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Ryan Eloë's backpack is stuffed with two textbooks, a lab manual, five spiral notebooks and a variety of pens and pencils.

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## Opponents criticize motives behind SGA reconstruction

By Hemi Ahluwalia  
STAFF REPORTER

Opponents to the proposed restructuring referendum, which addresses changing the required hours needed to run for an executive position in the Student Government Association, have expressed concern that students with less SGA experience will run for positions.

The proposed plan would change the hours to run for all positions, except for president, from 30 credit hours to sophomore standing. The requirements for the position of president of SGA will change from

### Some say lowering credit hours could benefit unqualified candidates

60 credit hours to junior standing, said Jason Cordova, secretary of House.

The current number of hours required for sophomore standing is 24 credit hours and for junior standing is 54 credit hours. Voting on the referendum, which is online, is 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. today.

"I have the feeling that these changes were made to benefit those who do not meet the requirements of the current system," said Charles Abbott, Foster Hall representative.

Requirements to run for a position may have been dropped by six hours, but it is not anticipated that non-qualified students will run, Cordova said.

Less experienced SGA members could run for an executive position, but they know from first hand experience how difficult the task is and they would not want to take it on too early, Cordova said.

"The dropping of six hours will not make just any person want to run for a position," he said. "It is hard to

explain the responsibilities that each position requires but it is more work than one can imagine. SGA members realize that only an experienced person could run for any executive position."

Abbott, a sophomore international business, environmental science and vocal performance major, said the proposed changes are a waste of time because it is not going to make that much of a difference to the students who run for office.

"We need to start taking care of

the people who we represent instead of housekeeping," he said. "I would like for students to say that SGA did something good for the campus while they attended instead of just saying that the constitution was changed every year."

This referendum hopes to cover any changes that might occur to the campus over the next couple of years, said Brian Becker, elections and regulations committee chairman.

"If a person is not qualified (then)

the student body will not vote for them," Becker said. "We are changing the hour requirement because we do not like to see people get locked out because of a few hours."

Supporters of the bill say they are just trying to improve the campus and SGA, Cordova said.

"(There) is no underlying motive to the bill; all we want to do is to improve the way SGA is run," Cordova said. "If there had been a motive, I think that it would have already surfaced."

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## COSTUME CAPERS



Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

Two children show off their costumes to Aaron McClatchy, a junior religion major, as he volunteers Monday night at the annual Halloween event "Boo at the Zoo," held at the Fort Worth Zoo.

## UCR revisions expected to be 'distinguishing'

### Academic skills of core to be looked at by three committees

By Angie Chang  
STAFF REPORTER

The first of three committees created to help revise the University Curriculum Requirements will meet Friday to make recommendations about the academic skills a TCU student should have upon finishing the core requirements.

Bob Seal, chairman of the Curriculum Outcome Committee, said a recommendation for revision of the core curriculum came from several of the task forces of the Commission on the Future of TCU.

Seal, who is also a university librarian, said the revised core will provide students valuable experiences.

"We want the core to be stimulating and exciting," Seal said. "We hope the (new core curriculum) will attract more students to TCU. We're not just trying to update the core, we are trying to distinguish ourselves as an institution."

In its first step, the committee will have a special meeting with the Faculty Senate today to discuss the skills students need.

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, said the revision process

will be closer to a major overhaul than a minor tinkering with the curriculum. The revision will start with a clean slate, Koehler said.

Koehler said in the past curricular modifications began by looking at which courses would benefit students most. But the current process will look at what skills a student should possess after completing the core, he said.

"I'm hopeful that this process will be a creative approach," Koehler said. "We'll look at what outcomes we want, and then we'll look at ways to achieve it. (We're) taking a fresh look at the university curriculum."

Koehler said the curriculum was last revised in 1985 and implemented in 1988.

Phil Hartman, professor of biology, said revising the core will give TCU the potential to become a better institution.

"What's pleasing to me is that we're not just looking to remodel a room of the house; we're building a whole new house," Hartman said. "Chances are the house may look the same or it

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### briefs

#### Using race in admissions process is OK, study says

DETROIT, Mich. (U-WIRE) — According to a study commissioned by the intervening defendants in the lawsuit challenging the use of race as a factor in admission in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, the University of Michigan's admissions processes are constitutionally sound.

Godfrey Dillard, lead counsel for the intervening defendants, presented the report Tuesday at a forum hosted by Citizens for Affirmative Action's Preservation at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The report, conducted by Jacob Silver and James Randolph, both formerly of the Michigan Department of Education, examined the 1995 applicant pool that included defendant Jennifer Gratz's application.

"There is no white victim in this case," Dillard said. "The study shows that the admission process at U. of M. is constitutionally OK. It provides equal opportunity to all groups, it's inclusive and it does not discriminate. The overwhelming beneficiary of the process is white students."

— Michigan Daily University of Michigan

## Student representatives voting records placed online

### New House site includes information of legislation passed

By Kristina Iodice  
STAFF REPORTER

Students can now go online to see how members of the House of Student Representatives voted on bills and resolutions.

Sara Donaldson, vice president of the House, said the online voting records are only one part of all the new information added to the House Web site this year.

"There are a lot of avenues students can take to learn about House and this is one of them,"

she said.

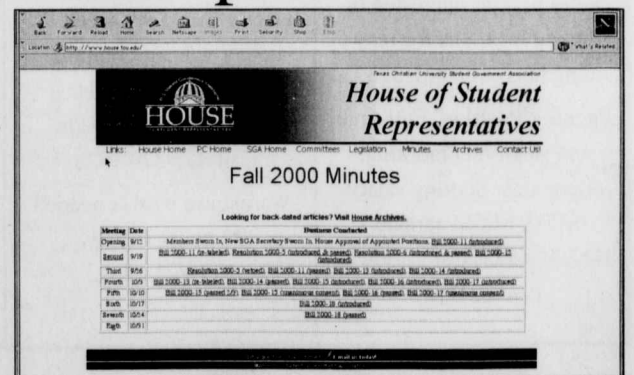
The new House site includes links to minutes from past meetings, legislation introduced or debated at the House meeting, pictures from all-campus events and spotlights on student organizations and committee assignments. There is an archive with all the legislation from the past two years online. Representative pages were added this semester with details like constituency, contact information, involvement on

campus, House tenure and attendance records.

"A representative can miss a meeting and still be completely informed," House Historian Devon Glick said.

Kylie McCarville, a sophomore pre-major, said it was a good decision to post voting records. Voting records are important to see what House is doing, especially when it is time to re-elect repre-

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Sarah Kirchsberg/Co-Photo Editor  
Doris Kearns Goodwin, a Pulitzer-prize winning author, speaks to a group of about 800 people Wednesday night at the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

## Goodwin speaks on love for history, Red Sox

### Students can gain insight to campaign from past presidents

By Emily Ward  
STAFF REPORTER

By looking into the past and telling the stories of our nation's past presidents, Americans can gain insight into today's presidential campaigns, Doris Kearns Goodwin told about 800 students, visitors, faculty and staff Wednesday night in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Goodwin, who confesses a profound love for both history and the Boston Red Sox, said the past is something that remains within us only through the stories we remember and pass down to future generations.

"I shall always be grateful to my intertwined love for history and baseball, which have led me to spend a lifetime of looking back into the past, allowing me to believe that the past remains with us — that the public figures we respected in our history really can live on as long as we continue to

count and recount the story of their lives," Goodwin said.

Highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of former presidents Franklin Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and Abraham Lincoln, Goodwin told audience members that today's presidential candidates can learn much from their predecessors.

"My greatest problem with the campaign in 2000 is that when we look into (Al) Gore and into (George W.) Bush, we perhaps feel like we are not in the presence of greatness with either one," Good-

win said. "But it's encouraging to realize that in the 1860s, very few people saw this in Abraham Lincoln."

When former president Roosevelt made his first inaugural speech at the height of the Depression, he renewed courage and faith into the American people by promising that the country's problems would soon be remedied, Goodwin said.

The hope Roosevelt presented in that single speech is what

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campus lines

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► College Republicans will be going to the Nightmare on Main Street haunted house. Anyone interested needs to meet at 7 p.m. today in front of the Student Center. Bring \$10 for admission. For more information contact Christa at (817) 257-8526.

► The radio-TV-film department will show "The Invisible Man" (1933) at 7 p.m. today 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.

► TCU/RetroFest Film Series will present "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962) at 7 p.m. Friday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The film is presented by the radio-TV-film department.

► TCU Symphony Orchestra, Choral Ensembles and guest alumni will perform the "Brahms Requiem" from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

► Applications for Golden Key National Honor Society are due Monday for juniors and seniors with a GPA of at least 3.5. Golden Key National Honor Society will also have a meeting for active members at 9:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center, Room 203.

► The Kino Monda International Film Series will present "Children of Heaven" (Iran/1997) at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. All films in the series are free and open to the public.

► 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.

**Correction:** The staff editorial published in the Oct. 25 issue of the Skiff should have said that the House of Student Representatives voted not to pass a bill which eliminates the use of paper ballots in campus elections.

news digest

WORLD

Three dead bodies recovered from the sunken submarine Kursk in Barents Sea Wednesday

MURMANSK, Russia — Deep-sea divers entered the hull of the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk on Wednesday and found the bodies of three of the 118 victims, a Russian navy official said.

The bodies were found several hours after a team of Norwegian and Russian divers succeeded in cutting the first hole in the thick hull of the submarine on the bottom of the Barents Sea, Northern Fleet Chief of Staff Mikhail Motsak said on state-run RTR television.

The divers are getting the first close-up look at the interior of the stricken submarine since it sank after a massive explosion on Aug. 12.

It took a team of divers five days to cut one hole through the Kursk's thick steel double hull, 356 feet below the surface in the cold waters of the Barents Sea. Divers used a stream of pressurized water mixed with diamond dust to slice through a 2 1/2-inch-thick steel plate.

The recovery team lowered remote-controlled video cameras through the hole first to inspect the eighth compartment in the submarine's stern, and pumped out silt to improve visibility, said Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky.

The divers also smoothed the jagged edge of the 3-foot-wide hole with a special cushion for safe entrance into the wreck, he said.

The divers must contend with darkness, currents, floating debris and confined spaces. The head of the Russian Navy, Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov, had earlier warned that he might cancel the recovery effort because of the danger of divers ripping their pressure suits or cutting their air hoses on mangled equipment and debris.

Kuroyedov flew to a Russian naval vessel at the scene Wednesday. He was accompanied by two widows of Kursk crew members, who brought flowers to cast into the water and home-baked pies for the divers, the Interfax news agency reported.

NATION

Clinton and congressional Republicans near agreement over the new tax relief package

WASHINGTON — After months of open partisan warfare over tax cuts, President Clinton and congressional Republicans neared agreement Wednesday on a tax relief package that would help people save for retirement, pay for long-term health care and give businesses breaks to offset the costs of a \$1 minimum wage increase.

The legislation, expected to cost about \$245 billion over 10 years, also would provide a host of new tax incentives to revitalize do., made it

clear that both sides expected compromise before Congress adjourns for the year.

"We should also work together to pass tax cuts for middle-class Americans," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "You know, in budget talks, the two sides often wind up talking past each other. It takes a little extra effort to reach across the divide, so that's what I'm trying to do today."

The tone stood on marked contrast to the politically charged rhetoric surrounding GOP tax cuts such as repeal of the estate tax and relief from the "marriage penalty" tax on two-income couples, both of which the president vetoed earlier this year.

"I agree with you that we should work together in a bipartisan fashion, and I believe this work product is a result of a hard-fought compromise," Hastert told Clinton in a letter.

The speaker removed one key obstacle by assuring Clinton that Republicans would drop several proposed labor law changes as part of the two-year, \$1 increase in the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage. Democrats had labeled those provisions unfair to workers, especially a plan to freeze the wage floor for waiters and waitresses, who also earn tips, at \$2.13 an hour.

There is broad agreement on many of the tax package's provisions, but Clinton and congressional Democrats also continued to raise objections. In addition, the tax and minimum wage measure is expected to be coupled with separate legislation boosting Medicare payments to health care providers, a measure that has its own difficulties.

"There are a couple of issues that are still, I guess I should say, in controversy," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "But I believe it will wind up passing by a wide margin."

An outline provided by Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., indicates the tax legislation will include provisions to raise individual retirement account annual contribution limits from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and 401(k) plan contributions limits from \$10,500 to \$15,000 a year. It also will contain changes to make it easier for businesses to offer pensions to workers.

In a letter to Hastert, Clinton said he favored tax incentives for low-income workers to save money and "meaningful protections" for employees whose companies switch to new pension plans that can reduce benefits for older people.

The legislation also will include tax breaks — long sought by Clinton — to help people with long-term health care costs and the expenses of health insurance.

STATE

Full military funeral services for USS Cole victims to be held this week in South Texas

SAN ANTONIO — Two South Texas sailors among the 17 killed in the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole are coming home this week.

Services with full military honors were set for Fri-

day morning for Ronchester Santiago, 22, of Kingsville and Gary Graham Swenchenon Jr., 26, of Rockport.

A rosary for Santiago was scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Turcotte-Piper Mortuary Chapel in Kingsville. The funeral is set for 10 a.m. Friday at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church.

Santiago graduated from H.M. King High School in 1996.

Services for Swenchenon are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday at Charlie Marshall Funeral Home in Rockport. Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

He was a Navy fireman and had spent four years in the Army as a logistical specialist before joining the Navy. He had two months left in the Navy when he was killed.

His family is asking that any donations be directed to the Humane Society of Arkansas County in Rockport.

A public funeral service is to be held Wednesday afternoon in Ennis for Timothy Gauna, a 21-year-old sailor who died in the Oct. 12 attack. The 2 p.m. service will be at the Church of God in Ennis.

Navy officials presented two posthumous medals during the service to Gauna's mother, including a Purple Heart.

A federal judge sets a hearing date for alleged illegal immigrant smuggler, Jose Leon Castillo

HOUSTON — A federal judge Tuesday set a hearing date for the man prosecutors described as a smuggling kingpin who used Houston as a base from which thousands of undocumented immigrants illegally entered the United States.

Jose Leon Castillo of Honduras has been ordered to appear in court Friday afternoon for a hearing on federal smuggling charges.

Castillo, 43, was the most wanted of all immigrant smugglers when he was detained in Guatemala, placed aboard a plane and taken into custody and arrested Oct. 5 in Los Angeles. He was later transferred to Houston.

His arrest after a 14-month investigation marked the end of an international anti-smuggling operation, said to be the biggest effort of its kind, which was believed to have been operating at least five years.

Six countries participated in the crackdown, known as Operation Forerunner. More than 3,500 U.S.-bound individuals from 25 countries were taken into custody in Central America and Mexico. They were to be sent home, according to Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

"He was notorious for the numbers he brought in and the way he brought them," Roger Piper, deputy district director for the INS in Houston, said earlier.

Castillo, described as a wealthy man with ranches on the borders of several countries, smuggled immigrants himself because he seemed to think he was invincible, Piper added.

Capture of Castillo coincided with arrests of 33 other accused smugglers, who officials said brought thousands of illegal immigrants into the United States.

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## MAKE IT COUNT SGA is what our vote tells it to be

Every year, many students complain that the House of Student Representatives is not doing a good job of communicating with and addressing the problems of the student body. And every year, many students call into question the Student Government fee we are forced to pay although many of us have never participated in student government.

Well, for all those who've complained about being shut out of House, today's your chance to make your voice heard.

The House passed Bill 2000-13 Oct. 10 to restructure SGA with a two-thirds majority vote, but the final decision is up to you.

The bill proposes to eliminate the secretary position in House and change the vice presidential positions in both the House and Programming Council to executive directors.

Although the bill passed in the House, it must be approved by two-thirds of eligible voting students to go into effect.

That means you.

A new online voting system has been set up on FrogNet to tally the votes for the referendum.

The online polls are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and you only need you TCU ID number and FrogNet pin to cast your vote. You can access the voting Web site through (www.vote.tcu.edu) as well as get all the information you need to make an informed decision.

There is no excuse not to vote.

With the implementation of the online voting system, the process is as quick as a click of the mouse. And for those who don't have computers at home, there are various computer labs where you can gain access to the Internet throughout the day to cast your vote. If you have trouble voting, you can seek assistance at the Student Center Information Desk from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Remember, you can't complain about how you're governed if you don't participate. So sign on and speak your mind. Get involved, do your duty and rock the House.

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## Lower the limits, save a life Dangers of drunken driving merit harsher punishments

President Clinton signed legislation Monday requiring all states to lower the national standard for drunken driving to 0.08 percent blood alcohol by 2004 or lose millions of dollars for highway construction.

Clinton said the measure is "the biggest step to toughen drunk-driving laws and reduce alcohol-related crashes since a national minimum drinking age was established a generation ago." He said the bill will save 500 lives a year.

Supporters of the legislation, including Millie Webb, national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, hailed Clinton for signing the bill which ended a three-year battle in Congress.

On the other hand, the bill drew much opposition from The American Beverage Institute, an association of restaurant operators, which called the

new law "an attack on social drinkers."

The institute contends that a 120-pound woman who drinks two six-ounce glasses of wine over a two-hour period could face arrest and jail time or loss of her driver's license. MADD contends that a 170-pound man would have to have four drinks on an empty stomach and that a 137-pound woman would have to have three drinks in an hour to reach 0.08.

The truth is, the numbers aren't that important because they can vary greatly from one person to the next, despite what a chart may or may not say about an individual's level of intoxication. The point is, if you think there is any chance that you would fail a breathalyzer or field sobriety test, you shouldn't be driving.

The institute called the bill "an attack on social drinkers." Well, they're damn right. It is an attack on social drinkers. They're the ones who cause drunk driving accidents. They're the ones who kill innocent people. They're the ones who kill themselves.

It's not the lonely alcoholic who causes the majority of these tragedies, although they do cause some. Instead it is those people who have a few

drinks and then drive home believing that they are not impaired.

So, I say, congratulations Washington! You are finally on the right track. And even a bigger congratulations to Texas, the District of Columbia and the 18 other states who already have 0.08 as their legal limits.

Saving 500 lives a year is a big deal. Maybe it will be one of your friends that will be saved.

Still, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that three out of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash.

That's too many. In 1999, the NHTSA reported 16,020 deaths due to alcohol-related accidents, so 500 fades pretty quickly next to such enormous number.

So, why is this still happening if the government keeps making progress? Why is it that more Americans have died in alcohol-related traffic crashes than in all the wars in

the United States since our country was founded?

The answer is more apparent than it seems. We are not tough enough on first-time drunk driving offenders.

They need to spend time in jail, lose their licenses, receive heavy fines, do community service. Whatever it takes to get the point across, must be done. Maybe drunk drivers should be forced to register every time they move into a new community just as convicted sex offenders are now forced to do.

After all, they are a threat to everyone's safety. It's time that America wakes up and punishes drunk drivers. Too often, they receive a slap on the wrist and although they may not do it again, others may, and that is a danger none of us should have to face.

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### Commentary



JAMES ZWILLING

## Protect your pocket by not voting SGA referendum wants your ballot but wastes your dollar

In Tuesday's Skiff, a columnist chastised those who would vote for Ralph Nader purely out of "protest." I guess that when we're dissatisfied with things we should just continue to accept the status quo and vote the party line, hoping that our message is transmitted to Washington via telepathy.

You all know how I feel about Nader, so I'll quit harping, but on the subject of voting and protest, there is another imminent opportunity facing TCU students that hits even closer to home.

You see, in this federal election season, much noise has been generated about proposed tax cuts. Yet these proposals will have little direct effect on us — they're targeted to get our parents out to the polls. But the fact is, we as students have been unfairly taxed year after year, and that tax comes in the form of a little line on your student account statement that reads Student Government fee.

We all pay \$20 a semester to support the wonderful aspiring leaders in the Student Government Association. The SGA, split up into the House of Student Representatives and the Programming Council, doles out that money to

various on-campus special interest groups to help them finance whatever programs they have decided to be especially interested in.

The problem is that I'm not in any of the special interest groups that are getting this cash. Most of you out there aren't either, and yet we're all still paying into the system.

And I thought Social Security was a rip-off.

Even worse, the SGA has been guilty of abusing this budget in the past. Though they will almost automatically eliminate catering money from the proposals submitted by those hungry special interests, they often still find room in the books to feed themselves during committee meetings. When Representative James Applebury tried to speak out on this double-standard last year, he was silenced by the "powers that be" in the House refusing to call on him in their meetings.

The SGA is quite clearly the most pointless organization on campus. At its most powerful, it can only make recommendations to the administration, and from a practical perspective it has no impact on policy whatsoever.

Of course, whenever I try voicing this opinion to proponents of or, even worse, members of the House, the conversation usually goes something like this:

Me: "The House is pretty pointless, don't you think?"

Other Person: "No way, the House is good!"

Me: "Why?"  
Other Person: "Umm ... well ... gee ... uh ... er ... BECAUSE!"

Me: "Oh, I see."

Which is where the whole voting thing comes in. I understand if the popularity-contest nature of the officer elections manages to sweep you up into the voting spirit every year. I mean, it's pretty cool how the good-looking-but-still-intelligent girl or the cute-little-guy-with-the-even-cuter-slogan manages to win out every year over the overly smarmy frat boy who's just a bit too obvious in his resume building quest.

What I'm concerned with is the "referendum" that the House will be requesting our votes on this very afternoon. The House has already approved, by one vote, with four members absent, a bill that would alter the structure of the SGA, to reportedly make the SGA president more of a liaison with the administration and, as Programming Council director of programming and development Melissa Nabors says, "give (PC) more autonomy and equality in SGA."

The funny thing is that we went through all this last year when the House wasted its time and our money to pass a referendum that SGA president Ben Jenkins, at the time, said makes "the two branches equal and elevate(s) the president to more of a liaison figure."

So today they want us to pass a referendum designed to do the

same thing we passed a referendum on last fall. Hmm ... I'm glad these would-be stewards of the public trust are getting valuable experience with Robert's Rules of Order. I just don't see why I should have to pay for it.

Quit wasting my money SGA! I'm so sick of it.

Have you gotten me better parking? No. Have you gotten me better food service at The Main? No. Have you gotten me better visitation hours in the dorms? No, again. Have you spent my money on food for yourselves and on special interest programs? Yes, you certainly have.

I for one think that the power of a vote should be used for nothing but protest, but since voting either way on this referendum is not going to put a stop to the vast experiment in futility that is our student government, the only hope we have is to protest by not voting. Perhaps if none of us decide to care either way about this hideous farce that masquerades as the voice of the student body, then it will just go away.

If I'm fortunate enough to see that day while my tenure at this university continues, I'd like the \$160 that I've been forced to contribute to this system refunded, please. My address is TCU Box 294475, SGA, and I'm willing to take a check.

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## Sprinkler happy Consider watering in morning

Last night I watched the sprinklers running between Shelley and Colby halls and had to seriously wonder: how much does TCU spend watering the campus?

After all, there is much ground to be cared for, and it seems that at any given time in a 24 hour period the sprinklers are running somewhere. Aside from the cost of so much water being wasted on sidewalks that don't need it and on grass that requires it at a different hour to retain it, I must question the practicality of the way the grounds are watered so constantly — especially when random sprinklers pop up suddenly to water the sidewalk before me and block every possible route to my destination.

The funny, and frustrating, thing is that this scenario is common to everyone on campus, whether you ask students or professors; I have, indeed, seen people of both descriptions arriving dripping wet to class. I have been told by adults who enjoy gardening that it is wrong to water in the afternoon because all moisture evaporates, and it is wrong to water at night because the water stagnates and causes mildew on grass. Early morning, around 6 a.m., is the time to water properly.

In my mind this makes sense on

two levels: first, it is good for the plants, and second, it is good for TCU students because there is no such thing as a 6 a.m. class.

It would be best for all involved if the sprinklers here were simply set to all run at an early morning hour and complete their run before the first classes of the day, thus prohibiting not being able to make it to class — or at least arrive dry and on time — because three sprinklers shooting from different directions decide to bar your path. This way makes much more sense than having random sprinklers on during random hours of the day.

So why has nothing been done about this issue?

Honestly I have no answer for that. I can't fathom that no one has brought it to the attention of the correct party. I hear people comment on it constantly.

The problem of sprinklers may appear to be a minor difficulty on the surface, but must be settled when it occurs so frequently that it wastes time and money that could be spent more efficiently.

What is being wasted belongs to all of us.

For this reason, I hope to draw the attention of appropriate parties — whoever they may be — in order to gain a favorable response and even a solution to the issue at hand. I ask that those in charge fix this "minor" quandary so that our lives may all be simplified.

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### Commentary



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**VOTING**

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representatives, she said.  
The idea is sound provided it continues for years to come, said David Sinclair, a senior neuroscience major. If SGA was more visible and more students were involved then the idea would be very important, he said.  
"It's kind of useless since TCU students are apathetic about SGA," Sinclair said.  
But the new organizational changes in student government last year have made SGA a bigger part of the student body, Sinclair said. Posting voting records informs the students about their representatives.  
"Now there is a lot more potential for SGA to become something important to the students," he said. Jacqueline Taylor, a freshman

biology major, said she doesn't know all that much about student government and doesn't think the voting records matter.  
But Glick said voting records should be public.  
"How else will you know if a representative is representing your hall?" she said.  
Glick said in the past the *Skiff* published how representatives voted for each piece of legislation introduced. The vote represents the whole dorm or commuter students, she said. The only drawback to posting voting records online is representatives might feel pressured by groups to vote a certain way, she said.  
"There is a chance for representatives to be influenced by people other than their constituents," she said.  
Some students think that voting records are unnecessary. Bruce Cline, a sophomore pre-major,

said he wouldn't use the online voting records to see how his representative is voting.  
"I don't give a flip about what they think," he said.  
A representative should be voting for what his or her constituents want, said Brian Becker, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee. One reason legislation is tabled is to give representatives a chance to go back to their constituents and find out what they think about it, he said.  
"It shouldn't be private information because the House of Representatives is representing the student population," Becker said.  
Josh Wall, a junior political science major, said making voting records public keeps representatives accountable.  
"I think it's a right of a student to know how the people they elect vote on issues that affect them,"

Wall said.  
It is important to know what legislation has been passed but not who voted for it, said Erik Ledid, a sophomore biology and chemistry major.  
"I don't think people should be judged on how they vote," Ledid said.  
The Student Government Association and House Web sites were overhauled last semester to include a lot more information, said Glick. Former SGA president Ben Alexander basically ran the old SGA and House sites, which featured generic House information and news that an external company would change every day, Glick said. Glick and Josh Hawkins approached Alexander with their ideas on how to update the House Web site last year.  
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**Clinton may invite Arafat, Barak to US**

Clinton met with national security team on Tuesday

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Wednesday he believes Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has the authority to end the bloodshed that has dashed hopes for peace in the Middle East.  
But he said both the Palestinians and Israelis must honor the commitments they made at a recent emergency summit in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, before productive peace negotiations can resume between Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.  
Clinton has raised the possibility of meeting separately with Arafat and Barak at the White House if they do their parts to halt violent uprisings in the Mideast. The White House said the two leaders are still considering the offer.  
"I do think Chairman Arafat can dramatically reduce the level of violence," Clinton said outside the Oval Office before leaving on a fund-raising trip to New York.  
He said both sides must do more to live up to commitments made at last week's summit, but acknowledged that the route back to the negotiating table will be rocky.  
"You just can't turn mass emotions on and off — like, you know you can a water tap," Clinton said. "It's just not that simple. I think what we did at Sharm (el-Sheik) was to put at least a speed bump on the road to this dramatic deterioration of the situation."  
But he conceded that neither Arafat nor Israeli leaders have complete control over violent factions.  
"I think there are some people within the Palestinian territories and probably some people within Israel that are not within total control of Chairman Arafat or even the Israeli government," Clinton said.

During a 30-minute phone call to Arafat on Tuesday, Clinton raised the possibility of inviting him and Barak to meet with him individually in Washington in one more attempt to break the latest cycle of bloodshed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He called Barak Tuesday night.  
After the call to Arafat, Clinton met with Jordan's King Abdullah in the East Room of the White House to sign an accord that would remove all trade barriers between the two nations over the next 10 years.  
"Though the path of peace is steep and has become steeper these last few weeks, in the long run it is the only path that offers the peoples of the Middle East hope for a normal life as part of the modern world," Clinton said.  
Clinton described the king as a "voice of reason and calm" in the Mideast and implored Arafat and Barak to find a way to end the bloodshed.  
"And they must do it sooner rather than later," Clinton said. "For in the Middle East, as we have all learned, time does not heal wounds, it simply rubs more salt in them. The issues do not change, they just get harder to resolve."  
The increased threat of terrorist incidents in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza prompted the State Department to caution Americans against traveling to those areas.  
Those who must go to those areas "should exercise caution and avoid shopping areas, malls, public buses and bus stops as well as crowded areas and demonstrations," the department said in a statement Tuesday.  
In four weeks of fighting between Israelis and Palestinians, more than 125 people, mostly Palestinians, have died. Fighting tapered off Tuesday but still three Palestinians were killed.  
"There has been enough destruction, enough death, enough waste," Abdullah said.

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helped our country through that entire decade, she said, proving that communication can move beliefs beyond imagination.  
"More recently, we have again learned that communication plays such a critical part in the president's ability to deal with the followers of a democratic society," Goodwin said.  
Tales of past presidents are not

the only stories that have influenced Goodwin's life. Memories from when she was a small girl watching the Brooklyn Dodgers are what inspire her to tell her stories as well as those of past great leaders, she said.  
"When I open my eyes and see my sons in the place where my father once sat, I feel an almost invisible loyalty and love, linking my sons to the grandfather whose face they never had a chance to see and whose heart and soul they have come to know through all

the stories I have told," Goodwin said.  
Goodwin is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "No Ordinary Time" and best sellers "Wait Till Next Year" and "Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream." She is a former Harvard University history professor and is currently an NBC political analyst.  
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The bill was meant to meet the needs of the student body as they relate to SGA, Cordova said.  
Ryan Carroll, senior speech communications major, agrees with Abbott that the referendum will not affect the majority of the students on campus.  
"This is a petty issue, there are many more important issues that could be taken care of instead of worrying over what classification is needed to run for a position," Carroll said.  
One reason SGA is proposing changes in hours is to add flexibility to the documents so SGA doesn't have to go through the long process of redoing the constitution again, Becker said.  
"TCU is currently looking at changing it's UCR requirements which could mean that they change the number of hours required for each classification," Cordova said.  
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**UCR**

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can be a whole new house."  
Hartman, who is also a member of the Curriculum Outcome Committee, said many of the values of the old core may still be central to the new core, but a broad-based liberal arts education will continue to be at the center.  
Seal said the committee will meet twice a week until a final re-

port is due Nov. 17.  
Koehler said the Curriculum Outcome Committee report will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and the Office of the Provost. They will then try to build a consensus among the groups on campus to develop outcomes that the campus can be enthusiastic about and support, Koehler said.  
Seal said the second committee will deal with the kinds of courses that will be developed or added to the core, and the third

committee will be concerned with how TCU will implement the revised core.  
Nowell Donovan, professor of geology, said the committees should be finished by June 2001, but implementation may take more time to complete. A second committee will not be appointed until the Curriculum Outcome Committee has made their final report, Donovan said.  
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"It's all about how you're distributing the weight on the body. If you can prevent the injury in the first place, that's definitely the way to go."

— **Kristopher Schmidt**, a chiropractic doctor at the Texas Spine Institute



## Pain in the back

### Backpack options can lead to health risks

**R**yan Eloë's backpack is stuffed with two textbooks, a lab manual, five spiral notebooks, a Bible, two 3-ring notebooks and a variety of pens and pencils.

Eloë, a sophomore economics major, said his back hurts at the end of the day because of his heavy load.



and simple fatigue.

"The biggest problem isn't carrying the pack on the shoulder as much as pulling it off and on throughout the day," Schmidt said.

He said putting on or taking off a heavy backpack could cause problems ranging from a torn tendon to a pinched nerve. But the typical student doesn't worry about these risks.

"I like to carry as much stuff as possible, and I'll sacrifice my health for that," Eloë said jokingly.

Certain styles of backpacks are better than others when it comes to the daily strain on the back.

"It's better to go with a two-strap book bag versus the one-

shoulder style because you're keeping the body and the back more in line by having two straps wrapped around instead of just one," Schmidt said.

While two-strap bags are best, a one-strap bag with the strap that goes across the body is better than one that goes around one shoulder, he said.

"It's all about how you're distributing the weight on the body," Schmidt said.

Justin Galbraith, a junior e-business major, uses a one-strap courier bag, but said he believes a traditional two-strap backpack is best for the average student.

"I was a bike messenger this summer and this is the kind of bag they use," Galbraith said. "You can sling it around front without having to take it off."

A courier bag is similar to a mailman's bag and is worn across the body. Galbraith compared the emergence of the courier-style bags on campus to that of hiking or combat boots.

"It's just a typical fad where somebody sees something that when it's put to use they like the way it looks so they wear it around campus," he said.

He said he likes his courier bag better, but admits it does hurt his back.

For Grete Brown, a sophomore psychology major, style comes after practicality.

"I would only buy a new backpack if I needed one," she said.

Brown, who also has a one-strap bag, said it hurts to

have the load on one shoulder all the time.

Regardless of the style of bag you choose, Schmidt said to avoid back strain or injury you should reduce the amount of weight you carry.

"Just put a few books in your bag, then go back to your vehicle or dorm room at noon and load the rest up rather than trying to carry the same ones around all day," Schmidt said.

He also said it was important to distribute the weight evenly, trying to keep the bag lower and centered on the back.

Certain exercises and stretches can be used to strengthen the back and help prevent injury. Schmidt said simple crunches could strengthen the torso and put less pressure on the back. Stretching by lying on your back and pulling your knee to your chest can also help your back, he said.

"If you can prevent the injury in the first place, that's definitely the way to go," Schmidt said.

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### Tips on proper backpack use

► Do not over pack a backpack. When filled, a backpack should not exceed 15 percent of one's weight.

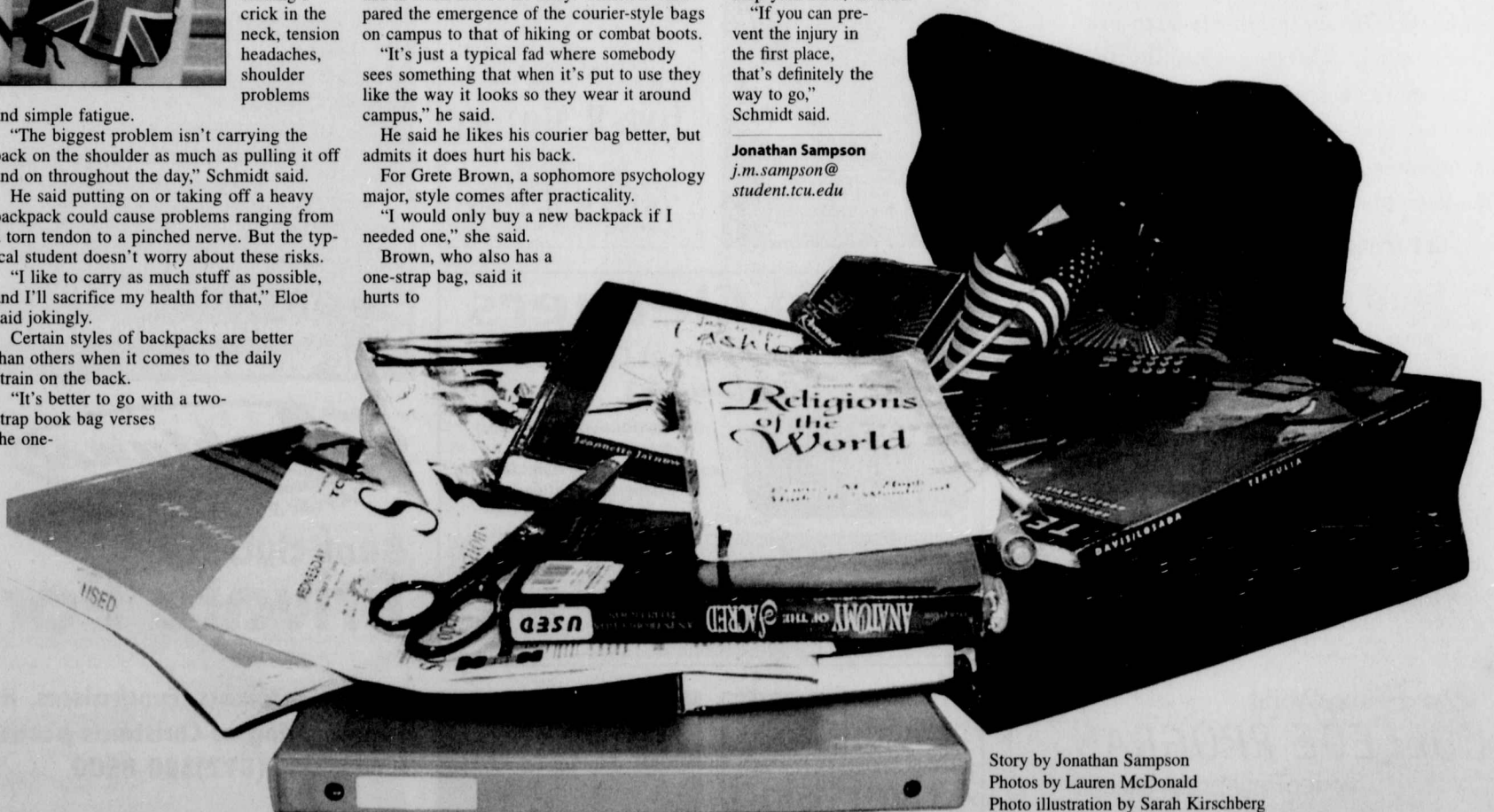
► Be sure to wear both straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder interferes with proper posture and strains muscles.

► Distribute the load. If your backpack has several compartments, attempt to disperse the weight evenly across the back to create a proper center of gravity.

► Keep the weight close to you. Arrange items so that the heaviest objects are closest to your back and wear the straps securely to keep the weight close to your body.

► Be sure to use a pack with heavily padded shoulder straps and a padded back.

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# Gore, Bush fight for home states

By Laurie Kellman  
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The tight race for the White House forced George W. Bush and Al Gore to fight for political home turf Wednesday. The vice president campaigned in his native Tennessee, accusing Bush of giving short shrift to education, while the governor got a boost from his brother in Florida.

"It's time we have someone who inspires us in the White House," said Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, along for a day of rallies in a state vital to his big brother's campaign. "We have not had that in seven years."

Defeated GOP rival John McCain also joined the Florida bus tour, saying Bush was "fully prepared" to be president. Bringing up the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole, McCain said, "We still live in a very dangerous world; we need a steady hand on the tiller."

Tied in national polls only 13 days before the election, both Bush and Gore were forced to stump in states they hoped to have locked up by now. Bush had a 46-41 edge in Florida, vital to his campaign, a new poll Wednesday showed. Polls have put them about even in Tennessee, which Gore represented in Congress for 16 years.

"We're each in places we thought maybe we wouldn't be in at this

## Once-friendly areas now target of last-minute campaigning

time," Gore's running mate, Joseph Lieberman, told CNN from Nashville, Tenn. "That's a big message to voters — come out and vote."

In a speech at Tennessee State University, Gore criticized Bush's education plan as "half measures that fall short of what we really need."

"Under his proposal, he would spend more money on tax cuts to the wealthiest 90,000 multimillionaires than all of the new spending he proposes in all of the 90,000 public schools combined," Gore said.

Earlier Wednesday, Gore talked issues over coffee and doughnuts with firefighters at Nashville's No. 9 station. One complained that his mother spends \$700 to \$800 each month on prescription drugs.

Gore said some drug companies spend more on advertising than on research and development.

"It comes from your mother's budget and it's flat wrong," he said.

In Florida, McCain urged supporters to reassure older voters about Bush's Social Security plan in light of Democratic attacks.

"Every four years it happens ... scare the seniors about Social Security," McCain said at the Daytona Beach rally. "Don't let them scare

the seniors in Florida."

Down the road in Sanford, Bush said Gore's Social Security plan "doesn't solve the problem. He shuffles it down the road. ... He loads it up with IOUs on a future generation."

Squabbling over Social Security and tax cuts have taken center stage in the presidential campaign.

"He's the biggest spender we've ever had in the history of politics," Bush told reporters as he boarded his plane late Tuesday to fly to Daytona Beach after tweaking Gore in Tennessee.

The vice president shot back: "I'm opposed to big government" and promised not to add a single federal worker as he attacked Bush for pushing tax-cut and Social Security plans he says the nation can't afford.

Hovering over the candidates on their final sprint is the prospect of President Clinton getting involved and the political risks and benefits involved. Over the weekend, Clinton dipped a toe into presidential politics by criticizing Bush's statements.

Bush seemed delighted to respond with his own warning Tuesday, suggesting that any presidential involvement in the election could raise the specter

of Monica Lewinsky and impeachment, a chapter that Americans "would just rather forget."

"If he can't help himself and starts getting out there and campaigns against me, the shadow returns," Bush said playfully, fielding a question about impeachment from a voter in suburban Chicago. "I may say something in defense of my record. But it's time to move on."

Gore jumped on a think tank report that suggested Texas students' rising test scores, trumpeted by Gov. Bush, may be misleading because students didn't do as well on a national test.

"We can't afford to just teach kids how to take a state test, while leaving them with serious learning deficits, any more than we can afford to cook the books and bust our budget," Gore said Wednesday.

The Bush campaign rejected the study, Wednesday on NBC's "Today." Bush's education adviser Margaret LaMontagne said by "comparing apples and oranges" researchers came up "with a conclusion that just is not found by any other organization or group."

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers echoed Gore's Social Security arguments, telling *The Washington Post* in an interview published Wednesday that Bush's proposal reveals his "fundamental misunderstanding" of the retirement program.

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# AT&T breaks into smaller companies

## Third breakup in six years causes shares to fall 14%

By Bruce Meyerson  
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NEW YORK — AT&T Corp. is breaking itself into smaller companies for the third time since 1984, scrapping its vision of one-stop shopping for communications services and dismantling a telephone and cable TV empire that took three years and more than \$100 billion to build.

As details emerged Wednesday on terms of the widely expected breakup, AT&T shares fell more than 14 percent.

The company formally disclosed plans to create four distinct entities, including an independent cable company and an independent wireless company, all operating under the AT&T brand name.

The other two businesses will be the core of a new AT&T Corp., consisting of the unit that runs the company's huge telecommunications network and serves business customers, and a separately traded subsidiary containing the shrinking consumer long-distance business.

Under the plan, shareholders of AT&T, the fourth most widely owned stock in the country, will exchange their stock for shares in each of the new businesses.

But in a move that may not sit well

with AT&T's large base of individual investors who have owned the stock for decades, the company said the combined dividend paid by the four stocks is expected to be "substantially less" than the current annual payment of 88 cents per AT&T share. Based on AT&T's beaten-down stock price, that dividend amounts to a cash investment return of more than 3 percent per year, an unusually high yield for a major company.

Investors also weren't pleased after AT&T warned separately that it would earn 29 to 33 cents per share in the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31. Analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial were expecting 36 cents per share.

The restructuring plan, expected to be completed in 2002, marks a radical about-face from the guiding philosophies preached by management since the arrival of chief executive C. Michael Armstrong in late 1997.

With falling prices eating away at its core long-distance business, Armstrong embarked on a radical overhaul of the company that envisioned AT&T as a hub for telephone, television and Internet services.

The strategy included a foray back into the local phone business AT&T had left when it spun off the Baby Bells in 1984. However, Armstrong was determined that AT&T needed to acquire its own direct connections with the nation's homes and businesses rather than pay the

Baby Bells to use their phone lines.

That was the reasoning that drove AT&T to plunk down stock that was then worth more than \$100 billion to buy two of the nation's four largest cable TV companies, Tele-Communications Inc. and MediaOne Group.

At first, Wall Street cheered the ambitious new approach, which even included a hostile bid for MediaOne, sending AT&T's share price to record highs earlier this year.

But then it became apparent that long-distance prices were falling faster than expected, undermining AT&T's revenue projections and slowing the flow of revenue needed to upgrade the cable systems for two-way communications. Compounding matters, AT&T's promising business services unit was failing to meet its growth projections.

AT&T's stock fell like a rock over the next six months. In trading a day before Wednesday's breakup announcement, AT&T's stock slipped 44 cents a share to \$27.19 on Tuesday, well off its 52-week high of \$61.

In announcing the change of course, Armstrong tried to allay the fears of both investors and employees, insisting that the changes didn't amount to a contradiction of the one-stop shopping strategy.

"Each of these new companies will move faster in meeting customer needs, but they'll serve them under one of the world's most recognized and respected brands and

they'll still be able to offer bundled services through inter-company agreements," he said in a statement.

"Employees will have better career opportunities and be even more highly motivated because they'll be working for industry-leading companies that don't have to compete internally for capital or attention. Shareowners should get the full value of their investment because investors will be better able to evaluate the financial performance of each AT&T company and compare it to its competitors."

The breakup is the third major restructuring for the former national telephone monopoly since 1984's court-ordered breakup, when AT&T spun off its local calling operations as seven Baby Bells, several of which have since merged.

Twelve years later, in 1996, AT&T voluntarily split itself into three separate companies, spinning off its communications equipment arm and acclaimed Bell Labs research unit as Lucent Technologies Inc., and its computer division as NCR Corp.

At last count, AT&T had 163,600 employees, nearly a third of whom work in the cable "broadband" division. That compares with a whopping payroll of 964,000 people before the 1984 breakup, which left AT&T with 373,000 workers. In 1996, more than half of the company's 300,000 workers departed with Lucent or NCR.

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## Volleyball weekly

# Barlow takes back seat to set leadership for future

## Freshman setter serves team with winning attitude

When head coach Sandy Troutd tells freshman setter/defensive specialist Tori Barlow to "be Tori," she's simply reminding the best freshman recruit in the history of TCU volleyball to be confident of her own capacity.

To own up to Troutd's claim, Barlow must dig inside her head and play volleyball the way she has been playing throughout her whole career. Barlow said she knows she has an intense competitive nature and said she wants the rest of the team to be familiar with that intensity.

Barlow said she wants to bring this out, regardless of any of her new surroundings. Her role this season has been the back-up setter behind starting junior setter

Lindsay Hayes. "I want (to be the starting setter)," Barlow said. "But Lindsay is not going to just let me take it from her."

Barlow said she's been accustomed to being the leader throughout her volleyball career, and it has been difficult for her make the adjustment this season.

"I was always the starting setter (in high school)," Barlow said. "Not getting the starting job this season has challenged me to a new level."

The challenge is a welcomed one, Barlow said. She also said the benefits to it have made her become a stronger player and person.

Being an all-around solid con-

tributor has been a result of the hard work Barlow has put into the team this season.

Barlow has played a defensive role during matches, and setting role during practice time. Troutd said Barlow's versatility is an example of her all-around talent and her desire to help the team win at any cost.

"Tori did a wonderful job for us in her transition from the starting quarterback position to the defense team," Troutd said.

Although Barlow has done what her head coach has asked of her, Troutd said she's anxious to see Barlow let herself loose and be the player that Troutd knows she can be.

"The times when she's not playing in a game, I can see on her face that she's really bothered by it," Troutd said. "That's what I want to see. I want to see the intensity inside her come out, and then that leader inside her will emerge with it."

Barlow said she has grown to ap-

preciate what she has learned during the time she spends not playing during competitions.

At this point in the season, Barlow said all she has learned resulted in a growth in herself. She said this growth process is more important to give focus to, than solely focusing on her goal at becoming the starting setter.

When the time comes that the only mention of Hayes is in the TCU record books, that will be the time when Barlow takes over this role and becomes the Volley Frogs' number one setter, Troutd said.

Troutd said she hopes Barlow doesn't get too accustomed at playing the waiting game and begin to feel she won't be capable to take the primary leader role for the team. The waiting this season has allowed Barlow to expand her patience level.

"I never sat on the bench before," Barlow said. "It's been a gradual process for me to come to appreciate it. I've learned not to be so hard on myself. (The team) makes play-

ing fun. It's really awesome what they've shown me."

Assistant coach Chris Rudiger said she values Barlow as one of the top young assets to the team.

"Tori's work ethic and high energy level make her a model for everyone on the team, not just among the freshmen," Rudiger said.

**Notes and quotes**

This Friday and Saturday includes two re-matches between the Volley Frogs and both Hawaii and Nevada. TCU will meet the Hawaiian Wahine at 8 p.m. Friday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs will take on Nevada at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel Building.

"If we could play Hawaii every week, I would do it," Troutd said. "Playing good teams will only improve your own level of play, and that's what we're pursuing."

Earlier this month the Volley Frogs traveled to both these teams in what would result in the first and second Western Athletic Conference

losses of this season.

"Now that we have a little more knowledge, we can anticipate their performances better," Rudiger said. "We're going to need to see maximum performances from the team if we are going to make our goals."

Some of these goals include a winning record at home, which Rudiger said is still reachable if the team's intensity is high this weekend.

"We're looking to recommit to our mission," Troutd said. "We can do this by practicing everyday and giving everything we have, every minute of every day."

The Frogs are currently an even 12-12 record and are 4-4 in the WAC. They're currently ranked fifth among WAC teams despite their goal of ranking in the top three.

"Right now, our kids are stellar and it seems to me that they really are going after it," Troutd said.



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Senior shooter Michelle Parker takes aim at another target during practice. Parker came to TCU from Hawaii as the only TCU shooter with previous rifle experience.

## Parker finds niche as captain of rifle squad

For many young girls growing up in Hawaii, the rifle team at TCU may seem a little far off. But for Michelle Parker, it was a perfect fit.

A senior psychology major from Kailua, Hawaii, Michelle Parker is a three-year letter winner and the captain of this year's TCU rifle squad.

She is the owner of individual records in both air rifle and small-bore (.22 caliber) events. Despite her success at TCU, Parker said she started shooting as a way to just become more involved.

"In high school they had a rifle team and I thought it would be fun to try it out," she said. "My school was really competitive, so it was hard to play soccer and some of the other sports. (Rifle) gave me something to do."

Michelle Parker came to TCU as one of the few women with previous rifle experience, and that experience, head coach Roger Ivy said, is what has helped her to excel at the collegiate level.

"In the nine years this program

has been in existence, (Parker) is probably the only one who has truly had any prior training," Ivy said. "It helps me because I don't have to spend as much time with her and I can concentrate on some of the other girls. It usually takes a year or two to get comfortable with the gun, so her experience just puts her that much more ahead."

While her experience in shooting has been a great advantage, coaches and teammates said leadership is her greatest asset.

"With Michelle, it's like having another coach," senior Dena Putnam said. "It is hard for her to show us specific things, since everybody shoots different, but every now and then I will go to her with a problem and she will help me out."

"I think the best part about Michelle is that she treats you more like a friend. She doesn't try and coach us all the time but is there when we need her."

Parker attributes her leadership qualities to the independence of women in the Hawaiian culture, but said she has had to learn a lot

since coming to TCU.

"Things got a lot harder once I got to college in terms of competition time," she said. "I had to learn how to discipline my time between matches, practice and school. My freshman year I really did it for fun, but now I really want to excel at it, and I have been working to do that."

One person who has benefited from Michelle Parker's leadership is her brother, Hunter, a freshman at TCU. Hunter Parker said his sister is a big reason he chose to come to TCU.

"She has always been like a role model to me," he said. "She makes good grades and does well in rifle. I figured if she recommended (TCU), then it was probably a good school."

Michelle Parker said it has been fun having her younger brother around, but she doesn't bother him too much.

"I'm glad he is here, but we are both pretty independent," she said. "I try to give him advice, mostly about things that happened to me when I was a freshman, but usually I leave him alone."

As the elected team leader, Michelle Parker is responsible for many things involved with the rifle team this year. Her role may be best defined though, by her brother in one simple sentence.

"She gives me something to shoot for," he said.



Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

Senior shooter Michelle Parker examines her gun before a practice round. Parker helped lead the rifle squad in both air rifle (366) and small bore (1,061) in TCU's win over Missouri-Kansas City Oct. 21.

"With Michelle, it's like having another coach, ... I think the best part about (her) is that she treats you more like a friend."

— Dena Putnam senior shooter



PARKER

**The Parker file**  
Full name: Michelle Parker  
Class: Senior  
Height: 5'5"  
Hometown: Kailua, Hawaii  
High School: Punahou High School  
Accolades: Competed on the top team, TCU Purple, all last season in just her second season. Earned three letters in high school rifle and competed in the Junior Olympics for riflery.

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## Yankees defeat Mets in Game 4 of World Series

Yankees one win away from taking 3rd straight championship; game 5 tonight

**By Ben Walker**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees wasted no time sending a message: first pitch, first inning, home run.

Jeter led off with a drive over the left-field fence and the Yankees led the rest of the way, beating the New York Mets 3-2 Wednesday night in Game 4 to move within one victory of their third straight World Series championship.

Derailed a day earlier, the Yankees got right back on track in taking a 3-1 lead in this Subway Series. Jeter homered and tripled, and Mariano Rivera finished off 4 1/3 scoreless innings by the Yankees bullpen.

A sellout crowd of 55,290 at Shea Stadium seemed much more subdued than Game 3, possibly because of a much larger presence of Yankees fans.

The ballpark figures to be a lot louder — either way — on tonight when the Yankees try to become the first team since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics to win three titles in a row.

Andy Pettitte will start Game 5 against the Mets' Al Leiter. Of the prior 40 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 34 have gone on to win the championship.

Mike Piazza's two-run homer pulled the Mets within 3-2 in the third

inning, and there was no more scoring as both managers made early moves to the bullpen.

Yankees starter Denny Neagle was pulled after 4 2/3 innings, with David Cone coming in to retire Piazza on a popup to end the fifth inning.

Reliever Jeff Nelson pitched 1 1/3 innings and was credited with the win, Mike Stanton struck out the only two batters he faced and Rivera pitched two innings for his first save of the series.

Losing pitcher Bobby J. Jones was lifted after five innings. Relievers Glendon Rusch, John Franco and Armando Benitez kept the Yankees from breaking away.

The Yankees scored single runs in each of the first three innings. They did it without a contribution from cleanup man Bernie Williams, who was hitless in four at-bats and dropped to 0-for-15 in the Series.

Playing on the 14th anniversary of one of their most famous games — the Bill Buckner-assisted comeback in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series — the Mets had no luck from the start.

Jeter stepped in and, with many fans still getting settled, launched a drive to deep left. Among those to cheer was one of his best friends, Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez, from the front row.

## WAC roundup

### Football

|              | WAC games |   |       |     | All games |         |             |     |
|--------------|-----------|---|-------|-----|-----------|---------|-------------|-----|
|              | W         | L | Pct.  | Hm. | Rd.       | Neutral | Strk.       |     |
| UTEP         | 5         | 0 | 1.000 | 6   | 2         | 750     | 4-0 2-2 0-0 | W5  |
| TCU          | 3         | 0 | 1.000 | 6   | 0         | 1,000   | 3-0 3-0 0-0 | W11 |
| San Jose St. | 3         | 1 | .750  | 5   | 3         | .625    | 2-1 3-2 0-0 | W1  |
| Fresno St.   | 2         | 1 | .667  | 3   | 3         | .500    | 2-0 1-3 0-0 | L1  |
| Tulsa        | 2         | 2 | .500  | 3   | 5         | .375    | 1-3 2-2 0-0 | L3  |
| Rice         | 1         | 3 | .250  | 2   | 5         | .286    | 2-2 0-3 0-0 | W1  |
| Hawaii       | 1         | 4 | .200  | 1   | 5         | .167    | 1-2 0-3 0-0 | L1  |
| Nevada       | 0         | 3 | .000  | 1   | 6         | .143    | 0-3 1-3 0-0 | L4  |
| SMU          | 0         | 3 | .000  | 1   | 6         | .143    | 1-2 0-4 0-0 | L6  |

| Saturday's results |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| TCU                | .....17 |
| Tulsa              | .....3  |
| Hawaii             | .....13 |
| Rice               | .....38 |
| San Jose St.       | .....49 |
| Nevada             | .....30 |
| Fresno St.         | .....13 |
| UTEP               | .....23 |

| Saturday's games                |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Rice at TCU, 2:05 p.m.          |  |
| Nevada at SMU, 11 a.m.          |  |
| Tulsa at Fresno St., 9 p.m.     |  |
| San Jose St. at Hawaii, 12 a.m. |  |

| Players of the week                         |  |
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| <b>Offensive</b>                            |  |
| San Jose State junior tailback Jemar Julien | had 110 yards on 16 carries while playing just the second and fourth quarters of the Spartans' 49-30 win over Nevada last Saturday. Julien tied a school record with four touchdowns.    |
| <b>Defensive</b>                            |  |
| Rice junior linebacker Dan Dawson           | tied a school record with three interceptions in the Owls' 38-13 victory against Hawaii. He now has five interceptions on the season, ranking him first in the WAC and fifth nationally. |
| <b>Special teams</b>                        |  |
| Texas-El Paso senior punter Glen Beard      | recorded 347 yards on eight punts, averaging 49.6 yards a punt. Beard's longest punt traveled 57 yards and he leads the WAC in punting with an average of 42.7 yards a punt.             |



## today's menu Oct. 26, 2000

**The Main Lunch**  
Ravioli  
Pork stir fry  
Salisbury steak  
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**Dinner**  
Cyberwraps  
Southwest eggplant  
Yankee pot roast

**Worth Hills Lunch**  
Hot dogs  
Corn dogs

**Dinner**  
Hot dogs  
Corn dogs

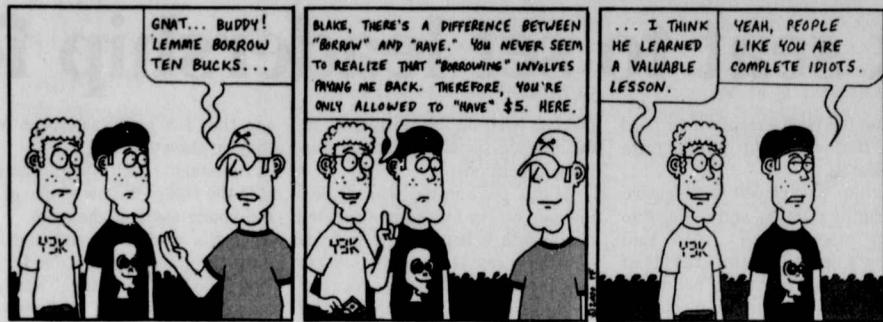
**Eden's Greens Lunch**  
Baked potatoes  
Potato skins  
Chicken mornay  
Barbecue beef  
Steamed broccoli with cheese sauce  
Baked potato soup

**Frogbytes Late Night**  
Same as The Main

**Tomorrow at The Main:**  
**Lunch:** Grilled cheese, beef and noodles, lemon dill cod filet, carved smoked brisket with barbecue sauce

**Dinner:** Beef ragout burgundy, fried catfish, oven browned pot roast

## Lex



by Phil Flickinger

## Academia Nuts

by John P. Araujo



## Off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



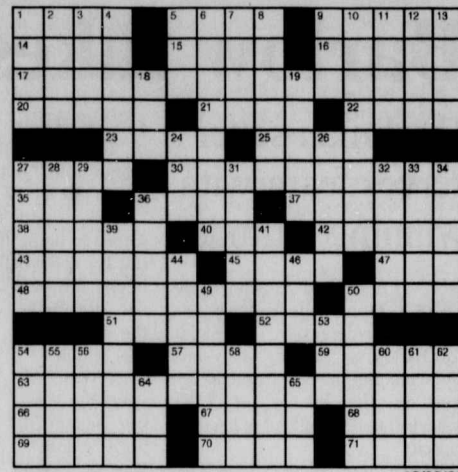
## I Need Help

by Vic Lee



## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Three Wise Men
  - Restrain
  - Tenant's contract
  - Gershwin and Levin
  - Golden rule word
  - Glowing coal
  - Small indication of something larger
  - Magnetic flux density unit
  - "La Bonita"
  - Butter sub
  - Mend by weaving
  - Historic times
  - Oriental staple
  - Hostile act
  - Tic-tac-toe win
  - Soothsayer
  - African fly
  - Cancel
  - Flop
  - Oil-well firefighter
  - Jungle vines
  - ... does it
  - Book after Exod.
  - Scandinavian cheese
  - Lute's cousin
  - Quaker pronoun
  - Merriment
  - Church recess
  - Oriental nanny
  - Inexplicit
  - Top dog
  - Warren and Scruggs
  - Domain
  - She: Fr.
  - Earthy materials
  - Statistical average
  - Deceased



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- DOWN
- Catcher's glove
  - Indy-winner
  - Luyendyk
  - Spaces between
  - Tristan's love
  - Sever
  - Watery porridge
  - Rome's land
  - Basketry willow
  - Impudence
  - Virgule
  - In harmony
  - Mom's girl

**Solutions**

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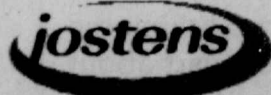
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