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TCU women's basketball fell to the No. 2-ranked Tennessee Lady Volunteers, 83-61, before a record crowd of 7,262 on Monday night.

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## Gore continues protest of Florida results

By Ron Fournier  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Al Gore insisted "there are more than enough votes" to reverse Florida's make-or-break election results, ignoring GOP demands that he bow out even as George W. Bush plunged into the work Monday of building a new government. Democratic leaders rallied behind their vice president, though the party's rank-and-file raised scattered voices of dissent.

A day after Bush summoned TV cameras to press for Gore's conces-

sion, the vice president prepared a prime-time address to the nation — perhaps his last chance to explain why the closest presidential election in 124 years didn't end Sunday night when Florida's top elections officer, a GOP partisan, certified Bush the winner by 537 votes out of 6 million cast.

Gore protested the results in a Florida state court Monday, where attorneys for both sides wrestled

over schedules for a hearing that may be held late in the week. The state case was assigned to Judge N. Sanders Sauls, a folksy jurist with broad authority under Florida law to "correct any alleged wrong and to provide any relief appropriate."

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear GOP argument against recounts Friday. The stakes could hardly be higher.

"The integrity of our democracy

depends upon the consent of the governed, freely expressed in an election where every vote counts," Gore told Democratic leaders before his brief TV address.

With the agonizingly close election stretching into its fourth week, neither side appeared ready to give way in a fierce struggle that has entangled the judiciary in the business of presidential politics, threatening to spill past the Dec. 12 deadline for

selecting state electors.

Bush moved quickly to take on the work, if not the title, of president-elect. Running mate Dick Cheney criticized the Clinton-Gore administration for refusing Bush access to \$5.3 million in government transition funds and a federal office building set aside for the presidential changeover. He announced the Bush team would raise money to finance its own operation.

"This is regrettable because we believe the government has an obligation to honor the certifiable results of an election," Cheney said at a Washington news conference, naming an executive director and press secretary for the transition team.

He took a swipe at Gore for not dropping out, as the Bush team sought to rush the vice president from the race before the courts have an opportunity to renew recounts.

Gore is "still unwilling to accept

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### pulse briefs

#### Gay student kicked out of George Washington ROTC

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UPI) — Patrick Moloughney attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on a naval scholarship two years ago.

Then, the same institution that awarded him a free education kicked him out because he was openly gay. When Moloughney declared his sexual orientation during his senior year, he was discharged from the naval science program and stripped of his scholarship.

Like Moloughney, University of Illinois' gay, lesbian and bisexual students can be removed from the University's ROTC program if they either admit their sexual orientation to a commanding officer or if evidence regarding homosexuality is found.

According to the national Department of Defense's "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass" policy, Moloughney could have remained in the naval program had he kept his sexuality a secret.

Campus military recruitment policy directly clashes with the University's non-discrimination pledge. A contradiction between the two is evident in the disclaimer above all military science, naval science and air force aerospace studies courses in the spring 2000 timetable.

— Daily Illinois

University of Illinois

#### Daily Nebraskan may take action against university

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI) — The University of Nebraska at Lincoln student code of conduct outlines academic and behavioral standards to preserve an "educational environment" and make campus safe.

The university publishes its crime statistics twice a year in its schedule of classes to make all students aware of crimes the campus police have investigated.

Yet the actions of the campus body tasked with enforcing the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's student code of conduct remain secret.

"We're bound by the code (of conduct), which says these records are confidential," Judicial Affairs Director Rosemary Blum said.

Blum said her office's primary mission is educational and the most common offenses are alcohol related.

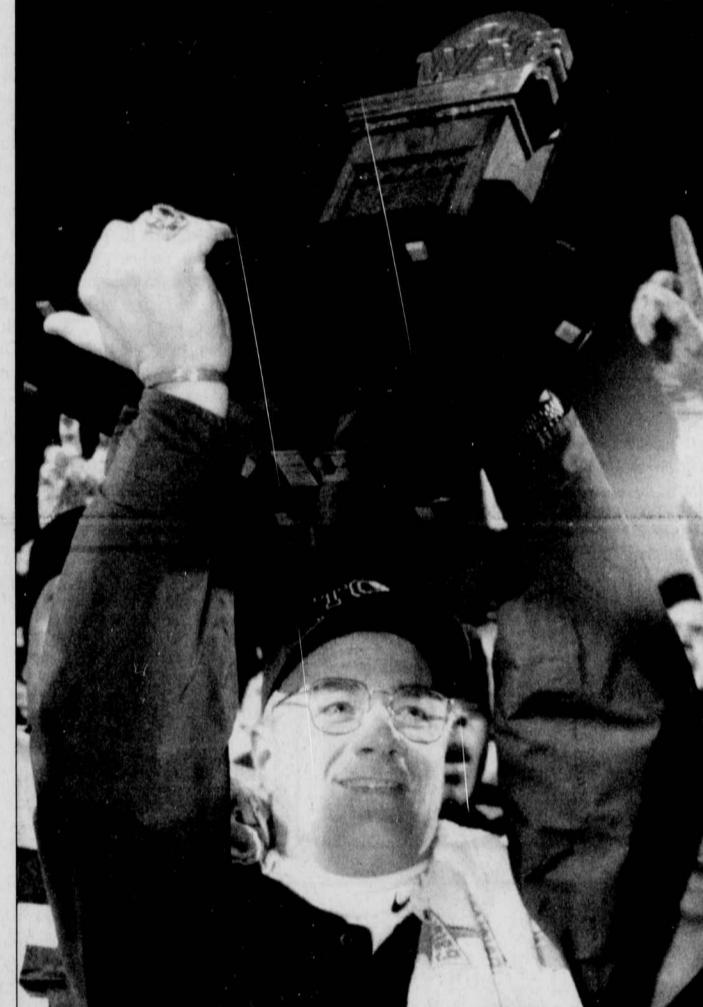
Earlier this fall, the university denied the Daily Nebraskan's request for access to the results of disciplinary actions involving allegations of crimes of violence and sex offenses.

Now the Daily Nebraskan is considering legal action to make the records public because it is important for a safe campus, and the newspaper disagrees with the university's reasons for keeping the records secret.

— Daily Nebraskan

University of Nebraska

## CLASS OF THE WAC



David Dunai/SKIFF STAFF

Head football coach Dennis Franchione hoists the Western Athletic Conference championship trophy after a win over Southern Methodist University 62-7 Friday. TCU will share the WAC championship with the University of Texas-El Paso. ► See coverage on Sports, page 7

## Report defines 8 skills UCR should provide

By Angie Chang  
STAFF REPORTER

The Curriculum Outcome Committee has released a report specifying eight skills a TCU student should possess upon finishing the University Curriculum Requirements.

Undergraduate skills that should be generated early in a student's college studies include critical thinking and effective communication skills; a broad literacy in the natural and social sciences, humanities and fine arts; and a recognition of relationships among disciplines.

Bob Seal, chairman of the committee, said the report also examined 16 skills, characteristics and qualities that should define a recipient of a bachelor's degree from TCU.

According to the report, informed decision making, an openness to different perspectives and

the ability to continue learning new skills and concepts are some skills that should be developed upon graduation.

Seal, who is also university librarian, said the committee met twice a week for three weeks and submitted the report to Chancellor Michael Ferrari, Provost William Koehler and Nowell Donovan, chairman of the Faculty Senate, on Nov. 17. Seal said he doesn't know when the reports will be officially released to the TCU community, but it will be decided at Thursday's meeting.

"A lot of editorial work was done (by the committee) to condense the list," Seal said. "The characteristics are pretty general. We didn't think we were coming up with something completely brand new."

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## Changes discussed for UCR

Total revamping of core system needed, some say

By Reagan Duplisea  
STAFF REPORTER

As TCU launches into revamping its University Curriculum Requirements, students and faculty are debating how to make the new core effective.

The eight members of the Curriculum Outcome Committee met in November to come up with a philosophy statement for the new UCR, said Bob Seal, committee chairman and university librarian. The committee is the first of three formed to reevaluate the UCR.

"The bottom line is coming up with a new UCR that will distinguish TCU from other institutions and serve as a recruiting tool," Seal said.

The UCR is defined as "the general education requirements that make up approximately 50 semester hours of any degree awarded by TCU," according to "Getting Started Academ-

ically: A Guide for New Students."

Currently, the UCR is divided into foundations, explorations and physical education requirements, requiring students to take, among others, classes in writing, mathematics, history and fine arts.

"The whole core needs to be revised," said Sherrie Reynolds, interim director of graduate programs in the School of Education. "It's not a core — it's a distribution list."

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said TCU is concerned that students are not getting the necessary education from the current UCR.

"We need to ask ourselves, 'What do we want our students to derive from this experience?'" he said.

The UCR needs evaluation because it is

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## Task force submits facility upgrade proposal to Board

Science programs need modern facilities, professors say

By Melissa DeLoach  
STAFF REPORTER

For TCU's science programs to remain competitive, modern facilities are needed in the 29-year-old Sid V. Richardson building, said Jeff Coffer, associate professor of chemistry.

Facility upgrades are one of many recommendations the College of Science and Engineering Task Force of the Commission on the Future of TCU is proposing to the Board of Trustees. Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, presented a final report to Provost William Koehler last month describing the magnitude of the classroom and laboratory conditions.

"(The classrooms and laboratories) vary from state of the art to deplorable," McCracken said. "It is very fair to say many labs are not equipped with anything even close to state of the art."

The board is not dealing with individual college recommendations yet, but Koehler said it will consider prioritized recommendations from all academic units when it meets in March.

Coffer said he often faces difficulties teaching his students different experiments because the room and equipment required are not available. It is even difficult to put an overhead projector in the lab, he said.

"We are working in a building set up completely different with the state of the art equipment of 30 years ago," Coffer said. "The nature of the experiments has changed and we do experiments much differently. (The facility) does not reflect the ability to do modern experiments with instructional technology."

McCracken said the organic chemistry lab that Coffer teaches in hasn't undergone any major renovation since the building opened 29 years ago. The equipment used is highly specific to the individual department, he said.

"Unfortunately, we have not kept

up with the instructional technology needed to teach science and engineering," McCracken said. "We have reached the point that all departments need new equipment in order to train students with the current technology that they will use in their professional career."

Improvements in the building are needed for both undergraduate and graduate students, said Ken Morgan, professor and chairman of the geology department. The importance of the graduate programs is dependent on the quality of the labs, he said.

"It is vital to make the undergraduate programs as strong as possible, but it is important to look at the total package," Morgan said. "The stronger the graduate programs, the better faculty we get. This in turn strengthens teaching at

## Heads up



Laura Hughes, a junior fashion promotion major, looks at a piece from the senior art exhibit in Moody Building North Monday. Senior studio art major Suzuno Oto, who has seven entries in the exhibit, said the key concepts of the show are diversity and trying to communicate with people.

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**pulse****campus lines**

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► **The Center for Academic Services** will host a free final exam preparation workshop at 7 p.m. today in Reed Hall, Room 104. Bring paper, a pen and course syllabi. For more information, call (817) 257-7486.

► **Delta Sigma Theta sorority** will be hosting its first "Mr. Greek Pageant" at 7:13 p.m. today 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 in the PC office or at the Information Desk. Interviews will be held Wednesday to Saturday. For more information, call the PC office at (817) 257-5233.

► **"Globalization and the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands: From Alienation to Integration,"** a lecture by Oscar Martinez from the University of Arizona, will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Moody Building North, Room 141. The lecture is sponsored by the history department with funding by the Texas Council for the Humanities.

► **Kino Monda International Film Series** will present "Letters From the Park" (Spain/1988) at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 1. All films in the series are free and open to the public.

► **Order of Omega and Bank One** will be distributing Christmas Wish Cards for underprivileged children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center, Worth Hills Dining Hall and the business school foyer. The annual Holiday Tree Lighting is at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in front of Sadler Hall.

► **Alpha Epsilon Delta** will have its Christmas party at 6 p.m. Dec. 6. Maps to the party are provided in M-16 in the Sid Richardson Building. Bring a gift for a child and receive credit for a service project.

► **Volunteer opportunities** are available at numerous agencies in the Fort Worth area for positions such as tutors, mentors and hospice care. For more information, call Bea Nealy at (817) 257-7830.

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**stories from the Associated Press****WORLD****Haiti's presidential election boycott means Aristide has no mandate to govern, says Denis**

PORTE-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Opposition parties that boycotted Haiti's presidential vote claimed Monday that near-certain victor Jean-Bertrand Aristide has no mandate to govern because most Haitians did not vote.

Opposition leader Herve Denis said the coalition of all major opposition parties that urged voters to shun the polls would create "a peaceful alternative" to the government of Aristide and his Lavalas Family party.

Denis, a former ally of Aristide, refused to elaborate. But it seemed Haiti's floundering democracy could remain locked in a fight for power that has stymied development and foreign aid and left many Haitians as poor and hungry as ever.

The electoral council, which opponents charge is loaded with Aristide supporters, disputed claims of a low turnout and said 60.5 percent of more than 4 million registered voters participated. In some areas, they said, every registered voter participated.

"They are hallucinating," Denis countered. "The election was illegitimate. Aristide does not have a mandate to govern. The people's abstention means they refuse to be governed by Lavalas."

One of Aristide's supporters offered an olive branch to opponents.

"We want peace," said Michel Odin, leading about 100 revelers in a victory celebration. "We want the opposition to have peace of mind. We need them. Things are going to get better now."

Aristide confronts a mammoth task in keeping his election pledge of "Peace of mind, peace in the belly" in this Caribbean nation, where most of the 8 million people are unemployed and illiterate.

Haiti's traditional aid donors — the United States, France, Canada, the European Union and the Organization of American States — have warned that a disputed presidential election could raise questions about the legitimacy of Aristide's government. Donors threatened to cut aid after a hotly disputed vote count in legislative elections in May.

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"By repeatedly commenting on the merits of the case in the press," the company's brief argued, "the district judge has cast himself in the public's eye as a participant in the controversy, thereby compromising the appearance of impartiality, if not demonstrating actual bias against Microsoft."

A spokeswoman for Jackson said the judge had no comment on Microsoft's statements.

"Believe me, I have no grudge against Microsoft," Jackson said in an interview with *The Washington Post* just days after his June ruling. But in the interview, rare for a federal judge, he said he had little choice but to accept the government's breakup proposal.

And in a speech to an antitrust conference in New York in late September, Jackson said his order was a last resort forced by the company's unwillingness to make changes voluntarily.

Microsoft on Monday asked the appellate court to overturn Jackson's order in June that the company be broken into two parts. If the higher court calls for a new trial, Microsoft wants someone other than Jackson to preside.

Monday's brief was the latest volley in a long-running battle that could result in the court to finding that Jackson was wrong in concluding that the software giant was an unfair monopoly, and reverse his breakup order.

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**STATE****Program recruits workers from Mexico, aims to meet fiscal needs on both sides of border**

DALLAS — A pilot program in Mexico is sending scores of workers to Texas with U.S. backing in what officials say shows how documented Mexican workers satisfy economic needs on both sides of the border.

A program begun by American diplomats in Zacatecas, Mexico to recruit guest workers with the help of Gov. Ricardo Monreal is now under expansion. The idea was to help fill the need for workers north of the border without increasing undocumented immigration.

Hundreds of thousands of Mexican nationals now swim across rivers and hike over deserts to cross the border illegally, often paying outlaw guides called "coyotes" more than \$1,000 to reach the United States.

Mexico's president-elect, Vicente Fox, has proposed a freer flow of Mexican workers into the United States, although both presidential candidates — Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush — have not been very receptive to the idea.

"A lot of U.S. employers depend on Mexican labor," Armando Esparza, who oversees Zacatecas' labor recruitment program, told *The Dallas Morning News*.

*ing News* in Monday's editions. "But Mexicans risk their lives to cross the border, and they make coyotes rich by paying \$1,500 to \$4,000."

The Zacatecas program, established six months ago, is the first time the U.S. government has worked with a Mexican state to recruit guest workers since at least 1964, when the Bracero Program stopped sending workers north.

Expanding on the program, U.S. officials are planning a conference about the initiative in Monterrey in early December. Their Zacatecas counterparts have discussed work contracts with labor-hungry American companies from Nevada to New Jersey.

The Fort Worth-based company legally employs 45 Mexicans at factories in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, and wants to hire dozens more.

"We can help these people here with a fair wage and good benefits," he said. "They'll benefit us and we'll benefit them."

**Investigation underway after mid-air collision of two planes near Interstate 10 kills one man**

KATY — Federal investigators on Monday planned to question witnesses and a pilot who survived a mid-air collision of two planes over crowded Interstate 10, which killed a pilot when his plane crashed beside the freeway.

National Transportation Safety Board officials had the wreckage from Sunday night's accident hauled from the scene and planned to investigate the cause with the help of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Cessna Aircraft Co., maker of both aircraft involved in the collision.

Don Lee, the pilot of a Cessna 150 two-seater, died Sunday in the collision.

Lee, 36, of Katy, was en route to Westheimer Air Park in the Houston area from College Station when the accident happened.

Karl Edward Opperman Jr. of Crosby, who was piloting the other plane, a 1979 Cessna 172 four-seater carrying two people, managed to land safely at West Houston Airport despite severe damage to one wing and its landing gear.

The freeway was crowded with motorists heading home from Thanksgiving weekend festivities, and many witnessed the crash.

One driver, Michael Whitaker, was returning to Sam Houston State University when the doomed plane fell near his small pickup just west of the Katy city limits. A Katy man and his son, who were deer hunting in the area, said the planes collided about 300 to 500 feet above ground.

"I said, 'It's got to be too close,'" said the father, Gilbert L. Davila. "All of a sudden they collided — that was it. It just lost its wing, and it came straight down."

Witnesses said Lee's plane crashed into the second craft at a 90-degree angle and plunged straight to the ground, with the tail section of hitting the shoulder.



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## JUST FACE IT

### Drawn out election needs to end

Vice President Al Gore has waged a strong and determined campaign. But a narrow loss is still a loss — and for him, the moment to concede has come.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush prevailed in not one but four counts of the votes in Florida: the tally on election night; the automatic recount; the count including absentee and overseas ballots; and now the final, certified total.

Gore has promised to accept a credible count, yet he has repeatedly tried to change the definition of credible.

Things have gone from hectic to chaotic. It could be next week sometime — more than a month after Election Day — before Bush or Gore could get the go-ahead to start setting up the next administration.

In the latest *Washington Post-ABC News* poll is based on telephone interviews with 607 randomly selected adults nationwide, 53 percent of those questioned strongly believe that Gore should concede. Only 31 percent strongly believe he should continue to fight for Florida's vote to be recounted. Forty-two percent of those interviewed were Gore supporters on Election Day.

Other nations are mocking the United States' current state as well. The BBC reports that Latin America; India, the world's largest democracy; and despotic dictators in Africa are taking the opportunity to criticize the chaotic events in America amused that the most powerful nation in the world is finding itself hamstrung by its own democratic procedures.

But even with a less-than-supportive public backing, will this be the end of Gore's fight? No.

As long as Gore contests the votes, there will be no end to lawyering and no end to campaigning. But there should be an end to this election.

Then Gore can take his case to the country for the following four years, as did Richard Nixon and Adlai E. Stevenson after their initial defeats.

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## Donations not 'special attention'

### Business students should have opportunity to gain experience

**I**t seems, even after five years, a stroll across the TCU campus always seems to reveal something new — the curve of the tiles on the top of Sadler Hall, the height and texture of the ivy that clings to the walls of the Moudy Building, the detail on the faces of the statues of Addison and Randolph Clark

in front of the Mary Couts Burnett Library — with the exception of the Sid W. Richardson Building, that is. Going inside the science building without a piece of string tied to the outside or a bag of bread crumbs is an invitation for getting lost.

Call it self-absorption. Call it living

in a shell. But as I walked out of the *Skiff* offices and past Moudy Building North this past week, I noticed something I had not during my countless trips past the Moudy Building: "The J.M. Moudy Exhibition Hall." Knowing a 10-year-old lawn mower awaited me at home, I stopped and walked through the hall. The trip was an experience indeed, complete with intriguing artworks produced solely by TCU art students.

Moudy is home to at least one other such institution: the *TCU Daily Skiff*. KTCU FM, the campus radio station, also resides within the Moudy Building. Such institutions give students in the departments of journalism and radio-TV-film a chance to practice what they hear during class. They gain experience by producing a newspaper and a radio station, respectively.

Why should things be different in the M.J. Neeley School of Business?

They should not.

Professors in other TCU colleges point out, rather contentiously, that the business school already receives preferential treatment and funding. Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler, has repeatedly said the business school will receive "special attention."

A \$5 million donation from TCU alumnus James Ryffel allowed the business school to open the Entrepreneurship Center. With its \$1 million venture capital fund, the center allows business students to simulate business actions in the real world: trading stocks on the stock market, investing venture capital on businesses and evaluating returns and how to efficiently handle money. The center, funded largely from Ryffel's donation, affords business students the same opportunities as their counterparts in the art and communications fields.

"Special attention," however, doesn't include donations from alumni. Ryffel, who graduated from the TCU business school in 1981, has succeeded in the private sector. What should stop him from doing with his money what he wishes?

Ryffel said students must stay on the cutting edge of technology in order to compete in the world beyond TCU.

He's right.

If journalism students can hone their skills in the *TCU Daily Skiff* newsroom and art students can display their works in an exhibition hall, both of which are funded by the university, why should business students not be given a similar opportunity?

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## American democracy declines into embarrassment

### U.S. political system is neither an international example nor worthy of the world's envy

**A**mazing! More than two weeks since Election Day, and we still don't know who the next president of the United States will be. For those who have been living in a bubble, the fun began when television networks, less than an hour after crowning George W. Bush the president-elect, declared the race in Florida "too close to call."

Since then, talking heads have consumed enormous amounts of airtime and paper defending or bashing the Electoral College, or engaging in idle speculations over the eventual outcome.

But for those living in the bubble that is middle- and upper-class America, "Decision 2000" revealed flaws in our political system far more serious than an anachronistic voting body or suspicious shenanigans involving confusing or missing ballots.

In Florida — epicenter of our current crisis — there are disturbing allegations of intimidation or outright exclusion of African Americans, urban minorities and the poor.

Residents of Miami and other cities have reported being denied the right to vote because they couldn't produce multiple forms of ID or their signatures didn't match the ones on record.

Similar concerns have been raised throughout the country and suggest a pattern of covert discrimination, particularly against black voters.

It's troubling enough that only half of all eligible voters consider it worth their while to vote for the president. But what I'm hearing from Florida reminds me of charges of "voter suppression" that tainted the bitterly fought New Jersey gubernatorial race in 1993, and demonstrates that the civil rights movement has yet to secure true equality at the ballot box.

When those who wish to vote encounter disproportionate obstacles, the conclusion seems clear: democracy, meant to protect the rights of the disadvantaged, is not as well off as we often believe.

Perhaps even more troublesome are the in-

ternational implications. The weekend after Election Day, my girlfriend showed me a political cartoon on her favorite Italian newspaper's Web site. Below the dome of Congress walk three shabby-looking men carrying suitcases. Underneath, the caption reads "America: The Arrival of Serbian Observers."

Remember how our government and media demonized Yugoslavia only two months ago for its supposedly rigged presidential elections, even after international observers said they were satisfied with the voting process?

This month's political soap opera has removed what little veneer of truth was left in Americans' quasi-religious belief that their democracy is the supreme political model for the rest of the world.

Never mind that many outsiders have long been aware that the United States is effectively a plutocracy. What does it mean when the United States sees fit to punish other countries for their refusal to accept "Western-style democracy?"

What does it mean, especially now that our own electoral irregularities are so painfully exposed for the entire world to see?

For decades, the United Nations imposed a boycott on South Africa's infamous apartheid regime, where non-whites most certainly didn't enjoy the same voting privileges as whites.

When as many as one third of African-American men in some states are denied the right to vote because of their criminal records, and black voters nationwide complain of harassment and being turned away from the polls, dare we speak of a model democracy in the United States?

Yes, there is a difference in degree between our political system — however corrupt and delegitimized — and countries where advocating democratic elections can land you in jail. But these latest elections have done little to reassure me that the United States is making any effort to address its enormous political shortcomings at home. Many Americans agree on the need to

develop additional political parties, eliminate the corporate stranglehold on politics and guarantee all citizens the same opportunities to vote.

With such broad support, maybe it's time to take these issues seriously.

On a global level, we need not share Tom Brokaw's election-night fears that "our adversaries abroad" may take advantage of a supposedly weakened America.

But the truth is that the United States' ideal world leadership role — already severely tarnished by a decade of big-stick bullying — has now degenerated into an embarrassing farce.

Beacon of democracy? A political system worthy of the world's envy?

Do we really think the rest of the world isn't laughing?

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## students speak out

"I don't think so because there have been enough recounts already."

— Karl Kruse  
freshman business major

"Yes, because it only depends on one state. Also, the popular vote is very important and Gore won it. In my country, Hungary, the election is won by the popular vote."

— Orsolya Trizna  
junior interior design major

"I think it's all right for him to challenge the vote count because there are a lot of unresolved issues. I think after the Supreme Court meets on Friday he should let whatever happens happen. It should be final."

— Adrienne Anderson  
senior political science major

"No, because the votes have been counted four times now, and a fifth count isn't going to make any difference. It will still be in Bush's favor."

— Eric Levenhagen  
freshman biology and history major

— Shawn Wallace  
senior business management major

"Definitely no, because I would hope that if Bush won, he wouldn't drag this thing through the mud and make a mockery of our country."

"No, because they should just follow the rules set at the beginning of the election."

— Kara Rees  
junior nursing major

## RECOUNT

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the outcome. That is unfortunate in light of the penalty that may have to be paid at some future date if the next administration is not allowed to prepare to take the reins of government," Cheney said.

Cheney's appearance was part of a fierce public relations fight as the Gore camp tried to show Democratic soli-

darity and the Bush team attempted to discredit the vice president's challenge of the Florida certification.

Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, quietly signed the paperwork required by federal law to certify Bush the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes. That would put him one vote over the 270 required to become the nation's 43rd president — if courts uphold Jeb's verdict.

High-minded principles aside, Gore said the issue was also personal: if

state or federal courts re-open hand counts that concluded Sunday, Bush's 537-vote edge would be at risk. "There are more than enough votes to change the outcome and that's an important factor as well," Gore said.

But the vice president was handed a heavy burden when a Florida Supreme Court deadline expired Sunday night, freeing Secretary of State Katherine Harris to declare her politi-

Gore's lawyers protested results from Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Nassau counties and asked the judge to "certify that the true and accurate results of the 2000 presidential election in Florida is that the electors of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman received the majority of the votes cast in the election."

Gore believes he would overtake Bush if the final tally would include recounted ballots that were rejected by Harris — minus the 174 votes added

to Bush's lead during what Democrats claim was an illegal, eleventh-hour scramble for GOP ballots, including military votes from overseas.

Gore now faces a tough legal fight — persuading a court to overturn a certified election — and an electorate with limited patience.

An overnight poll by ABC and the Washington Post found that 60 percent of those surveyed thought the vice president should concede. Thirty-five percent said he should not.

Urging Americans not to rush to judgment, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle conducted a conference call with Gore from Florida. Gephardt said the certified totals were "incomplete and inaccurate and it's premature for either side to declare victory or concede."

At the White House, President Clinton called for calm and, echoing Gore, said the "the integrity of the voter, every single vote," is at stake.

## COMMITTEE

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Seal said the committee acknowledged the importance of interdisciplinary teaching and considered it something that TCU should have in the future.

Richard Allen, a member of the committee, said the compilation of characteristics was a group effort with each member pulling input from their individual departments.

"There was a really good cross-section of professors in the committee," Allen said. "But this is just the beginning. All of us are anxious to see how this will be finished."

Phil Hartman, a professor of biology, said the committee kept the TCU mission statement in mind as they created the list of skills. The committee also conducted research by looking at other universities and received input

from meetings with the Faculty Senate and from the student forum that was sponsored by the Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association, he said.

"Basically, the input evolved into the final document," Hartman said. "As a group, we are all pleased with the way (the report) turned out. But during the process, we kept on trying to suggest specific courses for the new core, but that is not what we were charged to do."

The committee is the first of three that will be created to help revise the UCR.

Donovan said the second committee won't be created until after a meeting Dec. 7 with the chancellor, the provost, Seal and himself. The second committee will focus on the design of the new core curriculum, he said.

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## CHANGES

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outdated, Koehler said. The current UCR were implemented in 1988.

"The average life of a university-wide curriculum is about 10 years, historically," he said.

From this point, the second UCR committee will soon be created to determine how TCU can put its philosophy statement into action, said Nowell Donovan, chairman of the new UCR implementing process.

"The provost and I are choosing a mixture of youth and wisdom to get a breadth of vision — a design that will knock people's socks off," said Donovan, a professor of geology.

According to the Fall 1999 Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac, less than 47.9 percent of incoming freshmen cited a good academic reputation as an important reason for selecting a college.

Mary Volcansek, dean of the Ad-Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said a core such as the one Columbia University implements may attract prospective students.

Columbia's core centers on the great thinkers, ranging from Socrates to Confucius, to contemporaries such as Maya Angelou.

"They address who the great thinkers and writers are with whom any student should be conversant," Volcansek said.

Koehler said there are concerns that the current UCR doesn't uphold TCU's new mission statement: "To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community."

"If you look at the mission statement and ask, 'Does the current UCR support it or support it as well as it could?' the answer would be no," Koehler said.

The current UCR is too structured, said Matt Strand, a graduate student in educational research who served on the Distinctive Programs and New Directions Task Force.

"The way it is, with so many demands, students don't have time to explore what they're interested in," he said.

Strand said when he was an undergraduate at TCU, he thought the UCR was a quality way for curriculum to be structured, but that has changed.

"It really clicked after I graduated," he said. "I really saw that life is not broken up in different pieces, even though we tend to teach that way. Breaking them into smaller parts doesn't mean you can put them back together in the same whole."

The University of Pennsylvania is

currently exploring interdisciplinary education, according to the *Daily Pennsylvanian*. Their School of Arts and Sciences will test a new curriculum that would require students to take four broad interdisciplinary courses. In the next five years, 200 students a year will be chosen to try the experimental General Requirement.

McDorman said the Honors Program has moved toward a cross-discipline curriculum with seminars and classes, such as Honors Intellectual Traditions, that bring in professors from several different departments.

Reynolds said interdisciplinary courses should be introduced within the first two years of an undergraduate's career.

"We need to introduce people to big ideas that would create a context for what they will learn the rest of their time at the university," Reynolds said.

However, a move toward interdisciplinary education would be difficult to put together, McDorman said.

Some professors may have to increase their class load and think beyond their discipline, she said. Problems regarding scheduling and having enough professors to teach the new interdisciplinary classes may also arise.

"Most professors would love to be involved in interdisciplinary classes, but their departments already place so many demands on them," McDorman said.

Based on her experience, McDorman said a move toward a more interdisciplinary core would require the establishment of a coordinating director or chair.

"You can't just send out a call and say, 'Two or three departments get together,'" she said.

Some departments may be hesitant to move toward interdisciplinary classes because there would be a question of which department got credit for the class, Strand said. Departments are partly evaluated and allotted budgets based on the number of students they have taking classes in the department, he said.

Koehler said the administration considers many variables when allocating resources to academic units.

"The simplest way to allocate resources is a formula based on the number of undergraduate and graduate students, size of faculty, etc., he said. "But, this is not the best method because judgment and planning are not involved."

McDorman said her task force also discussed making an ethics class part of the UCR.

"The educated and informed public is asking about the outcomes of education," McDorman said. "Once

students are out in the world, what did they learn from you to conduct themselves in a rational and ethical manner?"

An ethics class could prepare students to properly deal with the power they will have in the professional world, rather than just skills they need.

"We do owe our students opportunities for a liberal arts education, not job training," she said.

The Global Positioning Task Force recommended a Global Awareness course added to the UCR, said Larry Adams, task force facilitator and associate provost for academic affairs.

"We need to help prepare our students to live in a global community," Adams said. "Since all our society is interdependent, we need to put international content into our curriculum."

McDorman said the main problem with university requirements is their need for constant revision.

"The university is like a shark," she said. "If it doesn't keep moving, it dies."

Volcansek said the core revision may include classes from departments that have previously been left out.

"We've been remiss in some areas," she said. "Right now, there are no business classes as part of the core."

However, Volcansek said she anticipates the liberal arts will still be included in the new core.

"I can't imagine a core that wouldn't include history, philosophy, religion, sociology, English and political science," she said.

Volcansek, who began at TCU in July, said she'd like to see more organization in the UCR.

"I read the catalog and had no idea what (the UCR) was," she said. "I went to our associate dean and he pulled out a huge manual. It seems a bit Chinese menu-ish — take something out of Column A or Column B, etc."

There are traditionally two schools of thought regarding university curriculum: the core model and the general education requirements, Koehler said.

"We now have more of the general education requirements if one defines 'core' as a very tightly coordinated set that every student has to take," he said.

Another committee will be set up to evaluate the new UCR once it is implemented, Donovan said.

"We'll be asking (students) when (they're) a senior, 'Did we do it right?'" Donovan said. "Then we'll go back and modify. It's going to be a continually active process."

Having a core exposes students to various disciplines across the university, McDorman said.

"We're not in the business of job training — we're in the business of educating," she said. "We'd all like to stick with what's familiar but we all begin to learn when we get out of our comfort zones. If all we did was get a person and train them, we might as well be DeVry (Institute)."

Volcansek said if students were able to take more classes in their major for their first two years at school, they could better decide if their major was for them. Students may benefit if the new core was set up to combine UCR classes and classes in a student's major for all four years.

"It would be neat if you were able to start with what you think you want to major in at the same time as you're building your UCR base," she said. "You'd also be taking more challenging UCR courses. Their relevance to your major and your life would make more sense."

After finding that students were not studying enough subjects with their previously flexible requirements, Duke University implemented a stricter system this fall for its incoming freshmen. Duke Curriculum 2000 requires students to take three classes in arts and literature, civilizations, social sciences and natural sciences and mathematics.

More students seem to have trouble meeting the requirements for their major, rather than the UCR requirements, said Andie Piehl, assistant to the dean of the College of Fine Arts.

The main way for students to avoid problems is to file for a degree plan in their dean's office, Piehl said. The plan will allow students to see what they are still missing.

"The problem is that too many aren't getting advised any more," she said. "They're guessing their requirements and they're not guessing right."

Koehler said a number of groups, including the National Alumni Board, the Student Government Association, deans and the Faculty Senate, will be consulted regarding a change in the core. He requested the dean of each college to ask his or her department to report on what they would like to see in a new core.

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## COMMISSION

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all levels."

McCracken said the commission enabled the task force to develop a blueprint of the college's future programs and growth.

Ed Kolesar, professor of engineering, said with the completion of the Tucker Technology Center, engineering students will be able to earn a bachelor of science degree in mechanical or electrical engineering. Right now undergraduates are only able to put an emphasis in either area, he said.

Additionally, a master's degree in engineering will be implemented to allow graduate students to blend engi-

neering with other programs in the college such as physics or computer science, he said.

Other internal additions to the college will include a Board of Visitors, comprising members of area industries and the community who would evaluate the college's progress. Joint Ph.D. programs in science and math education and an honors sequence in science, math and engineering would also be added.

"We are seeking to make our programs more interdisciplinary," McCracken said. "We hope to develop the point of view that we are a coherent whole of nine departments within one college."

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## Texas bill to create a life without parole sentence introduced

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AUSTIN — Texas juries should be allowed to send convicted murderers to prison for life, and not be limited to either a death sentence or a long prison term with the possibility of parole, a group of state lawmakers said Monday.

Current law allows Texas juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, who is sponsoring a bill to create a life without parole sentence, said the bill is not meant to reduce

the number of executions in Texas, the nation's busiest death penalty state, where 37 inmates have been put to death by lethal injection this year.

The death penalty still has strong support in Texas even though recent polls have shown some concern about its enforcement.

A recent Gallup Poll put support nationally for capital punishment at 66 percent, its lowest level since 1981.

In February 1999, another Scripps Howard Poll found that 84 percent of Texans surveyed favored the creation of a life without parole option for certain crimes.

Strand said when he was an undergraduate at TCU, he thought the UCR was a quality way for curriculum to be structured, but that has changed.

"It really clicked after I graduated," he said. "I really saw that life is not broken up in different pieces, even though we tend to teach that way. Breaking them into smaller parts doesn't mean you can put them back together in the same whole."

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## SITE SEEING

*Wondering why these topics are hot in pop culture?  
One student leads us through the virtual world*

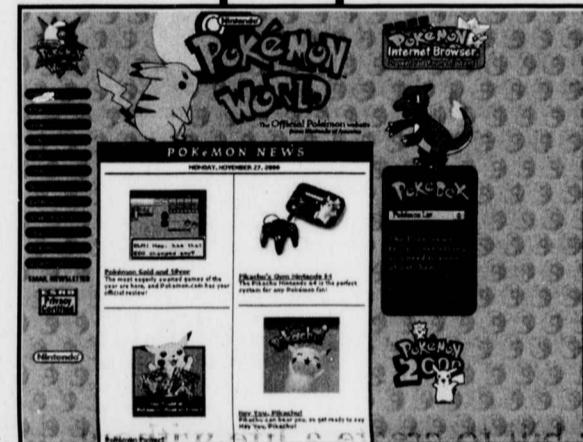


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### [WWW.BACKSTREETBOYS.COM](http://WWW.BACKSTREETBOYS.COM)

With the release of their new album on Nov. 21, it was only a matter of time before the Backstreet Boys became a hot topic in pop culture again. I'm usually not a fan of the Flash intros that seem to be popping up on Web sites all around the Internet and this is no exception. It's a slick intro that basically serves as an ad to buy the new album. It comes complete with the chorus from their newest single. The site seems to be in a state of transition from the last album because not much of it is up and running. For those interested in their recent worldwide publicity tour, there is a lot here to read about. There are links to the complete itinerary and diary entries from each of the group members, which makes for some interesting reading. One nice part of the site is the behind "The Music" link. It's a complete run down of every album complete with lyrics and music clips. If you're curious about the new album, I would recommend listening to the clips.

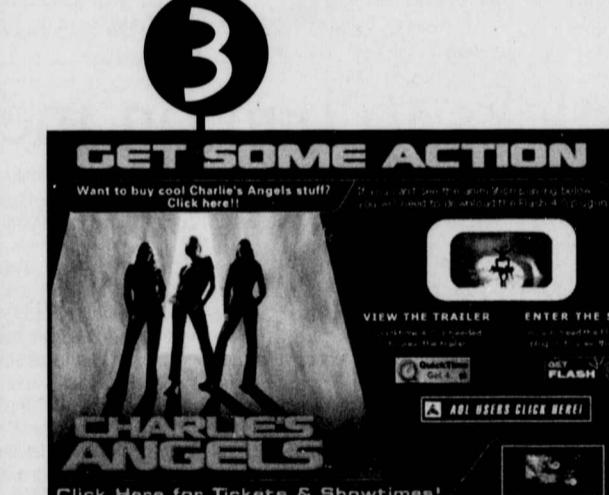
In my opinion, any artist's site with music clips is a good site. Still, the site is lacking in many areas. I was expecting more.



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### [WWW.POKEMON.COM](http://WWW.POKEMON.COM)

This is another site in transition. They just released a new version of Pokemon, and from the looks of the site, you can't tell. I'm somewhat a fan of Pokemon and when I first visited the site, I was very impressed. You wouldn't expect such a slick site geared towards children. It's full of Pokemon information and stuff to download. The really great part of the site is the Pokedex. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Pokemon, a Pokedex is a Palm Pilot for Pokemon trainers. It's got all the pokemon with descriptions and much more. The "Online Pokedex" is actually wonderfully designed. It has a drop-down menu and opens a new window with the picture and description of the selected Pokemon. It's a great interactive toy for the Web site. Personally, I think every TCU student should check out Bulbasaur; he's pretty much a horned frog with a turnip on his back. Also, be sure to download the "Pokemon Internet Browser." It acts as an Internet browser, but with a Pokemon theme.



### CHARLIE'S ANGELS WEB SITE

[www.spe.sony.com/movies/charliesangels/](http://www.spe.sony.com/movies/charliesangels/)

Charlie's Angels has been one of the hottest movies this year. The Web site lives up to the hype. Like Backstreet's Web site, there's a Flash intro, but I don't seem to mind it as much. Once you finally get into the site there's a great interactive game where you can match yourself with one of the Angels called "Match Maker." It's basically a multiple-choice quiz matching how you would react compared to each Angel. I got matched with Dylan (Drew Barrymore). The best part of the site is found when you click on each Angel's name. You can customize the way the site looks from the color of the background, the picture of the Angel and the music. The design is fun to play with. By clicking the link you can get how to and general advice and the history of each Angel. The site is as slick as the movie. Definitely check it out whether you're a guy or an angel...eventually land on the A-List of Hollywood Websites.

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### HARRY POTTER WEB SITE

[www.scholastic.com/harrypotter](http://www.scholastic.com/harrypotter)

The official movie site has yet to get up and running, but Scholastic, the publisher of the series, has a site. If you're a Harry Potter fan, this is a definite future stop. It's a fun site to poke around in. Here one can pre-register for the Hogwarts School Online, which, in the series, is the private school where Harry Potter attends. Also, check out the "Wizard Trivia" link. I'm a Harry Potter fan and even I found the questions hard. There is also a section to submit your own questions. You can send someone an "Owl Post" and a letter telling of your adventures while at Hogwarts. When in the Wizard World, an "Owl Post" is how the book's characters communicate, by tying a message on an owl's leg. The must-see part of this site is the "About the Books" section. Right now, the first three books of the series are available for viewing over the Web. You simply click on the book of your choice and you are transported to its Web page. Each page contains a discussion guide, which is mainly for teachers but can be fun to read, and the Pronunciation Guide. Click on a name and your computer will say it and spell out the pronunciation. Check out Voldemort, who is also referred to as 'He who must not be named' and 'You know who,' in the series. You need to click on his name three times before the pronunciation will be given.

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# Prime Minister sets early election in Parliament

By Tom Cohen  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Jean Chretien's gamble for a third-straight term and a place in Canadian history went to the voters Monday in an early election that could cost the governing Liberal Party its majority in Parliament.

Early returns showed the Liberals making some gains in eastern Canada, but the partial results from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were too premature to tell if Chretien's party would be able to offset expected losses in western provinces still voting.

The news agency Canadian Press issued projections based on the early returns, which had the Liberals winning or leading in 19 of the 32 races in the Atlantic provinces and Prince Edward Island. They held 12 of those seats before the election.

The normally cautious Chretien set Monday's vote just 3 1/2 years

## Five parties vie for majority as Chretien gambles for third-straight term

into his second five-year term amid a booming economy and record budget surplus.

Chretien, 66, decided to seek a fresh mandate from voters. He was faced with the newly formed opposition Canadian Alliance trying to consolidate conservative support and moves within his own Liberal Party to make him step aside.

In the last vote, in 1997, the Liberals won 155 of the 301 House of Commons seats, and campaign polls have indicated a similar result this time. That would make Chretien the longest-serving leader of the world's industrial powers when President Clinton steps down in January, and secure his legacy as one of only three Liberal leaders able to deliver three straight majority victories.

Failure to win a majority, though, would likely bring Chretien's ouster as party leader in favor of heir ap-

parent Paul Martin, the finance minister who has much greater personal popularity.

No matter the outcome, no change is expected in Canada-U.S. relations. The two countries form the world's largest two-way trade partnership, with Canada's economic growth in recent years dependent on a similar boom south of the border in the dominant U.S. economy.

Despite minor glitches Monday with voters lists in some polling stations, balloting went smoothly as people lined up before heading to work. Chretien, wearing a dark overcoat while voting with his wife Aline in his hometown of Shawinigan in Quebec, said: "It's easier than in the United States."

In Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, election officer Bill Claire said some lists were missing entire streets or buildings.

"Whole groups of people are sim-

ply not on the list — people who have lived in Halifax and Dartmouth for 40 years and have voted in five elections," Claire said. "Why it ended up in such a mess, I don't know."

Elections Canada spokesman Hal Doran said the problems were about the same as other federal elections.

Voters choose the representative from their district, or riding, to the House of Commons. The largest party in the House of Commons will form the next government. There is no direct voting for prime minister.

The Liberals, in power since 1993, were virtually certain to win the most votes in the five-party contest. They won their majority in 1997 with only 38.5 percent of the popular vote, and the final round of nationwide opinions polls showed them with roughly 40 percent support, 12 to 15 points ahead of the second-place Alliance.

No party could boast of coast-to-

coast popularity. The Liberals dominate in vote-rich Ontario, where they won 101 of the 103 seats in 1997, while all but one of the Alliance's 58 seats came from the four western provinces.

In Quebec, the separatist Bloc Quebecois was expected to win most of the 75 seats without running candidates anywhere else, with the Liberals placing a strong second.

The Progressive Conservatives and leftist New Democratic Party hoped to win seats in the Atlantic provinces and other scattered areas.

Canadian Press reported the Progressive Conservatives running strong in the east, but the New Democratic Party appeared in danger of losing some of its 19 seats and possibly falling below the 12-seat threshold required to take part in parliamentary debate.

A total of 20.4 million Canadians were registered, with a few hundred

thousand more expected to register at polling stations Monday. The 67 percent turnout in the 1997 vote was the lowest since 1925.

In calling the early election, Chretien hoped to prevent the Alliance and its 50-year-old untested leader, Stockwell Day, from gathering any momentum after forming in March. The Alliance struggled, with Day — a fundamentalist Christian who believes in creationism — spending much of the campaign trying to counter suggestions that he and his allies were right-wing zealots.

Chretien himself became the central campaign issue, though. Day and other opponents attacked him ceaselessly as arrogant and out-of-touch, saying he called the early vote out of personal ambition.

To counter Chretien's declining popularity ratings, the Liberals used Martin as a major campaigner and even hinted that Chretien would likely step aside sometime during a third term.

## Supreme Court to review N.C. districts

By Anne Gearan  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court may help settle the disputed 2000 presidential election, but the justices were occupied Monday with another case of alleged election tinkering.

For the fourth time in eight years, the case of North Carolina's much-examined 12th congressional district landed back before the justices. The issue, as always, is the role of race in drawing congressional boundaries.

The North Carolina case is a follow-up to the justices' landmark 1993 ruling that election districts drawn to help minorities might violate white voters' rights. The justices are expected to issue a decision by July that could affect the racial makeup of voting districts nationwide.

North Carolina claims that the latest, admittedly peculiar, boundaries of Rep. Mel Watt's district were dictated by politics, not race. The state legislature wanted to ensure that the district was safely Democratic, in order to maintain an even split between Republicans and Democrats in the North Carolina congressional delegation, lawyer Walter E. Dellinger argued.

"These are the reliably Democratic precincts in what otherwise is a Republican area of North Carolina," Dellinger said.

The criteria used to determine the district's constituents "was not the color of their skin, but how they voted," Dellinger said Monday.

The Clinton administration backs the state.

The latest version of the district, which includes the cities of Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro, is now less than 50 percent black. Watt was one of two blacks elected to Congress in 1992 from a state that had not sent a black to Washington since 1901. He has been re-elected four times.

In a series of rulings, many by a 5-4 split, the court has held that congressional districts can't be drawn with the express intent of creating a minority voting bloc.

A lower court agreed with a group of North Carolina residents that the

12th congressional district improperly made race the "predominant factor" in its creation.

"What they've done here is link portions of urban areas with rural connectors and the rural connectors are basically white filler," lawyer Robinson O. Everett argued Monday.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg sharply questioned Everett's claim that other safe Democratic precincts could have been substituted for some of the district's majority-black precincts. She added that the district may be politically cohesive because "urban areas share some problems, like health care, housing and the deterioration of public schools."

Another member of the court's liberal wing, Justice John Paul Stevens, suggested that the boundaries might simply serve to help get Watt re-elected, something that in and of itself doesn't violate the court's previous rulings.

"That was really subsidiary to the primary purpose," Everett replied. "If it was simply a matter of incumbency and nothing else we wouldn't be here."

After the 1993 decision that let white voters challenge districts designed to help minorities, North Carolina's 12th was the subject of two more Supreme Court actions.

In 1996, the court threw out an earlier version of the district, which had a 57 percent majority of blacks among registered voters.

State lawmakers redrew the lines in 1997 to create a district in which blacks made up 46 percent of registered voters. A federal court ruled it unconstitutional, but the Supreme Court last year ordered the court to take a closer look.

In March, the lower court again threw out the 12th district, calling it an "impermissible and unconstitutional racial gerrymander."

The North Carolina case was the first the court heard after returning from a two-week recess. The break became a working vacation as the justices considered whether to get involved in the presidential election case. The justices opted to step in, and will hear George W. Bush's appeal in the case on Friday.

## Blame reversed in shooting

### Israeli army says Palestinian gunmen probably killed 12-year-old

By Mark Lavie  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — The Israeli army reversed itself Monday and said Palestinian gunmen, not Israeli soldiers, probably killed the 12-year-old boy whose death in a fire-fight was captured by a TV camera and became a symbol for Palestinians, of Israel's heavy-handed response to their uprising.

An inquiry ordered by the commander of Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip, Maj. Gen. Yom Tov Samia, found that it was "quite plausible that the boy was hit by Palestinian bullets in the course of an exchange of fire."

The findings came nearly two months after Israel's chief of military operations said the shots that killed Mohammed Aldura and seriously wounded his father, Jamal, were "apparently" fired by Israelis.

At a news conference Monday, Samia said the conclusion of his just-completed inquiry was based on measurements, bullet angles, and evidence that the Palestinian boy was hit by a volley of gunfire while Israeli soldiers were firing only single shots in that direction.

In response, Palestinian spokes-

woman Hanan Ashrawi charged that the inquiry results were a "falsified version of reality (that) blames the victims."

Viewers around the world were shocked by footage shot Sept. 30 of the terrified boy and his father cowering in front of a wall amid a furious exchange of fire at the Netzarim junction in the Gaza Strip.

A camera held by a TV reporter from the France 2 network showed the father gesturing frantically to try to stop the shooting, as his child screamed in terror. Footage then captured the moment when the boy, hit by bullets, slumped into his father's lap and died.

The incident, two days after the start of the clashes, fueled international condemnation of Israel and helped Palestinians win a U.N. Security Council resolution criticizing excessive use of force.

The boy's death also reignited a bitter and long-running Israeli-Palestinian debate over who bears responsibility when Palestinian children are killed or injured in street clashes: Israeli soldiers or Palestinian adults.

In the case of Mohammed, it was never entirely clear who fired the fa-

tal shots, though Palestinians blamed the Israelis.

"We conducted an investigation, and as far as we understand, the shots were apparently fired by Israeli soldiers," chief of military operations Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland said three days after Mohammed's death.

The subsequent military inquiry was criticized as flawed even before it was completed. Samia's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, called the inquiry a private initiative. One reconstruction used faulty measurements and had to be repeated.

Samia acknowledged that the inquiry was flawed by lack of material evidence. There was no autopsy, meaning the deadly bullet could not be recovered, and the setting no longer existed a week later — Samia's forces destroyed buildings there to clear the area of cover used by Palestinian gunmen.

While the investigation was under way, Samia fired an engineer, Yosef Duriel, after Duriel gave an on-camera interview saying the inquiry would prove that the Palestinians killed the boy on purpose for propaganda reasons.

On Monday, Samia refused to en-

dorse Duriel's theory and showed no evidence that could back it up. He would not even say that he was sure the Palestinians were responsible.

But at the news conference, Samia screened TV film that showed a Palestinian with an assault rifle take up a position behind the boy and his father and shoot a volley toward the Israeli position.

Samia quoted from TV interviews with Jamal Aldura, saying that his son was shot in the back. Samia said there were no Israeli soldiers behind the boy.

Aldura, in Jordan for treatment of his wounds, hotly rejected the inquiry's findings. "Everybody knows the truth," he told *The Associated Press* by telephone. "The bullets of the Zionists are the bullets that killed my son."

Samia complained that France 2 did not turn over its raw material. France 2 bureau chief Charles Enderlin said at the army's request, he prepared a cassette, but it took the army three weeks to pick it up.

Dismissing the inquiry's findings, Enderlin said he trusted the report from his cameraman, who said all the gunfire at the boy and his father came from the Israelis.

## Supreme Court sticks to ban on media

### Friday's election decision not to be televised

By Laurie Asseo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

our present practice of allowing public attendance and print media coverage of argument sessions but not allow camera or audio coverage," Rehnquist said.

Later Monday, Cable News Network filed a motion asking the court to reconsider its decision and allow television coverage or at least audio broadcast. "There has never been a case where the public's right to observe judicial proceedings has been more important than this one," CNN's lawyers said in court papers.

ABC, CBS, NBC and Courtroom Television Network also asked the court to allow television coverage, and the National Narrowcast Network, an audio newscast service, filed a separate motion seeking to provide audio coverage.

The chief justice said a written transcript of the argument would be made available on an expedited basis Friday.

C-SPAN's general counsel, Bruce Genter said in a statement his organization was not surprised, "but we are disappointed."

"It is difficult to conceive of any other oral argument before the court more deserving of the largest possible audience than this one," Collins said.

The Radio-Television News Directors Association asked the justices to reconsider their decision or at least allow audio broadcasting of the argument. Not allowing broadcast coverage "will inhibit the ability of the public to accept and understand any decision made by the court that af-

flects the outcome of the election," association President Barbara Cochran said in a letter to Rehnquist.

C-SPAN spokeswoman Joyce Genter said when the transcript of the argument becomes available Friday, C-SPAN will conduct a full reading on its television and radio stations.

Lamb wrote to the chief justice last week a request to cover any argument held in George W. Bush's appeal of a Florida Supreme Court decision that extended the deadline for reporting hand-counted ballots in the state's presidential vote.

"We respectfully suggest that televised coverage ... would be an immense public service and would help the country understand and accept the outcome of the election," Lamb's letter said.

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## Frogs lose matchup with nation's No. 2 team

Teams play before record crowd

By Kelly Morris

SKIFF STAFF

Although the TCU women's basketball team was down by just 11 points at the intermission of Monday night's game against No. 2 Tennessee, head coach Jeff Mittie said shooting 10 of 34 from the field in the second half coupled with the team's inability to sustain its early intensity and control of the offensive rebounds led the Frogs to their first loss of the season, 83-61.

"I'm very proud of how we came out and battled well at the beginning of the game, but I'm not satisfied with getting beat," Mittie said. "We were unable to finish our plays and sustain our play (over the course of the game). You can't give up 13 offensive rebounds in the first half and win a basketball game."

With 14:49 left in the first half, the Frogs were tied with Tennessee at 11. The Frogs were clinging to a four-point lead with 7:49 remaining in the first half.

In the first-ever meeting between the two teams, TCU played in front of a sellout crowd of 7,262 fans at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. This attendance broke the previous all-time record set in 1983 in a men's basketball game against Houston. Prior to this game, the attendance record for a women's basketball game was 4,380.

The Frogs shot 34 percent from the field in the first half while Tennessee shot 39 percent. The Frogs also committed 10 turnovers in the first half, which resulted in 11 points for the Lady Volunteers.

Junior guard Tricia Payne led the Frogs in scoring with 13 points. Freshman forward Tiffany Evans and senior forward Janice Thomas led the team in rebounding with nine rebounds each.

Tennessee's leading scorer was sophomore guard April McDivitt with 14 points. She knocked down four of five shots from three-point range.

Despite the loss, Porter said the experience of playing Tennessee was

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Senior center Karen Clayton fights Tennessee guard Semeka Randall for a loose ball in the Frogs' 83-61 loss against the No. 2-ranked Lady Volunteers Monday. TCU played in front of a record crowd of 7,262 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Lady Frogs posed a formidable opponent for No. 2 Lady Vols

It wasn't a game TCU

was supposed to win. It really wasn't a game TCU was supposed to compete well in.

But for the first 15 minutes of the first half Monday, the TCU women's basketball team looked and played more like the No. 2-ranked Tennessee Lady Volunteers than did the Lady Volunteers. TCU looked primed for what would have been the biggest upset TCU has ever seen and one of the biggest upsets women's college basketball has seen.

Never before has the TCU women's basketball program played a bigger game. Never before has Daniel-Meyer Coliseum seen such a game as evidenced by the 7,262 fans that filled the seats, breaking the previous record crowd of 7,260 from a

1983 men's game against then-No. 1 Houston.

In the standings, it's just a loss to the nation's second-ranked team. But in the locker room for the Frogs, it's the adrenaline rush that should carry them through the season.

When asked if the Frogs could sustain such a level of intensity for the rest of the season, junior guard Tricia Payne said

there's no doubt about it.

"(The atmosphere) was just amazing," Payne said pausing before she repeated herself. "It was just amazing. I think we can and should put forth that type of effort even if the stadium isn't sold out every night."

Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt said the TCU women's basketball

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## Frogs finish 4th in classic

Team wins one, loses two in Hawaii

By Adam Jungeblut

SKIFF STAFF

The TCU men's basketball team traveled to Hawaii this weekend with high hopes but returned with low hearts.

The Frogs played in the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Basketball Classic, which featured Georgetown, Minnesota, Duquesne, College of Charleston, Central Florida, Siena and Hawaii Pacific.

Led by senior forward Ryan Carroll and junior guard Greedy Daniels, the Frog players said they expected to fair well in the tournament.

In the opening round, TCU blew past Siena with a 111-91 victory. The Frogs scored 69 points in the first half and led by 32 at the intermission. They hit 21 of 23 free throws and shot 54 percent for the game.

Daniels led the Horned Frogs in scoring with 24 points. He also contributed five assists and tied a school record with seven steals. Carroll poured in 19 points, senior forward Myron Anthony added 17 points, and senior center Derrick Davenport recorded his second double-double of the season.

Head coach Billy Tubbs said Daniels was probably the standout performer for the weekend.

"(Daniels) was the spark for our team during this tournament," Tubbs said. "He played very sound basketball, but that didn't surprise me at all. It's gotten to be what we expect."

In the semifinal round of the tournament, the Golden Gophers of Minnesota defeated the Frogs 107-99, despite a 21-point second-half performance by Daniels. In the first half alone, there were nine ties and four lead changes.

"We started off very well with initiating our game plan, but we couldn't close the deal in the end," Tubbs said. "This was due primarily to our defense down the stretch."

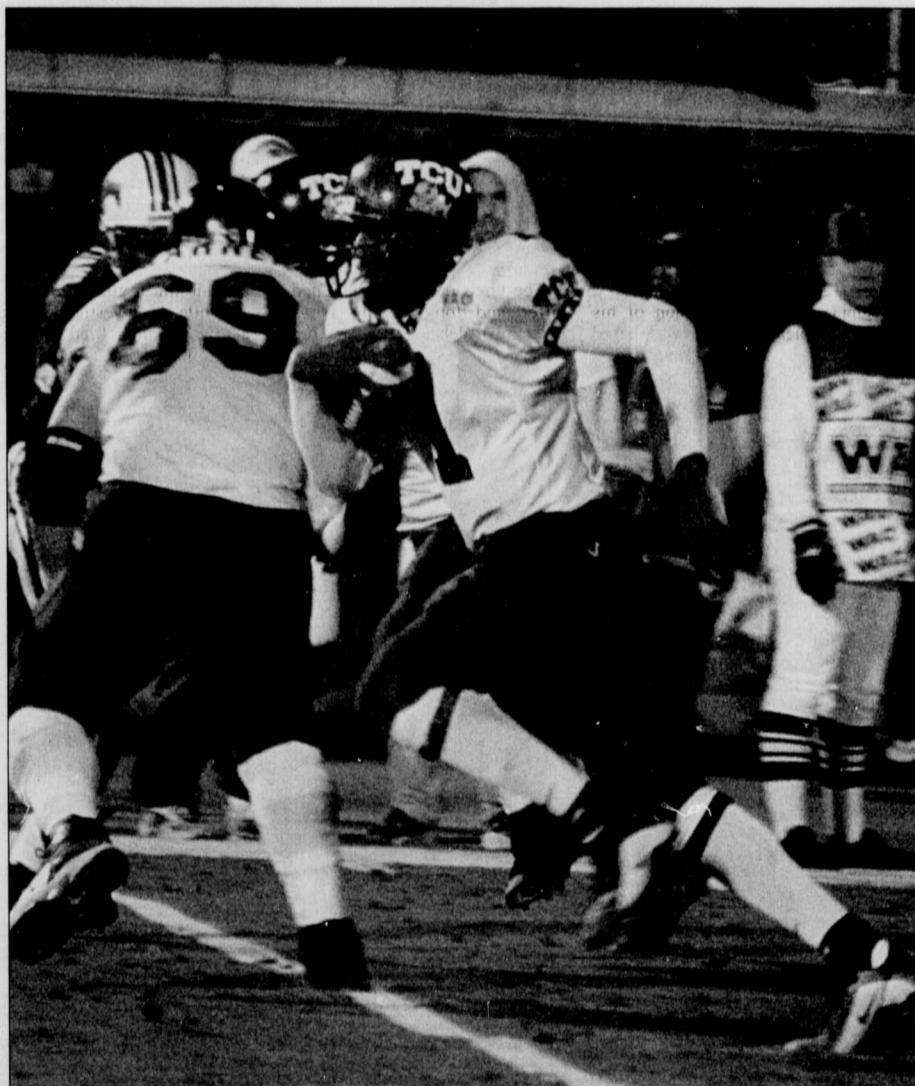
Minnesota forward Dusty Rychart had his way inside, scoring 32 points, after Davenport picked up early fouls and had to sit out the majority of the game. Toward the end of the game, the Frogs took the lead on an 18-9 run, but the Gophers countered with a 16-7 run and regained the lead on two free throws by Terrence Simmons after a technical foul was called against Tubbs.

The Golden Gophers hit eight free throws in the final 32 seconds to put the game away.

In the third-place game, the Frogs squared off against the College of Charleston, which had just come off of a loss to Georgetown.

College of Charleston defeated the Horned Frogs 76-71 in a slow-paced game. Jody Lumkin led all

## No. 13 TCU 62, SMU 7 TOTAL DOMINATION



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Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers (above) runs for a 27-yard touchdown in the Horned Frogs' 62-7 win Friday at Southern Methodist. Printers rushed for a career-high 90 yards and also threw a career-high four touchdown passes. TCU fans and members of the TCU football team (above right) celebrate the team's second consecutive co-Western Athletic Conference title on the field at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas.



## Frogs slam SMU in first Ford Stadium showdown

By Matt Stiver

SKIFF STAFF

Call the turnaround complete. When LaDainian Tomlinson, Aaron Schobel, David Bobo and 20 other TCU freshmen walked off Amon Carter Stadium following a 21-18 victory over Southern Methodist in 1997, what has happened this season was probably not even on their radar.

The victory over SMU in 1997 gave the Frogs a 1-10 record; a 62-7 drubbing of the Mustangs Friday capped a 10-1 season.

Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, who became the eighth player in NCAA history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, said the turnaround has been unbelievable.

"I am glad that we were able to pull it together for my senior year," Tomlinson said. "I still can't believe all that we have accomplished."

What the Frogs have accomplished in three seasons includes two co-Western Athletic Conference titles, two consecutive bowl victories and the chance for a third bowl win this year.

Individually, Tomlinson capped one of the finest careers in TCU history. He set career records for yards rushing (5,263), touchdowns (54), attempts (907) and single-season records for yards (2,158), touchdowns (22) and yards a game (196.2). During his two seasons as a starter, Tomlinson has compiled 4,008 yards and 40 touchdowns.

In their only visit to Gerald J. Ford Stadium as conference opponents, the Frogs gave the Mustangs a house-warming present only the TCU fans in attendance could appreciate.

The Frogs ran up 558 total yards while limiting the Mustangs to 148. At halftime, the TCU defense had yielded only 34 total yards.

Only the 1932 TCU team, which beat Austin College 68-0, scored more points in a single game. Eight different Frogs scored against the Mustangs' defense and special teams.

Tomlinson rushed for 174 yards and a touchdown against the Mustangs. His 74-yard touchdown broke

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## Tomlinson seals second straight NCAA rushing title

By Chad Carey

STAFF REPORTER

TCU fans have come to expect a lot from senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, and Friday night was no exception.

Tomlinson ended his career with 5,263 yards, the sixth-highest total of any running back in NCAA history.

"LaDainian's run was

a big play for us," TCU head coach Dennis Franchione said.

"It got us rolling. It was

really a turning point in the game."

— Dennis Franchione,  
football head coach

me at the beginning of the game, they were talking a lot of noise," Tomlinson said. "After the touchdown run they didn't say too much more."

Tomlinson sealed his second straight NCAA rushing title and had 174 yards on 26 carries as the No. 13-ranked Horned Frogs pounded the Southern Methodist Mustangs 62-7.

In the process, TCU won a share of its second consecutive Western Athletic Conference title.

Tomlinson, who became only the second player in NCAA history to

rush for 2,000 yards in a season and

5,000 rushing yards in a career, got a sputtering Horned Frog offense headed in the right direction in the second quarter when he took a pitch from sophomore quarterback Casey Printers and sprinted 74 yards for a touchdown.

Printers completed 13 of 19

passes for 251 yards, threw for four

touchdown passes and ran for a

score. On the night, Printers ac-

counted for 342 yards of total offense.

With the victory over SMU, Printers is 18-3 as TCU's starting quarterback. Printers was also named WAC Offensive Player of the Week for his effort against the Mustangs.

"Casey probably played one of his best games," Franchione said.

TCU's 55-point margin of

victory against the Mustangs was the

largest in the 82 years the schools

have been playing each other.

TCU will now begin to prepare for

its bowl game against Southern Mis-

sissippi. The Frogs will face the

Golden Eagles in the GMAC Mobile

Alabama Bowl on Dec. 20.

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## Top frogs

A look at the game's top performers.

The game started like most between TCU and Southern Methodist. It was slow and methodical. It was

fence until sophomore quartet

Casey Printers showed up in the

quarter.

It was a career night for Printers.

Printers led the offense to

touchdowns on six straight pos-

sessions in the second and third

quarters. He tied a career high with

251 yards on 13 of 19 passing at

a career-best mark with 90 yards

on seven carries. He had four

touchdowns and also ran for one

It was clearly his best overall per-

season as he has never looked more

in the pocket and never had so much

in the opposing secondary. Printers

much of the season was able to

turn around well. He completed pass-

ing to three receivers, as senior Tim Maide

three catches for 99 yards and two



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"They were good enough to stop

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the game open.

With TCU leading 10-0, Tomlinson took a handoff from sophomore quarterback Casey Printers and cut back right through the line before shaking three tackles and racing 74 yards into the end zone.

The TCU defense would not let its SMU counterparts catch their breath. The Frogs forced SMU to go three-and-out on its first four drives. The Mustangs sustained only one drive, which led to a 7-yard touchdown pass from second-string quarterback David Page to tight end Josh Hampton, late in the

fourth quarter.

By the third quarter, Tomlinson said the effects were becoming obvious.

"We could see they were getting tired," Tomlinson said. "They weren't talking as much as they had been. It's been that way all year long. Our offensive line just wears people down."

Though SMU kept the game close early, the Mustangs could not overcome Printers' best collegiate game to date. With the Mustangs moving eight men near the line of scrimmage to slow Tomlinson, Printers blitzed the SMU secondary for 251 yards and a career-high four touchdowns.

Printers started a 15-minute

stretch in which the Frogs scored 42 unanswered points. Senior wide receiver Tim Maiden caught touchdown passes of 19 and 34 yards during that span.

With 8:33 left before halftime and the Frogs leading 3-0, Printers rolled to his left and found senior wide receiver Cedric James on a 38-yard touchdown play.

TCU's dominance spanned all three phases of the game. Following SMU's only touchdown, sophomore LaTarence Dunbar raced 100 yards through the SMU coverage unit to account for the final score.

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**heisman TROPHY watch**

**1 Oklahoma senior quarterback Josh Heupel** is still the front runner on this list despite talks that Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke passed him up after the Sooners' lackluster win over Oklahoma State.

It's true that Heupel put up his worst numbers as a Sooner (19 of 36, 154 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions). The fact is, however, that for now the Heupel-led Sooners are the nation's only undefeated team and ranked No.1 in the country in every poll.

The next big test for Heupel comes Dec. 3 when the Sooners play Kansas State again for the Big 12 Championship. A loss there and Weinke can write his acceptance speech.

**2 Florida State senior quarterback Chris Weinke** was off this weekend, but was not hurt in the Heisman Trophy voting. He'll be praying for an Oklahoma loss Dec. 3 in Kansas City, Mo., against Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship game.

With a loss, not only does Weinke become the undisputed front-runner for the Heisman, but his Seminoles possibly get a chance to repeat as national champs in the FedEx Orange Bowl.

**3 Purdue senior quarterback Drew Brees** remains anchored in the No. 3 position. He's had a fine season, leading the Boilermakers to the AT&T Rose Bowl, setting numerous school records and is looking at being a first-round draft pick in this spring's NFL draft. Not bad, but it won't win him a Heisman.

He's completed 286 of 473 passes (61 percent) for 3,393 yards. He's thrown 24 touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

**4 TCU senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson** is the nation's leading rusher with 2,158 yards, which ranks fourth all time. He finished the regular season with 174 yards and one touchdown against Southern Methodist. He has 22 touchdowns this season. Those numbers, while impressive, won't earn him a Heisman Trophy, but they do make him the front-runner for the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's best running back.

His 5,263 career rushing yards rank as the sixth-highest total all time. He's got one more game Dec. 20 in the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl against Southern Mississippi.

— Danny Horne

**frogs REPORT card**

**A Passing offense:** Sophomore quarterback Casey Printers broke open a close game with three touchdown passes in the second quarter en route to his best performance as a Horned Frog. He completed 13 of 19 passes for 251 yards and four touchdowns.

**A Rushing offense:** Senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson played in front of his family in Dallas and didn't disappoint. He ran for 174 yards on 26 carries and one touchdown. As a team, the Frogs ran for 307 yards

with help from Printers' 90 yards.

**A Passing defense:** For the game, the Mustangs threw for 119 yards. Southern Methodist started Josh McCown, who completed just four of 14 passes for 20 yards. David Page replaced McCown at the start of second half and was just 7 of 17 for 99 yards and one touchdown.

**A Rushing defense:** The Mustangs had just 27 yards rushing on 32 carries, furthering the notion that it's difficult to

formulate a rushing attack against the Horned Frogs. For the game, SMU managed just 10 first downs, two more than TCU had touchdowns (8).

**Special teams:** Sophomore LaTarence Dunbar was credited with a 100-yard kick return, but it was much closer to 108 yards. That touchdown followed SMU's only score and capped off a shocking performance by the Horned Frogs on the road in the battle for the Iron Skillet.

— Danny Horne

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program was definitely headed in the right direction.

"We clearly didn't match their intensity early," Summit said. "(TCU was) definitely hyped up. If they play everyone on their schedule the way they played us, they are going to have a very successful year."

That type of effort put the Lady Frogs in front 22-18 with just under nine minutes remaining before the intermission. The Lady Vols were finally awakened and went on a 25-10 run before halftime, taking a 43-32 lead.

The fact remains that TCU was not supposed to play with Tennessee. Granted, the final score was 83-61, but TCU put forth the character it takes

win and build tradition.

With 2:28 remaining in the game and Tennessee leading 76-55, freshman guard Ebony Shaw chased down Tennessee guard Kyra Elzy forcing two free throws instead of allowing the easy layup. In the grand scheme of the things, it's nothing, but for women's basketball at TCU, it shows how far the program has come.

Rebounding and turnovers were what put TCU in a hole toward the end of the first half. In the final nine minutes of the half, the Frogs were outrebounded 15-5. Tennessee outscored TCU 12-2 in second-chance points in the first half.

Tennessee was able to score 11 points off 10 TCU turnovers in the first half. TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said those two aspects, rebounding especially, were the Frogs' main problems.

"We can't give up 13 offensive rebounds in the first half," Mittie said. "We didn't sustain (our level of play) for long enough. We have to do a better job of that. We have to finish plays and take care of the ball."

Despite being outrebounded 55-42, TCU had one bright spot on the boards in freshman forward Tiffany Evans. She pulled down nine rebounds and scored seven points.

Again, just one game — the second game — in the season and career for Evans, but a game she and every other member of the Frogs will carry with them for the rest of the season and probably the rest of their careers.

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rewarding.

"After playing this game, we're already a better team," Porter said. "We were a better team before we stepped on the court because of how we prepared mentally and physically this week. Playing a team like Tennessee makes you play and work harder."

Tennessee women's head basketball coach Pat Summitt said the Frogs will have success this season if they continue to play like they played Monday.

"If TCU plays everyone on their schedule like they played us and maintain the level of intensity like they did against us, they will have a very successful year," Summitt said. "I thought they had more energy than us in the first half, and we didn't match their intensity early."

The Frogs' (1-1) next game is at 7 p.m. Wednesday against North Texas at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Freshman forward Tiffany Evans puts in two of her seven points over Tennessee junior forward Michelle Snow in the Frogs' 83-61 loss to the Lady Volunteers Monday. Evans' nine rebounds tied for the team lead with senior forward Janice Thomas.

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scorers with 24 points and Davenport led the Frogs with 14.

The Cougars led by 13 at the break and eventually stretched their second-half lead to 18. A free throw by Carroll cut the lead to five, but College of Charleston made 7 of 8 free throws in the last 1:18 to seal the victory.

The Cougars held the Frogs to

only 37 percent shooting and their second sub-100 point game this season. The Frogs only made 3 of 20 three pointers attempted in the game.

"I was very pleased with our play in the first game against Siena," Tubbs said. "However, I am very upset about our games against Minnesota and College of Charleston."

Tubbs said if there was one area the team could focus on, it would be its defense toward the end of the game. He said the team starts off very well, but often has a tendency

to slack off late in the game. Rebounding was also an area Tubbs stressed needed to improve.

"I have not lost any confidence in this team and look forward to enjoying a successful season," Tubbs said.

The next home game for the Horned Frogs (5-2) is Dec. 6 against Virginia Commonwealth at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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# Barak attempts to stave off new elections

By Laurie Copans

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JERUSALEM — Palestinians opened fire on the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo in east Jerusalem after nightfall Monday, shattering what had been a relatively quiet day, while Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak scrambled to rescue his government from collapse.

Barak made a last-minute appeal to the hard-line opposition to join him in a national emergency government, but his rivals appeared determined to bring down his minority government and force elections.

For the first time in three weeks, no one was killed Monday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as Palestinian Muslims marked the start of the holy month of Ramadan. Israeli soldiers fired machine guns at the Palestinian town of Beit Jalla, source

## No deaths reported in West Bank for first time in three weeks

of the gunfire at Gilo. No casualties were reported.

Israeli soldiers killed five armed Palestinians late Sunday as they set out from the West Bank city of Qalqilya into an area under Israeli control. The Israeli army said the Palestinians had opened fire earlier on an Israeli car.

Palestinian spokesman Marwan Karan said the five were innocent people who were not on their way to attack Israelis.

The Knesset, Israel's parliament, was to vote today on a bill to call elections. Barak's coalition government commands only 30 of the 120 members of parliament, but an election bill requires an absolute majority of 61 to pass. Today's vote is on the first of three readings.

Barak has had on-again, off-again contacts with hard-line Likud leader Ariel Sharon about forming an emergency coalition, but Sharon has demanded that Barak first abandon major points of his peace efforts, including concessions offered to the Palestinians in July at a failed Camp David summit.

Barak hinted Monday that he may be willing to accept Sharon's demands. Barak told his Labor party that a Cabinet including the Likud could "re-examine" government proposals, including those raised at Camp David.

Also, Barak proposed "a long-term interim agreement" with the Palestinians instead of a peace treaty. The Palestinians rejected that. "What we are looking for is reaching a final

agreement that will solve all the issues," said Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qureia. "We don't want partial agreements."

Despite Barak's efforts to save his government, Likud members said they had the support of more than 61 lawmakers for the vote today.

The Likud appealed a ruling by Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg requiring a 61-vote majority on preliminary readings, but the Supreme Court didn't give an immediate decision.

In a last-minute maneuver, Barak's party was considering turning the vote into a no-confidence motion, which might trap some of his opponents into voting with him. Elections are slated for 2003, but most analysts believe Barak will be

forced to call elections next year.

Barak hopes to reach a peace agreement with the Palestinians and make it the focus of his election platform.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who met with Israeli Cabinet Minister Amnon Lipkin-Shahak Saturday, has indicated that he is interested in resuming contacts. Military officers have had several meetings since then, a start toward renewed security cooperation.

Arafat's forces have arrested two activists from the militant Hamas in connection with a bomb blast in the Israeli city of Hadera last week, Israeli television reported.

An Israeli official said the arrests fit in with a pattern of decreasing violence in recent days. The official,

insisting on anonymity, said Israel was responding by easing some restrictions, allowing food and fuel to enter the Gaza Strip.

But two senior Palestinian security officials said they didn't know of the arrests.

Qureia proposed Monday that Israel take several confidence-building measures, such as reopening the Palestinian areas, releasing Palestinian prisoners and pulling out of areas under joint Israel-Palestinian control.

But Barak rejected the idea of talking peace with the Palestinians as long as the uprising continues.

Exchanges of fire were reported in the Rafah and Khan Yunis areas of the Gaza Strip, where Palestinian doctors said six Palestinians were injured. There were exchanges of fire in the West Bank city of Hebron, the army said.

## Court to hear second appeal for mentally deficient killer

Penry awaits trial as court decides if jurors were properly instructed on defendant's diminished mental capacity

By Suzanne Gamboa

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will hear the appeal of a mentally deficient Texas killer to clarify how much opportunity jurors in death penalty cases should have to consider a defendant's intelligence.

It will be the second time the court hears an appeal of the sentencing for rapist and murderer Johnny Paul Penry, whose lawyers say has the mind of a 7-year-old and can't understand the gravity of his crimes or the penalty for them.

It's extremely unusual for the

court to hear two appeals of the same case. Sam Gross, a University of Michigan law professor, surmised it reflects justices' desire to set strict standards for when people with diminished mental capacity may be executed.

"It's an issue in which the Supreme Court may be troubled," Gross said. "They have emphasized repeatedly that the youth of a defendant is something that a jury should take into account. Mental retardation is often referred to as an analogue to youth ... and they are trying to come up with a set of procedural rules that don't keep making them unhappy."

Penry's lawyers say their client has an IQ of 50 to 60 — 70 is considered the borderline for mental retardation. They argue the jury instruction at his 1990 trial unfairly limited consideration of Penry's mental capacity and the "horrific" abuse of his mother when he was a child. Defense lawyer John Wright called the judge's instructions "convoluted" and "confusing."

Prosecutors say Penry is ignorant, not retarded. Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has said Penry is "a schemer, a planner and can be purposefully deceptive." Cornyn expressed confidence the

death sentence would be upheld. "We believe the jury was correctly instructed on the law and fully considered Penry's claim of mental incapacity and rejected it," Cornyn said in a statement issued Monday.

Penry was on parole for rape when he was arrested in 1979 and charged with raping and murdering Pamela Moseley Carpenter, the 22-year-old sister of former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley. Carpenter was stabbed repeatedly in the chest with a pair of scissors she had been using to make Halloween decorations, but was able to describe her attacker before dying. Among her bruises was a print that

matched Penry's boot.

On Nov. 16, the Supreme Court

blocked Penry's execution hours

before he was to be put to death.

The execution remains on hold until the justices issue a ruling, expected by July.

A group of Texas state senators has asked Gov. George W. Bush to grant Penry a 30-day reprieve, an authority Bush has invoked only once in his nearly six years in office. Mike Jones, the governor's spokesman, said Bush will wait for the court's decision.

The Supreme Court first reviewed Penry's case in 1988, when it threw out his conviction

after ruling his rights were violated because the jury was not properly allowed to consider his mental capacity in determining the penalty. But in a landmark ruling, the justices also decided the Constitution allows the execution of mentally retarded killers.

Penry was retried, convicted and sentenced to death in 1990, but his lawyers say the jury again was improperly instructed. They claim the jury muddled two questions: whether Penry posed a future threat to society and whether his intelligence level should be a mitigating factor against punishing him with the death penalty.

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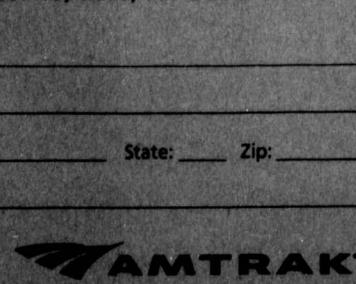
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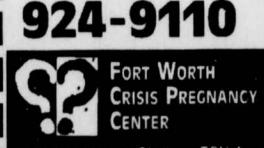
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## today's menu

Nov. 28, 2000

### The Main Lunch

Baked cod

Herb baked chicken

Yankee pot roast

### Dinner

Pasta bar

Pesto chicken

Roasted pork shoulder

### Worth Hills

#### Lunch

Chicken quesadillas

Spanish rice

Chicken pot pie

#### Dinner

Jambalaya

### Eden's Greens

#### Lunch

TBA

### Frogbytes

#### Late Night

Same as The Main

### Tomorrow at The Main:

**Lunch:** Cyberwraps, barbecue

pork chops, rotisserie chicken

**Dinner:** Fajita bar, chicken quesadillas, beef stroganoff, rotisserie chicken, stuffed shells

## Lex



By Phil Flickinger

## Academia Nuts



by John P. Araujo

## Off the Mark

by Mark Parisi



## I Need Help

by Vic Lee



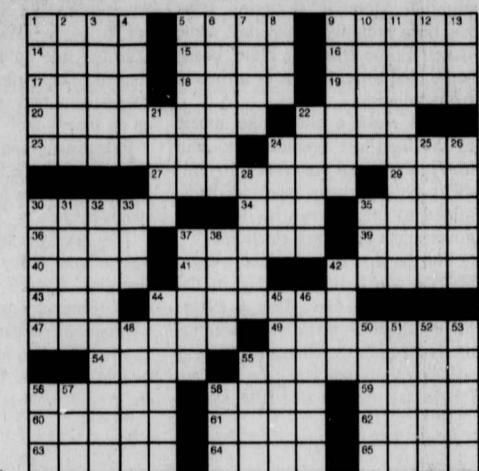
## Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sound reflection
- 5 Highest quality
- 9 More than enough
- 14 Ruffian
- 15 Govern
- 16 Actress Sophia
- 17 Employ
- 18 Islands off Galway
- 19 Cuts of meat
- 20 Online info source
- 22 Shape
- 23 Elite Russian cavalryman
- 24 Stood high
- 27 Car frame
- 29 Bullring shout
- 30 Gray violet
- 34 Existed
- 35 Exploits
- 36 Author Ferber
- 37 Polo or sweat follower?
- 39 Long strip of land
- 40 Separatist religious body
- 41 Bounce
- 42 Masters of ceremonies
- 43 Gibbon, e.g.
- 44 Actress Fabray
- 47 Importance
- 49 Reach!
- 54 Aspect
- 55 Wanton slaughter
- 56 Yet to be paid
- 58 Plant containers
- 59 Apprehends
- 60 Extent covered
- 61 As soon as
- 62 Exclamation of annoyance
- 63 Advanced gradually
- 64 Actress Arlene
- 65 Cravings

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7 BLIND part	RANGE	ONCE	DRAST
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9 Permits	SIDE	MASSACRE	STAU
10 Actress Demi	HAND	SUP	NAME
11 Garden blooms	ACT	HOSTS	SECT
12 Actor Cariou	PRINT	USES	MAUVE
13 Printer's measures	CHASIS	OLE	GOS
21 Speed contest	TOWERED	FORM	EDGE
22 Compel to accept	EDNA	LORENE	INTER
24 Russian ruler	SHIRT	HIRE	HIRE
25 Put into office	TABLE	NECK	RULE
26 Schoolroom furniture	LAND	FLASH	BEET
28 Sweeping stroke	CONTIN	WATER	AMPLIE
30 Tablelands	FERMENTATION	ROOF	CHASIS
31 Skillful	VESSEL	MORTBOARD	SPRAWL
32 Continuous	ONE	ORNAMENT	NUISANCES
33 Fermentation vessel	SET	SMATTERING	55 "Lisa"
35 One in Madrid	JOINTLY	FOP	MINING PRODUCT
37 Use jointly	SHARPEN	FRIGHTEN	ROLL OF CURRENCY
38 Sharpen	OFFSHOOT	WORD WITH	SEED VESSEL
42 Cacklers	PUSHED GENTLY		

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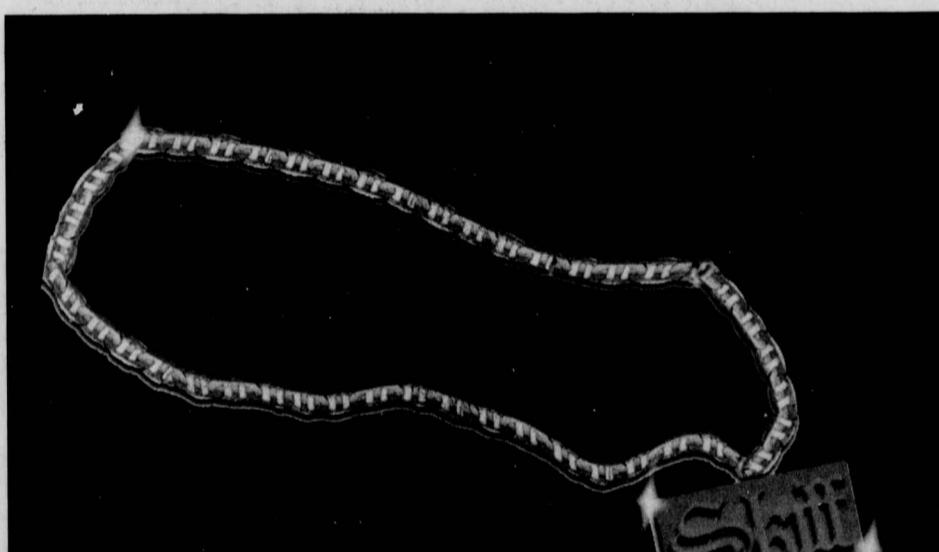
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