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Head volleyball coach Sandy Troutd said her team is not ready to give up on their season. They're in it for the long haul.

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Fort Worth, Texas

## Intramural field lighting to be installed

City of Fort Worth Board of Adjustments votes 5-0 to grant variance

By Chris Gibson  
STAFF REPORTER

In a unanimous decision, the City of Fort Worth Board of Adjustments voted 5-0 Wednesday to grant TCU a variance to light the intramural field area.

The decision puts an end to over four months of debate between TCU, area residents and the City of Fort Worth.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said he is happy with the ruling, and he hopes lights can be up by the end of the year.

"We are ready to get started (putting lights up) right now," Mills said. "We probably won't get them up until the end of the semester, but everything should be in place for next year."

TCU requested the variance from the city to put up lights higher than the 35-foot lights the area is zoned for.

Local residents have voiced their concerns over issues such as the height of the light poles, the amount of light spilling into the neighbor-

hood, the hours of use, the color and number of poles and future plans for development of the Worth Hills area.

Mills said TCU has agreed to limit intramural playing hours, but will proceed with the previous plans because the lights are good for the university.

"We agreed to end all games before 10:30 p.m. and not to start any games after 9:30 p.m.," he said. "As we become more and more competitive with other universities, there are cer-

tain amenities that students expect."

Director of the Physical Plant Will Stallworth said the board asked TCU to address additional concerns following the postponement of the October ruling.

He said the board wanted TCU's master plan for the Worth Hills area, parking space information, the case study for lights at 75 feet and 35 feet and a section of the neighborhood created to scale in-

cluding the eight light poles.

Stallworth said TCU presented the board with the information and then made their ruling.

"Once we were able to present all the information, the board had no problem making their ruling," he said.

Mills said TCU has listened to the neighbors' concerns, and thinks the university has addressed them sufficiently.

"The neighbors are still very con-

cerned, but I think we were able to respond to them very well," he said. Stallworth said despite the long wait and neighbors' original concerns, he doesn't think the lights will pose a significant problem.

"I really think people will see when (the lights) are up that they are environment friendly, visually pleasing and good for the school," he said. "Most people probably won't even notice they're there."

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### pulse

briefs

#### Police use tear gas to control Halloween mob

CARBONDALE, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Carbondale's Halloween nightmare came to a chaotic close early Wednesday morning as tear gas dispersed an out-of-control mob from the Strip.

Carbondale Police Department had prepared for the worst scenario, enlisting the assistance of the Illinois State Police in case the crowds became violent again.

As a crowd of about 2,000 poured out of the bars at 2 a.m. Wednesday, the mood was still festive and the tone of Strip was social. But it wasn't long before the surging crowds broke into brawls.

Within half an hour, the disorder gave way to a standoff between Carbondale police and rioters. The crowd soon enveloped a small core of police officers, who then responded with Mace.

— Daily Egyptian  
Southern Illinois University

#### Web site encourages voters to trade votes for Nader

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — Supporters of Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader are divided over a fast-spreading volunteer movement that encourages voters to trade votes for Nader with voters in other states.

(Nadertrader.org) is a Web site that serves as a clearinghouse for the last-minute campaign. The movement is the result of growing fears that Nader's candidacy could cost Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore votes in key states.

The Green Party needs 5 percent of the votes in the Nov. 7 election to qualify for federal campaign funding in the 2004 elections. The Web site encourages voters in states where polls show a close race between Gore and Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush to vote for Gore, while encouraging would-be Gore voters in states where Bush will be the obvious victor to vote for Nader.

— Daily Lobo  
University of New Mexico

#### Students' plans for off-campus bonfire canceled

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — Almost one year after the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, members of Keep The Fire Burning (KTFB) have canceled their plans for an off-campus bonfire. Amid controversy concerning his leadership role, Texas A&M University Student Body President Forrest Lane is encouraging students to focus their energy and time on planning for a successful 2002 Aggie Bonfire.

Lane said as the classes of '01, '02 and '03 graduate, the Class of '04 will carry on the new Bonfire.

— The Battalion  
Texas A&M University

## BEST FOOT FORWARD



Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

Beth Brandt, (left) a sophomore modern dance major; Julie Jones, (middle) a junior modern dance major; Laura Camuel (back), a junior modern dance major; and Mandy Phillips, a junior modern dance major, rehearse for their performance in Senior Studios that will take place Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. The piece was choreographed by Aleta Cronce, a senior modern dance major.

## Forum to be held today to discuss changes to UCR

Event to give students opportunity to voice opinions, sponsors say

By Angie Chang  
STAFF REPORTER

The Faculty Senate and Student Government Association will sponsor an open-campus forum today to give students an opportunity to speak out on what changes should be made to the current University Curriculum Requirements.

Brian Casebolt, chairman of academic affairs for House of Student Representatives, said the curriculum revision is a university concern and much effort has been put forth to gather a large constituency across campus. Invitations have been sent out to administration and faculty, and an all-campus e-mail will be sent to encourage all students to go, Casebolt said.

"I've been told that this is the biggest academic endeavor at TCU in the last 20 years," Casebolt said. "But we don't want this to be just a complaint session. We want to hear solutions as well."

Casebolt said he and Nowell Donovan, chairman of the Faculty Senate, will be the facilitators of the forum. Administration members will also be at the forum.

"(This forum) will allow students to make recommendations on how TCU can be better and have them heard by administration and faculty," Casebolt said. "(Students) have an opportunity now and should not feel inhibited

to share their ideas."

Casebolt said the recommendations made at the forum will be processed, and a report will be submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Mike Sacken, a professor of education, said it is important to hear from students as well as faculty because curriculum revision impacts both groups. A continuous dialogue between the two groups provides a healthier environment to help resolve issues, Sacken said.

"Right now the UCR is terrible and lacks depth," Sacken said. "The core should deepen people's intellectual abilities and it has to be powerful. They are the only things that connect the individuals on campus."

Jakobus Wolf, a senior art history and chemistry major, said there should be fewer core requirements to allow each individual to

#### Coming Up

► **What:** Forum on the University Curriculum Requirements, sponsored by the Student Government Association and Faculty Senate

► **When:** 7:30 p.m. today

► **Where:** Student Center Ballroom

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## Students to be denied aid for leaving drug question blank

By Michael Davis  
STAFF REPORTER

College students who apply for federal aid and leave a question about drug offenses blank will no longer receive any federal loans, scholarships or grants under new provisions in the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998.

Under the new regulation, which will take effect next year, applicants failing to answer whether they have ever been convicted of any drug of-

### Opinions vary on new provision to Higher Education Act

ference, including misdemeanors, will be ineligible for any federal aid.

As of fall 2000, more than 6,000 students have lost some or all of their aid, and thousands more have left the question blank on the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid.

"Last year the federal processors didn't reject an application if the question wasn't answered," said Sandra Tobias, associate director of

financial aid. "I guess they didn't expect so many to leave it blank."

But applications will now be rejected if the question is not answered, she said.

Tobias said if students answer they have never been convicted of a drug offense, the federal government will process the application. The application contains a Web site address and a phone number to help appli-

cants answer the question, she said.

Previously, the federal government relied on TCU to inform them of drug convictions, but now TCU is more of a facilitator, she said. TCU is informed by the federal government whether or not to withhold aid.

Students and student government associations around the country say the measure denies money to troubled students when they need it most

and ignores other types of criminal behavior.

But those in favor of the measure say drug offenders who get funding take away from deserving students who need it.

"I think it will ultimately cut down on competition for aid and by doing that it is going to benefit those without drug convictions," said Russ DiCapo, a junior business major.

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## Fine arts college to increase visibility

Recommendations include building renovations

By Erin Munger  
STAFF REPORTER

Increasing the visibility of the College of Fine Arts to enhance fund-raising efforts is one of the college's main goals after the close of the Commission on the Future of TCU.

"We have to convince those who could donate money to our college that what we're doing is high qual-

ity and that they can help better that quality even more," said Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts. "We have to show our cultural contribution to the community."

Sullivan said the members of the college know what needs to be done from recommendations from the commission's Fine Arts Task Force, but the recommendations haven't been prioritized yet.

The college has a basic fund-raising plan that will include a newsletter for alumni, visitors, possible donors and anyone who is

interested in the college's activities, Sullivan said.

He said the college also plans to network by using current relationships to build new ones. John Giordano, an associate professor of music and retired maestro of the Fort Worth Symphony, is one person who knows influential people with artistic interests in Fort Worth, Sullivan said.

Another networking avenue is the relationship the fine arts college has with the Van Cliburn

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campus lines

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

The radio-TV-film department will present "To Each His Own" (1946) at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164, as part of its film series. Admission is free. For more information call (817) 257-6690.

Programming Council will hold an open forum at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom to discuss changes to the University Curriculum Requirements.

TCU and RetroFest present television music and variety shows from the 1960s at 7 p.m. Friday in Moudy Building South, Room 164, as part of its film series.

Student Government Association sign ups for positions and elections are today through Nov. 6. Applications can be picked up in the House of Student Representatives office. Call (817) 294-8512 for more information.

Neeley Student Resource Center will have academic advising workshops from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 13 outside the Student Center Ballroom, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 9 and 15 in Dan Rogers Hall. The workshops are for all business students and those planning to be business majors. For more information call (817) 257-6772.

TCU MBA program will have open house from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 11 in Tandy Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the MBA program. Bring questions, talk to current students and meet faculty. For more information call (817) 257-7531 or go to (www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm).

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers 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 photo entitled "Top 10 Triumph" in the Oct. 31 issue of the Skiff should have been credited to staff photographer Hillary Morgan.

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WORLD

Russian and Norwegian divers struggle to search sunken nuclear submarine Kursk

MURMANSK, Russia — Russian and Norwegian divers extended their working hours during a spell of clear, frosty weather over the Barents Sea on Wednesday, struggling to search the sunken nuclear submarine Kursk before storms again set in.

After retrieving 12 bodies from the stern of the wreck in the Arctic depths, the divers sealed the entrances to the rear compartments, and moved their search to the mangled front.

The fore sections of the Kursk were ripped apart by a huge explosion that sank the vessel on Aug. 12, and officials initially said no remains were likely to be found in the bow. All 118 seamen aboard the Kursk were killed, and so far there seem to be no clues about what caused the disaster.

Russian media and other observers have speculated that the navy may be seeking to recover sensitive military equipment and documents that could shed light on what caused the tragedy, before heavy storms put the Kursk out of reach for months.

Naval officials insist that they're looking for bodies. The third compartment, where divers were working on Wednesday, was the location of a rescue vehicle that was designed to carry seamen to the surface in case of emergency.

A note found on the body of one of the Kursk's officers, Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov, said that 23 sailors who had survived the initial explosions moved to the stern of the vessel after the sinking. Several attempted to use an escape hatch there, he said.

Divers may be searching for evidence of a similar escape attempt at the other end of the submarine, which could indicate that more than 23 seamen had survived at least the first moments of the disaster.

Russian and Norwegian divers have removed the rubber coating from the hull over the third compartment in the Kursk's fore part, and have cut a hole in the thinner, outer hull of the submarine, Northern Fleet spokesman Vladimir Navrotsky said Wednesday. The divers were clearing obstacles from between the Kursk's two hulls, and were planning to begin cutting the thick steel of the inner hull on Thursday, Navrotsky said.

NATION

Yasser Arafat to send his senior negotiator to Washington for talks with Madeleine Albright

WASHINGTON — Even while vowing defiance toward Israel, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is sending his senior negotiator to Washington for talks with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that she hopes will help restore calm to the region. Arafat accused Israel on Tuesday of destroying the peace process. Saeb Erekat, the Palestinians'

senior negotiator, was directed to meet with Albright on Friday, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Albright, appearing on PBS's "NewsHour" Monday night, said Arafat bore some responsibility for the fighting between Israel and Palestinians.

Some of Arafat's statements "are very difficult to swallow in terms of wanting to keep fighting," Albright said. "I hope that he will exercise more control, and I'm sure that he can and that we can get back to a peace process."

Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian legislator and sometime spokeswoman for Arafat's Palestinian Authority, charged that the United States is biased toward Israel and said new brokers are needed to make peace in the Middle East.

"We recognize that the U.S. is a superpower, but we need expanded participation," Ashrawi said. "This is not just a U.S. project."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami was due to meet separately with Albright and Sandy Berger, President Clinton's assistant for national security, late Wednesday. He was reported delayed in London and the meeting postponed, but Ben-Ami called Albright and said he could make it to the State Department by late afternoon.

Boucher said "it's critical that both parties move immediately to implement" the agreement they reached with President Clinton at a summit in Egypt two weeks ago to back away from confrontation.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has declared a "timeout" in negotiations as long as Palestinian armed attacks and rock-throwing continue.

STATE

15-year-old runaway holds several students hostage with gun at a Carrollton high school

DALLAS — A 15-year-old boy who had been reported as a runaway took a loaded gun to a Carrollton high school Wednesday morning and held several students hostage before police broke into the locked classroom and took him into custody, police said.

No one was injured in the incident at Newman Smith High School, although medical personnel checked the student's teacher as a precaution because she is pregnant.

School remained in session after the student, a freshman, was apprehended about 8:40 a.m. School officials met with hundreds of frantic parents at a church across the street from the high school.

"We want everyone to know the students and staff at Newman Smith are safe," said school spokeswoman Cindy Randle.

The suspect was in geography class with the teacher and 18 other students when the incident began shortly after 8 a.m., said Judy Thurman, another spokeswoman for the district.

When police responded, they secured the

stories from the Associated Press

school, evacuated the area around the classroom and "locked down the school," said Carrollton police spokesman Sgt. David Sponhour.

"At first, he let two students go," Sponhour said. "Right after that, he let all the female students leave. That left nine male students and the female teacher."

Sponhour said reports that shots were fired were incorrect, but that the suspect set off firecrackers in the classroom.

Police forced the door open and apprehended the student. They recovered a loaded 9 mm Sig Sauer automatic handgun with an unknown number of rounds, Sponhour said. The student was charged with delinquent conduct.

Sponhour said the youth was reported as a runaway Tuesday night, but that police did not know his motive for bringing a gun to school. His name was not released because he is a juvenile.

Exxon Mobil could be fined up to \$25,000 for explosion of unmarked pipeline in September

ABILENE — Exxon Mobil could be fined as much as \$25,000 for not marking a pipeline before it exploded in September, killing an Abilene police detective as he drove home from work.

The Texas Railroad Commission released a report Tuesday that detailed the findings of its investigation into the explosion near Potosi, just outside of Abilene.

The blast erupted when a bulldozer ruptured a natural gas line while digging a water line trench near Texas 36, south of Abilene Regional Airport. A spark from the nearby home of Richard and Rita Franssen ignited a cloud of gas fumes that escaped from the pipeline.

The commission report, obtained by the Abilene Reporter-News, states "the probable cause of this incident was third-party damage to a 12-inch natural gas liquids pipeline operated by Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. A request for a line locate was made; however, Exxon Mobil failed to mark their facilities."

Commission spokesman Gene Acuna told the paper for its Wednesday editions that the commission will decide in the next few weeks what disciplinary action to take against Irving-based Exxon Mobil.

State law requires digs deeper than 16 inches to be reported to a statewide notification center. The center then notifies companies operating pipelines near the planned excavation and requires them to mark any lines.

Exxon Mobil spokesman Ron Embry says the company received a request to locate lines, but it was determined that Exxon Mobil had no lines located in the vicinity of the planned dig.

"Therefore the pipeline was not marked," he said.

Equilon Pipeline Co. operates a petroleum pipeline in the same right of way as the Exxon Mobil line pierced by the bulldozer. It says it also did not mark its lines because of confusion over the exact excavation site.

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## MAKE A CHANGE

### Voice opinions at UCR forum

Have you ever sat in a class completely and utterly bored, unable to retain any of the information being presented as you try to figure out just why you're required to take a lab science when you're an English major, or why you must pass a sociology class when you're a math major?

Have you ever wanted to know who decided what subjects should be included in the University's Curriculum Requirements?

Have you ever wondered why no one asked your opinion?

**staff editorial**

Well, wonder no more.

The Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association are sponsoring an open forum to discuss what changes should be made to the University Curriculum Requirements at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. Recommendations from the forum will be submitted to the Office of the Provost.

All students are invited to attend.

If you've ever felt like your classes lacked depth, interest or relevance, now is the time to speak up.

Your suggestions may not impact you directly, as the changes will probably take some time to implement; they have the potential to have a long-lasting impact on the university — your university.

This forum should be taken seriously. It shouldn't be viewed as the chance to point fingers at teachers you didn't like or make silly and unrealistic suggestions.

Instead, it should be a place where students and administration can come together and have open discussion about issues that affect them both.

"I've been told that this is the biggest academic endeavor at TCU in the last 20 years," said Brian Casebolt, chairman of academic affairs for House of Student Representatives.

Truly, chances like these don't come along very often.

## AN IMPORTANT QUESTION: WHAT WILL EACH OF THESE GUYS DO WITH HIMSELF AFTERWARDS IF HE LOSES?



## Carefully choose your vote

### Make decision meaningful by researching candidate beforehand

Discussing the presidential election with a fellow TCU student just the other day, I was discouraged to learn that he would not be voting in the upcoming elections. Why? Well, he simply did not have confidence enough in any of the candidates to vote.

As I thought about this, I realized that by not voting he wasn't doing nothing, but in fact was making an even bigger political statement than someone who will vote for Al Gore, George W. Bush, Pat Buchanan, Ralph Nader or Harry Browne. For this reason, I have great respect for him.

Unfortunately, by not voting, he is failing in what so many of his fellow Americans will fail in Tuesday: their civic responsibility.

You've heard it over and over again since before you even turned 18: you have a civic responsibility to this country to participate in elections.

It is certainly easy to understand that many Americans are frustrated with the presidential election; the candidates certainly aren't the strongest their parties have ever nominated. Nonetheless, one of them will be running this country for the next four years and if you want one of them running it, vote for him. If you're indifferent, don't vote for a president. But by all means, don't think that not voting for president is a reason to not go to the polls.

Too often, presidential elections overshadow the other, arguably more important elections of a citizen's community.

For instance, in Tarrant County, two veteran police officers are vying for sheriff; District 12 voters may elect a Libertarian to Congress who promises to make it a priority to eliminate the Education Department; Incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchinson seeks re-election as a state senator; and the Texas Railroad Commission will present six candidates on the ballot this election.

Then again, maybe you aren't overlooking these important offices. Maybe you plan on voting a straight ticket, after all, that would benefit the goal of your party controlling the

White House and Congress.

The only problem is, you will likely run into some difficult choices if you are a Democrat when you see that the Texas Supreme Court nominations fail to include any members of your party.

These are just some examples of the important races that are up for grabs Tuesday and it is essential to the success of this community that you research the candidates and vote your conscience.

There is no electoral college standing between you and your state representatives or Texas Supreme Court justices. There is only your vote.

So take some time this weekend to do a little research and make your vote count. For many of you, this is likely the first election that you will participate in. It is your turn to participate in your government.

Don't let this chance pass you by.

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### Commentary



JAMES ZWILLING

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## in your words

### letters to the editor

#### Differences in beliefs on homosexuality discussed

As a regular reader of the Skiff, I have read opinion articles I agreed with and some I couldn't agree with. However, until this point I have never been so offended by an article that has run in the Skiff. I am referring to the column "New laws unnecessary to reduce discrimination" that ran Tuesday.

Abolishing morals was never and will never be the focus of any civil rights group. Marriage, as currently written, is for one man and one woman. The column argues most strongly that including homosexuals will ultimately include deviant relationships for pedophiles, animals and inanimate objects. It then says it's "not comparing gays with inanimate objects or animals."

This would, in my mind, say there is a similarity between gays and pedophiles. There is indeed a difference, and one that should not be overlooked. Gays operate much in the same way straight people do. We flirt, we date and we have sex.

Pedophiles, on the other hand, seduce and entrap young children for their own sexual desires.

Getting back to marriage, though, it can be argued that by not allowing gay marriage, you are merely helping to perpetuate gay stereotypes, and in particular, promiscuity. As it stands, moving in is the only available option.

I could be with another man for 50 years, not being able to marry him, but still live with him and share a loving relationship. But when all is said and done, I have no legal right to arrange his funeral should I become widowed. I have no right to help in the hospital, or even stay by his side because I am not family. I would have legal standing as no more than an acquaintance. This isn't fair to anyone involved.

The article also unwittingly implies that homosexuality is a choice. I find it amusing that your reporters don't do their homework. Had he asked even one gay person he would find a different truth.

We aren't choosing to be hated. We aren't choosing to be different. We just are different.

I firmly believe that I was born gay. Nothing changed me in any way towards or against any sexuality. My parents are Baptists and always told me it was wrong, and I still dearly love my parents. So why would I choose to do something that hurts the most important people in my life? I wouldn't, and I didn't. I, along with millions of other Americans, was born gay.

The columnist trivializes a topic dear to many TCU students because he doesn't know better. The sad part is that he made no effort to learn any different.

Our opinions are ours and no one can take those from us, or even change them. I respect that. Saying that, I can't sit by watching what appears to be blatantly homophobic get published in our student publication without protest.

— Timothy Newman

sophomore advertising and public relations major

#### Student disappointed with police officer's actions

Recently I met a TCU police officer whose example regrettably casts a negative reflection on the whole of law enforcement. He certainly didn't protect, nor did he even offer to serve as I struggled to unload heavy items from my car.

Instead, he illegally parked the Durango and sauntered up to issue a citation. As my vehicle was running with a passenger inside, and as my arms buckled beneath the weight of the boxes, he told me to move the car.

I explained that I only had one trip remaining and it would be less cumbersome if I was closer to the dorm. He then gave me the option: get a ticket or move the vehicle.

I obliged but not without expressing my disappointment. He could have at least offered his assistance, as a gentleman.

Thus, having parked the car, I strained under the last load as the officer wrote the ticket. He smirked and seemed pleased with his sophomoric action, which was more of a pathetic retaliation than it was an act of justice.

I was told I received the \$100 ticket, not for being illegally parked, but for my "mouth" — which incidentally employed no swear words or sarcasm. His mouth, however, employed not only sarcasm, but carried with it a Napoleon complex of condescension that is typical of people who "get off" by exercising an overindulgent sense of authority.

I am more disappointed than angry. Instead of relying on maturity, this officer allowed a 20-year-old's "mouth" to irritate him into writing an irrational ticket. It's pathetic.

— Shelley Corder

junior art history and English major

## Radical exception to rule

### 'Extreme' third party candidates deserve chance

I think a more telling way of examining a society is to not look at what the majority of the population adheres to, but at what that majority considers radical or extreme.

The presidential election is perhaps the best platform right now for such a methodological examination. Consider that the two major candidates are only marginally different. Both believe that cannabis should remain illegal and its use merits time in prison.

They aren't going to raise the minimum wage to a fair level or maintain a foreign trade policy that insists upon basic human rights for people such as a 6-year-old Burmese who made the Old Navy tech vests that are now stuffed in the back of your closets.

Neither is going to actually make any progress in the areas of gay, female or minority rights. And both are going to build more prisons instead of rehabilitation centers, more B-12s than public schools, more wealth for the wealthy than equality for the poor.

Then there are the "third-party" candidates, whose ideas and political platforms are supposedly so radical that they can only hope to muster one or two percent of the popular vote.

Case in point: Harry Browne, the Libertarian party candidate for president. Browne wants to eliminate Social Security, perhaps the most inane and burdensome program ever created by our government.

More importantly, he wants to end prohibition and the failed and unconstitutional "War On Drugs." Browne said on his first day in office he would grant executive pardons to every person currently in prison for a non-violent federal drug offense.

Essentially, Browne wants to drastically reduce the size of government to reflect the outline of the Constitution, which sounds perfectly logical to me.

A better case in point: Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate for president. The center of Nader's whole campaign is riding on the American politics of corporate influence. Nader is fully prepared to stop money-driven policy making.

Poll after poll shows that the American people favor campaign finance reform, that they think corporations have too much influence over politicians and that they don't trust politicians.

Well, here's Ralph, the man who created consumer advocacy, the man who doesn't own a car out of moral protest, the man who eats at the same restaurant five days a week because he gets the sixth meal free. Tell me this guy's not the candidate you've been looking for!

A couple weeks ago, an alarming personal revelation happened to me at the Laundromat. As I was waiting for my clothes to dry, among all of the other poor people for whom George W. Bush has so much compassion, I realized that, based on my personal philosophy, I've been relegated to the

fringe. I'm an absolute radical because of the labels that could be attached to me: vegan, feminist, humanist.

I refuse to eat animals. There are several reasons not to, and the only reason anybody can offer in favor of eating animals is that they taste good. So does a bagel, but a bagel doesn't leave the aftertaste of animal cruelty, environmental ruin or economic injustice like a nice bloody steak.

I don't believe in adhering to traditional gender roles. If a male wants to wear a skirt, society shouldn't teach that he can't. If a woman wants to hock a loogie, society shouldn't teach that she can't.

Regardless of anatomy, human beings are individuals, and generalizations, limitations or expectations shouldn't be applied based on arbitrary notions.

I detest that I can't find a fashionable, affordable pair of shoes that wasn't made in a sweatshop or with animal parts.

I try desperately to only buy products manufactured in countries with human-rights laws protecting workers. Look at your tags; know that you're wearing some 9-year-old's 12-cents-an-hour labor. It doesn't make you sexy.

These personal philosophies alone are enough to brand me a radical in our society. We won't even mention my atheism, which practically buys me a ticket to the moon. But ask yourself what kind of society you live in when someone guided by a desire to not hurt others, or support the hurting of others, is the exception and not the rule.

Kelly O'Rourke is a columnist for the Daily Lobo at the University of New Mexico. This column was distributed by U-WIRE.

# THE C-FILES

**Full name:** Patrick Joseph Buchanan  
**Party:** Reform Party  
**Age:** 60, born Nov. 2, 1938  
**Current home:** McLean, Va.  
**Birthplace:** Washington, D.C.  
**Parents:**  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic  
**Education:** B.A., Georgetown University (1961); M.A., Columbia University School of Journalism, (1962)  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**Resume highlights:** Syndicated columnist; TV talk show host; White House director of communications under President Ronald Reagan; speechwriter for President Richard Nixon.  
**Elected offices:** None  
**Books authored or co-authored:** "Right from the Beginning," "The Great Betrayal."  
**Family:** Married Shelley Ann Scarney, a former White House staffer, in 1971. They have no children.  
**Status:** Officially declared his candidacy as a Republican on March 2, 1999. He switched to the Reform Party on Oct. 25.  
**Chief campaign organization:** Buchanan 2000, Inc.  
**National headquarters:** P. O. Box 2000, Dunn Loring, VA 22027  
**Phone number:** (703) 734-2700 or 1-800-GOPATGO  
**Fax number:** N/A  
**Campaign e-mail:** (pat@gopatgo2000.org)  
**National chairman:** Jay Townsend  
**Money raised in 1999:** \$6.5 million  
**Money raised in latest quarter:** \$2.6 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1999)  
**Money spent in latest quarter:** \$2.4 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1999)



**Full name:** George Walker Bush  
**Party:** Republican  
**Age:** 53, born July 6, 1946  
**Current home:** Austin  
**Birthplace:** New Haven, Conn.; grew up in Houston and Midland  
**Parents:** Father George Bush was former president of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Mother Barbara Bush, a New York native, helped develop the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy while first lady.  
**Religion:** Methodist  
**Education:** Attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass.; B.A., Yale University (1968); MBA, Harvard Business School (1975).  
**Profession:** Politician, businessman  
**Resume highlights:** Governor of Texas; managing general partner of Texas Rangers baseball team; part owner of several businesses in the oil industry.  
**Elected offices:** Governor of Texas (1994-present)  
**Books authored or co-authored:** "A Charge to Keep," to be released Nov. 17.  
**Family:** Married Laura Welch, a former teacher and librarian from Midland in 1977. They have twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, born in 1982.  
**Status:** Became official candidate June 11, 1999.  
**Chief campaign organization:** Bush for President Inc.  
**National headquarters:** P.O. Box 1902, Austin, Texas 78767-1902  
**Phone number:** (512) 637-2000  
**Fax number:** (512) 637-8800  
**Campaign e-mail:** (gwb@mail.georgewbush.com)  
**National chairman:** Joseph Albaugh  
**Money raised in 1999:** \$70 million  
**Money raised in latest quarter:** \$11.0 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1999)  
**Money spent in latest quarter:** \$17.3 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 1999)



# CAMPAGN 2000

## YOUR GUIDE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND THE ISSUES

### Students participate in political forum

College Republicans, Leftist Student Union debate topics from presidential campaign

**By Hemi Ahluwalia**  
 STAFF REPORTER

Heated debate ignited over several national issues Wednesday night during a student-organized political forum held in the Student Center Lounge. About 20 students from the Leftist Student Union and TCU College Republicans attended the forum, hosted by the College Republicans, to discuss presidential campaign issues like minimum wage, quality of education and religion in schools. Participants in the debate said events like this are important because it gives students a chance to take an active role in the political process.

"The original Greek meaning of the word idiot is someone who does not participate in politics," said Chris Dobson, a senior political science and history major.

**The original Greek meaning of the word idiot is someone who does not participate in politics.**

LSU members highlighted the 10 key values that Ralph Nader, the Green Party presidential candidate, stands for in this year's election. "We want there to be a living wage that is available to all people," said Crista Williams, a senior psychology major and LSU member. "Everyone who works at a job should be allowed to live above the poverty level."

Riggs Rylander, a senior political science major and member of College Republicans, worries that a living wage set at \$10 an hour would cost consumers more money. "If the minimum wage is hiked up too far it will end up cutting into businesses' profits and therefore have a trickle down effect on the consumer," Rylander said.

Tara Pope, an alumna and former member of LSU, said there are ways to keep the extra costs from having a direct effect on the consumer. "CEO wages are currently skyrocketing and if the money was taken out of their pockets then it would not affect the consumer," she said.

On the topic of education, Christa Baker, a senior biology major, said more money should be spent to educate the American people. "When the level of education rises, people become more responsible for their own actions," said Baker, a College Republican member.

The debate on the quality of education wasn't the only education issue to come under fire. Religion in schools was also a hot topic during the forum. Dobson, a LSU member, said religion should be kept out of public schools. "When children go to school, they should be able to obtain an education in a religious-neutral envi-

ronment," Dobson said. "Parents can teach religious values at home, but it should be kept out of the school system."

Kelly Howard, College Republicans president, said she thinks all schools should offer a moment of silence every day to let students reflect in their own way. "I have read that students who were given the opportunity to take part in a moment of silence were calmer throughout the day," she said.

After the forum ended, students gathered together in small groups to continue discussing the issues.

"It was great to be able to exchange ideas with a group of different people and to have a chance to hear what they had to say," Dobson said.

Members of both organizations wish more people would have attended the forum to express their ideas, Howard said.

"This forum was very intellectually stimulating, and we will definitely do it again next semester," she said.

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**Chris Dobson,** senior political science and history major

**Tara Pope,** alumna and former member of LSU

**Riggs Rylander,** senior political science major and member of College Republicans

**Christa Baker,** senior biology major

**Gallup Poll**

Oct. 29-31 results

Bush 48%	Nader 3%
Gore 43%	Buchanan 1%

Six-day rolling average

Bush 48%	Nader 3%
Gore 43%	Buchanan 1%

**Purple Poll**

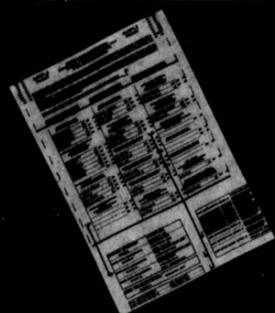
What presidential candidate are you voting for?

Bush 66%	Undecided 5%
Gore 14%	Nader 1%
Not voting 14%	Buchanan 1%

**Election Day:**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 7

THE ISSUES	PAT BUCHANAN	GEORGE BUSH
<p><b>ABORTION</b></p> <p>About 23 percent of U.S. pregnancies end in abortion. The abortion rate is now at a two-decade low due largely to more effective contraception. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on abortion.</p>	<p>Opposes abortion rights. Supports the original man Life Amendment and constitutional rights of personhood. Opposed to "cut funding to men's industry," from Planned Parenthood. Has promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>Supports the right to life. Opposes abortion rights. Supports the original man Life Amendment and constitutional rights of personhood. Opposed to "cut funding to men's industry," from Planned Parenthood. Has promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court.</p>
<p><b>AFFIRMATIVE ACTION</b></p> <p>In an example of federal affirmative action, large contractors supplying the government must have programs encouraging them to rectify imbalances if they employ fewer minorities or women in a particular job group than would reasonably be expected by their availability. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on affirmative action.</p>	<p>Opposes. "No quotas, no forced busing, no affirmative hiring, no affirmative action."</p>	<p>Supports affirmative action. Opposes quotas and forced busing. Supports affirmative hiring and affirmative action.</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Most national polls show education as the number one concern in America. In a Harris poll taken over the summer, respondents put education ahead of taxes, crime, health care, and Social Security as the most important issue for public officials to address. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on education.</p>	<p>Would eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and return its functions to state and local control. He would "preserve our heritage by passing on to our children through locally controlled education, a love of our land, our history, our English language, and our traditional sense of right and wrong." He supports special tax-free savings accounts to help parents pay education costs. He also favors a Constitutional amendment to allow school prayer and rejects bilingualism and "multicultural" curricula that "denigrate our history." Opposes national testing and national teaching standards.</p>	<p>Supports education. Opposes national testing and national teaching standards.</p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>The United States dwarfs other industrialized nations in energy consumption and per capita emissions of carbon dioxide. Overall U.S. air quality has improved in the last 10 years, with declines in major pollutants like nitrogen dioxide and lead. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on current environmental issues.</p>	<p>Prefers private land preservation efforts over federal regulation. Would require Congress to vote on all endangered species and to compensate property owners whose lands are converted into protected habitats. Would abolish the Bureau of Land Management and give back to the states the 500 million acres of lands the organization oversees. Opposes international environmental accords, such as the Kyoto Treaty on global warming, which he believes hurts American industry.</p>	<p>Supports environmental protection. Opposes international environmental accords, such as the Kyoto Treaty on global warming, which he believes hurts American industry.</p>
<p><b>GUN CONTROL</b></p> <p>It is estimated that between 65 million and 80 million Americans own between 200 million and 235 million firearms. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on gun control.</p>	<p>Supports the right to own guns. Would deny criminals the right to own firearms.</p>	<p>Supports the right to own guns. Would deny criminals the right to own firearms.</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b></p> <p>Experts agree that the nation's Social Security system needs reform in order to survive the next generation's coming of age. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on Social Security.</p>	<p>Favors allowing the elderly to make their own health care decisions by purchasing in their own health insurance or building their own personal retirement accounts.</p>	<p>Supports Social Security. Opposes allowing the elderly to make their own health care decisions by purchasing in their own health insurance or building their own personal retirement accounts.</p>
<p><b>TAXATION</b></p> <p>The federal government has borrowed \$380 billion in the last 10 years. Here are the positions of the major presidential candidates on taxation.</p>	<p>Supports tax cuts. Opposes tax increases.</p>	<p>Supports tax cuts. Opposes tax increases.</p>

# 2000



## 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.

### GEORGE W. BUSH

Opposes abortion rights with exceptions for rape, incest and situations where a mother's life is in danger. Opposes federal funding of abortion. Supports a ban on partial-birth abortions. Favors parental notification laws and efforts to increase adoption. Does not consider a pro-life stance a criterion for selecting Supreme Court justices. Would not make anti-abortion constitutional amendments a priority.

Opposes quotas and racial preferences. Supports federal law requiring public universities to admit the top 10 percent of every high school's graduating class.

Would give state and local governments more control over education, including curriculum, disciplining students and punishing juvenile offenders. Would also let states exercise more discretion over how they spend federal dollars, to create financial incentives for states to improve student performance. Says students should be tested in reading and math, and that federal officials report the results. Has proposed a Charter School Homebased Fund with \$3 billion in loan guarantees to help launch 2,000 new charter schools.

Proposes an uncertain path to deal with greenhouse gases. Opposes federal mandates and regulations, preferring that environmental issues be handled at the local level. Has said state environmental regulations shouldn't be stricter than federal law. Would apply federal funding for recycling programs to the entire country when certain state and local governments are not participating. Wants Congress to allow states to use the Act to launch pilot programs for energy efficiency, energy conservation, energy planning, energy research and development, energy research and development, energy research and development. Created unique voluntary programs in Texas to reduce air pollution at some 800 factories.

Wants to keep existing gun laws, but would raise the age limit for handgun purchases to 21 and ban large ammunition magazines. Opposes handgun checks at gun shows. Opposes no-fee gun registration. Believes the best gun control measure is to prosecute those who illegally carry guns. Opposes restricting purchases of handguns to one per person per year.

Planes to veto the Clinton tax rescues. Will veto any increase in the federal estate tax. Supports Education Savings Incentives. Opposes amendments to its Social Security program and withdrawal of Social Security funds from the general fund.

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### AL GORE

Supports abortion rights. Has said abortion should be made "safe, legal and rare." As a senator, supported federally-funded family planning clinics and pregnancy counseling programs. Supports Medicaid abortion financing despite past statements to the contrary. Does not consider a pro-life stance a criterion for selecting Supreme Court justices.

Al Gore (Democrat) Supports. Wants to "mend it, not end it." Believes affirmative action programs should be carefully targeted, fair and meet legal requirements.

Calls for smaller classes, higher standards and "a renewed focus on discipline, character and the right values" in schools. Has proposed hiring 2.2 million new teachers, in part by offering \$10,000 towards the college expenses of qualified students who agree to teach in a public school for at least four years following graduation. Has proposed a National Tuition Savings program that would allow families to set up tax-free accounts to help pay for their children's college tuition. He has proposed a similar program to help pay for "lifetime learning" by adults. Calls for every classroom and library to be connected to the Internet. Opposes school voucher programs.

Long recognized as a leading supporter of environmental causes, particularly global warming research. Has pushed for an international greenhouse emissions treaty and helped win funding increases for research into efficient, renewable energy technologies. Wants to spend \$2 billion over 10 years to set aside more parkland. Also proposes \$1 billion in federal funds to help communities develop smart growth strategies. Wants to invest in mass transit and light rail to reduce pollution and congestion on the nation's highways and fight suburban sprawl.

Wants mandatory background checks for handgun buyers. Would require manufacturers and federally licensed sellers to report gun sales. Would allow the FBI to help trace guns used in crimes. Opposes banning "Saturday night special" handguns. Opposes raising the age for handgun ownership to 21. Opposes restricting purchases of handguns to one per person per year.

Does not support raising the retirement age of Social Security funds away from 65. Opposes raising the age limit for Social Security benefits. Opposes raising the Social Security surcharge from 1.2 percent to 1.5 percent. Opposes raising the debt ceiling. Opposes raising the debt ceiling.

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### RALPH NADER

Supports abortion rights. Nader campaign manager Theresa Amato said, "Ralph Nader has said over and over again that for American women, the right to a safe, affordable and legal abortion is a legal right, and that the government has no business telling a woman to have or not to have a child."

Supports. Feels affirmative action in higher education has numerous positive effects, leading to healthier and stronger communities.

Believes the government should keep commercialism and voucher programs out of schools and not impose mandates on schools. Believes Head Start programs should be established as an entitlement. Supports a classroom target size of 15 for elementary schools and 20 for secondary schools. Believes the federal government should allocate money to hire more teachers and build new facilities.

Wants to phase out commercial nuclear reactors within five years and set a timetable for phasing out other dangerous nuclear technologies, nuclear-waste incinerators, food irradiation and all military and commercial uses of depleted uranium. Would abolish fossil fuel and nuclear corporate welfare supports, including numerous special tax preferences. Promotes higher fuel efficiency (CAFE) standards (at least to 45 miles a gallon for cars and 35 miles a gallon for light trucks, to be phased in over five years) during a transition period to zero-emissions cars. Would allow U.S. farmers to grow industrial hemp, which is now imported in modest amounts but can't be grown here. Would require existing paper mills that use chlorine bleaching to adopt new technologies.

Believes weapons should be designed with trigger locks. Promotes law enforcement to prevent criminals from obtaining weapons. Supports gun licenses and banning certain weapons.

Favors gradual changes to benefits and the revenue structure of current Social Security legislation. Favors raising the income cap on Social Security taxes or expanding the tax to cover executive bonuses and stock options to adjust the benefit formula for widows and widowers. Opposes privatization.

Favors progressive taxation. Believes the richer people are, the more the percentages they should pay. Supports taxing stock market speculation and pollution and lightening the taxes on food and labor.

**Full name:** Albert Gore Jr.  
**Party:** Democrat  
**Age:** 51, born March 31, 1948  
**Current home:** Washington, D.C.  
**Birthplace:** Washington, D.C.  
**Parents:** Father Albert Gore Sr. was a congressman and senator from Tennessee; mother Pauline was one of the first women to graduate from Vanderbilt University Law School.  
**Religion:** Baptist  
**Education:** B.A., Harvard (1969). Studied philosophy at Vanderbilt University's Graduate School of Religion in Nashville. Enrolled in Vanderbilt's Law School in 1974.  
**Profession:** Politician, journalist  
**Resume highlights:** Vice president, U.S. senator, U.S. congressman, reporter for *The Tennessean*.  
**Elected offices:** Vice president (1993-present), U.S. Senate (1985-1993), U.S. House (1977-1985).  
**Books authored or co-authored:** "Common Sense Government: Works Better and Costs Less."  
**Family:** Married Mary Elizabeth Aitchison, whose mother nicknamed her Tipper after a nursery rhyme, in 1970. They have three daughters, Karenna, Kristin and Sarah, and a son, Albert III.  
**Status:** Formerly announced candidacy June 16, 1999.  
**Chief campaign organization:** Gore 2000 Inc.  
**National headquarters:** 601 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37228  
**Phone number:** (615) 340-2000  
**Fax number:** N/A  
**Campaign e-mail:** (townhall@al-gore2000.com)  
**National chairman:** William Daley  
**Money raised in 1999:** \$31.9 million  
**Money raised in latest quarter:** \$4.1 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31)  
**Money spent in latest quarter:** \$8.7 million (Oct. 1-Dec. 31)



**Full name:** Ralph Nader  
**Party:** Green Party (though he is not a member)  
**Age:** 66, born Feb. 27, 1934  
**Current home:** Washington, D.C.  
**Birthplace:** Winsted, Conn.  
**Parents:** Father Nathra and mother Rose were Lebanese immigrants who ran a restaurant.  
**Religion:** Catholic  
**Education:** AB in politics from Princeton University (1955); law degree from Harvard University (1958).  
**Profession:** Attorney, author, consumer advocate  
**Resume highlights:** University lecturer in history and government; founder of Public Interest Research Group, the consumer-lobbying group Public Citizen, the Center for Women's Policy Studies, among other groups.  
**Elected offices:** None. Ran as Green Party candidate for president in 1996.  
**Books authored or co-authored:** "Unsafe at Any Speed," "Action for a Change," "Corporate Power in America," "Who's Poisoning America."  
**Family:** He is unmarried.  
**Status:** Declared candidacy Feb. 21. Won Green Party nomination June 25.  
**Chief campaign organization:** Nader 2000 General Committee  
**National headquarters:** P.O. Box 18002, Washington, D.C. 20036  
**Phone number:** (202) 265-4000  
**Fax number:** (202) 265-0183  
**Campaign e-mail:** (campaign@votenader.org)  
**National chairman:** Theresa Amato  
**Money raised:** \$676,723 (through May 31)  
**Money raised latest quarter:** \$195,221 (first quarter)  
**Money spent in latest quarter:** \$123,329 (first quarter)



**ART**

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foundation and with area museums, he said.

"We want to make our program more accessible to the community and make it more visible locally, nationally and internationally," said Sheila Allen, a Fine Arts Task Force member and an associate professor of music.

Sullivan said there are several avenues the college can use to make it more visible.

"I would like to take our arts off campus more," Sullivan said.

He said the college consults some staff members in TCU's communications and marketing department to ensure effective

publicity. He said music ensembles performing at high schools and high school functions will play a part in marketing the college to potential students.

Music, especially piano, and art and art history will be the major areas of focus for the school, said Ann Loudon, director of the principal gifts department of university advancement and a Fine Arts Task Force member.

The music department has increased their visibility by helping plan the Van Cliburn Piano Competitions and hosting the competition's semi finals the in the past, Loudon said. TCU's piano program is highly respected by the Van Cliburn Foundation, she said.

Other task force recommendations included renovating Ed Landreth Hall and Moudy Build-

ing South, Sullivan said. He said renovations have already begun in both buildings with paint touch-ups, and will continue during Winter Break in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium with new seats and paint.

Sullivan said the other renovation requests, which could be long term and require outside funding, are being compiled to send to William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Sullivan said some recommendations are practice studios for theater and ballet; the addition of a "Green Room," a place where theater students would prepare to go on stage in the Walsh Center of Performing Arts a second floor in the sculpture lab with high ceilings; a computer lab in the

dance building; renovations of the electronic music lab; risers in the choir rehearsal room and state of the art recording rooms.

Other recommendations, according to the Fine Arts Task Force report, include increasing the number of graduate level classes taught by world famous artists.

Sullivan said the college also wants to add a technology position within the art and art history department.

He said a major in ceramics is also a possibility. This hasn't been an option in the past due to the lack of full-time faculty to support the large number of students.

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**Candidates closing in on swing states**

**Negative ads introduced by parties**

By Ron Fournier  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Focusing on Florida less than a week before Election Day, Al Gore urged senior citizens Wednesday to "save Social Security" by electing him president. He drew fire from a Republican general who said "we're in a war right now" to convince voters that George W. Bush will protect and improve the retirement program.

The presidential candidates were campaigning in one another's political backyards — Gore hoping to spring an upset in GOP-leaning Florida, Bush in Minnesota where he hoped third-party candidate Ralph Nader might drain Gore's support and help Republicans win a state that usually goes Democratic.

Voters looking for serious talk on the issues found plenty to choose from. The vice president began running a tough new ad criticizing Bush's record as governor of Texas on taxes, health care for children, the minimum wage and the environment. The ad also takes a jab at the Republican's plan for Social Security and ends with a tag line that sums up Gore's central argument against Bush: "Is he ready to lead America?"

It comes on the heels of Bush's latest ad, which directly questions Gore's credibility — a campaign-closing theme he carried into Minnesota. "This country needs a president you can believe in," Bush told supporters, before turning to the issue that dominated the day.

"I have a Social Security reform that gives people a stake in the future," Bush said in Minneapolis.

While proposing to allow investments in the stock market, the Texas governor said Gore offered only "an old and tired approach" on Social Security and other issues.

Appearing with his wife Tipper in the heart of the retirement belt, Gore told Kissemmee, Fla., seniors that Bush is using "soothing words" and "fuzzy math" to disguise serious flaws with the plan to privatize portions of Social Security.

Former Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf said the Republican ticket was fighting "a war" to combat the Democratic criticism that the Bush plan would leave Social Security vulnerable to market shifts.

"This is not only untrue, it's a blatant lie," Schwarzkopf said in Punta Gorda in southwest Florida. Democrats were comfortable with the focus. "I ask you to save Social Security when you vote Tuesday," Gore said, allowing running-mate Joseph Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew popular in the retiree haven, to set out high stakes for Florida: "If we can win it here, we'll win it everywhere!"

Former President Bush, wife Barbara Bush and the GOP candidate himself will visit Florida before Tuesday's election, knowing the importance of the state's 25 electoral votes.

The Nader threat worried Gore allies. Former President Carter endorsed Gore for president and said it would be "a serious and far-reaching mistake" for fellow Democrats to turn away from the party as some did from Hubert Humphrey in his 1968 loss to Richard Nixon amid the Vietnam War.

**EDUCATION**

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Josh Barrier, a junior international business major, said he has answered the question on the FAFSA form, but thinks the question is a bad idea.

"Mistakes you make when you are a kid shouldn't affect you later in life," he said.

The Higher Education Act was passed more than 30 years ago in an attempt to create greater opportunities for students to gain a higher education. The Act established federal financial aid programs like Work-Study Programs, Pell Grants, Perkins Loans and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

Congress periodically reviews and updates the Act to ensure adequate funding. The Act was revised in 1998 and now includes an amendment that will deny or delay federal financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study, to any student convicted of any state or federal drug offense.

According to the amendment, if convicted for possession of a controlled substance, students are ruled ineligible for aid for one year following their first conviction, two years for their second and indefinitely for their third.

For sale of a controlled substance the consequences are tougher. For the first offense, students are ineligible for aid for two years and indefinitely for their second offense.

Tan Nguyen, a junior biology major, said he has filled out the drug question on the application.

"I can say yeah, it serves as a deterrent, but I can also see the other side," he said. "I don't really have to worry about it because I'm not breaking the law, but I do think it's pretty harsh."

A student may regain eligibility if the student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that includes two unannounced drug tests.

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pick electives that interest them.

Lara Blackwood, a first-year Brite Divinity student, said as an undergraduate at TCU, she heard complaints about there being too many core requirements.

"(TCU) is not a vocational school," Blackwood said. "TCU is a liberal arts college so students should not be complaining about taking core classes."

Bob Seal, chairman of the Curriculum Outcome Committee, said the committee members will be there to hear what the students have to say. The committee is the first of three formed to revise the

University Curriculum Requirements.

The first committee will take a different approach to core revision by examining what academic skills a TCU student should have upon finishing the curriculum requirements.

Timothy Colligan, a junior English major, said this revision process is better to prevent students from taking courses that are irrelevant.

"It's better to develop courses by keeping in mind what marketable skills a student should have after graduating," Colligan said.

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## Volleyball weekly

# Volley Frogs get set for remainder of season

Team loses two matches, but effort there, coaches say

Head volleyball coach Sandy Trout said her team is not ready to give up on their season. They're in it for the long haul.

This is especially true now, with the end of the season approaching. However, the Volley Frogs choose not to think too far into the future.

"We want to look at our season as if we only have one more match left," Trout said. "If we do this, then we will be all right. Right now all we're thinking about is Tulsa."

The Volley Frogs will play seven more matches in the regular season. This includes a match against Tulsa on Friday, followed by a four-match road trip that Trout said she doesn't expect to be easy. The Frogs will then return home to play San Jose State and Fresno State in the last two matches of the season.

"It's become a no-holds barred situation, and we're still very excited," Trout said. "We've always played well in November, and we expect the same (this season)."

It is this confidence that Trout said should help the 12-14 Volley Frogs end the season successfully. Although season goals have, for the most part, stayed constant, the Frogs always look toward further improvement.

In practice, the team is working on a few basics components of the game, Trout said.

"We're looking to touch the ball more, read (the ball) better, switch up our offense a little and become less predictable," Trout said.

Trout said she sees her team

improving, as they were able to maintain their intensity during two tough losses in matches against Hawaii and Nevada last Friday and Saturday.

"(The losses) really haven't brought down our confidence," sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Watson said. "If anything, it's sparked us to come together."

The statistics show numbers from both losses that support the team's confidence.

TCU's offense didn't give up easily against the No. 2-ranked Hawaii Rainbow

Wahine. The Frogs scored 33 points, the most amount of points they have ever scored in a match against Hawaii. Senior outside hitter Amy Atamanczuk's 14 kills, junior middle blocker Allison Lynch's seven blocks and junior setter Lindsay Hayes' 38 assists were all statistics that had never been compiled by the Volley Frogs against Hawaii in previous matches.

Trout said she would still like to see her team improve their speed, discipline and confidence. However, she said she saw an incredible effort against two tough teams.

"I always say that playing tough people will make you better," Trout said. "We have really conquered that challenge."

In spite of the losses, assistant coach Barbara Kovacs said the Frogs have continued to give their best effort.

"We've seen everyone really recommit to our focus," Kovacs said. "And we've asked everyone

to give it all they have got for another three weeks."

Kovacs said the focus of TCU volleyball has been to deal with each obstacle when it comes and give 100 percent effort during each remaining game or practice.

Of the seven remaining games in TCU's season, six are against Western Athletic Conference opponents. The Frogs are currently ranked fifth in the WAC standings, which makes these games crucial in how they will finish overall.

Watson said the entire team believes they can win the remainder of its games.

"We just need to keep our heads and our focus," Watson said. "If we play how we're capable of, I think we can win all the matches."

Colleen Casey

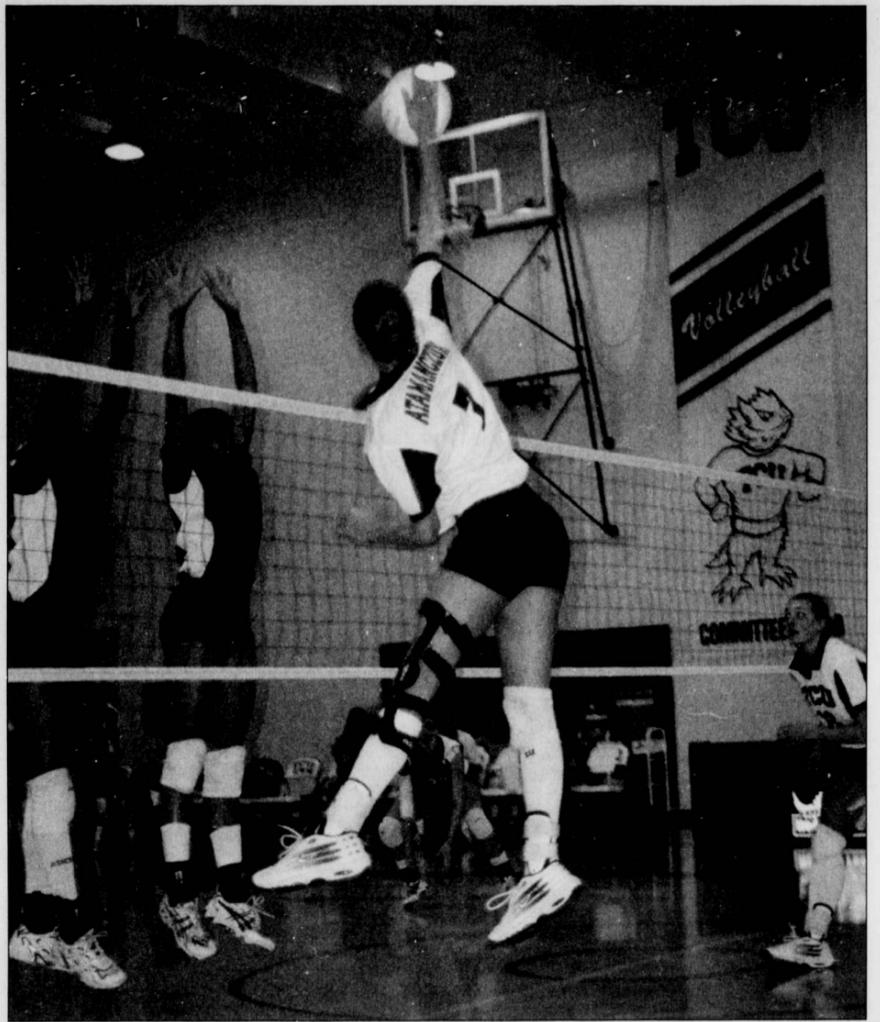
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### Team Statistics

	TCU	Opp
Kills	1506	1628
Total Attacks	4059	4204
Attack Percentage	.220	.216
Kills a Game	14.9	16.1
Assists	1333	1429
Assists a game	13.2	14.1
Service Aces	148	173
Service Errors	251	228
Digs	1509	1598
Digs a game	14.9	15.8
Solo Blocks	82	75
Block assists	440	305
Total Blocks	302.0	224.5
Blocks a game	3.0	2.2

### Coming Up

The TCU volleyball team plays next against Tulsa Friday at 7 p.m. at the Rickel Building.



Sarah Kirschberg/CO-PHOTO EDITOR

Senior outside hitter Amy Atamanczuk collects one of her team-high 17 kills in the Volley Frogs' five-set loss to Nevada Saturday in the Rickel Building. TCU (12-14, 4-6 Western Athletic Conference) is currently fifth in the WAC standings, and resumes play Friday against Tulsa at the Rickel.

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Fiesta steak  
Roast pork shoulder  
**Dinner**  
Mongolian wok  
Baked rosemary chicken  
Veal parmesan  
Honey baked ham

### Worth Hills Lunch

Salad creations with chicken and beef  
**Dinner**  
Deli  
Pizza

### Eden's Greens Lunch

Caesar chicken breast  
Orzo with mozzarella  
Zucchini with garlic and basil

### Frogbytes

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**Dinner:** Cajun catfish, manicotti

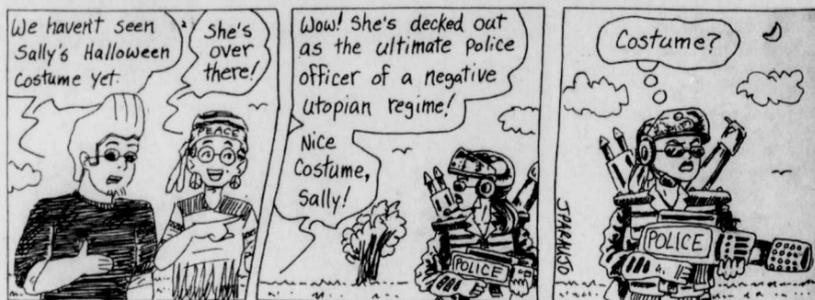
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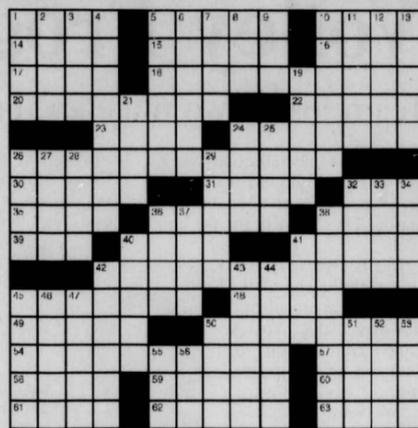
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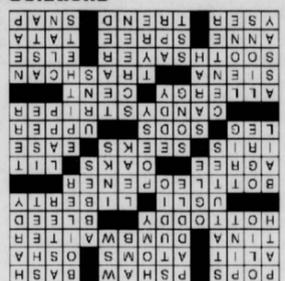
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20 Cold-weather drink  
22 Remove air from pipes  
23 Jamaican fruit  
24 Freedom  
26 Church key  
30 Go along with  
31 Acorn trees  
32 Burning  
35 Writer Murdoch  
36 Searches for  
38 Alleviate  
39 Stage of a journey  
40 Puts in grass  
41 Top berth  
42 Hospital volunteer  
45 Physical hypersensitivity  
48 Penny  
49 City in Tuscany  
50 Waste holder  
54 Seer  
57 Different  
58 Boleyn or Bancroft  
59 Binge  
60 Bye-bye  
61 North Sea feeder  
62 Prevailing tide  
63 Piece of cake



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1 Woodland trail  
2 Miscellany  
3 Beer quantity  
4 Laws  
5 Canoeist's need  
6 Artist's workroom  
7 Comfy  
8 Embassy head: abbr.  
9 Compass dir.

- 10 Word after double or pot  
11 Daisylike flower  
12 Piece of paper  
13 Author of "Jude the Obscure"  
19 French cleric  
21 Make eyes at  
24 Security problem  
25 Calligrapher's fluids  
26 Cash for security monster  
27 Fairy-tale  
28 H.S. math course  
29 Rhyming verse  
32 Reindeer herdsman  
33 A-ha!  
34 Guam, e.g.  
36 Ballad  
37 Nelson or Mary Baker  
38 Abusive phrases  
40 Ms. Bernhardt  
41 Coffee holders  
42 Midpoint  
43 Coarse sieve  
44 Wept  
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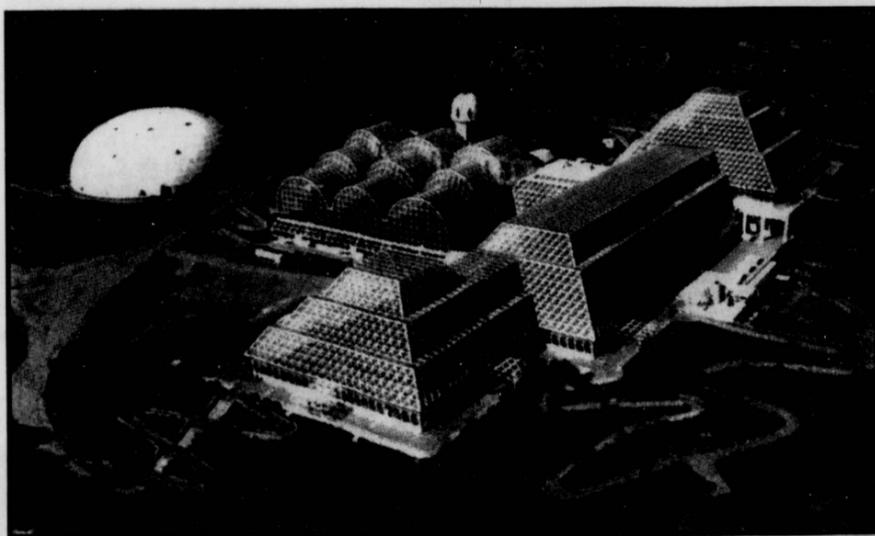
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