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Gore battles for survival; Bush readies for presidency

(AP) Al Gore's lawyers battled for his political survival in the Florida and U.S. supreme courts Thursday, pleading against delaying fresh vote recounts "even one day" as a half-million ballots sped by rental truck to Tallahassee. GOP lawmakers jockeyed in the state capital to award the presidency to George W. Bush in case the judges wouldn't.

"When the counting stops, we want to be prepared to lead this nation," Bush said in Texas between transition meetings with retired Gen. Colin Powell — the star of his Cabinet-in-the-making. Officials said the meeting cemented Powell's position as secretary of state in a presumptive Bush administration.

New leadership for 2001 student publications chosen

The Student Publications Committee named two students to lead the *TCU Daily Skiff* during the Spring 2001 semester.

Rusty Simmons, a senior broadcast journalism major, was named *Skiff* editor in chief and Ashley Anderson, a senior advertising/public relations major, was appointed advertising manager of both the *Skiff* and *Image* magazine for a second consecutive semester.

Simmons, who has been active with the *Skiff* for seven semesters, is currently associate editor of the *Skiff*. He will succeed current editor in chief, Joel Anderson.

"I always want to maintain the award-winning newspaper that is the *Skiff*," Simmons said. "I've been part of the *Skiff* in some facet for seven semesters; it's been the place where I've had my happiest and saddest times in college."

Anderson has worked in the advertising department for three semesters, including last semester's stint as the advertising manager. She also has had internship experience with advertising agencies.

"I'm looking forward to having another opportunity to motivate and lead my peers while learning from them in the process," Anderson said. "This semester I have learned more about myself and advertising than any internship could offer."

Facilities a priority for upgrades

University pledges \$30 million for renovations

By Reagan Duplisea
SKIFF STAFF

TCU recently pledged \$30 million for the renovation of academic facilities after the Commission on the Future of TCU's report was published. However, many of those in the science departments have waited 30 years for the renovations and are questioning where TCU's priorities have been until now.

Faculty and students in the biology, chemistry and psychology departments said they continually

work with outdated facilities and frequently broken equipment.

"The labs have never been remodeled since the building was constructed," said Robert Neilson, chairman of the chemistry department. The Sid W. Richardson Building was finished in 1970.

"We have equipment (in the biology department) that's usable but nowhere near where it needs to be," said Stephanie Mills, a senior psychology major.

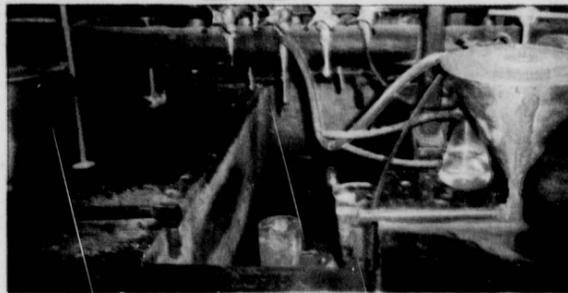
The chemistry department also

has to work with outdated equipment, said Megan Stuebner, an assistant teaching assistant in an organic chemistry lab.

"The very fact that we have Bunsen burners is laughable," Stuebner said. "What most modern labs have are electrical devices or sand baths. Those don't involve gas. We don't want a flame because we're working with flammable chemicals."

Steven Bachrach, the Dr. D. R.

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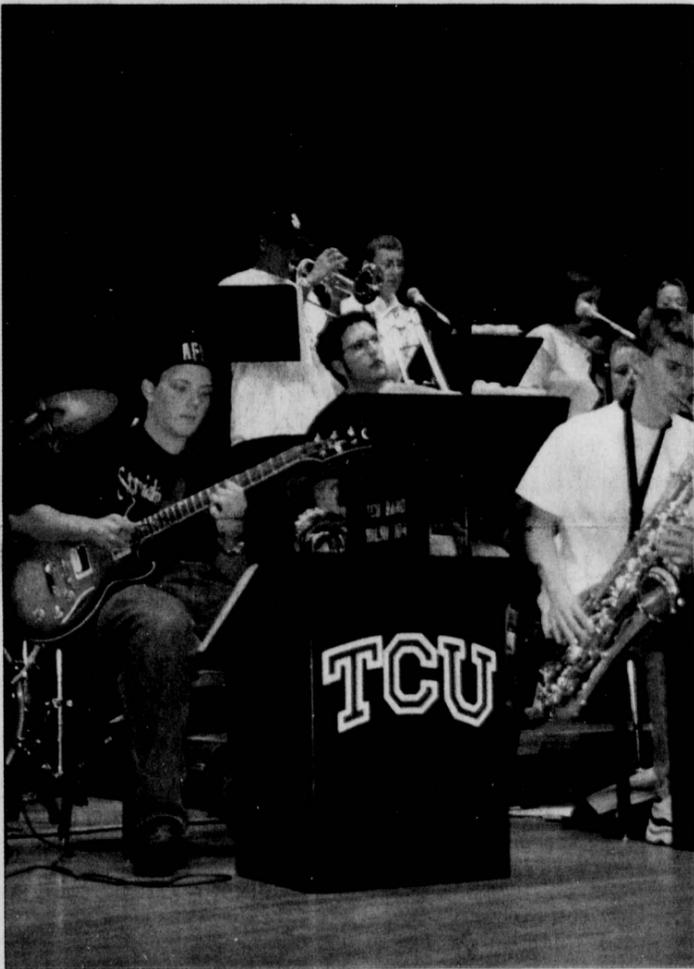


Steam cones from the chemistry labs in the Sid W. Richardson Building are connected to 30-year-old, corroded pipes.

Jazzed Up

Kevin Dobski/SKIFF STAFF

The TCU Jazz Band rehearses for the 25th Annual Fall Jazz Concert Wednesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Curt Wilson directed the band's performance Thursday night.



Grad rates for athletes at 50%

Men's basketball team ranks 8 percent above NCAA standard

By Steven Baker
SKIFF STAFF

Former TCU basketball players Shonda Mack and Prince Fowler both entered programs in 1995 at separate colleges before ending their careers as Horned Frogs. However, Mack has two bachelor's degrees and Fowler is still working at TCU on his first.

Forty-two percent of the 729 men's basketball players that entered NCAA Division I colleges as scholarship freshman in 1993-94 graduated by 1999, according to the 2000 NCAA Graduation Report. In comparison, one out of the two scholarship freshman men's basketball players that entered TCU's program in 1993-94 graduated. Although TCU ranks eight points above this standard, the six men's transfer players that came to TCU in 1993-94 are not part of the university's graduation rates reported to the NCAA.

Although TCU officials were not able to produce a report on how many of these six transfers have graduated by press time, they concede that the men's basketball rates for all players could be negatively

influenced by the student-athlete's priorities of athletics over academics.

Director of Athletic Academic Services Milton Overton said the commercialism of sports may hinder men's college football and basketball players from completing their degrees.

"If you are looking for the difference between men and women, (men's) basketball and football are revenue producing sports," Overton said. "A lot of them leave a semester early. Agents are looking for players. (Agents) tell them they need to work out at basketball camps and NFL combines."

Men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs said there are more professional opportunities in the NBA, CBA and abroad for the good basketball player as opposed to what is available for women's basketball and men's football.

"They all want to be in the NBA," Tubbs said. "A lot of these young men's intention is to graduate, but they are chasing a dream. I am not opposed to guys chasing that dream."

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New program attracts area students

By Emily Ward
STAFF REPORTER

Being a student at TCU was once a dream Vanessa Pena never thought would come true.

Now as a freshman studying biology, Pena is one of the university's first 12 members of the Community Scholars program.

The Community Scholars program, which has existed for less than

Community Scholars boosts recruitment in Tarrant County

a year, is TCU's largest endeavor to recruit more students from area high schools, said Ray Brown, dean of admissions at TCU.

"It's important for us that we are strong at home," Brown said. "The Community Scholars program has surpassed everybody's expectations."

The idea behind the program was

to encourage those students who would not likely consider TCU solely because of financial reasons,

said Misty Tippen, an admissions counselor who works on the Community Scholars program at TCU.

Each student who is chosen to be a community scholar receives a full scholarship that pays for tuition,

fees, housing and books, Tippen said.

Many of these students come from area high schools, where TCU had seen little to no applicants each year in the past, she said.

Pena, who is a graduate of North Side High School, said a lot of students at her high school wanted to go

to TCU, but they could not afford it.

"In general, people from North Side would not go to TCU — not even people in the magnet program," Pena said. "A lot of people applied and were accepted, but they could not go because of financial reasons."

Last year, the program was open to students from North Side,

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Business school aims to decrease student to teacher ratio

Task force recommends \$50 million endowment for faculty positions

By Melissa DeLoach
STAFF REPORTER

If TCU is going to continue advertising the university as a small private school with small class sizes, more faculty are needed to deliver that promise, said Stuart Youngblood, professor of management.

The average class size of an upper division business course is about 40 students, said Mike Moncrief, senior dean of the business school. The aim for classes is 30 students for one faculty member, he said.

The business school task force of the Commission on the Future of TCU is requesting to launch a fund-raising campaign to the Board of Trustees to create a \$50 million endowment for faculty positions, according to the final report completed in April.

"We have a high percentage of

classes taught by adjunct professors because our number of students is so high," Moncrief said. "Adjuncts are important because they are specialized in a particular area, but they have full-time jobs in addition to teaching. It is hard for students to see them and get in contact with them."

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, said although the board isn't dealing with individual recommendations, it will consider prioritized recommendations from all academic units when they meet in March.

The business school currently has 1,600 undergraduate students, Moncrief said. To curb the mass number of undergraduates, he said as early as next fall, students enrolling in the

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Hillary Morgan/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Students listen to a lecture during a night class Thursday in Tandy Hall. The business school, which is housed in Tandy Hall, currently has 1,600 undergraduate students, said Mike Moncrief, senior dean of the business school. The average class size of an upper division business course is about 40 students, but the school's aim for classes is 30 students for one faculty member, he said.

Faculty sets sights on well-rounded, equally-funded schools at university

By Natascha Terc
SKIFF STAFF

When the four new TCU deans met for dinner last month, three of them immediately suggested the new business dean, Richard Lusch, pick up the tab, said Mary L. Volcansek, dean of AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

They may have only been joking, but recent attention to the business school has left some faculty members wondering when it will be their turn.

Some deal with the perception that business is getting all the money light-heartedly, while others are quicker to voice concerns about a continuing need for more faculty and resources in their own departments.

"It's a standard joke among deans," said Volcansek. "We tease the poor business dean mercilessly, and luck-

ily he has a good sense of humor."

Robert F. Lusch, dean of the business school, said there is a misperception about why resources are put into business.

"I think the perception that the business school is getting all the resources is a lack of understanding," Lusch said. "People need to look at the numbers and they'll realize that there's more resources recently in the business school, but it hasn't allowed us to improve our quality."

Volcansek said she realizes every department on campus would like more money.

"I don't think we are lacking the basic things we need to do our job, but we joke about it," Volcansek said. "There are three things that all faculty

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campus lines

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

► Programming Council Executive Board interviews will be held until Saturday. For more information, call the PC office at (817) 257-5233.

► The TCU Bookstore has teamed up with the Salvation Army to help provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. Children's names can be selected from the bookstore's Angel Tree today through Dec. 13.

► December 2000 Graduating Senior Reception will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the DJ. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. For more information, contact Judy Clark at (j.clark@tcu.edu).

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

► SPS Classic Sci-Fi Movie Night will present "Aliens" and "Space Balls" from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 2. The viewing is hosted by the Society of Physics Students. For more information, call Curtis Bradley at (817) 257-6385.

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

► 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.

► The Health Center wants to inform students about the meningococcal vaccine (Menomune) available from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays at the Health Center. The vaccine costs about \$75.

► The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are matched with specific jobs, depending upon their skills, interests and time availability. The greatest need in Tarrant County is for cancer survivors and bilingual volunteers. For more information, call (817) 737-9990.

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WORLD

World AIDS Day targets men; campaigners spread awareness, encourage responsibility

GENEVA — AIDS campaigners across the globe prepared to mark World AIDS Day today with a message to men that they must take responsibility for their behavior to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

"Broadly speaking, men are expected to be physically strong, emotionally robust, daring and virile. Some of these expectations translate into ways of thinking and behaving that endanger the health and well-being of men and their sex partners," the United Nations AIDS agency said in a statement.

Campaigners planned marches, vigils, religious services, promotions and entertainment events to bring home the importance of AIDS awareness. This year's theme is "Men make a difference."

"Men can make a particular difference — by being more caring, by taking fewer risks, and by facing the issue of AIDS head-on," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement. "Until and unless we grasp that AIDS is our problem, we will be blind to the steps we need to take to protect ourselves and others against it."

"We will be powerless to reduce its impact. This applies as much to a leader planning the allocation of national resources as it does to a husband planning his future with his wife or a father planning for the future of his child."

According to a U.N. report issued this week, 36.1 million people are living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, and there will be 5.3 million new infections during 2000. It is expected that 3 million people will die from AIDS, 80 percent of them in Africa.

NATION

Study shows school habits, not demographics, predict future behaviors of adolescents

WASHINGTON — Mom and Dad were right: flunking in school and hanging out with a bad crowd lead to trouble.

So says a national survey that finds all adolescents — black, white or Hispanic, rich or poor — are much more likely to drink alcohol, carry or use weapons, smoke cigarettes or have sex if they spend a lot of unsupervised time with friends and have academic problems.

"If we make predictions about kids based on the color of their skin, based on their parents' bank account or how many parents they live with, we're only going to be right a tiny percent of the time," Dr. Robert Blum, the study's principal investigator, said Thursday. "We need to focus on factors in the immediate environment that have much more to do with whether a young person will have a viable future."

Blum said that while the amount of "risky" behavior teens engage in varies between racial and economic groups and those with different family structures, those factors have little influence on an individual teen's actions. Problems with schoolwork and hanging out excessively with friends, especially those who drink alcohol, are far greater warning signs.

The federally funded survey of about 10,000 high school students also found that in the past year more than one in four youths — representing about 5.3 million American teen-agers — has carried a weapon or been exposed to violence involving a gun or knife as a witness, a victim or an attacker. About a third of those teens said they had used a weapon to threaten or hurt someone.

More than a quarter of teens also said they had smoked cigarettes in the last month, and one in 10 said they drink alcohol weekly. Of seventh- and eighth-graders, 16 percent said they were sexually active, a figure that rose to 60 percent for juniors and seniors.

Blum's study uses data that is several years old. Other more recent research, including a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study issued in June, has found that drug and cigarette use among high school students increased during the 1990s. That study, however, also found that fewer teens are having sex, carrying weapons or contemplating suicide.

The study released Thursday found more than half of all American teens have never participated in the risky behaviors being studied. And those who had good relationships with parents were the least likely to behave in ways that could endanger their health.

STATE

Texas lawmaker proposes change in electoral system to give more power to popular vote

AUSTIN — While the fight over Florida's Electoral College votes continues, a state lawmaker has proposed changing Texas' system from winner-take-all to one that divvies electors to candidates based on the popular vote.

Although the "Founding Fathers" wrote the Electoral College system into the Constitution, it is a 213-year-old political "dinosaur," that needs to be updated, said Rep. Domingo Garcia, D-Dallas.

"We need to get away from a system that is obsolete in the 21st century," Garcia said Thursday. Although hardly ever noticed by the general public, the Electoral College system is under the national spotlight this year as Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore fight over Florida's 25 electors.

Both candidates need them to claim the White House. The Florida secretary of state has certified Florida's electoral votes for Bush, but Gore has challenged that decision in court. Gore won the popular vote nationally.

Garcia has filed a bill that, if passed, could divide Texas' 32 electors among several candidates in the 2004 general election.

The state's electoral votes are based on Texas' two U.S. senators and 30 congressional districts. Under Garcia's plan, the candidate winning the statewide popular vote would automatically win two electoral votes. The other 30 votes would be given to the candidates winning the popular vote in each congressional district.

Garcia's bill mirrors the electoral college process in Nebraska and Maine, the only states that don't use winner-take-all systems.

Garcia said his plan is as close as he could get to giving more power to the popular vote. He would like to do away with the Electoral College, but said that would take a federal effort.

Actually, it would take a Constitutional amendment.

To amend the Constitution, both the House and Senate must pass the amendment with two-thirds majorities. Then legislatures in at least 38 of the 50 states must ratify it.

Shooting death of immigrant trespasser may lead to increased security at Mexican border

HOUSTON — Armed patrols near the Mexican border are planned next year by a group of North Texas volunteers in the wake of an immigrant's shooting death.

Members of the group, Ranch Rescue, say they will help protect private property in Kinney County from what South Texas ranchers are calling immigrant trespassers.

However, Ranch Rescue leader Jack Foote denied that his property-rights group chose the sparsely populated county for patrols next spring because a Mexican immigrant was shot there last May after asking a landowner for water.

"We go where we are invited," Foote, a former U.S. Army captain, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions.

Foote said he has no sympathy for trespassers. His Arlington-based group produced a flier urging "volunteers from all over the USA" to meet in the area around Brackettville and Eagle Pass. Ranch Rescue volunteers last month ran patrols in Arizona with ranchers along the border.

"I think they ought to stay in Arlington," said Tom Lee, the district attorney in Del Rio, whose office covers Kinney County. "They don't know a damn thing about our situation down here."

Area residents say immigrants have damaged fences and burglarized unattended hunting camps. But they agree that outsiders aren't needed to fix the problem.

"I can't imagine who came up with that idea," said Marjorie Wilson, who owns a ranch east of Eagle Pass along with husband Charles. "I can tell you we won't be using them. We take care of ourselves."

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TIME TO REFLECT

Memories remain at semester's end

The end of yet another semester offers us here, at the *Skiff*, a chance to reflect on the four months and 55 issues we have spent holed up in the recesses of the Moudy Building South.

Two weeks from today, final exams will come to an end and students, faculty and staff will find their ways back home — whether it be a few minutes or a few 100 miles away — leaving behind a semester's worth of memories.

As journalists, we've had the opportunity to see and document both the best and worst events that left an indelible impression in many people's minds.

staff editorial

■ The mostly triumphant 2000 football season — albeit with the disappointment of probably not being selected for a Bowl Championship Series game — the likes of which haven't been seen at TCU since World War II.

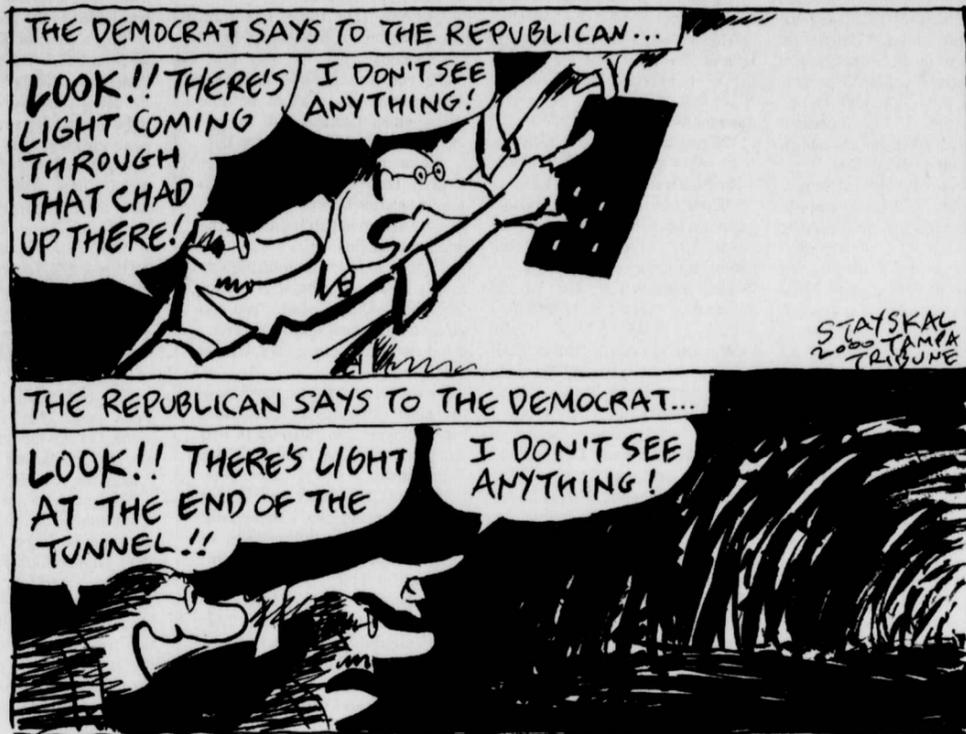
■ The courageous members of the Wedgwood Baptist Church congregation, who have managed to survive and persevere little more than one year after gunman Larry Gene Ashbrook went on a killing spree in the church's sanctuary.

■ The healthy return of Robbyn Kindle, the TCU alumna who underwent a four-organ transplant last May after a protracted, and near fatal, battle against liver disease. And she still found time to graduate with a bachelor of science in nutrition and dietetics.

For a look at the other events that have shaped this semester, check out our two-page photo spread on pages 6 and 7.

Should you not remember this semester with any particular fondness, remember that next semester or, if you're graduating, the next phase of life, will offer opportunities to make new memories.

In the meantime, enjoy your break from classes and thank you for giving us chance to bring you some of the events that make up the best and worst of our memories.



Euthanasia eases suffering

Legalization of assisted suicide helps patients, families cope

As the United States government continues its standstill in the wake of the closest presidential election ever, other countries, such as Holland, continue to make advances for the future.

Holland, a country known for its liberal policies toward drugs and prostitutes, passed legislation in Parliament Tuesday allowing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. The bill, which passed in the house by a vote of 140-40, needs approval in the senate before it can become law next year.

The law will make Holland the first country in the world to legalize euthanasia.

But don't start packing up your urns just yet. Foreigners won't be allowed to participate in Holland's euthanasia laws. In fact, the practice will only be performed on patients undergoing irremediable and unbearable suffering who are aware of all other medical options and have sought a second professional opinion, according to the law.

The move by the Dutch government to legalize euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide is a victory for patient rights advocates. Oppo-

nents may argue that the law is turning physicians into killers and Christians may attack it as a one-way ticket to hell.

The Dutch decision makes their country a forerunner in a likely 21st century trend to honor human rights by taking one's life to avoid pain and suffering.

Already in the United States, physician-assisted suicide has garnered attention from millions following the trials of Michigan doctor Jack Kevorkian and his numerous patients who have died with his help. He has thus far been acquitted of any wrongdoing in those deaths.

In 1997, assisted suicides became legal in Oregon, but so far, no other countries or states have attempted to legalize euthanasia, which allows the doctor to actually administer a lethal dose directly.

So, what does the law actually mean for terminally ill patients?

It means that for once, people suffering from cancer, AIDS and the many other horrible diseases in the world, will have the final say in where their lives are headed.

No longer will our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and best friends have to live their final days suffering and in pain. Instead, they will be able to leave life on their terms.

What right does anyone have to tell those people that they must hang on and suffer more than they already do?

Terminally ill patients deserve the right to control their destinies more than anything else. People should be fortunate that we have doctors in this world who care enough about people that they would grant them their dying wish.

Doctors, especially those caring for the terminally ill, have one of the most difficult jobs: preparing people for death. In all of their medical textbooks, nowhere are there ideal guidelines that teach them how to help these people.

At the moment a doctor knows his patient is going to die, he has an obligation to share that with his patient. At that time, he should have the right to offer them help expecting that inevitability. If that help involves euthanasia, so be it.

America is far from being as liberal as Holland. However, our citizens are suffering from the same diseases, the same pain and the same decisions as terminally ill people in Holland.

It's time for America to start believing in individuals and their right to death. It seems to me that this country was founded on a principle about the pursuit of happiness. Maybe it's time America leaves the decision about happiness up to the individual citizen.

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Commentary



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Organizations benefit diversity

Mission continues to enhance the lives of people of color

It's time to get the record straight. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Society of Black Engineers and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers — all of these organizations have something in common, something that causes controversy with the utterance of their name to some.

They all either mention the word "black" or "colored," thus giving rise to questions of exclusion of those who are not classified as such.

But why? The central reason why organizations such as these and countless others were formed was, as their mission statements highlight, to enhance the lives of African-Americans and people of color. Let us not forget the history prior to the formation of these organizations, which spawned their arrival.

Feb. 19, 1909, marked the beginning of what would soon be known as the oldest civil rights organization. The NAACP, founded by a multi-racial group of individuals, had as its sole purpose to fight for the civil rights of all people.

In order to understand the reason for such a name as NAACP, it is important to remember the condition of people of color at the time of the organization's birth. African-Americans were embarking on slavery's binds and were combating everyday, unwarranted lynchings and segregation. So, yes, "colored" people were in need of advancement.

But what about now? In the 1970s the "Chicago Six," as they came to be known, started it all for the National Society of Black Engineers. These young college men saw a need for better recruitment, retention and motivation of African-Americans in the engineering disciplines at Purdue University. Originally the Society of Black Engineers and later the National Society of Black Engineers, the organization has stood as the largest student-run organization in the country.

However, the question to ask again is: is there a need for such an organization in the year 2000? True, when there was a "need" for the organization in the late 1960s, 80 percent of the African-American students in engineering at Purdue University dropped out. However, times have changed and clearly the people have changed — right?

The NOBCCHE was established to promote the professional excellence of African-American chemists and chemical engineers. Across this country, this organization served (and still does) as a support group for not only professionals, but also students of color in these difficult disciplines.

Like NSBE, NOBCCHE was incorporated in the late 1970s — a

time in which African-Americans were trying to make it in society and at universities that a little more than 10 years prior had denied them entrance and made it known that their presence was not welcome.

These organizations were founded because human beings didn't believe they were receiving equal treatment and were not in an environment that promoted their success. Unwritten and written laws, which barred membership of African-Americans into certain organizations, promoted the establishment of other organizations such as Greek organizations and fraternal orders.

It only makes sense to want something of your own. Any organization, like anything in life, starts as an idea, a thought. This thought originates as a desire, a need to fulfill a lack of something.

The organizations that appear to emphasize exclusion, in essence, emphasize the diversity of our society. On a university campus, it is important to realize the diversity of each one of us before we attend our four-day "diversity training" at our jobs down the road.

Many thanks to organizations such as the NAACP, NSBE, NOBCCHE, the African-American Cultural Program, La Casa Cultural and other organizations and programs

established on this campus and across this country. I am thankful for the African-American students of Project 500 who were the first African-American students to integrate the university. I am thankful for those who fought for La Casa Cultural and any other avenues that got me to where I am today.

But now what?

The children of today, the students of today, are left defending what was created for them for their survival. Those organizations that were not initially designed to include minorities are left wondering why the organizations contain the words "black," "minority," "African-American," "Latino," "Jewish," "Asian," etc. They didn't create the present conditions of today, so why should they be left with this supposed "burden" of racism, sexism and any other kind of "ism"?

It is hoped that with these organizations, which pay attention to the diversity of all people, the past won't be revisited. These organizations must continue to exist to emphasize the unique and diverse cultures that we all have. Once more, they attend to the special interests and needs of all people, while shutting out none.

Crystal Whitters is a columnist for the *Daily Illini* at the University of Illinois. This column was distributed by U-WIRE.

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found in the *Skiff* this semester

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

— **Chris Dobson**, senior political science and history major, on people participating in the political process.

"Hate is something alien. Hate you can stop. Indifference seeps in."

— **Elie Wiesel**, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate, describing what he sees as the greatest threat to the world.

"People keep saying someday we'll be millionaires. I'll be happy when I'm a thousandaire. I'll be happy when I get a paycheck."

— **Steven Sandidge**, alumnus and co-founder of Texas Beer Company in Fort Worth, on the future of the business.

"Not even Pontius Pilate would wash his hands with this stuff."

— **Daniel Bramlette**, a senior radio-TV-film major, laments the hand soap in the Moudy Building.

"We're not going to let the shooting stop us."

— **Al Meredith**, senior minister at Wedgwood Baptist Church, on the church's efforts to recover from last year's shooting spree by Larry Gene Ashbrook that left eight people dead and seven injured.

"There are two choices you can make if something bad

happens. You can crawl into a hole or try to make a difference. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

— **Andrea Cooper**, whose daughter, Kristin, was a rape victim who later committed suicide, encourages students to seek help for depression.

"Perfect practice makes perfect."

— **Aaron Casey**, a junior engineering major and defender on the men's soccer team, on what it would take for the Frogs to win in a game against the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"The years from 18 to 22 are very crucial in a person's life. Angela was lucky I didn't kill her."

— **Angie Ravaoli-Larkin**, women's golf coach, describing her early player-coach relationship with golfer Angela Stanford.

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

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

"There is no White Entertainment Television. There is no White Pride Day. It is as if having an expression of pride or support is too taboo."

— **Miranda Nesler**, a freshman English major and columnist, on the trouble with expressing white pride.

GRAD RATES

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It is an exception when they graduate in four years."

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said the TCU administration, faculty, staff and public want the men's basketball team to be a winner, but on the other hand, they also want the true student-athlete.

Tubbs said when he recruits he looks for athletic talent first.

"You are attracted to people with athletic ability, but there are also some players that are eliminated by what they do in the classroom," Tubbs said.

Sixty-two percent of the 53 student-athletes granted scholarships in 1993, graduated by 1999, which is 1 percentage point behind the 1,189 TCU students that entered in 1993 and graduated by 1999, according to the NCAA.

Fowler, who completed his eligibility in 1999, said he blames not graduating sooner to his immaturity. "Basketball was my No. 1 priority and academics was second," Fowler said. "But I am mature now. It is fun to go out and play, but you have to do your work too."

Mack said she was able to graduate from college in five years partly because of the strong academic support from the TCU coaches she played under.

"If we could not understand something, the coaches would go to class with us," Mack said. "(The

coaches) were very attentive to our study habits. Every test, every quiz, they wanted to know our grade on it. They let us know there was life after basketball."

Mack said her male counterparts tend to think of the present instead of the future.

"Most (men's basketball players) believe that they will play in the NBA or overseas hands down," Mack said. "By the time they get focused, it is too late."

Overton said graduation rates can be improved when you have a good system of academic support for athletes.

"There was no way that I would go to a school that doesn't focus on academics," Overton said. "That makes my job easier."

TCU athletes have the Athletic Academic Services interactive World Wide Web site (www.aaso.tcu.edu), tutors and mentors at the \$10 million John Justin Athletic Academic Center. Student-athletes study at the center Sunday through Friday, which is open 77 hours a week. Overton said he credits Athletics Director Eric Hyman for obtaining \$10 million in donations to build the center.

"By having an academic center, it allows us to recruit student-athletes that have focused on academics for a long time," Overton said.

Overton said TCU is the only college in the country with an interactive academic Web site. Athletes can log-on to the Web site with their student ID and find a specific tutor that offers aid for a specific class. Class

attendance monitors report to the Web site and coaches about which athletes have attended class.

"I can tell you who has missed class and who participates in extracurricular activities at any time, all year," Overton said.

Overton said more important than programs is the leadership by the coaches.

"If you have a coach that cares about academics, most of the time those student-athletes will be successful academically," Overton said.

Junior men's basketball player Greedy Daniels said he expects to graduate after his two years of eligibility are up in part because of the academic facility.

"The (athletic administration) makes it easy; everything is at your fingertips," Daniels said. "You can put in a 10 percent effort and get the job done here because they have so much stuff."

Tubbs said the spring semester is the most difficult, because sometimes players can miss up to two weeks if they go to the NCAA Tournament.

"The (TCU) faculty and support staff are tremendous," Tubbs said. "If a (player) doesn't make it at TCU, it is not (the faculty and support staff's) fault."

Of the five men's players currently classified as seniors in basketball eligibility, only two said they are going to graduate in May 2001.

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SCHOLARS

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Diamond Hill-Jarvis, O.D. Wyatt and Sam Houston high schools. This year Dunbar High School was added to the program.

Tippen said the amount of applications TCU has received from these five schools has drastically increased since the program was implemented. Some numbers have gone up more than 100 percent, she said. Although this may only mean a jump from zero applications to three, Tippen said this is just the beginning of an increase.

"The more people who see TCU is willing to work with them, the more they are going to come here, whether they get this scholarship or not," Tippen said.

Pena has first-hand knowledge of Tippen's idea. "It's like winning the lottery," Pena said. "My mom always wanted to win the lottery, but now she says it's like we have because look at the school I am going to."

Students who are a part of the Community Scholars program are required to be active in Student Support Services, do community service, complete mid-semester grade checks, have monthly meetings with program advisors, attend Inter-cultural Council meetings, participate in the Chancellor's Leadership program and attend four workshops each semester.

Students often overlook forms for financial aid, Stogdill says

By Emily Ward
STAFF REPORTER

Guaranteeing student loans and looking online for outside awards are actions often overlooked by most TCU students, said Kenneth Stogdill, financial aid adviser at TCU.

As the semester progresses, Stogdill says the time for looking into next year's financial aid is steadily approaching.

Getting students to accept and guarantee their student loans is the biggest problem each year for the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid, Stogdill said.

Most students who do not guarantee their loans are either confused with the online guaranteeing process, or they don't pay attention to all the information provided in financial aid letters sent out each year, said Sandra Tobias, associate director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid.

The process of guaranteeing loans online also poses a problem for many students, Tobias said.

When guaranteeing a loan online for the first time, it is a federal requirement for students to complete an entrance exam before proceeding to the next step of actually guaranteeing the loan, she said.

Many students make the mis-

take of thinking they have guaranteed their loan when they have only completed the entrance exam, Tobias said. Without completing the guaranteeing process, students will not receive their loan, she said.

This problem was especially evident this year because the government has instituted a new promissory note, Tobias said. According to the note, all students receiving loans were required to fill out the entrance exam, whether or not they had done so in the past.

Students need to be aware of the importance of guaranteeing their loans because if their bills cannot be paid by registration time, they will not be able to enroll in classes, she said.

The Web site for guaranteeing loans can be found through the financial aid Web site (www.fam.tcu.edu) or at (<http://www.tgslc.org>).

TCU encourages students to turn in their Free Application for Federal Student Aid forms by March 15 to ensure their eligibility for next year's financial aid, Stogdill said. March 15 is the most important deadline students need to be aware of, he said.

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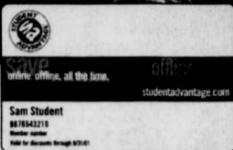


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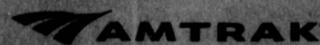
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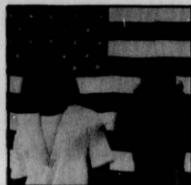
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CD

► Outkast
Stankonia

I realize that it's wrong to judge something by its cover, but how many compact disc covers have you seen that have so perfectly captured the artists' dynamic as this one does? Look at Big Boi on the left — determined, unassuming, a pit bull at rest. Now look at Dre on the right — playful, spiritual and as colorful as that headband he's got on. Apart, they're merely great. Put them together, preferably in a studio environment, and Dre and Big tend to produce transcendent albums like "Stankonia."



How do you follow up an album like 1998's "Aquemini," one of the best rap albums ever recorded? Judging by "Stankonia's" first track, you pick up right where you left off. "Gasoline Dreams" is almost a carbon copy of the apocalyptic closer, "Chonkyfire," on the album "Aquemini" with its blazing guitars and incendiary rhyme jousting. However, once "Gasoline Dreams" fades out, all hell breaks loose — which on any Outkast album is good news.

On "Stankonia," we find Atlanta's finest toying around with a crazy gumbo of sound from past and future. From the past, there's the Hendrixesque backwards-guitar on "Slum Beautiful," and some smooth Curtis Mayfield vocal harmonies on "So Fresh, So Clean." For the hip-hop futurists, there's a healthy dose of techno in "Red Velvet" and the amazing "Humble Mumble," which features a stand-out cameo from Erykah Badu. The gloriously schizophrenic "B.O.B." sounds like what would happen if you threw guitars, turntables and a gospel choir into a particle accelerator and pressed "GO."

"Stankonia" is big, brash, soulful, witty, endlessly creative and by far and away the best rap album of the year (and probably one of the best albums, period). Pledge allegiance to "Stankonia" as soon as possible — it's very funky this time of year.

— Jack Bullion

CD

► Pennywise
Live @ the Key Club

Pennywise has released their latest album, "Live @ the Key Club," which is, if you couldn't tell by the title, a live recording of a Pennywise concert.

On the album are the band's greatest hits such as "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "Homesick," "Peaceful Day," "Unknown Road" and the ever-popular song, "Bro Hymn." The album has a total of 18 songs, with a surprisingly small amount of transition time in between each song.

This record lives up to the band's studio-recorded albums, which is a rarity for most bands. This is the next best thing to actually being at the show. "Live @ the Key Club" is the best concert experience you can have at home.

— Sean Martin

People in the News

Controversial Prince poster stripped from McCarran airport in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — It might be Sin City, but a poster of Prince clad only in his guitar is being yanked from the airport.

The poster at McCarran International Airport was a promotion for an upcoming Prince show at the Aladdin's Theatre for the Performing Arts. The Strip resort was asked to remove the poster by FFE Display Services, which manages McCarran's indoor advertising and doesn't want it in the "family oriented" facility.

"Had I seen it in advance I would not have approved it," FFE president Shauna Forsythe said.

Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown may do a joint tour together next spring

NEWARK, N.J. — Get ready for the Whitney and Bobby show.

Bobby Brown says he and Whitney Houston had so much fun performing together at a recent Las Vegas concert that they plan on doing a joint tour next spring.

"I'm really looking forward to that," Brown said Tuesday at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. "She's making me sing and I'm making her dance, so it's a beautiful combination."

Brown, who spent about two months in a Florida jail this year for violating his parole on a 1996 drunk driving conviction, said he's a changed man.

Stun gun attacker is a 'troubled' friend who needs help, says actor David Spade

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Actor David Spade said the man arrested for allegedly attacking him with a stun gun is a friend who "is obviously mentally troubled right now" and needs help.

"David Malloy was a good friend of mine for five years. ... My heart goes out to him," the star of the sitcom "Just Shoot Me" said in a statement Thursday.

Spade, 36, suffered minor injuries at his home Wednesday, police Sgt. Tom Van Ausdell said. Spade declined to be taken to a hospital.

Police said Malloy, 29, worked as a personal assistant to the actor. He fled and was arrested hours after the incident. He was booked on investigation of burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and assault with a stun gun, police said. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Spade got his start on "Saturday Night Live," and appeared in a series of movies as straight man to the late Chris Farley.

These stories courtesy of The Associated Press.

One-stop exhibition

Viewers gain chance to see famous collection, 'From Renoir to Picasso'

By Reagan Duplisea
SKIFF STAFF

Paintings of clowns from the Kimbell Art Museum's latest exhibition grace billboards, benches and buses across the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but the fact that the museum is the only U.S. venue where the collection will be exhibited is nothing to joke about.

"From Renoir to Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée de l'Orangerie" is making its way around the world as its Paris home is undergoing renovation.

The collection features 81 paintings from the collection of Paul Guillaume, a Parisian art dealer of the early 20th century. It's thanks to Guillaume's excellent taste and willingness to see the talent behind innovation that artists like Henri Matisse are household names today.

The exhibition is arranged brilliantly in that it displays many of the same genres by different artists next to one other. Pierre-Auguste Renoir's and Paul Cézanne's portraits of their respective 8-year-old sons hang side by side, yet even the inexperienced eye can detect the vast stylistic differences between the two artists. Although painted just 30 years apart, the artists' depictions of similar subjects drastically differ.

Renoir's "Claude Renoir in Clown Costume" is a larger-than-life, full-length portrait, glorifying the happy, healthy child in soft, warm hues. Yet in Cézanne's "Portrait of the Artist's Son," the boy is painted from the chest up and has a sickly, green tinge to his woeful face.

Museum-goers can also compare artist interpretations in several depictions of Guillaume, the originator of this vast collection. They vary from Amedeo Modigliani's Charlie Chaplinesque painting in harsh reds and browns to André Derain's rendering

that is much more naturalistic, in which the figure seems to appear through a fog.

Just as intriguing is comparing the works of the same artist through different stages in his career. Within a few feet, visitors can see Pablo Picasso's transition from Impressionistic-like portraits to abstract views where facial features are scattered like unsolved puzzle pieces.

Many people feel that Impressionist paintings, such as Claude Monet's coast scene "Argenteuil," should be observed from far away so the image appears clear. But take this opportunity to take a very close look at the artists' handiwork. By examining the short, thick brushstrokes of varying color, an appreciation can be gained for the skill displayed on each canvas.

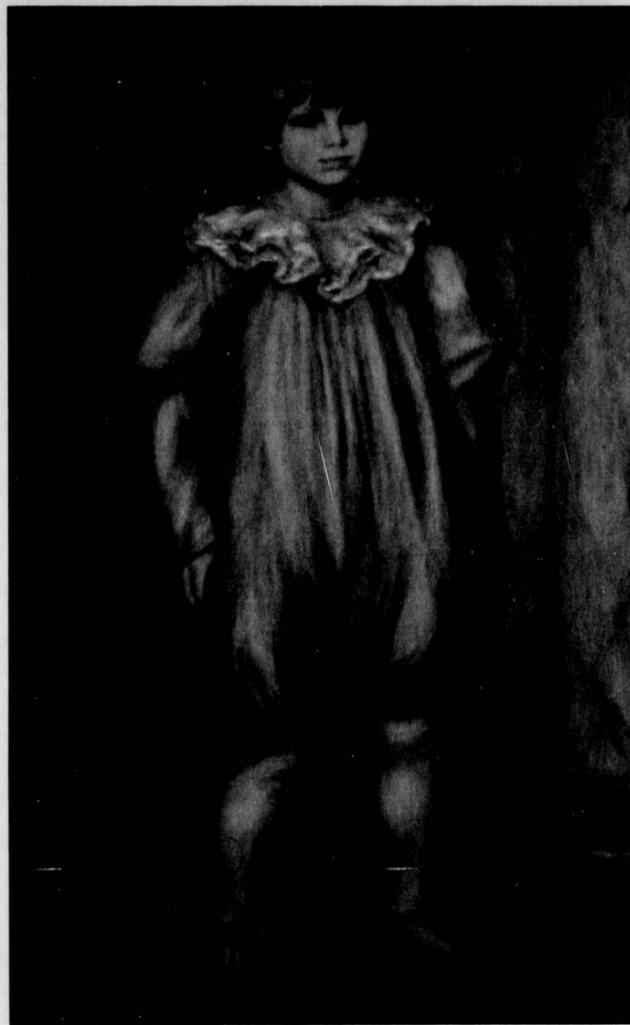
The collection features many unique works that aren't to be found just anywhere.

Canvases are usually the standard broad rectangle, so it's the long, thin form of Cézanne's "Boat and Bathers" that catches the eye. Painted with a palette of brilliant blues, the work was originally placed above the doorway of its patron.

Another work not to be missed is the "Snow-Covered Landscape" by Renoir. The minuscule brushstrokes in white paint catch the light and glisten as if they were indeed ice crystals clinging to leaves and tree trunks.

Many who go to the exhibition may be attracted by the big names of Renoir and Monet, but the other artists exhibited should not be overlooked. Chaim Soutine's dreamlike works seem to melt off the canvas and are reminiscent of reflections in fun house mirrors. The viewer is almost tempted to bend his or her knees to see if the picture changes.

Also, "The Room Service Waiter" by Modigliani is a comical highlight



Special to the Skiff
"Claude Renoir in Clown Costume" (1909) is on display at the Kimbell Art Museum until Feb. 25 for the art exhibition, "From Renoir to Picasso: Masterpieces from the Musée de l'Orangerie."

of the exhibition. The rubber-faced waiter stands with his hands on his hips and seems to ask, "You want me to do what?"

The only thing that could be improved is the price of the exhibition. While the Kimbell opens its doors free of charge to its permanent collection, employees should consider lowering the prices of exhibitions to reach a broader audience. The student rate is \$8; however, it's all but necessary to pay the \$4 for the audio guide because few paintings have explanatory panels next to them.

While the \$12 is decidedly cheaper than a plane ticket to Paris, the Kimbell employees should recognize the varying economic levels of visitors if they seek to educate and provide their public with an exposure to culture.

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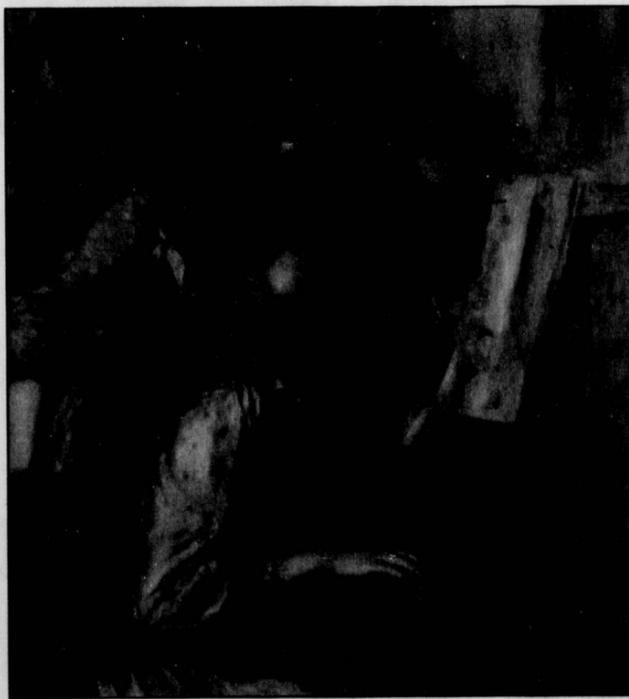
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Special to the Skiff
(Far left) "Young girls at the Piano" (1892), by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, is on exhibit at the Kimbell. (Left) "Harlequin and Pierrot" (1924), by André Derain, is on display at the Kimbell.

Newest Left Behind book makes mark on readers

'The Mark' proves to be exhilarating tale of resurrection, oppression in popular apocalyptic series

By Christina Hager
SKIFF STAFF

Authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins have certainly hit the mark with their newest book in their successful Left Behind series.

They have received acclaim by critics and scholars alike for this series of conceptualized accounts of the end-times Rapture and Tribulation found in the Bible.

Released only two weeks ago, the latest book, "The Mark" is the eighth book in

this apocalyptic series based on the prophecies from the book of Revelation.

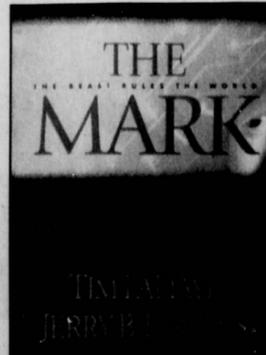
At the beginning of this section of the tale, Nicolae Carpathia, who is potentate of the global community and deemed the Antichrist by Christians, returns from the dead. After his "resurrection," the non-Christians begin to worship him as a god, bowing before him. Carpathia, wanting to establish even more power for himself, institutes a worldwide order, which says

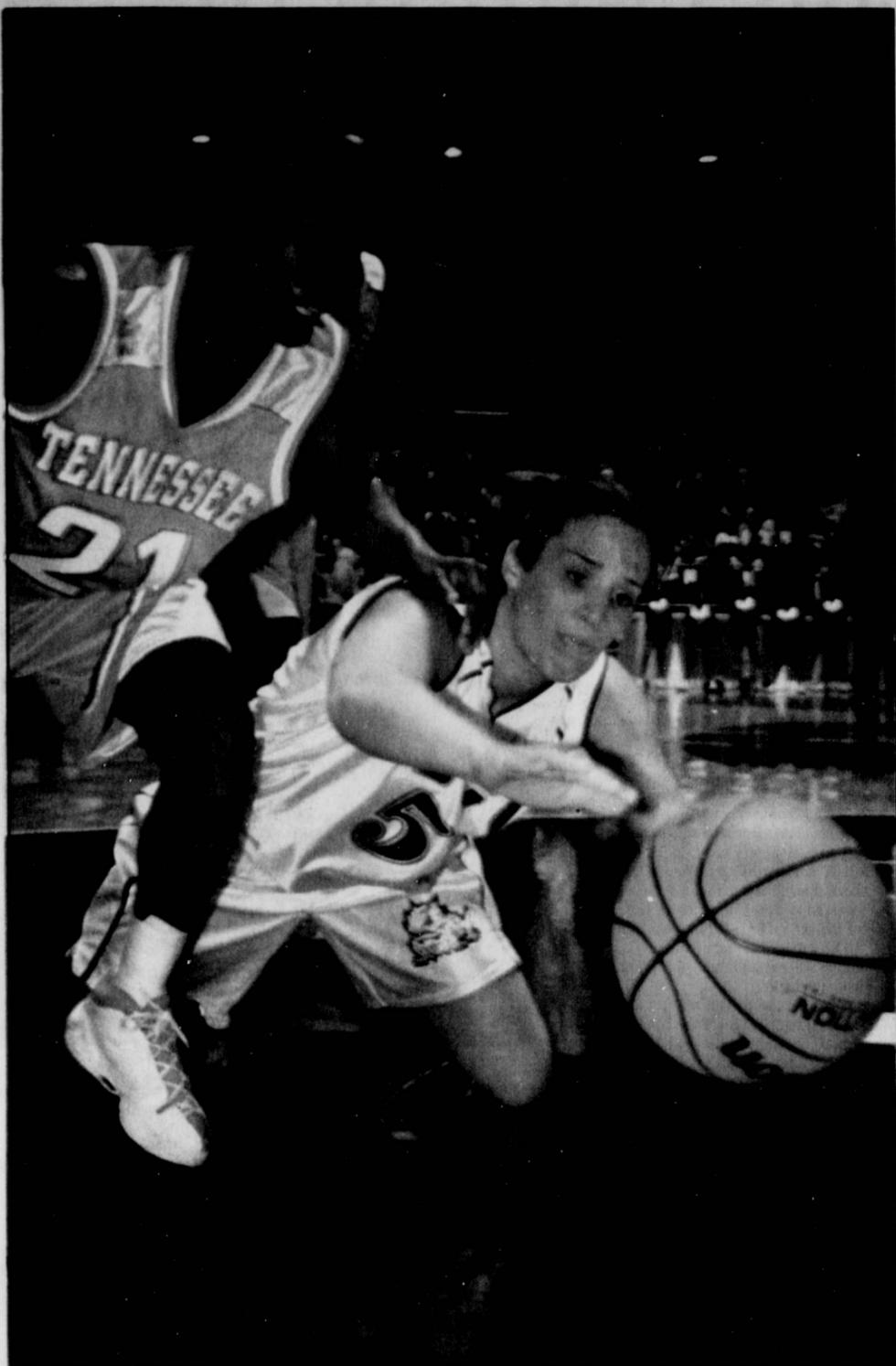
that every human being shall receive a mark, which the Christians label the "mark of the beast."

Without this special symbol and computer chip, you can't buy, sell or trade in the global market. As hundreds volunteer to become the first to receive the mark, believers are forced to make hasty escapes to their underground network. However, those who are not able to escape must die if they refuse the mark.

Written with the same intensity and spiritual presence as the first seven books, "The Mark" is a fast-paced and complicated tale. Although not recommended for those who have yet to read the first books in the series, the story is a powerful one that leaves the audience questioning their own faith and wondering what the next chapter holds.

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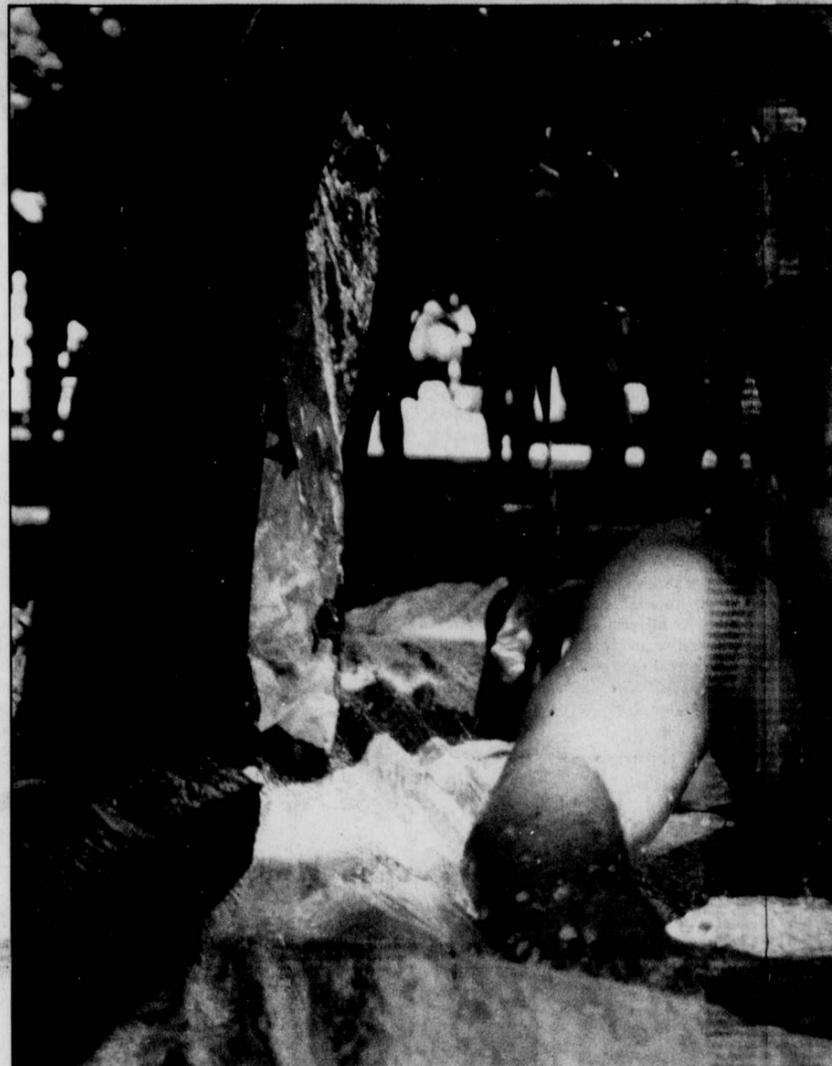




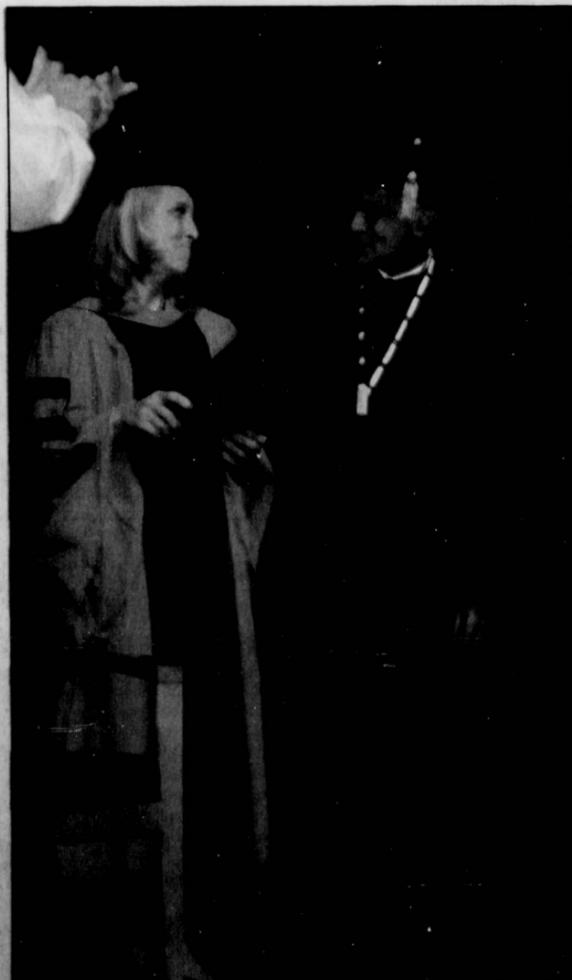
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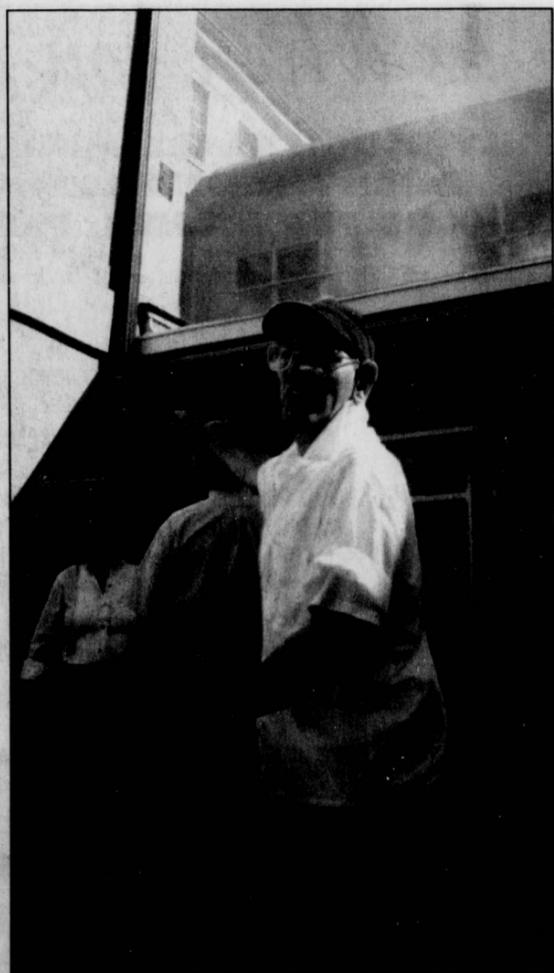


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Lady Frogs to play at Invitational Team anxious to show improvement at weekend tournament

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

With the women's basketball team's disappointing 63-59 loss Wednesday night against North Texas still fresh in their minds, senior guard Jill Sutton said the team is anxious to get back on the court for this weekend's Cook Children's TCU Hoops Invitational.

"We have a bitter taste in our mouths," Sutton said. "We're ready to play again after (Wednesday's) loss and to make a statement to ourselves that we can play. We definitely have to get our offense going because it's been stale."

On Wednesday, with 14:08 remaining in the first half, the team had made just two of 13 shots (15 percent) from the field. For the game, TCU shot 31 percent.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said the goal of this weekend's tournament is to play better basketball.

"We don't feel very good right now

about our loss to North Texas," Mittie said. "It is still early in the year, but we have to use this tournament to get us back in the right direction. We have to play better and find some way to score."

"Some players on this team are struggling right now with their shooting, and we'll try to put them in better positions and give them better looks."

The other three teams playing in the tournament are Georgia Southern, Texas-Arlington and Texas-Pan American. There will be two games played today and Saturday, one beginning at 5 p.m. and one beginning at 7 p.m. each day.

Texas-Arlington (0-3) will play against Texas-Pan American (2-3) in the first game tonight. TCU (1-2) will play against Georgia Southern (2-2) in the second game.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, the two teams who are defeated today will face off against each other in the consolation round. The championship game will be played 7 p.m. Saturday.

While the Frogs have not played any of these teams before, Mittie said his team will most likely be playing the best team in the tournament in the first round.

"From the four games I've seen them play so far this season, (Georgia Southern) is an excellent team that is very athletic," Mittie said. "We'll have to be well prepared against them to do well."

Georgia Southern has been on the road for four consecutive games and is coming off a 85-67 loss to No. 6 Georgia.

Mittie said the tournament format will provide TCU with new challenges.

"The tournament atmosphere allows us to play back-to-back nights which pose different challenges for us," Mittie said. "Scouting is difficult in the first round of the tournament because we haven't played any of these teams before, but for the second round, we have an opportunity to get looks of the teams

before we face them."

With their solid starts, Mittie said junior guard Tricia Payne and Sutton have both been consistent forces in the lineup.

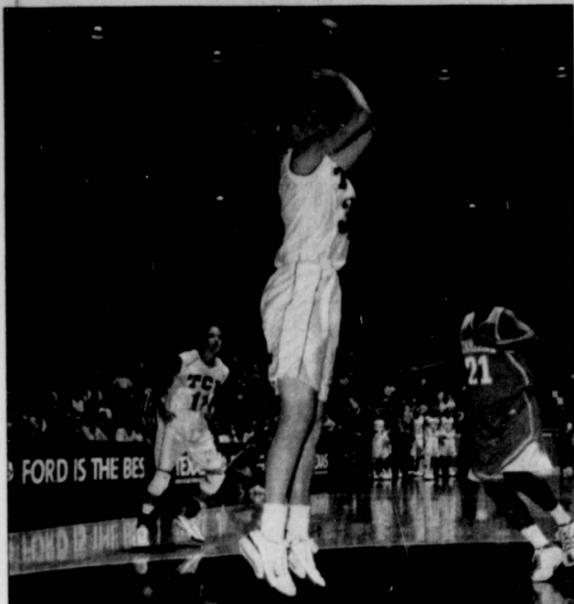
"Since Tricia has been in the program for three years and Jill has been in the program for four years, both are very comfortable on the team," Mittie said. "(Payne) is shooting the ball very well, and (Sutton) has been effective from the three-point range."

Even though the Frogs have played two games in just three days, Sutton said fatigue will not be an issue in their playing back-to-back games in the tournament.

"We had a day off Thursday to get a chance to get our legs back," Sutton said. "We want to make the most of this tournament and establish some sort of a winning streak before we go on the road Monday."

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Junior forward Kati Safaritova takes a jumpshot from the baseline during the Frogs' 83-61 loss to Tennessee at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Monday. TCU looks to rebound in this weekend's Cook Children's TCU Invitational.

Swim teams get ready for Invitational

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

As the men's and women's swimming teams reach the halfway point in their season, both teams are well above .500, at 5-2 and 6-2, respectively.

TCU swimmers will match their times against some of the top-ranked teams in the nation at the University of Texas Invitational in Austin this weekend.

"We have a good mix to our schedule this year, and this invite is part of that," head swimming coach Richard Sybesma said. "We can win some meets, swim some that are toss-ups and challenge ourselves some as well. (The swimmers) are ready for it all."

Sybesma said the Texas Invitational will be one of the teams' biggest challenges of the season, but

it will also serve to encourage the swimmers.

"It's a true motivator for the entire program, and a great chance for individual analysis," Sybesma said.

TCU will compete against 14 teams in the invitational, including: Arizona, Arizona State, Texas, Stanford, UCLA, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Harvard, Southern Methodist, Kansas, Wisconsin, Rice and California.

"It's a big meet for us, and it's exciting to see how well we'll do against very competitive teams,"

freshman sprinter Ashleigh Bastak said.

The invite is also a chance to see how well the TCU swimmers fare individually against the nationally ranked swimmers at the meet.

Sybesma said he thinks many individuals and relay teams will place high, and their high placing will give confidence to the swimmers as they go into the second semester.

Kansas and Rice, both unranked teams, will be TCU's closest competitors in the meet.

The Texas Invitational is the

Frogs' top invitational of the entire season and will be the fastest meet to take place in the nation this weekend, Sybesma said.

One reason as to why the meet attracts such talented competition is Texas' modern, up-to-date facility, he said.

"When you walk into a pool like the one at Texas, you just go 'wow,'" Sybesma said. "It's what we call a 'fast pool.'"

Sybesma said he expects his swimmers to significantly shave seconds off their times, due to the facilities at Texas and the caliber of the competing swimmers.

"It's fun to race the best, because that's what we want to be," Bastak said.



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Junior backstroke/individual medley swimmer Jamie MacCurdy works on her form during a practice at the Rickel Building. The Frogs (6-2) are competing this weekend at the University of Texas Invitational in Austin.

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Semmes Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at Trinity University, said his department uses electric heating mantles or electric hot plates.

The department also uses steam cones to heat chemicals, but these are also outdated, said Jeff Coffey, an associate professor of chemistry.

"(Steam baths) were probably state-of-the-art 20 to 30 years ago," he said. "I was so excited as an undergraduate when we got them 20 years ago."

A steam cone works by placing a beaker over the cone's small round opening. Steam comes up through the cone and heats the chemicals in the beaker.

Upon peering into the opening of the steam cones, it is clear that years of use have rusted and corroded the interior. Rust lines the inside and makes it difficult to regulate experiments, Coffey said.

Stuebner said the cones' steam lines frequently break. "Six or seven have yellow signs on them that say, 'Do not use: broken,'" she said. "We'll fix one and then another breaks."

Wil Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for plant management, said the Physical Plant tries to keep the equipment in working condition, but replacement parts for old pieces of equipment are hard to find.

"We try to fix it as best we can," he said.

The Physical Plant completes 100 work orders a day across campus, Stallworth said.

"Some projects that are not being done are being deferred for funding," he said.

Coffey said the chemistry department is also in need of fume hoods, a compartment with a door that pulls down that is ventilated and carries away toxic chemical fumes.

Higher education, not facilities

Mills said the equipment she used in high school was of better quality than TCU's.

Phil Hartman, professor of biology, said the freshman biology labs in particular are in need of updates.

"It wouldn't surprise me to learn that, if you were to sample students, over half would have had high school facilities that were as good, if not better, than the facilities here," Hartman said. "They're able to do less in their lab experiences here than in high

school." Karyn Purvis, a graduate student in the psychology department's child development laboratories, said her department has more basic needs.

"Chairs (in Winton-Scott classrooms) have rotted off the base," she said. "It's hard to study when you're about to fall off the chair."

Natalie Bayer, a senior psychology major, said she witnessed a chair collapse in class, spilling a fellow classmate onto the floor.

"We were just sitting in class and all of a sudden, the pole holding the chair up snapped and she fell over," Bayer said. "Everyone laughed and she was really embarrassed."

Clocks and overhead projectors are also broken, Purvis said. The worst "humiliation" is the room used for graduate students, where three dingy, frayed couches dominate the room and the overhead reflector has to be held up by a quarter, she said.

"When we have visiting scholars, this is the room they have to speak in," Purvis said. "It's so beyond low-tech, it's absolutely abominable. I doubt if the Salvation Army would take some of the stuff we use."

Making comparisons

Bayer said she has noticed that facilities are in better quality in other areas of campus.

"I never really paid that much attention to it until I started taking business classes, with their nice chairs and PowerPoint projecting," said Bayer, a business minor. "I'm not saying that they shouldn't have nice equipment. I'm glad to have it, but everyone should have equal facilities."

William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said some departments have been given more funds because they fall within the university's goals.

"The (M.J. Neeley) School of Business and the MBA program have been cited as a unit which we want to move forward as part of the goal of the university," he said. "Some units are singled out to receive more resources. We want to meet the goals of globalization."

Koehler said there are a variety of other reasons why the science labs have not been renovated in 30 years.

"The nature of labs is such that you generally don't change a lab a little at a time," he said.

When a lab is renovated, the entire building's infrastructure must be changed to accommodate new fume hoods and steam lines, said Koehler,

who used to be a chemistry professor.

Finding the funds

Dean of the College of Science and Engineering Michael McCracken said the cost of science equipment also plays a big part in deciding where to allocate funds.

"For each of the past several years, the university has budgeted approximately \$250,000 for the purchase of equipment," he said. "All colleges have the opportunity to request support from this fund."

"But the available funds have not been sufficient to meet all legitimate needs. To put equipment costs in perspective, some single items in chemistry or physics may cost as much as \$300,000."

When department chairs have not received funds for facilities in their operating budgets, some have tried to obtain the help of the Office of Advancement.

For those in advancement to begin seeking funds for a specific project, it must first be approved by the department chair, the dean of the college, the provost and the vice chancellor for advancement, said Nancy Petruso, assistant vice chancellor for advancement services.

Koehler said the decision to go to the advancement is made between the dean of the requesting college and himself. The decision depends on factors such as student demands and how many majors are in the department, he said.

"It also depends on how it fits in with the mission, goals and objectives of the university, what benefit it will be to the university and the probability that advancement will find funding," Koehler said.

Melinda Moyer, a senior leadership gift officer, said the advancement office is focusing on finding funds for the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center.

"We're not working on anything actively (for the science departments) right now," she said.

The \$25 million Tucker Technology Center has become the largest fund-raising project the university has ever mounted, said Bronson C. Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Sarah Donaldson, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, presented a report to the TCU Board of Trustees on academic facilities at their March meeting.

"It's very important to be up-and-coming, to have a technology center

that will attract new students, to have something new to brag about," she said. "But we should be looking for long-term academic recognition."

Donaldson said TCU should look into individual donors for facilities funds.

Chairman of the biology department Wayne Barcellona said he has found the hierarchical chain of seeking funding from advancement inefficient and ineffective. The last time the biology department received funding from advancement was in 1986, he said.

The last request the biology department put in was for help for purchasing autoclaves, which sterilize supplies, Barcellona said. The current autoclaves are 30 years old.

"It's been 18 months since we submitted a request and nothing has happened," Barcellona said. "We just don't hear anything. We're just put off."

If the autoclaves break down, research and teaching exercises can't continue, Barcellona said. A new autoclave would cost \$37,000.

Barcellona said his department isn't notified why certain projects don't make it through to advancement, but he has noticed better communication since McCracken became the dean of the College of Science and Engineering. McCracken was the dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences for 19 years.

Barcellona said his department has found some funding through the Institutional Development program, which found grants for the anatomy and physiology labs.

Moyer said donors could range from individuals, to businesses, to foundations.

However, few departments receive donations from businesses, Davis said.

"It's not as attractive from a tax standpoint," he said.

Koehler said TCU, not outside sources, should fund improved facilities.

"We have sought funding for specific pieces of equipment, but (money for facilities) should come through our own capital budgeting process," he said.

In September, TCU instituted a new policy of charging students a \$40 lab fee in addition to tuition for each science class. The charge is taken out of student accounts and transferred to the science departments.

Neilson said the fees aren't enough to provide for the facilities needed.

"The fees will help give us money for operating expenses, but compared to what is needed, it is a small amount," Neilson said.

Neilson said he and other department chairs make their needs known when they put in their budget request each year. However, what they are granted is only enough for their operating budget, which is used to pay for lab supplies, student salaries and chemicals.

"Our major needs are facilities," Neilson said. "These are much more expensive than what we get for our operating expenses. It's just a question if is the university prepared to meet those resources?"

Promises for the future

With the report announced at the commission and other moves forward, some faculty members said they feel they will soon see improvements.

Timothy Barth, chairman of the psychology department, said a new centralized ventilation system and fire alarm and sprinkler system were put into Winton-Scott Hall over the summer. A new fume hood was also installed in the department.

Barth said he remains optimistic that future changes will come.

"The chancellor is really serious about upgrading the quality of education," Barth said. "From everything I've heard, they're willing to come up with the necessary funds. But no one has given me a check yet."

Barcellona said TCU recently replaced the biology department's 30-year-old incubator room for \$100,000.

"On a repair basis, it was costing us \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year," he said.

Donaldson said she feels encouraged that there will be changes.

"Thankfully, the chancellor announced at the (Commission on the Future of TCU) luncheon that improving facilities is a priority," Donaldson said. "But words must be followed by action."

The formation of the Academic Facilities Master Plan Committee also has created growing optimism among faculty.

The committee, comprising eight faculty members from various disciplines on campus, formed last semester. They have been meeting regularly to prioritize the needs of specific departments and what the projected costs may be, said Edd E. Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services.

"I think it's great that the university is starting to have long-term plans," said Ray Drenner, a professor of biology and committee member. "Bivin and others recognize the need to update facilities and keep them evolving with the times. It's the start of a process."

Drenner said the consulting firm Ellerbe Becket has done a detailed analysis of space on campus. The firm, which was also the consultant for the Tucker Technology Center, contacted all departments and has identified each square foot on campus to see where and how space can be better utilized.

Bivin said he hopes to have their report completed by the Board of Trustees' meeting in the spring of 2001.

However, faculty members and students said they want to see changes soon.

Purvis said TCU risks losing potential graduate students and grant money because of current facilities.

"When you go for federal grants, you have to prove you have the equipment to support that grant," Purvis said. "When you go to big agencies, they're looking to see if the university is supportive of what you're doing."

Neilson said obtaining grants depends on factors other than proper facilities.

"It's the size of the university and the department," he said. "It's more of a question of prestige, but you do have to demonstrate you have the right equipment."

Neilson said outdated facilities damage the chemistry department's recruitment of graduate students.

"If you're a visiting student looking at our labs and then you look at other schools, there's no question," he said. "The quality of education is better at TCU, but the first impression of our facilities hurts us."

"The last major remodeling of facilities occurred about five years ago," he said.

Mills said if facilities are not improved soon, TCU may not fulfill its goal of increasing its academic reputation.

"If Chancellor Ferrari wants us to be a Tier 1 school, we need to look at all the departments," she said. "I just want equal rights and equal opportunities."

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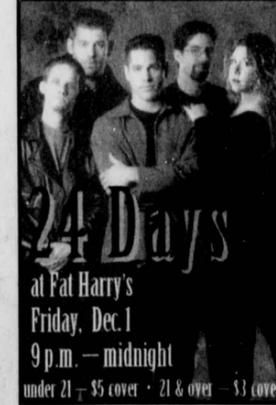


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With the TCU football team out of action until the Dec. 20 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl, the *Skiff* reviews the performances of the No. 13-ranked Frogs

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OVERALL **A+**

The defense finished as the No. 1-ranked unit in the country, allowing just 245 yards a game and 9.6 points a game. While the offense has gotten criticism this season for its inconsistency, the defense has been consistently dominant against Western Athletic Conference competition.

DE CHAD McCARTY **B**

Junior defensive end Chad McCarty had 30 tackles and three sacks. He's made seven tackles for losses totaling 28 yards. He didn't put up the numbers of the rest of the line, but those numbers weren't expected.

DT SHAWN WORTHEN **A**

Senior defensive tackle Shawn Worthen recorded 51 tackles and 2.5 sacks. When the season started, head coach Dennis Franchione said Worthen was one of the defensive linemen who would lead this team. He was right.

NT STUART ASHLEY **B+**

Senior nose tackle Stuart Ashley has done a little of everything for the Frogs defense this season. He's battled injuries en route to 27 tackles, 2.5 sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery.

DE AARON SCHOBEL **A+**

Senior defensive end Aaron Schobel was named WAC Defensive Player of the Year and has etched his name in TCU record books. He's the school's all-time sack and he picked up 6.5 sacks this season to lead the defense.

SLB CHAD BAYER **A**

Junior strongside linebacker Chad Bayer led the Horned Frog defense in tackles with 103. He, ironically, was given just honorable mention when it came to voting for the all-WAC teams.

MLB SHANNON BRAZZELL **A**

Senior middle linebacker Shannon Brazzell put together a solid season with 85 tackles, 15 for a loss and 5 sacks. His 85 tackles were second on the team, but his 15 tackles for a loss were tops on the squad.

SS RUSSELL GARY **B+**

Senior strong safety Russell Gary made 55 tackles and had two interceptions. He returned his two picks for a total of 112 yards. He was named second-team all-WAC.

WS CHARLIE OWENS **B+**

Junior weak safety Charlie Owens finished fourth on the team with 64 tackles. His six tackles for a loss totaled 24 yards in losses. He played a big role in making TCU's pass defense fourth in the country.

FS CURTIS FULLER **A+**

Senior free safety Curtis Fuller was an anchor on this defense all season. He finished third on the team with 81 tackles and tied for the team lead with nine pass deflections. Finding someone to replace him next season won't be easy.

CB Kenneth Hilliard **A**

Sophomore cornerback Kenneth Hilliard was thrust into the spot after starter Jason Goss tore ligaments in his right knee. He made immediate impact when he made an interception in the game against Tulsa. With Hilliard and Goss both being sophomores, the future at cornerback seems secure.

CB GREG WALLS **B+**

Senior cornerback Greg Walls only made 22 tackles but his coverage was steady all season, helping the Frogs to allow just 160 yards a game. He tied for the team lead with nine passes deflected.

P John Brazziel **A**

Walk-on punter John Brazziel won a mid-season tryout to become the Horned Frog punter after Joey Biasatti fractured his fibula and tibia in his right leg. He's made 17 punts averaging 37.5 yards and landed two inside the 20-yard line.

OVERALL **B+**

The TCU offense ranks No. 24 in the country, averaging 421 yards a game. The Frogs, however rank at No. 11 in scoring offense, averaging 37 points a game. For the most part, the offense has been reliant on senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, but sophomore quarterback Casey Printers has shown signs this season of what could be ahead.

QB CASEY PRINTERS **B+**

He's been up and down throughout the season. It's tough to put a grade on that type of performance. It's hard to argue with a quarterback who has gone 18-3 since becoming the starter. He ranks No. 1 in the Western Athletic Conference and No. 4 nationally in pass efficiency.

TB LADAINIAN TOMLINSON **A+**

He's just the second running back in NCAA history to run for 2,000 yards in a season and 5,000 in his career. The other was former Texas running back Ricky Williams — not bad company. For the season, he rushed for 2,158 yards and 22 touchdowns. A Doak Walker Award should be in his future.

FB GEORGE LAYNE **B+**

He's managed to put together a career year while lead blocking for Tomlinson. He's accounted for 430 yards and eight touchdowns, but his focus is still lead blocking for Tomlinson. He started the season strong, but cooled off toward the middle and end.

WR LATARENCE DUNBAR **B**

TCU is not known for its wide receiver corps. Dunbar made just 17 catches this season for 251 yards and four touchdowns. His strongest contributions to the Frogs came on special teams. Most recently, he returned a kick off 100 yards for a touchdown against Southern Methodist.

WR CEDRIC JAMES **B**

It was supposed to be a break-out season for James, but that never materialized in the TCU run-oriented offense. He finished tied for the team lead with 19 catches for 310 yards.

WR TIM MAIDEN **B+**

Maiden, finished his career at TCU this season and led the team with 19 catches for 348 yards. He also scored four touchdowns. Down the stretch of the season, it seemed as though Maiden had become Printers' go-to receiver in the clutch.

TE B.J. ROBERTS **B-**

In this offense, Roberts doesn't catch many passes. He run blocks well, which is all head football coach Dennis Franchione is really worried about. He caught seven passes for 107 yards this season.

OFFENSIVE LINE **A**

Nothing can be said about these guys that Tomlinson hasn't already said. There's a reason why seniors David Bobo, Mike Keathley and Jeff Millican were all named to the all-WAC first-team. The offensive line has catapulted TCU to the No. 4 rushing offense and has kept Printers well-protected. A+

K CHRIS KAYLAKIE **A**

Kaylakie missed just three kicks all season. He missed two field goals out of 18 and missed just 1 out of 51 extra points. He's made 4 of 5 kicks from beyond 40 yards.

TCU senior defensive end Aaron Schobel lays a hit on the Southern Methodist quarterback. He was selected as the Western Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year Monday.



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Senior wide receiver Tim Maiden makes a catch over the middle, leading to one of his two touchdowns against Southern Methodist Nov. 25. Maiden has been the receiver of choice this season as he is tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions and leads the team in receiving yards.

Other sports' triumphs overlooked in midst of football success

With all that has happened this fall with TCU football and the attention surrounding senior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson, it's a wonder that TCU even bothered to have other sports compete.

Well, not really. As a matter of fact, sports at TCU — other than football — either had or are in the midst of good seasons. For the most part, that's not typical. I took the time to look back at the semester for some other TCU sports.

Earlier this week it was announced that 10 Frogs were named to the first-

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team all-Western Athletic Conference team. Senior Aaron Schobel was named Defensive Player of the Year. Tomlinson was named Offensive Player of the Year. He was also announced as a finalist for the Doak Walker Award for the nation's best running back Thursday.

While he won't win a Heisman Trophy, Tomlinson will get his invitation to New York and he'll probably win the Doak Walker.

But things haven't all been rosy. TCU has been criticized all season as a team that wasn't as good as people

thought. A loss to San Jose State sent the Frogs tumbling down the polls and out of contention for the Bowl Championship Series. Oh well, a return trip to Mobile, Ala., isn't a total loss.

What's interesting is that people around this campus have probably forgotten that there are other sports competing, some of which are or were competing well.

The Volley Frogs have never had a season like the one they had this season. TCU's 15 overall wins and six wins in conference play were the most the Frogs have ever gotten.

When looking at the schedule a bit closer, TCU was just 3-9 over the final 12 matches. Without that final stretch, I wonder what might have been.

TCU soccer has never been known as a powerhouse. The women's team, though, made strides this season by making the WAC Championships while the men's team struggled in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The men started the season a promising 4-2, but lost nine of their last 12 to finish the season 7-11.

The women's team finished the season at 10-9-1, but made an early exit from the WAC Championships.

The TCU women's basketball team started its season with a win over Yale and then hosted No. 2 Tennessee in a game that was played a lot closer than most people thought it would be. So they passed that test, but a loss to North Texas two nights later sent the team

hurdling back in the opposite direction of progress.

So the jury is still out.

The men's team has found new life with help from guard Greedy Daniels. He creates an excitement on the floor that TCU basketball hasn't seen. However, he's not going to win games by himself as evidenced him scoring 31 points against Minnesota and TCU still losing 107-99.

Again, the jury is out on the Frogs, probably until conference play begins.

TCU had several athletes perform well individually this semester. Senior tennis player Esteban Carril started the fall season as the nation's sixth-ranked player. He picked up a win this fall in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association

Region VI Championships.

Soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis and golf are all proof that other sports at TCU can actually succeed.

At this point, TCU is recognized for its football program. That's somewhat hard to swallow knowing the recent history of football here, but when someone talks about TCU now, the conversation seems to center around Tomlinson.

I wonder what will happen next semester when Tomlinson is no longer in the spotlight.

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