



When Texas-El Paso comes to Amon Carter Stadium Saturday, the Frogs will have a chance to come a step closer to earn at least a share the WAC Championship.

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Fort Worth, Texas

Manual vote recount OK'd

Gore defends hand recounts, Florida Supreme Court agrees

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Gore won his fight Thursday to expand manual recounts in Florida, even as advisers said he likely won't overtake George W. Bush's 300-vote lead before the Republican secretary of state certifies their marathon White House race Saturday. GOP lawyers asked courts to stop the counting and "the disintegration" of America's presidential election system.

The vice president and his team aggressively defended the hand recounts in Democratic-leaning counties, laying the groundwork for Gore's case to continue the vote-counting if he fails to pull ahead of the Texas governor before the secretary of state's deadline.

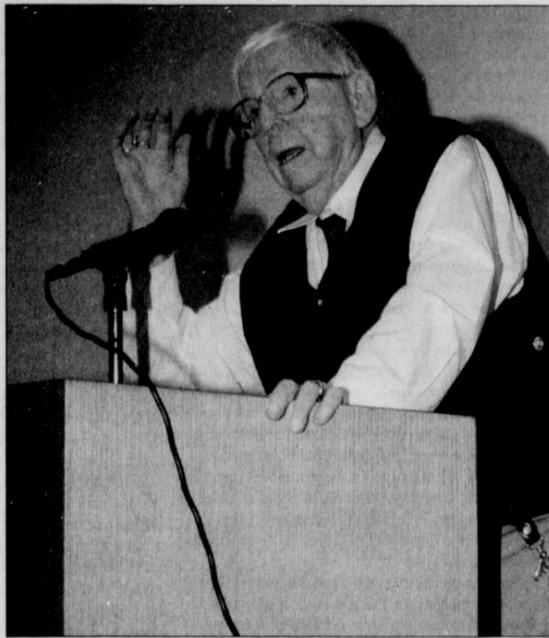
"The choice really is whether the

voters are going to decide this election by having every vote count or whether that process is going to be short-circuited without all the votes being examined," Gore said in a radio interview.

The Florida Supreme Court later handed Gore a modest victory, authorizing officials in Palm Beach and Broward counties to recount ballots by hand. The effort, which officials said will take about six days, had been stalled on order of Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

The ruling didn't say whether any votes found in the recounts can be added to Gore's totals — the heart of a legal clash that has thrust the

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Hillary Morgan/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR
Morris Kight, 1942 alumnus, speaks to a crowd of about 70 people Thursday night in Moudy Building South. Part of the presentation was a showing of "The Life and Times of Morris Kight, Liberator," a documentary.

ENDING ISOLATION

Kight encourages gays, lesbians to be proud of themselves, stop oppression

By Emily Ward
STAFF REPORTER

The key to continuously defeating the isolation and oppression of gays and lesbians lies in the hands of future generations, Morris Kight told about 60 people Thursday in the Moudy Building South.

Kight, a 1942 TCU alumnus, said standing up to oppression and being proud of oneself is necessary for members of the gay and lesbian community.

"We need to overcome isolation, and the way to do that is to come out — to say that you are lesbian or gay," Kight said. "That isolation — I am not recommending any young man or woman to go through that."

As a part of his presentation, Kight showed "The Life and Times of Morris Kight, Liberator," a documentary about Kight's fight against sexual discrimination.

Audience members both laughed and cheered for Kight as they watched various scenes of him gathering leaves

off a tree by Reed Hall, standing in picket lines and planting a magnolia tree in his hometown cemetery.

"I think this was a very unique experience for us," said Jakobus Wolf, president of eQ Alliance. "I don't know if anybody can say they have had an experience like his."

Wolf said he read about Kight last semester, and having the nationally renowned gay activist speak at TCU was important to eQ Alliance.

Christen Grimsley, vice president of eQ Alliance said a lot can be learned from people who have fought battles for gay rights.

"It's comforting to know that there are people who have fought those battles and can continue to give the encouragement to do that," Grimsley said.

Gilbert Jones, a member of eQ Alliance, said about five or six students will travel with Kight today to his

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briefs

Tributes for bonfire victims catalogued for database

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — Listening to Dr. Sylvia Grider, associate professor of anthropology, speak of "high degree of repetition" and "additional coding and reference numbers," one might get the impression of being in class.

The setting — an environmentally controlled laboratory half-filled with white cardboard boxes stacked floor to ceiling — does nothing to change that impression. However, contained in those boxes and covering shelves and tables of the laboratory are the physical manifestations of grief.

In the weeks after the Aggie Bonfire collapse, Texas A&M University students and members of the extended Aggie family traveled to the Bonfire site and several other campus locations to leave tributes to the victims.

The workers are now double-checking artifacts and inventory numbers against a catalog and creating a computerized database of artifacts. After that, the workers will move into the curating phase to stabilize all artifacts that need additional preservation. Grider said some tough decisions will have to be made during the curating phase.

— The Battalion
Texas A&M University

Proposition 36 may affect eligibility for financial aid

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — The passage of California's Proposition 36 may have an effect on who will be eligible for financial aid under Federal Application for Student Aid guidelines.

Currently, the federal government can cut financial aid from students who have been convicted of a drug-related crime.

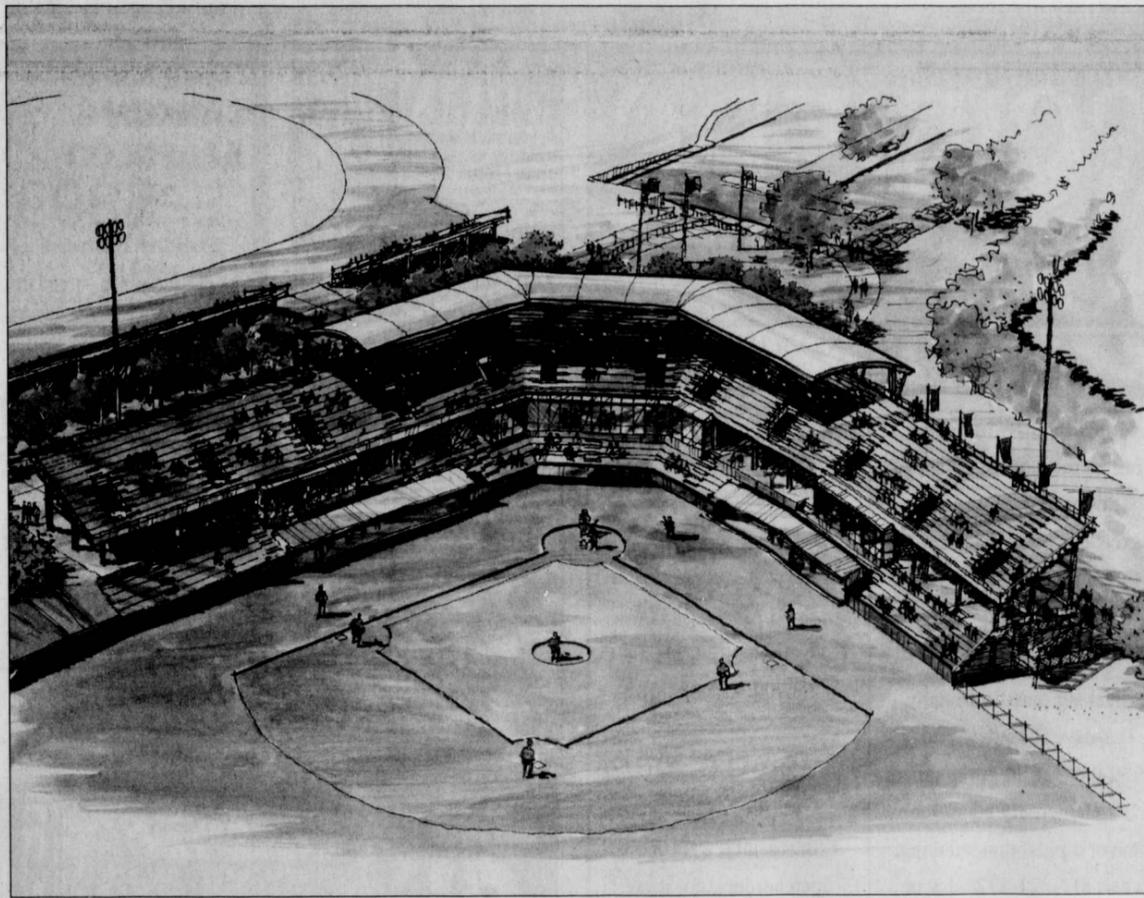
But Proposition 36, which passed by a 22 percent margin, could help students clear their record of the conviction before they apply for aid. The proposition authorizes dismissal of certain non-violent drug charges after completing rehabilitation.

A person able to get their record cleared, under Proposition 36, before filling out the FAFSA could benefit from California's new policy.

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Here's the PITCH

TCU Athletics announces fund-raising campaign to pay for new baseball stadium



By Erin Munger
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU Athletics department is announcing the beginning of "Here's the Pitch," the fund-raising campaign to build an estimated \$7 million baseball stadium, to a group of 200 TCU baseball stakeholders and press members today at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Bronson Davis said the new stadium will be first-class.

"Right now, our goal is to have the funds by April," said Ross Bailey, associate athletic director in charge of operations. "If that happens, we could start site work this summer."

According to TCU's policy, 70 percent of the total funds needed must be available to begin construction on a facility, amounting to \$4.9 million for the baseball field. Davis said \$1.5 million has already been pledged by six individuals, who will be identified at a later date.

TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman said the construction of the stadium will complete the third of four phases approved by the Board of Trustees meeting for facilities to improve the TCU Athletics department in spring 1999.

"When I came to TCU, I felt we

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Special to the Skiff
An artist's rendering projecting TCU's new baseball field. It will be located between the Lowden Track and Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

Academic audit program maps degree requirements

By Melissa DeLoach
STAFF REPORTER

Registering for classes this week, junior nursing major Emily Orchard logged on to a Web site that showed her progress for completion of her degree.

By accessing the registrar's home page at (www.reg.tcu.edu) Orchard and other students in the M.J. Neeley School of Business, School of Education, Harris School of Nursing and the kinesiology department now have access to an academic audit program. They are also available for graduate students in the Masters of Accounting and MBA programs.

The audit program, launched Nov. 6, allows students to run a comparison of what courses they have taken and still need to take to graduate, said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment manage-

ment. Requirements not met are highlighted, he said.

Miller said the academic audit displays in a few pages all the courses a student has taken and breaks it down into University Curriculum Requirements and major requirements.

"The audit takes all the requirements of the degree and goes through them one at a time, line by line," he said. "It is an advising tool for students and advisers at all stages of a student's academic career."

Kim See, coordinator of the Neeley Resource Center, said an advantage of the audit program is that students can access their degree on their own from any location.

Orchard said because the audit listed the different components of her degree, it

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"I cannot think of a better name to have associated with this place, not only for this generation and current students, but for generations and many more students to come, than the name Leibrock."

— David Murph, director of church relations

Housing for Brite Divinity students dedicated Thursday

By Yvette Herrera
STAFF REPORTER

The rainy weather didn't stop the dedication of the new housing development for Brite Divinity students Thursday, nor did it dampen the spirits of the people who attended the dedication at Robert Carr Chapel and the tour of Leibrock Village.

Members from Brite's board of trustees and donors who contributed to the development of Leibrock took a

tour of the first floor of one building. Brite chartered a bus for about 60 people to go to the site.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said Leibrock is a superb addition to both TCU and Brite.

"It has been designed to be in the truest sense of the words, a residential community, and as such, it is a tangible indicator of several important bonds," Ferrari said.

The new housing develop-

ment is replacing three outdated and physically disconnected apartment complexes, Ferrari said.

David Murph, director of church relations, has been working on this project since 1989. Murph thanked the Leibrock family, who the complex is named after, at the dedication.

Robert Leibrock is a long-time oil producer and member

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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 "The Bandwagon" (1953) as part of its film series at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. Admission to the screening is free. The film will be introduced by Joan McGettigan. For more information, call (817) 257-6690.

► **The Fort Worth Classic Guitar Society** will have a performance at 7:30 p.m. today in the PepsiCo Recital Hall. For tickets, call (817) 924-0333.

► **Kappa Kappa Gamma** is holding their Kappa Kuddles, a teddy bear drive, today at The Main and the Kappa House. The collected teddy bears, new or used, will be donated to the Fort Worth Police Department and then given to children who are victims of domestic violence. For more information, call (817) 207-9085.

► **Hunger Week service project** will be at the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Interested students should meet at 1 p.m. Saturday at the TCU Wesley Foundation.

► **Mu Phi Epsilon** will have its American Music Recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall.

► **Delta Sigma Theta sorority** will be hosting its first "Mr. Greek Pageant" at 7:13 p.m. Nov. 28 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$3 and proceeds from this event will go to the Celebrating Life Foundation, an organization which promotes Breast Cancer Awareness.

► **Programming Council Executive Board** applications may be picked up today through Nov. 28 in the PC office or at the Information Desk. Interviews will be held Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. For more information, call the PC office at (817) 257-5233.

Correction: A story published in the Nov. 4 issue of the Skiff should have identified Kirk Holland, a senior theater major, as Henry Higgins in the TCU Theatre department production of "My Fair Lady."

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WORLD

Fujimori opposition lawmakers win Peruvian Congress control; president loses power

LIMA, Peru — Opposition lawmakers wrested control of Congress from President Alberto Fujimori on Thursday, further undermining his grasp on power and raising the possibility he will be forced from office on grounds of "moral incapacity."

Valentin Paniagua won the post of Congress president, defeating Fujimori loyalist Ricardo Marcenaro in a 64-51 vote. The post was left vacant after another staunch ally of the president, Martha Hildebrandt, was voted out Monday.

Opposition lawmakers burst into applause as the count showed Paniagua moving ahead. His election gave opposition forces control of Congress for the first time since 1992.

Paniagua said he would not stand in the way of debate on a motion to force Fujimori from office for "moral incapacity" — as permitted by the constitution.

"The request to vacate the presidency of the republic is a measure that the Congress can adopt when there are certain objective circumstances that the Congress must judge," he told reporters.

It was unclear when the motion, presented Monday, would be considered.

But Marcenaro said he was sure the opposition would not try to force Fujimori from office.

"We believe they understand that this would only make things worse," he said.

Congressman Daniel Estrada, of the left-leaning Union for Peru party, which holds three seats in the 120-member legislature, said the national crisis could only be solved if Fujimori was ousted.

Fujimori's government showed signs of disarray Thursday amid a corruption scandal revolving around his fugitive ex-spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos.

Fujimori was widely criticized for leaving Peru Monday to attend the Pacific Rim trade summit in Brunei, and his trip sparked a rumor Wednesday that he was seeking political asylum in Malaysia. Fujimori aides and Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad denied the rumor.

pare its military for a wide range of missions, from training abroad and joining in peacekeeping duties to fighting major wars.

"It is naive to think that the military will become involved in only those areas that affect our vital national interests," Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a speech to a conference on U.S. priorities for a 21st century security strategy. "The strategic environment will most certainly cause us to deploy forces to achieve limited military objectives. As a global power, I submit that we cannot retreat from one activity to do another exclusively."

Shelton's comments touched on an area in which the two major presidential candidates, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, have expressed sharp differences.

Although Bush does not oppose all U.S. involvement in peacekeeping, he and his advisers have said that prolonged peacekeeping operations make it more difficult for the armed forces to prepare for major wars. Bush's top aides have said he believes the combat capability of the U.S. Army, which has been on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia for five years and in Kosovo for more than one year, has been degraded as a result. They have derided those peacekeeping missions as "nation-building" efforts.

Asked about Bush's view on this, Shelton at first said he would not respond to either presidential candidate's comments but then said he does not see peacekeeping as an "all or nothing" proposition.

"I do draw a line between what I would call nation-building and what I would call sustaining a safe and secure environment," he said, referring to the stated objective of peacekeepers in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Shelton noted that much remains to be done in the Balkans to restore civilian institutions.

"We can provide a safe and secure environment, but we don't do the law enforcement, we don't do the court systems, we don't get commerce going again ... That is, in my definition, what you're doing when you get into nation-building."

STATE

Department of Transportation delays decision to provide state-sanctioned memorial markers

AUSTIN — Texas highway officials Thursday postponed a decision on whether to provide for state-sanctioned memorial markers along roads where people have died in alcohol-related and other automobile accidents.

The aim of the proposal is to move away from homemade memorials toward erecting safer signs with a breakaway pole, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Since 1986, the agency has allowed markers in the right of way at the sites of fatal crashes involving alcohol. Those memorials must meet size

requirements. The new proposal would include memorials for other fatal accident victims and would arrange for a uniform marker.

The Texas Transportation Commission heard from several citizens, including a representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, but did not take action on the recommendation Thursday. The commission instructed its staff to keep working on it.

"It's a very sensitive issue. It brings out very strong emotions. Our staff has been struggling with the issue for months," said Randall Dillard, spokesman for the Department of Transportation.

For now, the 1986 guidelines remain in place. State transportation officials have said makeshift memorials for fatalities not related to alcohol — and not meeting size requirements — can be traffic hazards.

The proposed new memorials for fatal accident sites are rectangular signs with white letters on a blue background bordered by small white stars. The signs would read "In memory of" and include the person's name and date of death.

Crosses are being avoided to keep separation of church and state.

Candlelight memorial ceremony scheduled for first anniversary of A&M bonfire collapse

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University will mark the first anniversary of last year's deadly bonfire collapse with a candlelight memorial ceremony at 2:42 a.m. on Saturday — one year to the moment after the log stack toppled, killing 12 Aggies.

"We want to honor those people and pay tribute to them," student body president Forrest Lane said. "It will be emotional."

The memorial will be held on the campus polo grounds — the site of the collapse — and will only be canceled in the event of severe weather. The ceremony is expected to last about 30 minutes.

"I think it's right to have (the ceremony) at 2:42 a.m.," said Austin Townsend, a senior and one of the students who helped supervise the construction of last year's bonfire. "Had we had the ceremony (at another time) there would have been quite a large number of people out there on the polo fields at 2:42 a.m. doing their own memorial. Hopefully this will allow people to all come together at the same time."

A memorial flame, set on a platform at the circle's center, will be lit during the ceremony.

The 90-year tradition annually draws thousands to the College Station campus on the eve of A&M's football game against its archrival, the University of Texas. The game typically is played around Thanksgiving.

To honor the bonfire victims, the UT Tower, the 307-foot tall administration building, will be darkened from dusk on Friday through early Saturday morning.

NATION

New president should continue noncombat missions overseas, military officer says

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. military officer said Thursday it would be naive for the next president to believe he could stop using the military for peacekeeping and other noncombat missions overseas.

Commenting on the national security challenges likely to face the United States over the next 10 years, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton said the world's lone superpower must continue to pre-

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Electoral College vote outdated

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The Electoral College was established because its creators believed that the average citizen, due to limits in transportation and communication, didn't have sufficient information about candidates outside of their state to cast an informed vote. They feared that regional candidates would divide the vote or that the most populous states would decide the election without regard to smaller states.

Today, there are 538 electors, one for each of the 435 members of the House of Representatives and one for each Senator, as well as three for the District of Columbia.

It would take a constitutional amendment to change this system.

And in light of this year's election, perhaps it's time.

Only twice before in history has a president won the popular vote but failed to win the electoral vote and thus the presidency.

This election year, we have witnessed this once again. The people's choice may not make it into office because of an old, outdated system we call democracy.

But is it really democracy when you cast a vote for Gore in Texas or Bush in Illinois and it doesn't count? Is it democracy when the candidate more than half of the voting public supported doesn't get to sit in the Oval Office?

In this day and age of radio, Internet and television, worries about the average citizen's access to information seems irrelevant. We, the public, have the tools to make informed decisions about who we want to head our government.

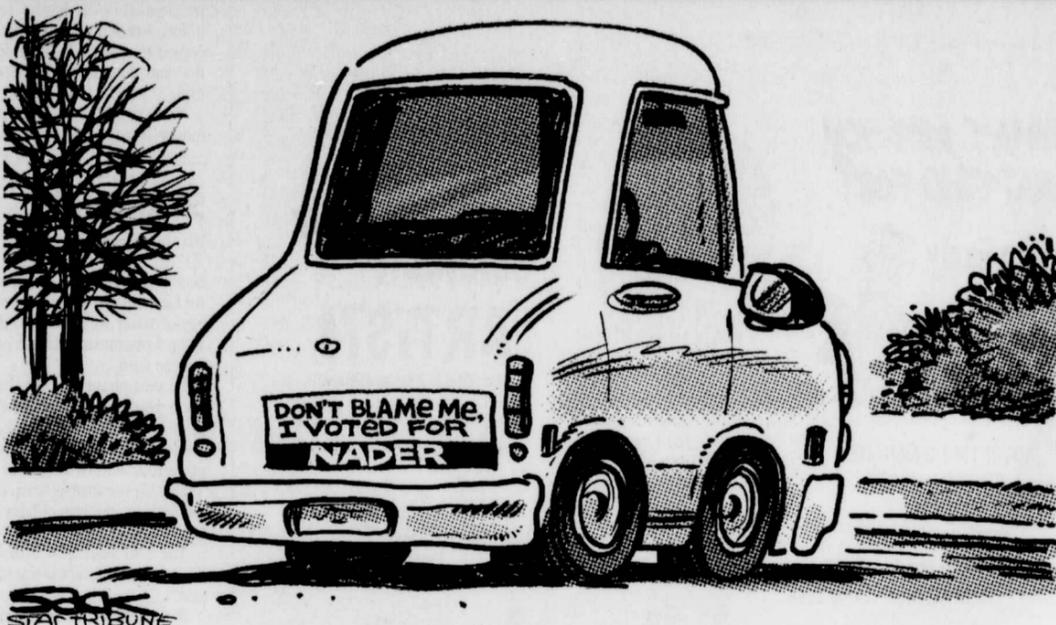
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Recount leads to legitimacy

Election re-evaluation complements American democracy

Over the past year, the local and national news has been infiltrated by the current presidential election. From third-party candidates to former prisoners of war, from "fuzzy math" to drunk driving, from inaccurate projections to faulty ballots and from recounts to hand counts, America has finally reached its peak.



JAMES ZWILLING

That's right folks. All of this election mayhem is the best thing that could have ever happened to this country.

Sure, the suspense of who will be the next president is starting to drive everybody a little bit nuts. People are getting tired of the hand counts, the lawsuits and the snippy remarks

by both candidates' camps. But what's more important here, having someone to name as president immediately or making sure that the winning candidate is put into office?

There is no need to hurry into a decision of the presidency. We have a man in this country named Bill Clinton, and until January he has the job of president.

Americans are very fortunate in the fact that we have a long history of smooth transitions between political parties and offices. Eventually, the elections of 2000 will have the same result.

In many countries, civil wars break out every time a new party attempts to take power or one refuses to step down from power. But because of the intelligence of our forefathers — the same men who called for the Electoral

College — this country has prided itself in fair democratic transitions.

On Nov. 7, 101 million Americans cast their votes for President of the

"All of this election mayhem is the best thing that could have ever happened to this country."

United States, and although that number is amazing, it is still only about half of the population. I wonder what the other half would have said?

In any case, the fact that only 200,000 votes separate the candidates in the popular vote — and only a few hundred votes in Florida — is a testament that what Americans call democracy is nearing its peak.

Democracy is all about the common man controlling who comes to power. On Election Day, 101 million of those common men did just that.

It is a rare day when it is so evident how much a single event will impact the future. This event, the

2000 election, will undoubtedly be one of the most historic events in the political history of America.

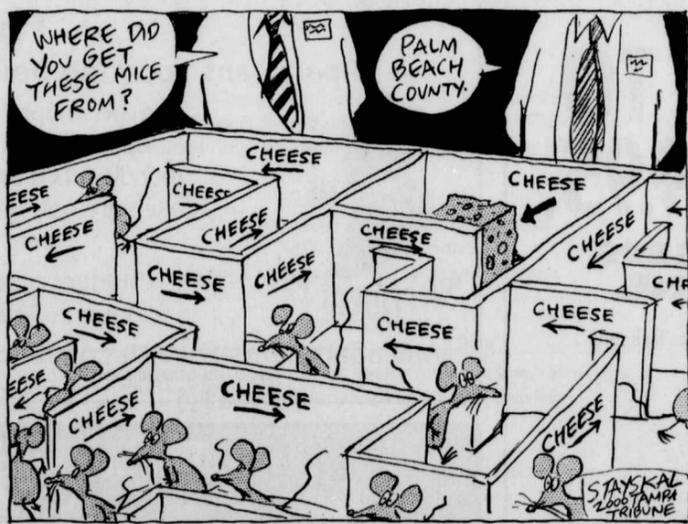
It will stand next to the Declaration of Independence, the Civil War and the Cold War in history books.

The events of this election will be studied, analyzed, criticized and praised. In the end, the election of either George W. Bush or Al Gore, will be held as an example of democracy.

Will the election results bring a legitimate president? Well, it is hard to tell right now. That is why I urge you, my fellow Americans, to support the new president of the United States wholeheartedly.

We did our part by voting on Election Day. Now, let's count the ballots as accurately as possible, name a new president and support that president as we carry this country into the endless possibilities of the 21st century.

James Zwilling is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Phoenix. He can be reached at (james_zwilling@usa.net).



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found in the Skiff this week

"When a runner can run the way Eliud did today, that runner will win any race."

— Dan Waters, cross country coach, on transfer student Eliud Njubi's performance in the South Central Regional meet, in which Njubi won the first-ever individual title by a TCU athlete in regional championship history.

"It doesn't affect my beer drinking, so it doesn't matter to me."

— Russ DiCapo, a senior management major, on the possible abolishment of the Electoral College.

"This generation grew up in a time of fortune and abundance. It is really sad to watch people walk by without even noticing."

— Anabella Acevedo-Leal, professor of Latin American studies, on why it's hard for students to understand the importance of hunger issues.

"It takes a certain type of person to really excel here. But for that type of person, and you know who you are, it will be the best experience of your college career."

— Zachary Norris, senior biology major, on the challenges and benefits of studying at Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center.

"You pay your money; you take your chances."

— Bob Hinze, a Walgreens Drug Store customer, on the chance of buying over-the-counter drugs recalled by the FDA containing phenylpropanolamine, an ingredient linked to the increased risk of hemorrhagic strokes.

"We were very active; we were hyper-active."

— Morris Kight, gay activist and 1942 alumnus, on his work with the Gay Liberation Front in Los Angeles.

Let election truth prevail

In life, there are winners and losers. However, losers come in two distinct breeds: the noble loser, who can stomach his or her defeat and move on, and the sore loser, who is so distraught over the loss that he or she will do anything possible to alter a contest's outcome.

Unfortunately, one of the largest political figures in America is starting to fall into the sore loser category. Of course, I'm referring to presidential candidate Al Gore.

I must admit that it has taken me some time to figure out why he has endorsed repeated recounts of the election ballots in Florida. Besides the obvious fact that it would theoretically ensure all ballots are counted correctly, I have a feeling that Gore has some sort of ulterior motive since two recounts have already weighed in George Bush's favor.

At last, after some research, this hidden force has manifested itself.

According to attorney Tim Downs, who has worked for Democratic campaigns in the past, a dubious strategy for hand recounts is to handle the ballots as much as possible so that devious hand counters can crumple or bend ballots to the point where extra chads are broken, thus causing the ballot to become invalid.

With regards to the repeated recounts, former California Assemblyman Pat Nolan says, "The more times those ballots are handled, the more chance there is that chads will

break loose." As soon as enough ballots have been manipulated to weigh in the losing candidate's favor, the final tactic is to immediately call for a halt to the recounts.

This strategy is rather clever; nevertheless it is outrageous to believe that such a plan may be taking place in Florida this week. Before the staunch Democrats at TCU burn me at the stake for yelling election fraud, I will offer a rather irrefutable piece of evidence that coincides with this idea. UNLV economics professor Tom Carroll has determined, via a series of statistical equations on the net gains the two candidates have made in the recount, that the chance of "such a big difference between the changes in the numbers of votes between the candidates ... (is) something like 179 zeros and then a two and a three."

Carroll, who is a Democrat, went on to state that an equivalent feat to

the Florida vote changes would be like having "the same person hit by lightning 30 times." In light of this statistic, I find it tremendously peculiar that the state of Florida is facing such a highly improbable experience.

I just can't help but think that the last election before the new millennium is becoming a victim of outright tampering. While Gore may not be directly involved, he is allowing what appears to be a shady activity to take place. On the other hand, kudos may be given to Gore for going against the wishes of his supporters and defend-

ing the hotly disputed issue of the Electoral College system.

But wait, isn't Gore's support of the Electoral College system a complete oddity in its own right? After all, by most accounts, Gore has won this country's popular vote. Therefore, what good would it do him to support a system that currently has the potential to take the election from him?

If one tends to view everyone as having some goodness inside of them, then one could safely assume that Gore is just demonstrating his belief in our democratic system. However, if one desires to adopt a little more of a pessimistic view, then one must take into consideration the fact that under the Constitution, the vice president is responsible for validating each state's electoral votes.

While we would all expect that Gore would have some honor and not manipulate the official electoral votes when they are finally in his hands, can you absolutely declare that such

conduct won't occur, based on the fact that Gore has been part of one of the most corrupt administrations in decades?

The sad reality of this situation is that certain Democratic officials seem to be helping to bring further dishonor to our country. It is in times like these that all we can do is hope for the best and trust that truth will ultimately prevail.

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DEGREE

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helped her decide what classes to register for in spring 2001.

"It pointed me in the right direction of what I needed to take," she said. "It was self explanatory and helpful."

The academic audit replaces a previous program that was offered to the nursing, education and business schools before the university converted to PeopleSoft, said Pam Sanguinet, manager of academic progress services in the registrar's office. Students could only obtain a copy if they went to their dean's office and had one printed out, she said.

"We could not keep putting money in an old system," she said.

"We knew that we would eventually have to change because of PeopleSoft. The system died the week before we launched the new one. We were lucky that it lasted that long."

Michael Shank-Taylor, a sophomore marketing major, also used the academic audit as an aid before registering for classes. He said he will continue to meet with his adviser because it is more personable than the computer.

"I get a lot more guidance from my adviser," he said. "Not only ideas on night classes and assignments in classes, but also on career options."

Chuck Williams, associate dean of undergraduate programs for the business school, said the academic audit will help students do a better job self advising.

"Students will avoid making mis-

takes like taking classes that they do not need," he said. "The audit spells out all the requirements for the student."

Another function that the academic audit performs is a "what if" search. This feature allows a student the ability to plug in their academic credit toward a different major, Miller said.

"This will be helpful because there are different requirements for each major, school and college," he said. "Students will be able to weigh out the options of majors."

Miller said the registrar's office will add one or two schools each semester to the academic audit. All schools should be finished in three or four semesters, he said.

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STADIUM

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needed to develop a long range plan for facilities, so we developed a strategy of what we needed to do to develop a prominent athletic program," Hyman said.

He said phase one consisted of the track, the soccer field and the football practice field. He said phase two was the John Justin Athletics Center, and phase four will be an indoor practice facility for the football team and other renovations to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The new stadium will be between the soccer field and the track, Hyman said.

Plans for the new stadium include 3,500 seats, concessions, batting and pitching cages, locker rooms and a press box, said Davis Baab, associate athletic director in charge of fund raising.

Davis said after the new stadium is in use, the current stadium will become part of phase four by connecting with Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The coliseum will then house an 80-yard indoor football field, an indoor track, more basketball courts and indoor practice facilities for the baseball program.

Baab said they will present a brochure to the steering committee of about 20 members that names possible opportunities for donors. Donors will have the opportunity to have parts of the facility named after them, such as the press box, the dugout and seats.

"This is much like what we did with the Justin Center, where we placed plaques with donors' names on the rooms," Baab said.

He said the committee is now looking for individuals who have interest in the program and the financial ability to help fund the new stadium.

Davis said the chairman of the

committee is Roger Williams, who was the chair of the "Committee of One Hundred" project to boost season ticket sales in the surrounding community in 1997. Davis said Williams also owns a car dealership and recently acted as a fund-raiser for Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign.

According to the feasibility study for the stadium, the new facility is the key to the future success of TCU's baseball program. It states that the stadium is critical to attracting and retaining coaches and student-athletes and attracting spectators.

Davis said the committee will be looking for a main donation in the range of \$3 million from a corporation or an individual. The committee will also work with city leaders and neighborhood groups in the design and construction of the stadium.

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BRITE

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of Memorial Christian Church in Midland. His wife, Prudie, is a widely respected artist and civic leader, Murph said.

"I cannot think of a better name to have associated with this place, not only for this generation and current students, but for generations and many more students to come, than the name Leibrock," Murph said. "They don't come any better than Robert and Prudie."

Alan McGrath, a second year graduate student at Brite, said he and his fiancée plan on moving into the new

apartments when they open in January. McGrath currently resides in the Princeton House Apartments, which accommodate Brite students, but the building was built in the 1940s and isn't up to date, he said.

Access to the Internet and cable will be an extra service provided that Brite students don't currently have in their apartments, he said.

"It seems time to move," he said. "The upgrade will be nice."

McGrath also said the apartments will allow seminary students to be together, which is important to the students at Brite.

"There's a certain bond that we need," McGrath said.

Larry Garrison, director of facility

planning, said the construction of Leibrock has come a long way.

"We would have liked to have had more landscaping done for the dedication, but unfortunately the weather didn't permit us," Garrison said. As of Wednesday, builders were still adding final touches and cleaning up.

Elaine Kellam, a member of the board of trustees, said she was enthusiastic about the quality of the apartments.

"The apartments show a strong sense of community, both physically and spiritually, for the seminarians," Kellam said.

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KIGHT

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hometown of Proctor.

In Proctor, Kight says he plans to plant another magnolia tree in the town cemetery so that his memory will live long and stay strong.

"I think it's going to be a touching

experience," Jones said. "That is where he was born, where he began, and he is sharing that with us."

At the end of Kight's speech, he presented Wolf with a rainbow flag dedicated to the gay and lesbian students at TCU.

"We have come this far by courage, dynamism, guts, creativity and an imagination," Kight said. "Now, fairly

soon, we need to hand it over to a new generation."

In 1960, he was a part of the group that founded the Gay Liberation Front in Los Angeles, Calif. He also founded the Gay and Lesbian Center in Hollywood, Calif., which offers gay and lesbian community services.

Staff Reporter Kristina Iodice contributed to this story.

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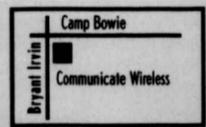
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Holocaust survivors to be reimbursed

Italian insurance company agrees to settle up to \$100 million in claims

By Candice Hughes
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — The Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali on Thursday agreed to pay up to \$100 million to settle thousands of Holocaust-era claims.

The agreement, which came after protracted negotiations, was signed in Rome by former U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, chairman of the International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, and the general manager of Generali, Giovanni Perissinotto.

"This whole exercise has taken much too long," a weary Eagleburger said. "It has taken us more than a year to get here."

Perissinotto said he hoped the agreement would bring "closure to a matter of highest moral concern."

No one knows yet how many Nazi-era claims Generali might end up paying. The commission is con-

ducting a worldwide search for Holocaust survivors who may have unpaid insurance policies.

Eagleburger said the commission is now going to set up its own mechanism to handle claims and may enlist a Generali-financed Holocaust foundation in Israel. "We have to work out all the details," he said.

As part of the agreement, the commission also is helping Generali muster support for extricating itself from lawsuits over Holocaust-era claims, Eagleburger said.

Thursday's deal won a quick endorsement in Washington, where Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat issued a statement saying the United States "encourages" resolving Holocaust-era restitution matters "on a cooperative basis, rather than subject victims and their families to the prolonged uncertainty and delay that accompany litigation."

The International Commission for Holocaust Era Insurance Claims

includes Jewish and Holocaust survivor groups, U.S. and European regulators, the country of Israel and five European insurance companies that operated during the Nazi era and now have subsidiaries in the United States.

It was established two years ago to settle unpaid insurance policies issued between 1920 and 1945.

Many Holocaust victims or survivors were denied payment of claims after World War II because insurance companies demanded policies or death certificates as proof — something impossible for most concentration camp victims or their survivors.

The commission has persuaded insurance companies to ease their demands for documentation. People may now back up claims with diary entries noting policy payments, premium receipts, private correspondence mentioning coverage and recollections about insurance agents' visits.

Diplomacy restored, embassies reopened

United States, Yugoslavia renew relations

By Barry Schweid
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After an exchange of diplomatic letters, the United States and Yugoslavia will re-establish a relationship that soured in the conflict over Kosovo: They will reopen their embassies in each other's capital within the next few days.

In an interview Thursday with state radio in Belgrade, President Vojislav Kostunica said Yugoslavia was "returning to the world swiftly, its head high up, and with dignity."

He also said his government would focus its relations mostly on Europe and Russia, while also forging ties with "the most powerful country in the world — the United States," and others.

Earlier, the Yugoslav government announced it was ready to restore diplomatic relations with Germany, France and Britain as well.

More than a hint of discord remains. Kostunica has refused to send Slobodan Milosevic and a handful of the former president's loyalists to The Hague, Netherlands, for trial on war crimes charges.

Kostunica has said they should face justice in Yugoslavia. But Foreign Minister Goran Svilanovic on Thursday said visas would be issued to tribunal personnel to reopen an office in Belgrade.

"I'm not aware that the new government has fully moved ahead on a number of matters," a State Department spokesman, Philip Reeker, said while welcoming Belgrade's invitation to renew ties that Milosevic suspended under bombardment by NATO warplanes last year.

The assault, led by the United States, forced Milosevic to withdraw Serb troops and special police from Kosovo, where they had been accused of repression of secession-minded ethnic Albanians, who comprise a majority in the province.

Kosovo's links to Serbia are based on strong cultural and religious ties. "We hope to restore the strong ties that have historically characterized the relations between our two countries and peoples," Reeker said. "We

expect to complete the procedures for doing so within the next few days."

The Yugoslav embassy in Washington and the U.S. embassy in Belgrade will be open for consular services and staffs will be hired. Also, Reeker said, the United States was reviewing restrictions on travel here by former Yugoslav officials.

The U.S. ambassador, William Montgomery, will exchange presidential letters and diplomatic notes with the Yugoslav foreign ministry in the next few days. And then, Montgomery said in Belgrade, the U.S. embassy would be "up and running."

Relations with Milosevic were virtually nonexistent toward the end of his 13-year rule. The Clinton administration did not disguise its hope that Kostunica would take the presidency from him in an election in September.

A legal scholar, the new president questions the independence of the war crimes tribunal, which has indicted Milosevic and other senior Serbian military and political officials.

The United States and its allies, meanwhile, have made no effort to arrest them.

The Clinton administration has promised a rapid expansion of U.S. aid to Yugoslavia along with other actions to help the new government prosper and regain respect for the country in the world community.

Yugoslavia's prime minister, Zoran Djindjic, told reporters in Belgrade that his country sought to renew ties with the United States, Britain, France and Germany to end its isolation.

"There is no harder moment for a government than a breakup of diplomatic relations," Zicic said. "And there is no better moment than establishing them."

Britain and France also welcomed the move.

Since Milosevic's ouster, Yugoslavia has rejoined the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Kostunica also has attended a European Union summit and held talks with several world leaders.

Discrimination charges hit Coca-Cola Co.

Beverage company will pay record amount to settle racial discrimination suit

By Justin Bachman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola Co. said Thursday it will pay a record \$192.5 million to settle a racial discrimination suit by black employees and will allow an independent panel to stand watch over its employment practices.

The settlement consists of \$113 million in cash, \$43.5 million to adjust salaries over the next decade and \$36 million for oversight of the company's practices.

"Our goal was to change the Coca-Cola Co.," said Cyrus Mehri, the main lawyer for the plaintiffs. "We think that this company is going to change in dramatic ways."

The agreement surpassed a \$176 million settlement of a discrimination lawsuit against Texaco in 1995. Texaco's agreement also included a watchdog panel and established a model for Coca-Cola.

Plaintiffs' lawyers estimate that each of the roughly 2,200 current and former employees in the case will get

an average of \$40,000 each, depending on the length of their employment.

"The settlement is meaningful, constructive and equitable to all parties and allows us to move forward," Coke chairman and chief executive Douglas Daft said in a memo to employees.

The centerpiece is a seven-person task force that will review the soft drink maker's diversity efforts and human resources operations. Among other things, it will make sure managers receive annual diversity training.

Coke also agreed to hire an ombudsman, who will report to Daft, to investigate complaints of discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

The settlement covers salaried black employees who worked for

Coke in the United States between 1995 and 2000.

The plaintiffs can still opt out of the settlement and sue on their own. Larry Jones, a former Coke manager who has led protests against the company, predicted a few dozen might do so.

The 1999 lawsuit accused Coca-Cola of discriminating against black salaried employees in pay, promotions and evaluations.

Coke denied the allegations. And in the settlement, it did not admit any wrongdoing.

"I think what this is doing is improving on and making better whatever established business practices there were," Daft said. "Sometimes things happen in an unintentional fashion. And I've made it very clear

that can't happen anymore."

The settlement's main terms have been given preliminary approval by a federal judge. He is expected to review the deal for final approval in the coming weeks.

The company said it will take a \$188 million charge in the fourth quarter to cover costs of the settlement. Separately from the settlement, Coke will donate \$50 million toward programs in minority communities.

Coca-Cola stock rose 43 cents a share to \$61.98 at 4 p.m. on the New York Stock Exchange.

Three members of the watchdog group will be appointed by the plaintiffs' lawyers, and three by Coke. The chairman will be appointed by both sides. The task force will recommend changes and ensure they are carried out; Coke can challenge changes it feels are not financially or technically feasible.

"The settlement is meaningful, constructive and equitable to all parties and allows us to move forward."

— Douglas Daft,
Coke chairman

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Top 3 philanthropy or service activities for Panhellenic sororities during the Spring 2000 semester

Alpha Chi Omega

1. Fashion Show with Neiman Marcus
2. Hugs and Pampers Diaper Drive
3. Promotion of the Victory Over Violence Run (Women's Center of Tarrant County)

Alpha Delta Pi

1. Monthly dinners for the Ronald McDonald House
2. TCU LEAPS participation
3. Up 'til Dawn participation

Chi Omega

1. Chi Omega Carousel: craft fair with alumnae
2. Fort Worth Arts Festival Volunteers and AIDS Outreach
3. Agape: feeding and socializing at homeless dinners

Delta Delta Delta

1. Delta Dunkfest-basketball tournament
2. TCU LEAPS participation
3. Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers

Delta Gamma

1. Monthly parties for residents of the Lewis House for the Blind
2. Monthly babysitting for Cooks Parent Support Group
3. Prevent blindness "Play It Safe" training

Kappa Alpha Theta

1. Big Brothers and Big Sisters volunteers
2. Up 'til Dawn participation
3. Habitat for Humanity

Kappa Kappa Gamma

1. Kappa Kaddy golf tournament fundraiser
2. TCU LEAPS participation
3. Kappa Kuddles teddy bear drive

Pi Beta Phi

1. Stonegate Nursing Center visits
2. Cook Children's Physical Fitness Fair
3. Anne Simon Reeves Center

Sigma Kappa

1. Sigma Kappa golf tournament fundraiser
2. Garden Terrace Alzheimer's home visits
3. Pi Kappa Phi's PUSH philanthropy week

Zeta Tau Alpha

1. Fort Worth Race for the Cure
2. "Don't be a Fool" Breast Cancer Awareness
3. Easter baskets for children

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Israel tries to pressure Arafat to abide by truce agreements

By Karin Laub
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — After rocketing Palestinian command centers, Israel announced Thursday it is freezing millions of dollars in tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority in an attempt to pressure Yasser Arafat to abide by truce agreements.

An envoy for President Clinton met separately with Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, but failed to nudge them toward resuming peace talks. Instead, more angry words of blame over the past seven weeks of violence flew between the two sides.

Two Palestinians were killed Thursday by Israeli fire in separate incidents near the West Bank town of Hebron.

In a rock-throwing clash in the West Bank refugee camp of Al Fawar, an 18-year-old Palestinian was shot and wounded in the

Millions of dollars in tax transfers to Palestinian Authority frozen

chest. The victim's relatives said he bled to death when an ambulance was turned away at Israeli checkpoints. The Israeli army said that because of an Israeli blockade of Palestinian towns, the patient was to be transferred to an Israeli ambulance, but there was confusion about the meeting point.

Later Thursday, a 30-year-old Palestinian man was killed at an Israeli checkpoint near the town of Beit Ummar. Palestinian witnesses said soldiers shot the man without provocation. The army said the man was killed when he tried to seize a soldier's weapon.

The deaths brought to 223 the number of people killed in the latest round of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. The vast majority of the victims have been Palestinians.

On Thursday, thousands of Palestinians joined the funeral procession for a German man, 68-year-old chiropractor Harald Fischer. He was killed in an Israeli rocket and machine-gun fire attack on the West Bank town of Beit Jalla that came in response to Palestinian shooting Wednesday

night on the nearby Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo. German Foreign Minister

Joschka Fischer, who is no relation to the victim, said he was "shocked and horrified" by the killing. Israel promised an investigation and said Germany would be allowed to participate in the probe.

"If we thought that instead of 200 Palestinian fatalities, 2,000 dead would put an end to the fighting at one fell stroke, then perhaps we would use much more force."

— Ehud Barak
Israeli Prime Minister

Israel enforced its blockade of Palestinian towns for a third day Thursday, barring residents from entering or leaving their communities. On the outskirts of the West Bank town of

Hebron, Israeli soldiers stopped a Palestinian food truck. One soldier took the driver's keys and slashed the truck's tires. The army said tire-slashing was against policy.

Barak defended himself against growing criticism at home that the army was not responding harshly enough to Palestinian shooting attacks on Israelis. Four Israelis, including two civilians, were killed in ambushes this week.

Israeli helicopters rocketed three West Bank offices of Arafat's Fatah movement and an armory Wednesday night in retaliation for shooting attacks on Israelis. Israel believes Fatah's Tanzim militia is responsible for much of the violence.

"If we thought that instead of 200 Palestinian fatalities, 2,000

dead would put an end to the fighting at one fell stroke, then perhaps we would use much more force," Barak told Israel radio.

Instead, Barak announced Thursday that Israel was withholding millions of dollars in tax revenues it owes the Palestinian Authority.

"The transfer of funds has been stopped as part of our demand that the other side, too, will abide by agreements," Barak said.

On average, Israel had been transferring \$60 million a month in collected tax revenues to the Palestinian Authority, including money withheld from the salaries of Palestinian workers in Israel.

In the past six weeks, Israel has passed along only about \$7.5 million, said Salam Fijad, a representative of the International Monetary Fund in the Palestinian areas.

Mass. police lieutenant indicted

Officer, family charged with conspiracy, obstruction of justice

By Martin Finucane
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — A federal grand jury has indicted a former Massachusetts State Police lieutenant and two of his relatives, alleging they tried to foil FBI attempts to capture fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

Former State Police Lt. Richard Schneiderhan, his brother-in-law Edward Duff, and Linda Reardon, who is Duff's daughter and Schneiderhan's niece, face charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstruction of justice.

Prosecutors say that while Reardon was working at Bell Atlantic, she learned the FBI was using a "pen register" device to capture telephone numbers dialed from certain South Boston telephone lines in an attempt to catch Bulger. On Sept. 21, 1999, she allegedly told her father, who told Schneiderhan.

Schneiderhan was a close friend of Bulger cohort Stephen

"The Rifleman" Flemmi and confessed mob hit man John Martorano, according to prosecutors. The day after speaking with Duff, Schneiderhan told Bulger lieutenant Kevin Weeks which lines were being monitored. Weeks then warned one of the targets.

Weeks and Martorano have since cooperated with investigators in plea agreements.

"Massachusetts State Police have worked long and hard to help put together a case against Bulger and now it appears one of its former troopers was trying to undermine efforts to catch him," U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said.

Schneiderhan and Reardon pleaded innocent to the charges at a federal court hearing Thursday afternoon.

Duff was arrested Thursday in Stewart, Fla., according to Samantha Martin, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office. He was released on a \$50,000 unsecured bond, and is scheduled to be arraigned in Massachusetts on

Dec. 29, Martin said.

James Duggan, Schneiderhan's attorney, said, "He's never committed a crime. He's never intended to commit a crime."

Duggan also denied the existence of any close relationship among Schneiderhan, Flemmi and Martorano. He said that Schneiderhan, who worked on organized crime cases for four or five years when he was assigned to the Attorney General's Office, had, in fact, investigated Flemmi.

George McMahon, Reardon's attorney, said, "She's going to be acquitted. She's not in any way, shape or form connected" to the Bulger gang.

The maximum penalty is five years in prison on the conspiracy charges and 10 years on obstruction of justice charges.

Flemmi faces charges that he and Bulger controlled a crime organization that flourished for decades in Boston and used violence, including multiple murders, to achieve its ends.

Nerve transplant for infant set

Marks the procedure's first time to be done from a living donor; doctors hope to restore movement in 8-month-old boy's arm

By Juan A. Lozano
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A team of doctors set to perform what they say is groundbreaking surgery on Friday is hopeful they can help an 8-month-old Mexican infant boy regain the use of his left arm by transplanting nerves

removed from his mother's legs.

The procedure will mark the first time a nerve transplant will be done from a living donor.

Dr. Scott Gruber, the head of the transplant team, said during a news conference Thursday at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital.

About seven nerve transplant procedures have been done in the United States, Gruber said, but in all those cases the nerves were taken from cadavers.

"This will also mark the first time this has been done on a child this young," Gruber said. "In the previous youngest case, the child was 3 years old. This will also be the first time we're treating an injury not suffered in an accident."

The infant, Rodrigo Cervantes Corona, had all of the nerves in his left shoulder and arm torn during birth, leaving him without movement or sensation.

"This will also mark the first time this has been done on a child this young."

— Dr. Scott Gruber,
head of transplant team

"This kind of injury happens in one or two out of every 1,000 births," Gruber said. "In most cases, the nerves are not torn but only bruised."

Rodrigo is from Morelia, Mexico, about 190 miles northwest of Mexico City.

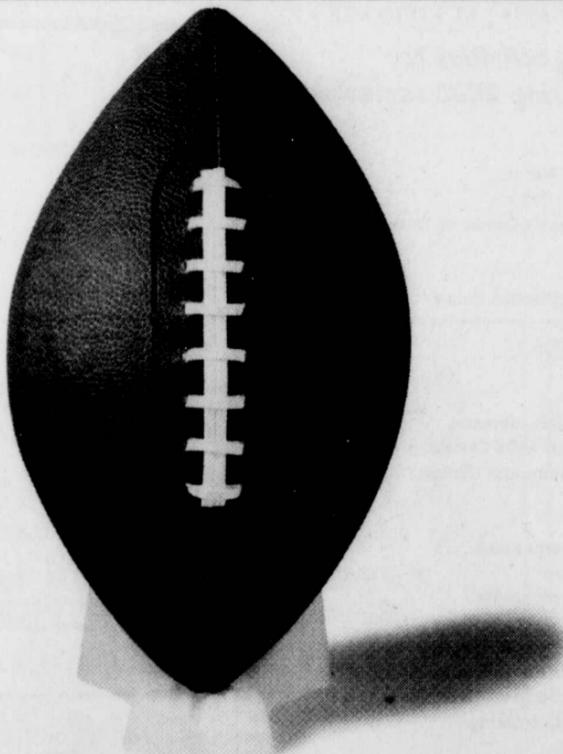
During the six- to eight-hour operation, surgeons will make an inci-

sion on the right side of Rodrigo's body and insert his mother's nerves under his skin and across his chest to his left arm and down to his left hand.

"The infant's good nerves from the right side of his body will grow slowly through the mother's nerves over to his left arm," Gruber said. "Her nerves are not providing any function. They are serving as conduits, pathways to direct the child's own nerves to grow back together."

Surgeons will be careful to stay away from the infant's left shoulder because doctors in Mexico operated on that area about five months ago, restoring some feeling and movement between the shoulder and elbow in his left arm by using nerves from Rodrigo's legs.

Along with several members of the five person surgical team, Rodrigo and his mother, Patricia Corona Montez, attended the news conference. While Rodrigo grabbed at his pacifier with his right hand, his left arm stayed stiff in place and his left hand was curved inward.



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CD

► Gomez

Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline

Gomez is one of those bands that everyone has heard, but not everyone has heard of them. They topped the United Kingdom's charts with their first two albums, and their album "Bring It On" won the U.K.'s Mercury Music Prize, the equivalent of a Pulitzer Prize for music. Stateside, they're mostly known for providing background music for several commercials and films. Their latest, "Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline," is a collection of B-sides and other odds and ends.



The band typically draws comparisons to such disparate artists as the Grateful Dead, Bob Marley, the Doobie Brothers and Beck. Out of this crazy mixture, a truly original sound emerges: inviting and catchy rock music. The star is lead singer Ben Ottewell, who channels ghosts of Delta bluesmen every time he opens his mouth. Ottewell's pipes are in full force in "Hotline," especially in the blissful "Bring Your Lovin' Back Here" and in the gut-wrenching, soulful "Rosemary."

Like any B-sides collection, "Hotline" is up and down. The pleasurable hypnotic effects of "Flavors" and "High On Liquid Skin" are incognito on the interminable "Buena Vista." A pointless remix of "We Haven't Turned Around" turns a song whose stark original version haunted viewers in "American Beauty" into a Mellotron monstrosity. But the album ends superbly with "Getting Better," a wondrous cover of the John Lennon and Bill McCartney standard that appeared in those Philips TV commercials.

"Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline" has its moments, but it is best left to the die-hard fans. However, if your interest has been piqued, get to Best Buy pronto and purchase Gomez's prize-winning "Bring It On" or its flawless follow-up "Liquid Skin." After hearing either one of those, there's a good chance you'll be very interested in "Abandoned Shopping Trolley Hotline."

— Jack Bullion

CD

► StraightFaced
Pulling Teeth

Oct. 25 marked one of the most definitive moments in the history of hard-core. StraightFaced released their fourth album entitled "Pulling Teeth."



The style of this new album pushes the envelope of modern music. It is a musically-engineered hybrid of hard-core and hip-hop.

In the past, the band has been comprised of drums, bass, vocals, a six-string guitar and a seven-string guitar. With the loss of Damon Beard, the seven-string player, and Kevin Norton, the bass player, the band had to adapt. They acquired Jeff Hibben, a bass player with a sound similar to such artists as The Beastie Boys and Incubus. Dave Tonic, the remaining guitar player, and Hibben work together to create a tight rhythm section, which is almost psychedelic in nature. They use a synthesizer to fill the sonic void left in the absence of Beard. Johnny Miller's politically and socially driven vocals are as good as they've ever been, and maybe even better. Throughout their metamorphosis, StraightFaced has remained energetic, reinvented their style and maintained their integrity.

— Sean Martin

Movie

► Red Planet

By the year 2057, Earth's natural resources have been all but depleted. Plans of sending algae to Mars in order to create breathable air seems to be failing as oxygen levels drop rapidly.

Earth sends its first manned spaceship on its six-month journey to Mars with a team that includes Navy commander Kate Bowman (Carrie-Anne Moss), "hot-headed" co-pilot Ted Santen (Benjamin Bratt), "space janitor" Robby Gallagher (Val Kilmer), brilliant scientist Quinn Burchenal (Tom Sizemore), philosopher Bud Chantillas (Terrence Stamp) and last-minute replacement Chip Pettengill (Simon Baker).

Their mission is to figure out what's wrong with the oxygen on Mars, and bring hope to the human race, which faces extinction in the not-so-distant future.

A distinct pattern in films has emerged over the past few years, where two movies from different studios deal with the same subject matter. In 1997, it was the volcano eruption movies "Dante's Peak" and "Volcano." In 1998, asteroid movies "Deep Impact" and "Armageddon" were released within months of one another. And in 1999, the World War II-themed movie "Saving Private Ryan" beat out "The Thin Red Line." This year we have movies about Mars, starting with March's "Mission To Mars" and ending now with "Red Planet."

While "Mission To Mars" dealt with the rather monotonous question of where humans actually came from, "Red Planet" offers a thrilling example of what a movie about Mars should be: action-packed, mysterious, heroic and romantic.

"Red Planet" is an entertaining flick that keeps the suspense flowing as a group of humans try to uncover the mystery of oxygen before it's too late.

— Meryn Bandy



The cast members from the TCU Theatre department's production of "My Fair Lady" observe a horse race through binoculars in one of the musical's scenes.

Story by Steven Baker • Photos by Jennifer Klein

Casting perfection Good acting, dancing in "My Fair Lady"

I have always had a certain amount of disdain for professor Henry Higgins, the British linguist and one of the leads in the musical "My Fair Lady." But in the TCU Theatre Department's production of this musical, I almost began to feel sorry for the old chap.

Kirk Holland plays the crotchety professor Higgins, who tries to transform the cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle (Lena Hill) into a proper English woman. On a bet with his friend and contemporary Colonel Pickering (David Fluitt), Higgins agrees to attempt to change the way Eliza speaks, looks and thinks so that she will be presentable to society. Holland uses his comic talents wonderfully here, especially in the scenes where Higgins is in denial of his true feelings for Eliza.

I always found it hard to see the humanity in Rex Harrison's performance of professor Higgins in the film version. Holland is a much jollier and more verbose, yet still dignified, Higgins than Harrison was. You can see how someone might fall in love with Holland's portrayal of Higgins.

Don't expect the chemistry between Holland and Hill to be immediate. The first time it is obvious is in the song, "The Rain in Spain," where Eliza finally begins to speak proper English. Hill literally looks like she is going to burst out laughing at Holland's gleeful facial expressions when he realizes that Eliza is pronouncing her vowels correctly. Holland's face changes from glowering to elated faster than a cartoon character.

Hill is also very strong. Her transformation from the ill-mannered cockney to a "proper" woman is smooth and flawless. She has chemistry with just about every actor she encounters in the musical. Her rendition of "I Could Have Danced All Night," is the second best in the musical.

The best rendition is her performance of "On the Street Where You Live." Freddy Eynsford-Hill (Ben Thompson) has just met Eliza at a horse race, and decides to pay her a visit. Thompson's tenor voice is not straining here at all. Even on the low-

est notes of the song, his voice remains consistently strong.

But what keeps the musical moving at such a brisk pace is the choreography by associate theater professor Belinda Boyd. For example, in Alfred Doolittle's (Matthew Moore) first number "With a Little Bit of Luck," he and his two drinking buddies Harry (John Patrick) and Jamie (John de los Santos) take swigs from a bottle as they lazily prance on the stage. However drunk as they appear to be, their synchronized moves match the whimsical mood of the song without making the whole thing too silly.

Santos stands out whenever this trio performs. His athleticism allows his kicks to fly over his head, while most of his cast members look like they might rip their pants if they even tried to match him.

Boyd also directed the musical, and her stage experience is obvious. Most productions of "My Fair Lady," seem to drag when the song "Get Me to the Church on Time," plays, but not in this version. It is not a significant part of the musical, and Boyd treats it accordingly. The cast puts so much effort into this song, if you only look at one person the whole time, you can still enjoy the song.

The sets are realistic enough (scenic design by associate theater professor Nancy McCauley), to where, as an audience member it is easy to imagine they are real. The costume design by associate theater professor LaLonnie Lehman is also fitting in every detail to early 20th century London. The buildings in the poorer areas of London are colored in somber tones of brown, gray and black, while bright greens and blue skies dominate in upper class sections of the city.

Sure, this is a college musical and most of the voices are not Broadway quality, although some are quite good. But the combination of good acting, nice sets and wonderful music provide solid entertainment.

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(Top) From left, right; Jamie, played by sophomore theater major John de los Santos; Alfred Doolittle, played by sophomore theater performance major Matthew Moore; and Harry, played by senior theater major John Patrick, act out one of their drunken scenes together. Eliza Doolittle, played by senior theater major Lena Hill, and Freddy Eynsford-Hill, played by junior theater major Ben Thompson, argue in a scene from "My Fair Lady."

Sparks' new novel captures human soul, courage

'The Rescue' blends characters, picturesque scenery in story of finding forgotten love

By Christina Hager
SKIFF STAFF

Although it may have seemed impossible, Nicholas Sparks has created another masterpiece to rival his other bestsellers, "A Walk to Remember" and "The Notebook." "The Rescue" is a breathtaking story about Denise Holton, a young mother struggling to support herself and her 4-year-old son, Kyle. From the beginning of the story, we can feel the love she has for her son and the struggles she faces as a single mother. On top of these challenges, she is also dealing with her son's linguistic handicap — he only has the speech

capabilities of a 2-year-old. After seeing an array of specialists and doctors, her son is

crashes down on her small town. She crashes her car and she awakens

to find herself bleeding and confused and her son missing. Barely conscious, she sees the man who saved her and begs for him to help her find her young son. Lifting her bruised and bleeding body out of the car, Holton screams his name again and again until she blacks out. As the search for her son



continues, Holton is taken to a hospital where she is alone and frightened for her son's life. A stranger comes to visit her in the hospital, holding her hand and helping to calm her, just like Holton's own mother might have done. She introduces herself as Judy McAden, an old friend of Holton's mother and coincidentally, is the mother of the man who rescued her. As Judy McAden searches for information about the 4 year old's whereabouts, her own adult son, a volunteer fireman named Taylor McAden, is leading a search party for the boy, risking his own life in the storm.

The author's imagery and descriptive language allows the reader to be completely pulled into his story and feel kindred with both the young Holton and Taylor McAden. Each character is described in detail, along with the setting of the picturesque southern town they live in.

A beautifully written and compelling story, "The Rescue" is a tale of courage, hardships and finding forgotten love. It leaves the audience completely satisfied, while reminding them that it is never too late for the human soul to be rescued.

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ELECTION

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presidential campaign into limbo. The justices are all Democratic appointees.

Within minutes, Palm Beach election officials decided to start recounting Thursday night. After two full days of counting in 86 of 609 precincts, Gore had gained 21 votes in Broward County on the state's southeast coast.

"The Florida Supreme Court has spoken, the counts can continue," said Gore chairman William Daley.

Bush supports the secretary of state's weekend deadline and wants a declaration of a Florida winner after the last overseas absentee ballots are due today at midnight.

"Once these votes are counted, we will know the final result of Florida's election and the nation's election," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who thus

far has been unable to deliver the state for his brother, agreed: "Saturday morning we'll know who won the state," he said.

Gore's attorneys asked a state judge in Tallahassee to have hand recounts rolled into the election totals, even if the vote-counting isn't finished by today. They argued that Harris, a Bush supporter, acted arbitrarily when she refused to update vote totals with the results of manual recounts after a Tuesday deadline.

Bush looked to a federal appeals court in Atlanta to shut down the canvassing altogether, calling manual recounts inaccurate and prone to political mischief. Both sides said the case could be headed to U.S. Supreme Court.

The federal court also agreed to consider a related case filed by three Bush supporters from Brevard County. They claim their rights are being violated because their counties are not recounting votes by hand.

Some scenes were chaotic, bordering on the comical.

Broward County sheriff's deputies took custody of 78 tiny bits of paper after Republicans demanded that the scraps be held as evidence of potential ballot tampering. The paper, from the holes in punch-out ballots, was placed by police in an envelope marked, "Crime. Found Property."

Later, a lawyer burst into the county's hurricane emergency center and served subpoenas on startled county election officials. "The nation is watching you," said Republican activist William Scherer, who filed a lawsuit on behalf of fellow attorney Steven Stoll.

About 100 protesters, from groups including the NAACP and the Sierra Club, gathered at the West Palm Beach counting station, where the canvassing board was waiting for court guidance before recounting.

The vice president began the day 300 votes behind Bush in Florida, with about 2,600 overseas absentee ballots to be counted today. Gore has hoped the additional hand recounting would vault him ahead of the Texas

governor in the race for the state's 25 electoral votes and the White House.

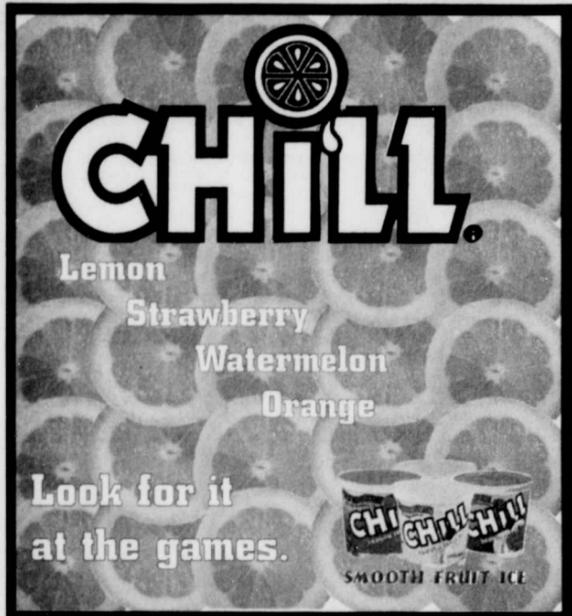
Both sides believe that a majority of the overseas ballots will go to Bush. Further complicating Gore's political situation, top advisers said Thursday the slow-going recounts were unlikely to produce enough new votes to overtake Bush by midnight.

They blamed GOP legal tactics for delaying the hand counts.

The prospect of trailing Bush at the deadline intensified Gore's fight in the courts of law and public opinion. A recent poll showed that seven out of 10 Americans said a winner should be declared once the overseas ballots are added to the totals.

The Democratic strategy: speak early and often to defend hand counting — and attack Harris.

Vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman said voters must witness a "reasonable and just conclusion" to the election "or else this country will go into the new century divided with a president who does not have legitimacy of support."



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Talking tunes



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Ashley Oldham, a junior art education major, talks with Charlie West of the Charlie West Band after the all-campus praise and worship service Thursday.

FROGS

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Perez's favorite two targets on offense are wide receiver Lee Mays and tight end Brian Natkin. On the season, Mays has 14 touchdown receptions, which is a UTEP record, and is averaging 105.1 yards receiving a game. Natkin has been named one of the eight semifinalists for the inaugural John Mackey Award, which is given to the nation's top tight end by the Nassau County Sports Commission. On the season, Natkin leads all tight ends nationally with 59 catches for 735 yards.

"Mays and Natkin are very explosive players and are both having great seasons," Franchione said. "They're going to get their catches, but the key is not to let them beat you."

Defensively, the Miners are led by a trio of players. Senior linebacker Trey Merkins has 96 tackles, 12 coming behind the line of scrimmage. Mason Holloway, a senior defensive lineman, leads UTEP with 9 1/2

sacks. Sophomore defensive back D.J. Walker has five interceptions.

If the Miners need any incentive defensively heading into Saturday's game, they only need to think back to what senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson did to them one year ago. Tomlinson racked up 406 yards rushing, a Division I-A record, and six touchdowns, while averaging 9.4 yards a carry.

"I don't know what they're going to do to try and stop me," Tomlinson said. "They said this week that they will shut me down, but every team has said that."

With Tomlinson almost certainly being the focus of UTEP's defense, sophomore quarterback Casey Printers said he must step up and be ready to make big plays for the Horned Frog offense.

"There's going to be some pressure on me," Printers said. "But it's really no more pressure than I'm used to dealing with this season."

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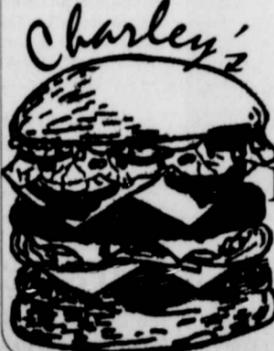
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Swim teams start with impressive wins at Louisville

Frogs prepare to take on Southwest Missouri, Western Illinois in dual meet

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

A recent sweep of Louisville and Saint Louis in a three-team dual meet gave the men's and women's swimming teams a stepping stone to build the rest of their season upon.

Because TCU's swim teams dominated the opposing teams throughout the Louisville, Ky., meet, they were able to choose the option of swimming some of the remaining events as non-scored exhibition events. TCU had gotten out to such a big lead in the competition, the remaining events would not have affected the final scoring.

The women's team defeated Saint Louis 69-34 and had 11 first and second-place finishes out of the 12 scored events.

The women's team did even better against Louisville and took first place in 10 of the 12 scored events to win 71-33.

The men's squad took a 62-36 lead through 10 events against Saint Louis, taking first place in every event but one. They also took first in all eight of their scored events in a 64-48 defeat of Louisville.

The wins for both the men's and women's teams against Saint Louis and Louisville were their fourth consecutive wins.

Melissa Powell, a sophomore breastroker/individual medley swimmer, said both teams should be ready to compete at the same level Saturday at the dual meet against Southwest Missouri State and Western Illinois.

She said the team expects Saturday's dual meet to be a more difficult fight for both the men's and women's teams, but Powell said the swimmers would be ready to take on such a challenge.

"Southwest Missouri should give us more competition than (Western

Illinois)," Powell said. "But we know we have to remain focused against both teams. We can never afford to slack off against any competition."

Sophomore distance swimmer Nicole Paquette said she expects Southwest Missouri to have gotten faster as a team from last season.

"They're definitely a better team than last year," Paquette said. "I think there's a chance this meet could be a bit more competitive on the men's side. Our women's team, I think, is faster than Southwest Missouri. We'll take advantage of that."

Aaron Ewert, a sophomore backstroke/sprinter, said the TCU men, unlike the women, don't have any clear-cut advantages.

"Our times are closely comparable, and the teams are so even, especially for the men," Ewert said. "It's going to be a tougher meet, at least for us."

Ewert said no matter what hap-

pens this weekend, the teams must remain confident about the season and focus on goals that include quality showings at the Texas Invitational, held Dec. 1-3 at the University of Texas at Austin and the Western Athletic Conference Championships in February.

"Teams in the Texas Invitational are higher ranked, which gives us motivation to see how good we can be," Powell said. "Physically, you'll become a faster swimmer if you swim against people who are faster than you."

Long-term goals like the WAC Championships, Paquette said, are always on the minds of the swimmers. She said that even during this week's preparation for the trip to Missouri, the teams were still thinking about what had to be done to swim well in February.

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Sophomore swimmer Scott Cessac practices his backstroke technique Tuesday at the Rickel Building. The men's and women's swimming squads compete Saturday in Springfield, Mo. against Southwest Missouri State and Western Illinois.



No. 15 TCU vs. Texas-El Paso



AN ATTAINABLE GOAL

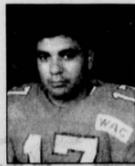
KEY matchups



← 14, Aaron Schobel, DE

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The matchup: Going into the season, games against Hawaii and Fresno State were labeled as possibly being the most important parts of the schedule. San Jose State was mentioned, and even Rice was mentioned. Texas-El Paso was never mentioned as a game for the Frogs to be aware of.

Now, with just two games remaining in the regular season, TCU is finally playing the most important game of the season. The Miners come to TCU having already clinched a share of the conference championship. TCU must win to have a chance at consecutive co-championships.

To get that win, the Frogs must do what no one in the Western Athletic Conference has been able to do against UTEP — contain quarterback Rocky Perez. The name of the game will be quarterback pressure and senior defensive end Aaron Schobel.

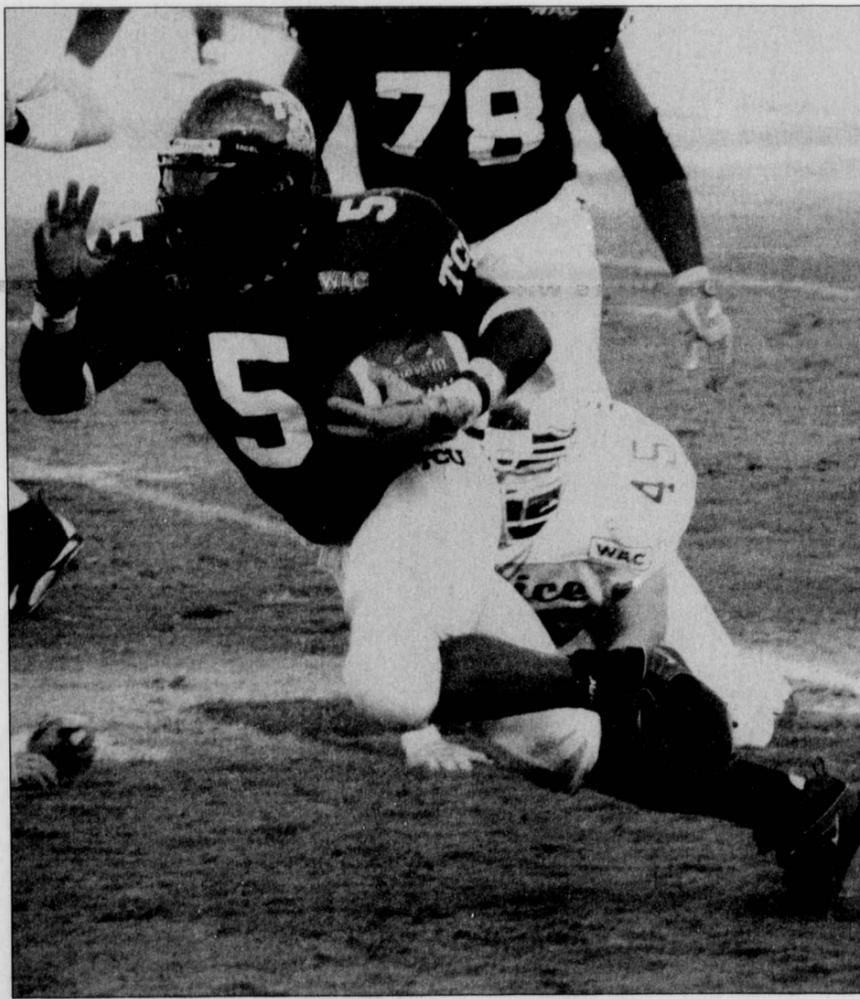
Effect on the game: It's simple. When there is pressure on the quarterback, the passing game suffers. If the passing game for UTEP struggles, the Miners struggle. There hasn't been a team this season that has been able to sustain a running game against the TCU defense. UTEP won't be looking to sustain a powerful rushing attack. The last nine op-

ponents of Perez will attest to the fact that slowing him hasn't been easy. The Miners have won seven in a row, scoring less than 30 points just once.

The stats: The Horned Frog defense still ranks first in the nation, allowing just 251 yards a game. The UTEP defense is 49th, allowing 356 yards a game. Offensively, TCU averages 393 yards while UTEP averages 416 yards. Clearly, the key is defense. The Horned Frog defense has to step up because, statistically at least, TCU and UTEP are similar offensively.

The winner: Earlier in the week there were talks of a season-high crowd at Amon Carter Stadium, but the weather is supposed to be less than pleasant. Regardless, TCU, theoretically, will step up because pride is on the line. The Frogs were billed as a top 10 football team all season and now may not even win the WAC. Going to the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl without being conference champions is out of the question among the Frog players.

— Danny Horne



Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson cuts upfield in the Frogs' 37-0 win over Rice Oct. 28. Tomlinson ran for a Division I-A-record 406 yards last season against Texas-El Paso, TCU's opponent on Saturday. He's ranked second in the nation this season in total yards rushing with 1,679 yards.

Frogs ready to work for WAC Championship

By Chad Carey
STAFF REPORTER

Each August, head football coach Dennis Franchione and his team sit down and map out their goals for the upcoming season. Each goal is ranked on a triangle that has the most attainable goals on the bottom, and the goals that are the most difficult to achieve on the top.

One of the goals the Frogs have ranked close to the top of their list for the season is the phrase "Win the WAC Championship." When Texas-El Paso comes to Amon Carter Stadium Saturday, the Frogs will have a chance to come a step closer to at least a share of that goal.

UTEP (8-2, 7-0 Western Athletic Conference) will bring the conference's only undefeated record to Fort Worth. The Miners are riding a seven-game winning streak and have already clinched a share of their first conference championship since 1956. A win by TCU (8-1, 5-1 WAC) would allow the Horned Frogs to earn a share of the WAC championship with a victory over Southern Methodist Nov. 24.

Offensively, the Miners are led by senior quarterback Rocky Perez. For the season, Perez has thrown for 2,444 yards and 24 touchdowns. Perez has also thrown for over 200 yards in each of the Miners' last nine games. Franchione said if the Frogs are going to have a chance to win, they must put pressure on Perez.

"Perez has not been pressured much this year," Franchione said. "He is a very solid quarterback who doesn't make bad plays. He's probably the best quarterback we've faced this year."

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theEDGEbox

Staff prediction

TCU 38, Texas-El Paso 24

— Matt Stiver

<p>Rushing offense: Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 406 yards last season against UTEP. While he won't get 400 yards, TCU should rush for at least 250 yards.</p>	<p>Passing offense: Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers ranks 14th in the nation in passing efficiency. Printers must not turn the ball over and needs to take advantage of UTEP's soft pass defense.</p>	<p>Rushing defense: The Frogs rank No. 1 in the country in total defense (251.33 yards) and scoring defense (9.4 points a game). The Miners can run effectively at times, but the Frogs stop the run regularly.</p>	<p>Passing defense: UTEP presents TCU with its biggest challenge so far. San Jose State showed the TCU secondary was susceptible to the big play. The Frogs can't allow Perez to pick them apart.</p>	<p>Special teams: Walk-on punter John Braziel has filled in well for the injured Joey Biasatti, and the Frogs rank No. 17 in the NCAA in net punting (38.2). TCU ranks No. 2 in kickoff returns, 0.09 yards behind Notre Dame.</p>	<p>Intangibles: TCU came out flat the past two games against San Jose State and Fresno State. That shouldn't be a problem this week. The Frogs will rely on Tomlinson and their defense, both of which should prove superior.</p>
					
<p>Rushing defense: The Miners allow 137.9 yards rushing a game but haven't forgotten Tomlinson's NCAA-record 406 yards last season.</p>	<p>Passing defense: The Miners have the nation's No. 63-ranked passing defense and must stay alert. In a game of potent offenses, the war will be won on defense. UTEP can't let Printers make the big plays.</p>	<p>Rushing offense: This is not the Miners' strong suit — they rush for 168.2 yards a game. For UTEP to have a chance to win, they must establish the running game to prevent TCU from focusing on Perez.</p>	<p>Passing offense: Quarterback Rocky Perez is the fourth-rated passer in Division I-A. His two biggest weapons are wide receiver Lee Mays (1,051 yards, 14 touchdowns) and tight end Brian Natkin (12.5 yards a reception).</p>	<p>Special teams: The UTEP special teams units rank among the worst in the nation (No. 108 in kickoff returns, No. 105 in punt returns and No. 63 in net punting).</p>	<p>Intangibles: Having locked up their first bowl berth since 1988, the Miners look for their first Western Athletic Conference title ever. Head coach Gary Nord has questioned the quality of the Frogs all season.</p>

today's menu Nov. 17, 2000

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- Grilled cheese
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- ### Dinner
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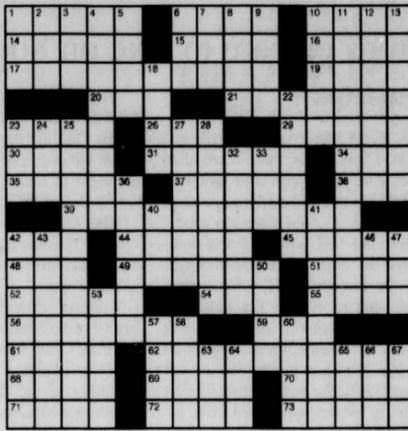
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by Vic Lee



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Season of Questions



◀ Amy Porter

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A SPECIAL SECTION OF THE TCU DAILY SKIFF

Did you know?

In eight seasons as a head coach, Jeff Mittie has never had a losing season. He's been as good as 31-3 in 1994-95 at Missouri-Western. For his career, Mittie is 167-73, winning nearly 70 percent of his games.

SEASON OF QUESTIONS

Keeping it TOGETHER

Women's basketball recruits make smooth transition as Mittie deals with expectations of 20-win seasons and the possibility of a conference championship



By Steven Baker
SKIFF STAFF

When freshman Catriece Webster and junior transfer Kati Safaritova met this summer they just couldn't get past the English language.

"Safaritova comes in from Samorin, Slovakia, and Webster from Memphis, Tenn. ... they talk back and forth and they couldn't understand each other," women's head basketball coach Jeff Mittie said.

What passed for conversation between Webster and Safaritova was nonsensical mumbling, Webster said. But they ended up becoming pretty good friends anyway.

"You never know who is going to get along," Mittie said.

Safaritova and Webster are two of the six new TCU women's basketball players that the *All-Star Girls Report* ranked as the 22nd-best recruiting class in the country.

"I think we are a better basketball team (than last year)," Mittie said. "We believe we can improve upon last year's record and win a (Western Athletic Conference) championship."

Last year the team tied a school record with 16 wins for the season. However, this milestone didn't prevent the Frogs from ending the season with a loss to Tulsa in the WAC Tournament.

Mittie said the team will have to improve in

the areas of rebounding and defense if they are to win more games.

The team has the same amount of players over 6-feet that they had last year, with four. Also, the team accounted for 1,122 rebounds. Only the 1992-93 team with 1,190 rebounds had more. The team set a TCU women's record for blocked shots with 90 last year, but fell short of the steal record of 340 with only 242.

Mittie said for the team to be better, the recruits need to fill the rolls of quickness and size.

"We understand that improvements are measured in wins and losses," Mittie said.

He said one player that can come in and play a vital role at the collegiate level is freshman guard Ebony Shaw.

"Shaw has excellent scoring ability," Mittie said. "She gives us something we didn't have last year. We have a lot of good spot-up shooters, but Shaw can drive to the basket. That is something our opponents didn't have to defend against last year."

Shaw said even though she is a freshman, she can contribute a lot to the team.

"We have all come together," Shaw said. "I have never really been on a team where everyone gets along. There has usually been some confrontation."

In fact some of the team members started get-

ting together this summer when players like Webster and junior Shanti Nix would play with the TCU men's team on the outdoor basketball courts behind the Rickel Building.

Nix said the more the team plays together, the more they understand each other.

"If I'm not doing very well, then I can help someone else," Nix said. "I am a defensive-minded person. That is my strong point. I love to pressure the ball. And if I can get a steal, that's more exciting than making a (three-point shot)."

Mittie said an important part of putting this team together was finding well-rounded student athletes.

"You can have a player that is having success in the classroom and not basketball, but since they feel better about academics, that carries over to the court," Mittie said. "I have been pleased with the players we signed a year ago. This fall has been as enjoyable as any I have had as a coach. This is a fun group to be around, but we still have challenges ahead of us with a very difficult schedule."

At least, if nothing else, two players on the team — Webster and Safaritova — have already conquered the language barrier challenge.

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Expectations high for women's basketball team

Coach says team must develop an identity before being able to advance

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

As the women's basketball team comes off last year's school record-tying 16 wins and sets their sights on the Western Athletic Conference championship this season, head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said the team must first develop a team identity.

"We'd like to think if we progress, we should be able to compete for a WAC title, but we must improve as a team, get more offense as a result of our defense and attack in transition," Mittie said. "We lacked that last season and had a hard time getting the easy baskets."

Last year, the team finished fifth in the WAC. According to a preseason poll of WAC coaches, TCU is expected to finish third this year.

Senior guard Jill Sutton said the six new members of their 22nd-ranked recruiting class will give the team a new look.

"The new people on this team are very quick, and they will definitely live up to their expectations and should exceed them," Sutton said. "We've never won a WAC championship here, and

this year we want to win it. We've gotten better teams in here and improved our record every year, and we're capable of winning it this year."

The recruiting class includes junior forward Kati Safaritova, junior guard Ashanti Nix, freshmen guards DeeDee Favors, Ebony Shaw and Catriece Webster, and freshman forward Tiffany Evans.

With as many newcomers as the team has this year, Mittie said the team has to allow time for adjustment.

"We have to be patient with all our new players in terms of how they adjust and fit in," Mittie said. "We expect them to all contribute in their own ways, but in practice, we're going through a lot of combinations to get more comfortable."

Mittie said he could play nine play-

ers in any combination in a game.

The Frogs enter this season without last year's leading scorer Diamond Jackson. In her 28 games, Jackson averaged

"We've never won a WAC championship here, and this year we want to win it. We've gotten better teams in here and improved our record every year, and we're capable of winning it this year."

— Jill Sutton, senior guard

13.3 points. Second behind Jackson in scoring was senior guard Amy Porter. Scoring 11.4 points a game in limited action, Porter could be looked upon to fill Jackson's shoes.

After losing Porter to a fractured fibula Jan. 15, Mittie said her return this season is significant.

"Getting (Porter) back from her injury is obviously extremely important for us," Mittie said. "(Her return) makes (Sutton) a better player and adds to our depth. Last season, we couldn't afford to have players have an off night. Now with the depth we have, we can have a player or two have an

off night and still be all right."

The Frogs are facing a much tougher schedule than last season. Before Christmas, TCU plays three teams that made a trip to the NCAA Tournament last season (Tennessee, Grambling State and Stephen F. Austin).

TCU hosts Tennessee Nov. 27 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Immediately following Christmas, TCU plays Texas and Arkansas.

Mittie said the difficult schedule can only help the team grow.

"Our huge schedule at the beginning of the season will definitely be a challenge, but we have to take advantage of our opportunities," Mittie said. "The game against Tennessee will benefit the program in that it will bring attention to TCU and bring a crowd that should be the biggest we've seen as a women's basketball program."

"We will just take the approach that it's just another game, and we can't look at it any other way. That game against Tennessee does not make or break our season."

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Did you know?

Senior guard Amy Porter ranks among TCU's top 10 in points (887), assists (210), steals (98), three-point field goals (118), three-point attempts (330), free throws (177) and free-throw percentage (.808).

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SEASON OF QUESTIONS

QUESTS AND QUESTIONS

Reputations are on the line when it comes to this WAC season

TCU head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs has been winning games as a Division I college basketball coach for some 20 years. Women's head coach Jeff Mittie is just getting started at the D-I level.

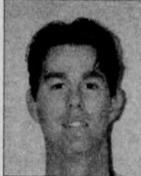
Tubbs' reputation is legendary while Mittie is beginning to carve a reputation of his own, at least around TCU.

All comparisons aside, both teams have two things in common, potential and unanswered questions.

Will the men's team wake up this season from the comatose attitude that overtook it last season? Will a full offseason give Mittie and company a chance to put it all together for a run at an unprecedented Western Athletic Conference title for women's basketball? How does junior Greedy Daniels respond to becoming a more visible leader? How much of a role will the women's top 25-ranked recruiting class play in the progression of the team this season?

Those are only a few of the questions that are floating above Daniel-

Commentary



DANNY HORNE

Meyer Coliseum at this point, extremely early in the season.

In terms of attitude, the men's team had none last season. There were instances where I felt inclined to search for a proverbial pulse to see if the team was still breathing. In other words, last year's team looked nothing like a team coached by Tubbs.

Historically speaking, Tubbs has typically coached teams that had a particular swagger about them. Of course, coaching at Oklahoma and going to eight consecutive NCAA Tournaments might have something to do with that attitude.

Let me take you back a few years to 1997 when Tubbs last coached the Frogs to the NCAA Tournament and TCU was 27-6.

The Frogs had attitude. They walked with a particular swagger about them. Coincidentally, that team went undefeated in the WAC and 16-1 at home.

And, then there was last season.

That team lost five games at home and finished WAC play at 8-6, good

enough to finish fourth, 18-14 overall. Tubbs said those five losses at home were more devastating because he felt they were the difference in the season. He holds the philosophy that you should never lose at home. That's ideal, but only if you come out and play every night. He insists that problem has been solved with the influx of depth that he said has ignited a new fire in the veterans. We'll see.

Daniels spent last season on the practice squad after transferring from Nevada-Las Vegas. If things come together, Daniels could be the heart and soul of this team. His fire and intensity could be one of the deciding factors as to whether this team develops the attitude that seemed to elude it last year.

After tying a school record with 16 wins in his first campaign as coach at TCU, Mittie has done nothing but create expectations.

Of course, before last season, the only expectations of women's basketball at TCU were losses. So how can Mittie possibly top his first season? How about 20 wins or a WAC Championship? Either is possible.

TCU brings in a top 25 recruiting class that features junior college transfers Kati Safaritova and Ashanti

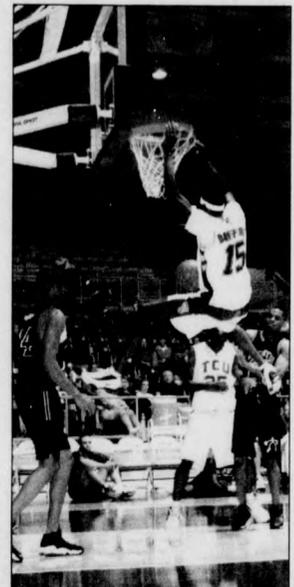
Nix and freshmen Ebony Shaw and Tiffany Evans. On top of that, the Frogs also get senior guard Amy Porter (formerly Sutton) back from a fractured fibula that kept her out of action for the bulk of last season's conference schedule.

The women's basketball office in the dungeons of Daniel-Meyer has been giddy over the past couple of months just waiting to get this season underway. Who can blame them? Frog fans probably can remember a span of three seasons (1993-96) when the Lady Frogs were 8-73. Theoretically, teams win eight games by accident over a three year span, not eight games total.

When the Frogs make a push for a 20-win season, that will be no accident.

At this point, neither team is challenging for top 10 status in the national rankings by any means, but the TCU community is starving for a product that will at least challenge for a WAC title this season and a Conference USA title in years to come.

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Senior center Derrick Davenport dunks over defenders during an exhibition game. He led the Frogs in scoring, averaging 23 points in TCU's two exhibition wins.

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MEET THE STAFF

A look at the assistant coaches for both the women's and men's basketball teams

Women's basketball assistant coaches

Associate head coach Larry Tidwell is in his second season at TCU. He coordinates the recruiting plans for the Horned Frogs as well as helps with on-court instruction. Before coming to TCU, Tidwell was an assistant coach at South Florida, served as athletics director and head coach at Mexia High School and spent six years as an assistant coach at Baylor.



TIDWELL

Assistant coach Lonnette Hall is in her second season at TCU and her fifth under head coach Jeff Mittie. She worked under Mittie for three seasons at Arkansas State before coming to TCU. Hall has coached both offense and defense and helps

monitor the strength and conditioning programs. Before Arkansas State, Hall spent two seasons at Wisconsin-La Crosse and two seasons at California State-Northridge.



HALL

Assistant coach Tonya Benton is in her first season as a coach at TCU. She comes to TCU from Howard Junior College where she was an assistant coach. Benton's responsibilities include on-court coaching of the guards as well as aiding with the team's scouting, film exchange and editing. She will also play a major



BENTON

role in the team's academic activities, community outreach programs and summer camps.

Men's assistant basketball coaches

Assistant coach Brian Fish is starting his fifth season as a basketball coach at TCU. Fish assists with the team's recruiting and is involved with the on-court instruction. He came to TCU in 1996 after spending time at Creighton, Kansas State and Marshall. He began his collegiate playing career at Western Kentucky before transferring to Marshall.



FISH

Assistant coach Rob Flaska is in his third season as a member of the TCU men's basketball staff. From 1995-98, Flaska was a head basket-

ball coach at Florida Community College. He was an assistant coach at Trinity Valley Community College from 1992-93 and an assistant coach at Texas-Pan American during the 1991-92 season.



FLASKA

Director of basketball operations Scott Edgar begins his second season as part of the TCU staff. He is a former head basketball coach at Duquesne University. He coached under Nolan Richardson at Tulsa and Arkansas. His first head coaching job came in 1991 at Murray State.



EDGAR



Did you know?

Men's head basketball coach Billy Tubbs led his 1987-88 Oklahoma squad to the National Championship game but lost to Kansas.

SEASON OF QUESTIONS

GETTING BACK TO GOOD

Tubbs looks to overcome missing postseason play last season, bring back winning attitude

Story by Danny Horne and photos by David Dunai

In the 1997-98 season, the TCU men's basketball team dominated the Western Athletic Conference en route to an overall record of 27-6 and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The next season, TCU went to the National Invitation Tournament, and followed that up last season with an 18-14 record and no postseason appearance. It was only the fourth time since 1981 that a Billy Tubbs-coached team didn't make the postseason.

Tubbs, however, believes that his job at TCU is as secure as it was when he first started working in Fort Worth in 1994.

"I feel secure in my position at TCU, and I'm going to coach at TCU as long as TCU wants me to coach here," Tubbs said. "I can't think of anything else I want to do right now. I coach because I want to. If I'm not going to win, then I'm not going to coach."

Last season's record marked only the fifth time in 26 years that Tubbs has coached a team that lost as many as 14 games.

"We definitely lost too much last season," Tubbs said. "One of the reasons for that was that we were a lazy basketball team that had no personality. If you watched the team from (1997), you saw a team that carried itself with an attitude. That attitude showed itself on the court, especially at home."

Athletics director Eric Hyman insists that Tubbs' job was never in

jeopardy.

"We don't evaluate seasons in relation to past seasons," Hyman said. "We evaluate them on their own merits. (Last year's team) didn't play to its potential, and I think Tubbs would agree with that. We take more than just winning and losing into account."

"We also consider things like the publicity that is generated — positive or negative — for the university. It seems like wins and losses get measured more heavily in the flagship sports like football and basketball."

Tubbs said he was particularly disappointed in the team's lack of effectiveness in games played at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. TCU lost five games at home last season, and Tubbs said that was probably the reason the team didn't get selected for a postseason tournament.

"You can blame things on the selection committees and things like that for being snubbed in the NIT selection," Tubbs said. "But we really have no one to blame but ourselves. If we take care of business at home, then we get the wins we need."

Senior guard Ryan Carroll said last season was a disappointment, but the new players that were brought in should have a positive impact.

"We have players who can step in and play at any time," Carroll said. "The added depth will make all the difference. It didn't seem as though we had that kind of depth last season."

Tubbs said the team's lack of in-

tensity and attitude could be attributed in part to the team's lack of depth. He said the addition of players like junior guard Greedy Daniels, junior center Marlon Dumont and freshman guard/forward Nucleus Smith to the lineup could make all the difference.

"Depth has a way of causing people to push harder than they normally would," Tubbs said. "Most people want to win, but many of those people don't want to do what it takes to win. With the depth we've got this season, if you're going to slack off, then you're going to be sitting next to me on the bench."

With the new players, Hyman said he's seeing a team that seems to be a better match for the Tubbs style of basketball.

"In watching the talent that has been brought in, it seems like Tubbs has a group more suited for his up-tempo style," Hyman said. "It was apparent that last year's team wasn't the same type of group."

If TCU doesn't reach the postseason, whether it be an NCAA or NIT bid, it will be the second time in which Tubbs wasn't able to coach his team to the postseason in consecutive seasons. The other times a Tubbs-led squad didn't reach the postseason was in his first four years of coaching at Southwestern and Lamar and his first two seasons at TCU.

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THE STATS

Below is a list of TCU head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs' trips to the postseason and the team's records.

1986-87	Oklahoma	24-10	NCAA
1987-88	Oklahoma	35-4	NCAA
1988-89	Oklahoma	30-6	NCAA
1989-90	Oklahoma	27-5	NCAA
1990-91	Oklahoma	20-15	NIT
1991-92	Oklahoma	21-9	NCAA
1992-93	Oklahoma	20-12	NIT
1993-94	Oklahoma	15-13	NIT
1996-97	TCU	22-13	NIT
1997-98	TCU	27-6	NCAA
1998-99	TCU	21-11	NIT

After a season of disappointment, head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs, (left) talking to his players, said he wants to bring back the type of team that won 27 games in 1997 and made a trip to the NCAA Tournament.



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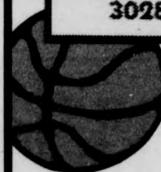
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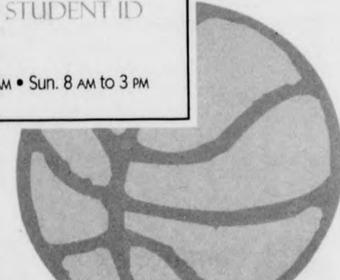
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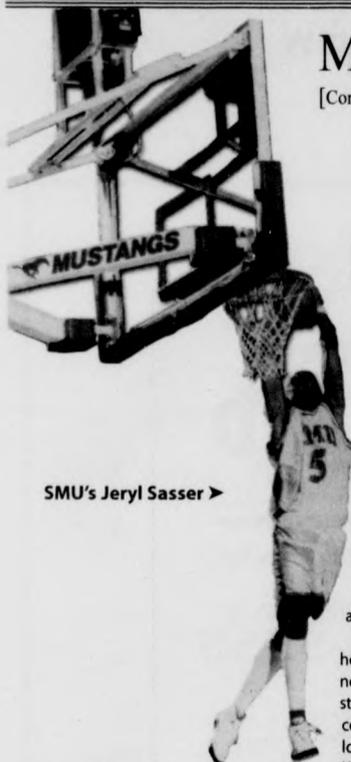
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SMU's Jeryl Sasser >



Fresno State BULLDOGS

Location: Fresno, Calif.
Home court: Selland Arena (10,182)

Head coach: Jerry Tarkanian
1999-2000: 24-10

Key losses: G Courtney Alexander, F Terrence Roberson

Player to watch: Sophomore forward Chris Jefferies. Jeffries is a transfer from Arkansas and has been compared to Scottie Pippen. With the loss of Roberson, Jefferies will be counted on to add scoring and defensive punch.

Outlook: The Bulldogs have two big holes to fill, but Tarkanian's bench is never empty. "The Shark" keeps a constant flow of transfers and freshmen coming into the program. Despite the loss of the nation's leading scorer (Alexander), Fresno State will run again with senior guard Demetrius Porter and Jefferies. Senior center Melvin Ely may be the best center in the WAC. After flopping in the NCAA first round last year, the defending-champion Bulldogs could make some noise this March.



Southern Methodist MUSTANGS

Location: Dallas
Home court: Moody Coliseum (8,998)

Head coach: Mike Dement
1999-2000: 21-9

Key losses: G Stephen Woods

Player to watch: Senior guard Jeryl Sasser. After learning he would not be a lottery pick, Sasser withdrew from the NBA Draft and returned to school. Shooting 37 percent from the field will do that to any prospective draft pick. He must play better in big games for the Mustangs to succeed.

Outlook: The Mustangs, seemingly a lock for an NCAA bid last year, partied it away during the WAC Tournament. They have talent in the backcourt, with Sasser and junior Damon Hancock. Sophomore guard Quinton Ross should see playing time as well. SMU will need junior John Forinash to become a presence inside to complement senior Willie Davis.



Tulsa GOLDEN HURRICANE

Location: Tulsa, Okla.
Home court: Reynolds Center (8,301)

Head coach: Buzz Peterson
1999-2000: 32-5

Key losses: C Brandon Kurtz, G Eric Coley, G Tony Heard

Player to watch: Senior forward David Shelton. Shelton averaged 13.5 points a game in 22 minutes last year. As one of two seniors, Shelton will be asked to play more minutes and shoulder some of the leadership burden left by Coley.

Outlook: Long a breeding ground for coaches (Nolan Richardson, Tubby Smith), Tulsa lost coach Bill Self, who bolted for the greener pastures of Illinois, after leading the Golden Hurricane to the Elite Eight last year. A testament to the program he built lies in that Tulsa may not miss him. The strength of the Golden Hurricane last season was its depth and selfless play; no one averaged more than 14 points. The Golden Hurricane will fall, but not far.



Texas Christian HORNED FROGS

Location: Fort Worth
Home court: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (7,155)

Head coach: Billy Tubbs
1999-2000: 18-14

Key losses: F/C Marquise Gainous, G Estell Laster, G Vladimir Jaksic

Player to watch: Junior guard Greedy Daniels. After watching TCU struggle last year, Daniels came out ready to play and led the Frogs in scoring during their first two preseason games. Able to spell senior Thomas McTyer at the point or play a pure two, Daniels should create mismatches for other teams.

Outlook: The Frogs are hard to assess. They are loaded in the backcourt, with Daniels, Ryan Carroll, Bingo Merriex, McTyer and Larry Allaway. Tubbs will need Derrick Davenport to become a force inside. Despite the talent, cohesion was a problem last year. If the Frogs can jell as a team, they have the athleticism to make an outside run at an NCAA berth. If not, they will struggle for a National Invitation Tournament bid.



Hawaii WARRIORS

Location: Honolulu
Home court: Stan Sheriff Center (10,300)

Head coach: Riley Wallace
1999-2000: 17-12

Key losses: C Marquette Alexander, G Johnny White

Player to watch: Junior forward Mindaugas Burneika. Burneika, Texas Junior College Player of the Year, averaged 19.4 points and 9.1 rebounds. The 6'7" Lithuanian, who can pass the ball as well as he shoots it, will create opportunities for teammates.

Outlook: The Warriors return 10 letterwinners and three starters from last year. Burneika and freshman center Haim Shimonovich should help offset the loss of Alexander, the team's leading scorer and rebounder. The Warriors are a young, talented team that might contend for an NIT bid.



Texas-El Paso MINERS

Location: El Paso
Home court: Don Haskins Center (12,222)

Head coach: Jason Rabedeaux
1999-2000: 13-15

Key losses: G Reggie McRae, G Jason Mullahon, G William Smith

Player to watch: Senior forward Brandon Wolfram. Wolfram enters the season as the WAC's top returning scorer. After shooting 55 percent from the floor, 40 percent from three-point range and 83 percent from the line last year, Wolfram may be one of the best all-around players in college basketball.

Outlook: The Miners lose three starters from last season. Rabedeaux lost experience and leadership in his three guards. UTEP will rely on Wolfram (20.7 points a game) and four returning lettermen. Their four junior-college transfers, including 6'10" center Brian Stewart, should provide size to a frontcourt that did not have a player over 6'8" last year. A young team, the Miners will learn lessons this year that will help them compete next year.



San Jose State SPARTANS

Location: San Jose, Calif.
Home court: The Event Center (5,000)

Head coach: Steve Barnes
1999-2000: 15-15

Key losses: G R.J. Powell

Player to watch: Senior guard Mike Garrett. The Spartans offense runs through Garrett, who can play either point or shooting guard.

Outlook: A team without an underclassman on the roster, the Spartans have an experienced team. Whether that experience can translate to wins remains to be seen. The Spartans have only one player, 6'9" junior center David Granucci, taller than 6'8". While they may have speed, San Jose State will get pounded inside.



< San Jose State's Mike Garrett



Rice OWLS

Location: Houston
Home court: Autry Court (5,000)

Head coach: Willis Wilson
1999-2000: 5-22

Key losses: C Alex Bougaieff

Player to watch: Senior guard Mike Wilks. Wilks averaged 15.1 points before spraining his knee against Fresno State last year. Wilks is the best shooter and pure scorer, on Rice's roster.

Outlook: An 18-10 record the previous season gave Rice reason for optimism last year, but injuries decimated the Owls. They have high hopes again, with 11 lettermen returning. If Rice can get on a roll, they could make some noise.



Nevada WOLF PACK

Location: Reno, Nev.
Home court: Lawlor Events Center (11,200)

Head coach: Trent Johnson
1999-2000: 9-20

Key losses: G Tommy Zepata

Player to watch: Try not to. It won't be pretty.

Outlook: The Wolf Pack picked a solid basketball conference in which to make their debut season. The Nevada returns five starters and six lettermen, and that experience should prevent the Wolf Pack from getting shut out in WAC play.



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the Western Athletic Conference and predicts its finish



SMU's D-dra Rucker



Southern Methodist MUSTANGS

Location: Dallas
Home court: Moody Coliseum (8,998)

Head coach: Rhonda Rompola
1999-2000: 22-9

Key loss: Karlin Kennedy

Player to watch: D-dra Rucker, a senior guard, was tabbed as a pre-season All-America candidate. Last season, she was selected to the 2000 Kodak All-America District 7 team, all-WAC first team, all-WAC defensive team and all-WAC newcomer team. Rucker ranked third in the WAC in scoring (16.0 ppg), second in steals (2.94 spg), fourth in assists (3.87 apg) and first free throw percentage (.885).

Outlook: The Mustangs welcome back nine letter winners, including three starters — Rucker, Anika Calvert and Katie Remke. As Rompola begins her 10th season as head coach, she posts a career and school record of 177-91 (.660). She has guided SMU to three consecutive 20-plus win seasons, and it appears that the streak will continue this season.



Hawaii WAHINE

Location: Honolulu
Home court: Stan Sheriff Center (10,300)

Head coach: Vince Goo
1999-2000: 20-9

Key loss: Raylene Howard

Player to watch: Kylie Galloway, a two-time all-WAC performer, averaged 13.7 points a game, ranking eighth in the WAC last season. She also shot .873 from the free-throw line and .359 from three-point range to rank second and fifth in the WAC, respectively.

Outlook: Only three of the 12 players on this year's squad have been with the program two or more years. The loss of four seniors, leaves a void that won't easily be filled. The team might be short on experience, but not on talent. Balance and team depth may develop into the team's strong suit.



Texas Christian HORNED FROGS

Location: Fort Worth
Home court: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (7,166)

Head coach: Jeff Mittie
1999-2000: 16-14

Key loss: Diamond Jackson

Player to watch: Amy Porter ranked second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.4 points in the first 18 games, before her season ended as a result of a fractured fibula. The efficiency with which she fully recovers from the injury may define this season for TCU.

Outlook: The Frogs tied a school record with 16 wins last season, and they return four starters, including twin guards Porter and Jill Sutton. Mittie also brought in the most highly-touted crew in school history, the nation's 22nd-ranked recruiting class. The addition of the new players could lead to new tradition of winning at TCU.



Rice OWLS

Location: Houston
Home court: Atry Court (5,000)
Head coach: Cristy McKinney
1999-2000: 22-10

Key losses: Marla Brumfield, Jenny Cafferty, Kirra Jordan, Kim Smallwood

Player to watch: True freshman Kate Beckler made her collegiate debut in style, leading Rice with 19 points in a 61-56 victory over South Carolina in the opening round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament. She repeated the feat of leading Rice in scoring in the Owls only other game this season.

Outlook: The Owls will have to replace 66 percent of their offense, but they return two starters in sophomore guard Kim Larson and senior forward Kenya Tuttle. While the search to fill the offensive void may be filled quickly by Beckler, Larson and Tuttle, Rice will not have such an easy time trying to repeat as WAC champions.



Nevada WOLF PACK

Location: Reno, Nev.
Home court: Lawlor Events Center (11,200)

Head coach: Ada Gee
1999-2000: 19-10

Key losses: None

Player to watch: Katie Smith's, the 1999-2000 Big West Freshman of the Year, 19.4 points a game was a team-high and placed her fifth in Nevada's record book for most points in a season. She was also the Wolf Pack's leading rebounder, averaging eight a game.

Outlook: The Wolf Pack returns all five starters, backed by the 13th best recruiting class in the nation, according to *The Women's Basketball Journal*, and losing only one senior from last year, the Wolf Pack is poised for another double-digit winning season. Nevada will be returning four of the top five scorers and all five of its top rebounders.



Fresno State BULLDOGS

Location: Fresno, Calif.
Home court: Selland Arena (10,182)
Head coach: Britt King
1999-2000: 11-18

Key loss: Tiffany Lewis

Player to watch: Fresno State will be paced by sophomore guard Lindsay Logan. She led the WAC in assists with a 6.62 average and became the first freshman in WAC history to do so.

Outlook: The Bulldogs return three starters and five letter winners. Fresno State, however, remains one of the youngest teams in the WAC after signing a class that *Women's Basketball Journal* labeled among the top 50 in the nation. The team is comprised of four freshmen, five sophomores and only one senior.



Tulsa GOLDEN HURRICANE

Location: Tulsa, Okla.
Home court: Donald W. Reynolds Center (8,310)

Head coach: Kathy McConnell-Miller

1999-2000: 14-15

Key losses: Lila Osceola, Kasie Pittman

Player to watch: Tulsa will be led by junior guard/forward Carla Morrow (9.0 ppg). She has played in every game during her two-year career, but this season, Morrow will be asked to become more of a leader.

Outlook: McConnell-Miller led the Golden Hurricane to their best season since the 1983-84 season in just her first year. But Tulsa lost both of its pre-season contests against teams — KSC Szekszrd Hungarian team and Australian Institute of Sport — that would finish last in the WAC.



Texas El-Paso MINERS

Location: El Paso
Home court: Don Haskins Center (12,222)

Head coach: Sandra Rushing
1999-2000: 5-22

Key losses: Nubia Doumerc

Player to watch: Amy Pack, the 1999-2000 WAC Freshman of the Year, became the first freshman in league history to lead the WAC in conference-game scoring, averaging 18.5 points a game.

Outlook: The Miners return four starters, including the four leading scorers from last season. But an integral part of the lineup has been lost in point guard Doumerc, who got the scorers the ball in positions conducive to taking easy shots.



San Jose State SPARTANS

Location: San Jose, Calif.
Home court: The Event Center (5,000)

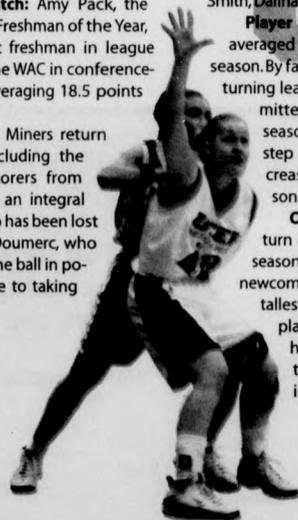
Head coach: Janice Richard
1999-2000: 2-25

Key losses: Rachel Johnson, Ayana Smith, Dafina Dailey, Aisha McGee

Player to watch: Megan Gluhan averaged 8.7 points a game last season. By far, she is San Jose State's returning leading scorer, but she committed 84 turnovers last season. Gluhan will be asked to step up her scoring and decrease her turnovers this season.

Outlook: The Spartans return only one starter from last season's team and will feature 14 newcomers. This year's team is the tallest in school history with six players six-foot or taller. But height can't make up for talent, and San Jose State is short on talent.

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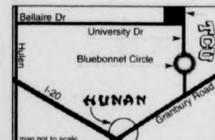
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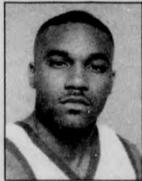
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11, Larry Allaway, G

In his first season, Larry Allaway scored a season-high 27 points in his first start Nov. 20 against Alaska-Fairbanks. His 133 assists and 45 steals ranked him second on the team in both categories.



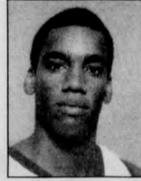
32, Myron Anthony, F

Myron Anthony enters his first full season as a Frog this year. Transferring from Kentucky last year, Anthony scored in double figures in his first seven games and averaged 10.3 rebounds a game.



34, Bingo Merriex, G

Hitting 47.7 percent from three-point range during his freshman season, Bingo Merriex earned a spot on the WAC all-Newcomer Team last season. After scoring 15 points in his TCU debut against the California-Berkeley, Merriex averaged 7.6 points a game.



55, Chris Campbell, F

Chris Campbell redshirted last season. Campbell earned varsity letters in basketball, track and field, football and cross country at Copperas Cove High School.



25, Ryan Carroll, G/F

Ryan Carroll is only 33 points away from becoming the 24th player in TCU history to 1,000 points in his career. Through his two seasons with TCU, he has a three-point shooting percentage of .406 which ranks him 4th in TCU history.



41, Greedy Daniels, G

After transferring from Nevada-Las Vegas in the summer of 1999, Greedy Daniels sat out last season per NCAA rules. Daniels scored in double figures 20 times in the two seasons he played at UNLV. He has two years of eligibility at TCU.



15, Derrick Davenport, C

Besides averaging 11.2 points and 5.8 rebounds last season, Derrick Davenport broke the school's single-season blocked shots record with 96. He needs just 76 more blocked shots to become the all-time school record holder.



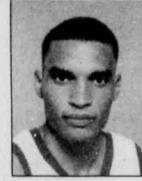
4, James Davis, G

In his senior season at Murray Wright High School in Detroit, James Davis averaged 25.1 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, three blocked shots and two steals a game. Davis will take a redshirt this season.



42, Marlon Dumont, C

Marlon Dumont will play his first season as a Frog this season. As a sophomore at Seminole State Junior College, he averaged 12.1 points and a team-high 6.9 rebounds a game.



12, J.R. Jones, G

J.R. Jones played seven games for the Frogs last year. He made his collegiate debut against Northwestern State Nov. 30 recording his first career assist.



44, Rebel Paulk, C

In the 23 games Rebel Paulk played in last year, he had four starts. He averaged 1.8 points and 1.9 rebounds a game and played a season-high 19 minutes against Texas-San Antonio Dec. 6.



1, Nucleus Smith, G

As a senior at Pontiac Northern High School, Nucleus Smith averaged 18.2 points, 9.8 rebounds and 5.6 assists a game. Last year, Smith averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds over the season's final 12 games at Maine Central Institute.



3, Thomas McTyer, G

Thomas McTyer has played in 71 games through his three seasons at TCU. With 194 career assists and 66 steals, McTyer currently ranks 13th in assists and 21st in steals in TCU history.



33, Corey Valsin, G

Freshman Guard Corey Valsin averaged 18 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks a game last season as a senior at Lincoln High School in Port Arthur. He will redshirt this season.



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Player	G	Off	Def	Tot	Avg/G	Player	G	Assists	Avg/G	Player	G	Steals	Avg/G	Player	G	Blocks	Avg/G				
1. Larry Abney (FSU)	33	142	252	394	11.9	1. Demetrius Porter (FSU)	32	200	6.25	1. Eric Coley (TUL)	33	109	3.30	1. Melvin Ely (FSU)	30	91	3.03				
2. Willie Davis (SMU)	29	117	150	267	9.2	2. Eggie McRae (UTEP)	28	133	4.75	2. Willie Davis (SMU)	29	66	2.28	2. Derrick Davenport (TCU)	32	96	3.00				
3. D. Williams (SJSU)	30	107	152	259	8.6	3. Jeryl Sasser (SMU)	29	135	4.66	3. Demetrius Porter (FSU)	32	63	1.97	3. Roy Smallwood (UTEP)	28	41	1.46				
4. Jeryl Sasser (SMU)	29	106	139	245	8.4	4. Nerijs Puida (HAW)	29	135	4.66	4. Mike Wilks (RICE)	21	40	1.90	4. Darnell Williams (SJSU)	30	43	1.43				
5. Marquise Gainous (TCU)	32	103	162	265	8.3	5. Larry Allaway (TCU)	31	133	4.29	5. Jeryl Sasser (SMU)	29	53	1.83	5. Brandon Kurtz (TUL)	33	45	1.36				
15. Derrick Davenport (TCU)	32	71	116	187	5.8	6. Thomas McTyer (TCU)	32	134	4.19	6. Estell Laster (TCU)	31	55	1.77	6. Marquise Gainous (TCU)	32	42	1.31				
										10. Larry Allaway (TCU)	31	45	1.45								

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Did you know?
Junior college transfer **Kati Safaritova** earned All-American honors in the National Junior College Athletics Association after the 1999-00 season.

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THE WOMEN

55, Karen Clayton, C

Karen Clayton has appeared in every game of her three-year TCU career. She has an 86-game streak heading into this season. Clayton had career highs last season in points (187), rebounds (150), assists (39) and blocks (10).



23, Tiffany Evans, F

Tiffany Evans averaged 14.2 points and 8.6 rebounds a game during her senior year at Newman Smith High School in Carrollton. She was voted district Newcomer of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Most Improved Player.



4, DeeDee Favors, G/F

Before suffering a season-ending knee injury her senior year at Daingerfield High School, DeeDee Favors averaged 26 points a game. She was named to Texas' all-state team two consecutive years.



20, Ashanti Nix, G

Ashanti Nix enters her first season as a Frog after transferring from Howard Junior College. In her freshman year at Howard, Nix scored 7.5 points a game and led the team in assists (145) and steals (96).



35, Tricia Payne, G

Tricia Payne averaged double figures in scoring in each of her first two seasons. She currently ranks first all-time in TCU history in free throw percentage at .818 (175 for 214).



11, Amy Porter, G

Amy Porter returns this season after she fractured her fibula Jan. 15. She has recorded at least one assist in 33 consecutive games and is currently ranked in TCU's top 10 in almost all major offensive statistical categories.



33, Kati Safaritova, F

One of the members of TCU's 22nd-ranked recruiting class, Kati Safaritova enters her first season as a Frog. During her two seasons at Weatherford Junior College, Safaritova was named to the all-Region Five Team twice.



30, Ebony Shaw, G

During her senior year at Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Ebony Shaw recorded 25.2 points, 10.7 rebounds, three assists and 3.5 steals a game. She was named to the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's* all-Area first team and was awarded district Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore.



22, Sally Spencer, G/F

Sally Spencer holds the record for three-point shooting in a postseason game, going 3 for 4 (.750) on March 8, 2000 against Tulsa. Her career three-point percentage at TCU is .305.



12, Jill Sutton, G

Jill Sutton is just the third player in TCU history to score 1,009 points. Her 340 career assists, 220 three-point field goals and 571 career three-point field goals represent TCU records.



31, Quinn Tedder, F

Quinn Tedder played in only seven games last year due to a leg injury. TCU is 14-10 when Tedder plays.



14, Janice Thomas, F

Janice Thomas enters her second season as a Frog. As last season's leading rebounder (233), Thomas has a chance this year to climb among the top five rebounders in TCU history.



45, Kim Walter, C

Kim Walter averaged 7.5 points and 5.1 rebounds a game in 1999, her first season. She ranks ninth all-time in blocked shots with 21.



00, Catriece Webster, G

Catriece Webster averaged 18 points, 12 rebounds and 8.5 assists during her senior season at Hamilton High School in Memphis, Tenn. Head coach Jeff Mittie said the Frogs are still waiting to hear from the NCAA about Webster's eligibility.



THE STATS

Scoring

Player	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg
1. R.Howard (HAW)	29	170	20	135	495	17.1
2. D-dra Rucker (SMU)	32	180	34	121	515	16.1
3. Amy Pack (UTEP)	27	142	4	146	434	16.1
4. M.Brumfield (RICE)	33	194	17	104	509	15.4
5. Heidi Walker (UTEP)	22	127	0	73	327	14.9
9. D.Jackson (TCU)	30	150	59	39	398	13.3

Rebounding

Player	G	Off	Def	Tot	Avg
1. Tiffany Lewis (FSU)	29	82	182	264	9.1
2. K. Kennedy (SMU)	32	115	166	281	8.8
3. Amy Pack (UTEP)	27	69	156	225	8.3

4. J.Thomas (TCU)	30	94	139	233	7.8
5. Heidi Walker (UTEP)	22	67	90	157	7.1

Field goal pct.

Player	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Lila Osceola (TUL)	29	144	266	.541
2. Raylene Howard (HAW)	29	170	321	.530
3. Karlin Kennedy (SMU)	32	192	368	.522
4. Tiffany Lewis (FSU)	29	155	301	.515
5. Kirra Jordan (RICE)	33	174	343	.507
7. Janice Thomas (TCU)	30	117	240	.488

Assists

Player	G	Assists	Avg
1. Lindsay Logan (FSU)	29	192	6.62

2. Marla Brumfield (RICE)	33	148	4.48
3. Tammy Goynne (TUL)	28	123	4.39
4. D-dra Rucker (SMU)	32	132	4.12
5. Jill Sutton (TCU)	30	116	3.87

Free throw pct.

Player	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. D-dra Rucker (SMU)	32	121	138	.877
2. Kylie Galloway (HAW)	29	103	118	.873
3. Tricia Payne (TCU)	29	88	105	.838
4. Kirra Jordan (RICE)	33	82	103	.796
5. Amy Pack (UTEP)	27	146	186	.785
10. Kim Walter (TCU)	30	70	97	.722

Steals

Player	G	Steals	Avg/G
1. Kasie Pittman (TUL)	29	94	3.24
2. Tiffany Lewis (FSU)	29	85	2.93
3. D-dra Rucker (SMU)	32	91	2.84
4. Tammy Goynne (TUL)	28	77	2.75
5. Marla Brumfield (RICE)	33	89	2.70

Three-point field goal pct.

Player	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1. Jenny Cafferty (RICE)	33	78	173	.451
2. Tammy Goynne (TUL)	28	53	134	.396
3. Crissy DiLuzio (SJSU)	27	31	82	.378
4. Jill Sutton (TCU)	30	63	168	.375

5. Kylie Galloway (HAW)	29	37	103	.359
7. Diamond Jackson (TCU)	30	59	168	.351

Blocked shots

Player	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Channon High (FSU)	24	32	1.33
2. Katie Remke (SMU)	32	41	1.28
3. Kirra Jordan (RICE)	33	36	1.09
4. Denise Wagner (TUL)	29	31	1.07
5. Karlin Kennedy (SMU)	32	30	0.94
6. Diamond Jackson (TCU)	30	26	0.87
8. Kim Walter (TCU)	30	21	0.70

Did you know?

TCU was ranked second nationally in scoring last season, averaging 87.9 points a game. The Frogs also led the Western Athletic Conference in scoring for the fourth straight season.

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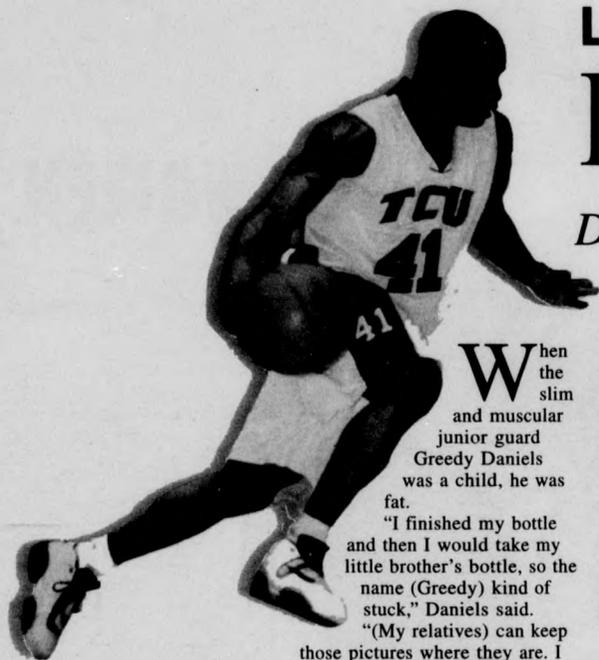
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SEASON OF QUESTIONS

Leading by EXAMPLE

Daniels moves from being 'Greedy' to team player

Story by Steven Baker and photos by David Dunai



When the slim and muscular junior guard Greedy Daniels was a child, he was fat. "I finished my bottle and then I would take my little brother's bottle, so the name (Greedy) kind of stuck," Daniels said. "(My relatives) can keep those pictures where they are. I am proud of my physique now."

> The Daniels file

Full name: Edwin "Greedy" Daniels
Class: Junior
Position: Guard
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180
Hometown: New Orleans, La.
High school: Cohen High School
Accolades: Spent two seasons at Nevada-Las Vegas where he scored in double figures on 20 occasions; was named to the WAC Mountain Division all-defensive team in 1998-99; ranked third in the WAC, averaging 2.4 steals a game in 1998-99; was a Parade All-American his senior season in high school; a three-time all-state selection.

After a single-season hiatus, Daniels is off the scout team. He had to sit out last season under NCAA rules after transferring from Nevada-Las Vegas. Daniels was second on the 1998-99 UNLV team in assists with 95 and second in steals with 70.

Daniels said after improving his skills last season, he now has supreme confidence.

"For the opposition, when you think of Greedy, it is a problem," Daniels said. "I wish we had the Dukes, Virginias and Marylands (on the schedule). My team wants to play those people. We feel we are that caliber of a team this year."

Daniels said he wants to be one of the leaders for the team on and off the court this season.

And he has been. Daniels began asking other basketball players to go to the football games as a team this season to improve team morale.

"When the game is on TV and it's cold outside, some guys would rather stay at home," Daniels said. "So it was just a matter of getting some guys together. And this year it's every time. This is creating more of a brotherhood."

Daniels said he gets his leadership abilities from the standards his parents made him live under when he was growing up.

He said there were times as a younger athlete when he was cocky instead of confident and selfish instead of a team player. His family, coaches and friends have always been a phone call away to straighten him out when

he went out of line, he said. "Being modest and a better person has made it much easier to get over the old Greedy," Daniels said. "I can be the first one to graduate from my family. It brings me joy to give (my parents) happiness. My plans are to stay in school."

While playing at this school, head coach Billy Tubbs said Daniels fits into the TCU up-tempo type of play better than he did in UNLV's system.

"The unique thing about Greedy is that he really sees the floor well," Tubbs said. "He can create and deliver the ball better to the open man than I've ever seen. His intensity level rises when he gets focused. And he brings that confidence to the floor."

Senior guard Larry Allaway said Daniels is a phenomenal athlete that can shoot, jump and dunk.

"What more do you want from a point/two-guard," Allaway said. "I have seen him do dunks that guys who are 6'7" on our team can't do."

Allaway said Daniels is also an unselfish player.

"Greedy will pass up a shot, so you can get yours," Allaway said. "One practice I wasn't making a shot. So, Greedy said 'OK so you've missed seven shots, but you are going to make your eighth and ninth one.' If it will boost your confidence, Greedy will do it."

Daniels said there are a lot of guys with a good heart on the team, but he wants his teammates to know that they can always go to him.

"There was a lack of motivation last year," Daniels said. "No one really stepped up. Everyone just sat back and waited for that guy. I am a vocal person. When there needs to be a floor leader, I step up."

Daniels' body shows he's grown out of his baby fat, and his words show he's matured past being Greedy.

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MEN

N 17	vs. Northwestern State	7 p.m.
N 20	vs. Alabama State	7 p.m.
N 24-26	@ Thanksgiving Classic	
N 24	vs. Siena	8:30 p.m.
N 25	vs. Minnesota or Hawaii-Pacific	TBD
N 26	TBD	
D 02	@ Texas-San Antonio	7 p.m.
D 06	Virginia Commonwealth	7 p.m.
D 09	Central Oklahoma	7 p.m.
D 18	Princeton	7 p.m.
D 20	Texas-Arlington	7 p.m.
D 23	@ Butler	1 p.m.
D 28	vs. Texas Tech	8 p.m.
D 30	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7 p.m.
J 04	vs. Hawaii	7 p.m.
J 06	vs. San Jose State	7 p.m.
J 10	@ Fresno State	9 p.m.
J 13	@ Nevada	9:05 p.m.
J 17	@ Tulsa	7 p.m.
J 20	vs. Rice	7 p.m.
J 24	vs. Grambling State	7 p.m.
J 27	vs. Southern Methodist	3 p.m.
F 01	vs. Tulsa	7 p.m.
F 03	@ Texas-El Paso	8:05 p.m.
F 10	@ Rice	7:35 p.m.
F 15	vs. Fresno State	7 p.m.
F 17	vs. Nevada	7 p.m.
F 22	@ Hawaii	11:05 p.m.
F 24	@ San Jose State	9:30 p.m.
M 01	vs. Texas-El Paso	7 p.m.
M 03	@ Southern Methodist	1 p.m.
M 6-10	WAC Tournament	TBD



WOMEN

N 24	vs. Yale	7 p.m.
N 27	vs. Tennessee	7 p.m.
N 29	vs. North Texas	7 p.m.
D 1-2	Cook Children's TCU Invitational	TBD
D 05	@ Wichita State	7 p.m.
D 17	vs. Stephen F. Austin	2 p.m.
D 19	@ Sam Houston State	7 p.m.
D 21	vs. Grambling State	7 p.m.
D 28	vs. Texas	6 p.m.
D 30	@ Arkansas	7 p.m.
J 01	vs. Brown	2 p.m.
J 05	@ Hawaii	11 p.m.
J 07	@ San Jose State	4 p.m.
J 12	vs. Nevada	7 p.m.
J 14	vs. Fresno State	2 p.m.
J 19	@ Rice	7 p.m.
J 23	vs. Tulsa	7 p.m.
F 02	@ Tulsa	7 p.m.
F 06	vs. Texas-El Paso	7 p.m.
F 09	@ Southern Methodist	7 p.m.
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M 03	vs. Southern Methodist	7 p.m.
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