrial and commercial corporations." This idea is so close to the nationalization practiced under communist regimes it is scary, not to mention unconstitutional and a violation of the right to private property.

The Green Party also wants "a 100% tax on all income that is over 10 times the minimum wage, and a tax on all federal stock, bond and all securities transactions." Most of the Green's proposed reforms are economic suicide, and anybody with introductory macroeconomics or two inches of forehead can see that. The instability and

volatility these initiatives would cause on the market are enough to cripple America's economy beyond repair.

The Greens also want to regulate public airwaves in the public interest (does this ring like censorship, or is it only me?). They want the United States to finance universal access to primary education, adequate food and preventive health care for all human beings on Earth! The fact is, the United States is not the world's baby-sitter, and good or bad, interventionism is interventionism.

All these ideas and more are what the Greens hide behind Nader's political record. Don't take my word for it, find out for yourself at the many Green Party Web sites.

They advocate reforms that would create the biggest federal government the United States has ever seen. A federal government that would tax you to death to finance their perfect view of the world. A federal government that would tell you what you can own, what kind of media you can watch, what kind of education you can receive, what kind of employees you can hire and how much money you can make. Among the Green Party's good ideas, such as universal

health care and aid to minorities, also lies these economic monsters waiting to be unleashed by your uninformed and irresponsible vote.

So go ahead, vote for Nader if you believe in all the ideas that the Green Party stands for.

Vote for Nader if you believe that any of these things are either socially feasible or economically sound.

But if you are going to vote for Nader because you think all he is bringing to the ballot is egalitarianism and ecologically friendly policies, you still have two weeks to get informed and cast a vote for what you truly believe in.

The fact is, if you have a preference, however slight, among the two candidates that have a chance sit in the Oval Office, you should think twice before using your vote to make a statement. Because even with the righteous Nader and the Greens, what you see is not always what you get.

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Commentary



RAQUEL TORRES

students speak out

"Sometimes someone will be at the door and they will say 'Can you let me in?' and you really don't know who lives in the hall and who doesn't. We can use some type of identification so we can know who is in the hall and who is not."



— Maria Jose Vasquez, freshman business management major

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— Shawn Franklin, sophomore e-business major

"I think the residence halls are going too far with the safety issue. We need to go back to unlocked doors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."



— Sean Grose, junior English and history major

"The issue of dorm safety really does bother me, especially after the problems that happened last year at Colby. Seven guys broke in and went into girls rooms and woke them and bothered them and the police had to be called. I really do think it should be dealt with more."



— Meg McArthur, sophomore history major

"I think the residence halls are doing as much as they can right now but due to individual lapses of judgment, there is a danger there. It is up to the individual."



— Elizabeth Durrett, sophomore music education major

"I feel that our dorms are fairly safe because the doors are locked 24 hours a day and there is always somebody there to make sure there are not people coming in and out."



— Tommie Dewberry, freshman biology major

RANGER

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"We're just glad A&M didn't take first place this year," Denton said. "These results will just make us train and fight harder next year. We will beat A&M."

Logan Grover, a senior criminal justice major and former participant, said it is impressive that TCU is able to send two teams to the competition.

"The majority of our cadets are nurses, which creates a small pool of cadets to choose from who can meet the time commitment and endure physical demands of training," said Grover. "We send the best of about 60 cadets, whereas universities dedicated to military training like Texas A&M and New Mexico Military Institute have larger and stronger pools to choose from."

To prepare for the competition, Ranger Challenge cadets practiced three times a week, twice a day, for eight weeks. Morning training sessions started at 5:30 or 6 a.m. and in-

cluded practice ruck runs, sit-ups, push-ups and other event simulations, Denton said.

Todd Anderson, a junior history major, said he had some doubts about committing to the Ranger Challenge team.

"The first time I felt the weight of the ruck on my back at 5:30 a.m., I thought I must be stupid to join this team," he said. "Now I would lace my boots any day to practice a ruck run for Ranger Challenge."

Several changes were made to the competition this year. Grenade targets were moved out farther, land navigation grading was changed and the one-rope bridge event was introduced. TCU ranked first in the one-rope bridge, Denton said.

Aaron Price, a sophomore business marketing major, said the focus of Ranger Challenge is team work.

"Even during individual events like weapons assembly and grenade assault, you strive for your personal best speed and accuracy in the interest of the team," Price said. Price was able to assemble and disassemble an M-16 rifle in one minute and

10 seconds, the fastest time on the team.

Joel St. Clair, a senior nursing major and battalion commander, said teamwork is essential during the ruck run, the most difficult event of Ranger Challenge.

"The conditions of this endurance race can be exhausting and if one of your teammates is in pain or lagging behind, the team will do anything to help him out," St. Clair said. "One of us may carry his ruck for a while or even tow him along for part of the race."

As the white team crossed the finish line of the ruck run, Josh Galloway, a sophomore business major, was supported on the shoulders of teammates Donny Pratt and Todd Anderson. Galloway said he experienced severe cramping because of dehydration during the race, but is feeling better now.

"If it weren't for my teammates, I might not have made it through the race," Galloway said.

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HIGGINS

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career, Higgins attended the National University of Ireland in Galway where she earned diplomas in women's studies and the Irish language, which few Irish know because it was outlawed from 1690 to 1829 by the English.

Higgins has read her poetry at many universities, including Yale University and the University of Oxford, as well as many prisons.

"(Prison readings) can be tough and scary, but it depends on the grouping," Higgins said. "If it's political prisoners, it's different because they're informed."

Higgins held a writing workshop with a group of Irish Republican Army prisoners.

Elizabeth Fletcher Brown, administrative assistant of the English department, said Hig-

gins' poetry is earthy and contemporary.

"She's lived a very working class life in Ireland and she writes about what she knows," Brown said.

Steele describes Higgins poetry as "a social and political commentary."

According to Higgins' Web site, (www.ritaannhiggins.com), her work is "a poetic response to the Galway and Ireland in which she grew up."

Higgins will also lecture and read poetry to one of Steele's English classes, which has prepared a list of 40 questions to ask her.

"This is great for English majors, because you can read people's poetry but you don't experience the full emotion of it until you have it read to you by the author," said Shalene Kelly, a junior English major.

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ONLINE

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move to get rid of paper ballots.

"I think that it is a lot easier to vote online because it can be done from any where at any time," she said.

Sara Donaldson, vice president to House of Student Representatives, said according to the elections and regulations committee chairman last year, she won her position due to the paper ballots that were turned in at the Information Desk.

"I won by a small number of votes at the information desk, but if those few people could not have voted it would have affected the outcome of the election," Donaldson said.

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EARLY

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recently retired Fort Worth police officer.

In the state senate where Republicans have only a one-seat majority, a key race is shaping up for State Senate District 2. Robert Deuell, a Greenville doctor and school board member, will try to win the seat currently held by Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas.

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New reports issued on Gulf War Syndrome

Research shows illnesses are not disconnected symptoms, finds evidence of brain damage

By Troy Goodman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABILENE — Despite a firm grip on his ever-present walking cane, Chris Yarger has trouble getting around his home. Household chores can take the Gulf War veteran hours and leave him exhausted. His memory has grown weak, and he hasn't held a job in some five years.

"I forget where I put things within two minutes and my concentration is only good for about 10 minutes," said Yarger, 43, who once learned three foreign languages to join a top-secret Army unit. "I'm not as sharp as I once was."

Nearly a decade after Yarger and more than 100,000 other U.S. soldiers returned from the Middle East, a debate still rages over whether Gulf War Syndrome exists and what the government should do about it. Texas researchers, meanwhile, have been gathering evidence that some troops may have suffered a form of brain damage.

Veterans say they suffer from a

strange assortment of woes characterized as Gulf War Syndrome: memory loss, anxiety, severe nausea, balance disturbances and chronic muscle and joint pain.

The Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs, after a slow start, have acknowledged a serious health problem exists but insist no single illness is behind Gulf War Syndrome.

The Texas researchers, however, believe they have developed a strong theory that no one has refuted.

"It's not a bunch of disconnected symptoms as we once thought since we are finding more and more evidence of real brain damage," said Robert Haley, chief epidemiologist for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Meanwhile, the political currency on the issue has dwindled, taking its place behind concerns that the Clinton administration is not doing enough about America's dependence on foreign oil.

At a Senate hearing earlier this month, Dallas billionaire Ross Perot, who has funded Haley's research, said the controversy about Gulf War illness "is Agent Orange revisited," alluding to the defoliant used during the Vietnam War that the Pentagon once claimed would not harm those exposed to it.

Perot said the failure to pinpoint a cause and treatment was due to the Pentagon's unwillingness to retreat from early theories that the sicknesses were stress-related.

Bernard Rostker, head of the De-

fense Department's Gulf War illness investigations, denied that government research is focused on stress. He suggested that Haley's findings need to be replicated with a larger group of veterans.

"We don't draw a conclusion on Dr. Haley's research," Rostker said. "We are perfectly willing to support it. But we don't again want to see Dr. Haley lobbying in place of the peer review, competitive research process."

Scores of other university- and government-sponsored studies along with congressional hearings have failed to establish why some Gulf War veterans came home sick. Some point to chemicals in the battlefield air, anti-nerve gas pills, vaccinations or rare infections.

Initially, Haley was among the skeptics. But after poring over the medical histories of more than 2,000 sick veterans who had asked Perot for help, he became convinced more research needed to be done.

Haley's team six years ago fo-

"It's not a bunch of disconnected symptoms as we once thought."

—Robert Haley
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Lindsey Marshall, 13, and Kristin Jewell, 11, both students at Green Oaks School, read children's books to students at the Rise School. Green Oaks School is specifically designed for children, ages 11 to 14, with Down syndrome. As a part of the Starpoint School, the Rise School is for children from 18 months to 6-years-old with Down syndrome.

Lending a helping hand

Parents found school for children with Down syndrome

Story by Laura McFarland • Photos by Krystal Powell

When the parents of three special children realized the negative impact the public school system had on their children, they decided to act.

Kim Marshall, the mother of Lindsey Marshall, 13, is one such parent.

"All three of us have a child with Down syndrome and we were all getting fed up with the direction our children's education's were taking," Kim Marshall said. "So, we decided to see if we could help them ourselves."

Along with Jean Jewell and Terry Dunn, both mothers of a child with Down syndrome, Marshall has co-founded Green Oaks School, a private school geared toward the specific needs of children with Down syndrome.

The three mothers have known each other for 10 years. In that time, they shared with each other the heartache they saw their children going through.

"Our children were very unhappy in public school," Kim Marshall said. "My daughter would come home crying every day. These kids have a great learning ability, but they have to be able to learn on their own level."

The school accepts children between the ages of 11 and 14 and only if they do not have serious medical or behavior disorders. Currently there are four children enrolled. Dunn's daughter, Erin Dunn, can't attend because she is only 10.

In their new school, the students still do regular academics like math, spelling and reading, but it is all geared toward their level. There are three different reading groups out of four children so that each child's education is individualized.

Haley Whitworth, 13, said she enjoys attending Green Oaks School.

"I like this school," she said. "I like to read with my teacher. She's nice. We read and do our months and math."

The students are currently training to enter the Special Olympics. All

four will be entered in the swimming and bowling events. The students also go to the public library and have craft time once a week. Every Thursday is reserved for special projects and a review of academics.

"They are all delighted," Kim Marshall said. "We have four very happy children at this school — happy to be learning. Here, every minute of every day is spent in activities that our children can learn and enjoy."

Lately, the students have been practicing their storytelling abilities in preparation for a reading they did at the Rise School last Thursday. The Rise School is a school in Starpoint School for children between the ages of 18 months and 6-years-old with Down syndrome and other disabilities. All four of the Green Oaks students read to the younger children.

"We will divide the students into four groups and each of our students are going to read to a group," said Kim Marshall.

She said much of the progress in the students' academics and outside activities is because of their teacher, Sara Mayo.

Mayo said she intended to take time off from her teaching position at Pantego Christian Academy to raise her two toddlers. When she heard about the mothers who had decided to start a school for children with Down syndrome, she called to offer her knowledge. When the owners offered her a job, Mayo said she looked into the offer and it worked out to everyone's benefit.

"First of all, the job had to do with my desire," Mayo said. "My heart's desire is to work with people that have mental impairments.

The second thing is that the passion of the women was just very contagious. They are determined. They have received everything by donations and the money was in place. It was a go."

Mayo said she has been interested in special education since she was young and she was intrigued by the possibilities the school possessed.

"I think this is a unique opportunity in that this is just students with Down syndrome," Mayo said. "They learn so differently from everybody else. It was a challenge to see what we could do with it and the measurable improvement that we've had so far has been tremendous."

For Mayo, the biggest accomplishment has been to assess the individual needs of every student, meet those needs and also have the students show measurable improvement.

"Students who couldn't tell time now can tell time," Mayo said. "Students who couldn't count money can count money now. Students who couldn't read anything but their names are reading at a primer level. Those gains might be small in the world's aspect, but they're huge with these children whose past education has either failed them or has left

tremendous gaps."

In the future, the owners hope to increase the age limit by one year each new school year and add more vocational skills.

"By the time that they're (in their middle teens, they'll be out in the community working on job sites," Mayo said. "They'll do job shadowing with different federal programs and we will really focus on the school to work transition."

Though they are always looking ahead, the mothers say they are content to take the problems the school may face as they come. For the time being, they are committed to helping Mayo prepare the students for the life that awaits them.

"On top of vocational skills, we will deal with personal and family matters, social skills, how to buy groceries and how to adapt in the community," Mayo said. "The biggest thing is being able to make them citi-

zens that can give back to the community."

Essentially, the lesson Mayo most wants her students to leave with is respect — for others and for themselves.

"I think one thing that I would want them to know is that God loves them," Mayo said. "God loves them just the way they are and he made them the way they are for a reason. I think that reason is to show us joy."

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(Top) Green Oaks student, 11-year-old Kristin Jewell, points out pictures in the storybook she is reading to Rise School students. (Left) The students of Green Oaks School practiced their storytelling abilities in preparation for a reading they did at the Rise School last Thursday.

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Albright visits North Korea

Talks focus on tension-free Northeast Asia, missile development

By George Gedda
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WASHINGTON — Embarking on a journey that seemed highly improbable just a few months ago, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright flew to North Korea on Sunday in hopes of advancing her goal of a tension-free Northeast Asia for the first time in decades.

No other secretary of state has visited North Korea and none of Albright's predecessors had even considered the idea because of the grim state of the relationship.

Albright left Washington shortly after midnight on the 17-hour journey, and was to land Sunday in the capital of Pyongyang, a city U.S. forces reduced to rubble during the Korean War. It is now a metropolis with tall buildings and broad boulevards, although with scarcely any traffic.

If Albright's talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il go well, President Clinton will follow her to Pyongyang as part of an Asia trip

next month, administration officials said.

"We still believe there are very significant steps that have to be taken to meet the concerns the United States has," said a senior State Department official aboard Albright's plane, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "We have reason to believe that because of discussions that we have had that North Korea may be prepared to take some very serious steps."

The official did not elaborate, but Albright's main concern is North Korea's missile development program and its export of missiles to Iran and Syria. She will confer with Kim on those issues but officials said no agreements are expected.

The United States is considering the creation of a national missile defense, partly out of concern that North Korea may some day direct ICBM's at American cities.

North Korea has for years ignored American efforts to stop exporting missiles, and the possibility that the

Pyongyang regime may now be listening to these concerns has generated excitement among arms control advocates.

In Clinton's quest for a foreign policy legacy worthy of the history books, his initiative with North Korea seems more promising than any other, a turn of events few would have predicted six years ago when the two countries seemed close to war.

Clinton has shown patience and diligence in seeking an accommodation with North Korea. His initiative has prospered, at least for the time being, because of a surprise willingness of Kim to reciprocate.

Kim, perhaps motivated by economic catastrophe, has scrapped North Korea's policy of reclusiveness and has been reaching out not only to the United States but to other countries, most notably South Korea.

In the process, Kim has shed the stereotypical view of him. Don Oberdorfer, a Korea expert at the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies, said Kim was depicted in in-

telligence reports as an awful man who was "introverted and strange."

But he showed himself to be "very confident and very poised" when in June he had his historic encounter with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung.

Joel Wit, a former State Department official who has visited North Korea 14 times, agreed that Kim has not lived up to his reputation as being "a little bit crazy."

The Center for Security Policy cites a classified Pentagon report leaked last month asserting that there is no evidence that North Korea is changing fundamentally and that there has been no reduction in North Korea's military.

After two days of discussion in Pyongyang, Albright will fly across the Demilitarized Zone to Seoul to report on her talks to senior officials from Japan and South Korea, both of which continue to be nervous about North Korea's military. As a deterrent, the United States maintains 37,000 troops in South Korea.

Cardinal suggests papacy term limited

Danneels denies suggesting that Pope John Paul II should resign position

By Constant Brand
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MECHELEN, Belgium — One of Europe's most influential cardinals called Monday for a debate on limiting the term of the papacy but denied he was suggesting Pope John Paul II should resign.

Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Belgium is the highest-ranking churchman to go public with calls for a discussion on possible term limits for the papacy.

But Danneels insisted Monday he never meant to suggest in a new book that John Paul should end his 22-year tenure as head of the Roman Catholic Church.

"If you see how much work ... leaders do, I don't see how, with a person 80, 90 or 100 years old, that person can maintain a tradition ... that a pope never resigns," Danneels said Monday at a book launch.

But, he added, "What I didn't want to say is that this pope should resign, that he should leave or that I should want him to leave or that he isn't doing a good job."

In his book, "Frankly — Six Discussions with the Cardinal," Danneels suggested John Paul might consider stepping aside next year, now that he has achieved his dream of leading the church into the new millennium.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the pope also retired after 2000. He absolutely wanted to reach the Jubilee year, but I believe he would retire afterward," wrote Danneels, who has been mentioned as possible succes-

sor for John Paul.

Danneels' book prompted a quick response from the Vatican, which said the cardinal's comments were his personal opinion only.

On Monday, Danneels urged opening a debate on limiting the term of the papacy.

"People find it unthinkable that a pope should resign," he said, adding that the time will come

soon when a term limit will be expanded from other clergy levels to the papacy itself.

"This will likely become a thinkable reality," he said.

While church law provides for a papal resignation, there is no proce-

sure to declare incapacity.

John Paul, who will be 81 in May, has grown increasingly frail. His speech is slurred and his hands tremble, both symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, a progressive neurological disorder. Since hip surgery following a fall in his bathroom in 1994, he has had difficulty walking and climbing stairs.

He has never signaled any intention of stepping down, often speaking of duty and how he has come to terms with his advancing years. Navarro-Valls, his spokesman, said the pope plans to keep up his travels, including Malta and Australia.

Several other clergy have raised the issue of the pope stepping aside. A top German bishop, Karl Lehmann, said in February he thought the pope would step down if he thought he could no longer lead the church.

Politics and music meld in history

Austin's folk and blues and Nashville's pop country reflect campaign styles

By John Heilprin
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Once it was songs about lyin' cheatin' hearts, but now it's reminders like Faith Hill's to use our lungs and just "Breathe" — relentlessly wholesome sentiments, perfected by pop country — that blanket the airwaves around Al Gore's Democratic campaign headquarters.

More than 850 miles away in Austin, it's tales of broken promises and a devil moon as in Jimmie Dale Gilmore's "Blue Shadows" — off-beat and rootsy strains of folk, blues and alternative country or "redneck" rock — that waft around Republican George W. Bush's staff.

In this tale of two boot-stompin' cities, one unabashedly radio-ready country, the other a little bit honky tonk rock 'n' roll, the contrasts were cause for rivalry long before the matchup between the major parties' White House aspirants.

Now there's the sight of two successful politicians — both Ivy Leaguers, born into privilege, sons of prominent national leaders — playing up their folksy images, drawing on the school-of-hard-knocks lyricism that gets played out nightly in Nashville with its rows of downtown clubs and in Austin with its statue to Stevie Ray Vaughan and a nearly institutionalized renegade status.

"It reflects things about the campaigns," said Bush spokesman Tucker Eskew, who once roamed Nashville's

music scene as a college student an hour-and-a-half away in Sewanee.

"Austin music is more independent, less stuck within old traditional lines," he said. "Governor Bush is a different kind of Republican, and Austin music is a different kind of music mix, not wed to old traditions."

Gore spokesman Douglas Hattaway sees it a little differently.

"The Nashville music scene is very much of, by and for the people, and that's who Al Gore is fighting for — the people," he said. "Austin's open-minded, forward-looking music scene is a stark contrast to Bush's retro agenda."

In some ways, neither comparison fits.

Unlike some Democrats' anti-establishment imagery, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry and prominent recording industry represent the musical establishment. And unlike some Republicans' buttoned-down portrayal, Austin, as self-proclaimed "Live Musical Capital of the World," is the place Bush strategist Karl Rove once called "the People's Republic of Central Texas."

At the opening of Nashville's new Opryland complex in 1974, for example, President Nixon tried to learn how to play with a yo-yo from Roy Acuff, singer of "Wabash Cannonball" and a 1948 Republican candidate for Tennessee governor.

"Politics and country have always been intertwined, sometimes for better and sometimes for worse," said Jimmie Rogers, a communications professor at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville

who studies country music, politics and religion.

Tennessee may have gained a friend when it helped Texas fight for independence at the Alamo, but that was long before Willie Nelson left in Nashville in the 1970s to make his home on the banks of the Colorado River in Austin. Nelson's unvarnished outlaw tunes, establishing him as king of Austin's cosmic cowboys, helped set the town's experimental styles apart from Nashville's polished music-making.

"The Nashville sound was smooth, recorded in such a way that they considered it to be perfect," Rogers said. "They used strings and horns, they

brought it uptown. What Austin did was they brought it back down to its roots."

Some staples of the country music industry — Pam Tillis, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Kathy Mattea, John Michael Montgomery and Ricky Van Shelton — back Gore.

But Bush draws support from other big Nashville stars: Brooks & Dunn, Wynonna Judd, Hank Williams Jr., Loretta Lynn, Travis Tritt, Lorrie Morgan and the Oak Ridge Boys.

Of course, there's plenty of crossover — that same magic word used by musicians seeking genre-bending appeal and by politicians chasing votes.

Bush, taking aim at working families, has as a campaign theme "We The People," a new composition by Billy Ray Cyrus mixing country, rock 'n' roll and blues. Cyrus, not exactly known as a proponent of Texas-style compassionate conservatism, is a Flatwoods, Ky., native and lifelong Democrat.

The musical centers also have been fertile ground for campaign money.

Gore's Tennessee roots so far have garnered his campaign \$2 million in donations from the state. Nashville residents gave \$964,455, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Bush has received \$16 million from the far more numerous Texans. More than \$1 million of that has come from Austin, which ranks behind Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth in donating to presidential campaigns.

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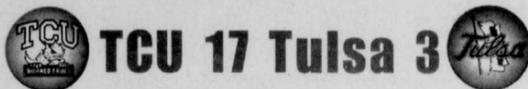
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PICKING OFF A WIN

Frogs' top-ranked defense leads team to 11th straight win

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

The TCU defense entered Saturday's game against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane boasting the nation's top-ranked unit.

Following a 17-3 victory, TCU's defense remained the nation's stingiest unit, allowing just 246 yards and 8.5 points a game. To TCU coaches and players, even that ranking may not do the defense justice.

With the TCU offense bogged down by the rain and held down by an inspired Tulsa squad, the Frogs' defense carried the team to victory and preserved the Frogs' unbeaten season.

"Sometimes you have to win ugly," head coach Dennis Franchione said. "Our defense certainly came through for us tonight."

The offense struggled most of the night. The three points at halftime and 17 total were the fewest for TCU this season. Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 119 yards, 75 yards below his average. The Frogs were outgained on offense for the first time this season (294-284), after usually doubling up their opponents.

Though the numbers were not spectacular, the defense ensured the outcome of the game was never in doubt.

Senior safety LaVar Veale said senior defensive end Shawn Worthen exhorted their teammates to a silent TCU locker room during halftime.

"He said, 'We didn't come this far to lose,'" Veale told *The Dallas Morning News*. "The offense was struggling, and it was up to us to keep (Tulsa) from scoring. We knew the offense would come through sooner or later."

The Frogs scored two touchdowns Saturday. Both came as a direct result of the efforts of the defense.

With 3:18 left in the third quarter, sophomore cornerback Bo Springfield picked off a Josh Blankenship pass at the Tulsa 47-yard line. With the Tulsa defense focusing on stopping Tomlinson, sophomore quarterback Casey Printers found running room on the option. At the Tulsa 21, Printers dropped back and threw a strike to senior wide receiver Tim Maiden for a touchdown.

The Frogs would not trail again.

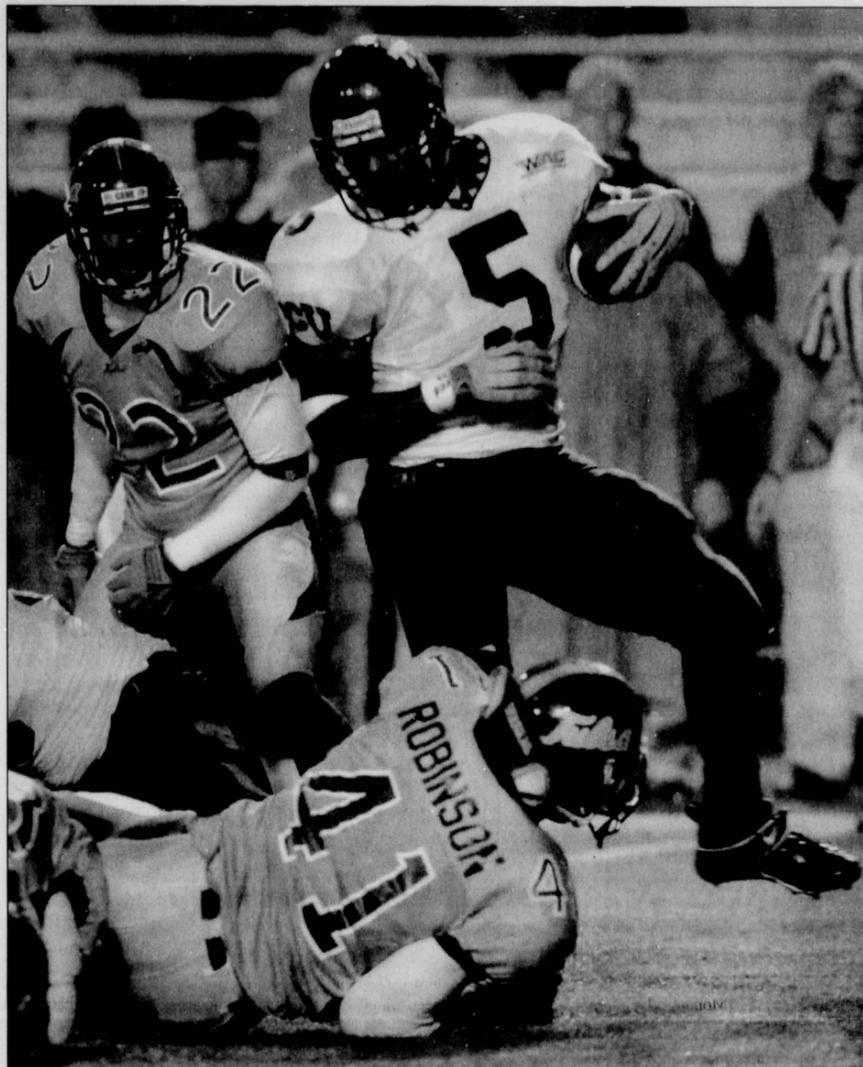
TCU's second touchdown, which put Tulsa away, again resulted from an interception. Starting in place of sophomore cornerback Jason Goss, junior Kenneth Hilliard picked off an Andrew LeCrone pass at midfield and returned it 36 yards to the Tulsa 14. Printers kept the ball on the option and gained 13 yards to the Tulsa 1-yard line. On the next play, Tomlinson plunged in for the 45th touchdown of his career.

Though the Frogs allowed 285 yards, 49 more than their average, they kept Tulsa out of the end zone.

With the score tied at 3 late in the second quarter and Tulsa driving, the TCU defense stood firm. When Blankenship rolled out from the TCU 6-yard line, he fired the go-ahead touchdown pass into the end zone. But Veale intercepted the pass, preserving the tie.

Defensive coordinator Gary Patterson said the Frogs' defensive strategy is "one more point." His unit held Tulsa out of the end zone and enabled the offense to score that "one more point."

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Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson is corralled by Tulsa's Da'Mond Robinson in the first half at Skelly Stadium in Tulsa, Okla., Saturday.

Offense sputters to season's lowest output

By Chad Carey
STAFF REPORTER

Going into Saturday night's football game against Tulsa, another easy TCU win wasn't a bold prediction. After all, the Frogs were ranked in the top 10 and were riding the second-longest winning streak in the nation.

But somebody forgot to tell Tulsa that all of that mattered. TCU struggled throughout the rainy conditions, but in the end had enough fight left to pull out a 17-3 win.

The Horned Frogs (6-0, 3-0 Western Athletic Conference) took advantage of four interceptions to score twice in a two-minute span late in the third quarter and early in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

The win was the Frogs' 11th straight and marked the first time since 1938 the Frogs have started a season 6-0.

Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson had 119 yards on 27 carries against a Tulsa defense that gave up 450 rushing yards to New Mexico State just one week before. Tomlinson's 119 yards were enough to get him over the 1,000-yard mark for the second consecutive season. He is the only player to rush for 1,000 yards in two separate seasons at TCU.

The Horned Frogs took a 3-0 lead on a 42-yard field goal by senior place kicker Chris Kaylakie in the first quarter.

The Golden Hurricane had a chance to score in the final two minutes of the first half, but senior safety LaVar Veale intercepted quarterback Josh Blankenship's pass in the end zone.

Tulsa and the Horned Frogs went into halftime knotted at 3-3. It was the first time this season the Frogs were tied at halftime. In TCU's previous six games, they had outscored their opponents 110-31 in the first half of games this season.

Senior defensive tackle Shawn Worthen said he could see the team needed some motivation.

"I told (the team) that I've been here since 1997 when we were 1-10, and I didn't come this far and we didn't come this far, to give it all up against Tulsa," Worthen said. "Tulsa is a good team, but there is no team TCU can't beat if we play TCU football."

With less than one minute remaining in the third quarter, sophomore cornerback Bo Springfield picked off Blankenship, giving the Frogs the ball at the Tulsa 47-yard line. Five plays later, sophomore quarterback Casey Printers connected with wide receiver Tim Maiden for a 21-yard touchdown pass to give TCU a 10-3 lead.

On Tulsa's next offensive series, senior wide receiver Andrew LeCrone fumbled a hand-off from Blankenship. Instead of falling on the ball, LeCrone tried to throw it down field. Junior cornerback Kenneth Hilliard made the interception and returned the ball to Tulsa's 14-yard line. Two plays later, Tomlinson scored to give TCU a 14-point lead.

After a game where the offense seemed to struggle through the sloppy weather conditions, head coach Dennis Franchione praised the defense.

"There is not enough you can say about the defense," Franchione said. "That interception by Veale in the second quarter in the end zone was big. The turnovers in the third quarter were big."

"(Defensive coordinator) Gary Patterson had them in good position, played them physical and got the turnovers we needed."

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The first Bowl Championship Series rankings were released Monday and the undefeated Horned Frogs (6-0) were ranked No. 13, behind eight teams with a loss.

Total points derived by adding average poll ranking (PA), with computer averages (CA), number of losses (L) and strength of schedule (SS).

Team	PA	CA	L	SS	Total
1 Nebraska	1.0	1.57	0	1.04	3.61
2 Oklahoma	3.0	1.71	0	0.72	5.43
3 Virginia Tech	2.0	4.14	0	0.52	6.66
4 Miami, Fla.	4.5	4.14	1	0.12	9.76
5 Florida State	6.0	4.14	1	1.00	12.14
6 Florida	7.5	6.86	1	0.84	16.20
7 Clemson	4.5	7.86	0	3.88	16.24
8 Oregon	8.5	8.00	1	0.60	18.10
9 Washington	9.0	9.57	1	0.32	19.89
10 Kansas State	9.0	8.71	1	3.04	21.75
11 Ohio State	12.5	10.14	1	0.92	24.56
12 Georgia	12.5	14.00	1	1.96	29.46
13 TCU	11.0	16.29	0	4.36	31.65
14 Southern Miss.	14.0	15.71	1	3.16	33.87

frogsREPORTcard

The Skiff reviews the Horned Frogs' 17-3 win at Tulsa.

C+ Passing offense: We must all remember that sophomore quarterback Casey Printers is just that — a sophomore. He's shown signs of brilliance this season but has also shown there's plenty of room for development. This week's game was played in less than ideal conditions, and Printers completed just 7 of 12 passes for 62 yards. He had a 21-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Tim Maiden.

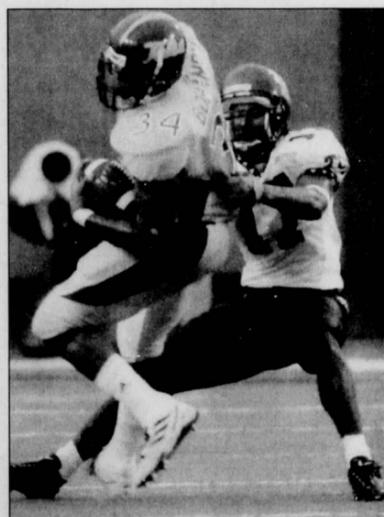
B Rushing offense: Heisman Trophy numbers they weren't. Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 119

yards and a touchdown on 27 carries. Bigger numbers were expected from Tomlinson against a team that ranked 11th in the nation (out of 114 teams) against the run. Printers chipped in with 87 yards on 14 carries.

A Passing defense: The Horned Frogs' pass defense intercepted Tulsa quarterback Josh Blankenship three times and had four overall. Interceptions by cornerbacks Bo Springfield and Kenneth Hilliard set up two second-half touchdowns. Blankenship threw for 197 yards but completed just 17 of 37 passes. He was also sacked five times.

A Rushing defense: The run defense came through as expected, allowing just 72 yards on 39 carries, an average of 1.8 yards a carry. Junior running back Ken Bohanon led the Tulsa rushing attack with 65 yards on 20 carries.

A Special teams: Senior place kicker Chris Kaylakie hit both extra points and a 42-yard field goal. Junior punter Joey Biasatti had eight punts for an average of 44.5 yards. Two of his punts wound up inside the 20-yard line. While Biasatti was good, TCU would probably rather not see him punt eight times a game.



Top frogs

A look at the game's top performers.

Junior weak safety Charlie Owens compiled a career-high 10 tackles, including six solo stops against Tulsa. Owens also picked up one of the Horned Frogs' five sacks on the night, the first of his career. Owens moved into third place on the team with 39 stops, behind junior linebacker Chad Bayer and senior linebacker Shannon Brazzell. Owens' performance marked only the second time this season in which a TCU defender reached double figures in tackles.

Last season, Owens was a backup to Reggie Hunt and saw limited action. Although he missed four games to injury, Owens made six tackles and had an interception.

Tulsa World
Junior weak safety Charlie Owens drags down Tulsa's Ken Bohanon in the first half at Skelly Stadium in Tulsa, Okla., Saturday.

Volley Frogs lose to Fresno, San Jose; record falls to 12-12

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

A weekend road trip to California didn't provide much rest or relaxation for the Volley Frogs as the team lost consecutive matches to both Fresno State and San Jose State.

The losses dropped the Volley Frogs' overall record back to .500 at 12-12 and would be the team's third and fourth Western Athletic Conference losses of the season. After the losses, TCU fell to fifth in the WAC standings. The Bulldogs moved to fourth, and San

Jose State remained in second.

The Frogs put up a fight in the first game, but the Bulldogs were able to win the point battle, and took the first game 15-11.

In the second game, TCU couldn't counter a powerful Fresno State offense. The Frogs' only put up four points, as the Bulldogs took game two 15-4. TCU's hitting percentage of .080 was not enough to compete with the .480 tallied by Fresno State.

"I saw that we did try to battle and were fairly successful," head coach Sandy Trout said.

The Bulldogs finished off the match with a 15-11 win in the third game. However, the Frogs made three key blocks that keyed a comeback and allowed them to end the match with something positive to build on for the next match against San Jose State.

Trout said the late scoring push in the third game against Fresno State put TCU in position to go into Saturday night's match against San Jose State with clear minds. She said this is still one of the goals for her team, and said their ability to consecutively refocus has been phenomenal.

"I was really pleased with the amount of effort they made after the Fresno State game was over and done with," Trout said. "We were ready for a new day, and that gave us the opportunity to have a really good outing in San Jose."

In previous games against the Spartans, TCU has played in tough games that haven't been easy wins for either team. The first game of this season's match was no different.

TCU came from behind and gained its first lead at 14-13 late in the first game, before going on to take the

game 15-13. This would be the only win the Frogs would get in the match.

The second and third games saw what could have appeared to be two totally different teams. Offensively the Frogs couldn't get the points they needed in the 15-6 and 15-7 losses in games two and three.

"We just went flat, and they really ripped through us," Trout said. "That really hurt our confidence level."

A brief TCU rally in the fourth game, which whittled away at an early 6-1 San Jose State lead, didn't get the job done. The Spartans won the fourth

game 15-12, and took the match 3-1.

After a long weekend against two tough teams, assistant coach Barbara Kovacs said the Volley Frogs are looking forward to taking a day off to reflect on the trip.

"We need to take a rest and retain our focus for the upcoming weekend," Kovacs said. "We have to bounce back from this. It has to come from our hearts, which comes from continued hard work in practice."

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today's menu Oct. 24, 2000

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Baked Cornish hen
Beef stroganoff
Honey glazed ham
Oven roasted pot roast

Dinner
Cyberwraps
Shrimp Creole
Vegetable lasagna
Meatloaf

Worth Hills Lunch
Baked potato with barbecue beef

Dinner
Baked potato with barbecue beef

Eden's Greens Lunch
Baked potatoes
Chicken fried steak with gravy
Meatballs
Baked potato soup

Frogbytes Late Night
Same as The Main

Tomorrow at The Main:
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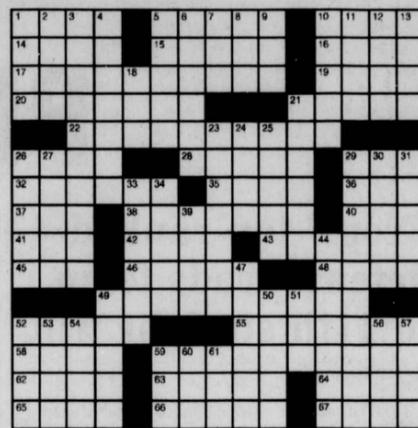
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5 "The Cloak" or "The Bat"
10 Discontinue
14 See 1A
15 Virtuous
16 Ear part
17 General's assistant
19 Lotion ingredient
20 Explore caves
21 Roger Bannister, e.g.
22 Eye or ear, e.g.
26 Author of "Lucky Jim"
28 Cornered in branches
29 Taxi
32 Porker's pad
35 Not up yet
36 Spat ending?
37 Traveler's stopover
38 Breakfast patty
40 In position
41 Expert
42 Donahue or Silvers
43 Informer
45 Actor Beatty
46 Jobs
48 Cyrano's distinction
49 Confined to a monastery
52 Worship
55 Excessive desire for wealth
58 Cross-country walk
59 Wood rabbit
62 Goes astray
63 Small stream
64 Part of IBM
65 Essence
66 Discontinue
67 On the briny

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1 Sorrowful exclamation
2 Witty remark
3 Not planned
4 Never outdated
6 Money supply
7 Notable period
8 Ewe's mate
9 High peak
10 Done in
11 Ring recurrently
12 Woodwind
13 Equal
18 Demand payment repeatedly
21 Infuriate
23 Consultation shrines
24 Singer McEntire
25 Oddballs
26 Concerning bees
27 Chop into small pieces
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31 Hit the tub
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