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Limit put on free printouts on campus

Students allocated 200 free pages for school printers

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

Beginning this semester, students will have to monitor the number of pages they print out from campus printers.

A charge of 8 cents will be added to their send-home bills after they reach the new 200-page limit. The new policy applies to TCU's 33 computer labs, including the Mary Coats Burnett Library, Student Center Reading Room and all department labs.

Students who are conscientious of their printing should never have a cost, said David Edmondson, assistant provost for information services.

"Rather than charge an overall technology fee to everyone, this policy allows us to just charge those who are overprinting," Edmondson said.

ID cards will be programmed to keep track of the number of copies a student makes. Software will display how many complimentary copies remain on that account or will show the total charge for copies exceeding 200 before the student prints.

The policy affects computer labs where students are required to print for class. Those copies are included in the total number of complimentary pages.

"Students worried about the number of pages professors require them to print out can ask them to use discretion," Edmondson said.

Many students see disadvantages and advantages to the new policy.

"I think it may be a good idea because some people print out what I would call trash," said Purity Githembe, an educational administration graduate student. "But then sometimes people have serious work to do and 200 pages really isn't a lot."

James Lutz, assistant university librarian for administrative services, said the number of pages printed from library computers increased from 107,887 copies from June to October 1999 to 134,570 copies from June to October 2000, an increase of 20 percent.

"We were seeing a lot of waste," Lutz said. "People were printing things out and leaving them behind and printing out legal documents and Shakespeare plays instead of buying copies."

Maintenance for printers and paper in each de-

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Senior advertising/public relations major Elizabeth Stablein does some early semester shopping for her books at the bookstore. Classes officially began Tuesday after the month-long recess for winter break.

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Renovations block off 28 parking spaces

Relocation of 200 Waits women may ease problem

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

The sight of metal fences and construction crews is as familiar to the TCU campus as student complaints about parking, but one may actually alleviate the other.

The renovation of Waits Hall actually improves the parking situation on Main Campus despite the inconvenience, said TCU Police Chief Steve McGee.

"Instead of negatively impacting parking, you've positively impacted parking because you've moved out residents that had vehicles and normally parked there," McGee said.

Work crews are using North Drive as a staging area for the Waits Hall renovation this spring. The street is closed to traffic, and 28 Main Campus parking spaces are blocked off due to the construction. Students are still able to parallel park along Cantey Street.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Physical Plant made an informal request to the city to rent the street, but it would have cost \$30,000. Instead, North Drive is being used as the staging area.

Mills said students will see fewer parking spots, but they should remember two key points.

"There are fewer students on Main Campus (due to the renovation), and there are usually fewer students enrolled in the spring," Mills said.

According to Institutional Research figures, there were 7,551 students enrolled in the fall 1999

"I think that it will be a little less convenient for some people, but the benefits of getting a renovated dorm and newer buildings will outweigh the inconveniences. People will get used to it."

— Steve McGee,
TCU Police Chief

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Village People

Brite Divinity students move into newest campus apartment complex

By Maliha Suleman
STAFF REPORTER

Vivian Crowson loves her new two-bedroom apartment in The Leibrock Village. The smell of fresh paint and clean carpets fills the corridors of Leibrock.

Crowson, a Brite Divinity School student, lived in the Bellaire North Apartments before she moved to Leibrock.

"It's like a mansion compared to Bellaire because it isn't as dark and cramped," said Crowson, who's smiling despite the unpacking yet to be done.

Brite students began moving into Leibrock Village, the 56-unit complex on the corner of McCart and Sandage avenues, during the first week of January.

Barbara Shriver, director of Brite housing, said Leibrock is more than just a residential establishment, it's a place to call home.

"Why we've noted it as a village is because we want to give it that sense of community and not just apartments," Shriver said.

Residents will have access to a community room for small gatherings and studying, Shriver said.

Karyn Bogert, a Brite Divinity School student and Leibrock resident, said Leibrock is a great place where all Brite students can live together as one community.

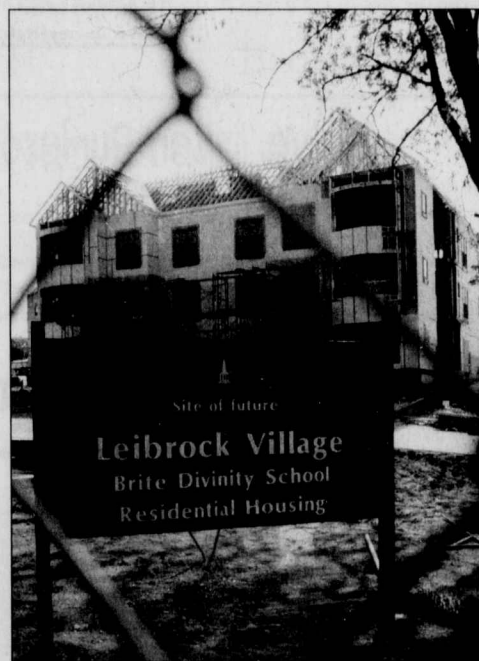
Bogert said another good part of living in Leibrock is the provision of cable television, Ethernet connections and CAMPUSLINK phone services.

The complex has 30 one-bedroom apartments, each leasing for \$500 a month and 26 two-bedroom apartments for \$640 a month. Each resident also gets a parking space.

"There are two parking spaces that go with the two-bedroom and one space for the one-bedroom," said Shriver. "There are extra parking spaces that can be rented by Brite students living in Leibrock."

Leibrock Village's security features also appeal to residents. Each building is equipped with swipe-card entry, and there are two resident assistants who can always be reached in case of problems.

Crowson said she heard some residents mention a



File photo

After almost two years of construction, the Leibrock Village opened to Brite Divinity School residents earlier this month. Here, the buildings stand partially completed. The new apartment complex is located on the corner of McCart and Sandage avenues and has 56 units — 30 one-bedroom units and 26 two-bedroom units.

lack of storage space, but she said she finds her apartment has ample room.

She said Leibrock emits a sense of community and interaction which is much better than it was in the Bellaire apartments, Crowson said.

"We can meet downstairs in the lobby, and it's a good chance to meet other residents," Crowson said. "In a typ-

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Banquet held to honor King

By LaNasha Houze
STAFF REPORTER

As the price for the autographed Dallas Stars pendant continued to grow at an auction, the anthology of the black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," rested at the minimum bid.

During an event dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of a diverse nation, participants valued sports memorabilia more than the historical significance of an anthem that transcends black culture. At Saturday's 16th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. "Living Dream" Celebration and Youth Awards Banquet, people gathered from the community to celebrate King's contributions and acknowledge the need for additional changes in society. Because King defined diversity not only by geography and race but also by education, the candlelit dinner and presentation focused on the importance of keeping King's dreams alive.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr said the observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day means more than just a break from school or work.

"We speed through life and don't stop to think about things that are truly important," Barr said. "Before this banquet, I did. We exist in a world where racism and economic division still exist."

Proceeds from the banquet benefited the Tarrant County Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship fund. TCU supported the banquet in an effort to recruit potential leaders in the community.

"Young people who don't have the background or knowledge need the extra help," said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community. "TCU is part of a greater community."

The Tarrant County Minority Scholarship fund coincides with TCU's Community Scholars Program, which recruits from Fort Worth Independent School District high schools with a high percentage of un-



LaNasha Houze/STAFF REPORTER

People gathered from the community to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Saturday. The event raised money for a scholarship fund in King's honor. The keynote speaker was Sheron Patterson.

derprivileged students.

Sheron Patterson, the keynote speaker, discussed the need for the community to hold itself to a higher standard in relationships and to love one another.

"The key to King's success was that he transformed the world and became a leader who depended on his strong spiritual base and strength to love," Patterson said.

Yetunde Ishola, an R.L. Paschal Senior High School student, said she believes people can still improve their relationships with different races. "My dream is that all children be taught to appreciate different religions, families, cultures, races and, most of all, heroes," she said.

Thomas said he hopes TCU will work toward this vision.

"Our nation says that it stands for treating everyone equal," Thomas said. "King's birthday reminds us that work still needs to continue."

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■ **Entries for Intramural Basketball** are being taken through Tuesday. Team and individuals may enter. The cost is \$25 a team. Individuals need to sign a free agent form. Entries are available outside the Recreational Sports office, Rickel Building, Room 229. The captain's meeting will be Jan. 25, and the season begins Jan. 30. Basketball officials are also needed. For more information contact Damien Abel at (817) 257-7592.

■ **The Harris School of Nursing** will have its new student orientation Thursday. Call (817) 257-7652 for more information.

■ **Theater auditions** for the spring semester will be Thursday and Friday. For more information contact the theater department at (817) 257-7625.

■ **The Center for Academic Services** will offer free study skills workshops. "Planning for Academic Success" will be 7 p.m. Jan. 29 in Reed Hall, Room 101 and 7 p.m. Jan. 30 in Reed Hall, Room 117. "Effective Note-taking and Textbook Skills" will be 7 p.m. Feb. 5 in Reed Hall, Room 101 and 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in Reed Hall, Room 117. Bring paper, pen and your syllabi to the workshops.

■ **Christopher Young**, head of the organ department at Indiana University, will hold a concert 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 in Ed Landreth Hall. His program is sponsored by the Sue Wheeler Smith Endowment Fund of TCU and the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

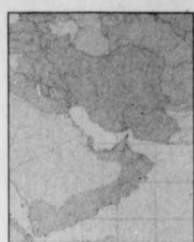
■ **Campus Conversations on Inclusiveness: International** will be noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Student Center, Room 222.

■ **The Second Valentine's Concert** will present the music of Glenn Miller 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in Ed Landreth Hall. Admission is \$8 for the public and \$5 for TCU students, faculty and staff with ID.

■ **The TCU Rifle Club** has started recruiting for the spring semester. The club is designed for TCU students with an interest in competitive rifle shooting. No prior experience is necessary. Call (817) 257-8550 for more information.

WORLD DIGEST

JEWISH SETTLERS BURN GREEN HOUSES IN RESPONSE TO ISRAELI FARMER'S DEATH



JERUSALEM — Jewish settlers avenging the killing of one of their own destroyed green houses and shot at homes in dozens of Palestinian farms in the Gaza Strip early Tuesday, Palestinian witnesses said. Despite the violence, peace talks were set to resume.

Palestinian negotiators said the settler rampages would be at the top of the agenda in the negotiating session with Israel, to be held Tuesday in Jerusalem.

The Palestinians were also waiting for maps showing how Israel interprets President Bill Clinton's peace proposals. The U.S. plan calls for a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip, 95 percent of the West Bank and Arab areas of Jerusalem.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami and Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia met Monday evening in preparation for the negotiating session, despite the one-day halt to talks called by Israel after the killing of the settler.

Israeli farmer Roni Tsalach was shot by Palestinians on Sunday in his Kfar Yam settlement in Gaza, apparently with his own gun.

In response, Israel reinstated tough restrictions on the movement of nearly a million Palestinians. Troops blocked major roads and closed the Palestinian airport, and crossings into Egypt and Israel.

On Monday and early Tuesday, Jewish settlers attacked about 40 Palestinian farms in southern Gaza, farmers said.

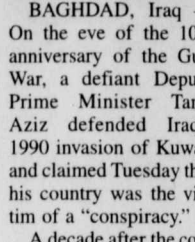
Farmer Amin An-Najar, 42, who owns land near the Palestinian town of Khan Yunis, said dozens of settlers threw stones and shot at homes in his neighborhood.

He said four of his green houses, where he grew cucumbers and tomatoes, were burned to the ground and that his irrigation system was destroyed. A cousin's tractor was burned in the settler attack, An-Najar said.

Israeli police spokesman Yossi Koppel said he was unaware of a rampage early Tuesday, but that settlers involved in Monday's attacks on Palestinian property would be prosecuted. Assaults would be identified with the help of TV footage, and several dozen people might be arrested, Koppel said.

Despite the shadow war fought by both sides, negotiations remained on track. Israel and the Palestinian are working on a document that would sum up the progress made with the help of Clinton, who leaves office Saturday.

IRAQI PRIME MINISTER AZIZ OFFERS NO REGRETS 10 YEARS AFTER GULF WAR



BAGHDAD, Iraq — On the eve of the 10th anniversary of the Gulf War, a defiant Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz defended Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and claimed Tuesday that his country was the victim of a "conspiracy."

A decade after the conflict, the hostility between Iraq and the United States still burns, and Aziz blamed the Americans for keeping tough international sanctions in place despite growing calls to ease or lift the punitive measures.

Aziz said Iraq had no regrets for its takeover of Kuwait, which prompted more than 30 Western and Arab nations to join forces and drive out President Saddam Hussein's troops in a one-sided war that lasted just six weeks.

"When the criminals who attacked Iraq regret their crimes against Iraq, we will consider whether we made any mistakes," Aziz told a news conference.

"Iraq was the victim of conspiracy against its sovereignty and its national interests, and Kuwait was part and parcel of that conspiracy," Aziz said. "So Kuwait deserves what it had in 1990."

In another development, Saddam's eldest son, Odai, who is a member of parliament, proposed that Kuwait should be included in a new map of Iraq.

DEATH TOLL CONTINUES TO RISE AFTER 7.6-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE IN EL SALVADOR



SANTA TECLA, El Salvador — As the death toll in El Salvador's devastating earthquake topped 600 and kept climbing, authorities made a last futile push to find trapped survivors Tuesday and then shifted to coping with the growing number of corpses.

Workers were burying unidentified bodies in common graves at the municipal cemetery in this devastated town, and the government said 3,000 coffins requested from Colombia would arrive soon. By afternoon, bulldozers began to recover bodies and remove debris.

Finger-pointing began: In Santa Tecla, where a mountainside buried a whole neighborhood, environmental activists and authorities said deforestation contributed to the disaster.

Residents of the buried neighborhood, Las Colinas, had pleaded with Congress and the

Supreme Court to block the construction of mansions on the hillside above them, saying the lack of ground cover left those below vulnerable to landslides. Their pleas were ignored, and construction continued.

Saturday's 7.6-magnitude quake loosened that hillside, sending dirt raining on the homes below and bringing down some of the mansions. Angry residents argued Monday that the development had caused hundreds of deaths.

"What good does money do us if we are subjecting our children to something like this?" Santa Tecla Mayor Oscar Ortiz asked.

Ecologist Ricardo Navarro accused members of Congress and government officials of negligence for failing to stop the deforestation.

"Several urbanization projects were born ... and there you have the results, hundreds of deaths," he said.

In Santa Tecla Tuesday, rescuers cleared the area where the mountainside buried the neighborhood. In the silence, Taiwanese technicians with heartbeat detectors and Spanish rescuers with dogs combed the area.

They found no signs of life, and the bulldozers began to plow through the rubble, recovering bodies and removing debris. Hundreds of bodies were still believed to be buried there.

As information began to trickle in from the countryside, where hundreds of communities remain almost completely cut off from the outside world, President Francisco Flores said workers had recovered 609 bodies in El Salvador and were searching for hundreds more.

Flores said 2,412 people were injured and more than 45,000 houses were damaged or destroyed in Saturday's quake. In a televised address to the nation Monday night, he said he expected the death toll to rise significantly.

Although the largest number of deaths appeared to be in Las Colinas, the quake caused 185 landslides across El Salvador, burying anyone who couldn't get out of the way fast enough and blocking hundreds of roads.

Police said nearly 18,000 people had been evacuated from dangerous areas. "We are doing all we can to strengthen the hopes of our countrymen," Ortiz said. "But we are a nation of very strong people and we will need that strength now."

Aftershocks continued to rock the country, terrifying residents and knocking more debris onto highways.

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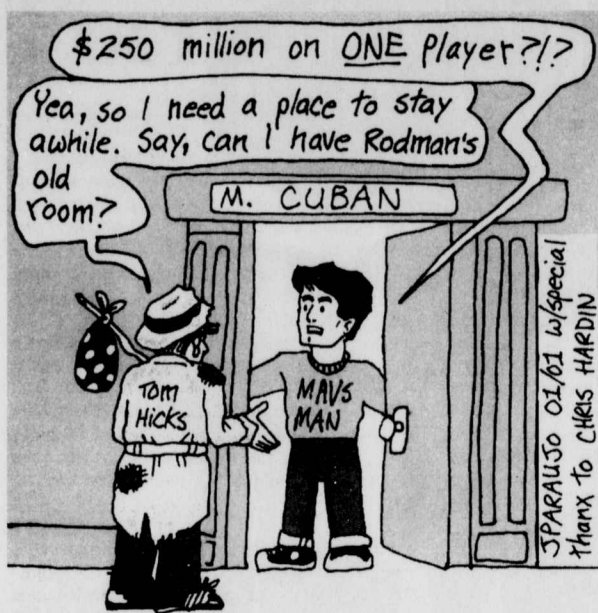
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PUBLIC IMAGE

University needs to protect name

TCU is getting just what it wanted ... publicity. Trouble is, it's probably not the kind of publicity the university wanted.

Former head coach Dennis Franchione and former linebackers coach Mark Parks were formally accused of racial discrimination and harassment Nov. 15 — just two weeks before they accepted coaching positions at the University of Alabama. According to a report from the Houston Chronicle, Allen and Adrian Lewis, Frogs linebackers, describe three years of mistreatment and racist comments that they attribute to Parks.

Though Franchione's lawyer advised him not to comment, Parks said he "100 percent totally" denies the allegations. Somebody please page the spin doctors.

After nearly a year of promoting the university to the nation, it is difficult to hide this reputation fender-bender from the public eye.

The story has been in newspapers, on TV and on the Internet. Of course, the same goes for any public figure; just ask Robert Downey Jr., Hugh Grant or Charlie Sheen. A well-known figure gets attention for every wrong turn.

Here lies a new responsibility of the university. Our name is out there, and it is now time to protect it.

In order for the university to maintain and improve its public image, it is necessary to ensure that these charges can never be made again.

Now, however, the question is not whether or not it happened or how things should or should not have been interpreted.

It is now a matter of how the university represents itself. Otherwise, we might just get what we're asking for.

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Media must re-define credibility

Skiff looks to student input for success in spring semester

Screen writer and film director Ron Shelton says life is made of defining moments, in which a person either defines the moment or is defined by the moment.

In the months following November's presidential election, the media have been forced to be redefined.

During the election process, the media were defined by inaccuracy and bias, causing more skeptics to rise to the fore.

The Skiff looks at a skeptical readership as a challenge to be defined by credibility.

By constantly seeking to deal with news in a timely and fair fashion, we hope to gain more credibility. Art Nauman, retired ombudsman

of the *Sacramento Bee*, said of credibility: "It is gained by the inch; it is lost by the foot."

While Nauman's point illustrates the uphill climb journalists face, the Skiff affords students to do it with an ostensible safety harness.

The Skiff is a student-run newspaper, and it is used to teach students the characteristics and the skills necessary to succeed in the journalism field.

Although it is the newspaper's desire to be perfect, mistakes are inevitable. Thus, it is important that all readers of the Skiff make us aware of our mistakes. We believe there is no such thing as a minor error.

Just as readers can deem it their responsibility to make us aware of mistakes, all readers are also invited to be a part of the newspaper's production.

Author Norman Maclean wrote, "It is those who we live with and love and should know, who elude us."

Our staff is cooped up in the

Moudy Building South for hours on end, so it is feasible that we miss out on some things within our community.

We need everyone's help in providing us with eyes and ears focused on the campus. Tell us about events of interest, issues being discussed or anything else deemed to be informative to the readers.

While we do ask for the help of the readers, we also plan to give back. The current editorial board has 15 members, the largest number in the Skiff's 99-year history.

The diversity within the 15-member board has made brainstorming sessions successful in the ideas that have ensued. Throughout the semester, we will choose important or controversial issues and call for campus-wide discussions of them. Also we have started a daily international digest to illustrate to readers information that is sometimes ignored in the safe confines of the TCU campus.

In the interest of service journalism, we have updated the nameplate to reflect modern design changes and bring unity between sections and the overall visual presentation of the paper.

It may be a bad idea to state our lofty goals at the beginning of the semester, because some of them may not be accomplished.

In fact Aristotle said: "Everything has preferred state of rest, which anybody would take up if it were not driven by some force or impulse."

But the staff at the Skiff has never shown signs of being satisfied with a state of rest.

Instead, the staff's perpetual impulse to work hard is why I'm confident this semester will be defined as a success for the Skiff.

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SIMMONS

Staff Demographics

Every semester we like to give our readers some basic information about the demographics of our editorial board. The following is a breakdown so you can get to know us and get a better understanding of the opinions expressed in our staff editorials.

Gender: Nine female, six male

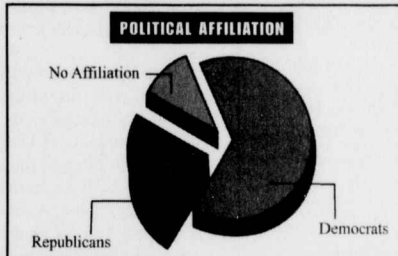
Ethnicity: 12 white, two Indian, one Hispanic

Home state/country: One each from Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia, Missouri, Arizona, Hungary, Mexico and Zambia and seven from Texas

Classification: Five seniors, six juniors, three sophomores and one freshman

Major: Six news-editorial journalism, six broadcast journalism, one international communication, one photojournalism and one fashion promotions

Housing: Nine off campus, six on campus



Political affiliation: 10 democrats, three republicans, two have no affiliation

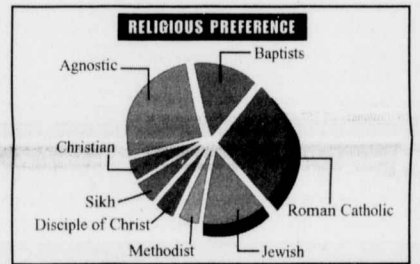
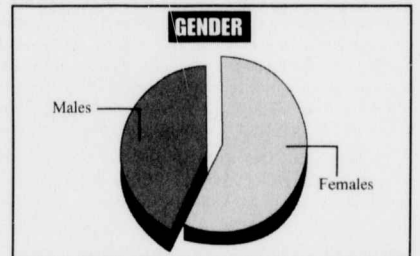
Religious preference: Four Roman Catholics, two Baptists, two Jewish, one Disciple of Christ, one Christian, one Sikh one Methodist and three agnostic

Greek affiliation: 13 independent and two Greek

Average GPA: 3.068

Average hours scheduled for spring: 14.6

Editor experience: Seven new editors, eight previous Skiff editors



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New editor encourages discussion, debate

Broader scope of thinking to highlight opinion page for spring

Newspapers have a long history in America as conveyers of information and as watchdogs of the U.S. government. They have an even longer history as tools of persuasion.

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With nearly 8,000 students and

approximately 1,300 faculty and staff representing 48 states and more than 70 countries, there should be competition to have your ideas published in the Skiff. In the past, student involvement in the opinion page has been disappointing.

We know you have opinions. We hear you talking about them with your roommate at 2 a.m. We see you discussing daily news in The Main. We watch you debate these opinions at the bar. So why not write them in the Skiff, or draw a cartoon if you are the artistic type?

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Maybe you think George W. Bush is the best thing that ever happened to this country, or perhaps you're ready to move to Canada with the Baldwin brothers. We'd like to hear from you.

Maybe you think the food in The Main is the best you've ever had, or maybe you think the progressive nature of Chancellor Michael Ferrari is a mistake for TCU. We'd like to hear from you.

Whether you are black, white, Hispanic or Asian, or whether you're from Japan or South Dakota, you are an important piece of TCU. We'd like to hear from you.

Contributions are welcome — anything from letters to the editor to weekly columns and editorial cartoons. We invite you to share your thoughts with us.

The first column I ever signed my name to was called "Just a Thought," and as I look back on that column, some 50 editorials or so ago, I find great irony in its title.

There is no such thing as "just a thought" when it comes to sharing your opinions, beliefs and perspectives with others.

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Now it's your chance to make the world TCU. Write about your thoughts, beliefs and ideas. Share with one another your part of the world. Discuss it, debate it and, most importantly, learn from it. Let the opinion page of the Skiff enlighten you.

Opinion Editor James Zwilling is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Phoenix, Ariz.



ZWILLING

students speak out

"I created my second compilation album of rap, which I always make on (Martin Luther King Jr. Day.)"



— Mike McGuire
sophomore business major

"I didn't have the opportunity to take part in events because I was in baseball practice and there wasn't anything to do for it."



— Kenny Thompson
sophomore political science major

"I think we celebrate because it was a big event in history, but unfortunately I didn't celebrate it."



— Sami Cheatham
freshman political science major

"I said a prayer at night to acknowledge the significance of MLK."



— Frank Pruss
freshman engineering major

"I didn't do anything because classes had not even started, but I think I would have done something if TCU had planned some type of program to celebrate it."




— Erika Hinchaw
sophomore geology major

"Yesterday I watched a parade on TV. It was the first year I have done nothing significant."



— Kim Dawson
freshman vocal performance major

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Association selected Bailiff as the NCAA I-AA Assistant Coach of the Year.

The only position still to be filled is linebackers coach which was previously occupied by Tommy Raye. Raye accepted an offer from TCU and Patterson gave up the job.

"(Raye) got another offer he couldn't refuse," Patterson said. Patterson would not comment on Raye's new position outside the university.

When the new linebackers coach is named, Patterson will already be used to seeing the moving boxes.

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HORNE

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more Bingo Merriex and his 9.5 points a game and junior Marlon Dumont who is averaging 6.4 points a game.

Overall, the Horned Frogs lead the nation in scoring offense at 96.8 points a game, but the defense has struggled at times, allowing more than 77 points a game and 80 or more points on nine occasions. The Frogs have gotten their most consistent play from senior guards Ryan Carroll (19.1 points), Greedy Daniels (16.4) and senior forward Myron Anthony (15.1 points), who is finally showing people why Tubbs brought him here from Kentucky.

With Fresno State starting to run away from the rest of the WAC field and in the midst of an 11-game winning streak, a TCU win against a team like Tulsa on the road would do wonders for the stretch run of the regular season. A loss, and TCU is not only faced with a must-win situation when Tulsa comes to Fort Worth Feb. 1, but the Golden Hurricane is suddenly back in the middle of the race.

Associate editor Danny Horne is a senior broadcast journalism major from Carrollton. He can be reached at (bravestcu3116@mind-spring.com).

Midland prepares for arrival of Bush

By PAM EASTON
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDLAND — City workers put up fencing and set up bleachers around the Midland County courthouse under overcast winter skies Tuesday as this West Texas city prepared to welcome home its most famous son Wednesday and then send him on his way to the nation's top office.

"Choosing Midland as his last stop is very symbolic," Mayor Bobby Burns said Tuesday of President-elect Bush's final stop before heading to Saturday's inauguration. "He's leaving middle America and he's going to Washington, D.C."

Burns and other Midlanders say even though this West Texas oil patch city of 100,000 might be thousands of miles away, Bush will share with the nation the values instilled in him while growing up in the heart of the Permian Basin: a place where a billboard between Midland and Odessa reminds people that if they turn to God, their land will be healed and prosperity will come.

"George W. Bush has said to understand him, you have to understand Midland," Burns said. "He has proved that even if you're from Midland, Texas, you can be the president of the United States, if you work hard, believe in what you say and remember your values."

Bush's lesson is one that Midland is teaching its students by bringing a busload of youths from each school to hear the president-elect.

The city expects more than 20,000 people to attend the victory celebration, which will include entertainment from Vince Hatfield, rising country-western star Casey Lee Green, choirs and both of the city's marching bands.



David Dunai/SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Finals rescheduled

During finals week in the fall, bad weather forced cancellation of examinations scheduled for Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, and 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13. Faculty for these courses assigned final grades based on all other graded work.

Students may choose to make up the canceled examination following the schedule described below. Students should speak with faculty before arriving to take the make-up examination.

Final examinations that were canceled Dec. 12 may be rescheduled for the evening of Friday, Jan. 19 (same time of day and place).

Final examinations that were canceled Dec. 13 may be rescheduled at the same time on Saturday, Jan. 20.

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Former coaches accused of discrimination

By Victor Drabicky
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Despite head coach Dennis Franchione's departure from TCU more than six weeks ago, the impact of his tenure is more evident than ever. Two weeks before Franchione and part of his coaching staff left for Alabama, he and ex-TCU linebackers coach Mark Parks were formally accused of racial discrimination and harassment by two TCU football players.

Both coaches deny the allegations. According to the *Houston Chronicle*, juniors Adrian and Allen Lewis filed the complaint with the U.S. Department of Education claiming the coaches used "racial slurs and stereotypical comments."

The Lewises refused to comment Tuesday

Complaint filed by two football players names Fran, Parks

under advice from their counsel.

According to the *Associated Press*, the Lewis' complaint describes three years of mistreatment and racist comments by Parks, including his alleged comments: "I am glad we finally have some white players on the team instead of the team being all black," and "All you people care about is chasing (women), fine clothes, fancy cars and good times."

Parks denied the accusations and would not comment further on the matter.

The Lewis' complaint was received by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights on Nov. 15.

The complaint states Franchione suspended Adrian from the team following a half-time incident during the team's season opener at Nevada, in which Adrian "made eye contact with a white woman when she gave him a high-five." TCU has no record of the suspension but did conduct an internal investigation into the matter.

The investigation found no evidence of racism but did find instances of "inappropriate language."

TCU investigation officials could not be reached for comment.

In a statement released through the Univer-

sity of Alabama, Franchione said, "the investigations have uncovered no evidence of harassment or discrimination of any sort, and I am confident this situation will be resolved soon."

"I have coached 28 years with a mission of developing people first and players second," Franchione said. "In that spirit, I could not live with myself if I mistreated a person due to race or for any other reason. I do not understand how the two players at TCU came to feel as they did, and I feel badly that they believe they have been mistreated."

In a statement released by TCU, Athletics

Director Eric Hyman agreed with Franchione. "TCU will cooperate fully with the (investigation) and will take whatever steps necessary to ensure that our football program continues to respect every human being," Hyman said. "Until the Department of Education's review is complete, there will be no further comment from me or other university officials."

Both Adrian and Allen reported to practice Monday.

Adrian began last season as a second-string linebacker, but he played mostly on special teams. Allen, a third-string fullback, tore an anterior cruciate ligament in the third game of the season, and he missed the rest of the season.

Frogs' losses set up must-win situation

Schedule strength has been at the forefront of TCU athletics throughout this academic year. It started in August when the Horned Frog football team started its season which ultimately resulted in a loss in the GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl.

The knock on the TCU football team through its rise and fall in the Bowl Championship Series

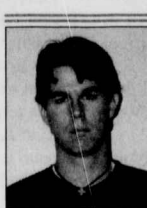
rankings was its lack of schedule strength in the non-conference capacity. With football season over, the focus and schedule strength discussions have turned to the men's basketball program.

It's true the Frogs are listed at 13-4 overall and 3-1 in the Western Athletic Conference, and there is nothing wrong with those numbers. However, technically, the Frogs are 11-4 in the eyes of the NCAA selection committee, because, by rule, wins over teams in Division II don't count toward the final win total when it comes time for selection into the NCAA Tournament's field of 64.

TCU started the season at 6-2 before the university recessed for Winter Break Dec. 15. During the next month, the Horned Frogs posted a 7-2 record with the losses coming on the road against Butler (86-73) and Fresno State (94-82). The other two losses came courtesy of Minnesota (107-99) and the College of Charleston (76-71) in the Thanksgiving Classic in Honolulu.

With three losses to teams that aren't considered to be a part of the upper echelon of college basketball but may be tournament teams come March, TCU hasn't made an outstanding impression on the NCAA at this point. One way the Frogs could combat that would be to have an impressive performance or two against a ranked opponent. Instead, TCU has wins over Division II schools, Central Oklahoma and Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

It should be noted that TCU picked up wins over Princeton and Texas Tech, but again, neither of those teams is having a particularly strong season. With all that said, my point is that a program run by a coach who has a career track



DANNY HORNE

Analysis

record like that of Billy Tubbs shouldn't have a problem scheduling tougher opponents. Clearly, that doesn't mean the expectations are to bring Duke and Stanford to town, but Texas and Oklahoma are typically good programs having good seasons and are regionally convenient.

In terms of play in the WAC, TCU has three main rivals for the top seed in the WAC Tournament. Fresno State has emerged as the early favorite with convincing home wins against Southern Methodist and TCU. For TCU to be considered as an at-large bid at this point, wins over SMU, Tulsa and a split with Fresno State are a must.

That road starts tonight against Tulsa in Oklahoma. Last season, the three games against Tulsa were a disaster. The Frogs lost twice during the regular season (103-70 at Tulsa and 94-73 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum), and they also got knocked out of the WAC tournament by Tulsa with a 93-71 loss.

At 10-6, the Golden Hurricane aren't off to a start that would say they were close to redeeming status as the team that was five points from the Final Four last season and tied national champion Michigan State and Iowa State for the most wins in the country (32). This year's team is a much more youthful group under first-year head coach Buzz Peterson.

The Golden Hurricane squad has five sophomores, three freshmen, two juniors and two seniors.

Gone are guard Eric Coley and forward Brandon Kurtz, who combined to average 23 points a game last season. Tulsa had such depth last season that senior forward David Shelton averaged 13.5 points while coming off the bench for all but two games. That's not the case this season as the bench has been almost nonexistent.

The starting five for Tulsa this season averages 60.2 of the team's 78 points a game. Tubbs has gotten quality production off his bench this season with the likes of sopho-

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MAKING A SPLASH



Sarah Kirschberg/PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman Collin Sandifer works on his butterfly technique during practice last week. Both men's and women's swimming team's finished their spring training sessions in Colorado over the Winter Break. The men's team competes against Florida Jan. 20, while the women's team swims at Southern Methodist today.

Patterson names new coaching staff

By John Weyand
SKIFF STAFF

When TCU head coach Gary Patterson arrived back on campus Monday, he realized he had eight new neighbors.

The offices around Patterson's were filled with moving boxes, trophies and the men he had hired as the new TCU football coaching staff.

The staff includes six new assistants and two coaches from Dennis Franchione's former staff. Mike Schultz and Jarrett Anderson were both on the offensive staff during the 2000 season. Schultz will remain the running backs' coach and act as the offensive coordinator, while Anderson will work with wide receivers.

Patterson said the new personnel will not cause substantial changes in the program and have been hired with the current TCU program in mind.

"These coaches have been hired to fit," Patterson said. "They've been

hired because we thought they could make the best out of what this team has."

In addition to being chosen for their football coaching experience, Patterson said the coaches have been chosen for their personal qualities.

"There are two things I look for in people — loyalty and a hard work ethic," Patterson said. "All of the gentlemen we hired have both."

The hired coaches include Dan Sharp, who has rejoined the Frogs as the tight ends and special teams coach. Sharp coached seven seasons (1991-97) at TCU under former coach Pat Sullivan before joining the Tulsa coaching staff in 1998.

Also working with the offense this year are veteran coaches Dan Lounsbury and Eddie Williamson. Lounsbury comes to TCU from Kentucky. Williamson is a 25-year coaching veteran from Wake Forest.

Chuck Driesbach and Willie Mack

NEW FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

Jarrett Anderson	Wide receivers
David Bailiff	Defensive line
Chuck Driesbach	Defensive coordinator/safeties
Willie Mack Garza	Cornerbacks
Dan Lounsbury	Quarterbacks
Mike Schultz	Offensive coordinator/running backs
Dan Sharp	Tight ends/special teams
Eddie Williamson	Offensive line

Garza will specialize in coaching TCU's secondary. Driesbach is credited with revamping the defense at Western Michigan, which finished in the top 20 nationally in four defensive categories, including scoring defense for the 2000 season. Both Driesbach and Garza come to TCU after spending the last four seasons with Western Michigan.

Patterson said his philosophies on defense align with Driesbach's. Having led TCU's defense to the No. 1

ranking in the nation, Patterson said he will look to Driesbach to continue its success. Patterson also said he will work with Driesbach in continuing the habits that the Frogs' defense established last season.

Patterson hired David Bailiff to coach the defensive line. Bailiff served as assistant head coach/defensive coordinator for Southwest Texas. In 1999, the American Football Coaches

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HOLIDAY BREAKDOWN

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The TCU men's basketball team improved its record to 13-4, winning seven of nine games during the Winter Break (including three of four Western Athletic Conference games).

TCU's only two losses came at Butler and WAC leader Fresno State. Senior forward Ryan Carroll led the Frogs averaging almost 18 points and six rebounds a game in the nine game span. Carroll, who is averaging 19.1 points a game, is third in scoring among WAC players.

TCU is currently first in WAC scoring, averaging more than 96 points a game, and second in rebounding with 38 a game. TCU's 3-1 conference record ties them with SMU for third place in the WAC. The Frogs will play 7 p.m. today at Tulsa and will play host to Rice 7 p.m. Saturday.



CARROLL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ending its holiday season with a five-game winning streak, the TCU women's basketball team improved its record to 12-4. The Frogs won the first three games of the break before losing back to back games against Arkansas and then No. 15-ranked Texas. The 70-49 loss Dec. 29 against Texas keeps TCU winless against nationally-ranked opponents and 0-29 against Texas.

Since losing to Texas and Arkansas, the Frogs have won five straight, including their last non-conference game and their first four WAC games. The Frogs gained sole possession of first place in the WAC with a 68-55 win over Fresno State Sunday. Senior guard Jill Sutton scored 11 points, moving her into second place on the TCU women's basketball all-time scoring list with 1,155 points. The Frogs play 7 p.m. Friday at Rice and against Tulsa 7 p.m. Jan. 23.

SWIMMING

The TCU swimming teams ended their holiday seasons by finishing first in the TCU Classic last

weekend at the Rickel Building. The men's squad defeated its only opponent, Louisiana-Monroe, finishing first in all but one of the meet's 19 events, which included all five relays.

Junior Jamie MacCurdy led the women's team to a first-place finish, winning all six events she swam, including two relays. The Frogs finished almost 100 points better than second-place New Mexico State.

The men's and women's swimming teams also finished second in the Denver Pentathlon Jan. 8. The men had five top 10 finishers, including two in the top five. The women were led by junior Marisa Schenke, who finished fifth out of 46 overall.

The women return to action 7 p.m. today when they host SMU. The men will Florida at 1 p.m. Saturday.

FOOTBALL

TCU fullback George Layne has decided to forgo his senior year and has made himself eligible for

the NFL draft. Layne served as LaDainian Tomlinson's lead blocker last season. Layne scored six touchdowns and carried the ball 46 times for 279 yards.

Some scouts have projected Layne to be drafted as high as the third round.

Schobel sets tone for Frogs in postseason football action

Despite rules disallowing defensive linemen to stunt at the line of scrimmage, TCU defensive end Aaron Schobel recorded three sacks as the West defeated the East 20-10 in the Shrine Game last Saturday in San Francisco.

TCU wide receiver Cedric James and TCU defensive tackle Shawn Worthen also played for the West.

In Orlando, Fla., TCU offensive linemen David Bobo and Jeff Garner represented Team USA in the Rotary Gridiron Classic last Saturday. Team Florida defeated Team USA 10-0.



Tomlinson to act as feature attraction in Mobile, Ala.

The Senior Bowl had been billed as a rematch between Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke and Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, but neither will participate in Saturday's game in Mobile, Ala.

Oklahoma defeated Florida State in the national championship contest Jan. 3, but both quarterbacks cited injuries and a need for rest as reasons to skip the all-star game. TCU tailback LaDainian Tomlinson will now be the only Heisman Trophy finalist involved in the Senior Bowl.

Frog offensive tackle Mike Keathley will continue his normal post, trying to secure a lane for Tomlinson to run through in Mobile. TCU safety Curtis Fuller and defensive tackle Shawn Worthen will compete in the Hula Bowl Saturday in Maui, Hawaii.

NOTES

University of Alabama freshman defensive lineman Albert Means withdrew from school after allega-

tions surfaced late last week that high school coaches took bribes in exchange for convincing Means to attend the university.

Former Trezevant High School assistant coach Milton Kirk told *The Commercial Appeal* that Trezevant head coach, Lynn Lang, received \$200,000 from Alabama boosters in exchange for Means' commitment to play at Alabama.

Both Kirk and Lang, along with Memphis Melrose High School coach Tim Thompson, have all been suspended from their coaching jobs pending an investigation. Means recorded 18 tackles in seven games, including two stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Because Means was unaware of the payoff, Alabama officials have recommended an unconditional release from his letter of intent. The release would give Means three years of eligibility and require him to sit out one season rather than the normal two if he transfers to another Division I school.

The NCAA could not be reached for comment.

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Dorm room demolition

Laura McFarland/SKIFF STAFF
Construction crews continue to work on the renovations to Waits Hall. The construction has forced the closing of North Drive, and 28 Main Campus parking spaces have been blocked off.

RENOVATIONS

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semester and 6,981 enrolled for the spring 2000 semester.

The renovation of Waits Hall also relocated about 200 female residents.

Nancy Grieser, coordinator of housing assignments, said 69 women moved to Worth Hills, 36 women had other arrangements and the rest stayed on Main Campus.

McGee said there are already limitations on parking permits. Only students living on Main Campus can obtain a Main Campus permit. The same rule applies for residents of Worth Hills and commuter students.

McGee said construction will cause parking limitations, but it will result in progress for the university.

"I think that it will be a little less convenient for some people, but the benefits of getting a renovated dorm and newer buildings will outweigh the inconveniences," McGee said. "People will get used to it."

McGee said parking at TCU is closer than at many other universities, but people still want to see their building and park closer to it. "We have ample parking, but not

ample close parking," McGee said.

Aimee Lavoie, a sophomore business major, said she had difficulty finding a place to unload her car when she returned this week.

"It's annoying that maintenance and renovation vehicles are taking over parking spaces and loading zones," Lavoie said. "I live in Jarvis (Hall), and when I was moving in, I couldn't get anywhere near the building to unload."

Katherine Moring, a freshman graphic design major, said she gets frustrated when she has to make a quick stop at her dorm and is forced to park in the freshman lot.

Mills said the university will have to continue looking at the parking situation.

"There are no answers right now," Mills said. "We hope to look for some this spring."

Students who have moved can get their parking permits exchanged for no charge. Old stickers need to be scraped off and brought to the TCU Police at 3025 Lubbock St. If students do not have a sticker, a new permit for the semester will cost \$30.

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LEIBROCK

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ical, real village you feel like neighbors living next to each other, but in Bellaire, the apartments made it feel compartmentalized.

"As I'm closer to TCU now, I definitely feel more a part of the university," Crowson said.

Shriver said a requirement Leibrock residents must meet is a minimum amount of hours to live in the complex.

"Leibrock has one stipulation," said

Shriver. "During fall and spring semesters, the residents must be full-time Brite students taking at least nine hours," Shriver said.

Leibrock Village was funded by Robert Leibrock of Midland and various other private donors and foundations. Brite used a part of the \$70 million endowment for the project.

The remaining construction east of McCart Avenue and west of Sandage Avenue is for housing complexes for other graduate students.

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FEES

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partment comes from that department's budget. The 8-cent fee for additional printouts after the limit will go directly to the department from which the copies were made.

Edmondson said charges from printing would be used to increase maintenance on printers.

"Our commitment is to replace each printer in the computer labs every three years," Edmondson said. Lutz said the charge may not be

as beneficial as some TCU officials are expecting because it will only cover costs of printing and maintenance.

TCU modeled the policy after a similar one found at the University of Kentucky, which has benefited from similar policies.

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The Main Lunch

Taco bar
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Dinner

Nacho bar
Yankee pot roast
Stuffed shells
Rotisserie chicken

Worth Hills Lunch

Quesadillas
Meatloaf

Dinner

Teriyaki

Eden's Greens Lunch

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Same as The Main

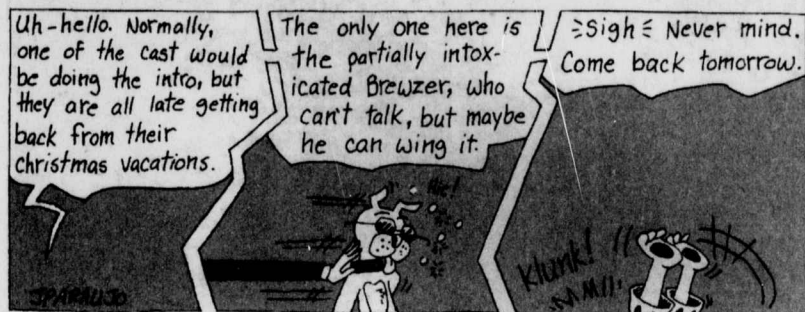
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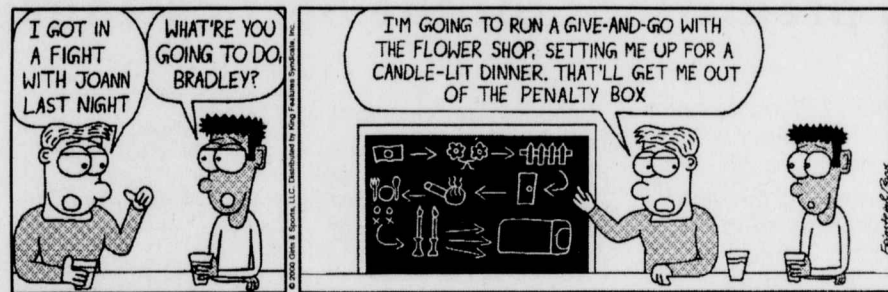
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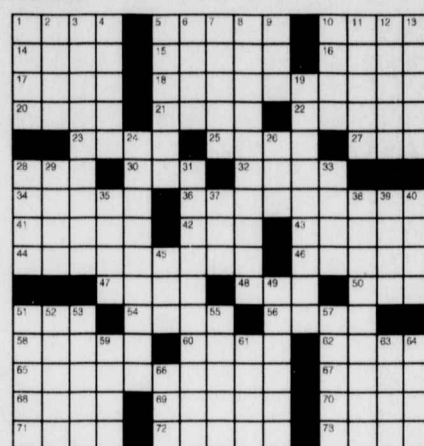
Girls and Sports

Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Crossword

- ACROSS
- Potpouri
 - Austere
 - Blow one's own horn
 - Indigenous Japanese
 - Contempt
 - Commute
 - Etta of the comics
 - Nukes?
 - Took to court
 - Cato's way
 - Does Virginia's dance?
 - Fragrant bloom
 - Withered
 - Keanu in "The Matrix"
 - Fifth of a scale
 - Circle part
 - Snack
 - Warning
 - New wings
 - Farewell, Yves
 - A Stooze
 - Even out
 - Cayenne
 - Rhone feeder
 - Work hard
 - ID info
 - Lover of tennis
 - Father's boy
 - Father
 - Mild expletive
 - TV teaser
 - Killer whale
 - Metric unit of mass
 - Soldier of fortune
 - Try to outrun
 - Blue-green color
 - Battery terminal
 - Sheep
 - Formerly, formerly
 - Waited for the green
 - Make/meet connector
 - RV base
 - Makes haste
 - D.C. bigwigs
 - Jane or John
 - In the red at the bank
 - Stout's Wolfe
 - Luge



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Solutions



Tomorrow at The Main Lunch: Cyberwraps, lasagna, roast turkey
Dinner: Cyberwraps, lemon pepper grilled chicken breast, London broil

Purple Poll

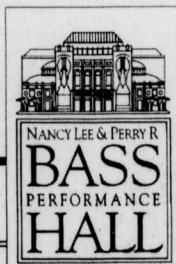
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A: Yes 76 No 24

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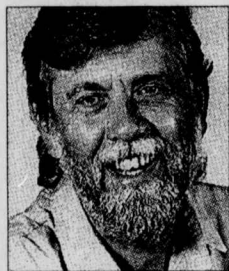
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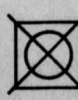
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New Year brings new goals

Features editor shares 2001 plans

By now we've all realized that last year's big celebration of the new millennium was in actuality a celebration of just another year. People across the world toasted to a new millennium Dec. 31, 1999, just like some did for the year 999. Unfortunately, they got the wrong year. Like 1,000 years ago, the same thing will happen over and over

again. It's really not a big deal aside from the killer hangovers the next day.

Although this year's celebration wasn't as big as the Y2K craze that hit last year around the world, I, personally, had a reason to celebrate. Two weeks before Dec. 31, 2000, I had been offered the position as features editor.

When I was offered the position, I wasn't exactly sure what I was getting or what the job entailed, but I knew I was excited. After a week of training, I'm still not sure what I'm doing, and I'm feeling somewhat anxious.

A couple of years ago, I finally decided on a major. I had switched from criminal justice to English to sociology almost to Spanish and French and, probably, a couple others. Needless to say, amid all the confusion and overwhelming loads of homework, I decided on news-editorial journalism.

I have a great passion for writing, and I'm also excited about designing the features page. I think photographs are an important quality of a features page. Sometimes too many words can ruin what you already have in a picture, so I plan to use a lot of art. I suppose that means I need artists and photographers as well.

For now, the ideas in my head are useless until I find writers to help me turn these ideas into stories.

That's where all of you come into play. I admit I need help with putting this page together, and I want to have a lot of fun doing it. I look forward to working with new faces and old faces that I've worked with in the past.

So, to all of you, e-mail me with story ideas. Even better, come up to the Skiff and fill out an application to be a writer.

I have many story ideas for this upcoming semester. Since most students here like to go out Thursday nights and to not show up to class the next day, I intend to have a weekend planner every Thursday. The planner will consist of local restaurants and bars, art exhibits, theater and even a movie guide with locations and times. If there's anything else you want to see in the weekend planner or you know of an event that might be fun to attend, you can contact me.

Other ideas that I have somewhat brainstormed in my head are decorating tips, spring break get-aways, fashion trends, names and faces of professors, students, faculty and staff and an upcoming story on beer.

Each week I would like to have someone critique a restaurant or bar in the area. Distinguishing the good ones from the bad ones is always key in determining where to go on a Friday night.

Whether it's about travel, health, science, technology, art, entertainment or some other idea, I want to hear about it. Let's start off this millennium the right way.

So, as we begin a new semester in a new millennium, let's remember that a millennium is 1000 years, not 999. Hence the word millennium.

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Commentary



YVETTE HERRERA

Millennium predictions

2001

Members of the TCU community share personal visions, goals and predictions for the next calendar year



An epic drama adventure and ex

"I think Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera will spontaneously combust, and boy bands will be disillusioned into thinking they can take over the world when, in reality, they will only end up on the back pages of Teen Bop."

—Brittany Boswell, junior religion major

"I believe the tension in Israel will continue to escalate, resulting in a regional holy war. I see this as the beginning of the next global war."

—Brooks Zitzmann, sophomore nursing major



"In the next year, Congress will get nothing done because the Senate is 50-50. But I do believe the McCain-Fingold finance reform will pass because the newly-elected Congress is more moderate, and Bush will support it."

—Melanie Benning, senior political science major

"It will be a difficult year for the United States because the economy will hit a downfall. It is going to take some time for the country to recover from this."

—Lester Gonzalez, senior accounting major

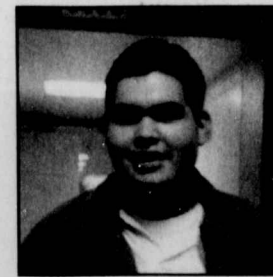


"I think the reality TV fad is going to die very soon this year. I think MTV's 'The Real World' and 'Road Rules' will keep doing well, but all the others, like 'Survivor 2' and 'Temptation Island' will very quickly die out."

—Debra Busdiecker, freshman psychology major

"I think the world will fall apart because George W. Bush is our new president."

—Stephanie Clark, junior social work major



"I think that George Bush will be a good president for all the Texans because he is originally from here."

—Jesus Roman, senior civil engineering major

"I think women are going to take over the world in 2001. Watch out, boys."

—Emily Gipson, freshman radio-TV-film major



"As TCU enlarges and expands its global borders, it will continue to diversify its student body by welcoming in large numbers of white, Greek female students."

—Kylie McCarville, junior English major

"America will get Japanese cellular phones this year. NTT Domoco is already trying to get a market here, and I would like to see what will happen to Nokia and AT&T."

—Masa Iida, junior finance major

